









# From the Principal **High Talent**



Great news for fencing. The U15 team won the NSW Schools championship - the

first public school to do so. Congratulations to Shaun Pak, Mathew Chan, reserve William Yeung (Year 10) and Hayden Rabone (Year 9). Lloyd Perris and Jasper Garay (Year 10) attended the NSW U15s



AFL carnival in Albury. Lloyd was selected in the NSW side to go to Perth for the Nationals. Congratulations to both boys.

Well done to Dominic Edgtton and George Denny-Smith (Year 12) for their selection in the Open Rugby CHS teams. Last week five High table tennis teams competed at the Sydney Olympic Centre in a tournament won



by James Ruse. High No1 team Kevin Qian and Tony Xiao, progressed to the third round to be beaten by North

Sydney Boys. Glanden Zheng won the repechage event in singles. Congratulations to the teams and Mr Hagan for his input into High table tennis. Congratulations to Andrija



Dumovic (Year 11) who was chosen in the Australian U17 basketball team to represent Australia in the FIBA U17 World Championship Hamburg in July. Great work

by the 15As (rugby) to beat SGS last Saturday!

# Year 9 Reports

All boys in Year 9 should now have their reports. Parents need to ask their sons to see the report given to them after discussion with the Principal.

# Gate entrances and security



Staff and parents reminded that Gate 3 next to the Gym is an exit gate only. No cars should be driven onto the SGHS side of The Flat and Gate 4 should not be used by SBHS traffic at any time. That gate is restricted to SGHS users of the tennis court and for SGHS parking as an entrance and exit. Gates 9 and 10 and the new gates at the end of the gym and at the Cleveland

St. corner of the tennis courts will be locked every Friday afternoon unless there is a parking event or a school function on. I propose to lock gate 3 also where possible to restrict through traffic from SGHS or people trying to get down to The Flat to park on Saturday mornings.

#### **New Grass**



Please do not park on the new grass at the rear of the Gym. The area has been curbed, top

dressed and turfed as a passive recreation area for students.

#### Gate 1–Gate 2 Roadway

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the lack of access between gates 1 and 2. The inclement weather has forced a delay in completion of the works. If water gets under the base and then asphalt is laid over it, the surface is compromised immediately. We are waiting for a weather window of two clear days to try and complete the work properly.

## Communications and Data Handling **Policy**



A small group is working on designing a communications policy for the school. As a first step we have a structure for

what we would like to achieve. Increasingly, we need a set of protocols governing the way in which we handle information. What do we keep? Who keeps it? Where do we keep it? How long do we keep it? Who has access to it? If you have suggestions about how we might collect, store and make available information, please email me.

Dr K A Jaggar

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# FROM THE ANDREWS LIBRARY

### **BOOK FAIR**

Last High Notes had to be written before the Book Fair so we had no idea how it went until now.

Thanks to really fabulous staff who moved 1100 plus students through the Book Fair strictly according to schedule and to our vigilant volunteers and hard working library staff and our positive thinking beautiful students the Book Fair proceeded without a hitch. Not one of our display books disappeared and all were packed beautifully thanks again to boys who volunteered. All are now back with Borders.

It is now up to parents to ensure the success of the Book Fair by actually seeing that their son does order one lovely book to read and then donate. Of course our boys are not in charge of the money in their households and *need your encouragement* to actually make a one book donation. These have to be done online with Borders or by returning a form to Mrs Gordon. Any family who does not do credit card transactions online can purchase a great book from any bookshop, give it to their son to read and then donate and this will still have the same effect of procuring fiction for the libraries this year. These donations will receive the same permanent acknowledgement of a plate inside the book cover as the others. Borders has kept their 20% discount until the end of this week. I believe the Borders shop is making a 35% off discount offer with this voucher: http://upload.ozbargain.com/2010/05/25/3842 have-ityour-way-au.pdf

Boys only informed us at the Book Fair that 46 books would be donated and all our hard working volunteers and staff were very disappointed as such a big effort had been made to make this a real success. If 46 books were donated this year this is still over \$600 worth of books but it does not justify the huge effort on advertising, organising and creating websites that was made on this Book Fair. So now we need the parents to show their sons they support the concept of boys reading.

However we hope that seeing a great display of 1600 of the latest books has turned some boys on to reading and that alone will justify the effort.

For many boys in our school, teaching them to value reading is an acculturalization as demanding as teaching boys to love sport by running GPS sport. This is the challenge successfully faced by High English teachers and High Librarians. With an excess of 11,000 loans by the Andrews Library alone last year we think we are

meeting it. With last year's First in English so are our English teachers!

#### DONATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE BOOK FAIR

Some early bird donations have come in and other people have been inspired to donate because we had a Book Fair. As Senior books in particular can cost \$30 and upwards this is a real help. So Thanks to Dr Paul Ganderton and his wife who are regular donors for 14 Senior novels and 3 non-fiction. Thanks also to early bird donors – Jens Waring - for three popular Percy Jackson novels and a Mark Haddon novel. Thanks to Sunny Chen and Tim Chan, two of our volunteers, for donating early.

# NEW RESOURCES PROCESSED THIS WEEK ANDREWS LIBRARY:

SENIOR FICTION: The New New Thing, Michael Lewis; The Bear and the Dragon, Tom Clancy; Australian Mercantile Law, Yorsten and Fortescue; The Bounty, Caroline Alexander; Jonathan Kellerman Omnibus, The Web and Bad Love, Jonathan Kellerman; Imprimatur, Monaldi and Sorti; Lightning, Midnight and the Bad Place, Dean R Koontz; Three Dog Night, Peter Goldsworthy; The Young Savages, Fred Mustard Stewart; Direct Marketing, Mike Power et al.

#### JUNIOR FICTION: SENIOR NON FICTION:

Bobby Fisher Rediscovered, Andrew Soltis,;; Winning at Service, Waldermar Schmidt et al; The State We're In, Will Hutton; Essays Moral Political and Literary, David Hume; A Place in my Country, lan Walthew

#### JUNIOR NON FICTION

Classroom Blogging, David F Warlick, UNICEF and Other Human Rights Efforts, Roger Smith, The History and Sturcture of the United Nations, Heather Docalavich; Test Your Video Game IQ, Terry Munson; Guys Write For Guys Read, Jon Scieszka

#### JUNIOR NON FICTION

The Future of Animal Farming, Marion Stamp Dawkins; Numerology Secrets, Sonja Dulcie;

### FROM THE MCDONALD (SENIOR) LIBRARY

The Book Fair has come and gone and much has been achieved we feel from holding such an event. Some books have been donated to the library, many students have had the pleasure of viewing and suggesting titles for the newly established book collection and the profile of the libraries has been raised considerably in the process.

We would like to thank the many fantastic volunteer helpers for all their work and support in making this first Book Fair successful. Thanks also go to teachers for bringing students through the library to see the books on display and to those generous teachers and students (and their parents) who donated books.

So far these people have donated books: Mr Hannon (Young Stalin by Simon Sebag Montefiore); Ms Kaye (Manhood for Amateurs by Michael Chabon); Dale Chen Yr 12 (The Curious Case of Benjamin Button & Six Other Stories); Soorag Prakash Yr 11 (Peeps by Scott Westerfeld); Warren Dang Yr 11 (The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss); Jeffrey Ni Yr 9 (Lady Macbeth's Daughter by Lisa Klein); Leon Zhang Yr 10 (We by John Dickinson); Chris Morrow Yr 11 (I Am Not a Serial Killer by Dan Wells); Elbert Ly Yr 9 (Best of the Best Modern Australian Short Stories by Tim Winton); Francis Pham Yr 11 (61 Hours by Lee Child). Their generosity has meant these fantastic new titles will be available to all students for years to come and they will be the first borrowers to read them. So many thanks once again to these generous library benefactors! We are still waiting for a few people to bring in their payment so if you haven't yet done so can you make sure this happens this week?

The library will also be purchasing many titles suggested by teachers and students and these will be advertised in this article in future issues of High Notes as well as new titles purchased and selected by the librarian.

Other news helpful to HSC students is regarding HSC Seminars to be held by the Marrickville Library Service. Please find attached to this article a flyer with topics being covered and dates they will be held. All seminars are free and if you live in the area these are very useful and relevant to Year 11 or 12 students.

Ms Gordon (Teacher Librarian – McDonald Library)

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 7 will take place on Monday 21 June 2010 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Years 10, 11 and 12 will take place on Thursday 24 June 2010 3.00pm – 7.30pm

Years 8 and 9 will take place on Wednesday 30 June 2010 3.00pm – 6.30pm

#### Booking interviews with your son's teachers

This year we will again use a web based electronic scheduling system for arranging interviews. This should produce better results for all participants, especially more compact time schedules for both parents and teachers. The system works as follows –

