

From the Principal High Talent

Avindu Vithanage (Year 11) scored a patient 67 and anchored the first XI in their morale boosting win over Riverview in the rain shortened fixture last Saturday. This might be the turning point for a side that has underperformed this season. First grade basketball showed composure in their all the way win over Shore. Two very good team efforts! Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Sydney Outstanding Achievement Scholarships were awarded to Justin Zuo and Ajay Balachandran, while an Entry Scholarship went to Marco Sun. Boys interested in scholarship information should check out www.econ.usyd.edu.au for more information on economics and business scholarships. UNSW Co-op Program Scholarships were awarded to Howard Gu (Actuarial Studies), Richard Hua (Electrical engineering) and Alexander Shapilsky (Mechanical engineering). Well done to those 2008 students! Congratulations to Max Chien who swam 2:45:73 in the 15 years 200m. breast stroke to smash the GPS record by 8 seconds!

The Education Tax Refund

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents who are eligible can claim 50% of their education expenses up to \$1500 for secondary students. To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can claim for purchase, lease, hire or hire purchase costs of: laptops and PCs (with associated running costs), educational software, stationery and art supplies, school textbooks and associate learning materials. You cannot claim for school fees, uniforms, excursions or travel, musical instruments, sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. See www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au for a comprehensive list.

Chinese New Year



Spectacular Lion Dancing on poles topped with metal discs running down the centre of the Great Hall highlighted the second High Chinese New Year celebration for the Year

of the Ox. The string orchestra played beautifully, led by soloist André Brokman. Paul Pang (2006) again played superbly. The recitals of Chinese poetry by our Mandarin students were well rehearsed and delivered with emotion and style. The food was interesting and the atmosphere warm. It was another very successful occasion. Thank you to staff members who attended. The night was also aimed at raising some funds for the school's major capital project – the Multi Purpose Centre. Despite additional costs for entertainment and food, the evening was financially successful with \$2659 being raised for our school. The huge effort of the organising committee deserves our praise. Charles Ovadia, Suzanna Lim, Simon Chan, Betty Chan, Louisa Chan, Tailoi Chan-Ling, Sehngang H'ng, Josephine Hui and Annie Qian comprised the committee. We have to thank our generous sponsors for their donations of goods and services.

Additional Backboards and Rings For Basketball



A crucial skill in basketball is to shoot free throws better than 50%. All our players need more practice in this area. In order to maximise the opportunities for boys to practise shooting, eight new rings and backboards are to be installed in coming weeks on the border lines of our courts on The Flat. The SBHS Basketball Committee has donated \$8300 towards the project and will supply volunteer labour for most of the installation of the towers and backboards.

This joint initiative will dramatically deepen our training opportunities. I trust that parents of basketball players will help where they can to make a difference to High basketball. If you have skills in working with concrete or steel, your assistance would be invaluable. Contact Bruce Gordon of the Basketball Committee or Ben Hayman if you can help out next weekend.

Sydney Boys High School Council – AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Boys High School Council will take place on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:45 pm. Office Bearers for 2009 will be elected at that meeting.

Bonza Bus Behaviour



It is very gratifying to be able to pass on to our school community such a positive message from a member of the public. Congratulations to the boys on 339!

"I travel on the 339 bus from Clovelly to work in the city every day with a number of your students. After doing so for some time I thought it was time to contact you to congratulate them for their behaviour on the bus. They always stand to give their seats to adults, they always thank the driver when they get off the bus, and they are always well behaved and polite. This may have been common in years gone by but now it seems to be rare that students behave with such respect so I believe it reflects very well on the school".

Dr K A Jaggar

Senior Library

The Senior Library is open for students from years 10, 11 & 12. It is a place for study and students are encouraged to use it before school, recess, lunch and during free periods.

Opening hours

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8.00am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am – 12.30pm

Thursday 8.00am – 3.15pm

Outside these hours students are welcome at the KJ Andrews Library. Currently all borrowing will be through the KJ Andrews Library but the Senior Library will be getting study guides, journals, newspapers and other resources suitable for senior students.

M. Morscheck Teacher Librarian

Public Speaking

The Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition begins in March and is an opportunity for students to develop their oratory skills through delivering prepared and impromptu speeches. The first round takes place at a variety of venues and we wish the junior and senior boys the best of luck.

Year 7 and 8 students should also watch out for the Junior Oratory Competition which will begin over the next couple of weeks. This is an internal lunchtime competition which gives the boys an opportunity to learn about public speaking and gain confidence in speaking to an audience

Rachel Howland

From the HIGH STORE

Sports bag & backpacks are **NOW** back in stock!

YEAR 7 PARENT GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 4 March 7.00 pm

Staff Common Room

Year Group Parent Meetings provide parents with an opportunity to meet other parents in their son's year group, to discuss issues relevant to the year group and to raise concerns.

All year 7 parents are cordially invited to attend the first Year 7 Parent Group Meeting organised by Year 8 Parent Group. At this meeting a co-ordinator for Year 7 Parent Group will be elected.

Marika Horvath (Year 8 Parent Group)

YEAR 10 PARENT GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 11 March 6:30 pm

Staff Common Room

We would like to invite all Year 10 parents to our first Parent Group Meeting for the year. Our Year Advisor, Ms Veronica Crothers, will be present to discuss a list of Frequently Asked Questions and issues relating to Year 10, e.g. the School Certificate, issues relating to accelerants and the transition to Year 11, as well as any questions and concerns that you may bring to the meeting yourselves.

If you have any questions or would like to raise any concerns beforehand, do not hesitate to contact us on

highparentsyear10@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

Year 10 parent group coordinators

High Society

If you would like to have any parent community news or upcoming events included in High Society, please contact **Julie Connolly P & C President**, jcandjc@bigpond.net.au; 0418 470 203.

SRC Events:

Developing skills in leadership

You Think Youth Forum 2009

On Friday the 20th of February, representatives from Sydney Boys attended the first *Australian Youth Forum (AYF)* hosted by the *Minister of Youth, Kate Ellis*. This conference was located in Moore Park, Surry Hills at Fox Studios/Entertainment Quarter. Targeted primarily for youths aged 16-25 years, enthusiastic Generation Y attendees provided an insightful look into two main issues concerning the adolescences of today.

The convention consisted of two core sections, **Violence and Safety** and **Contributing to our Democracy**. Live video streaming occurred all over Australia, as the event was held nation-wide over locations such as Cairns, Brisbane, Darwin, Alice Springs, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra. Concerned youths all over the nation discussed hypothetical situations and solutions to such topics, where all ideas were welcomed and recorded formally. Special guests made appearances at this spectacular, one-of-a-kind event, including:

- Young Australian of the Year- Jonty Bush
- Hostess of Video Hits- Faustina "Fuzzy" Agolley

It was a unique experience overall, as the actual meeting was held inside the cinema at Fox studios, with live broadcasts screened on the projector screen. Strangely enough, light refreshments such as a drink and popcorn were provided, only further enhancing the feelings of going to see a movie. Maybe this was reflective of the new concepts and theories placed in our minds, just like expected consequences from seeing a deep and mentally-stimulating film?

More information and further student opportunities can be found on: www.youth.gov.au/ayf.

Be sure to visit it and get update with the upcoming events that concern you. Reach out and discover the great things happening out there. As the saying goes: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

Timothy Yu Yr 12

SRC ELECTION RESULTS 2009

Each year the student body of Sydney Boys High School are given the opportunity to apply to an important leadership position on the school **Student Representative Council**. Applications involve students vowing that they will commit to the position and work hard throughout the year to represent their peers. Names of applicants from each year are submitted to an online voting site on the SBHS SRC website. Voting is preferential and not compulsory.

