

From the Deputy Principal Term 3



Welcome back to students, staff and parents. There have been some changes to staffing for Term 3. Mr John Beringer (Deputy Principal) retired at the end of Term 2 after 39 years and 6 months distinguished service for the NSW Department of Education and Training. Mr Beringer was appointed to High at the beginning of Term 2 1999 after serving in a variety of schools: Narwee Boys High School, Picnic Point High School, Cabramatta High School, Kirrawee High School, James Cook Boys High School (HT English) and Randwick Boys High School (DP). We have benefited greatly from his talents and ability over the last 10 years and wish him well in his retirement. Mr Con Barris will fill the role of Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2009. Ms Betsy Berger will fill the role of Relieving HT History and Ms Jane Miller will join the History staff for the rest of the year. Mr Malcolm Carson (Industrial Arts) has accepted an appointment at Glenmore Park High School. This will reduce significantly his travel time from home to school. He has been replaced for the remainder of the year by Ms Dinah Eadie. Mr Brian Webb (Science) will be on leave for Term 3. His classes will be taken by Mr Terry Russell (Years 11 and 12 Physics) and Ms Robyn O'Driscoll (Years 8-10). Ms Monica Morscheck will leave the role of Senior Librarian at the end of this week. She has accepted an appointment in Thailand.

High Talent

Congratulations to the GPS Rifleshooting team who have had a number of significant accomplishments in the last week. They were victorious in the NSW All Schools Competition last Saturday. Brendan Leo (Year 10) was named as King of the Range. On Tuesday morning they came third in the Rawson Cup; on Tuesday afternoon they won the NRA Shield; on Wednesday afternoon they came second in the Buchanan Shield. They have secured the title of Joint GPS Premiers (with The King's School). Well done to all concerned.



Train Travel Problem



We were disappointed to receive a call from a member of the public indicating that one of our boys remained seated on a North Shore Line train this week while adults were standing. A reminder that one of the conditions attached to the Free Travel tickets supplied indicates that students can occupy "a seat only when all fare paying passengers have seating." Please do not wait to be asked to vacate a seat.

R Dowdell

Deputy Principal

Immunisation Program 2009



Vaccinations for Years 7 and 10 students will take place on Friday 7 August when a team of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting the school.

In 2009 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students only -

- *Hepatitis B* – the first of two doses. The second will be administered on 11 December. It is very important that any boy who receives the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine completes the course with the second dose in December.

- *Varicella* [chickenpox]

In 2009 the following vaccine will be offered to Year 10 students only -

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough)

Boys in Years 7 and 10 have been issued with a parent information kit. If you would like your son to be vaccinated, please complete the Consent Form/s in the kit and return completed forms to the collection boxes in the Main Office. Alternatively, boys can bring the form with them on Friday 7th.

Boys who do not bring the completed consent forms will not be able to take advantage of this free service

Further information about the program including translated material for parents is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au

After the boys have been vaccinated they will be given a Record of Vaccination to take home so that you can keep their immunisation records up to date.

Year 7 students who are absent from the first vaccination clinic are entitled to receive a free course of Hepatitis B vaccine from their GP.

Year 10 students who are absent from the first vaccination clinic will be offered the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine at the second clinic on 11 December.

If you have any queries, please contact:
Mr Beringer or Mr Barris.

Volleyball Knockout Win



High won the CHS Volleyball knockout at the end of last term, defeating Airds HS in the final held at Olympic Park.

It was a good performance from the team which was not at full strength due to illness. In the round of 16 the boys limped home to defeat Nowra in a close game then went on to beat Pennant Hills and Great Lakes in the quarter and semi finals.

The final against Airds was a closer match than the 3-0 score suggests but the team was strengthening as the flu symptoms abated and held on to close the match under some pressure from Airds.

The team consisted of Ritam Mitra (captain), Shorson Zhang, Stephen Dong, Balraj Ougra, Daniel Shan, Merlin Li, Nelson Wang, Chris Morrow, Josh Suh, Jonathon Mok and Nishan Abeysuriya.

Friday Tournament

1st Grade, 2nd Grade and the 16As will be competing at Olympic Park this Friday in the second qualifier for the National Schools Volleyball week held in Melbourne in December.

