

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



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## From the Principal

### Welcome back to Term 2



Welcome back to term 2. Congratulations to Bonnie Branigan who was married during the holidays and now is aka Mrs Collignon. Thank you to Sue Schlederer for 10 years of service to High. People are always very busy during this term with examinations, assessments and reports. I encourage everyone to try to keep strictly to the deadlines set to enable the processes to be coordinated smoothly.

### High Talent

Congratulations to Dominic Bowes, Zid Mancenido (12) and Antony Paul (10) who were selected in the short list of 14 debaters in the state squad. Well done too, Edwin Montoya (12) and Max Phillis (10) who won through to the national level for MUNA, to be held in Tasmania. Acclaimed musician Muhamed Mehmedbasic (12) qualified for the semi-finals of the NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition. Good results at CHS Swimming this year with Max Chien 2<sup>nd</sup> in 14s, Darren Ho 3<sup>rd</sup> in opens and Dominic Mah 3<sup>rd</sup> in 12s – all in the breaststroke 100m. Good luck to all boys as they progress in their competitions! Chess star in the making Edward Naoumov (8) was featured in the NSWJCL magazine as the most improved junior player of the year to date with a big 249 point increase in his rating number to 912. Target rifle shooter Matthew Tong (11) won C grade (clean sweep) at the Anzac day Open Prize Match. Great work by the Marching Band again at Anzac Day – a great banner, good parading and smooth musicianship. I have received several congratulatory emails about the performance. Well done to all concerned!

### Anzac Day Ceremony



It was very encouraging to be one of the official party at our Anzac day Assembly with such a great representation from the armed services, Old Boys and RSL representatives.

My address is reprinted below.

Distinguished guests, Old Boys, members of staff, students, welcome to our Anzac Day ceremony for 2008. I want to acknowledge and thank our special guests today. Col. Ian Cumming (Victoria Barracks) representing Major-General Mark Kelly; Capt. Donoghue (UNSW Regiment) representing Lt Col. Fomiatti; RSL Sub-Branch Presidents Bill Harrigan (Bondi-Waverley), Barry Collins (Coogee-Randwick), Merv Woods (Kensington War Memorial), RSL representatives Chris Salakis (Malabar) and Old Boy Vic Thatcher (Clovelly). A special welcome to serving and retired Old Boys - Air Vice Marshall Russ Law, Brigadier Bob Slater, Lt. Col. Anthony Tripley, Commander Viv Littlewood and Major Ross Cable. Our commemoration takes place rather early this year but the educational opportunity to raise the concept of Anzac Day in our school community consciousness is an annual commitment of the Department of Education and more importantly for us, a traditional ritual of this school. Anzac Day recognises service and sacrifice, mateship and memorials. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our school cadets this year. For several years seven cadets from our Unit have served as a banner party for the 2/1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment Association at the Anzac Day March. This year 20 cadets are to form a Flag Party to carry national flags at the opening ceremony before the Anzac Day Test. Also, our High Marching Band has become a feature of the March. I am hoping for a big turnout again this year. Thank you to all boys who care enough to be involved.

This morning I want to offer a snapshot of Australians at war after Gallipoli when our forces were deployed to France. By the end of 1915, the war in Europe was at a stalemate. After the 1914 war of movement when Germany's Schlieffen Plan encircling thrusts on Paris were stopped at the Marne and the 'race to the sea' ended in a draw,

German defensive lines were established from the French alps to the English Channel, keeping the Allies at bay. Counter attacks by French and British forces in 1915 were disastrous. The 'cavalry and bayonet' Generals squandered the 'offensive spirit' of a generation of young men, sustaining 2.4 million Allied casualties. Machine guns, trenches, concrete bunkers and barbed wire were effective against anything less than highly concentrated and sustained artillery fire, adequate offensive weaponry and a No-Man's Land to traverse of no more than 200 metres. Haig and the generals ran battles they could not see, using plans and tactics they could not control, wasting troops they did not know, on open, muddy battlefields they had not reconnoitred.