As a result, six students are elected each year to represent their peer/year group. These students are required to join committees on the council and attend regular Friday lunchtime meetings. If students fulfil their role satisfactorily with the committees they are part of throughout the year, they are honoured with a badge and may purchase an SRC tie.

In the first meeting of the new SRC, the new council elect an executive (President, Vice President and Secretary) to run the meetings and give direction.

This year, with the help of Mr Walker (Head of Welfare), Mr Coan (Leadership Co-ordinator) and Mrs Collignon (SRC teacher facilitator), the elected SRC of 2009 will be part of a training day held at the Outterside centre March 2nd and lead by a group named *Rising Generations*.

The SRC gives students the opportunity to learn about group work, running meetings, working on committees, responsibility, commitment and leadership. SRC members get the opportunity to go to regional and state SRC meetings as well as a range of leadership development and motivational seminars.

It is a council voted in by the students, run by the students for the students of Sydney Boys High. Mrs Collignon, Teacher facilitator, works along side the SRC to help with elections, excursions, meetings and getting ideas off the ground.

"The boys are doing a fabulous job and should be proud of their efforts. Watch this space for more on the SRC's activities throughout the year. Best of luck boys!!

Mrs. Collignon.

This was the speech given last Friday at both the junior and senior assemblies by the ongoing President of 2008, David Nam.

"Good morning staff, parents and fellow students, this morning I would like to introduce to the new SRC for 2009.

Thanks to the invaluable computer skills of Mr. James Rudd and the enthusiasm shown by all students in the electronic voting polls, the SRC of 2009 has been elected without a hitch and as expected, everyone elected in both junior and senior years are capable and strong men. But as the SRC once again looks toward the future, its hard not reflect on the past and just what the SRC means to me personally.

The Student Representative Council is more then just a council. Some may think we are simply a meeting each Friday in room 707. But to me, being an SRC member is a network that lasts all year long, every day of the week. It's a high-five in the corridors; it's a joke in class or help with an upcoming exam. It's not just a council, the SRC is a brotherhood!

The SRC is brotherhood of men united by the same goal and that goal is simple, to help the school that helped us first. Sydney Boys High School is not an ordinary school. An ordinary school will give you an education, but Sydney High gives you values, the core, noble values of manhood that builds persistence, strength and character. Sydney Boys High encourages us to tackle our flaws and failures, not by lamenting on what we did wrong, but working together to work out how to improve next time. This holds true for all aspects of school life, whether it be academics, debating or sport.

This is why all SRC members, past and present, personally have my utmost respect. They are the people who have taken part in the SRC's successes and failures in equal measure, born the burden of leadership and the brunt of criticism, but have never backed down in the face of adversity. They have shown the courage to try, and the stoicism to learn.

And on that note, I'd like to announce the junior / senior members of the SRC of 2009

Honorary members- executive 2008

David Nam (Ex- President) and Nick Wong (Ex- Vice President)
(Ex-Secretary – School Captain 2009 Patrick Desmond)

Year 7

Jason Leo
Shawn Noronha
Sunny Cheng
Joseph Lui
Jason Fan Zhang
Andrew He

Year 8

Hayden Lam
Dominic Mah
Daniel Tam
Danny Vo
Shuming Wang
Andrew Wu

Year 9

Simon Do
Eric Li
Lawerence Nguyen
Scott Rezenbrink
Jamian Vuong
Kah-Yang Wong

Year 10

Samuel Beston
Samir Kinger
Howard Tran
Michael Wong
Yale Wong
Isnad Zaman

Year 11

Dale Chen
Anirban Ghose
Austyn Guo
Vithushan Mohan
Matthew Phung
Nelson Wang

Year 12

James Lee
Matthew Nguyen
Michael Sin
Nevin Spoljaric
Timothy Yu
Tim Zhong



MUSIC NOTES

Performance Program

Everything is now up and running; lessons and rehearsals. ALL ensemble members please ensure you attend scheduled rehearsals to be eligible for your award scheme points.

All year 7 students should by now have sorted out the instrument they wish to learn, the tutor for that instrument, and have lessons for Term 1 organised. If you are loaning an instrument from the school, please collect an Instrumental Loan form from the Music Staff. **All Instrumental Loan forms need to be returned ASAP.** If you have any requests or queries about the Performance Program, please do not hesitate to contact the Music staff.

Music Tour 2010 to France

As announced in last week's High Notes, the Music Performance Department and Music Supporters Group is planning a Music Tour to France in 2010. The Marching Band will be performing at the Villers-Bretonneux ceremony in the Somme and in Ypres. We are also looking to take an orchestra and stage band to give variety to our performances in Flanders and Paris.

We have had a good response so far, but still need more students to fill all the positions. This will be a magnificent opportunity for all our musicians to perform in some of the most important ceremonies and venues for Anzac day in Europe.

Expressions of Interest Forms are available outside the Music Staffroom and need to be completed and returned to the Music Staff by Monday 2nd March 2009 as final numbers need to be given to the organisers. Please speak to the Music Staff for further information.

Year 7 Parent Welcome

Thank you to the **Junior Jazz Ensemble** (Steve Cominos, Jaan Pallandi, Ennes Mehmedbasic and Ben Wilcox with special guest Muhamed Mehmedbasic on drums) for performing at the Yr 7 Parent Welcome Cocktail last Tuesday evening making it an enjoyable experience for all who attended.

Music Supporters Group (MSG) Meeting

Our first MSG meeting for 2009 will be held on **Monday 2nd March at 6:30pm in the Staff Common room.**

We would like to especially invite all new Yr 7 parents to attend the meeting.

The SBHS Music Supporters Group assists the Music Department with financial and practical support to help enable them to offer this program. The group also assists in organising the showcase concerts throughout the year, including the Cabaret Night – an evening of Jazz and dancing and the Annual Music Camp. We also provide barbeques for the boys at some music events through the year.

Being a SBHS Music Supporter does not require a huge commitment of your time. The group meets prior to musical events, usually on a Monday evening in the Staff Common Room. Discussion is usually focused on instrumental requirements, fundraising and planning for upcoming performance events. You may have experience or contacts to help our fundraising for the music program or you may just like to attend to learn more about your son's performance music experience at SBHS. As a supporter you may volunteer your time once or twice during the year to assist with our fundraising parking, help on a barbeques or assist at a performance event.





MUSIC NOTES

Please note some important changes to the Ensemble Rehearsal schedule for 2009.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Intermediate Concert Band Room 201	Chamber Choir Room 201 (7:45am)	Chamber Choir Room 202 (7:45am)	Senior Concert Band Room 201 (7:45am)	Symphony Orchestra Room 201 (8:00am)
Junior String Ensemble Room 204		Intermediate Stage Band Room 201 (7:45am)	Junior Percussion Ensemble Room 101 (7:15am)	Senior Percussion Ensemble Room 202 (8:30am)
Senior Stage Band Room 101 (7:45am)		Junior Stage Band Room 101 (7:45am)	Senior Strings Room 204 (7:45am)	Guitar Ensemble Room 204 (7:30am)
Junior Concert Band Rm 101 (7:45am) Term 2, 3, 4		Philharmonic Orchestra Room 204 (7:30am)		Marching Band Term 1&4 MPW (8.00 – 9:00am)
	Marching Band Term 1&4 Basketball Courts (3.30 - 4.30pm)			Junior Jazz Ensemble Room 201 (8.30 – 9.30am)

Marching Band rehearsal is held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.30pm (Basketball Courts) and Friday mornings from 8.00 – 9.00am (Moore Park West) for all concert band members in Term 1 and Term 4. Extra rehearsals are held in the holidays leading up to ANZAC Day. All students in the Intermediate and Senior Concert bands are expected to participate in Marching Band and attend the ANZAC Day March.