GPS Volleyball continues this Saturday against Newington (at Newington).
M Kay

SKI TRIP REPORT.



Our Ski Team returned safely from the Snowy Mountains last Sunday after exhilarating and successful racing and free skiing experiences at Thredbo and Perisher Blue over the holiday period.

Outstanding individual and team accomplishments included:

- Our Cross Country Team - Sam Lane, Tom Connolly, Brendan Hancock and Tim Collier - achieving stunning performances in their events and winning selection in NSW Championships to be held at the end of August.
- Year Seven racers - Perry Sim and Josh Lane - competing bravely and gaining valuable experience for the future
- Our school being placed second in overall points tally in Category Two schools (those with teams of less than 25 members)

Detailed results can be found at www.interschools.org.au - Sydney Championships.

General behaviour and conduct of boys during the trip was excellent.

I thank all boys, The Committee, all parent volunteers and other helpers for their involvement in the success of our venture this year.

I also thank Mr Andrew Fuller and Team Captain, Roy Chen, for their invaluable assistance.

M H Jones

Artefacts

Old Boy Jason Phu, currently in his 2nd year at COFA majoring in printmaking has a group show on at Kudos Gallery Paddington for a short time. He was recently selected to be hung in the Waverley Art Prize. He has been selected to spend this semester in Canada as an exchange art student.



Year 7 Parents Meeting

Wednesday 5 August at 6.30 pm

Staff Common Room

All Welcome

Any queries, please contact

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Rifle Shooting Trip to Cessnock: Report

With all the stress of our Half Yearly Exams/Year 12 Assessments finally out of the way, a dedicated group of the Sydney High Rifle Squad still endeavoured to wake up early on 12 July 2009 to go back up to the lush green landscape of the country and compete in our last Open Championship before the GPS Competition.

Grateful that the trip would only be two hours, Cessnock greeted us with a chilly temperature, foreboding grey sky and a happy array of country folk. Having recuperated from the early wake up call with a healthy dose of sleep on the bus, we walked out from the vehicle refreshed and ready to undergo the first part of our holiday training before the big competition, the GPS. Slapping on our extra jackets and prepping our gear and our mindsets, it was nevertheless with a happy, joyous feeling that we started off our brief stay in the country.

The first two ranges were both at 500 yards and the last range was at 600 yards. Throughout the day some great scores were posted up, with Michael Do sweeping the C grade competition (earning a spot in B Grade) and Brendan Leo and Johan Santoso picking up medals of their own. It was a mixed day but nevertheless an enjoyable one, with special mention going to Michael Do, Brendan Leo, Johan Santoso and Peter Tran for shooting new personal bests and Andy Xie for performing admirably in his first major competition.

The day ending with the presentation of the awards, it was again a joyous group of boys that re-entered the bus and headed back to school, indulging in a sugar fest. Thanks again must go to Justin Hill, Kevin Chan and Cathy Meaney for organising this wonderful trip up to the country and my fellow shooters, both from Sydney High and the multitude of separate clubs competing, who made the start of the holidays all the more enjoyable and relaxing, a great change from the arduous horrors of the HSC.

Matthew Tong, Captain 2009

All Schools Rifle Shooting Championship Report

With the intensive training camp of the second week of the holidays behind us, the Sydney High Rifle Team of 2009 was primed and ready for the first schools competition of the year, the All Schools. Held at Malabar on 25 July 2009, we put up 3 teams of 5 to compete with Sydney Grammar, Shore, TAS, Scots and NEGS, hoping to come away with the coveted championship for the first time in many years.