Fromelles in Flanders was the scene for the Australian troops first battle in Europe. On July 17, 1916, the three brigades of the Australian 5<sup>th</sup> Division (17,800 men) were sent in to the attack, with



orders to capture the German front line trenches and break into and hold their support lines. The operation was planned as a feint to stop the Germans sending reinforcements to Haig's real objective – at the Somme. The Australian Commanders thought the attack would fail and said so. It went ahead anyway. The Germans were not deceived. The Somme was reinforced. Fromelles was a hastily planned assault, on too wide a front with too little artillery support, in open country, across twice the feasible distance of No Man's Land, commencing immediately after rain. Despite these overwhelming disadvantages, two of the three attacks succeeded but the enemy support trenches were not where they were supposed to be and the Australian troops were forced to defend against counter attacks using the German frontline trenches they had recently occupied. They were cut off in defensive islands and surrounded when the Germans counterattacked. After a confused 14 hour battle, the Australians staged a desperate fighting retreat, pointlessly suffering 5,533 casualties, many disappearing into the mud. Les Carlyon, the vivid military historian writes in *The Great War*: "VC Corner Cemetery outside Fromelles is the only solely Australian war cemetery in France...There are no headstones. Underfoot are the remains of 410 Australians. The bodies were picked up after the war. None could be identified"(98). Fromelles was a tragic and futile catastrophe. There were to be many more before the 1917 Generals learned how to wage modern war effectively. The final cost of their on the job training by 1918 was 46000 Australian lives in France. As a consequence of the impact of our total war casualties, Australian society was changed forever. The scale of

the slaughter and mass anonymity of the dead are hard for 21<sup>st</sup> century minds to comprehend. We owe it to them to remember and retell their stories.

Deficiencies in reading maps, planning campaigns, communicating and interpreting intelligence, still plague people conceiving and directing wars. Ordinary people, increasingly civilian, pay the price for these errors. Facilities designed for the production of weapons of mass destruction can be clearly seen on aerial photographs if you want to find them. In its power struggle with the CIA the Pentagon could find evidence of a rogue state harbouring terrorists, even where nothing credible existed. The Taliban and Bin Laden were always the reason for the 'coalition of the willing' agreeing to invade Afghanistan after 9/11. How naïve we were to be hoodwinked and hijacked into an additional invasion to remove a tyrant. Perhaps for us the end game in Iraq is coming and Australia can extricate itself from the conflict with some dignity – leaving a humanitarian legacy. Maybe we will learn something this time from our decision to support neo conservative adventurism.

The geopolitics of warfare do not concern us at this ceremony. Here in Australia on Anzac Day we choose to fix our focus firmly on the human condition in war – the suffering, the heroism, the mateship, the grief at home. We have to try to put ourselves in the position of the soldier and empathise with his feelings as he stoically manages living in trenches, leaves letters home in his kit or with mates, chokes in his gas mask, faces death, takes another's life, lies wounded or exhilarates in his lucky survival. Each man had to play his part, to do his duty, to suppress self for the group, to serve the bigger picture.



I trust that on April 25, whether as participants or witnesses, High boys will play their part in honouring the citizens in our history who heard their country's call, volunteered to be put in harm's way, and who died, were wounded or suffered, in their nation's name.

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rowing Dinner



On Friday, April 11 the Rowing Committee staged a very well attended rowing dinner. The school is also celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year in GPS rowing. There is a great deal of support for rowing in the wider High community. The evening provided a great opportunity for crews of the past to reunite. Some notable oarsmen shared some reminiscences about the golden era of High rowing.

Once again our thanks go to Julie Blomberg, Geoff Andrews, Anita Bezjak and the organising committee for another successful function with >\$10,000 raised for the rowing program. More importantly, the evening generated positive impressions about High among the guests.

Dr K A Jaggard

## ENGLISH REPORT

It was very exciting to open up the Sydney Morning Herald last Saturday and find the **Sydney Writers' Festival 2008 guide**. The **Sydney Writers' Festival** is an annual event attracting writers from all over the world to talk about words, ideas and vision. *'Future imaginings; utopian dreamings; dystopian visions; fear of annihilation and the drive towards conservation; reconciliation and indigenous politics; an altered sense of personal and civic responsibility; mobilising and political activism; hope and optimism all feature strongly in the sessions.'* We highly recommend that senior students who aspire to the Extension courses get involved. We've cherry picked some of the events that might appeal to our students, and that marry well with modules they are studying, but students should go to [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au) to check out all the courses and events available, and to book where possible.

