



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

#### From the Principal **High Talent**



Julius Macefield and Sam Darcy, both of 7E, were the joint winners (year 7/8 boys) of the Whiltam

writing "What Institute's prize Matters?" This attracted over 1000 entries. Julius wrote on social issues in Redfern and Sam about poverty in South Africa. They both attended a ceremony on Wednesday last week, where they were each awarded a cheque of \$250 for their school, and with the other winners were applauded by Dr Hugh Mackay on the intelligence and engagement in their writing. Julius was interviewed over the weekend by a Herald journalist and we have been told that his essay "Redfern - It's a Riot" is to be published in the Editorial Opinion section of the Sun Herald. Congratulations to both boys! I trust their example will be an inspiration to other boys to take writing seriously and try to excel in the many competitions we have on offer. Boys can write well in all contexts!

debating High representation in combined teams this year is unprecedented. Tom Kaldor, Gabriel McManus and Sriram Srikumar are in CHS, while William Clegg is in GPS. To underscore the strength and depth of our debating students this year, we had 5 of the top 24 debaters in state schools and 3 of the top 12. No other school could match this level of high quality debating.

#### **Showdown at Saint Ignatius**



Vaughan Hall overflowed its 240 seating capacity last Friday night boarders and High

supporters turned up in droves to support their respective first grades in the deciding debate of the year. St Ignatius affirmed the proposition 'that journalists should be forced to reveal their sources'. Their case was that 'leakers', defined as those who pass on sensitive, sensational or damaging information to journalists for private or political gain, should not be protected by a journalistic code because there was no 'public good' in the actions of the 'leaker'. They distinguished the 'leaker' (labelled as a malignant criminal) from the 'whistleblower' who passed on information directly in the public interest. The affirmative listed the problems associated with journalists protecting their sources: releasing or withholding information, government manipulation of the electorate by 'leaking' to the press; a politicised public service and a lack of journalistic standards concerning the use of privileged information. Their model would reduce such problems removing protection from the source of the information in cases where the public good was not clearly established. The public service might be reformed once 'leakers' were exposed and prosecuted.

High as negative asserted that in principle all information is good in a democracy. The role of the fourth estate is to inform the people, monitor governments and promote debate about issues in the public domain. They took issue with the identification of 'leakers' and 'whistleblowers', claiming that the motives of the individual would be difficult to determine until after they were exposed, hence what was the point of differentiating between them? They asked the affirmative for some criteria separate 'leakers' from whistleblowers. They argued whistleblowers would be deterred by the affirmative's model in case they were judged to be leakers after the event. Confidentiality was an accepted against disclosures protection

in relationships such as doctor-patient, priestcommunicant and husband-wife. Likewise, journalists and informants need to be protected or disclosures would not be forthcoming. The affirmative promoted journalistic integrity and professional judgement.

The affirmative responded by asserting that the negative assumed facts and figures were being disclosed by sources, whereas lies, distortions, half truths and invented sources characterised stories written after 'leaking' behaviour. 'The ship of state is the only ship that leaks from the top down'. The affirmative averred that cracking down 'leakers' and encouraging whistleblowers to use the courts for their public exposés was the right way to deal with the problem.. The media cannot be trusted. They lie and sensationalise information. Engendering journalistic integrity would result from the exposure and punishment of leakers and the protection of whistleblowers.

The negative countered with the concept of proportionality. Yes there are some problems with the sources of some stories, but in the totality of stories using sources, the problematic ones are a very small minority. In any event, identification issues remain. The negative stood their ground on the right in a democracy to have information published. Defamation and sedition laws were in place to protect individuals and the state. Let the public judge. Let the sources be tested in open debate. Let the truth come out. What sort of a precedent would be set by the affirmative's model - state control of journalism? What next? Will journalists be jailed for not disclosing their sources? What is the point of attacking those who help us to make the government accountable? Where is the demonstrated risk? Readers judge well. Competitor journalists find sources of their own. Lies are exposed over time. Let the fourth estate do its job.

It was a first class debate and our boys did us proud. The decision was split 2-1 for the affirmative. I was surprised as our team of speakers was clearly more fluent and eloquent and the argument for or against the proposition was very close, and appeared even slightly favouring the negative. I thoroughly enjoyed the debate.

#### **Debating Dinner**

Last Saturday evening a sold out debating dinner at the Outterside centre celebrated what was a

great year for our debating program. Ironically, with few trophies to show for our efforts, High's program is the strongest it has been since I have been at the school. Ms Brewer has 'rejuvenated' and expanded the program. Participation is up. The overall coaching standard is improving and the administration this year was peerless. Hamish Nairn was lauded as a super coach, the two Alexes given resounding endorsement by their charges and Daniel Wodak thanked sincerely for his efforts with year 10. SGHS import Julia Bowes was a real motivator for year 9. Evan Solomons patiently guided year 8 and Adam Epstein and Tanvir Ahmed initiated the Congratulations to the debaters of the year: Antony Paul (7), Stephen Garafano (8), Zid Mancenido (9), Michael Coutts (10), Sriram Srikumar (11) and Tom Kaldor (12). Thank you to Ms Cradock, Ms Berger and Mr Webb for their contribution to debating at High in 2005. I look forward to even greater depth in debating next year with the coaching staff and resources to make the program even more successful.

#### 1955 Reunion Dinner



Led by Bill Avery, the 1955 Old Boys had their 50 year reunion dinner last Saturday. There were more than 60 old boys in

attendance. They seemed to enjoy themselves. I could only attend briefly after a previous engagement. Thank you to Mr Beringer for liaising with the group and particularly to Edward Pham who helped conduct tours for our visitors. Great effort Eddy! I am informed that the school will receive a donation from the proceeds of the event. Most welcome!

