

# H I G H S C H O O L N O T E S



## From the Principal Term 2



Welcome back to students, staff and parents. Welcome to Mr Graham Moody who has been appointed to the position of Social Sciences Teacher.

## High Talent

Congratulations to Daniel Jones, Christian Jurlina, Craig Moller and Emmett Naar who were chosen in the NSW U16 basketball team. Thank you Alex and Ben Hayman, our senior coaches who helped the boys achieve their goals. Good luck to our nine member sailing team contesting the NSW Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regatta this week. In the recent National Latin Exam, a quality international test with 135,000 participants, the highest award 'gold summa cum laude' was won by: Dennis Kim, Samuel Beston, Lawrence Cai, Bryan Do and Max Wei (Latin II), by John Wormell (Latin III) and by Christian Katsikaros (Prose IV). A great effort boys! Samir Kinger was appointed as one of 12 members of the Youth Advisory Council, established by the NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People. Well done Samir! In the holidays, Cadet Under Officers Denis Stojanovic and Jack Wachsmann successfully completed ATA training in Tasmania and were awarded badges. Good work boys! Sam Darcy was selected in the NSW Gridiron Football team to contest the Australian Junior National championship tournament on the Gold Coast. Good luck, Sam!

## Anzac Day



I was really impressed with the 87 boys who participated in this year's Anzac Day March as members of the Sydney Boys High School Marching Band. They looked good, marched in time and played expertly. They created quite an impression. I commend the music staff and Lachlan Deacon for preparing such a professional outfit. Six cadets carried the 2/1st Field Regiment Association banner in the March. Twenty-two cadets backed up for a flag party at the AFS for the Anzac Day NRL match. Sydney Boys High reaffirmed its

famous Old Boys' motto – Service in all places. Serving the community is an important aspect of our co-curricular program.

## Holiday Training



It was very encouraging to see our boys training during the holidays. Jason Tassell reports that the Monday Wednesday Friday sessions in the Weights Room averaged 62 in week 1 and 54 in week 2. The athletics boys trained well and there was a great turnout for the Friday Twilight carnival on the last Friday of the holidays. This Monday I saw 60 boys



training for senior rugby and Serdar's junior groups really attended well during the holidays. More and more boys are respecting the training log book system and getting involved fully in preparing themselves for competitive sport. I applaud all those involved.

## Co-curricular activities at school help vocational success

A recent Daily Telegraph report quoted a study by sociologists that analysed students' careers 10 years after graduation. The study showed that students who took part in co-curricular activities while at school earned more money and achieved higher levels of education than peers who achieved similar marks but did not engage in co-curricular activities. 'Soft skills' such as sociability, punctuality, conscientiousness and compatibility, were found to be better predictors of success than test results.

At High our driving philosophy is striving for all round excellence. I urge all boys to continue to get involved in as much as they can while at school. I exhort parents to take a broader view of education than mere test results and to allow their sons to grow as people by engaging strongly with the co-curricular opportunities provided – particularly GPS sport.

## League Tables

Trevor Cobbold of the *Save Our Schools* group, denounces the embedding of League Tables in Australian Education (*Professional Educator*, March 2009). The Rudd government appears to be completing the Howard government's push towards a national market in education. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), will publish supposedly nationally comparable data on each school's results, staff, finances and enrolment profile. However, studies of this 'high-stakes accountability' have failed to find solid evidence that reporting school results and promoting competition between schools increases student achievement. Reviews of research in Chicago and by the London School of Economics seem to agree that choice and competition are not effective in raising standards in public schools. Even the Like School Groups approach is flawed as SES index scores do not distinguish between households with or without children at school. The ethnic profile of a school is not identified in the index either. Cobbold suggests governments should report on schools that have average results falling within different score ranges so that the extent of improvement from year to year can be assessed.

[Much media effort is expended in sourcing, classifying and publishing HSC League tables which are based around band 6 numbers without regard for the degree of difficulty of the courses in which the band 6s are earned. This practice, too, distorts results in favour of schools with fewer HSC candidates, where the impact proportionately of a few students earning multiple band 6s is greater. Nevertheless, League Tables are here to stay because governments publish data that FOI legislation allows media access to. We need to analyse all data we can get about the performances of our students in order to try and improve learning opportunities for them.]

