

# H I G H T A L E N T S



## From the Principal High Talent



Good luck to our basketballers who are competing in the NSW Champion Schools Knockout tournament to decide which team will represent NSW at the National Basketball School Tournament. Well done to Andre Brokman who has been awarded a GASS scholarship to spend several weeks in Germany immersing himself in the language and culture. Congratulations to Sam Lane (Year 10), Tom Connolly (Year 9) and Tim Collier (Year 8) for winning silver medals in the 3.4km cross country event at the National Schools Skiing Competition at Falls Creek last week.

## NAPLAN Results

The National Testing results are in for Years 7 and 9. These results will be analysed by staff over coming months and any adjustments to programming or specific interventions will be made for implementation in 2010.

## Literacy



During the period 2006-2008, overall Literacy standards amongst Year 7 students declined. We compare ourselves to a Comparison School Group of Selective Schools. Band 9 results fell from 76 to 67% (CSG 63%), while band 8 results increased from 22 to 33% (CSG 29%). Band 7 results declined from 3 to 1% (CSG 6%). In reading, band 9 results dipped in 2007 from 69 to 53% but recovered in 2008 to 66%. Spelling results for band 9 were 71% (CSG 64%) and grammar and punctuation 52% (CSG 53%). In writing, the decline in band 9 is alarming, from 68% in 2006 to 41% in 2008 (CSG 51%). Band 7 results in the period grew from 5 to 17% (CSG 13%). In the inaugural Year 9 test, 61% of our students achieved band 10 (CSG 49%), but 7% of boys were at band 8 level (CSG 11%). In reading, 41% of boys reached band 10 (CSG 39%), in spelling 52% (CSG 49%), in grammar and punctuation 66% (CSG 59%) and in writing 51% (GSC 43%). These results indicate that

we are facing a challenge to lift the standard of our writing skills across the board. We have responded in 2009 with a pilot remediation program for a single class in Year 7. More generally, literacy skills need to be scaffolded, taught explicitly and assessed broadly if we are to raise our standards.

## Numeracy

During the period 2006-2008, overall numeracy standards in Year 7 were consistently excellent, with 2008 recording 100% of boys in band 9 (CSG 89%). In number and patterns band 9 was achieved by 99% of boys (CSG 91%); in measurement and algebra 98% (CSG 89%) and space and geometry 91% (CSG 74%). In the first Year 9 test, our overall results remained strong at 98% in band 10 (CSG 82%). In number and data band 10, High was 94% (CSG 79%); in patterns and algebra 93% (CSG 83%) and measurement, space and geometry 87% (64%). Notwithstanding our great results, we have room for improvement in space and geometry in Years 7-9.

## The Football Dinner



It was a packed Great Hall to celebrate the end of a successful football season last Thursday. The Football Committee did a great job organising the event and many people were thanked for their efforts during the season. Players and teams were honoured for their efforts on the field. The theme of the evening was that more commitment to training would bring a greater level of skill to teams that would as a consequence improve their results on the paddock. Mr Gifford was tireless in his organisation of the sport while coaching second grade. First grade had a good season, in large part due to the great coaching of Andrew Bennie and the inspiring teamwork the boys demonstrated. Nick Dimitropoulos was remarkable in the back all season and Antony Paul finished some crucial opportunities to secure wins or save draws. I hope the example set by the 2009 team becomes the benchmark for future teams – a star team can outplay a team of stars.

## The Rugby Dinner

As usual, the Rugby Dinner was well attended last Saturday night, particularly by Year 7 parents. Many awards were distributed and coaches thanked. Mr Stein organised rugby with his customary great efficiency in 2009. The Rugby Committee, led ably by Geoff Andrews, organised additional camps to promote junior rugby. Mr Scrivener was passionate about getting the first XV prepared. Both he and Nelson Ridges stressed the importance of logbooks in sustaining motivation and building team cohesion through shared training experiences. Our first XV was arguably the best for five years. It was no accident that their improved showing was linked to their improved attitude to training. I commented on the disruptions of the compromise 2009 season and praised all the teams for sticking to their guns under trying conditions at time. Despite the difficulties, every High team had at least one win this year – a tribute to the fixtures meetings and our boys' determination. I trust that even a single taste of success will spur on more boys to join the sport in 2010 to increase our depth and capabilities.

Dr K A Jaggar

## Year 9 2010 Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 21 September in the Great Hall at 6.00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in Year 9 2010.

## Year 11 2010 Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 21 September in the Great Hall at 7.00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in Year 11 2010.

