

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



From the Principal

January Parking

My thanks to Serdar Bolen and the groups of staff, volunteer parents and students who worked so hard during the January vacation. On the seven parking days, an impressive 2,232 cars were parked in the grounds. In addition, the Commonwealth Bank radio controlled blimp was on site during the Australia v India Test match, earning revenue for the Foundation and the school. The whole school community benefits greatly from the contributions of these High stalwarts who give up their time so graciously to support the school.

Building Fund Term Deposit – No 2

Our secondary term deposit set aside for the new library - performing arts space project matured this week. With interest and additional contributions from our No 3 account, \$260,000 was available for reinvestment. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this appeal so far and urge others to get behind this worthwhile, large scale project. Students accessing library services would be better served. Potential musicians, debaters, actors or public speakers would really enjoy being in such a facility if only we had the funds to build it now.

Building Works Financing

Non targeted capital donations and interest earnings have been used to pay instalments on our demountable building and to refurbish and create the new classrooms. \$36,000 has been expended so far this financial year (commencing 1/12/07). Given the extended time frame for our fundraising for the new library, we have to balance our immediate learning environment needs against our goal for the future. Our distribution formula tries to achieve that. For 2008 only there will have to be a small variation in the formula for disbursements to adjust to the demands of the building works required to accommodate the additional Year 9 classes.

Chinese New Year Celebrations

I hope our school community supports the Sydney High Development Committee's Chinese New Year celebration evening on Saturday, February 23. There will be great food and entertainment and an opportunity to get to know other families in the school. Places are limited as we can only seat 200 for dinner. I urge you to support this initiative.

Student Images in School Publications

In various school publications – the Annual Report, High Flyer, High Bulletin, The Record, promotional material – photographs of students are used. If you have an objection to your child's image being included in any school publications, please inform the school by email, fax or letter.

Uncollected Student Reports

Regrettably, I still have a couple of dozen uncollected reports. Please ask your son to come and get his report before he is punished for not doing so.

Year 7 Welcome and Summer Sports Assembly

Our new Year 7s were welcomed according to tradition at our first assembly last week. Our guest, Mr David Moore, very recently returned from the West Indies in his role of Head Coach of their national cricket team, is a very good role model of the sportsman-scholar. He spoke to the boys about getting what you deserve in academics, sport and life. He drew parallels between study and training and perseverance in the work environment. His message about the key to success was the right attitude and plenty of application. My speech to the assembly is reprinted below:

Good morning and welcome to our second edition of the summer sports assembly. To our special guest, coaches, parents and staff – thank you for your attendance. For several years now we have combined at this

assembly our traditional welcome to Year 7 with our acknowledgement of summer GPS sports teams. We honoured our basketballers and cricketers last year as their competitions commenced in term 4. Today we recognise our tennis players, sailors, swimmers and for the first time in a while – a water polo team.

I want to thank all the coaches and players who have given up their time in the summer holidays to prepare themselves for term 1 competition. Our strength and fitness coach, Jason Tassell, has had a good response from dedicated trainers in the weights room during the vacation period. I urge boys again to avail themselves of this great service during the year for minimum cost.

Our tennis program has been managed by Mr Ayre on top of his other duties and I thank him and his staff on your behalf for his efforts. Thank you also to Old boy Peter Pereira for his work with first grade tennis. I express my appreciation to Carl Nielsen and his coaches at Tennis-Wise for their coaching program. GPS tennis players are reminded that they can use our tennis courts during the reserved hours by signing for a key with my Assistant, Ms Williams.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Adam South, our Old Boy sailing coach who has quickly built up a successful and sought after program for sailing. His expertise and contacts have added great value. Our fleet of boats is growing and our equipment is being regularly upgraded. As usual, I want to extend a special thank you to Mr Laurie Heil, who with Ben Ingle and a couple of dedicated volunteers, managed the construction of the new shed for the cricket gear and bowling machines. We have everything in place to move the cricket coaching program ahead strongly.

Thank you again to Mr Ockert for organising swimming again this year. Our carnival is next week but that is just the beginning. Swimmers in training will be encouraged to swim for High in Friday night competition. Thank you to Taryn Evans, our new MIC for Water Polo for her help in reviving this sport at High. We have had great support from our colleagues at Sydney University Sport to access expert training. I am sure our boys will be much more competitive next season.

Over the years I have made many observations about the nature of sport. After recent sporting circumstances in my own life, I was compelled to think about mental application and team goals above personal feelings. It is an exercise all members of teams must do. I am even more strongly persuaded that personal challenge setting and mental toughness to keep to training routines

are vital qualities for successful sportsmen. Stick it out until the final whistle. Don't let your team down or yourself down.