- On Tuesday 8 June all parents of boys in Year 7 will be sent by email details of the scheduling system and a unique code to be entered at www.edval.com.au/book.
- On Tuesday 15 June all parents of boys in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be sent by email details of the scheduling system and a unique code to be entered at www.edval.com.au/book.
- On Tuesday 22 June all parents of boys in Years 8 and 9 will be sent by email details of the scheduling system and a unique code to be entered at www.edval.com.au/book.
- by the school. If you have not received this email by the following Wednesday (9, 16 or 23 June) or, if your email address has changed from what had been previously advised to the school, you should notify the school at <a href="mailto:ptnight@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au">ptnight@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au</a> advising of this. Please indicate your son's name and roll class or date of birth so that the information can be forwarded to you.
- On the Edval website you will see your son's teachers listed and you will be able to select those with whom you require an interview. At the same time you can indicate your availability between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm (7:30pm for Years 10-12).
- Once the majority of parents have requested interviews, the overall schedule will be generated by the school and your individual schedule should be available for you to download and print from two days before the interviews.
- Boys from all Years will be dismissed from class at the conclusion of Period 5 (2:15 pm) on each day. School Special buses will run to normal schedules and there will be supervision in the Junior Quad of boys waiting for these buses.
- Interviews should not exceed five minutes' duration. If there is insufficient time, a further appointment may be made for a later date, or contact by telephone arranged.

# SBHSDEBATING

#### FED Grand Final

The last of our summer competitions wrap up with the Friday Evening Debating Competition Grand Final being hosted by Knox tonight!

We had three teams contesting the semi finals with two teams making it into the grand final. The Grand Final Topic Area is general/current affairs.

Please wish the best of luck to these boys:

#### Year 8

- 1. Sunchit Sethi
- 2. Peter Stephens
- 3. Solomon Soleh
- 4. Riley Irwin

#### Year 11

Sujay Salagame Samuel Khoo Michael Tickner

# Coaching Terms 2 & 3

Most (but not all) GPS selections are complete and the final squad lists decided upon by our coaches. The GPS competitions will kick off in the first week of Term 3 and run for 7 weeks. During this time the coaching groups will be reorganised to reflect the need for specific preparation for those boys in the GPS.

Coaching will remain as is until weeks 9 and 10 when the coaching groups will be decided upon. Stay tuned to your email and High Notes for more information closer to the time.

# (Ms) Quick Quiz

- 1. Name the two NRL players who have defected to AFL and their AFL teams.
- 2. Name the Australian Socceroo who scored our goal in the friendly against Denmark this week.
- 3. What resources company is responsible for the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- 4. How much money is the NSW State Government providing the Sydney Opera House.
- 5. Explain the legal issue surrounding Cameron Mansell.

More information can be found at <a href="https://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating">www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com">sbhsdebating@gmail.com</a> and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's year.

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# **MUSIC NOTES**

#### Music Tour 2010 to France & Flanders

Music Tour Photos and Videos are now accessible on the *W Drive*, Photo Archive, 2010, Music Tour 2010 (France & Flanders). More photos will be added each week and we ask that any student / parent who came on the Tour to please bring in their photos to the Music Staff to upload for everyone to view.

Our time in Ypres was one of frantic organisation and relaxation. After arriving in Belgium from Paris, staying in a small town was quite a contrast from busy city life. The Belgians could not have been nicer to we Australians, and the ovation we received upon our performance at the Menin Gate couldn't have been louder. The Marching Band's performance itself was a solemn occasion, as we paid our respects to unknown lives lost.

Early the next morning we set off on a tour to the Belgian battlefields, notably Hill 60, the site that the recent film of the same name depicted. The landscape around the area had not been levelled since the war, and it was fascinating to see the damage that was caused by the war, a reminder that in Europe, the last remnants of the wars still haven't been finalised. In fact, as our guide informed us, every year as the farmers plough their land, they still retrieve unexploded shells and sometimes even long dead soldiers.

Later that day, we visited two war cemeteries. The first was the Australian 5<sup>th</sup> battalion cemetery, the tranquil graves surrounded by the green of the woods. The second was at Tyne Cot war graves cemetery, and the wall of soldiers whose bodies lay unfound stretched across the wall end to end. The amount of names was so great, and it was hard to imagine that there lay so many without a true grave. It was at least comforting to think that those who gave their lives had been recognised for their bravery.

It was not until our time in Bruges that we truly had a free day. The small, cobblestoned city was marked with churches, chocolate shops and horse drawn carriages. To have a full day to explore such a spectacular city was both breathtaking and a relief. A special mention goes to Ms Lim for supporting the economy by buying at least 5 kilograms of fresh homemade Belgian chocolate.