**Dr K A Jaggard**

## Drama Ensemble Auditions

Any student interested in auditioning for the Sydney Boys Drama Ensemble may do so on Monday 4 May. Auditions will be held in Room 204 from 3:20 - 4:30pm.

The audition will involve workshop activities including improvisation and cold script presentations.

Successful students will perform in various dramatic ventures and a school production in Term 3.

If you have any further questions please contact Ms Rohr in the English Staffroom.

**Jennie Rohr**

## NEWS From Latin

### National Latin Exam results have arrived.

The results of this international examination are very pleasing. Of the 46 students of Latin who sat this exam in early March this year, 38 were awarded special prizes:

The categories are as follows:

Gold summa cum laude: Certificate and Gold Medal, 7 students

Silver maxima cum laude: Certificate and Silver Medal, 10 students

Magna cum laude: 5 students

Cum laude: 7 students

Blue Certificate of Merit: 1 student

All other students will receive Certificates.

Congratulations to all students who sat this challenging examination. This year was the first time Sydney Boys High has entered the exam, which is organised by Virginia State University, USA. These results indicate that we have made an excellent start in this world-wide competition.

**D Matsos, Latin**

## Sydney Boys High School Building Fund – 2009 Fundraising campaign.



### Multi-Purpose Centre

We are looking again this year for volunteers to assist with the Sydney Boys High School Building Fund fundraising efforts. The funds we raise through this campaign go directly to supporting the project to build a new Multi-Purpose Centre. The Centre will serve musicians, public speakers, debaters, drama students or any boy sitting for examinations. Help us to raise the facilities and profile of the Arts at High.

All materials and instruction supplied, easy work in your own time, for one or two weeks in May!

If you haven't found a way to volunteer in the school yet, this is a great opportunity to assist in a very tangible way toward the building of High's new performance facilities.

For more details, please contact

**Steve Saunders** Mob: 0411-851-412

Email: [steve@cystor.com.au](mailto:steve@cystor.com.au)

# SBHS DEBATING

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Welcome back for Term 2. This is another big term for debating and I look forward to seeing our boys in the finals for both the Eastside and Friday Evening Debate series as they both draw to a close in the next few weeks.

GPS Selection debates will be held during this term with the GPS season kicking off in Term 3.  
More information on GPS selections to follow in coming weeks.

## **Eastside SEMI FINALS, Friday 1 May**

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This Friday night will see the first of the semi final rounds for the Eastside competition. These debates will be held at Grammar and if the earlier rounds are anything to go by we have some tough debates coming up!

The topics will be plucked from current affairs so I hope all debaters have been keeping their eyes, minds and mouths on newspapers and the internet.

I strongly encourage other students and parents to attend the semis and support our boys. In close debates the impact of a friendly audience should not be underestimated!

## **Attention Parents**

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In collaboration with the Debating Supporters Group (DSG) we will be running an information session for parents only on Friday 8 May (next Friday).

This information session will cover the adjudication process and discuss the factors involved in selections for GPS teams. It will be a fun and informative overview to introduce you to the key issues that adjudicators consider which will hopefully make watching debates more accessible.

I invite all parents to come along to learn more about debating and to ask me questions as well as to get to know other members of the DSG and how you can support our debating program.

### **Parents Info Session – An Overview of Adjudication and Selections Processes**

Friday 8 May

Meet with other parents and debating teams in the Staff Common Room from 8pm.

The session will be held in a nearby classroom after the commencement of Senior Debates.