Nicole Haislett, Olympic gold medallist in swimming put it this way. "Identify your personal limits and then push past them. Then set new barriers, and repeat the process, again and again and again." You are used to facing big challenges in all areas of school life. I know that the going gets tough. We all understand the difficulties High boys have trying to balance academics and sport. However, the gains outweigh the negatives considerably. In the words of Greg Waitz, 9 times winner of the New York marathon: "You've got to look for tough competition. You've got to want to beat the best." How much more satisfying is it to do well against the hardest school organised competition there is, than to build up false assessments of quality in a lower standard sports environment?

Good luck to all teams competing this weekend in the opening of the 2008 season and to those already half way through. Rejoice in tough competition. Focus on your goals and see what you can do together to achieve them.

Dr K A Jaggar

A Message to Staff, Students and Parents

Most major school assemblies and events are photographed. The photographs are available on the school's "R" drive: R:\StudentPhotoArchive.

The latest images are from the Welcome to Year 7 and Summer Sports Assembly. Images can be copied for your personal records.

If you photograph a school event it would be greatly appreciated if you could share your images as well. Students may need to see me in order to download into the 'studentphotoarchive' folder.

Photos from the archive are used in the yearly Record publication.

J May
Creative Arts

SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL: THE FOUNDATION YEARS

This year marks the 125th anniversary of Sydney Boys' High School. To commemorate the occasion, the *High Notes* will publish a series of articles on the foundation years of Sydney Boys' High School, from its establishment in 1883, to the departure from its first home in Castlereagh Street at the end of 1891.

Background: Secondary education in NSW

The Public Instruction Act of 1880 is widely and inaccurately credited with introducing in NSW a system of education that was free, compulsory and secular.

The Act itself and the debates surrounding its introduction concentrated upon the questions of providing elementary education through the State-funded "public schools" and of State funding for the denominational (or religious) schools. A dual system of State-run "public schools" and schools run by the various religious denominations (supported by State funding) had been in existence in NSW since 1850. The Act of 1880 established a Department of Public Instruction (now the Department of Education) to be responsible for the State-run "public schools" and abolished State funding for the denominational schools.

Although subject to little attention at the time, the Act also made provision for the establishment of public High Schools. Specifically, the Act stated that the government could establish "High Schools for boys in which the course of instruction shall be of such a character as to complete the Public School curriculum or to prepare students for University".

In 1880, secondary education was seen to be the preserve of children who were destined for higher things. That is, those who would enter the "learned professions" and become part of the elite class of rulers and statesmen. Secondary education in NSW was provided by a number of sources - the Sydney Grammar School, grammar classes in the public schools, corporate colleges maintained by the churches (for example, The King's School maintained by the Church of England and the Methodist Church's Newington College), small grammar schools owned by individuals (mostly clergymen), small private venture schools and private educators such as parents, tutors and governesses.

The two most successful schools at putting forward pupils for entrance to Sydney University at the annual examinations were Sydney Grammar School and Fort Street Public School. Sydney Grammar had been established by Act of Parliament in 1854 and was in receipt of an annual grant from government until 1931. Fort Street Public School, founded in 1850, was the chief public school offering a secondary course (or "grammar class") to its top form. After 1880, the public

schools that offered such courses were termed "Superior Public Schools".

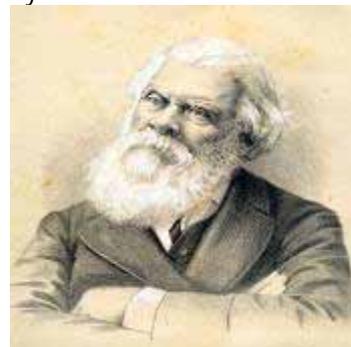
The public high schools were considered necessary for the burgeoning middle classes as a means of providing a link between the elementary education provided by the public schools and the University of Sydney. At the time, one of the many problems faced by the University was that enrolments were low (for example, only 76 students enrolled in 1880). By 1875, Sydney Grammar School, with 400 students, was already considered to be full.

In 1883, the government therefore established high schools for boys and girls at Sydney, Bathurst and Goulburn, followed by high schools at Maitland in 1884. The country high schools were not a success. Both schools at Goulburn closed in 1886, Bathurst Boys' closed in 1887 and Bathurst Girls' in 1895. These schools, with their higher fees and more stringent entry requirements, could not survive in the face of open hostility and competition from the local superior public schools and private colleges.

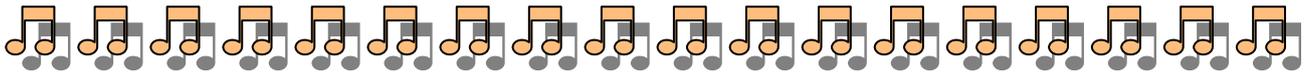
Some influential voices stated that, unlike the elementary public schools, the high schools were not a suitable area of government activity and it was feared that the high schools would, because of government support, destroy the independent and private schools then in existence.

The High Schools at Maitland and Sydney survived, but it was to be at least another twenty years before any more high schools were established. The first of these was Newcastle High School which commenced in 1906. This was followed, in 1911, by the Fort Street High Schools and the Sydney Technical High School.