Leon Sheldon (Year 11)







Menin Gate

Hill 60

Menin Gate

## ENSEMBLE Rehearsal Times for 2010

<u>ALL</u> Music Ensembles have now commenced this term and students are expected to attend 80% of rehearsals to qualify for their award schemes. Please check the timetable below for some time and room changes.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Intermediate	Chamber	Chamber	Senior	Symphony
7.45am	Concert Band	Choir	Choir	Concert Band	Orchestra
	Room 201	Room 201	Room 201	Room 201	Room 201
	Senior	Junior Jazz	Junior	Senior	Guitar
	Stage Band	Ensemble	Stage Band	String Ensemble	Ensemble
	Room 201	Room 101	Room 101	Room 101	Room 101
	Training Concert		Philharmonic		
	Band		Orchestra		
	Room 203		Room 207		
	Junior String				Marching Band
	Ensemble				Term 2
	Room 207				MPW 8.00 - 9:00am

#### Marching Band

Marching Band rehearsal will commence this Friday at 8:00am on MPW. <u>ALL</u> members of the Senior & Intermediate Concert Bands are expected to attend as we have a marching performance on Tuesday 29 June 2010.

#### Drama Festival



26 & 27 July at 7pm in the Great Hall This term in Drama students have been learning many skills in Physical Theatre, Playbuilding, Text Interpretation and Characterisation.

As part of their assessment boys are required to devise and present an original piece of theatre to the class. Students will then be selected to perform in the school's Drama Festival held in Week 2, Term 3.

This is the school's first ever Drama Festival and will hopefully become an exciting annual event on the school calendar.

The festival will include students from Years 7-10 Drama classes and special performances by the school Drama Ensemble and Circus Troupe. In order to prepare for this large scale production participating students MUST ATTEND both technical and dress rehearsals. Students are to organise their own costumes and personal props.

The technical rehearsal will be held on Sunday July 25 from 2 – 6pm and there will be a full dress rehearsal during school hours on Monday 26 July in The Great Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and \$15 for families. There will also be a School Matinee on Tuesday 27 July for the Junior School.

This promises to be a fun, lively and highly entertaining event. Your support and attendance is greatly appreciated.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Jennie Rohr Drama Department

#### **Drama News - Theatresports**

Tuesday 25 May was the date of the Theatresports schools challenge for intermediate years and the SBHS representatives (Khushaal Vyas, Alexander Pereira, Sikandar Hussaini, Patrick Rynsaardt and Agnish Nayak) were there doing our school proud. The night consisted of four rounds in which seven schools competed against each other in their choice of a selection of totally improvised theatresport games. Theatresports are games which test a person's ability to

think on the spot whilst also adhering to the rules of the specific game and trying to entertain the audience. Although the SBHS boys put up a valiant effort, they eventually lost by a narrow margin of points. Despite these factors, the night was still a great success, with all the contestants having a huge amount of fun and the audience enjoying the brilliant display of young talent.

Sikandar Hussaini Yr 9 Drama

Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA) is looking for talented secondary school students to take part in Backstage Pass on Sunday 20 June a once-in-alifetime opportunity to hone their musical skills and learn from some of Australia's leading songwriters and musicians including John Foreman, Erana Clark (Australian Idol), Rai Thistlethwayte (Thirsty Merc), Finabah and many more! Students, register today to secure your place at a full day of workshops tailored to specific instruments and skills relevant to music production; plus a live performance with the mentors, to end the day.

Hurry registration closes June 15.

http://www.songsummit.com.au/backstage-pass.htm

Mary Sinclair

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#### Boggabilla Charity Day 24 May 2010



On Monday 24 May, the Community Services Committee held a mufti day for Boggabilla Central School. Boggabilla Central School is the Year 9 charity that our school has an

exchange program with. By coincidence, today was also the day for the Boggabilla students to arrive and spend their time in Sydney. During their time in Sydney the Boggabilla students were also taken to the first State Of Origin Game. Once the Boggabilla students had arrived at the school, they were treated to our barbecue. While the barbecue was running the Boggabilla students watched the annual Jaggar Gift which consists of a 1.6km run. The top 3 finishers win a cash prize.

Monday was the first time that the Community Services Committee had the barbecue on Moore Park West because of the running of the Jaggar Gift. Having the barbecue on Moore Park West turned out quite well raising \$551.55. The mufti collection raised \$1408.70. The total amount raised was \$1960.25 for Boggabilla Central School which was a great effort on behalf of the school.