Parents - if you haven't yet provided your details, could you please give your contact details by filling in the below slip and returning it to the music staffroom as soon as possible so that we are able to contact you about any upcoming events involving your son. This will enable the parent committee to communicate with you more effectively and efficiently. Thank you very much. (Please **print** the information.)

Kind regards,
Music Staff

Student's Name: _____ Roll class: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Music Ensemble(s): _____



SBHSDEBATING

It Begins! Eastside Competition Round 1, Friday 27th March

Teams for Round 1 of the Eastside Debating competition have been selected and will be debating against Scots College to be held at Scots. The topic area for round one is 'Education'. Good luck to all of those debating!

For all rounds and competitions, the debating teams will be rotated to ensure all students participate equally. Students who are not debating in a given week are welcome (but not required) to watch the debate. Younger students are especially encouraged to watch more senior debates to see how our more experienced speakers refine their craft.

Due to Popular Demand – Last chance for debating this year?

There has been overwhelming demand by students of all year groups for debating this year! Registration and co-payments (years 8-12 only) were due LAST Friday 20th February. If you have NOT already completed your code of conduct or made your co-payment but DO want to debate this year

THEN ➡ EMAIL sbhsdebating@gmail.com with the subject "I don't want to miss out!"
 ➡ OUTLINE why you deserve special consideration

We will then advise if we have the space to include you in the debating program.

Remember: Year 7 Debating is free of charge. Year 7 Students DO NOT have to make the co-payment.

Emails confirming registration will be issues to parents and students once final numbers have been confirmed.

Debating Supporters Group

The next Debating Supporters Group meeting is on Tuesday 3rd March at 6:30pm in the Staff Common Room. We will hold our regular monthly meeting followed by a light supper. I look forward to meeting everyone at this meeting!

PARKING –Debating parents are needed to assist with the parking program at the upcoming Roosters v Rabbitohs game at the SFS (Sunday 15 March 3pm) please contact Harleen Kaur via email harleen@tpg.com.au Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

More information can be found at: www.sydnehigh.org/debating and will be emailed to you on a weekly basis.

Please CHECK YOUR EMAIL regularly and ensure we have current contact details for both students and parents.

Dana Quick
Debating Coordinator

[PARENTS: If you are not receiving weekly emails about debating please email us at sbhsdebating@gmail.com and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's year.](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com)

ENGLISH REPORT

An important focus of our English program is to encourage the boys to read for enjoyment, to read often and to read widely. Apart from the positive effect this will undoubtedly have on literacy skills, reading widely enriches our understanding of the world we live in. Here in English we see ourselves as a community of readers. On a daily basis we share ideas and opinions about books we are reading and our students reap the rewards of this on-going conversation. *'Reading Torque'*, an initiative we introduced in High Notes in 2007, is a further means of promoting the value of reading and extending our reading community. *'Reading Torque'* is a vehicle for us to share our thoughts about books we have recently read and so with this in mind....parents, students and staff are invited to express their opinion by putting pen to paper in a short review.

However, film and television and print journalism are all important too, and should form part of every student's regular experience beyond the classroom. Through consuming television and films, and reading newspapers and magazines students develop their understanding of how these texts work and further their understanding of values and attitudes and conventions appropriate to these forms. A recent **Dr Who** episode was an outstanding example of the shift from Gothic to SF and an excellent primer for Year 11 Extension genre.



Be selective, but look around. Students need to have a deep and a broad experience of the sorts of texts they will ultimately be expected to analyse under exam conditions, and to use as pieces of Other Related Material in Years 11 and 12.



Competitions...A reminder to all students to get their entries for the following writing competitions – The Whitlam Institute What Matters Writing competition, closing date 1 April 2009, The Sydney Writers' Festival and the SMH Writenow Competition, closing date 9th April 2009. Terrific prizes can be won for both competitions.



Year 7 has recently returned from their first Camp, and to capitalise on the rich experiences they had here, 7M wrote some amazing HAIKUS. Haiku is a poetic form that originated in Japan, and which seeks to capture a single moment in a very economical way. The first line must be five syllables, the second seven, and the third five again. It's like a sort of poetic snapshot. Here are some of the poetic snapshots 7M took up at Narrabeen.

Camp at Dawn

The morning sun shone,
Corners radiated light –
I was in heaven.

William Wu

Time stops when I shoot
I pull the arrow far back
I let go – Bullseye!

Victor Zhang

Kitchen

Pushing and shoving
Hungry beasts ravage around
Waiting to be served

Wei Li Zhuang

Walking on high ropes
Shaking uncontrollably
Thrilling to do it!

Aaron Hassan

The kayak paddles
It slinks around the corner
Exploring nature
Henry Feng

Sailing in the lake
What a wonderful feeling –
Such tranquillity.
Ivo Marinov

English Faculty



Sydney High School Cadet Unit

CANBERRA ACTIVITY

20 members of SHSCU travelled to Canberra over 11 – 13 February to support the launch of the Sir Roden Cutler Charities National CarerCar Program. This program is designed to place cars suitable for the transportation of persons with disabilities in communities across Australia.

We provided uniformed support for the ceremonies, held on the forecourt of Parliament House with a senior government minister, politicians, business leaders and philanthropists, among other VIPs. We also performed the sausage sizzle cooking duties after the formal proceedings.

Following the working part of the day we toured Parliament House and watched the parliamentarians at work.

On the Friday we visited the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). SBHS Old Boy, Major Ross Cable, OC 1 B Squadron at ADFA, was our host as we toured the Academy's facilities and learned more of this unique path to academic achievement.

After a barbecue lunch in one of Canberra's great parks, we were taken on a guided tour of the Post 1945 Conflict Gallery of the Australian War Memorial.

Our trip to Canberra, including our stay at HMAS Harman – Canberra's navy base – (good food, good accommodation) was a great success. With no cost to the School and the boys, activities such as this highlight the advantages of army cadet service.

NEW ENROLMENTS

We are now enrolling recruits for the training year 2009. Boys who believe they are suitable material for the School's premier leadership programme should apply for enrolment without delay.

To obtain the necessary forms call at the unit orderly room during any lunch break next week.

APRIL PROMOTION COURSES

We have nominated a record number of cadets to the Brigade Promotion Courses to be held at Singleton during the April holidays. Courses will include Junior Leaders (a requirement for promotion to corporal), Senior Leaders (for promotion to sergeant) and the CUO course for those leaders aspiring to the role of Cadet Under Officer.

RIFLE TEAM TOUR TO BISLEY UNITED KINGDOM

Although still awaiting confirmation it looks like the Australian Defence Force Cadets Rifle Team tour to Bisley, England will be held in July. A number of our cadets have nominated. Happily, due to a late change in dates, our shooters can attend Bisley and still make the GPS shoot.

PROMOTION TO CORPORAL

The promotion of Cadet Jim Nguyen to corporal has been announced with effect 24 Jul 09. Congratulations Jim !

OFFICER COMMANDING

AAC HQ has announced the extension of Major Richard Knowles appointment as Officer Commanding Sydney High School Cadet Unit for two years.

HISTORY

Year 9 Gallipoli Project - 2008

All year 9 historians were given the task of researching an Australian soldier who died at Gallipoli and place his experiences into the context of the Gallipoli Campaign, World War One, the Australian homefront and results after the war.

The following students successfully completed the 2008 Year 9 Gallipoli Project and met the following outcomes to the highest possible standards.