For Year 11s studying the Utopias module in Extension 1 and Identity in Advanced

**Right down to the Plumbing: Speculative fiction and world-building**, May 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Blacktown City Library, FREE, Bookings essential, 9839 6620

**Future Files**, May 22, noon – 1 pm, Sydney Dance Company Studio 1, Walsh Bay, FREE.

**Imagined futures**, May 25, 5 - 6 pm, Pier 2/3-Upstairs Writers Salon, Walsh Bay, \$15/\$10, bookings 9250 1988.

**Identity**, May 22, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Bangara Mezzanine, Walsh Bay, FREE.

For Extension 2 students, both current and aspiring (but Extension 1 would also benefit)

**Poking about in Libraries**. Two best selling authors discuss the importance of research. May 22, 10:30 – 11:30 am, Sydney Dance Company Studio 4, FREE.

**Writing and Research**, May 24, 1 – 2 pm, Sydney Dance Company Studio 2, Walsh Bay, FREE.

For HSC Advanced students studying the speeches for module B

**The Lost Art of Oratory**, May 24, 5 – 6:30 pm, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay, \$15/\$10, bookings 9250 1988.

For HSC Advanced students Area of Study - The Journey

**An Unimagined Journey with Imran Ahmad**, *'Unimagined is Imran Ahmad's captivating and gently humorous memoir of a Pakistani boy who moves to London and grows up torn between his Islamic identity and his desire to embrace the West. He talks with Bruce Elder.'* May 25, 2 – 3 pm, Pier 2/3-Upstairs Writers Salon, Walsh Bay, \$15/\$10, bookings 9250 1988.

Remember that if an event is free boys will need to be at the venue around an hour before it begins to ensure they get a seat. We hope that some of our boys will take advantage of this opportunity for enrichment at such a high level right on our doorstep.

Ms Trompetter

**Reading Torque...** *Veronica Crother, High's Librarian, selected this novel to challenge Year 8 Literary Circles Values Education Programme. Here she hops in the Landcruiser to explore Alexis Wright's Carpentaria.*

When I read Alexis Wright's *Carpentaria* I felt that I was reading the best recent Australian novel I was likely to read. I had pushed myself into reading yet another "outback" tome expecting it to be as excruciating and demanding as the outback itself. Instead I was taken into a poetic, spiritual, modern Aboriginal mindset which blew my mind with absolute delight.

The novel had won the 2007 Miles Franklin Award and I thought I would let myself see why. Alexis Wright is an indigenous Australian and her interpretation of modern Aboriginal thought, which I found hilarious and searingly honest, is a real national literary treasure, more than worthy of the Miles Franklin.

Set in the Gulf country much of the action takes place right next to the town rubbish dump where the local Pricklebush people have set up a humpy town for themselves. The action of the novel soars into an unbelievable and deadly conflict between white interests - a mining company and the townspeople of Desperance - and the local black community headed by the seemingly sensible elder, Norm Phantom. It becomes a Tolkienesque battle between Aboriginal spirituality, morality and connection with the land, sea and weather and no holds barred and morally compromised materialism.

I will give no more of the story away as it is essentially a fabulous story which you cannot put down. Suffice to say that this book has everything - humour, despair, adventure, and is a challenge to white judgements.

Veronica Crothers - Librarian

## SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL: THE FOUNDATION YEARS

### Sporting organisation

A series of sporting clubs were established at Sydney High in the 1880s. Organisation fell largely to the initiative of the boys themselves, with support occasionally from one or two masters.

There were also few, if any, external organisations controlling inter-school sport in the School's early years. (It must be remembered that the AAGPS was not formed until 1892 and the Combined High Schools Amateur Athletic Association was not established until 1913.) It was, therefore, left to the boys to find teams to play against. Not all of them were schools either. For example, in the 1880s, the School fielded Rugby teams against suburban sides and the staff of various government departments and mental asylums.

It is generally said that sport was poorly organised and that the School fairly struggled at sport in its early years. This state of affairs was attributed chiefly to the poor quality of the playground at Castlereagh Street, the lack of any playing fields, the concentration on studies and, initially, to the ages of the boys who were mostly aged 13-14 years upon enrolment.

The old building's physical limitations also impacted upon the organisation of sports in that all of the clubs suffered from a lack of space to hold committee meetings.

In 1888, it was suggested that all of the other sporting clubs come under the umbrella of the Amateur Athletics Club, so that one fee per quarter covered Cricket, Rugby and Athletics. It appears that nothing ultimately came of this proposal.

Consistent sports throughout the early years were rifle shooting, Rugby, cricket and athletics. There were, however, occasional calls to broaden the sporting base of the School. For example, an early edition of the school magazine, in 1888, made the following suggestions:

We even venture to state if a small sum were set aside for trophies for rowing, a very fair afternoon's amusement might be got at one of the boat sheds, where equal boats could be hired; also a few trophies for swimming.