From these humble beginnings no-one could have predicted the system of public secondary education that we have today.



*Sir Henry Parkes, Premier of NSW in 1878-1883.
He introduced the Public Instruction Act of 1880*



MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back to an exciting new year with our Music Ensemble Program. Our instrumental recruitment night was held on Monday evening in the Great Hall with a great turnout considering the terrible weather. Our talented tutors performed on their instruments to demonstrate the sound and versatility of each instruments. If you were unable to attend our instrumental recruitment evening and are interested in our music ensemble program, please contact the music staff for information.

Our first concert, the Annual Cabaret night will be coming up at the end of this term on **Saturday 29th March 2008**. We would like to invite you to come and listen to the wonderful variety of jazz music by our fabulous ensembles. This enjoyable evening showcases our jazz bands performing a wonderful range of music. Please join us on the fantastic night to listen or dance to the swing of the music. There will be a couple of professional dancers who will help those with *Two Left Feet*. This will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other parents of music ensemble members, especially our new Year 7 parents. Please also remember to bring a plate of nibbles and drinks to share with friends and family.

Tickets can be purchased through the school's main office and once payment is received, **please bring the receipt to the music staff for ticket collection. Please complete and return the form below by Wednesday 19th of March 2008 for this fun-filled evening.** **Price: \$10.00 per head or \$25.00 per family.**

Ensemble Rehearsal Times for 2008

- Monday** 7:30am Intermediate Concert Band (Room 201)
 7:30am Junior Concert Band (Room 101) - Beginning of Term 2
 7:30am Junior Percussion Ensemble (101)
 7:30am Training Strings Ensemble (Room 204)
- Tuesday** 7:30am Chamber Choir (Room 201)
 3:30pm Marching Band (Basketball Courts - Major Knowles and Anthony Ho)
- Wednesday** 7:30am Junior Stage Band (Room 101)
 7:30am Intermediate Stage Band (Room 201)
- Thursday** 7:30am Senior Concert Band
 7:30am Senior String Ensemble (Room 204)
 3:30pm Senior Stage Band (Room 201)
- Friday** 8:00am Symphony Orchestra (Room 201)
 8:00am Marching Band (MPW)
 8:00am Guitar Ensemble (Room 101)

Cabaret Night Ticket Order

Name of Student: _____ Roll Class: _____

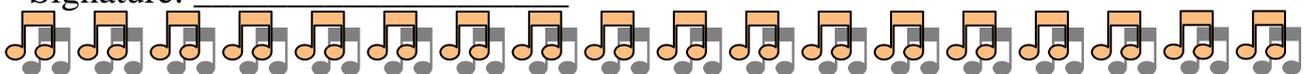
Number of tickets required: _____ Total cost: _____

Type of payment: **Cheque** _____ **Cash** _____ **B/Card** _____ **M/Card** _____ **Visa** _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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Signature: _____



Rowing Term 1 2008

The boys have been in rowing camps through the January holidays and are now ready to enter the exciting end of the rowing season with the GPS regattas already under way.

The boys compete at a series of regattas during Term 1, the first one last Saturday, with High as host school. This was a junior regatta (Years 8, 9 and 10) and we were lucky with the weather. The boys all rowed well and High parents did a terrific job catering for the spectators from all schools with barbecued egg and bacon rolls, coffee, cakes and refreshments. The best performed crew of the day was probably the year 9 first quad of Petrie, Fang, Stefanidis, Gollan and Chung coached by Mr Gainford.

The rowing committee, **Peter Ambrose, Geoff Andrews, Anita Bezjak, Grace Reid, Katharine Deacon and Bernie Desmond** worked well together organizing the transportation of equipment, set up at Bayview Park, catering and roster for the regatta ...it was a big effort!

The committee would like to thank the parents who helped with barbecuing, serving, and making a spectacular array of cakes – **Steve Whiting, Cheryl Bow, John Petrie, Debbie and Barry Schilling, Sally Lin, Frank Caetano, Helen and Max Montenaro, Mohan Balakrishnan, Helen and Steve Gollan, Patricia and Stratos Stefanidis, Helen Vertoudakis, Denis Gorey, Tim Musgrove, Mary Myerscough, Nada Andrews and Tania Arsenova.**

The senior boys (Years 11 and 12) celebrated the beginning of the competitive season with a 'Rowing Formal'. This was initiated by the boys, with **Robbie Chen** doing most of the organising. It was a dinner/dance attended by the senior boys and invited partners, and they all looked fantastic in their formal attire. The night was enjoyed by all thanks to the catering efforts of **Allyson Barris, Edna Koritschoner, Katharine Deacon, Anita Bezjak, Peter Ambrose, Kel O'Keefe and David Blomberg.** Can't forget the very professional waiters of the night ...Year 10 rowers, **Gareth Deacon, James Whiting, Andrew Blomberg and Dominic Edgton.**

Attached is a report by Robbie Chen

SYDNEY BOYS HIGH ROWING FORMAL 2008.