- Understands the individual in history.
- Understands the impact of war on the Australian Homefront
- Uses the methodology of historical enquiry
- Developed the skills of the historian

Nikhil Autar
Samuel Beston
Kit Man Cheng
Maxwell Connell
Warren Dang
Timothy Gollan
Francis Lin
Eric Ovidia

Michael Phung
Ashwin Rudder
Tahmid Shahriyar
William Shao
Dawen Shi
Max Wei
Michael Wong
Giancarlo Wong-Romeo
Anthony Xu

**Congratulations on work well done –
Mr Devlin- History**

Historical Question:

How typical were Private William Gellatly's experiences of the war?

Note, in case of disagreements over details between sources, records of the 11th battalion or the 3rd Brigade were used.



Number 1770 was one of the 8,500,000 casualties of the 'Great War'. He was one of the 26,111 Australian casualties and 8,200 soldiers who died at Gallipoli. He was one of the 421,809 men who enlisted in the A.I.F. and one of the 331,781 Australian men who fought overseas. As historians, we deal in statistics which give us the big picture but brushes over the smaller stories. However, we must remember that history is made up of many no bodies.

WWI was a very real war fought by very real men. And each of the eight and a half million casualties had a life. Each had a name. Each loved and was loved. Each had a home and a family. Some had children, some had religions, and each had their own opinions, beliefs and a unique identity.

1770 had a name. William Gellatly was born in the parish of Grief in Perthshire but later moved to Narrogin in Western Australia where he worked as a laborer. He was single and lived with his mum Elizabeth Ann Gellatly. He was 5 foot 5, weighed 145 pounds, and had a tanned complexion; the typical outback Australian. He was also a dedicated Presbyterian.

When Britain declared war and Australia followed her into it, the Australian Imperial Forces was raised for service overseas. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF which was raised at Black Boy Hill Camp and was the first battalion to be raised in Western Australia. Along with the 9th, 10th, and 12th battalions which were recruited in Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, it made up the 3rd infantry brigade. The 11th embarked for overseas after just two weeks of preliminary training. It arrived in Egypt to continue its training in early December. It was at this time that Gellatly enlisted on the 16th of February 1915 at 32 years of age and he too was transferred to Egypt. The 11th then left Egypt many weeks before the rest of the Gallipoli force and landed on Lemnos Island where they practiced amphibious landings. Mid-April, most of the Australian and New Zealand troops from Egypt followed, and had been just a fortnight in Lemnos when they sailed for Gallipoli. Gellatly's AWM Embarkation Roll number was 23.28.2 and he embarked on HMAT Argyllshire.

The 3rd brigade of about 4000 men provided the covering force for Australia during the ANZAC landing on the 25th of April 1915. The Australians were to lead the Allied assault on the peninsula, with the 11th landing at 4:20. The landing was to be completed before dawn, and was to be covered by the guns of the Royal Navy.

The 3rd Brigade were transported onboard a flotilla of transports and battleships in absolute silence, with the 11th battalion on the extreme north until they were within sight of the high Turkish coastline. They then got onto an assortment of boats and were towed as far as possible by steamboats. They were to row the final stretch to shore. The 11th landed along the northern face of Ari Burnu along with some stragglers from the 9th and had the toughest landing of all the battalions. They were 400 yards out when Turkish sentries ashore fired the first shots and broke the silence. Many men were killed or wounded in the boats and as they sunk, drowned and splashed ashore in disarray, amongst orders amplified through leather megaphones, the tremendous bombardment of the navy, shots clanging of the ships and general pandemonium, along with the odd lighthearted joke like the 11th claiming that being shot at sounded like birds overhead. They soon realized that had been landed about a mile to the north of the intended beach. The reason for this has never been explained.

To force the soldiers to charge, they had no ammo in their weapons. So despite waterlogged uniforms, thick scrub, steep slopes, unfamiliar terrain, confusion, the mixing of units and enemy fire, the 3rd Brigade stormed and took the first slopes, defeating the Turks with their bayonets. Within 45 minutes, the 3rd brigade extended past three ridges and continued to sweep through the Turkish lines. As they fought their way inland and to the crucial peaks, the sun rose and the 2nd, and 1st, Australian Infantry Brigades landed behind them.

The exhausted Turks rested for an hour, giving the 3rd brigade a change to entrench and the main body was able to land in relative calm. By the time the first part of the main body was forming up, the main Turkish force lead by Kemal arrived and a fierce battle erupted, lasting all day. The Anzacs managed to stop the Turkish from pushing them back, waiting for dark for a chance to dig in properly.

By day's end the Turks everywhere held the high ground, but the Australians, now reinforced by members of the New Zealand and Australian Division, were determined to hold what they had captured. The Turks were equally determined that the Anzacs would advance no further and both sides began digging trenches. It is estimated that 16,000 ANZAC troops were landed on that first day and all told, more than 620 Australians died that day, 57 of them from the 11th Battalion. Ten days after the landing,

a company from the 11th Battalion mounted the AIF's first raid of the war against Turkish positions at Gaba Tepe in an attempt to capture the Turks main vantage point. The attack failed but Gellatly survived.

The 11th was then mainly involved in defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. In August, it made preparatory attacks at the southern end of the ANZAC position before the battle of Lone Pine.

Private William Gellatly was one of 2,666 men killed in August; the month with the highest death toll. He was killed in the battle of Lone Pine at Leane's trench on the 6th; the first day of fighting. It was a diversion for the attack on the Sari Bair ridge: the last attempt to capture Gallipoli before the evacuation in December. There was also another new landing at Sulva Bay. The Turks knew an attack was coming but didn't know where. At 5:30pm, the 1st attacked. Half went in a charge and the other half through a series of pre prepared tunnels. Near the end of the day, the 2nd and 3rd poured in to reinforce the gains made by the 1st and Gellatly was killed in the Turkish trenches by a grenade. The attack at Lone Pine was a success but the overall 3-pronged operation failed and Gallipoli was evacuated in December.

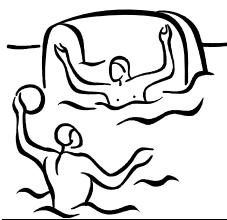
He was buried in Plot II, Row I, Grave No. 39 of the Shell Green cemetery in Gallipoli; about 1,150 yards from ANZAC cove, along with 106 other men of the 11th Battalion, 36 of them were killed in action at Leane's Trench. His name is located on Panel number 62 on the Roll of Honor. The Gallipoli campaign ended with 5,582 killed in action, 2,012 died of wounds and 665 died of disease.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 11th Battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 51st Battalion, and then brought up to strength with reinforcements. They then served in France and Belgium. From their formation to disbandment on the 5th of February 1919, a total of 1115 men were killed and 2249 were wounded including gassed.

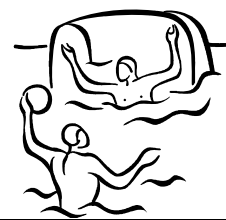
News of his death was sent by cable to Alexandria on cable 12701 and officially confirmed on the 25th of August 1915 but did not reach his mother until the 28th of February 1916. William had left three fifths of his pay to his mother as well as two pounds per fortnight from his pension. He had been caught seriously drunk on the 4th of August but died before he could be reprimanded. His will left all his money and effects to his mother Elizabeth Ann Gellatly. Over his 110 days of active field service plus all allowances, he was due \$13,210 and paid on the 10th of January 1916. He was awarded the 1914-15 star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Overall, Gellatly's war career was highly typical and he didn't experience anything out of the ordinary. At the time of enlistment, he was an older man in a sea of young men. But he was as fit and loyal as any of the young recruits.

Anthony Xu
Student



SYDNEY HIGH WATER POLO



First Sydney High win in many years:

High 16b 12 v Waverley 9

As you are reading, this the sport of Water polo is being rebuilt at Sydney High. At the beginning of 2008, Brendan Hancock became our first ever 'water polo import', entering year 9 with a hope of breathing new life into the sport. Later that year, after watching international athletes compete during the Beijing Olympics, more and more of us began to really consider trying this new and exciting sport and today, the overflowing Opens and U16s teams can tell you from experience what really goes on in a water polo match.