R Dowdell

Deputy Principal

## CLASSICS

### INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION RESULTS

On August 13th the FINALS of the annual Classical Latin & Greek Reading Competition were held in the new theatre (the Palladium) of Sydney Grammar School. Two of our Sydney Boys High students had done very well in the Preliminaries of this competition and reached the Finals in Greek. They did not win... the competition was really strong... but acquitted themselves most honourably.

They had to read two passages from texts of ancient Greek authors (one prepared beforehand, the other unknown to them, which they were given just 15 minutes to read over and prepare). They read correctly, clearly and with expression. Well done,

John Wormell (Year 11) and David Wang (Year 10)! Thank you both for representing SBHS in this unusual and prestigious competition. So, Latin and Classical Greek students, let's see you trying your luck AND skill in next year's competition. It is a great evening which everyone enjoys.

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE RECORD



The Leaving Certificate was the final qualification for high school students until 1966, when it was replaced by the HSC.

*This year marks the 100th anniversary of "The Record" – the magazine of the Sydney Boys High School – which was first published in December 1909. To commemorate this milestone, "High Notes" is publishing a selection of editorials from the various editions published over the past century.*

*This week we are publishing the editorial from the issue of April 1912. It was written at a time when the State was expanding secondary education with the establishment of many new high schools and the public examinations were necessarily changing from the Junior and Senior examinations conducted by Sydney University, to the Intermediate Certificate and Leaving Certificate examinations administered by the Department of Public Instruction. (The Intermediate Certificate and Leaving Certificate have since become the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate of today.)*

*The Editor for this issue was George Jacob Maxwell Saxby, the son of the then Deputy Headmaster (and later, Headmaster of the School), George Campbell Saxby. After School, he completed his medical degree at Sydney University before enlisting in World War I as a medical officer in April 1918. He returned from service in 1919 to continue his medical career until his death in 1967.*

### Editorial

We are at the parting of the ways. "The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The present Senior and Junior classes will be the last that the old School will see. We scan the pages of the past and note its many triumphs, but we look towards the future with hopes of many more.

"What need is there for change?" we ask ourselves. We fit comfortably and usefully in the existing order of things. We have more than justified ourselves in the educational life of the community.

Year by year we have turned over to the business world, the Public Service, and the University, boys well prepared and eager for the duties and activities of their choice. Our alumni – the oldest are still young – fill honourable and honoured positions in the various professions and in medical and scientific research; some are world-famous.

What wonder, then, if regretfully we close a volume of our history?

Can we be expected to view with equanimity the passing of the Senior, the Junior, and Matric Examinations? What school traditions of mighty conflicts with other Schools on the battle-grounds of these exams are conjured up by their very names! What glorious victories! What scarcely-to-be-credited defeats – sometimes! Shall our champions measure blades no more with the champions of other schools? Shall this spur to effort be denied us?

The much-coveted distinction of bringing honour to the School has been a potent factor in the making of many students. We seldom – in our boyhood days – love study for study's sake, and the University examinations have undoubtedly provided the stimulus to many a boy to get the best, intellectually, out of himself.

And so we sigh regretfully.

But the buoyancy of lusty youth is ours; also an adventurous and progressive spirit, product of the freedom and opportunities of our sunny south land, which views the future hopefully. We must march with the times. So, be it Junior Exam or Intermediate Certificate, be it Senior Exam or Leaving Certificate, the Sydney Boys' High School can be depended upon to do its very best.

The old order changeth, yet we feel justified in prophesying that the new – which presents so many favourable features in its inception – will, when in full operation, produce even more brilliant triumphs and more widespread and lasting educational benefits to the State than the old.



**SHS Old Boys' Union**  
[www.shsobu.org.au](http://www.shsobu.org.au)

## FROM THE ANDREWS JUNIOR BOOK AND CYBER LIBRARY



### NEW RESOURCES THIS WEEK: JUNIOR RESOURCES:

#### **CHESS COMPETITION - OPEN DAY!!!**

##### **(For non competition players only)**

If you are a newly minted Chess enthusiast or an occasional player this is your big chance. The Andrews Junior Library will be running a non-serious Chess competition during recess and until lunchtime on Open Day. You have to register at the Circulation Desk by the 23<sup>rd</sup> September so we can list students who will be out of class. Prizes will be lots of lollies! Competition players will not be allowed to enter! Chess is once more played in the Library's Quiet Area every day.

**BAG OF LOLLIES DONATIONS?** If any parents or students would like to donate a bag of wrapped lollies for Chess Competition Prizes they would be most welcomingly received in the Junior Library.