Early failed attempts at sporting clubs include a swimming club that did not survive the summer of 1889 and a tennis club which apparently did not survive the

poor state of the playground at Castlereagh Street. In 1888, it was reported that "sailing parties" had been organised and had proved "very enjoyable" but nothing is heard of sailing again. Late in 1888, severe misgivings were expressed about the possibility of baseball, the School magazine reporting:

The picture of the real thing looks quite appalling, a hickory club and hard ball would soon clear a track for the said ball in our busy play hours.

A handball club also made a brief appearance in 1888/1889.

Sporting prowess was recognised each year by the presentation of honour caps, which were awarded in much the same way as blues are today. In 1884, honour caps were awarded to A H MacTaggart and A M Eedy for Rugby and to A H Eden and A H MacTaggart for cricket. The caps were of blue velvet with silver braid and a silver tassel at the end of a long cord. The caps changed to panels of chocolate and blue from 1885 – a pattern that is still followed today.

A brief history of some of the sports played while the School was at Castlereagh Street will follow in the weeks to come.



*A mid-1880s Rugby team.*



SHS Old Boys Union

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## Sydney High School Cadet Unit

The holidays have been a busy time for Sydney High Cadets. Six of our cadets gave up a week of their holidays to attend the NSW AAC Brigade Courses Camp at Singleton Army Camp. These courses are designed to prepare cadets for promotion within the Australian Army Cadets course.

Attending and qualifying were:

**Junior Leaders** (for first promotion)

Cadet Michael Do

Cadet Isaac Eveleigh

Cadet Brian Jian

**Senior Leaders** - Module One (for promotion to sergeant)

Corporal Sam Binns

Corporal Aditya Hatle

**Senior Leaders** – Module Two (for promotion to WO & CUO)

Sergeant Jack Wachsmann

### **ANZAC DAY**

Starting at 0700 and finishing at the School at 1830 ANZAC Day 2008 was a busy day for the Unit.

Once again the unit supported the Sydney Anzac Day March. A banner party of seven cadets under SGT Denis Stojanovic carried the banner for the 2/1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment Association

Other cadets, in School uniform played with the School Marching Band under the control of the Drum Major WO2 Anthony Ho, while cadets in uniform carried the Band's banner

Straight after the march a quick trip to ANZ Stadium at Homebush for the unit's role in the Anzac Day NRL match between the Dragons and the Roosters. Defence and the RSL supported the match with an ANZAC commemoration before kick-off. Apart from our involvement, Defence provided a Navy helicopter for a

trophy fly-in, the RAN Sydney Band and a very noisy low level run across the Stadium by a FA18 fighter from the RAAF.

Our role was the marching on of ten Australian National Flags and ten New Zealand Flags and the lowering/raising of the two national flags on the dais flag poles in front of 21,000 league fans.

All in all a very long, busy day

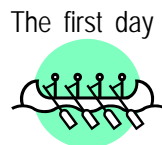
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**OC SHSCU**

### **CHS report**

One of the most prestigious events on a rowing calendar is the annual NSWCHS rowing championships. It was on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and 1<sup>st</sup> of April that Sydney Boys High came head to head against some of the biggest powerhouses of rowing in the state schools system, including names such as Grafton High, and Maclean High. This year Sydney High was adamant that regardless of the strength of the opposition we would retain the overall men's point score trophy, and challenge for the highly-sought after overall competition point score trophy.



The first day of racing started intensely enough with heats, to establish who would row the next day in the finals, and who would not. Strong wins in the junior racing saw every entrant from our school bar an unlucky few, (who had conditions and boat malfunctions go against them), proceed to the next day of racing, some highlights being a convincing top two finish in the under 15s single scull, to Timothy Gollan, and Koren Fang, and an extremely contested win in the under 16s single sculls heat, to Dale Chen, edging his opposition by a mere tenth of a second. In the only senior event of the day, Daniel O'Keefe and Harrison Reid stunned the opposing single scullers, blasting out a comfortable top two finish in their heat. In the other heat Matt Ling rowed a comfortable race for an easy qualification into the final. Overall Sydney High had qualifiers in every possible event, setting up for a nail-biting second day of finals.