Con Barris

#### **DA Vinci Decathlon**



On the 27th May, 8 Year 7 students (Wesley Beare, Adilmorad Nadir, Thomas Nassif, Ben Nguyen, Leonard Mah, Jesse Nixon, Dimitri Nossar, and Jun Park) set out from Central Station,

to travel to Knox Grammar School to participate in the Da Vinci Decathlon. It was our big day after many weeks of training. However, we were up against some very competitive schools so we knew that it wasn't going to be easy. When we arrived, we found our allocated table and set up in haste as the competition was about to begin. First up were Engineering, Games of Strategy and Art and poetry. Our engineering didn't go quite to plan. The task was to create a tower which could support a block. We ended up with a leaning tower of Pisa. It looked bad but it supported the block. We did well with Science. We were required to write an explanation consisting of a flow chart. Wesley was left to solve the Games of Strategy. He won all Mastermind games but struggled with connect Four. It was still an impressive effort. Leonard did really well in Chess. In the meantime, Ben, Jun and I were doing Art and poetry. We felt the pressure of time. In session 2 we completed Maths-went well, English and Forensic Sleuths. Again, it was a team effort with us dividing into groups to get everything finished on time. The afternoon sessions were Code breaking, which was very difficult but we gave it all we had, and general knowledge which we were confident with. Overall, we had a great day. It was exhausting but exciting. We didn't get a place but it made us determined to aim for a place on the team next year when we could serve it up in a rematch to Sydney Girls-(they won and then we had to travel back on the train with them. We went in a different carriage)

Adilmorad Nadir

#### Year 9 team-Da Vinci Decathlon



On 25 May at 9 am the 8 Year 9 students chosen for this year's Da Vinci decathlon (at Knox Grammar) were still waking up. However the room was brimming with excitement, eventually bringing us to our

senses. The day began with Art and Poetry, Engineering and Games of Strategy, dividing us up into subgroups. Calum, Jonathan (Clements-Lendrum)and Safat (Sufien) (who moved off with Jonathan later) worked on the Art and Poetry, while Albert (Chau) and Alex (Nguyen) completed the engineering challenge and Jonathan, Safat (Sufien) and Kin (Pan) worked on Games of Strategy. It was all going brilliantly, until it turned out our engineering was disqualified (due to unclear instructions!) the Games of Strategy were a lot harder

than we expected and the art job was quite rushed (the poetry was good though...). After this followed a short interval, where fruit and drinks were dished out, then came the next block of challenges, as we decoded encrypted messages (in English... what?), figured out puzzles with Jacky and Albert and prepared for our dramatic production, with Jonathan, Calum, and Andrew (Wei). We maintain that we came fourth in everything for all of those in an effort to retain our dignity. Lunch came, bringing five pizzas per group and hundreds of hungry students. There was never enough. Unfortunately for us code breaking didn't happen (for reasons unbeknownst ) which we insist we would have won. The remainder of the day flew by in a period of disorganised mess as we were against a time limit! We have no knowledge of Sydney Girls results, which, let's be honest, is the most important thing. It means that they didn't get a place either. Overall the day was exhausting, energetic but enjoyable.

#### Calum York

#### From the Canteen



Thank you to the following people for their help in canteen last week:

Cia Koukouras, Anne Aylmer, Jenny Hu, Irene Ben, Yan Mei Yin (Rina), Sally Allingham, Jian Ping Li, May Ip, Irene Ben, Jeffi Wu, Zhu Zhu Zhang (Julie), Faye Haung, Jenni Rajendram, Gina Jun, Fabienne Ovadia, Jenny Leonard, Barbara Taylor, Shilpar Punekar, Li Yang, Shihong Yang.

Our canteen managers would simply not be able to do their job as well as they do without the help of volunteers. At the moment though, we are a bit short of help on Mondays particularly the  $2^{\rm nd}$ ,  $3^{\rm rd}$  and  $5^{\rm th}$  Monday of each month. If anyone thinks they may be able to spare some time once a month, then Tracey and Karen would love to hear from you!!

Give them a call at the canteen on 9360 4027. Thank you - The Canteen Team

#### FROM THE HIGH STORE



Weekend Wear ONLY Not a substitute for school jumper SYDNEY HIGH HOODIE Grey marle with Sydney High in navy embossed \$66 Limited stock available

WINTER SPECIAL One week only (Mon 7- Fri 11June) 50% off SHS beanie Normally \$20 NOW \$10

#### National Chinese Eisteddfod

On Saturday 29 May 2010, selected students participated in the 21st National Chinese Eisteddfod at Strathfield Girls High. The eisteddfod is a nationwide event for Chinese language students in Australia, organised by the *Chinese Language Education Council of NSW*, co-organised with Chinese newspaper *Sing Tao Daily*.