#### **Athletics Meet**



Thank you to the Prefects who gave so willingly of their time to assist field officials to conduct long jump, high jump and shot put events. I saw Mr

Burrell, Mr Barris and sons, Mr Baldock, Mr Codey, Mr Gainford, Mr Creer and Mr Devlin pitching in to help manage the field events. Thank you to all athletics helpers and supporters. High had a few good results at the meet. However, we need more boys in our team and more participants at training generally. Athletics is a serious program and we want more boys to prepare for it. Get into a club. Get a coach. We can assist with rebates for serious trainers. If you have a gift, do not waste it. Develop it into a talent!

#### **Student behaviour on buses**

I am always disappointed when I receive signed complaints such as the following.

"I would like to complain about the students from both Sydney Boys High and Sydney Girls High as they travel on Sydney Buses. I have had to stand, whilst the students comfortably sit, ignoring that there are paying travellers standing up. On top of that, passengers are forced to endure the loud chatter from the students, their large and bulky bags that take up seats and hit passengers as they rush to get off the bus.

I understand that Sydney Buses provide free passes to the students, and that they are expected to travel on designated school buses. Most do not as the school buses drive past almost empty. Regular buses for the public are half filled with students. This makes the buses fill up and go past bus stops where passengers are waiting to go to the city. After the students alight from the bus, its noticeable how empty it is.

It is hard for the drivers to ask students to make room for the public as they are busy negotiating Sydney traffic. Surely, the students should be using common sense and giving their seat up. However, most just stare out the window, pretending that no one can see them and that they can not see anyone else. Its most annoying and very rude. I've seen people having to tell the students that they should give up their seats and its seems that they reluctantly give up the seat.

Surely, both schools should be reminding their students who travel on public transport to be more courteous, obliging, mind their manners and take the school buses instead."

All boys are reminded that travelling free to school by bus is a privilege. Do not abuse it by discourteous behaviour. You are required to give up your seat to a fare paying passenger. More importantly, High boys would want to show their community service orientation by offering their seat to adults.

#### **Investing in our Schools**

Some 4000 applications have been received for round two projects (to \$150,000). A panel of retired Principals is reviewing the applications in light of the guidelines. Ours is one of these. If they are all funded, round two alone will cost the federal government \$600 million. If the round one projects are funded at \$225 million and the nongovernment schools get their \$300 million, the feds are up for \$1.125 billion. There will have to be more money or competitive allocation. If there is competitive evaluation of projects the political factor might come into play. Due to the flood of applications, no announcement of successful applications for round two grants can be expected until December or January. It is now highly unlikely that our facilities will be operational during term 1, 2006, given the delay in processing applications.

Dr K Jaggar

#### English

'The Power of the Pen'



Many of our students are talented writers and this is reflected in a number of recent successes. In particular, two of our Year 7 students – Sam Darcy and

Julius Macefield from 7E are joint 2005 winners in a prominent writing competition sponsored by the Whitlam Institute. The competition required a short piece of prose describing what mattered to these students. As you will see from what is printed below, their highly articulate and intelligent responses reflect a level of humanity and concern for the world we live in, which is inspiring. This week Sam Darcy's entry is printed and this will be followed next week by Julius Macefield's entry. Our congratulations are extended to both boys.

## What Matters is Knowing What Doesn't Matter

#### Sam Darcy 7E

What matters to me is realising that it is important in life to know what doesn't matter and to have discovered what does matter.

For example, if your rugby team suffers a loss on the weekend it does not matter. It may affect your team's rank on the competition ladder but it will not affect the world as a whole.

If you stub your toe while walking up the stairs it does not matter. You might get a bruise on your toe but this event will not bruise the world as a whole.

If you accidentally wear your school uniform on a mufti day and all your friends laugh at you it doesn't matter. You might get embarrassed and go a deep shade of red but the world will not go red with you.

So what does matter?

To me what matters is that I realise that I am fortunate in this world. The knowledge that 35,615 people died of starvation on September 11, 2001 and that every 2.5 seconds someone dies of starvation puts into perspective what really does matter. It matters that a staggering proportion of deaths due to starvation occur among children below the age of 5.

Furthermore, over 800 million citizens of the world are malnourished. Without adequate food supplies and the necessary vitamins and minerals to thrive, these human beings are being neglected. It really matters where you are lucky enough to be born to even receive enough to eat and drink.



Knowing that every two and a half minutes a species becomes extinct really matters. It matters because, at this rate, we are endangering our own species, homosapiens and the species we should be

protecting. It matters that the planet is endangered due to this lack of diversity. It matters that we do not seem to have real solutions to this problem.

There are 6.4 billion people living on Earth. Less than one billion of these live in the "developed" countries. The 5 billion people living in the developing world do not have access to the things we, in the developed countries, take for granted.

It matters that we live in a world that is unfair. The USA, the richest nation in the world, has inequity problems of its own.

"The 13,000 richest families in the US now have almost as much income as the 20 million poorest. (Socialist Worker, Aug 1st 2005)"

What is more alarming is what this means on a world scale. There are extremes of rich and poor within the USA but the comparison to developing nations shows what, we should all agree, really matters.