Dana Quick  
**Debating Coordinator**

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More information can be found at [www.sydneyhigh.org/debating](http://www.sydneyhigh.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. [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)

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# MUSIC NOTES

## ANZAC DAY - Marching Band

The Sydney Boys High Marching Band performed stunningly at the ANZAC Day March last Saturday in the City. Over 100 students were involved from Sydney Boys High (including cadets), a force to be reckoned with. The band led by Johan Santoso (Yr 12 – Drum Major), marched through the crowds of Pitt St, through Martin Place, up George St and on to Elizabeth St. The boys represented High exceptionally well on this marked special occasion as they marched with precision and discipline. They were broadcast on television playing *The Invincible Eagle March*, *Tenth Regiment* and *Waltzing Matilda*. On the second march around, Thomas Wilson (Yr 12) stepped up with great leadership as drum major as the cadets had another commitment to fulfil. Thank you to all the boys who participated in the ANZAC Day March and the parents for their great support on the day. A special thank you to Lachlan Deacon, Johan Santoso and Zhi Zu for their hard work and dedication in lifting the standard of the Marching Band. Congratulations!

Photos from this year's march will be available in the coming week on the students' R drive

## ANZAC Day - Photos

We are looking for photos of the Marching Band to use as promotional for our Music Tour to France, if you are able to help us please contact the Music Department at school on 9361-6910 (Ext. 109) or email: [music@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) We greatly appreciate your help.

## 20th/21st Century Concert

Following our huge success with the *Night at the Movies* Spring concert last year, our theme for the first concert of this year is 20th/21st Century and will be held next **Saturday the 9th of May (Week 2) in the Great Hall at 6:30pm**. Notes are available outside the Music Staffroom and tickets can be purchased through the Main Office.

**Please make payments by Friday 8th of May 2009.**

Refreshments will be on sale during the interval of the concert.

**Single: \$12.00 / Family: \$28.00**

## Music Parking

Thank you to all the students and parents who helped out with the music parking on Good Friday evening. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and help raise much needed funds for the Music Performance Program.

## Music Supporters Group (MSG) Meeting

Our next MSG meeting for 2009 will be held on **Tuesday 19th May at 6:30pm in the Staff Common Room** followed by the Music Tour meeting to France 2010. We would like to encourage parents of students in the performance music program to attend the MSG meeting.

## Cabaret Night – Please Note Change of Date

Cabaret Night has been changed to **Saturday the 27th of June 2009 (Term 2) with the Jazz workshop held on Friday the 26th of June** for all members of the Stage Band. Please make a note of this change in your diary. All members of Stage Band, Senior Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra will be involved on Cabaret Night.

## Piano For Sale

2003 Boston (Steinway 178 model) for sale in very good condition, \$22,000 (ono). RRP for second hand is \$25,000. Please see the Music Staff if you are interested or contact 0416 740 813.



## Athletics Report



The 24th of April saw the first night/twilight carnival that a majority of the athletes had ever competed in. The Sydney High Athletics team produced a large

turnout considering that this invitational carnival was held during the Easter holidays.

An intense holiday training regime, which consisted of lifting weights from 7.00-9.00am and then a track session from 9.30-11.00 right after, produced some outstanding results from our athletes. Brian Kelly, the former 400/800 runner and new sprint talent, ran killer races in the 100 and 200 (11.5 and 23.4). Jeremy Ireland ran High's best 1500 of the night posting a time of 4m23s against some quality competitors from Scots and Lloyd Perris ran a fast 4m34s. Tim Siu ran our best 400 of the night with an incredible time of 54.2, just letting his lead go in the final 50 metres. Kerrod McPherson produced High's fastest 100 time running a blistering 11.3 in Opens and 14s runner Edward Zhang blitzed to second place with 12.17. In the jumps, surprise package Brian Kelly leapt 5.81m in the long jump and Jeremy Rajendram leapt 5.88m in 17s as well as jumping 6.02m in Opens, a monster effort from the small man. Chris Morrow jumped well again in the high jump showing his calibre in his pet event. Kings and Iggies showed some 'gamesmanship' by not running their some of their stronger competitors at this meet, but they can be sure to not get too cocky because the invitationals are helping High form a strong team for the AAGPS Championships. High will host an Invitational this Saturday at Homebush, SIAC NO 1 – 2nd May 2009. SBHS Athletics will need 30 parental helper/officials for the day. If you can help please contact Mr Devlin as soon as possible on 0403829344.