#### Ms Guo's Yr 7



Contrary to popular perception, the competition is not merely about poetry recital; it is a performance requiring adept pronunciation and the conveyance of meaning and emotion through changing facial expressions, body language, pitch, rhythm, tempo and dynamics. However, tones may not be altered so much such that the four tones inherent in Mandarin Chinese become unrecognisable. As a result, the task is an extremely tough one - credit goes to Ms W Zhang for her relentless work in shaping us up to these challenges. Students were proficient in culminating concepts taught and placing them in practice with confidence.

Yr 8 Adv 2nd prize



Sydney Boys High participants have rehearsed for more than three months, steadfastly congregating each week both in class and at lunch to practise. As a result, we have secured some excellent achievements for the school in both group and individual performances. Prose/poetry performed included *Huang He Song*, a glorification of the Yellow River; *Zhi Yao Ming Tian Hai Zai*, giving hope in times of sorrow; *Man Jiang Hong*, a patriotic poem concerning the Mongolian invasion of China; *Shui Diao Ge Tou*, reminiscing an old friend and *Mu Qin*, describing a mother's love.

Our group achievements include:

Year 7: commendable effort

Year 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Year 9/10: 2<sup>nd</sup> prizeYear 11/12: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Individual achievements include:

Ming Chin (10S): 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Henry Lu (11S): 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Yale Wong (11S): 1st prize



Yr 9 and 10 2nd prize



Yr 11 and 12 2nd prize



Yr 11 and 12 group



Mina Chin 2nd 13-15



Yale Wong 1st 16-18



Henry Lu 2nd prize 16-18

Congratulations to all participants for your efforts! Special thanks to the Year 12s who despite heavy demands from HSC assessments still contributed significantly to the eisteddfod. Best wishes for the future! The rest of us will undoubtedly be working hard throughout the year, mastering the Chinese language to re-emerge stronger and more powerful for next year's eisteddfod. Yale Wong



# High Society

The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C - Julie Connolly P&C President. If you would like to have any parent community news or upcoming events included in *High Society*, please contact

Julie Connolly, jcandjc@bigpond.net.au; M: 0418 470 203.

### <u>Joint P&C SBHS and SGHS 7.00pm</u> Wednesday 30th June, Great Hall

Please note the earlier start time of 7.00pm for our joint meeting with Sydney Girls High parents. This evening is not like a regular P&C meeting, but an opportunity for us to meet and mingle with parents from the girls school following a presentation from a speaker specifically arranged for the evening.

This year we are hosting and have arranged for Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to address us on *The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in 2010*. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists and is described by the *Sunday Age*, as one of the country's leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He specialises in the areas of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. This is a great opportunity for our parents to hear from an expert. Dr Carr-Gregg is an informed, entertaining and most inspiring speaker on some of the most critical issues for our adolescents today. Supper will be served following the presentation.

# **Upcoming Parent Meetings and Events**

Wednesday 2nd June 5.30pm

Cricket Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room

#### Thursday 17th June

University Info Evening for Parents and Students, Great Hall

Monday 21st June 3.00pm-6.30pm Year 7 Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall

Thursday 24th June 3.00pm-7.30pm

Years 10 to 12 Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall

Wednesday 30th June 3.00pm-6.30pm Years 8 to 9 Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall

Wednesday 30th June 7.00pm Address by Dr Michael Carr- Gregg at joint SBHS and SGHS P&C Meeting, Great Hall

#### **VOLLEYBALL REPORT**

# First Grade Report

On the 29th of May, Sydney High first grade, in an exciting encounter, defeated Sydney Grammar.

Missing three key players (Merlin Li, Hugh Huang and Patrick Lai) High knew it would be a tough game against one of the fiercest teams in the GPS. The game began with High taking the opening two sets 25-21 and 25-22 thanks to solid blocking from Chris Morrow and David Nguyen and versatile passing from the back court. However, Grammar were able to bounce back and take the next two sets 20-25 and 21-25 through their very strong middles and backcourt attacks. Going into the fifth and final set, the pressure was on High to defend their long streak of GPS wins. The set played out evenly but a few crucial errors and scrappy plays gave Grammar a 14-12 lead with two match points. However thanks to clutch plays from John Gim and great setting from John Mok, High was able to edge out Grammar 18- 16 in what was one of the most thrilling GPS volleyball games ever.

**Nelson Wang** 

#### **Second Grade Report**

On Saturday 29 May, 2nd Grade Volleyball won yet another match in straight sets, played against Grammar at the Grammar Gymnasium.