"The 400 richest US citizens have a combined income of \$69 billion, which is more than the total income of the 166 million people living in the four African countries of Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda and Botswana". (New York Times, July 9 2003)

In the end what really matters is that we realise and appreciate that we have the opportunity to write about what matters to us, the opportunity to get a great education, the opportunity to eat fresh food and drink clean water and above all, the opportunity to live.

#### SBHS Gardening Working Bee

#### **Sunday 11 September**



Students, parents and friends, experienced and inexperienced, are welcome to join us for a morning of gardening from 9.00 am on Sunday 11 September. From weeding to digging. If

possible bring any tools to assist. Easy parking available for gardeners.

#### Marcia Shepherd and MaryAnn Cradock



#### **Science News**

Here is **Science quiz 10** – open to all students and parents. Why not have a go? The closing date is Tuesday week 9.



Ian Salman, a Qantas aerospace engineer recently found a way to make small planes safer and more efficient by turning their wings into flying

speakers.

- 1. **Identify** the scientist whose name is given to the principle that describes how aeroplanes can be lifted up into the air.
- 2. **Explain**, how the "lift" is produced on the wings.
- 3. **Describe** how the lift is increased by using sound.

Mr. Bernoulli (guest compiler)

#### Year 11 Parents

Planning (Progress review) Meeting

for Year 12 Parents Farewell

Please come if you can on

Wednesday 14 September

Staff Common Room

7.30 pm

#### **Invitation to all Year 9 Parents**

Please come along to a social dinner for all SBHS Year 9 Parents

#### on Friday 16th September at 7.00 pm at:

Maya Indian Sweets Restaurant 470 Cleveland Street Surry Hills

www.mayaindiansweets.com.au

BYO Drinks. Vegetarian Menu.

We will have a room to ourselves upstairs.

On-street parking on Bourke and Crown is limited, but you can park at Coles on the corner of Cleveland and Baptist Streets.

Please email admin@gtmanagement.com.au if you would like to attend.

PS: If you are not already receiving Year 9 Parent Group emails and would like to do so, please send your email address to

admin@gtmanagement.com.au

#### **Annual Report**

The School's Annual Report 2004 has been printed and will be distributed to all boys this week.

#### **Attention all Sailing Parents**



We DESPERATELY need your help this Friday evening (9 September) to park cars. It is a Swans Final game so we need lots of helpers to raise money for our keen sailors.

Please come and help out.

We are meeting outside the gym at approximately 5.30 pm on Friday afternoon. See your there. **Mary Boukatos** 

## Communities

#### Insight

Strongly recommended: SBS Insight Transcript (click on 30 August 2005).

http://news.sbs.com.au/insight/archive.php?archive=1&artmon=8&arty=2005#

- "What measures should we take?
- "Should radical clerics be banned or deported?
- "Are we unfairly targeting the Muslim community?

"INSIGHT brings together representatives of the Muslim community, the Attorney General, civil libertarians, and police, to thrash out these issues."

#### **Australian Culture**

There has been much talk lately about Australian values, Australians, and all that. You might care to look at (1) 200 Famous Australians. Who would you add? On Simpson and his donkey(s) at Gallipoli, see (2) Les Carlyon, author of the best-selling "Gallipoli", for broad context, and (3) a detailed biography here. He was certainly an interesting character, and what he did at Gallipoli is quite wonderful and inspiring. He was also a (4)

fierce left-winger in his political views, it appears. See also "The Oxford Companion to Australian Military History" (1995). For more context, see (5) "Gallipoli: a Turkish View" from the Australian War Memorial travelling exhibition.

(1)

http://www.whitehat.com.au/Australia/People/People200.asp

(2)

http://bulletin.ninemsn.com.au/bulletin/site/article IDs/7B131C4D238102D2CA256F47007B0887

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http://www.firstworldwar.com/bio/kirkpatrick.htm
(5)

http://www.history.sa.gov.au/migration/exhibitions/gallipoli\_turkish.htm

Neil Whitfield

#### Debating Round 7 VS St Ignatius College The Decider



Thank you to all the boys who packed out the auditorium at Iggies last Friday. It was excellent to have such large numbers of supporters for the final debate of the season. The large crowd of High supporters really

shook up Iggies and created an excellent atmosphere for the debate.

Unfortunately the result was not in our favour in either First or Second grade, but anyone who witnessed the debate will tell you how ferocious the battle was.

A huge congratulations to First Grade- Gabriel McManus, Tom Kaldor and William Clegg, and Second Grade- Faraz Amin, Romesh Abeysuriya and Sriram Srikumar for their gallant efforts throughout the season. A special word of thanks and appreciation to their coaches Hamish Nairn, Alex McCauley and Alex Gruszka, who have put in many many hours to develop the boys skills, analysis and general knowledge.

Well done to all the boys who debated this year- it was a record season for High.

It has been quite a learning experience for me as MIC this year and I'm already preparing and planning for next season in order to improve aspects of coaching and debating opportunities.

#### The Debating Dinner

The Debating Dinner was held at the Outterside Centre last Saturday and by all accounts was a huge success. Guests were welcomed to refreshments on the landing and Dr Jaggar gave the opening address. Each coach displayed their own public speaking ability by providing a run down of the season and announcing the Debaters of the Year.