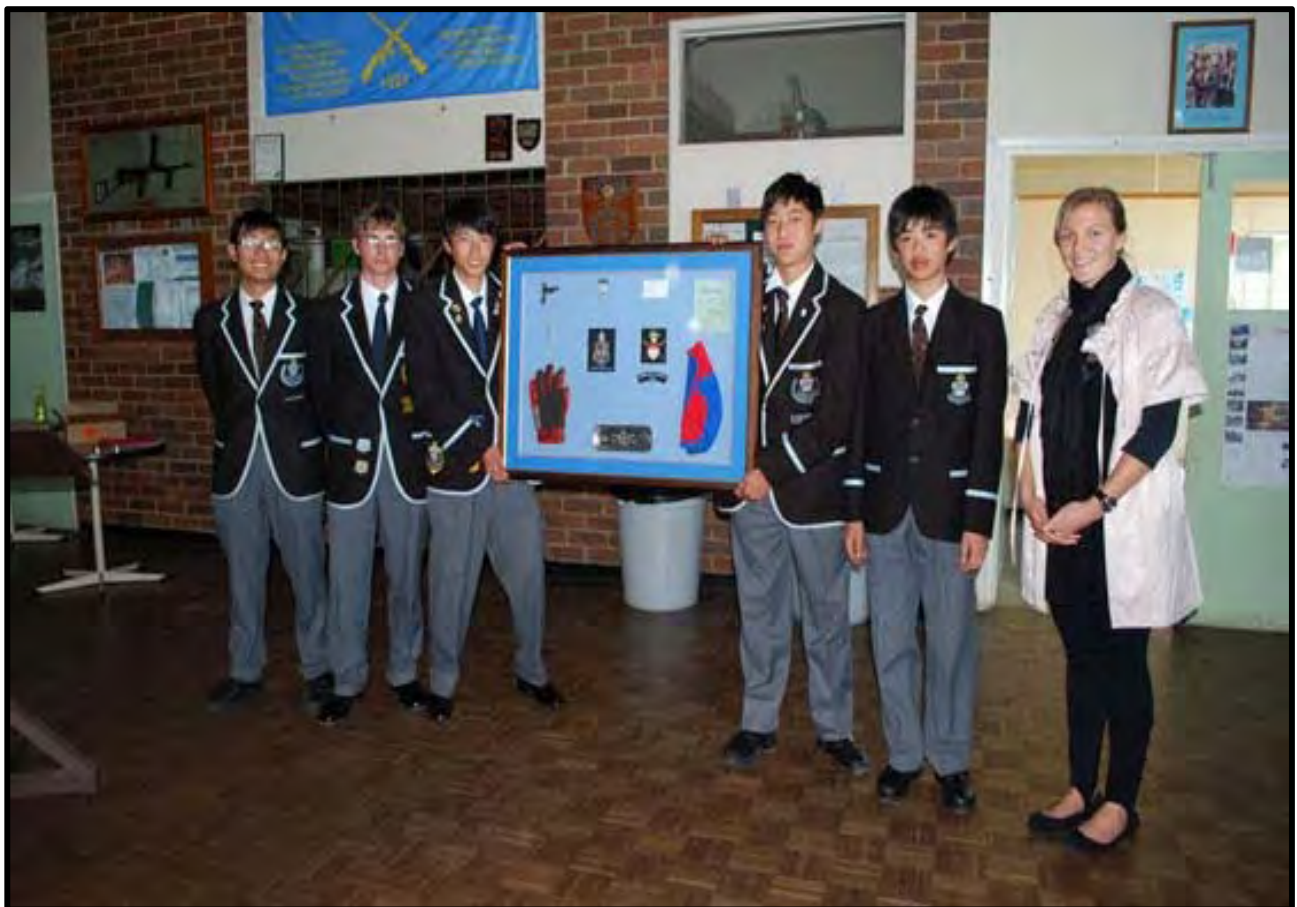
We looked back nostalgically at the scores, burger runs, unfortunate incidents and late nights of the training camp as we woke up for another early morning on the day of the competition. Grateful that the sun had decided to grace us with its presence despite a deluge last Thursday in the camp, the three teams each prepared on the mound at 300m for the first range of the shoot. The All Schools Competition consisted of three matches of 10 counting shots, all out of 50, with the first range being at 300m, the second at 500m and the last at 600m. Our 3 teams of Sydney High Brown, White and Blue performed admirably on this first range, but it was the top team of Sydney High Brown that performed exceptionally at this range, quickly establishing their dominance with a combined score of 242 out of 250 with 17 centres.