Basically, there are 4 intense quarters. A player uses 1 leg to tread water/push off another player (if the referee isn't looking), 1 leg to stop his opponent sinking him (a fairly common practice), 1 arm to receive, pass, fake and shoot the wet ball, leaving 1 arm and occasionally a few spare toes to swim. The result: a heart-stopping sports contest with competitors giving every last droplet of physical and mental strength and endurance, never knowing what the bottom of the pool feels like. Just ask Cameron 'I can't feel my legs' Morrison, and Anirudh 'I don't know if we won or not because I think I just fainted' Bhat.

Saturday February 7th, in our first game of the year, High U16s recorded the first water polo win for the school in a number of years. It was a closely fought contest with scores being relatively even at each quarter turn.

High were able to put some great team work into the pool from goal keeper Ashwin Rudder, right the way through to our ever rotating forwards. Scoring was shared among Brendan Hancock (6), Jeremy Dobrowolski (2), Oliver Sabau (2), Samuel Beston (1) and Daniel Smith-Light (1). This was assisted by some goal stopping defence by Anirudh Bhat and Nishant Paul. Henry Lu, Tom Diep and Cameron Morrison were ever capable in their all round coverage.

We listened to what our coach, James Menzies, had to say & dove into the water full of enthusiasm for the season ahead. It is exciting that we have been able to come this far this quickly, but the real excitement is in what lies ahead.

Our doors are most definitely open for any junior players without previous experience (there is an U14s division as well) and we strongly encourage all Squad swimmers to try out for a team. Benefits we have discovered, apart from the unique excitement of a water polo match, include supreme fitness and the refreshing twice-weekly prospect of diving into a pool in the summer season.

Sam Beston & Taryn Evans



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET

www.sydneyboyscricket.info



A great win for the 1 st XI against St.Ignatius (Riverview) under extreme pressure of the closing weather robbing High of victory. Congratulations to all of the players for their efforts on the day, helped by a sporting declaration by Riverview. We now face our final two opponents over the next 4 Saturdays with the team striking form at the right time giving us momentum to challenge for deserved wins. A full Match Report appears on the Cricket Website.

The 2 nd XI fielding a formidable line-up on paper embarrassed themselves in a match that was winnable but was gifted to Riverview through the lack of commitment, cricket basics, questionable shot selections and have now established the reputation of being the easy-beats of the competition.!! This may seem a harsh criticism of the team, but other than the 3 - 4 who put in against Riverview, there are players who have an inflated perception of their ability. Losses are not about bad luck, but are due to bad cricket and we will see how new selections and structured team can address next week's match against Newington. The Match Report on the Cricket Website makes interesting reading.

AWARDS – QUALIFICATION - Players are advised that the guidelines for qualification for Awards are on the Cricket Website. It is in their interest to check requirements as we near the end of this season.

CRICKET DINNER – FRIDAY 3 rd APRIL 2009 - A reminder that the Dinner will be held in the Great Hall on the above date commencing at 6-30pm for a 7-0pm start. Details will appear on the Website and payments for the Dinner are made at the school office.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

GROUP.1. TEAMS. (Two Day Fixture)

1 st. XI (Day.2) HIGH 8 -173 -defeated- RIVERVIEW 4 decl. 172

Run scorers Avindu VITHANAGE (67), Brian KELLY (25) and Andy LIU (22). Wicket Takers were Razeen AHMED 3/42 and Brian KELLY 1/14. See full Match Report –Website.

2nd. XI (Day.2) RIVERVIEW 0 -60 -defeated- HIGH 10 -59

Run scorers Ritam MITRA (11), Nakul PEDNEKER (9) and Harrison LANE (9). See full Match Report – Website

3 rd. XI (Day.2) RIVERVIEW 1 -123 (20) -defeated- HIGH 8 -122 (30)

Run corers Danoiel MORGAN (43n.o), Nafeez CHOWDHURY (14) and Anthony HOPKINS (13). The only wicket taken came from Hugo RICHARDS 1 /13 (2). See full Match Report -Website

16. A (Day.2) RIVERVIEW 5 182 - defeated- HIGH 10 -179

Run Scorers Sangeeth SUBRAMANIAM (51), Nathan KOK (25) and Oliver PIERCE (23). Wicket takers Krishan SIVAYOGRAYAN 2 24 (6) and Subdoh WEERATUNGE 3 /34. See full Match Report - Website

15. A (Day.2) RIVERVIEW 6 -163 (30) -defeated- HIGH 8 -125 (28)

Run scorers – Tom CONNOLLY (30), Owen DUFFY (25) and Dhruv GUPTAA (22). Wicket takers Sudam DIAS 2/16 (5), Krishnendu DUTTA 1/29 (5) and Tom CONNELLY 1/31 (5).

14. A (Day.2) HIGH 5 -32 - DREW0 with- RIVERVIEW 10 -177 (MATCH ABANDONED DUE RAIN)

Wicket takers were Tushar JOSHI 2 /20 (5), Safat SUFIAN 2 /22 (5) and Michael LIU 1 /16 (5). Anirudh RAMESH made (11) runs of the total before rain saved High and the match was declared abandoned. See full Match Report - Website

GROUP.2.TEAMS (One Day Fixture)

4 th.XI, 16C, 15B, 15C, 14C and 13B - No Match Reports submitted

5 th. XI HIGH -V- NEWINGTON

High experienced the indoor centre at Shore for the first time and from reports, most enjoyed the day from both teams. Unused to the concept, High batted carefully but failed to capitalize. Shore's experience saw big shots made against High's steady bowling.

16B. (20 / 20 match) SHORE 2-81 -defeated- HIGH 7-80

Run scorers – Prashan PRABAHARAN (14), Caspar PRICE (12n.o) and Iftiar KHAN (8). Wicket takers were Caspar PRICE 1 /13 (2), Andrew HUYNH 1 /9 (2) and Pasan PANNILA 0 /13 (2). See Match Report - Website

14B. SHORE 4 106 -defeated- HIGH 7 - 72

Bowling – Victor HO took 1 /27 (4) and Vasu BHAKRI took 1 /30 (4). Batting -the main run scorer was Victor HO with (6)

14C. SHORE 3-93 -defeated- HIGH 9-90

Once again short of players the team put up a great performance. With Subhash WISWANADHAM being the main contributor with the bat with 27 runs

13A. SHORE 4-157 (32) -defeated- HIGH 10-58 (21)

Run scorers /Wicket takers –Jesse COOPER (17), Sai VIMALANATHAN (8) and 1 /16 (5), Ned ANSON (7) and 1 /13 (5) and George FARRUGIA 1 /10 (5), See full Match Report – Website.

Laurie Heil

MIC Cricket

SHS 1st Grade Tennis Report

1st Grade Tennis (HIGH vs SHORE)

Simon Hoang



With the light drizzle, HIGH commenced the three doubles matches against the trial season premier SHORE. Despite the unusual weather over the last two weeks, HIGH employed several tactics to hold an advantageous position. Despite all the tricks under our sleeve, before the showers had passed, SHORE had already sent the number one doubles of Hau and Victor packing and shortly after the 2nd doubles consisting of Frank and Kent. As for the third doubles, Simon and George were involved in a three set marathon. In a game of ups and downs, HIGH led 5-2 in the first set before losing it 6-7. In the following set, SHORE's momentum got them to a 4-1 lead before HIGH launched a counter attack and evened the match at one set all. HIGH comfortably won the ensuing super tiebreaker.