**HUGE DONATION – MANY THANKS TO GRANDFATHER OF CURRENT STUDENT AND ALSO TO OLD BOY RUSSELL LAW** (Russell is the only Old Boy I have met who personally knew most of the people who had blazers or photos in our main corridor)

Our staff and office boys are currently sorting through two huge donations and are very grateful. Our library has a 15 year age limit and encourages those well organised households who get rid of once read reading material to think of our library with fairly new books they are tossing.

**NEW BOOKS BLOG** Mrs Walles Year 9 English Wide Reading Class was first cab off the rank with their reviews or new library books uploaded to Moodle. These are now being checked and will be uploaded to a Book Blog on the Library Web site shortly.

#### **NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK – many donated SENIOR NON FICTION**

*Global Ecology* – (Ed) Mitchell B. Rambler et.al., *The Whole Equation* – David Thompson, *The Myth of the Powerless State* – Linda Weiss, *Stream Ecology* – J. David Allan, *A Primer of Ecology* – Nicholas J. Gotelli, *The Emperor Domitian* – Brian W. Jones,

*Censored 2006* – Peter Phillips, *Photography* – John Ingledew, *Art Photography* – Susan Bright, *Advanced Mathematics* – Terry Lee, *Emerging Themes* – Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, *Media And Society* – Michael O’Shaughnessy, *The State and International Relations* – John M. Hobson, *Elections Full, Free & Fair* – Marian Sawyer, *Management* – Danny Samson, *Beijing: Memories in Ink* – Charles Chauderlot, *To Protect and to Serve* – Tim Priest et.al., *Cyberspace Law Commentaries and Materials* – Yee Fen Lim, *World Trade For richer and poorer* – Richard Buckley (World Trade Organisation), *Gifted Education in Korea* – Ministry of Education, *Quality Matters* – Gregor Ramsey, *The Wealth of Nations* – Adam Smith, *The Kennedys An American Drama* – Peter Collier et.al., *Managerial Finance* – J. Fred Weston, *Australia in Focus* – Richard Buckley, *Soil Degradation: An Australian Perspective* – John C. Happs et.al. *Global Warming* – Richard Buckley, *The Ascent of Money* – Niall Ferguson, *China 2005 The next economic superpower?* – Richard Buckley

#### SENIOR FICTION

*We Are All Made of Glue* – Marina Lewycka, *The Secret Lovers* – Charles McCarry, *The Dark Tide* – Andrew Gross, *O’Hara’s Choice* – Leon Uris, *The Secret Speech* – Tom Rob Smith, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* – Stieg Larsson, *Down into Darkness* – David Lawrence

#### JUNIOR NON FICTION

*A Primer of Beijing Opera, Giants of Art and Culture* – Duke Ellington, *Collins Picutre Atlas of the World, Understanding Earth* – Frank Press, *Core Science 3* – Marian Haire et.al., *Chinese Musical Instruments* – Chinese Ministry of Culture, *Story of the Silk Road* – Zhang Yiping, *Media Ethics* – Jane Hendtlass, *Chinese Myths* – Rob Shone, *Words to Inspire Writers* – By Gregory Victor Babic, *Jacaranda Modern World Atlas, 101 Songs for Easy Guitar* – Johnny Nash et.al., *Philosophy in the classroom* – Ron Shaw, *Top Notes Literature Guides Frankenstein* – Barbara Stanners, *Why people believe weird things* – Michael Shermer, *Altered Books, Collaborative Journals, and Other Adventures in Bookmaking* – Holly Harrison, *Why History Matters* – John Tosh, *Without Boundary* – Fereshteh Daftari, *Competitive Debate* – Richard E. Edwards, *World Population Still the biggest problem* – Richard Buckley, *Electricity in Australia* – Greg Pyers, *Handbook on Firearms Safety Awareness* – Firearm Safety and Training Council, *Reading Faces and Learning about Human Emotions* – Barbara Maines, *Games for actors and non-actors* – Augusto

Boal, *Arteffects* – Jean Drysdale Green, *Pastoralism and Ecology in Arid Australia* – E.K. Christie, *Journey Through Germany* – Ernst-Otto Luthardt, *Wellspring Poetry Selections & Activities* – Donna E. Keene et.al., *The Macquarie Dictionary of Australian Quotations* – Macquarie, *Mistress of the Elgin Marbles* – Susan Nagel, *The Art of The Sticker* – Dave and Holly Combs, *Complete Conditioning for Basketball* – National Basketball Conditioning Coaches Association, *Peer Helping Skills* – John DeMarco, *Commonwealth Public Address* – Marian B. McLeod, *Russian Made Simple* – Eugene Jackson, *Wolf Hall* – Hilary Mantel

#### JUNIOR FICTION

*Poison and Peril* – Kenneth McIntosh, *Seven Ancient Wonders* – Matthew Reilly, *Death Valley* – Andrew Cosby et.al, *William Shakespeare’s Macbeth* – Graphic Shakespeare Library, *Brother Odd* – Dean Koontz, *The House Of Special Purpose* – John Boyne,

#### FROM THE CANTEEN TEAM



**Thank you Prefects!** We know we won’t see much more of the current Year 12 at school, so we want to take this opportunity to thank all those Prefects who have admirably fulfilled their Canteen duties by turning up reliably on their rostered day. Your help has been truly appreciated! We wish you well for the HSC and the future.