Love was in the air. The water still. Like glass. Barely a breeze swept the Parramatta River on this relaxing Friday evening. The sun beginning to set, golden rays of light beaming at the horizon. Perfection. At 6.30pm, the Sydney High Rowing Sheds was a scene of clean, fine, young testosterone-pumped gentlemen greeting the growing flocks of unsuspecting beautiful young women. Intelligent conversation was made as all were merry with crushed drinks and delicious finger food, served ever so gracefully by the Year 10 waiters. One by one, the suited-up rowers would guide their dates, hand in hand, upstairs to the function room for the formal. Gentlemen, they were that night.

With all seated there was no time wasted and we got straight to the point. The food was spectacular, delivered professionally, prepared to the highest standards, absolutely sensational. All was well until we decided to introduce a bit of old-school to the formal; the traditional waltz. A crucial life skill all rowers now flaunt. Opening the waltz was Daniel O'Keefe (Captain of Boats) and Shahar Merom (Vice-Captain of Boats) with their brave dates. And they waltzed with much expertise and coordination and skill to the delight of the crowds. And it looked so fun to the point that everyone converged on the dance floor to waltz. It was a tearful sight for the adults as they gazed in deep thought at the spectacle present. The night continued on with much dancing and socialising, couples on the pontoons, enjoying the serene river in the moonlight. Before we all knew it, the end of the night was upon us and like the typical Romeos we are, all of us presented our dates with flowers in a romantic move to seal the night. Farewells were made, kisses were blown, hugs were given and the women were soon booted out of the sheds and on their way home. The first ever rowing formal was deemed to be a huge success and it could not have happened without the following people:

Constantine William Phillip Barris, his lovely wife Allyson Barris, Edna, Peter Ambrose, Julie Blomberg, Dave Blomberg, Anita Bezjak, Katherine Deacon, Nada Andrews, George Barris, Oliver Wilson, Paul Martyn.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for giving me a chance and believing in me.

Thank you again, Yours truly, Robert Chen

The Year 10 Vllls are off to Melbourne this week for the annual racing against Melbourne High on the Yarra. This will be quite a different experience to the busy Parramatta River and competition will be tough. The boys are billeted and looked after by Melbourne High and hopefully will be enjoyed by all.

Of course, this is all overseen by our rowing master, **Mr Barris**, who quietly goes about the business of efficiently running events in the rowing program.

Julie Blomberg
President Rowing Committee



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET

www.sydneyboyscricket.info



The second half of the cricket season got underway last Saturday, but unfortunately many matches were abandoned due to wet and unprepared turf pitches. High's 4thXI and 15Bs recorded wins and remaining teams had mixed fortunes.

Saturday also saw 30 of the 48 new Year 7 boys attend the school nets for assessments and we welcome all of the boys to the Cricket section. A pleasing aspect was the enthusiasm shown by the boys and whilst many are new to cricket, they all had a go and displayed areas where our coaches can aim for in preparing them for fixtures. My thanks to the parents who transported the boys and stayed throughout the session.

This week in all age groups new players to the section will be selected in teams for Saturday 9th Feb

GROUP 1 -

1stXI GRAMMAR 4/111 -defeated- HIGH 10/110

One Day Fixture. High was put in to bat in overcast conditions and got off to a solid start and at 26 overs were 2/73 and from there in a display of undisciplined batting lost 6/15 to be all out for 110 Main run scorers were Dasith Vithanage (32), Karan Rao (16) and Matthew Coutts (20n.o). Grammar started well being 0/37 off 8 overs and High then pulled it back with good spells from Matthew Coutts and Daniel Simpson. Kerrod McPherson bowled well without luck and Brian Kelly (1-9) and Shiva Sheth (1-8) picked up late wickets. High need to be more disciplined in the match plan in its batting line-up and consolidate on good starts – a batsman (or 2) need to go on and make a big score. A special thanks to Toby Rosengarten's fielding effort and in filling in for an injured player. See Website for Match Report.

2ndXI GRAMMAR 7/97 -defeated- HIGH 10/95

One Day Fixture. One that got away from us, due to several batsmen not following the team's batting plan. High won the toss and chose to bat first in overcast conditions with Nakul Pednekar (28) and Hugo Richards (22) putting together over half of the team's final score which gave the team some credibility after a series of dismal batting performances. High's bowlers took on the task of dismissing Grammar's batting line-up in reply but fell 3 wickets short. Wicket takers were Justin Haaj 2-18 (9) and Niraj Bangalore 4-15 (9)

3rdXI , 16A and 15A Matches abandoned due to state of the pitch

14A GRAMMAR 6/110 -defeated- HIGH 10/59

High was competitive for 15 overs at 3/44 matching Grammar's score of 4/45 at the same drink break in their innings. However Grammar went on with it and High lost their application and were all out for 59. Run scorers were Christopher Oei and Krishnendu Dutta both contributing (12 runs) each and Alexander Hughes with (7). Wickets takers were shared with Sadam Dias 2-20(5), Krishnendu Dutta 2-12(3), Dhruv Gupta 1-18(3) and Tom Connolly 1-8 (5).