This year the seating arrangements for SBHS and TAS are we have sole occupancy of Bay 7. TAS generally has no more than 20/30 so there should be ample room with 300 seats. I would advise spectators to be at Sydney Athletics Centre as early (no later than 10.30am on the day) as possible because they can easily be gobbled up by the schools on adjoining sides if they are left vacant.

**Michael Phung**

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## Sydney High School Cadet Unit

The April holidays were a very busy time for High cadets with members away at National and NSW Brigade courses followed by public duties associated with ANZAC Day.

### ATA SUCCESS

In the first week of the holidays, CUOs Dennis Stojanovic and Jack Wachsmann flew off to Tasmania to subject themselves to the rigors of the Adventure Training Award assessment. This week long assessment, held in a rugged Army training area north of Hobart, tested the mental and physical stamina of our lads as they completed a series of field activities designed to test their knowledge and skills of leadership, navigation, first aid and living in the field.

Both Denis and Jack were successful and are now entitled to wear the coveted ATA Badge. The lads received their badges from Brigadier J. Withers, Commander of Australian Army Cadets.



Well done Denis and Jack.

### BRIGADE COURSES - SINGLETON

Success again; all our cadets qualified at their respective promotion courses :

Junior Leaders Course (for promotion to corporal)  
**Cadets Nicholas Ooi and Dominic Tran -**

Senior Leaders Course –Module 1 (for promotion to sergeant)  
**Corporals Michael Do and Isaac Everleigh**

Senior Leader Course – Module 2 (for promotion to waarrant officer and cadet under officer)  
**Staff Sergeant Johan Santoso and Sergeant Aditya Hatle**  
Congratulations to all.

## ANZAC DAY PUBLIC DUTIES

As with past years unit members supported the City of Sydney ANZAC Day March.

We provided a banner party for the 2/1st Field Regiment Association. The 2/1st Field Regt. was an artillery unit with a long, proud record of service in World War 2. An honour to help these men who served the nation.

Another detachment under Drum Major SSGT Johan Santoso marched with the High Marching Band.

## NRL ANZAC DAY GAME

Following the city march, twenty of our cadets went across to the Sydney Football Stadium to provide the flag party for the opening ceremony of the NRL Anzac Day game. In front of a crowd of 30,000 the high cadets marched on carrying Australian and New Zealand National Flags.

**Richard Knowles**  
Major AAC  
OC SHSCU



Bonjour! Ciao! Or just plain G'day!

## INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

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World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, and Germany are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

### World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Ph: (03) 9598 4733

Fax: (03) 9598 4233

Email: [wep@wep.org.au](mailto:wep@wep.org.au)

An information pack can be sent on request.

## TO ALL YEAR 10 PARENTS

The next Year 10 parent group meeting will take place on

**Wednesday 6 May 2009 at 6:30pm in the Common Room.**

This will be an opportunity to discuss the upcoming half-yearly exams as well as any other issue you would like to bring to the meeting.

Everyone is welcome!

Your Year 10 parent convenors can be contacted at [highparentsyear10@gmail.com](mailto:highparentsyear10@gmail.com)

## HIGH STORE

### Mother's Day Gift From High Store

Sydney High crested scarf, Chocolate brown \$22  
Polar Fleece jumper, great to be worn with jeans  
Sizes XS-L \$69

Great gift for mum to keep her warm while watching you play sport.