By this time, Hau, Kent and Frank were deep into their singles matches. Hau Neo played to his game this week, like every other week, but was once again outplayed by an outstanding opponent. On Court 1, Frank Zhang played another excellent game of tennis but despite his effort and skill he was unable to subdue the opponent's hard hitting game. Kent Nguyen was ill-fated to lose in 3 sets. Victor Lim's serve volleying game continues to develop but he too went down this week. Simon Hoang was bettered by a more experienced player while George Panas overcame a slow start to win our only singles of the day. The final result was a 10-2 victory to SHORE but the scoreline belies the competitiveness of many of the matches.

Next week, HIGH will face NEWINGTON in a contest that is certainly winnable

shootin' hoops

The weekly dose of court-side action

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High VS Shore

High vs Shore 2008 Term 4 (Last time) High vs Shore 2009 Term 1 (This time)

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	WIN	87-65	S.LLEWELLYN 30
2nd	WIN	55-49	E.NAAR 13
3rd	LOSS	30-27	SHOULD HAVE WON
4th	LOSS	25-36	ABSENT PLAYERS!
5th	WIN	28-26	TEAM EFFORT
6th	LOSS	36-16	TEAM EFFORT
7th	WIN	46-14	A.LI 14
8th	WIN	43-20	S.BURNHAM 14
16A	LOSS	28-31	C.MORROW - <i><u>DUNK!</u></i>
16B	LOSS	10-31	C.DO 3
16C	LOSS	12-38	J.KIM 5
16D	LOSS	25-34	K.LI 6
16E	LOSS	14-16	TEAM EFFORT
15A	LOSS	21-47	C.STACK 4
15B	WIN	26-27	TEAM EFFORT
15C	LOSS	31-22	M.SONG 8
15D	WIN	51-25	M.ZHU 18
15F	LOSS	21-32	B.CHAU 5
14A	LOSS	20-42	A.WU 6
14B	LOSS	26-16	K.HO 9
14C	LOSS	41-16	J.ZHONG 6
14D	LOSS	64-5	TEAM EFFORT
14E	LOSS	74-6	G.CHEN 2

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	WIN	63-56	S.HIGGINS, S.LLEWELLYN 20 PTS EACH!
2nd	LOSS	36-39	C.MOLLER 15
3rd	LOSS	46-15	TEAM EFFORT
4th	LOSS	43-32	J.WONG 19
5th	RAIN	DNP	N/A
6th	WIN	16-14	TEAM EFFORT
7th	WIN	45-26	TEAM EFFORT
8th	WIN	37-31	TEAM EFFORT
16A	LOSS	31-33	N. AUTAR 10
16B	LOSS	20-26	A.YE 15
16C	LOSS	5-25	TEAM EFFORT
16D	LOSS	14-19	TEAM EFFORT
16E	WIN	20-21	D.NGUYEN 8
15A	WIN	42-32	L.PERRIS MVP
15B	WIN	31-30	GREAT DEFENCE!
15C	WIN	20-9	TEAM EFFORT
15D	WIN	28-21	L.FANG 9
15E	WIN	43-24	J.PHAM 17
15F	LOSS	24-32	W.ZHOU 7
14A	LOSS	25-44	M.STOJANOVIC 16
14D	LOSS	56-8	TEAM EFFORT
13A	LOSS	77-13	B.CHEN, S.BELL 5
13B	LOSS	54-12	TEAM EFFORT
13C	LOSS	80-0	...
13E	LOSS	18-46	D.SHAO 14

1st Grade Stats

	FG	3pt	FT	PTS	ORB	DRB
S. Higgins	10/31	3/13	2/6	25	3	9
S. Llewellyn	3/19	1/6	8/13	15	1	8
E. Naar	2/5	0/1	1/2	5	1	3
S. Yoon	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	2
L. Gordon	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	1
C. Jurlina	0/3	0/0	1/2	1	1	4
D. Jones	1/3	0/0	1/4	3	3	7
M. Jones	0/3	0/0	7/10	7	3	2
J. Meaney	6/15	0/3	1/2	13	3	6

By Chris Chiam



HAYMAN CUP UPDATE – WEEK 3



1ST Grade and the 15A's are dominating the Hayman Cup currently and they could be earning themselves the prize of **pizzas** very soon. At this stage anything can still change so play hard, play smart and play together, so you can win by over **20 points**(for bonus points) in the following weeks.

Note: If your coach does not send in the score for the game, no points will be received)

Team	Previous Points	Points this week	Total points	Team	Previous Points	Points this week	Total points
1 st	16	4	20	15C	2	2	4
2 nd	8	0	8	15D	8	2	10
3 rd	6	0	6	15E	0	2	2
4 th	8	0	8	15F	6	0	6
5th	6	0	6	14A	4	0	4
6th	2	2	4	14B	0	0	0
7 th	6	2	8	14C	1	0	1
8th	6	2	8	14D	0	0	0
16A	0	0	0	14E	2	0	2
16B	2	0	2	14F	3	0	3
16C	2	0	2	13A	0	0	0
16D	6	0	6	13B	0	0	0
16E	4	2	6	13C	0	0	0
15A	16	4	20	13D	0	0	0
15B	1	4	5	13E	2	0	2

REMEMBER TO CHEER ON 1ST GRADE WHEN THEY TAKE ON NEWINGTON (TOP OF THE TABLE) THIS WEEK!!!

By David Li Wang

~ Go High Basketball!

~Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!

~ Brought to you by the editors, David Li Wang and Chris Chiam

~Thank you to Mr Hayman for all his contributions to basketball and information

FITNESS ASSESSMENT FEBRUARY 2009

The PDHPE Department has again assessed the physical fitness levels of our students, Years 7 – 10. The most important health-related test is the 1.6km run for cardiovascular endurance. Our standard Moore Park West course was used for the assessment.

An assessment of 90% or better required a student to run the 1.6km in a time of 6 mins 30 secs, approximately, depending on the age of the student. An assessment of 50% or better, required a time of between 7 and 8 minutes, depending on age. A result of 10% or less means the 1.6km run was completed in a time greater than 9 mins 30 seconds. Each student in Years 7 – 9 should have a copy of their assessment schedule and results for February 2009 in their PDHPE theory books. Parents are encouraged to review their son's results with them.

There were some outstanding performances again this semester including:

Ned Anson (7F) 6m 20s, Sida Wang (7M) 6m 34s, Oliver Kirk (8.1) 5m 37s, Arjun Puneekar (8.2) 5m 56s, Lloyd Perris (9.7) 5m 36s, Anton Brokman (9.1) 5m 41s, Sam Lane (10.6) 5m 25s, Jeremy Dobrowolski (10.7) 5m 33s.

Fastest times are held by Year 10 Paul Watzlaff 5m 00s (2003), Year 9 Sam Lane 4m 53s (2008), Year 8 Sam Lane 5m 28s (2007) and Year 7 Arjun Puneekar 5m 47s (2008).

1.6km results for February 2009

Percentile band	No. of students in each percentile band			
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
90 – 99	3	7	13	21
80 – 89	5	6	10	17
70 – 79	4	6	19	10
60 – 69	6	16	13	23
50 – 59	12	22	18	20
40 – 49	17	12	14	19
30 – 39	14	26	25	17
20 – 29	20	28	14	23
10 – 19	43	27	25	16
0 – 9	54	20	31	19
Non-starters	2	6	17	15

Mean results for each year group 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

	Feb. 06	Oct. 06	Feb. 07	Sept. 07	Feb. 08	Sept '08	Feb. '09
Year 10	57%	65%	59%	55%	65%	55%	54%
Year 9	43%	52%	56%	63%	47%	63%	47%
Year 8	41%	52%	49%	50%	38%	50%	43%
Year 7	29%	48%	38%	44%	34%	44%	32%

It is our goal to have all Year 10 students by the end of 2010 able to score a minimum of 50% for cardiovascular endurance and run the 1.6km in 7 minutes or better.