Special thanks are due to Thomas Nguyen, the Canteen Prefect for *always* being available to help out, regardless of the roster, and *always* giving more than expected. It has been a pleasure having you as Canteen Prefect.

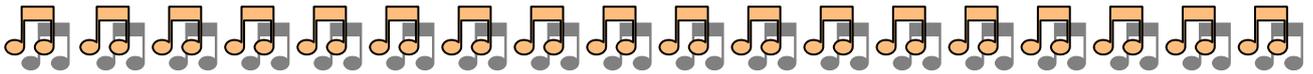
The Canteen team

#### YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Reference and Valet documents are to be completed and delivered to the Ante Room by **18 September 2009**

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# MUSIC NOTES

## Tour Concert Band

The Music Tour Concert Band will be performing this **Sunday the 20th of September** at Coogee Oval prior to the Kick off game at 3pm for the Grand Final Match for South Sydney Juniors Rugby League.

Students need to meet at **2:15pm** at the gates with their instruments and dressed in **FULL school performance uniform (BLAZER and White collared shirt)**.

## Music Parking

Thank you to all the students and parents who help out with parking, your assistance is much appreciated in raising funds that go towards supporting the Music Performance Program at High.

We have an upcoming parking for Park Life music event on **Sunday the 4th of October** (last week of the term) and will require plenty of volunteers from **10am – 6pm**. Please let the Music Staff know if you are able to attend a few hours to assist (whole day not required) or email Debbie Dukes at:

[ddukes@australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au](mailto:ddukes@australianhimalayanfoundation.org.au) or Lynda Brown: [lyndabrown@unsw.edu.au](mailto:lyndabrown@unsw.edu.au)

## Ensemble rehearsals

A reminder to **ALL** students in the performance program that 80% attendance is required for award scheme points. If you are unable to make a rehearsal, you must notify your ensemble director.

**Music Tour Band Members – MUST** attend every fortnight rehearsal (stage band – every Wednesday.) We have very high expectations to meet and with the amount of demanding repertoire and limited time, we require your co-operation and support.

## Holiday rehearsals

There will be a holiday rehearsal for all members of the Music tour ensembles on Sunday the 18th of October (weekend before Term 3). It is very important that you attend the rehearsal. Please ensure you are available on this day. Time to be confirmed.

## Music Tour 2010

Please ensure the Music Tour forms given out at the previous meeting are returned to the Music Staff as soon as possible. All documents need to be collected by the end of this term with passports and travel insurance organised. Please see the Music Staff if there are any concerns.

The 2nd instalment of \$2000 is now due, 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

OR Call Toll Free no. 1800 671 331 to make arrangements.



# SBHS DEBATING

## GPS Wrap Up

Congratulations to all teams for a fantastic GPS season! In a final tally all years came close to the top of their year grouping with special congratulations going to our Firsts who had a stellar season and will continue to represent SBHS as part of the Combined High Schools Representative Squad. This year Grammar proved to be strong competition at all Year levels, taking out the Rutledge Louat Shield and the GPS Debating Cup, and will be the ones to watch in 2010.

		<u>v Joey's</u>	<u>v Iggies</u>	<u>v Kings</u>	<u>v Scotts</u>	<u>v Newington</u>	<u>v Grammar</u>	<u>v Shore</u>
Year 7	A	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	B	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Year 8	A	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
	B	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Year 9	A	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
	B1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Year 10	A	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
	B	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Seniors	Firsts	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	Seconds	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
	Thirds	-	0	1	-	-	-	1

### Leading GPS Teams:

Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	10A	10B	
SGS	SGS	SGS	SGS, SBHS, NC & TSC	TSC	
9A	9B	8A	8B	7A	7B
SGS & TSC	SGS & SBHS	SGS	TSC	NC	SGS

## Debating 2009

Last Friday brought the end to an action packed season of debating in 2009. Coaching and competitions kicked off in February and it was great to see many boys continuing their participation through FED and Eastside comps, University tournaments, GPS debating and the whole coaching program. Next year I look forward to seeing all boys returning – and new faces - to develop their skills, learn some new things and have a lot of fun!