The Sydney High rowers approached the second day of racing with enthusiasm and panache. The first event of the day was the men's championship eight. The Sydney High eights raced in unfamiliar grounds, using different boats and changed seating positions, but this would not falter the crews, as they rowed out a top two finish, to

the delight of the crowd. The rowing contingent did not dwell on this win however, immediately they focused on the next task, in this case the under 16s quad where Sydney High once again crossed the line first, unfortunately however could not keep the other schools off the podium with the other two quads entered. In the following under 15s single sculls, High rowers Timothy Gollan and Koren Fang once again rowed next to each other, this time coming second and third to a talented Merewether High sculler. The next event however was won with aggression and style, the championship pair, with Mitch Kelly and Nelson Ridges crossing first, only to be followed by David Vien and Brynley Pfull, another riveting top two finish for High.

Undoubtedly the biggest spectacle of the day was the championship single scull race. Sydney High had three competitors, Matt Ling, Harrison Reid and the school's top sculler and member of the GPS eight, Daniel O'Keefe. The race was very well contested; however Daniel O'Keefe was unlucky with a technical problem at the start line, holding him back behind the other crews for a few moments. However, in his usual aggressive, just row hard style, he rowed his way back into contention, just a short distance away from the race leader from Maclean High school. In a thrilling finish, the malfunction on the start line proved to take its toll and Daniel was edged out on the finish line, still rowing an impressive time, and coming a very respectable second in the most prestigious event of the championships. Harrison Reid rowed a strong race, to beat several competitors, whilst an unlucky Matt Ling didn't have his best day, still hanging on to the field however.

In the next event High came back to winning form, taking out the gold and silver in the under 15s quad scull. Next up the under 17s got their first taste of racing in the championships, entering three double sculls. However, one of the doubles collided with a pontoon on the row to the start line, taking the boat out for the rest of the day unfortunately. The other two crews rowed fiercely to claim second and third places; perhaps gold could have been won with the other crew, but we will never know this. This incident was quickly put behind us, as later in the day the under 17s quad rowers came first and second in their event for yet another top two finish for Sydney High. In the championship quad event, High rowed for one spot on the podium, the first spot, holding off the other determined crews. By the championship doubles race, the open rowers were quite fatigued, and were pushing the limits of physical exertions in one day. However Mitch Kelly and Daniel O'Keefe did the school proud, pushing for a bronze medal, against highly rated opposition.

The day was fast coming to a close with few events still left. In the under 15s double scull High raced out to the now familiar feeling of a top two finish.

Unfortunately, High scullers James Whiting and Andrew Blomberg could not place in the under 17s singles, with James managing to bag fourth place just ahead of Andrew in a very quick final, leaving only two events in the day. High completed a clean sweep of sweep oar events in an entertaining fashion, with the two crews taking out the top places in the championship fours event, the winners, first four, stroked by the ever aggressive Koeun Na. Thus High took out every possible sweep oar medal available for us.

The last event of the day was the under 16s scull, the last chance to add points to any school's tally; obviously this would add to the adrenalin of the competitors. Our only qualifier Dale Chen rowed a spirited race, and saw himself in the middle of a tough field, coming fifth out of nine in what was a good contest.

And so with the racing finished, all that was left was to await the tally. Sydney High managed to win the men's point score yet again in spectacular fashion, however were edged out of the overall score, due to the disadvantage of having no women to enter in half the events. It was a successful campaign, with High maintaining its position of 'champion of champions' in the world of CHS male rowing.



By Shahar Merom



# MUSIC NOTES

## Baroque Consorts and Banquet

Our first ever Baroque music consorts and banquet will be held next **Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May** (Week 2) in the **Great Hall**. The ensembles will be performing various works from the Baroque period ranging from Vivaldi to Bach. The feast will begin at **5pm** followed by performances by our music ensembles.

Cost of tickets including dinner: \$25.00 per head.

Students performing in ensembles: \$20.00

*Please make payment to the front office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May, week 2*

## ANZAC Day March

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in the ANZAC day march last Friday. The Marching Band and Cadets work very hard, even over the holidays and represented the school with great pride. We have received so much positive feedback from many who attended or saw the performance on TV, a particular one as follows:

*As bass drummer in the Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band which led this year's ANZAC Day March, I observed the Sydney Boys High School Marching Band and was most impressed by the standard of musicianship. It is rare to find a non-military brass band with such a high standard.*      *Regards, Allan Hughes*

## Annual Music Camp

This year's annual music camp will be held in **Term 2 on the 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2008** at the Merroo Conference Centre. Members of all ensembles will be expected to attend with the camp culminating in an end of camp concert showcasing their hard work. Please collect a note outside the Music Staffroom and make payments to the front office by the end of week 2. **Camp forms are available NOW outside the music staffroom.**

## Combined Selective School Music Festival

The first ever combined selective schools music concert will be held at Sydney Girls High School this term on **Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June**. The concert will include students from various selective high schools and will be directed by special guest conductors. Students in musical ensembles will be advised on this closer to the date.