Tom Dawkins from the class of 1997 and the founder of Vibewire Youth Services was our Distinguished Guest who, after hearing of the successes of the Debaters this season spoke about the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities available to young people and the role they have in creating opportunities where they may not have otherwise existed. He talked also of the importance of social capital and the enormous role and value of people in shaping and directing communities. Tom was thrilled to have the opportunity to be involved with High once again, and his speech was insightful and relevant to the students. You can check out Vibewire's Youth Initiatives at www.vibewire.net

This year we have instituted the **Dr Joseph Suttie** Award for Excellence in Teamwork which rewards the team who have displayed cooperation commitment and change. The prize is to be awarded in consultation with the coaches, the MIC and the Principal. The perpetual plaque is engraved with the names of the team and their coach and the award includes a subscription to The Economist Magazine, which will be available for students to use in the library. Congratulations to the winners of the **Inaugural award is the First III's 2005.** I would especially like to thank Evan Solomons and Hamish Nairn for their assistance with organising the trophies and plaque.

The Debating Dinner could not have been the success it was without the enduring hard work, attention to detail, care and effort of Mrs Valda Roser. Valda has been a powerhouse of energy in

organising the table settings and decorations that truly transform the "sheds" into a gorgeous function centre. She is truly irreplaceable, her contribution to High is remarkable - thank you Valda!

Next year we will ensure that we have a bigger venue (ie the hall) so that nobody misses out on attending the dinner as was unfortunately the case this year.

#### **DSG-AGM**

The Annual General Meeting for the Debating Supporters Group will be held on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Teachers Common Room.

More information can be found at <a href="https://www.sydneyhigh.com/debating">www.sydneyhigh.com/debating</a>
Email sbhsdebating@gmail.com

#### **Rugby Committee Meeting Summary**



The sixth meeting of the SBHS Rugby Committee for 2005 was held on 31 August 2005. The following is a summary of the meeting:

**Attended:** Rob Fetherston, Serdar Bolen, Kel O'Keefe, John Mittelheuser, Katherine Deacon, Valda Roser, Geoff Stein. Apologies: Adrian Vertoudakis, Christina Chow, Andrea Frieman.

AGM election of office bearers for 2006 - President: Rob Fetherston Treasurer: Kel O'Keefe BBQ coordinator: Adrian Vertoudakis Canteen coordinators: Christina Chow, Andrea Frieman Parking coordinator: Vacant. Serdar Bolen volunteered to be a temporary coordinator for the rest of 2005, requiring the assistance of two parents should a parking day become available.

A vote of thanks was expressed to John Mittelheuser and Adrian Vertoudakis for their tireless efforts this year for rugby. John tabled the Parking fundraising amounts for 2005 and would send the email contact list to G. Stein for the next Parking coordinator. It was suggested that the use of email addresses by the committee be included

in the Permission notes to play rugby in 2006. John has also passed on the Canteen organisation details to Christina Chow, Andrea Frieman.

**Bunnings BBQ:** V. Roser tabled organisation details. The rugby contact person needs to be familiar with the procedures required by Bunnings. 15/10/05 BBQ date may be a fundraising opportunity for the 2006 Gold Coast team. Tony Hannon would be approached for interest. J. Mittelheuser has further details.

BBQ coordinator to have an emergency crew available to fill in for other groups who are unable to fulfil their obligation. Parents of 13 Year teams (2006) could be encouraged with funds raised going directly to the 13 Year's rugby program.

**Correspondence:** Written confirmation received from SHS Foundation that no charge will be made for the use of the school crest on gear donated by Macquarie Sports or anybody else.

**Treasurer's report:** Report tabled. Balance as at 29/8/05 was \$12,846. Cheques still to clear would have the balance just over \$10K. G. Stein tabled receipts for \$337.82. S. Bolen submitted an invoice for the balance of his coaching services as agreed to by the committee at the start of the season.

J. Mittelheuser tabled the Parking income for 2005 at \$11,360.

Looking at the 2006 rugby calendar with only three home games (possibly four), K. O'Keefe made a prediction of raising \$6K from the BBQ and Canteen next year.

**Australian Sports Foundation** – Copies of program guidelines were distributed to allow the committee members to give some thought on how the ASF can be used to benefit the rugby program.

Registration fee for rugby – Discussion included the pro's for funding medical assistance, extra coaching, con's turning players away from rugby, % of school fees goes to fund sport. Should be voluntary, how much? Possible ASF option. An anonymous survey of rugby parents as to their views on the subject, should the issue require further input.

**P&C compliance** – AGM and season details to be compiled and forwarded to the P&C.

Rugby match reports and website 2006 – Rugby player/s in Years 8, 9 or 10 to coordinate the Rugby website and team match reports to appear in the High Notes. Search for appropriate person/s early 2006.

**Next meeting** Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005, 6pm in Room 901.

G. Stein MIC Rugby

#### **Rifle Shooting**



Nine boys competed on Saturday 3rd Sept in the first of the season's Metropolitan Grade Matches at the Malabar Rifle Range with the support of Sam Mason and coach Victor Bow.

This marks a return to regular competition for fullbore shooters from the School, our first competition other than the GPS and All Schools matches this year.

**Interested boys from year 7 and 8** are urged to enrol AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with Sam Mason for smallbore rifle shooting as a Summer Sport. Forms need to be completed NOW to allow time for approval from outside the School.

## Rifle Shooting BBQ

**South Coogee Bowling Club** 

cnr Moverly Rd and Henning Ave Kingsford

Saturday 17 September 2005

**5pm-8pm RSVP** by 15 September

Please let us know what you would like to bring.

Bronwen Gordon (Committee Secretary)

e-mail: bronwengo@hotmail.com

Phone: (after 5pm) 9665 4396

#### Volleyball Report #12



High dominated the proceedings out at Olympic Park on Sunday. We had 7 teams playing: First Grade, 17s, 16s 15As, 15Bs, 14As and 14Bs.