GROUP 2

4th XI HIGH 7/140 -defeated- GRAMMAR 7/137

With a run a ball needed in the final three overs the job was made easier by Tom Lindeback with a quick fire 43 and Gary Truong's two consecutive boundaries to give High the win. Earlier an opening partnership of 36 got High off on the right foot and Lachlan Street went on to make a stylish 40 before several quick wickets went

16B GRAMMAR 3/183 -defeated- HIGH 4/63

Grammar batted first and faced a patched-up High team (due to withdrawals) and had their work cut out with a reduced bowling attack with Jimari Bastable, Liam Aylmer and Oliver Fio each taking one wicket supported by Rafat Kamal in his first keeping assignment. High's batting highlight came from a solid knock by Daniel Morgan (50).

15B HIGH 8 /149 -defeated- GRAMMAR 9 /148

In a match with both teams having winning chances and then losing ground saw High hold their nerve when Grammar only needing 6 to win with 2 overs to go were held at bay by great bowling. Main run scorers were Botong Cheng (53n.o) and Samuel Lane (26) .High's wicket takers were shared by Ishman Bari 1-14(5), Derek Wei 1-18(5), Krishan Sivayogarayan 1-20(4), Subhdah Weeratunge, 1-26(5), Vino Anandaselvakumar 1-15(2), Samuel Lane 1-26(4) and backed up with 3 run-outs of Shanaz Razeen ,Ishman and Subhdah. See the Website for Match Report.

15C and 15D Teams were scheduled for an Intra Home match

14B Match abandoned due to state of pitch

14C BYE – Grammar does not have a 14C team

CRICKET COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEETING

A meeting of the Committee will be conducted in the Common Room (main Administration building) on Wednesday 20th February at 6-0pm

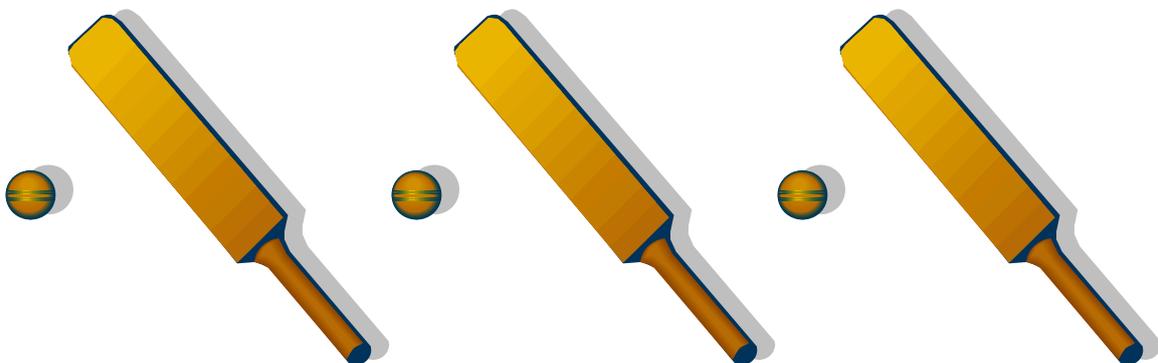
The Agenda will include a Competition Report, Coaching Support, Fund Raising and Cricket Dinner. Parents of all players (including our new boys) are encouraged to attend.

WEBSITE – sydneyboyscricket.info

The Cricket Website has now been updated after several glitches due to a change of programme.

All team's selections will be posted weekly where applicable, Match Reports (submitted), High Notes and general information for parents will also be included and all are urged to use this communication aid regularly.

Laurie Heil
MIC Cricket



shootin' hoops

The weekly dose of court-side action

edition 55



High VS Grammar

Term 1 2007-(last time)-

Term 4 2007-(This week)-

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	LOSS		
2nd	WIN	60-41	J.RAJENDRA M 16
3rd	WIN	47-28	A.YANG 16
4th	WIN	45-27	B.YANG 19
5th	LOSS	42-11	N.DIMITROPO ULOS 4
6th	LOSS	26-15	F.LEE 4, D.LAM 4
7th	WIN	26-18	D.YU 6
8th	WIN	16-9	B.LUNG 5
16A	WIN	47-26	TEAM EFFORT
16B	WIN	41-35	C.NGUYEN 11
16C	WIN	56-19	I.LU 12
16D	WIN	36-23	S.YUNG 10
16E	WIN	27-25	H.VI 10
15A	LOSS	18-31	C.MORROW 5PTS-10 REB. A.YE 5PTS
15B	LOSS	27-20	K.LU 8
15C	WIN	29-20	N.LEONG 8
15D	LOSS	23-20	D.NGUYEN, K.NGUYEN 4
15E	LOSS	14-12	TEAM EFFORT
14A	LOSS	57-4	A.PURCAL 2
14B	LOSS	29-8	N.MA 4
14C	LOSS	24-22	TEAM EFFORT
14D	LOSS	57-16	B.CHAU 6
14E	LOSS	34-2	W.HO 2
14F	LOSS	41-2	N.LY 2