Best of luck to Max, Antony and Stephen and the CHS squad in the upcoming representative rounds! The rep rounds will conclude with round three to be hosted by SBHS on Wednesday 23rd September.

### Debating Dinner – Friday 25th Sept

**Ticket deadline is today! If you haven't already purchased your tickets you need to get them asap!!**

Coaching is on for all boys involved in the Debating Program this year. This is our last coaching session for the season so I encourage all boys to make the most of it!

Dana Quick  
Debating Coordinator

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](mailto: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

## Volunteer Organisers Needed

We are seeking a group of parents to form the organising committee for next year's Parent social function to mark the start of the new academic year. We need to form this group **now** so that bookings can be made, themes and catering decided and we can all set aside the date for March next year. Maybe even get a couple of friends together to join the Committee.

Please contact Julie Connolly [jcandjc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jcandjc@bigpond.net.au) if you would like to be involved. No special skills are needed and most of the organising is done through email communications rather than face-to-face meetings.

## New Parent Mentors

Charles Ovadia co-ordinates the highly successful and very useful New Parent Mentor Program, where current parents make contact with incoming parents (usually by telephone) to welcome them and offer any "settling in" assistance they may need.

In preparation for our intake of new students for 2010, Charles is seeking to recruit current parents to mentor our new parents. Ideally the majority of new parent mentors will have a son currently in Years 7 or 8 as they have the most recent experience to pass on to new parents of Year 7, 2010. However we welcome parents as mentors from all Years! Volunteers who speak a language other than English would also be terrific.

Please contact Charles Ovadia directly [covadia@medemail.com.au](mailto:covadia@medemail.com.au) if you can volunteer as a New Parent Mentor. Thanks everyone.

## Canteen

Congratulations and thank you to the Canteen staff, Canteen Sub-committee and parent volunteers who have together produced a fantastic sales and profit result for the School Canteen. These profits are all directed to funding additional resources for our students. Everyone's efforts in working towards this goal are tremendously appreciated. And of course all this could not be achieved without terrific support from the customers! Thank you, students.

## Upcoming Parent Meetings & Events (details in High Notes)

Tuesday 22nd September 7.00pm – Year 12 Parents Farewell Dinner, *Maya Tandoori*, Cleveland Street

Tuesday 22nd September 7.00pm – Volleyball Annual Dinner, Great Hall

Wednesday 23rd September 6.00pm – Rugby Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room

Thursday 24th September 9.30am – SBHS Open Day

Friday 25th September – Debating Annual Dinner, Great Hall

Tuesday 29th September 1.30pm – Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea, Great Hall

Wednesday 30th September 7.00pm – Tennis Committee AGM, Staff Common Room

Thursday 1st October 11.30am – Foundation Day Assembly and Prefect Induction, Great Hall

Monday 19th October – School resumes

Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm – P & C Meeting, Staff Common Room

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](mailto:jcandjc@bigpond.net.au); 0418 470 203.

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# WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PARENT MENTORS

A Parent Mentor is an informal contact person who will welcome New Parents into the School Community and is available to them to help them through the difficulties encountered in their first year at the School.

The aim is to have every parent of a new boy starting at the School matched up with a mentoring parent already at the School.

The role of the **Mentoring Parent** is

- To actively contact the new parent and make them welcome and be a friendly face in a big organisation.
- To make themselves available by phone or in person or by email as they see fit.
- To help the new parent with any simple query about the education system and the way the school works.
- They will be a point of contact for all the trivial questions that might plague a new high school family.
- To advise the new parent of the appropriate channels of communication at the school for serious matters eg Year adviser, School counsellor etc
- To act as a propagandist for the School and the great benefits of being involved in all the facets of their son's education.

The scheme is informal, without a lot of structure and depends for its success on the enthusiasm of the Mentors.

The scheme has worked extremely well for three years and has not been at all onerous.

All the Mentor Parents this year have enjoyed it tremendously and the New Parents have been extremely receptive and grateful for the contact.

As there is an attrition rate every year we need new Mentor Parents.

Please join us as the more parents we have the easier is the task.

Could you please contact Charles Ovadia on 9386 1221 or [covadia@medemail.com.au](mailto:covadia@medemail.com.au)

Or send your details to the Principal's Assistant Ms Williams on [williamsl@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](mailto:williamsl@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Or fill in the form below and return to the Principal's Assistant

Name:.....

Email address:.....

Contact phone Home:

Mobile Phone:.....



# SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET

[www.sydneyboyscricket.info](http://www.sydneyboyscricket.info)



Last Saturday we experienced a breakdown in our communications where only 10 of the Year 7 cricketers turned up for the Net trials to assess what coaching and team group they would be included in. In addition however there was a very good turnout of the Year 9 boys seeking selection in the representative team to play when Brisbane High School visit us in December. As a result of the small Year 7 group the coaches had the opportunity to work with the boys individually and I believe most completed the day satisfied with what they had learnt. Well done to the boys who attended.

## **CRICKET COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETINGS:**

The General & Committee meeting will be next Wednesday 23 September commencing at 6.00pm, in Room 901 (1st floor of Gym) As previously advised all future meetings are shown in the 2009 -2010 Season Programme which appear on our website. We welcome new committee members and any other parents who are willing to give us some of their time in support of teams. Even if you can assist in a team roster for the days you are available eases the load for all.

## **PLAYERS WEBSITE REGISTRATIONS:**

All players are required to confirm their participation in the cricket section by registering through the cricket website. If a registration is not received this may cause you to miss out on being selected in a Group 1 Team or in the team comparable to your cricket skills so that you feel comfortable. This is a personal responsibility. A reminder that Expressions of Interest are not registration forms, so please address your registration where necessary

## **PROVISIONAL OPEN SQUADS:**

Final tryouts for these squads were completed this week and the team coaches are now assessing the make-up of their squads. Once the provisional squad selections have been made the lists will be posted on the website. All squad lists will be provisional until selection for the first AAGPS Competition fixture in Term 4. Players are reminded 1st and 2nd XI teams are selected on performance based results and promotions to these teams will be carefully monitored to ensure recognition.

## **OPEN SQUAD CAMP**

The camp is to be conducted from Saturday 3rd OCT – Monday 5th OCT 09 (inclusive.). Players will spend 2 nights in-house and the camp will conclude on the Monday at approx 5.00pm. On Saturday night (3rd Oct) we need three (3) parents to assist with the Barbecue from approx 5.00pm – 6.30pm and if you can assist please contact me directly. Players who are to attend the open camp will be advised personally and will also be published on the website. The Camp cost is \$50.00 per player. Payment details will be supplied on the CAMP JOINING INSTRUCTION which will be issued to all players selected at sport afternoon sessions.

## **WICKETKEEPERS COURSE:**

The proposed dates for this course which is conducted over 4 sessions has been moved forward to accommodate players who may be holidaying away from Sydney during the 3rd Term Vacation period. The following is now in place.

Tuesday 22nd September 09	3.00pm – 4.30pm.	Thursday 24th September 09
Tuesday 29th September 09	3.00pm – 4.30pm	Thursday 1st October 09

*LOCATION: Commence at School Cricket Nets. DRESS – Training clothing, wicket keeping gloves, inners (if owned) and protector.*

*COURSE COST is \$40.00 (total) per player. Payment will be advised on notification and joining instruction.*

*We have vacancies for two (2) additional keepers to join the course.*

***DRESS STANDARDS - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT – ATTENDANCES:***

*A reminder that dress for sport is PE gear and you are to be ready to commence sport at 1.00pm after roll call. This applies to both Wednesday and Thursday sport periods. Unfortunately there is a tendency to start changing at that time which delays our starts and reduces the training period. To overcome this problem, be warned, that non-presence will indicate you are to be marked absent. All players are responsible for their own batting gloves and personal protectors. When in the nets we now have enough cricket helmets to accommodate all sizes and nets in use.*

***CRICKET WEBSITE:***

*All current information is posted on the Cricket Website and the address is in the header at the top of these notes. It is the nerve centre for the operations of the school cricket. It is separate to the School Website but can be accessed via a link on the site. Make sure you use it to your advantage to be involved and aware of all activities and functions.*

*Laurie Heil MIC Cricket*

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**2009**

**Friday 18th September**  
**6.30 PM to 9 PM**  
**SBHS Great Hall**  
**Tickets: \$15**

*Only 200 being sold  
Buy early!*

**\$1000 to be Won**  
**\$500 first prize**



# HIGH RUGBY = HIGH SPIRIT

The Rugby season ended strongly for High with our traditional Grammar games. The 14As remained undefeated for the season and the 13Ds recorded their first win – and what a convincing one - all great signs for continued growth in strength and performance for High Rugby going into 2010.

## 1st XV

With a great support base the 1st XV put on a show worthy to end the season. Going down 34-17, due to some unlucky errors, all the boys showed just what commitment over a whole season can produce. It is a credit to our coaches for getting us prepared for this game and we managed to scare a few Grammar faithfuls in the process. A great way to finish the season with a game many will remember.