For the two Year 7 teams this was their first ever tournament let alone a match against another school. The surprising turn of events saw the 14Bs win the *unofficial* U14s division. Unofficial as the U14s had to play in the U15s division.

The U15s for the first time got to dominate the U15s division, as they usually had to play up a level. The 15Bs played the 15As in the semi final with the 15As eventually taking the silver medal behind Forster (the NSW U15s CHS team) in a close match.

First Grade showed their continual dominance of volleyball in NSW taking the gold. The U17s also had good fortune. The 16As had to play up a division and played very well against older and more experienced players.

#### What's happening in Volleyball:

1.	Saturday 24 September	Referee accreditation for 15A, 16A, 17s and First Grade. Keep your ear to the ground on this one as the date MAY have to be moved!
2.	Sunday 5 December	Australian School Volleyball Championships in Melbourne until the Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December.

#### 17As Match Report

September 4<sup>th</sup>... We were all looking forward to this day. However, the day started very cold and we shivered as we waited for our first match against Newington. My team grabbed some volleyballs and started warming up as we always do.

A massive spike during warm up by Terry Ly certainly sent shivers down their spines. Now the game finally began but we were overconfident. We nearly lost the first set. Cheering wildly for every point worked to our advantage as we took the first set. Helpful loud encouragement from

our bench consisting of David Dizon and Alex Lee saw us take the first game 2-0.

In our second game, it was against Great Lakes 16s team. We believed the score was too tight, so Yang (our coach) gave us some inspirational words to help us with our game. David Dizon got onto court and led our great team to a 2-0 victory.

A great amount of energy was used so we were required to refill at McDonald's. Right after our meal, we returned for our game against Sydney North. Excess food was in our stomachs so the match was a great way to exercise it off.



Terry started us off, spiking with maximum power as usual. However, we were losing the first set. Hope appeared as we closed the gap between our scores but unfortunately, we lost

our first set of the tournament. However, the second set saw us taking the set with ease. The final score was 1-1 due to the lack of time.

Excellent serving from Sam Chhor and Jordan Luong as well as great passing from Alex Le and Victor Nguyen and great B-Quicks from Ping Lu saw us taking our next game against Baulko 12s with ease. We were in the semifinals!

Before our game against Fairvale, we required rest as we realised we have three games in a row. The game, however, started momentarily. Exceptional spiking from all our players led us to an easy victory. Then, it was our toughest match yet... the finals...against Baulko 10s.

Soon, the game started and massive spikes from both teams saw a neck and neck battle. The game was very thrilling with minimal errors occurring finally made us the Champions of the game!!!

We were very tired after the end of the day and sore muscles were present on Monday.

#### Jamie Tao

#### 15**B**s

It was a dark day for the 15Bs on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Mainly because it was raining and the sun wasn't out yet. Anyway, after a while of sitting around, we played a game against the 14As and we won. Many of the points were contributed by fantastic spikes and down balls.

After sitting around and cheering on the 15As, we came across Forster in our next match who happened to win the tournament. We versed them head on, and we spiked at them for every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> clean spike we received. Danny Lam did a backcourt spike which landed us a point. Soon after, Michael Chan spiked cross-court into a flaw he had seen in their rotation. Hope was in the air until the bitter smell of defeat replaced it when the horn blew, signalling the end of the match with 2 sets to nil.

Once the customary wait was over, the 15A's and the 15B's stepped onto the court. The honest and brutal truth was that we were slaughtered, by a team that came second. To put it a nicer way, we were determined not to lose. Everyone put in their best efforts, some spikes were blocked, the serving was consistent and injuries were expected. In the end, it was 2 sets to nil.

Overall, it was a good day, since we enjoyed ourselves and came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Stanley He**

The other match reports will be in next week's issue.

#### **Athletics**



Last Saturday our very own Sydney High/Scots Athletics Invitational was held at ES Marks. A larger number of

athletes were present which was pleasing to see considering there is only one meet left before the GPS Championships. Hopefully, we will get even more people this upcoming Saturday at Narrabeen.

There were some excellent results on Saturday in many events. The vast majority of athletes improved on their times and/or distances from last week, hitting their straps as the Championships loom closer. Shadman Ali (100, 200m) and George Denny-Smith (shotput) continue to impress in the 13s with good results in their respective events. Super quick Joshua Hui returned this Saturday to finish 2nd in his 14's 100m race, as Lachlan Street continues to amaze us all with his abilities in a variety of events, finishing 3rd in long jump and 3rd in 100m while competing in another three events. Louis Yang

ran a personal best 2:12 in the 15s 800m Championship race to finish respectably. Mischa Steen finished 3rd in the opens 200m while Joel Ninyo finished 2nd in the opens shotput. However, the star of the week was undoubtedly Frank Jin who returned from a dislocated shoulder which he can still only move his arm halfway with to win the 16s long jump with a jump of 5.97m. Frank continues his remarkable record of winning every long jump he has ever entered at a GPS meet.



I was ecstatic to see how well everybody competed this Saturday, doing our school proud. I want to see as many people as possible turn up to the Knox meet at Narrabeen this Saturday. The Saturday after that is

the culmination of the season, our very own Grand Final, Head of the River, whatever you want to call it, the GPS Athletic Championships. We urgently need everyone's support, and we would love to see you all make it on the day at Homebush. It'll be a great day to support your school.

#### C'MON HIGH! Nikola Levanic

Another sparkling Saturday morning on the ES Marks track as athletes prepared for a big day of events. There was a commendable turn out by the Sydney High athletics team. It was great to see so many of the senior athletes of High, running, jumping and throwing. Sydney high hosted the carnival with fellow GPS school, Scots College.