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	WIN	98-78	S.LLEWELLYN 41
2nd	WIN	87-49	P.DU, K.IYER 19
3rd	WIN	47-28	A.YANG 16
4th	WIN	29-15	M.YIU 10
5th	LOSS	15-41	S.KE 8
6th	WIN	23-19	A.TSIALIS 8
7th	WIN	24-19	H.GU 8
8th	WIN	56-18	B.LUNG 10
16A	WIN	39-35	TEAM EFFORT
16B	DRAW	25-25	V.VO 8
16C	WIN		
16D	WIN		
16E	LOSS	26-23	H.LU, R.MA 6
15A	HEAVY	LEAKING	ON INDOOR
15B	COURTS	AT	COOK AND PHILLIP
15C	PARK.	ALL	GAMES CANCELLED
15D	AT	THE	VENUE.
15E			
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14C	PARK.	ALL	GAMES CANCELLED
14D	AT	THE	VENUE.
14E	LOSS	16-55	A.CHAN 8
14F	GAME		CANCELLED

So you wake up Saturday morning and it is raining...

When it is raining students are encouraged to attend the venue and games will be called at the venue. If their game is cancelled they can often still support the first and second grade games.

This happened for Grammar last week with a decent crowd supporting their side.

An update of games cancelled can be found on the SBHS website. Mr Ayre edits the site as he hears from the opposing school Sports master or when he makes a decision himself about our venues. Alternatively the opposition schools wet weather phone line/internet site would have details when we are away.

B.Hayman (MIC)

MR HAYMAN'S PLAYER/TEAM OF THE WEEK: **SPENCER LLEWELLYN (1ST GRADE)**

The firsts played against a fired up Grammar side on Saturday. Despite a large amount of contact and four of Grammar's starting five players eventually fouling out the High side composed themselves and consistently made good decisions in offence. This was mostly due to the quality play of Spencer who scored 41 points whilst keeping all of his team mates involved offensively. If this group can 'keep their cool' and play team defence limiting their opposition to one shot on offence they could be a force in future! **It is early days but six years of hard work from all involved appears to be paying off for SBHS basketball...**

B.Hayman (MIC)



1ST GRADE VS GRAMMAR

Score: 98-78 (WIN) Top Scorer: S.Llewellyn 41pts

reports



Coming off strong holiday training preparation, which included winning the Trinity Challenge Plate, first grade played Grammar in the first game of the 2nd half of the season, with a big win in their sights. The start of the game was very intense, with both sides trading hard fouls early on. As the game started to settle, High's offence blossomed, with Spencer Llewellyn leading the team at the point. His accurate shooting and unmatched speed in the open court gave High a positive 5 point lead at quarter time.

The 2nd quarter saw High knuckle down and produce some further free flowing offence that was simply unstoppable. Long-range shooting from Sam Higgins frustrated the Grammar side, and Dinghua Xiao's dominant presence inside was key to some easy baskets, numerous 2nd chance points and some massive blocks. High led by 14 at half time. The 3rd quarter was a tight affair with both teams trading baskets quickly, with little defence played on either end. Solid contributions from Jackson Meaney and Stephen Dong and easy transition baskets for High relieved the pressure that was starting to build from a declining lead. Grammar worked hard to get within 9 points at one stage but High held strong and with an exciting buzzer beater from Spencer, High maintained their 14 point lead at the end of the 3rd period. In the 4th quarter, High clamped down on defense restricting easy penetration into the key that Grammar were getting earlier in the game. With numerous Grammar players fouled out and further sharp shooting, the lead was pushed out to 20 by full time.

It was great too see such great support at an away game, especially from the coaches/old boys. **We play Kings at home this week and it'll be awesome to have a massive crowd behind us for such an important game for the team.**