The match began with High gaining momentum fast, but a large amount of unforced errors late in the set drew the score out to 26/24, with High narrowly clinching the However, with 2nd Grade pulling ourselves set. together, it was downhill from there on, with Grammar, demoralized and reeling from the exceptional hitting and serving of 2nd Grade, slowly losing their grip, with the 2nd set ending 25/21. The outstanding stamina of all the 2nd Grade players resulted in consistent and exceptional play through out the 3rd set, resulting in a 25/17 finish. The end result of 3/0 sets stays in line with 2nd Grade's season standard of no dropped sets. The win was a combined team effort, with excellent setting from Tony Wang and Ennes Mehmedbasic, strong hitting from Brendan Cheung and Justin Yang, and solid blocking by Shiraz Biscevic.

Daniel Smith - Light

# Sydney Boys High School Fencing



# SBHS U15 fencers State Champions



On Saturday the U15 team comprising Shaun Pak [Captain], Mathew Chan, Hayden Rabone and William Yeung [pictured] fenced an outstanding series of matches before defeating St Aloysius with an impressive 45-37.

This sees SBHS ranked NSW State Champions, the first time SBHS has fenced with such success. Congratulations! The fencers persisted doggedly and calmly putting the strategies outlined by coach Alwyn Wardle into action.

The Senior teams: Two teams entered the finals in the Senior division. SBHS Seniors Blue [Anirban Ghose, Ian Ho and Shaun Fletcher] went into the finals ranked 14th and fenced St Aloysius 1sts [ranked 3rd]. Despite the odds SBHS Blue gained a respectable 13 hits, many of which were against the Australian fencing Champ.

They retained the rank of 14th. The SBHS Green team [Ben Hillier [Captain] Hung Ting Lin, and David Zhuang entered the finals ranked 12th against Newington 2nds. This was an impressive and exciting match with dogged fencing and heroic persistence. They lost 34 to 44 but the team was jubilant to have prevented this strong team reaching the 45 within time and causing them some anxiety. The man of this match was undoubtedly Ben Hillier

who won many hits and closed the gap. They finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the ranking, up from 12th.

In the U13 Division three teams went through to the finals: ranked 3rd was SBHS 1, 7th was SBHS 2 and 10th was SBHS 4. Teams retained their positions except SBHS 1 who narrowly missed out on the bronze and came 4th in the ranking; bad luck, boys!

From the sidelines, parents were supportive and were met with some excellent bouts.

We have had a fantastic start to the season considering our tendency to have more success later in the season at the Schools League after more sustained training. Other schools fence throughout the summer as well and enter the School Championships far more conditioned. SBHS fencing is clearly benefitting from our permanent home under the Covered Learning area. We are grateful to the Principal for these facilities. Jenni May MIC Fencing

GPS sports competition is very demanding on people and resources. At High we have ongoing needs for facilities development, equipment and development through expert coaching. If you would like to help through a tax deductible donation for a particular sport, the appropriate form can be posted to you by calling 9361 6910. Alternatively, you can go to our website <a href="https://www.sydneyboyshigh.com">www.sydneyboyshigh.com</a> click on Sport /Sports Donations to download either Development Donation Form or Equipment and Facility Donation Form.

# Fantastic Opportunity to Hear One of Australia's Leading Voices on Teenagers

# 7.00pm, Wednesday 30th June, Great Hall

# **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in 2010

The joint Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls P&C meeting for this year — 7.00pm, Wednesday 30th June, in the Great Hall — will feature **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg** speaking on *The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in\_2010*, including aspects of online safety, alcohol, sleep and other key issues. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear one of Australia's leading voices on adolescents and we urge parents to attend this P&C presentation.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists and is described by the *Sunday Age*, as one of the country's leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He specialises in the areas of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. Michael is the Consultant Psychologist to the Victorian Secondary Schools Principal's Association and is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying. He is an official ambassador for *beyondblue* and *Mindmatters* - one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government - and has served on the advisory committee for the Federal Government's Boys' Education Lighthouse School Programme.

Educated in Kenya, the UK, Australia and New Zealand, Michael is married with two sons. For seven years he worked as an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne, before going into private practice in the Melbourne suburb of Kew. Michael has worked in private practice as a family therapist, child psychologist and clinical psychologist, as an academic, researcher and spent four years working as a political lobbyist. He wrote his PhD on adolescents with cancer at the University of NSW which resulted in the formation of CanTeen - a support group for teenagers with cancer in 1984. Michael has a high media profile working on national TV on Channel 7's Sunrise and The Morning Show as well as Fairfax Radio 3AW. He is a columnist for Girlfriend and Australian Doctor and has written six books, including the best selling Princess Bitchface Syndrome - how to survive teenage girls for Penguin in 2007 and has just finished another book When to Really Worry which was released in 2010.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is an informed, entertaining and inspiring speaker addressing some of the most critical issues for our adolescents today.