My highlight, however, was watching the three members of our first grade debating team, Tom Kaldor, William Clegg and Dawei Qi running the 1500m and coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd ... from the end.

A terrific day out and once again I urge as many athletes to turn up at this weeks carnival at Narrabeen. If you have trouble with transport please contact Mr Devlin. This is the last carnival before Championship Day so please get some races under your belt.

A very special thanks to the following high staff, supporters and parents who made the day a great success: Mr Gainford, Mr C. Barris, Mr G. Barris, Mr K. Barris, Mr Luscombe, Mr Burrell, Ms McCosker, Mr Taylor, Mrs Hui, Mrs Taylor, Mr Codey, Mrs Ovadia, Mr Creer, Mrs Watzlaff and Mr Watzlaff.

And the prefects who give up their time:

William Clegg, Karl Kruszelnicki, Tom Kaldor, Dominic Wong, Mitchell Taylor, Yaegan Doran, Dawei Qi, Bryan Wrench, Jeremy James, Ian Kwok, Jason Phung, Tom Mittelheuser, Alan Dam, and Sen Mitsuji.

Junior Captain Richie Xu







#### Results from the High/Scots Invitational 3/9/2005

			LJ	HJ	SP	100	200	400	800	1500	3000	Hurdles
ALI	Shadman	12				13.16	26.88					
CABANILLA	Brandon	12							2.4	5.34		
DENNY-SMITH	George	13			11.07							
TAYLOR	Kieran	13	4.54									16.48
TRANG	Derek	12	4.3	1.35								
WANG	Michael	12			7.17							
IRELAND	Jeremy	13							2.25	5.02		
TASSELL	Joshua	13					28.2					
LOCKE	Patrick	14							2.3			
LIVINGSTONE	Joel	14				12.82 2nd	26.36					
LINDEBACK	Nicholas	14				16.7	30.54					
NAM	David	14					28.41					
NGUYEN	Kent	14				12.92	25.59					
OSINSKI	Matthew	14					32.72					
REEVES	Cameron	14					27.16					

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STOJANOVIC	Denis	14	4.74			13.2	26.55					16.25
MEHMEDBASIC	Muhamed	14							2.4			
TSIAILIS	Anthony	14				14.5	28.05					
PERANANTHAN	Varan	14			9.43							
HUI	Joshua	14				12.42 2nd						
STREET	Lachlan	14	5.12 3rd			11.85 3rd	24.82	56.7				18.78 fall
YANG	Louis	15							2.12			
CAMPION	Daniel	15								5.08		
O'KEEFE	Daniel	15							2.5			
KANDASAMY	Arunan	15			10.13	13.3						
TAYLOR	Alistair	15							2.5			
VIEN	David	15							2.42			
WANG	Benjamin	15				12.8						
GUNARATNE	Dakshika	16	5.5			12.3						14.75
JIN	Frank	16	5.97 1st									
KIM	David	16				12.2	25.03					
LEVANIC	Nikola	16							2.22			
SHUTTLEWORTH	Aaron	16				12.6						
STADNIK	Eugene	16							2.4		12	
XU	Richard	16				12.05						
AMIN	Ali	16								4.39		
CAO	David	16				13.7						
CUNNINGHAM	Sandy	16	4.8									18.7
MASALEHDANI	Michael	16						55.5	2.09			
REIS	Andrew	16										17.1
ROTHERHAM	Riet	16							2.18			
WEI	Victor	16			11.4							
BARKER	James	17								4.16 3rd		
CHAN	Brian	17				11.8						
HUYNH	Raymond	17						59.2				
WONG	Francis	17								4.5		
PHAM	Edward	17				12.6						
SHAW	Yeou-Kang	17	5.2									
SUN	Dale	17						57.5				
Steen	Mischa	17				11.5	22,96 3rd					
Stretton	Jacob	17				12.3	24.6	57.2				19.32
Ninyo	Joel	17			13.26 2nd							
Tran	Christopher	17	5.94									
Mitsuji	Sen	17						58.7				
Tung	Patrick	17				12.5	25.66					
Ovadia	Edward	17							2.29		10.21	
TEIDGEN	Alex	17			10.3							
JAMES	Jeremy	17							2.3			
KALDOR	Tom	17							2.33		1	İ











The weekly dose of court-side action



**S**unday **P**arking

Excellent job by all the students that helped out with last's Sunday Parking (27/08)! A total of \$3237 was made (after all deductions) for basketball! Special thanks to Kumi Abeysuriva for organising this

Great thanks to

Jason Nguyen (yr8)
Shane Ponraj (yr8)
Nishan Abeysuriya (yr8)
Kartik Iyer (yr9)
Francis Wong (yr11)
Letitia Ponraj (mother of shane)
Geoff and Barbara Taylor (parents of Alistair Taylor yr9)
Vincent Salomon (coach)

day - She has done an amazing job as our basketball parking coordinator.

Any Year 7's or other parents/ students who are interested or would like to know about parking should contact Kumi at <a href="mailto:kumi.abeysuriya@uts.edu.au">kumi.abeysuriya@uts.edu.au</a>. All helping hands make a great difference and it is a lot of fun.

#### **House Basketball**

After multiple competitive and exciting matches, our school is finally left with two houses for the finals coming up. Congratulations to <u>Eedy</u> and <u>Torrington</u> for

making the finals of House Basketball – all age. Also well done to all the people who've played, your constant effort shows your sportsmanship and capabilities. Finals will be held on *September the 13<sup>th</sup>*, all spectators more than welcome! People from all sports and year groups welcome!