With the wind gradually picking up from its warmly welcomed calm of the morning, the 14 competing teams moved back to the 500m mound in the next range of the match. Despite some unforeseen distractions we all still managed to post some competitive scores. Sydney High Brown had a combined score of 237 out of 250 with 15 centres, with special mention going to Brendan Leo for scoring a perfect score of 50 out of 50 with 7 centres, a phenomenal effort.

And last but not least was the 600m range. Furthest away from the target with the wind starting to do some more swirling and twirling, the three High teams yet again posted very competitive scores. With Sydney High Brown having posted a score of 235 out of 250 with 13 centres, we had taken out the championship, ahead of TAS by 20 points! We went up to accept the Fiona Reynolds Memorial Trophy with pride and joy, but that does not exclude the rest of the team. Sydney High White, the second team, posted a very competitive final aggregate of 674 out of 750 with 31 centres, only losing to Shore's first team on centres. Sydney High Blue, the third team, achieved a fantastic 602 out of 750 with 14 centres, considering that half of the team had only started shooting this year, beating the other three third teams there. We were definitely ready for the GPS competition, and set out to enjoy our lovingly prepared afternoon barbeque, a rugby match (the most exercise we had had the whole holidays) and a long Sunday rest before the training day and the two final days of the Rifle Shooting Calendar.

Thanks must go to our coaches Justin Hill, Kevin Chan, Joe Banh and Ishan Nadkarni for preparing us for the upcoming competition, our success is indebted to these committed fellows. Thanks must also go to our MIC Cathy Meaney, the parents committee, the MDRA and the wonderful competitors of TAS, NEGS, Sydney Grammar, Scots and Shore for making the competition possible. It's a great day out and we'll be sure to come back next year!

Matthew Tong





MUSIC NOTES

Piano Competition

The SBSH Piano Competition is back again in its 4th year running. The competition will commence next week **at lunchtimes** in the **Great Hall**. Junior division (Yrs 7-9) will be on Monday & Tuesday (3rd-4th August) and Senior division (Yrs 10-12) will be on Monday & Tuesday (10th-11th Aug). Performance time limit for **Junior division is 3 mins** and **Senior division 5 mins**. **ENTRY Fee is \$5.00** made payable to the Music Staff. Please enrol ASAP.

Please check the Music Noticeboard for competition list and timetable.

Name: _____ Roll Class: _____

Title of Piece and Composer: _____

Music Parking

Thank you to all the students and parents who help fundraise money for the Music Performance Program through parking. Our next parking will be in September (date and time to be confirmed).

Music Tour

The next instalment of \$1500 was due on the 30th June 2009, please make payments **DIRECTLY** to Angas Travel and they will provide us with receipt of payments. If you have not been able to arrange this, please see the Music Staff ASAP.

Please Mail to: ANGAS Travel, 303 Angas St, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000. Toll Free no. 1800 671 331

Fundraising for Music Tour 2010 – ENTERTAINMENT Books

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SBHSDEBATING

Good Luck!

The GPS Season starts this evening with our boys going up against Joeys in Round 1. Bests of luck to all of our firsts and seconds debaters!

Please note that in the GPS competition Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 arrive at 5.45pm for prep from 6pm and debate commencing at 7pm. Senior Debates (firsts, seconds and thirds) must arrive at 6.45pm for prep at 7pm and debate at 8pm.

Good luck must also go to our Year 7 and 8 Boys as they contest the University of Sydney Debating Union Junior Debating Championship at the University of Sydney today – I know they will have a great day of debating and act as excellent representatives of SBHS.

Nikhil Autar and Samir Kinger are also participating in the University of Sydney Schools' Model United Nations competition tomorrow. Once again at the University of Sydney, the boys will be negotiating on behalf of the United Kingdom on the UNESCO panel.

Parking 3 August – Volunteers Needed

This is an urgent reminder for our next parking event. We need another 6 to 7 parents and boys for the night. As this is a working night, parents may be coming directly from work, so I would like to see some boys volunteer for the early shift.

Event Details:

Date: August 3rd 2009 Monday

Time: 4.30pm for 7 pm start

Event: Wests Tigers v Sea Eagles

Venue: Sydney Football Stadium

You will either be accepting money and issuing tickets or showing the drivers where to park. There is plenty of help and support available for those parents and boys who are new to parking.