G. Stein Head Teacher PDHPE



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ROWING COMMITTEE

Rowing News



Last weekend our 1st VIII did not race due to sickness but our 2nd VIII had an improved showing at SIRC. The 1st IV of Thomas Peters, Max Kite, James Eriksson, Alex Lazarou and Hayden Schilling performed strongly in their race against other 1st IVs. The remaining IVs continued practising on the Parramatta in preparation for the Sydney High Regatta this weekend. The best performance from the junior shed was from the Year 8 quad of Edwin Li, Dominic Tran, Jonathan Clements-Lendrum, Daniel Keogh, and Daniel Tam. This weekend is the first full regatta on the Hen & chicken Course

so all schools will have their full complement of rowers present. Next week after the Scots Regatta we will be naming the new Double scull in honour of Ollie Wilson and the recently donated scull from Ausrowtec in honour of Ross Bowey. Below are important dates and a report on the recent Melbourne Boys High Rowing Exchange by Tim Gollan.

MARCH

Tues 3	Rowing Committee Meeting 7.30pm	School
Sat 7	Scots Regatta	Hen & Chicken
	Naming of the Ollie Wilson & Ross Bowey	Abbotsford
Sat 14	Kings/PLC Regatta	SIRC
Wed 18	Boatshed Dinner	Great Hall
Sat 21	Gold Cup	Riverview
Fri 27	Rowing Assembly 11.30am	Great Hall
Sat 28	GPS Regatta	SIRC
<u>APRIL</u>	CHS Regatta	Grafton
Sat 4	CHS Regatta	Grafton

Year 10 Rowing Melbourne Trip Report 2009

On the 10th of February the annual year 10 Melbourne trip commenced with a 4 hour drive to Gundagai. We stayed in the Gundagai motel overnight and experimented with the strength of 2 phonebooks. We awoke in the morning and prepared ourselves for the rest of the journey to Melbourne. Stops every few hours kept our sanity intact until we reached our destination a mere 8 hours since hitting the road. We arrived at the 'Power House' at around 2:30 and were greeted by the familiar faces of our billets.

Within an hour we had rigged our boats and we were ready for our first training row on the Yarra. Mr Barris rode alongside the river and became the tour guide of the trip, pointing out major landmarks as we rowed past them. Solid improvements were made during this row especially on gaining control of our boat. The session ended and we headed home with our billets.

After a full night's sleep we arrived at the boatsheds bright and early and once again trained in our eights, making solid improvements along the way. At around 9:30 we got off the water and began to prepare for the first competitive part of the trip. The quad consisted of Anthony Chung, Ryan Caetano, William Stefanidis, myself and Jonah Petrie. We paddled up to the start, aware that the last time we had rowed in quads was when we raced Melbourne last year. We were able to put that behind us and we won both races convincingly. However, the best part of that session was not the races but the control we were able to apply to our boat whilst rowing back to the Power House.

After lunch we headed out once again onto the Yarra this time to race the gruelling 4km course to the Princess Bridge. Another dominant performance from the 1st eight ensured another victory and a strong performance from the 2nd eight gave a clean sweep to Sydney. After another successful day of rowing on the Yarra we headed home with our billets to rest up for the next days races.

On Friday morning we started at 8:30 which came as a pleasant surprise to the exhausted High boys. We arrived with a determination to show Melbourne what we were made of in the shortened 8-man races. The two kilometre race began with the High 2nd 8 and the Melbourne 8 being given a 20 second start on the High 1st Year ten. This handicap proved too much for the 1sts losing by a little over a length. However, in the 1km races both of the High 8s dominated and were able to come off with substantial wins. That afternoon we de-rigged and headed off into the city to explore with our billets. We met up back at Melbourne High for a BBQ and then went home with our billets finishing a very enjoyable evening. The next morning we farewelled our billet, loaded into the bus and began the trip back to Sydney.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this trip, namely Mr Barris and Mr Morgan for driving the bus, Mr Wilson for driving the trailer and Andrew Pham, James Mackay and David Vien for coaching us during the rows. Without each of you this trip would not be possible.

C. Barris

SBHS Basketball Committee Meeting

There will be a committee meeting in room 901, 7pm on Monday March the 2nd. Room 901 is located upstairs of the Gymnasium. The agenda has been emailed to supporters of SBHS Basketball. If you wish to be emailed the agenda and be a part of the basketball community that supports your son please attend the meeting. Alternatively you can email me at HaymanB@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

The two major discussion items will be:

- Assembly of new basketball rings on the flat. (Date of working bee yet to be determined)
- The organisation of the Annual Basketball Dinner for your son.

IF YOUR SON PLAYS BASKETBALL PLEASE ATTEND OUR MEETING AND SUPPORT US.

B. Hayman (PDHPE, MIC, Coaching Co-ordinator)



Chinese New Year Dinner (Saturday 21st of February 2009)

The Chinese New Year Dinner held last Saturday evening was a huge success with a breathtaking lion dance performance to start the event followed by a Chinese Drum and Music routine. The evening featured lovely poem recitations by Chinese Elective Students and a sweet rendition of the *Butterfly Concerto* performed by the Symphony Orchestra (featuring Andre Brokman on Solo Violin). The night also included challenging trivia, raffles and auctions of fantastic prizes. Thank you to all those involved in making the evening so successful and spectacular and thank you to all who attended (particularly the prefects who made the running of the night so smooth and seamless).

Sydney Boys High School P&C would like to thank the following for their generous donations

Bali Stick Indonesian Restaurant
Bridge Climb, Sydney
Cantori Jewellers (Eastgardens)
Chemists Warehouse (Leichardt & Bondi Junction)
Cinema Paris (Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park)
Coogee Bay Hotel
Coogee Sands Hotel & Apartments
Dr K.A Jaggar
Eastpoint Florist (238 New South Head Road Edgecliff Food Court)
Four Points Sheraton

Lifestyle Lights (Moore Park Supacentre)
Marrickville Leather Goods (Marrickville Metro)
Nando's
Non La Vietnamese Restaurant
Penrith Whitewater Rafting
Professor Tailoi Chan-Ling
Roy Young Chemists
Shirley Chan & Co. Licenced Conveyancer
Simon Chan & Associates Architects
Sydney Roosters
Thai Tree (259 George St, Sydney)

Thank you also to the following:

Caterers: Tropicana Singapore Laksa Café (**Shop 2, 243-253 Anzac Parade Kingsford**)

Decorations & Entertainment: SBHS Symphony Orchestra

Jenny Yang & Willa Zhang

Chinese Elective Students

Senior Prefects

Paul Pang (Old Boy 2006)

Creative Arts Department & Elective Art Students

Jin Wu Koon Martial Arts Academy



High Society

The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C –Julie Connolly P&C President

Chinese New Year Dinner

Thank you to our outstanding organisers for a fantastic Chinese New Year dinner last Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who came and relished the incredible Lion Dance and the buzz around the Hall as we dined, struggled with trivia questions and enjoyed each others company

Report From Last Week's P & C Meeting

Our warmest thanks again, to Mr Ayre, for his wide-ranging and very informative talk about Sport at SBHS. We discussed issues such as participation, training, employment of coaches, opportunities for boys to improve their fitness, and funding of programs.

The P&C then moved to fund the following projects within the School:

1. Ongoing digital and sound system installation into classrooms \$15 000
2. Solar panels and electrical infrastructure \$10 000
3. Purchase of Social Sciences textbooks due to syllabus changes \$10 000
4. Second last annual repayment of tennis court loan \$10 000
5. An increase in the parking levy applied by the School to P&C parking events, from 35% to 38%, after the first \$500.