## 13Ds

The season ended on a high note for the 13Ds. Playing Grammar's 13Cs was entertaining with High running in 12 tries. The 13Ds controlled the ball for most of the game, barely giving away possession. When the opposition did get the ball, everyone was onto them. Eventually, Grammar was scared to pick up the ball, which showed when the fullback only walked to the rolling ball. Tackling won us the game, with try saving tackles from everyone, especially Jason Zhang. The game ended at 66-0.

Congratulations guys and see you next season!

## Annual Rugby Dinner

Thanks abounded at our annual dinner last Saturday night and are again warmly extended here, to all our dedicated rugby coaching staff who guided our players through the Rugby season. Your efforts are really appreciated.

The Rugby dinner was a sell out with the packed Great Hall enthusiastically celebrating all our players' efforts for the season. It was clear from Nelson Ridges' (Captain 1st XV) address for the evening, that committed and consistent training played a vital role in the strengthening of High Rugby. Congratulations to all players for their dedication to Rugby throughout the season.

Geoff Andrews, President, High Rugby Committee

## 2009 Rugby Awards

### 1st XV

Best & Fairest: Kerrod McPherson  
Ben Smailes Memorial Award for  
Players' Player: Alden Kwok  
Coaches' Award: Bill Wang  
Alex Koerber

### 2nd XV

Best & Fairest: Frank Li  
Players' Player: Ben Lee  
Coaches' Award: James Whiting

### 16 A

Best & Fairest: Jonah Petrie  
Players' Player: Leon Li  
Coaches' Award: Lee Ming

### 15 A

Best & Fairest: Tim Gollan  
Players' Player: Matthew Petrenas  
Coaches' Award: Kumidaka Gunartne

### 15 B

Best & Fairest: Jesse Moffat  
Players' Player: David Andrews  
Coaches' Award: Tim Montanaro

### 14 A

Best & Fairest: Eamon Kelly  
Players' Player: Jasper Garay  
Coaches' Award: Jisoo Chung

### 14 B

Best & Fairest: Tom Connolly  
Players' Player: Don Bui  
Coaches' Award: Shuming Wang

### 13 A

Best & Fairest: Michael Lui  
Players' Player: Michael Chang  
Coaches' Award: Steve Comminos

### 13 B

Best & Fairest: Anthony Chen  
Players' Player: Justin Ng  
Coaches' Award: Patrick Chen

### 13 C

Best & Fairest: Harrison Xu  
Players' Player: Byron Zhou  
Coaches' Award: Alan Qi

### 13 D

Best & Fairest: Pinyan Gao  
Players' Player: Nathan Wang-Li  
Coaches' Award: Rex Yi

**OPEN DAY 2009** An invitation to prospective parents and students. Please take this opportunity to see our school in action. If you have siblings or friends in Years four and five who are interested in attending Sydney Boys High School could you please forward this information



# Sydney Boys High School

## Open Day 2009



**See our school in action.**

**Thursday 24th**  
**September 2009**  
**9:30 – 12:00**

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## **Intense Competition for the 2009/2010 Season**

Newington has recruited some new star players from NSW Country and Sutherland for their 1st Grade squad and there are rumours that their star point guard will do Pathways (meaning he would play an extra season)...Newington have not lost for several seasons...This means that High will still be facing an extremely experienced and skilful Newington outfit again this season. The players from 1sts and 2nds will need to step up and match the other schools and they will also require more help from fellow players. So cheer them on next term whenever you're at the same venue! It gives the players a lot more confidence when they are encouraged by their fellow peers from our public school.

## **About the Coach – Mr Baldock**

Mr Baldock is a very dedicated basketball coach and has been very involved in the affairs of High. During his own time at school, he too was a marvelous basketball player and managed to make the Combined High Schools 2nd Grade team. Mr Baldock's involvement in basketball at High stems back to the 90s, when he was Deputy Principal, the MIC of athletics and he had a few coaching stints with the 13s teams, starting from 1993. He then departed High, to become the principal at Narrabeen Sports High School and returned to High in 2004 to assist in High's Athletics Program. This gave MIC, Mr Hayman an opportunity to appoint Mr Baldock as a coach in basketball and once again of the 13s. In 2006, when I came into the school and played in the 13Es, Mr Baldock was my first coach in basketball. He was later appointed to supervise and coach the opens teams from 3rds to 8ths and is currently also assisting the 14s coaching. Although he recognises the effectiveness of fancy plays, Mr Baldock is an advocate of simple strategies such as fast breaking. **His advice for basketball:** Commitment to basketball. Enthusiasm in basketball. Always do your best.