## ***Music Calendar for Term 2, 2008***

Week	Day	Date	Activity	Group
1A	Tuesday	29/04	Music Supporters Group meeting Common Room 6.30pm	Parent group
2B	Saturday	10/05	Baroque Consorts with Feast @ 5pm	All Ensembles
3A	All Week	12-16/05	Education Week	Various Senior Students
5A	Tuesday - Thursday	27-29/05	Music Camp @ Merroo Centre with Camp Concert Great Hall @ 6pm Thurs	ALL Students and tutors
7A	Thursday	12/06	June Junior Concert	Junior Ensembles
9B	Wednesday	25/06	Meet the Music Concert SOH 6.30pm	
9B	Sunday	29/06	Selective Schools Concert (SGHS)	Selected students

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## Baroque Music Consort and Banquet

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008, 5pm Great Hall

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets required:

Single \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per head      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per head      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## CHESS

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent High in this years inter-school competition.

Senior: Joseph Nguyen, Jason Cohn, Anthony Hopkins, Garry Lau, Richard Hua.

Intermediate A: Ben Encel, Dominic Nguyen, Dawen Shi, Ilya Boch-Osmolovskiy, Leon Sheldon.

Intermediate B: Ryan McDonald, Albert Nguyen, Anthony Xu, Anirban Ghose, Nema Adel.

Intermediate C: Nikita Slinko, Alexander Saunders, Greg Shargorodsky, Michael Do, Samuel Lane.

Reserve: Erick Wong.

Junior A: Edward Naoumov, Ennes Mehmedbasic, Dominic Mah, Arjun Puneekar, Nevin Lazarus.

Junior B: Daniel Wei, Agnish Nayak, Nicholas Ooi, Darryl Chan, Daniel Tam.

Junior C: Sumen Kumareswaran, Elbert Ly, Jason Hu, Jackson Lam, Kin Pan.

## MOTHER'S DAY IDEA

The High Store has Chocolate brown woolly scarves with SHS crest.  
These would be an ideal gift for mum or grandma  
on this special day. They are priced at only \$22

## An Invitation to Year 10 Parents



The second meeting of the **Year 10 Parent Group** will be held on

**Wednesday, 7th of May at 7:30 pm**

in the **Staff Common Room** (near the School Office).

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.**

Mr Steve Codey, the new Year 10 Advisor, will be speaking and answering questions at the start of the meeting. Some of the topics to be mentioned are the upcoming half yearly exams, the School Certificate exams toward the end of Term 4 and how to make the best use of the parent – teacher night.

Parent Group meetings are an ideal opportunity to meet other parents in your son's year, raise questions, make suggestions and air any concerns you may have.

Any specific agenda items may be emailed to [b.gordon@unsw.edu.au](mailto:b.gordon@unsw.edu.au) before 5 pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

# 2008 School Cross Country

CHS Cross Country Zone Team  
Thursday May 22 Centennial Park  
(to be confirmed)

See Mr Prorellis for  
Permission note and Info

No.	Age	Name
1	12	Anton Brokman
2	12	Dominic Mah
3	12	Vasu Bhakri
4	12	Michael Liu
5	12	Amarbir Singh
6	12	Agnish Nayak
7	12	Chris Mao
8	12	Gordon Lee
9	12	Victor Ho
10	12	Jack Zhong
1	13	Arjun Punekar
2	13	Vincent Ye
3	13	Siddharth Sethi
4	13	Harry Heo
5	13	Min-En Chin
6	13	Jerry Zhou
7	13	Max Jones
8	13	Jonathan Clements-Lendrum
9	13	Oliver Kirk
10	13	Wilbur Koslowski
11	13	
1	14	Pasan Pannila
2	14	Prashan Prabakaran
3	14	Andreas Purcal
4	14	Ian Lu
5	14	Kah_Yang Wong
6	14	Emmett Waar
7	14	Christian Jurlina
8	14	Kevin Krahe
9	14	Kumudika Gunaratne
10	14	Kevin Tian
1	15	Samuel Lane
2	15	Luke Vlako
3	15	Dale Chen
4	15	Lawrence Liu
5	15	Martin Yoon
6	15	Vlad Boulavine
7	15	Ali Mokdad
8	15	Yale Wong
9	15	Joseph Lui
10	15	Raymond Zhai
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No.	Age	Name
1	16	Jeremy Ireland
2	16	Harrison Lane
3	16	Sam Higgins
4	16	David Chau
5	16	Alasdair Brown
6	16	Gregory Shargorodsky
7	16	Andrew Blomberg
8	16	Brendan Cheung
9	16	Christian Katsikaras
10	16	Timothy Siu
11	16	Mark Luchitti
12	16	Niu Guangzhi
13	16	Samual Binns
14	16	Stephen Yoon
15	16	Caillin McKay
1	17	Edwin Montoya
2	17	Casey Ronan
3	17	Michael Denny Smith
4	17	Tom Peters
5	17	Kartik Iyer
6	17	Ben Lee
7	17	Lewis Burger
8	17	Jacky Chen
9	17	Lucian Tan
10	17	Jason Cohn
11	17	Cory Cheung
1	18	Shiva Sheth
2	18	Ziggy Harrison-Tikisci
3	18	Alvin Leung
4	18	Andrew Tang
5	18	Benjamin Tseng
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## GPS Athletics