## **Basketball Canteen Parent Support**

Any parents that might be able to help out with our basketball canteen please email Mr Hayman at  $\underline{\text{HaymanB@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au}}$ . The canteen will be operating on Saturdays from around  $9\text{am} \sim 12\text{pm}$ . All help is welcome.

## **Court Supervisors**

A great job last year by Hugo Richards and David Fan for doing the scoreboards and recording statistics. This year they might also be doing the basketball player statistics as well, so keep up the work guys!

## High Basketball Website

The website task was taken up again recently and slowly being reshaped. However everyone is encouraged to take a look for the latest information on basketball.

Site url: <a href="http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/basketball">http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/basketball</a>. Also any suggestions for the site, you're more than welcome to email it to me at <a href="mailto:i\_cheng\_phoenix@hotmail.com">i\_cheng\_phoenix@hotmail.com</a>.

#### **O**thers

1sts and 2nds are training on Tuesday and Friday before school.



~Brought to you by Johnny Shih and Francis Wong. Thanks to Mr Hayman

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#### **Words Of Wisdom**



Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

(Albert Einstein 1879-1955)

Never confuse movement with action. (*Ernest Hemingway 1898-1961*)

In order to be walked on, you have to be lying down.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us

(Helen Keller 1880 – 1968)

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake. (*Confucius 551-479BC*)

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

(Mark Twain 1835-1910)

#### **Leadership Course**

A UNSW student has launched a pilot leadership program for high school students in Sydney based on the University's successful U Lead program run by the UNSW Union.

"By adapting the University's U Lead program high school students are able to learn leadership skills and become equipped to contribute to their own communities," says Hugh James, second year student who developed the initiative and is studying in the Faculties of Law, and Arts and Social Sciences.

The U Lead program is made up of two elements: students must undertake 15 hours community service as well as participate in eight leadership workshops on topics such as teamwork, communication and leadership behaviour.

James' modified program also provides students with information on the projects that they can get involved with in their community. He hopes the initiative will link up with projects such as the Energy Australia Red Cross Youth Challenge.

"There is an incredible community resource out there just waiting to be tapped. This program is essentially about developing social entrepreneurs," says James. "After volunteering in the Philippines with Australian Volunteers International last university summer break I was inspired and realised how much value there is in community involvement."

The pilot program involves a group of Year 10 and 11 students from James' former high school, Sydney Boys High School, which is funding the initiative, and its sister school, Sydney Girls High School. The UNSW Student Recruitment Office will host a presentation ceremony for those involved in the pilot program. Depending on its success, the program has the potential to branch out into other schools across the state.

U Lead was developed by Stephen Gore, a student development officer at the UNSW Union. Gore wrote the program to help university students develop their potential as leaders beyond the university environment.

UNSW's Co-op program has also agreed to recognise the outcomes of the program as compatible with its scholarship requirements.

Stephen Gore currently runs the program each session at the University. For more details on U Lead, visit the website.



## Linking Leaders - "Discover the leader in YOU!"

## "U Lead" Leadership Program

To graduate, a University of New South Wales Union "U Leader" must

- a) Undertake 15 hours of community service;
- b) Attend at least 6 of these 8 leadership workshops (1.5 hours each):
- \* Thinking about Leadership
- Personality and Leadership Style
- \* Effective Communication
- \* Wualities of Leaders

- \* Leadership Behaviours
- \* Effective Teamwork
- \* Leadership Communication
- \* Conflict Resolution

## "U Lead" is FREE!!!

- Presentation of Certificates: UNSW Kensington Campus 13 December
- Don't miss out! Applications for "U Lead" close Friday, 9 September

## Prestigious UNSW Co-op Scholarships & "U Lead"

## \$13,400 pa TAX FREE!!!

"We recognise that the UNSW Union's 'U Lead' program is an outstanding opportunity for students to extend their developing leadership skills and involvement in the community. Being part of this program will most certainly enhance the skills that we are looking for in our applicants."

Brooke Gillett Deputy Director UNSW Co-op Program

For more information about the UNSW Co-op Program, you can visit:

## <u>www.co-op.unsw.edu.au</u>









## Who should apply?

All students in Years 10 and 11 are strongly encouraged to apply. You do not need to consider yourself a "leader" as there is no assumed knowledge for "U Lead" and there is no test you must pass.

We are looking for students who would like to develop confidence in leadership just as much as those who are already confident. Those selected will be a mix of students fitting into both of these categories.

## **Workshop Times and Application Process**

"U Lead" will involve 20 students from Yr 10 and 20 from Yr 11. In both years there will be 10 SBHS students and 10 SGHS students. Yr 11 workshops – 3:30 - 7:00 pm, Friday, Weeks 1-4, Term 4. Yr 10 workshops – 3:30 - 7:00 pm, Friday, Weeks 5-8, Term 4. Workshops will run at SBHS in Room 103.

Interested students should lodge an Expression of Interest by stating in 100 words or less "Why do you want to learn about leadership?" Include your full name, school name and roll call class.

Expressions of Interest should be brief and simple. Don't spend hours creating the perfect paragraph!

There are two possible ways to lodge your Expression of Interest:

- 1. Print it on an A4 paper sheet and deposit it with your Careers Adviser.
- 2. Email it as an attached Microsoft Word document. Email: linkingleaders@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest must be lodged before 3:20 pm, Friday, 9 September. Good luck!