**Year 10**  
**Students and Parents**  
*Earn While You Learn.*

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### INFORMATION EVENINGS

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27 May 2009</b> Fourth Floor South Sydney Juniors 558a Anzac Pde KINGSFORD	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>17 June 2009</b> Kareela Golf Club Bates Drive KAREELA
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7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

**Light refreshments will be served**

### INFORMATION AFTERNOON

**Tuesday 4 August**  
T3 Automotive Traineeships  
Automotive School St George TAFE  
President Ave KOGARAH  
Between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm

- Traineeships and apprenticeships combine paid work with training.
  - Apprentices complete the first year of the apprenticeship concurrently with the HSC.
  - Trainees and apprentices work and complete your HSC at the same time!
  - Traineeships and apprenticeships in schools provide senior secondary students with multiple qualifications and a year's head start on their career.
  - It is possible to get a UAI with some SBATS
- For further information contact the Traineeship and Apprenticeship Coordinator Ph: 9582 2852 [www.sbatinnsw.info](http://www.sbatinnsw.info)

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Spaces are limited.  
Registrations close  
Wednesday 13th of May

## Medicine Information Seminar

Alpha Omega Education will be holding an exclusive Medicine Information Seminar for students in years 10, 11 and 12. This one day seminar will cover all you need to know about medicine as a career.

Date: 16th of May 2009

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Venue: University of Sydney,  
Camperdown Campus

Cost: Students \$99

Parents & Teachers \$79

\* Light refreshments will be provided.

(02) 9708 3666

[www.alpha-omega.org.au](http://www.alpha-omega.org.au)



# May 2009

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>2 A</b>	<b>4</b> Year 12 Assessment Exams Drama Ensemble auditions, room 204, 3:20 - 4:30 Year 10 [Group 2] Geography excursion, Collaroy, all day Football committee meeting, Staff Common Room, 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Year 12 Assessment Exams Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Geography/History Excursion HSC Exam Timetable available on BoS website CHS Volleyball KO Finals, Warriewood	<b>6</b> Year 12 Assessment Exams Year 9 Half Yearly Exams CHS Volleyball KO Finals, Warriewood Senior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm Year 10 parent group meeting in the Staff Common Room, 6:30 pm Plain English Speaking Award local final, GR Oatley campus, all day	<b>7</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 Assessment Exams CHS Volleyball KO Finals, Warriewood Junior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm	<b>8</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 Assessment Exams Basketball: CIS Trials, 10:00-3:00 Eastside Debating Competition, Finals Friday Evening Debating, Round 4, SHS v SJC 20th Century Music Concert, Great Hall, 6:30pm	<b>9</b> Shore Invitation Athletics, Homebush, 1:00-5:00 20th Century Music Concert, Great Hall, 6:30pm Sport Rugby v St Andrews	<b>10</b> Mothers' Day
	<b>11</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams P&C Executive Meeting	<b>12</b> *** Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Language Conventions; Writing (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Language Conventions; Writing (P1 and 2) OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Year 10 History accelerants attending Sir John Monash	<b>13</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Reading (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Reading (P1 and 2) Senior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm	<b>14</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Numeracy (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Numeracy (P1 and 2) Junior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm Athletics Dinner, Great Hall, 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams GPS Athletics Assembly Great Hall, 11:30 am Friday Evening Debating, Round 5, SHS v TGS Joint SBHS-SGHS Executive gathering to welcome new SGHS Principal	<b>16</b> AAGPS Athletics Championships, SIAC Homebush	<b>17</b>
<b>4 A</b>	<b>18</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Music Support Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	<b>20</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Athletics Report to be submitted to Record Committee School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	<b>21</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Eastern Suburbs Zone Cross Country Carnival, Centennial Park, 11am - 3:15pm	<b>22</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Fundraising day for Roden Cutler charities [Year 11] NSW All Schools Swimming Championships	<b>23</b> Sport TKS v SHS Cross Country: SGS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00am) (CIS Selection Trials) UAC STAT Test in the Great Hall 7:30am - 5:00pm	<b>24</b> Parking - Swans v Port Adelaide
	<b>25</b> Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Year 8 Half Yearly Exams	<b>26</b> Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 Geography excursion, Hunter Valley, all day Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	<b>27</b> ICAS Computer Skills Competition Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm	<b>28</b> Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Cross Country: CIS Championships, Eastern Creek	<b>29</b> Travel to Armidale Friday Evening Debating, Semi Final 1	<b>30</b> Sport TAS v SHS (Rugby) Cross Country: Trinity Relay, Ewen Park (9:00 am)	<b>31</b>
<b>5 B</b>							