***~ Go High Basketball!***

***~Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!***

***~ Don't forget to visit the Sydney High Basketball Website!***

***~ 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***



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ROWING COMMITTEE

**INFORMATION and ORIENTATION  
for all  
ROWING PARENTS  
Saturday 26th September 2009  
at High Rowing Sheds, Abbotsford**

**All parents ... if there is one morning you should attend it is this one!  
Come and be informed**

Come along and acquaint yourself with what goes on at the High rowing sheds. High Rowing is not only about boys on the water, it relies on parents being involved.

Feeding our boys as they come off the water on Saturdays and providing good food and care whilst they are in camp at the sheds are responsibilities that the parents of the rowers need to share.

**PROGRAM for PARENTS**

**9.00am - Junior rowing parents orientation and tour of the sheds**

**10.30am - Year 10 and Senior parents outline of rowing camps**

**Morning tea (coffee/tea and croissants) will be provided**

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

- The season calendar with important dates outlined
- Expectations of the boys
- Expectations of the parents
- Outline of camp duties for senior parents - presented by Anita Bezjak and Peter Ambrose
- Outline of Saturday BBQ duty for junior parents - presented by Maya Iyer and Steve Collier
- What goes on in the kitchen
- Who's who? Meet the MIC, coaches, old boys and committee

**Julie Blomberg  
President**



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# September/November 2009

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>9 A</b>	<b>21</b> Year 10 Elective History Excursion to Nicholson Museum, all day Parent Information Evenings, Great Hall, Year 9 2010 6pm, Year 11 2010, 7pm Music Support Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	<b>22</b> Volleyball Dinner, Great Hall 7pm Year 11 Yearly Examinations	<b>23</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens Debating - GPS v CHA v CAS v Archdale Round 3 Final (Rooms 100s & 200s) 5-9pm Rugby Committee AGM, Room 901, 6pm	<b>24</b> Open Day, 9:30am-12 noon Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens	<b>25</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens Last day to submit University Scholarship Applications to Principal Annual Debating Dinner, Great Hall	<b>26</b> HSC Chinese Extension Speaking Examinations HSC German Extension Speaking Examinations	<b>27 ***</b> Parking - Shute Shield Grand Final
<b>10 B</b>	<b>28</b> Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Year 11 Yearly Examinations	<b>29</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 9 High Resolves Leadership Training [35 boys Coan] Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea, Great Hall, 1:30pm	<b>30</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Year 9 High Resolves Leadership Training [35 boys Coan] Tennis Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 7pm	<b>1</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Foundation Day Assembly/Prefect Induction, Great Hall, 11:30am Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme excursion	<b>2</b> Year 11 Yearly Examinations Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme excursion LAST DAY TERM 3	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Daylight Saving starts Parking - Parklife (School)
<b>1 A</b>	<b>19</b> School resumes - staff and students GPS Summer Sports Assembly (Basketball, Cricket), Great Hall, 11:30am Selective Schools Application Forms for Year 7 2011 available	<b>20</b> HSC exams commence Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	<b>21</b> HSC exams Music Performance Year 11 & 12 Musicians 12:15 - 2:00pm, St Vincent's Healing Arts Program Melbourne High Year 9 Rowing visit UAC STAT Test in the Great Hall 4:45 - 9:00pm School Council Meeting (Budget 2010), Board Room, 6:00pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	<b>22</b> HSC exams Melbourne High Year 9 Rowing visit	<b>23</b> HSC exams Melbourne High Year 9 Rowing visit Year 7 Yearly Examinations	<b>24</b> Sport Group 1 - SHS v TKS Group 2 - TKS v SHS Melbourne High Year 9 Rowing visit UAC STAT Test in the Great Hall 7:30am - 5:00pm	<b>25</b> Back to the Sheds Day, Abbotsford, 8am Parking - Sydney FC v Brisbane (Soccer)
<b>2 B</b>	<b>26</b> HSC exams Pink Ribbon Day Year 7 Yearly Examinations	<b>27</b> HSC exams Year 7 Yearly Examinations Year 8 Geography/History Excursion Sports Council Meeting (Budget 2010), Board Room, 5:30pm	<b>28</b> HSC exams Year 7 Yearly Examinations	<b>29</b> HSC exams Year 7 Yearly Examinations	<b>30</b> HSC exams Year 9 Geography/History Excursion	<b>31</b> Sport Group 1 - SHS v TKS Group 2 - SHS v SJC Tennis Top 8 Tournament, TKS Spring Festival, Large Ensembles, 6pm	<b>1</b> Parking - Sydney FC v Wellington (Volleyball)