These holidays, Athletics at High was still in full swing, preparing for the upcoming AAGPS Athletics carnival. There were training sessions three times a week, all of which were enthusiastically taken part in by the participants. Each training session attracted between 40 to 60 athletes, who were all ready to go, no matter how bad the weather was. In the damp conditions, athletes still pushed themselves to run up and down Mt Steel, tow weighted sleds as quickly as possible and practise their starts in the some of the worst possible conditions. When it was raining too hard, we took to the gym, and did more technical work such as, developing the core muscles, and developing explosiveness.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, The King's School hosted an invitational carnival at Homebush. High had one of the largest turnouts of all the schools that participated, and also competed exceptionally well, capturing many top three finishes. Some

notable performances include; Josh Tassel running 10.94 and Kent Nguyen running 11.12 in the 100 metre sprint; Josh Tassel running 23.1, Lachlan Street running 23.56, and Kent Nguyen running 23.78, all in the 200 metre sprint; Robert Chen finishing the 400 metres in 57.4 seconds, and Prashan Prabakaran finishing in 58.66 seconds; David Nguyen put the shot

11.12m in the 14s, Michael Wang put 10.82 in the 15s, and George Denny-Smith put 10.24 in the 16s; Finally, James Chotiyana ran 14.96 seconds in the 90 metre hurdles.

It was a very successful carnival and holidays for High Athletics as we continue to grow and develop into becoming a threat against more of the other GPS schools.



### Chris Morrow – Year 9

The training for longer distance runners has really taken off this season, determined not to

be shown up by the sprinters. Training during the holidays was on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 11 o'clock. Our aim was to run as hard as we could and we succeeded with this goal. Edward Ovadia is a great coach to the team; making us perform and strive for the best. He has something new and even more tormenting for us each session. I think we would all agree that the hills session that he got us to do on Friday was the hardest training we have had this year. With only two one minute breaks, we had to run up and back 30 times – that was 6 kms of hills. Even though it hurt us, we were not holding back with great times at the King's invitational last weekend.



The day started off with the 3000m at 1.00pm. At the hottest part of the day, Harrison Lane (9.41) and Edwin Montoya (9.52) came out strongly, with good times to show for their hard training. The next longer event was the 800, with Tim Siu (2.20) and Christian Katsikaros (2.25) also bringing home good times. But High's strongest event of the day would have to have been the 1500m. It started off with the 15s and 16s event, with Samuel Lane (4.33) who came first in 15s. The next event, opens, proved to be the most outrageous race. Two of our 16 years,

Harrison Lane (4.43) and Jeremy Ireland who came third (4.32) ran in this race yet Ronan Casey in the 17s came with an outstanding time of 4.08.91, one of the best times we've seen in ages, to snatch a first place. Edwin Montoya (4.34, 17s) and Pat Desmond (5.33, 16s) also finished the race strongly.

All in all we still have work to do, even though we are producing very good times and places. We're looking forward to the next two weeks before the final as we know we can all get great places.

### Sam Lane – Year 9



### Athletics Dinner

*The Great Hall  
Thursday 8th May  
6.30pm for 7.00pm*

Athletes, Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Coaches,

Athletics invites you to attend the Athletics dinner for the athletes who competed in the 2008 GPS season. The evening is an opportunity for the boys to revisit the triumphs and shared experiences of their season.