Ms Christina Chow, head of the Canteen sub-committee, presented the P&C with \$30,000, as part distribution of Canteen earnings for 2008/2009. This is a tremendous contribution from the Canteen, which turned over \$420,000 in 2008. The P&C warmly thanks our Canteen staff, and welcomes and supports the efforts of the many volunteers. These results could not be achieved without the dedication of both staff and volunteers. It was noted that there is still some need for volunteers on the roster mid-week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr Jaggar outlined the science lab project that was reported in last week's *High Notes*. It is hoped that the Hall kitchen project will be undertaken around the same time. Dr Jaggar then reported on the Government initiative to issue all Year 9 students with laptops later this year. Other technology developments include improvements to the start-up time at the beginning of lessons for teachers using computer-based learning, as well as increased bandwidth for net services.

Dr Jaggar reported on the successful operation of the new Senior Library, with many senior students taking

the opportunity to use the space for study. The Junior Library is also operating to the great benefit of junior school students.

Ms Barbara Taylor has arranged with Sydney City Council to have bins delivered for recycling glass and plastic bottles. Please look out for them and use them wisely !!!!

High Rugby

There was a reference in the media this week to changes that have occurred to High and Sydney Grammar School's participation in the GPS rugby competition. High and Grammar will share rugby fixtures this year, with Grammar competing in First XV and A-team fixtures and High in Third XV and B-team fixtures. The High v Grammar first grade match will take place as usual in the last round of the 2009 competition.

These changes have been temporarily introduced as part of our process of building the participation rates, skills, strength and success of rugby at High. There has been a resurgence of rugby in High's junior years. In 2008 we fielded four 13s teams for the first time in at least 10 years. Last year's 16As defeated Newington to record High's first win in an A v A match for many years.

As any long term follower of school boy sports will have observed, there are often cycles in popularity of the different sports offered at school.

Just as a couple of examples, Sydney High currently fields 18 cricket teams, unmatched by any other school in the GPS competition. Our basketball teams throughout many age groups are earning successes in the GPS competition, culminating in our basketball Firsts and Seconds posting historic wins over Riverview, the strongest basketball school in the GPS competition. Over 85% of our students participated in Saturday sport last year.

Whatever the score, our philosophy at High is safe, enjoyable and successful participation for all and any boy who plays his chosen sport..

Upcoming Supporter Group Meetings (details in H N)

Music –Monday	2 March 6.30pm	Staff Common Room
Rowing –Tuesday	3 March 6.30pm	Staff Common Room
Fencing –Wednesday	4 March 6.00pm	Staff Common Room

PIANO LESSONS

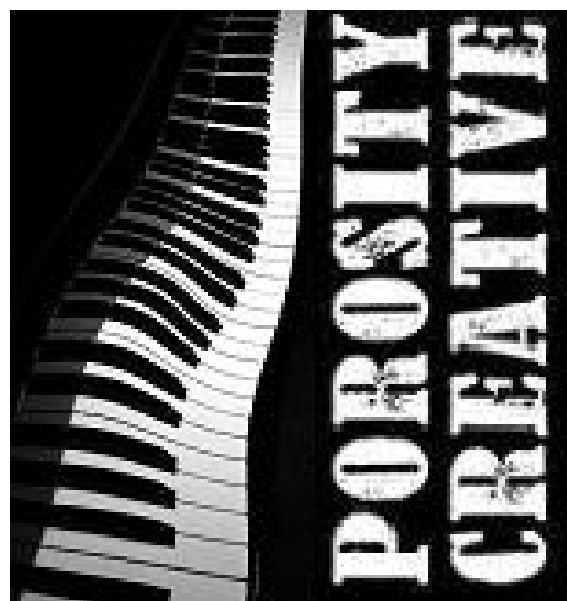
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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6 B	2 SRC Leadership Training, Abbotsford, 9am-3:30pm Senior A, B Camp, Abbotsford Music Support Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	3 CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Year 12 Ancient History assessment task, period 1 in room 403 Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm Rowing Committee Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	4 Row B, C Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7S and 7T CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Fencing Supporters Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm Circus Troupe, Great Hall, 3:30 - 5:00 pm	5 Year 8 Brainstorm Productions (Verbal Combat), Great Hall, 9:00am Ski trip committee in the Staff Common Room, 7:00 pm CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford Row D, E, F	6 *** Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra, 8:30am-3:15pm Eastside Debating Competition, Round 2, Reddam v SHS Parking - Waratahs v Reds Chess selection trials,	7 Sport Group 1 - NC v SHS Group 2 - TSC v SHS TSC Regatta	8 Cricket: GPS v Shires, Team Dinner, SJC
7 A	9 Year 12 Modern History Assessment Task, Great Hall, Periods 1 and 2 Latin competition, Great Hall, Periods 3 and 4 Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford P&C Executive Meeting	10 Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Theatre LOTE French Incursion, Great Hall-Periods 1-2 all Year 7 - 12 French classes. OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Year 7 parent group meeting in the Staff Common Room at 7:00 pm	11 Summer Sports Photos, 9:00am-12:30pm Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Row B, C Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm Circus Troupe, Great Hall, 3:30 - 5:00 pm Year 10 parent group meeting in the Staff Common Room from 6:30 pm	12 Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Sydney East Regional Volleyball Trials and KO Row D, E, F Senior A, B Camp, Abbotsford Junior Rowing Photos, Abbotsford	13 Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Year 11 Ancient History archaeology excursion, The Rocks, all day Eastside Debating Competition, Round 3, SGS v SHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 1, SHS v BC GPS Swimming Carnival 5, SOPAC, Homebush, 7:00pm Great Hall booking	14 Sport Groups 1 & 2 - SHS v SGS TKS/PLC Regatta, SIRC Great Hall booking	15 Great Hall booking
8 B	16 Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst AFL: CHS Trials Senior elective music classes attending ENCORE Concert, SOH, 7:30pm GPS chess in the Great Hall, all day	17 Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm Year 11 economics assessment task, Great Hall, period 1	18 Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm P&C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 7:30pm Boatshed Dinner, Great Hall, 6:30pm Row A, B, C	19 Selective Schools Entrance Test for Year 7 2010, Great Hall Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Swimming: MIC Meeting (CIS Selection) Row D, E, F Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford	20 Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Year 7 Try Rugby Day, McKay, 9am-3pm Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Eastside Debating Competition, Round 4, SHS v SGHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 2, NC v SHS	21 Sport Group 1 - SHS v SGS Group 2 - TKS v SHS Gold Cup Regatta, Lane Cove	22
9 A	23 Sydney East Swimming Championships, Homebush, 8:00am-2:30pm Winter Sports Selections Motivational media in the Great Hall, all day Senior A Camp, Abbotsford	24 Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Information evening re English Extension 1 and Extension 2 for Year 12 2010, Great Hall, 7:00pm Mufti Day [Boggabilla]	25 Last day of Summer Sport Summer Sport Reports to be submitted to Record Committee GPS v CAS Tennis, Homebush Row B, C Year 7 English excursion to AGNSW and State Library, all day Circus Troupe, Great Hall, 3:30 - 5:00 pm	26 Football: Sydney East CHS Trials Last day of Summer Sport Summer Sport Reports to be submitted to Record Committee Year 10 High Resolves Leadership meeting, Period 6 Row D Senior A Camp, Abbotsford	27 Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Rowing Assembly, Great Hall, 11:30am Eastside Debating Competition, Round 5, SHS v SCEGGS Friday Evening Debating, Round 3, KGS v SHS Basketball Dinner, Great Hall, 6:30pm Senior A, B, C Camp, Abbotsford	28 GPS Head of the River, SIRC	29