## Linking Leaders

"On our year 12 muck-up day at SBHS, we raised thousands for charity. What we did was great but I look back and think how much more we could have contributed with skills developed through early leadership training. The vision for high school students to undertake leadership training has led to Linking Leaders, an initiative of SBHS proudly in partnership with UNSW Student Recruitment Office, UNSW Co-op Program and UNSW Union."

Mr. Hughee James

SBHS Captain '03, Linking Leaders Founder & UNSW Student (Arts/Law)

Postal Address: PO Box 797 Kingsford NSW 2032, Email: <a href="mailto:linkingleaders@gmail.com">linkingleaders@gmail.com</a>



# State of the Arts

## GPS Music Festival.

Well done to all the boys who participated in the festival last weekend. It was an outstanding concert with all the top players from the GPS schools joining together for a massed ensemble.

Congratulations to the following boys for their outstanding results in their recent AMEB music exams:

Sean Kim Trumpet Grade I Louis Yang Trombone Grade IV Francis Wong Trombone Grade V



## Music Exam Performers Soiree



All the exam students of Justin Screen, Justine Brown and Ben Hull are invited to perform in the Exam Soiree on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for the boys to play their list pieces for an audience.

All the exams will be held in the Great Hall on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Coming up:

Open Day Performances, Daceyville Big Band Bash, Music Picnic in the Park, Spring Ensemble Showcase, Studio Soirees, Music Awards Dinner and Tutors Soiree (December 4<sup>th</sup>)



Sydney Boys High Music Department Presents
Year 7

## Showcase Concert

Featuring Year 7 Jazz and Concert Band, String Ensemble and Soloists.

Monday September 12th 6.00pm

Boys arrive at 5.00pm in school performance uniform- white shirt Great Hall Free Admission

Year 7 band rehearsal will be held on Monday morning September 12<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the concert.

Jazz Band 7.15am Concert Band 8.00am



## High Cricket Bulletin



The weekly newsletter of Sydney High Cricket

www.sydneyboyscricket.info

9 September, 2005

As our High Notes co-editor has advised, cricket is nearly upon us and the time has arrived where we can now look forward to the season, with the winter sports now concluding. The information in this week's High Notes needs to be retained for reference as it will act as a guide for not only our new cricketers, but also our existing cricketers.

**REMINDER – SELECTING CRICKET AS YOUR SUMMER SPORT in Term 4 and for Term 1** means that only players who can play on Saturdays in our School GPS teams may nominate for cricket for Wednesday and Thursday Sport Afternoons. If you are not available to play on Saturdays, then you will have to select an alternative sports, such as Softball or Athletics. Too many boys nominated for cricket last season and then advised they could not play on Saturdays which caused many problems.

Those who play Club cricket should be aware that they advise their Clubs that they are only available for Sunday Competitions if they wish to continue with both High and their Club.

**TEAM NOMINATIONS FOR TERM 4 and TERM 1 (2006)** – we will be nominating the following teams for this season providing sufficient students nominate for cricket. Teams proposed are as follows:

1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI, 16A, 15A, 15B, 14A, 14B, 13A and 13B. A decision to enter an Under 17 Team, in lieu of a 5th XI was discussed at the MIC's meeting, but it appears that only three GPS Schools have these teams. I will await the number who nominate for cricket before finalising this matter.

**CHANGE OF RULES AAGPS** – number of changes are to be trialled in Term 4. The important areas are as follows: **GROUPS**:

1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 16A, 15A and 14A Teams are GROUP 1 TEAMS.

16B, 15B, 14B and 13A/B and C are GROUP 2 TEAMS.

4th XI and 5th XIs, 13D and below, 14C and below, 15C and below are now **GROUP 3 TEAMS.** 

**RULES** – Prominent changes are as follows

- 2nd XI One Day fixtures reduced to 90 Overs
- Bowling restrictions have changed, creating more bowling opportunities for players
- Group 2 Teams will now play 30/20 cricket, retiring at 30 runs and resuming in the order players are retired if the team is all out within the 30 overs
- Changes to times, Lunch and afternoon tea (1st and 2nd XIs)

#### ALL CHANGES WILL APPEAR ON THE CRICKET WEBSITE FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL.

#### **OPEN SOUAD CAMP**

All players are advised that an Open Squad Camp will be conducted from Friday 23 September 2005 to Sunday 25 September 2005 AT THE NSW Academy of Sport at Narrabeen. Players will move to the Camp by School Bus and return on Sunday at around midday. Meals for Friday evening, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday are included in the cost. This centre is first class and provides a variety of activities and facilities to support a cricket camp. The total cost which includes transport is \$123.00 per student, and we will approach the cricket committee for a subsidy against the cost. Application forms are available on the cricket website from 12 September. There are 35 places available for this camp and players from Year 9 upwards who wish to try for 1st and 2nd XI selection, as well as Year 9 and Year 10 tour teams should attend this camp. Applications will close on Monday, 19 September, 2005. All monies must be paid by no later than 1.00 pm on Tuesday, 20 September. If there is an excess of Year 9 and 10 tour applicants, the places will be filled based on last season's performances and will be advised by phone.

**PARKING DUTY** – The Cricket Section has been allocated parking for **FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2005** for the SYDNEY FC V CENTRAL COAST MARINERS commencing at 8.00 pm. Volunteers are required to assist on the night together with Senior Squad boys. This fixture could be very rewarding for our fundraising considering the debut of the Sydney FC. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:lheil39@bigpond.net.au">lheil39@bigpond.net.au</a>

Laurie Heil

**MIC** -Cricket