If you are able to help, please respond to kaurharleen09@yahoo.com.au with your name, your son's name and roll call class and the number of people who will be coming.

Save the Date!

Debating Dinner Friday 25th September

A lovely way to end the 2009 Season please be sure to keep this night free!

Ticket costs and more information to come – stay tuned.

Dana Quick
Debating Coordinator

More information can be found at www.sydneymiddle.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.



High Society

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

Phillip Day Scholarship Dinner

All parents are warmly invited and indeed encouraged to attend the upcoming inaugural Phillip Day Scholarship dinner – Tuesday 8th September at 7.00pm in the Great Hall. The Phillip Day Scholarship is awarded each year to a highly talented student in a particular area of academic and/or co-curricular endeavour and /or an outstanding all round achiever. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Alex Belokopytov. Alex will play his HSC piano performance major work at the Scholarship dinner – a fantastic opportunity to hear and see this young man's incredible talent.

Joseph McIvor (Class of 2001) will deliver the keynote address entitled *Capitalism and the Free Market are Dead*. Joseph is currently undertaking PhD studies on why free markets will not work without regulation – a very topical area that should promote terrific discussion.

Gather together a table of fellow parents or we can place you on a table, to honour Alex Belokopytov and the memory of Phillip Day (Class of 1965). Tickets are available using the order form in this issue of *High Notes*.

Upcoming Parent Meetings & Events (details in High Notes)

Tuesday	4 August	6.30pm	Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Staff Common Room
Thursday	13 August	7.00pm	Showcase Concert, Great Hall
Friday	14 August	7.00pm	Showcase Concert, Great Hall

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.



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 B	3 Year 12 English incursion [Module A enrichment], periods 3,4 Great Hall Year 8 visual arts excursion to the zoo, all day.	4 ICAS English Competition	5 OC placement test, Great Hall Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime Meet the Music concert, SOH, 6:30pm Year 7 Parent Group Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6:30pm ALC Language Certificate Tests - Yrs 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Chinese, French & German classes	6 Australian Mathematics Competition HSC music rehearsal, Great Hall from 3:30 pm ALC Language Certificate Tests - Yrs 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Chinese, French & German classes	7 Years 7 and 10 vaccinations, periods 1-4 Mufti Day - Jeans for Genes [Year 8] BBQ, extended lunch Debating SIC v SHS	8 Sport SHS v SIC Rugby Shore v SHS Cross Country: TKS Invitation, King's (10:00 am)	9
3 A	10 Class Photos Years 7-12 Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime P&C Executive Meeting	11 Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) (pm) Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	12 Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime Drama Showcase, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Drama Studio [Room 204]	13 Years 7, 8 and 9 Assembly, Period 2 Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly, Period 3 Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall, 7pm	14 Debating SHS v TKS Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall, 7pm	15 Sport TKS v SHS Rugby SHS v SJC Cross Country: TSC Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00 am)	16
4 B	17 Trial HSC Music performance, Great Hall, all day	18 Year 12 Study Day Trial HSC Music performance, Great Hall, all day Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm All year 9 theatre excursion to Bondi Pavilion, periods 1-4.	19 Trial HSC Cricket Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 6pm School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	20 Trial HSC	21 Trial HSC Debating TSC v SHS	22 Sport SHS v TSC Rugby SHS v NC Cross Country: Shore Invitation, Macquarie University (10:00 am)	23
5 A	24 Trial HSC Attendance and Progress Review (all Years)	25 Trial HSC Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	26 Trial HSC Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm	27 Trial HSC HSC Music Composition Recording, 9am-1pm	28 Daffodil Day Year 9 Science excursion, Ultimo Science Festival, all day Trial HSC HSC Music Composition Recording, 9am-3pm HSC English Extension 2 Project Hand In Date Debating NC v SHS	29 Sport SHS v NC Rugby TSC v SHS Cross Country: SJC Invitation, Macquarie Hospital (10:00 am) Sydney High Volleyball Tournament, SHS Gym, am Basketball v Old Boys, 2:30pm and 3:30pm HSC Chinese Continuers Speaking Examinations Tournament of Minds - SGHS	30