By 1st grade captain, Stuart Sugito



2ND GRADE VS GRAMMAR

Score: 87-49 (WIN) Top Scorers: K.Iyer, P.Du 19pts

reports



After hard trainings and weights during the holidays, the second grade squad started the second half of the season with an impressive win over the Grammar School. The team dominated the Grammar team throughout the game and finished the game with an impressive 87-36 win, **the biggest winning margin in Sydney High's basketball history.** With great defence, High started off strong in the first quarter and had **8 consecutive stops** at the early stage of the quarter with a well structured trap. The opponent was limited to 2 points in the first quarter. While dominating the defensive end, High also caught on fire with its fabulous offence. With Ping Du dominating the offensive rebounds and Kartik Iyer sinking all his shots with a poor back, the team scored almost 30 points in the 1st quarter. High lost a bit of its momentum at the start of the second quarter and the Grammar team started to make a few tough shots and grabbed a few offensive rebounds. After a short timeout, High regained its momentum and started to make a few shots and finished the half with a 20 point lead. After a quick half time break, High School started the third quarter strong. Like the first quarter, High sank most of its shots and point guard Jeremy Rajendram had a perfect 100% shooting percentage in that quarter. High School pulled away quickly in that quarter and had a demanding lead of 30 points. Both teams played hard in the last quarter and High School retained its lead to the final whistle. Even though the Grammar team lost the game, they fought hard throughout the entire game and they are still a very young team with a lot of potential.

By 2nd grade captain, Zhijun Xu

~Brought to you by Johny Shih

~Thank you to Mr Hayman for all his contributions to basketball and information

LEARN TO ROW PROGRAM



When: Sunday, 17 February – 30 March 2008 (No Rowing Easter Sunday 23 March 2008)

Time: 7.00am – 9.00am

Duration: Sessions of 2 hours

Cost: \$275.00 incl. GST

Coach: Ross Bowey

Venue: The Outterside Centre, 5 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford

If you want to learn Rowing in Sydney, then this course of 6 classes is for you. Whether you are a complete novice or have some previous experience, come and learn the skills of rowing. Rowing is the ideal aerobic sport for the entire body as it is low impact and low injury. You'll enjoy the ultimate team activity as well as the magic moments of early mornings on the water.

Agenda - Beginners

Week 1:

Orientation to the pontoon area

Racing shell setup

Safety precautions

Fundamental rowing technique

Week 2 – 6:

Development of rowing technique

Style correction

Crew rowing

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the course participants will possess the following skills and knowledge:

- Basic knowledge of rowing style and boat rigging
- Basic navigation rules and river etiquette
- Ability to row with a crew in a racing shell

Agenda –Continuing

The focus will be on developing teamwork within the boat and expand on the basic knowledge from the Beginners Level.

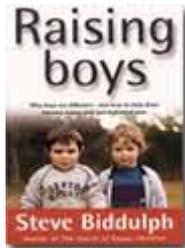
Safety Note: Participants must be able to swim 50 metres and tread water as a safety requirement. All participants must sign The Sydney High Foundation's Indemnity Form, stating swimming ability, before they are allowed on the water.

Under 18's must be accompanied by a participating adult.

To make a booking or for more information: Please contact Judith Shuttleworth, Foundation Venues Manager, on 0427 070 569 or at sales@shsfoundation.org.au

Steve Biddulph @ Sydney Boys High School

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Playgroup NSW is pleased to announce that Australia's best known family therapist and parenting author Steve Biddulph will present a hilarious and helpful talk based on his best-selling book 'Raising Boys' in March at Sydney Boys High School.

Steve's books of Happy Children, Raising Boys, More Secrets and the acclaimed Manhood, are popular the world over and have contributed to changes in attitudes to the needs of children and methods of parenting.

Wednesday, 5 March 2008 at 7.30pm
The Great Hall, Sydney Boys High School

Cost \$16.00 Playgroup members \$20.00 non members

Book on line www.playgroupnsw.com.au or phone 1800 171 882.

****We regret babies and children cannot be admitted to the talks.**

YEAR 9 PARENTS MEETING



Our first meeting of 2008 will be held on

Wednesday 13th February at 6:30 in the Staff Common Room
(near the main foyer)

All parents/carers of Year 9 boys are welcome to attend,
especially those new to the school.

For an agenda, please refer to the email you
received from the year 9 parents coordinators last week.

If you have any questions, please ring
Fabienne Ovardia on 9386 1221

SBHS Chinese New Year Dinner

When: 6.30 pm Saturday 23 February 2008

Where: Great Hall, Sydney Boys High School

Cost: \$25 per adult & high school student

\$20 per primary school student

Free for children 5 & under

\$100 for family of 5 or 6 people

Food: Delicious Chinese & Asian food by special Asian gourmet caterers

Drinks: BYO

**Entertainment: Traditional Chinese Lion dance and Chinese music performance,
Special Chinese decorations,
Chinese New Year artwork display by Sydney High students
Games, Lucky door prize, Raffle and Auction prizes**

Families and friends, past parents, teachers and Old Boys are all welcome

Organised by SBHS Development Committee and P&C

**PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY LUNCHTIME ON 15 FEBRUARY 08.**

**UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION ON THE NIGHT
WITHOUT PREPAYMENT BECAUSE OF CATERING NEEDS**

For enquiries please ring Charles Ovadia on 9386 1221

IS YOUR CHILD SHORT-SIGHTED?