This is a great opportunity for High parents to hear his insights.

Supper will be served following the presentation.



### English - Area of study: Belonging

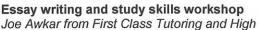
Bruce Andrew: Head Teacher
This seminar will focus
on the three questions in paper 1.
Wednesday 7 July 2010 from 11am-1pm
Marrickville Library

## HSC Homework Help - Economics and Business

Trent Driver: Head Teacher and HSC exam marker A drop-in homework help session for HSC students. There will be opportunities for questions and individual or group study.

Monday 12 July 2010 from 1pm-4pm

Marrickville Library



School teacher

The seminar will cover essay writing

techniques and strategies, as well as study techniques, time management and tips for effective study.

Tuesday 13 July 2010 from 11am-1pm

Marrickville Library

All seminars are free, spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Please phone the Marrickville library Service on 9335 2173 to secure a space. For further information and bookings please email libyl@marrickville.nsw.gov.au

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 B	7 P and C Executive Meeting SBHS/SGHS Talent Quest, Great Hall, SBHS hosting, extended lunch Basketball: NSW All Schools Trials Football: NSW All Schools Championships	Football: NSW All Schools Championships Hockey: CHS Championships (Broadmeadow) Yr 11 Ancient History Assessment Task Period 3	Productions (Cheap Thrills), Great Hall, 9:00am ICAS Science Competition,	10  Hockey: CHS Championships (Broadmeadow) Cross Country: Eastern Suburbs Zone Carnival, Centennial Park, 9am - 3:15pm	11 World Vision Global Leadership Conference at Homebush, SRC Executive	12	13
9 A	14 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday Great Hall Booking,	History incursions: World War I, 11:34 - Year 9, Vietnam, 1:48 - Year 10, Great Hall, Troubadour Theatre Amnesty International World Refugee Day BBQ (extended lunch) Literary submissions to Record due Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	16	17 *** Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly, Period 1 Year 11 Assembly re Prefects 2011, Great Hall, Period 2 Years 7, 8 and 9 Assembly, Period 3 Year 12 Chemistry Excursion, University of Sydney 1:00pm to 3:00pm n=30 University Information Evening for Parents and Students, Great Hall,	18 Year 12 Chemistry Excursion, University of Sydney 1:00pm to 3:00pm n=30 Drama Excursion, Seymour Centre,9 and 10 Drama classes Basketball: CHS KO Final series Cross Country: Sydney East Carnival, Canterbury South PS	19 Sport TKS v SHS; Rugby SJC v SHS Cross Country: Trinity Relay, Ewen Park (9:00 am) Australian Volleyball League, School Gymnasium all day	20
10 B	21 Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) High Resolves - Year 8 (Group A), Great Hall, all day Parent/Teacher Night, Year 7, 3pm-6:30pm	22 ICAS Writing Competition High Resolves - Year 8 (Group B), Great Hall, all day Year 12 Study Day Great Hall Booking: Football: GPS v CAS Rugby: GPS v CAS	Year 12 Assessment Examinations NSW Uni Annual School Maths Competition 930-1230 approx 20 students	24 *** Year 12 Assessment Examinations SIMA Jazz Music, Elective Music to Seymour Centre 11:30am to 3:00pm Year 11 and Year 10 Accelerated Modern History Assessment Task, periods 1 and 2 High Resolves Year 10 Community Service Project, 1:00-3:00 Parent/Teacher Night, Years 10 to 12,	25 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Year 11 English Advanced Assessment Careers in Sport Talk, 11:30am to 1:00pm selected year 9,10,11 students in 901 Football: GPS v ISA, Riverview Rugby: GPS v CHS	26	27
11 A	Year 12 Assessment Examinations Table Tennis: CHS KO Final series Opening of Science Laboratories, 10:00am	Year 12 Assessment Examinations Years 7 and 10 vaccinations, periods 1-4 801 Athletics: Eastern Suburbs Zone carnival, ES Marks (8:00am - 3:15pm)	30 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Volleyball: CHS KO Final series Crisis Management Workshop, room 402, 10am to 4pm Parent/Teacher Night, Years 8 and 9, 3pm-6:30pm Rugby Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm Joint SBHS and SGHS P and C Meeting, SBHS, 7:00pm	1 Year 12 Assessment Examinations Volleyball: CHS KO Final series Showcase Concert, Great Hall, 7:00pm	Year 12 Assessment Examinations Last Day to submit UNSW Medicine applications to Principal Great Hall Booking, 4pm Bump in LAST DAY TERM 2	3 Great Hall Booking,	4 Great Hall Booking,