The GPS Team will be announced on the night. It is also a great opportunity for parents to socialise and show support. I would appreciate your support on this occasion – so please come along.

The cost of the dinner is \$30 for adults and \$25 for students. The athletic captain and junior captain will collect a \$5 contribution for the coaches' gifts.

*Your payment must be made to the front office by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.*  
The dinner is a BYO function for adults.

**Robert Devlin**  
**MIC Athletics**

### INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 9 PARENTS



Our next Year 9 parent group meeting will take place in the Common Room on

***Monday 12 May 2008 at 6:30 pm***

**Ms Trompetter**, Head Teacher English, will address the meeting to talk  
about the English program and answer your questions.

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If you require leave for your son please, apply in writing and address your application to the Principal, Dr Jaggar, stating the reason and length of time of the leave. Your son must then present this application to Dr Jaggar for permission for the leave. **Please remember to apply before the leave and not after.**

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>2</b> <b>B</b>	<b>5</b> Year 12 Assessment Exams Year 9 Half Yearly Exams	<b>6</b> Year 12 Assessment Exams Year 7 Half Yearly Exams HSC Exam Timetable available on BoS website Rugby League: Sydney East Trials Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	<b>7</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 parent group meeting in the Staff Common Room from 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 Geography field trip, Hunter Valley, all day UNSW Business Studies competition Years 10 (accelerants), 11 and 12, period 1 in Great Hall Athletics Dinner in the Great Hall, 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> Year 7 Half Yearly Exams GPS Athletics Assembly Great Hall, 11:30 am Basketball: CIS Trials Eastside Debating Competition, Semi Finals Parking - Centenary League Test (Sailing)	<b>10</b> AAGPS Athletics Championships, SIAC Homebush Baroque Consorts with Feast, Great Hall and Courtyard, 5pm Parking - Roosters v Raiders (Skiing)	<b>11</b> Mothers' Day
<b>3</b> <b>A</b>	<b>12</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams P&C Executive Meeting Year 9 parent group meeting in Staff Common Room, 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Years 7 and 9 National Assessment Exams Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation; Writing OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	<b>14</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Years 7 and 9 National Assessment Exams Reading Athletics Report to be submitted to Record Committee Year 8 parent group meeting in the staff common room from 6:30 pm Years 10Z drama excursion to NIDA, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>15</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Years 7 and 9 National Assessment Exams Numeracy	<b>16</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 English Advanced assessment, Period 1 Lawrence Campbell Oratory, Grammar, 7:00pm  Years 9Y, 9Z drama excursion to NIDA, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>17</b> Sport Chev/Oxl v SHS Cross Country: SHS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00am)	<b>18</b>
<b>4</b> <b>B</b>	<b>19</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Tennis: Sydney East Stan Jones Cup Year 9 Science excursion	<b>20</b> Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 extension English writing workshop, Riverside Theatre, all day. Boori Pryor incursion, Year 7, Great Hall, 1:30pm Tennis: Sydney East Stan Jones Cup Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm	<b>21</b> Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	<b>22</b> Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Eastern Suburbs Zone Cross Country Carnival, Centennial Park, 11am - 3:15pm	<b>23</b> Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Fundraising day for Roden Cutler charities [Year 11] NSW All Schools Swimming Championships Eastside Debating Competition, Finals Friday Evening Debating, Semi Finals Parking - Australia v Ghana (Rugby)	<b>24</b> Sport SHS v Redlands Cross Country: TKS Invitation, King's (10:00 am) (CIS Selection Trials) Chinese Eisteddfod Cantonese and Non-native speakers	<b>25</b>
<b>5</b> <b>A</b>	<b>26</b> Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Football: CIS Trials Year 10 excursion to 'Romeo and Juliet', Wharf Theatre, 1:30pm	<b>27</b> Music Camp, Merroo Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	<b>28</b> Music Camp, Merroo Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm Great Hall booking - evening	<b>29</b> ICAS Science Competition Music Camp, Merroo. Concert, Great Hall, 6pm	<b>30</b> Travel to Armidale Year 8 Brainstorm Productions (Verbal Conflict), Great Hall, 9:00am Cross Country: CIS Championships, Eastern Creek Friday Evening Debating, Finals	<b>31</b> Sport TAS v SHS (Rugby) Cross Country: Trinity Relay, Ewen Park (9:00 am) Chinese Eisteddfod Mandarin Native speakers	<b>1</b> *** Parking - Swans v Richmond