Parents of children who are short-sighted (myopic) often ask if it's possible to stop the progression of short-sightedness. At the Institute for Eye Research we've been asking the same question.

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Kensington, Sydney

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Email: enquiry@ier.org.au

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Adult's Name: _____ Ph: _____

Child's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

For more information please call School of Golf on: (02) 9663 1064 or visit www.mooreparkgolf.com.au



Theatre Sports for Teens

Wednesday 20 February

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Wednesday 26 March

4:30pm - 6:00pm

12 to 18 years - FREE

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Improve your self confidence, public speaking and
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Bookings essential - Ph: 9314 4888

Bowen Library, 669 - 673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra 2035



February/March 2008

08-02-2008

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 B	<p>11 Year 7 Camp, Academy of Sport, Narrabeen Impact Student Leadership Conference (SRC) Year 12 LS Assessment Tasks - 12B LS period 5; 12A LS, period 6 Tennis: Sydney East CHS Individuals Trials Senior A Camp, Abbotsford P&C Executive Meeting</p>	<p>12 Year 7 Camp, Academy of Sport, Narrabeen OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Rowing Committee Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm</p>	<p>13 Year 7 Camp, Academy of Sport, Narrabeen Row B, C Year 9 parent group meeting in Staff Common Room from 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Baseball: Sydney East CHS Trials, Sylvania Waters Senior A & C Camp, Abbotsford Row D, E, F</p>	<p>15 Debating meeting in the Great Hall from 3:00 pm GPS Swimming Carnival 2, Riverview, 7pm</p>	<p>16 Sport Group 1 - SHS v TKS Group 2 - SJC v SHS Shore Junior Regatta, Hen and Chicken Bay State Championships, SIRC Sailing Tri-Series, Woollahra Parking - Waratahs v Hurricanes (Basketball)</p>	<p>17 Cricket: GPS Selection Trial, NC</p>
4 A	<p>18 Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7E and 7F Prefects' morning tea to welcome new staff, recess, Staff Common Room Senior A Camp, Abbotsford</p>	<p>19 Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7M and 7R Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm Speech Night, Great Hall, 7:30pm</p>	<p>20 Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7S and 7T Row B, C School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 Mufti Day - Boggabilla CS [Year 9] Row D, E, F Senior A & B Camp, Abbotsford</p>	<p>22 Years 7, 8 and 9 Awards Assembly, Period 2 Years 10, 11 and 12 Awards Assembly, Period 3 GPS Swimming Carnival 3, SAC, Homebush, 7:00pm Years 9, 10 drama excursion to 'Short & Sweet' at Seymour Centre 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Sport Groups 1 & 2 - SIC v SHS NC Regatta P&C Chinese New Year event in the Great Hall Parking - Roosters v Tigers (Foundation Cup) (Debating)</p>	<p>24 Parking - Australia v India - Comm Bank Series (D/N) (Rowing)</p>
5 B	<p>25 Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Year 8 History/Geography excursions Year 11 Geography excursion (Mangrove ecology) All Schools Water Polo, SOPAC Shed Run, Coogee</p>	<p>26 Period 2 Year 10 Visual Arts incursion Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm P&C Cocktail Party to Welcome New Parents, Great Hall, 6:30pm-8:30pm</p>	<p>27 Year 11 Study Skills Morning, Great Hall, 9am-12:30pm Tennis CIS Trials UNSW Invitational Debating Row B, C Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm</p>	<p>28 Row D, E, F Senior A & C Camp, Abbotsford</p>	<p>29 Sydney East Regional Volleyball Trials, 1:45pm at SBHS Eastside Debating Competition, Round 1, TSC v SHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 1, SHS v KGS</p>	<p>1 Sport Group 1 - SIC v SHS Group 2 - Shore v SHS SGS Junior Regatta TKS/PLC Regatta, SIRC Sailing Tri-Series, Woollahra</p>	<p>2 Cricket: GPS v Ex GPS Parking - First Final Comm Bank Series (D/N) (Cricket)</p>
6 A	<p>3 Senior A & B Camp, Abbotsford P&C Executive Meeting</p>	<p>4 Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra, 8:30am-3:15pm Debating Supporters Group, Common Room, 6:30pm Rowing Committee Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm</p>	<p>5 Row B, C Fencing Supporters Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm Steve Biddulph presentation in the Great Hall from 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 National Rowing Championships, SIRC Junior Rowing Photos, Abbotsford Senior A & B Camp, Abbotsford Row D, E, F</p>	<p>7 National Rowing Championships, SIRC Eastside Debating Competition, Round 2, Reddam v SHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 2, SHS v NC GPS Swimming Carnival 4, SAC, Homebush, 7:00pm Parking - Waratahs v Brumbies (Rugby)</p>	<p>8 Sport Groups 1 & 2 - SHS v NC TSC Regatta National Rowing Championships, SIRC</p>	<p>9 National Rowing Champs, SIRC Cricket: GPS Final Practice, Team Dinner, SJC</p>