

## From the Principal High Talent

Alasdair Brown (Year 12) has been selected to play in the U18 City hockey team to play Country. Congratulations, Alasdair! A sensational three point shot by Emmett Naar (Year 10) in the dying seconds of the first grade basketball game against Riverview, secured a memorable win. Second grade boys held on gamely to protect their lead and won by a point against a Riverview side unbeaten for several seasons. A great team effort by both grades!

## Science Laboratory Refurbishment



The drawings for the proposed refurbishment of seven science laboratories were delivered this week and plans for the works agreed upon. Work is due to commence on November 26 and be completed by the end of January, 2010. The learning environment for our boys, particularly in McDonald Wing, will be much improved.

## Early Bird Discount ends Friday 27th February

Parents paying the school invoice in full have until next Friday to secure the 10% discount on the general service contribution.

## Speech Night

Special guest the Honourable Michael Kirby gave a passionate address in support of public education as the free, secular and equal instrument of personal and social advancement. He impressed the audience with his eloquence and emotion when describing his experiences in public schools and the opportunities they provided for him. My address is reprinted below.

Special guest, the Honourable Michael Kirby, Ms Clover Moore, Member for Sydney, Relieving School Education Director, Gavin Patterson, distinguished guests, Old Boys, staff, prize winners and families, welcome to our 125th Speech Night.

2008 was a memorable year for High. Our outcomes for the total curriculum were high quality and our cultural development most pleasing. We celebrated our 125 years of secondary education with a well organised and

entertaining Cabaret in partnership with SGHS. Special dinners for Cadets and the Rifle Club honoured the unbroken commitment of school organisations since 1883. At the Rowing Reunion Dinner more than 200 guests celebrated 85 years of GPS rowing and raised significant funds for the program. The Chinese New Year celebration, organised by the Sydney High Development Committee, was a sell out success and is being held again this year.

The introduction of a new Film Making elective proved popular with the boys. Using the new facilities in room 611 and the video editing software, our students were soon producing competition standard film products. Our offerings in Studies of Religion were expanded with students opting to sit the HSC at both 1-unit and 2-unit level, allowing more flexible HSC course selection. Subject acceleration pathways were undertaken by more than 120 students, not including the 2-unit mathematics group sitting the HSC in Year 11. The Year 10 Commerce program was rewritten as an extension course, exposing students to political philosophy and science, as well as to an outline of the evolution of economic ideas. The two-elective policy in Year 10 appears to be achieving its objectives. The incoming Year 9 class made a seamless transition into the life of High. Our Literacy Strategy is in its third year and appears to be impacting on writing across the school. The most rewarding change for me has been that our sports assembly culture is becoming more positive, respectful and celebratory in its student recognition rituals.

Whole day and fractional attendance rates are at an all time high, thanks in no small measure to our period by period electronic roll marking procedure. I want to thank Bob Dowdell for his creativity and initiative in fast tracking this important incentive for student responsibility. Our expanded 'Find A Student' program, also written by Bob, allows staff and coaches to track, record and publish participation data for our Student Awards Scheme and Student Reports.

Our training logbooks, weights room attendance checks and Monday Sprints data, have combined to help us monitor and acknowledge regular student training. Richard Ayre and Jason Tassell are building momentum in the important area of physical preparation and preseason training.

More coaches are appreciating the value of this attempted cultural change. We are tightening our sports and activities management. Individual and team discipline needs to be stronger, given the recruiting practices and training regimes of our GPS opponents.

The Student Awards Scheme has been an outstanding success during the last nine years in encouraging student participation in school activities. As we have added categories and increased requirements over the years, the boys have responded by raising their commitment and participation. We have had to add two levels of award since the scheme began in 2000 and still many boys exceed the benchmarks. The highest level of the scheme requires 64 awards over six years. By the end of Year 12 in 2008, Nathan McDonnell had accumulated an astounding 87 awards, with Alex Shapilsky earning 75 and Anthony HO, 74. These boys model just how much can be achieved in co-curricular activities. In our leadership program we trialled an Internee School Prefects system that makes Internees accountable for their service. Their final investiture ceremony will be later this year. Our successful Parent Mentor Scheme has been mirrored by our Student Mentor program.

At High our co-curricular programs are dependent upon the volunteer assistance of parents, Old Boys and friends of High. I want to thank the hundreds of people who help us, but my special thanks go to the Bowes, Cerecina, Coutts, Hayes, Hui and Nadkarni families leaving us tonight. Amongst many others they have given great service to High. I continue to be humbled by the countless hours of volunteer work performed by High parents to support our governance, businesses and programs.

The 'living museum' plan was enhanced by three blazers mounted on the wall in the main building, along with other memorabilia. The Ethel Killip Memorial Art collection was increased by two art works by an Old Boy and a photograph collage by a recent Old Boy. Our special 125<sup>th</sup> activity at the Foundation Assembly was to honour the school's OAM recipients. The honour board unveiling was attended by over 30 Old Boys. We intend to repeat the process for AMs this year.

Our major achievement in 2008 was to graduate 204 boys with an average UAI of 93.6. Forty-five students had UAIs of 99 or higher. An encouraging 159 boys earned 90 UAI or better. Our value added data were the best since the comparisons of SC and HSC student performance commenced. Justin Zuo was Dux with 100 UAI. He topped the HSC in Economics and was placed 7th in Mathematics extension 1 and Physics. Simon Liu was 5th in Legal Studies and 9th in English Advanced. Alvin Leung was third in Legal Studies. Muhamed Mehmedbasic came 5th in Music extension. Nathan Lieu was 8th in Legal Studies, Ajay Balachandran 9th in Economics, Thomas Wilson 9th in Latin Continuers, Daniel Chim 10th in Chemistry and Michael Bock 10th in Legal Studies.

In academic competitions John Wormell won third prize in the UNSW Mathematics Competition. In the ICAS competitions, Andrew Hau and Jarrod Chan won medals for the highest score for their age group in the state. The senior chess team won the NSW Schools Senior Chess championship. The first grade debating team were co-premiers in the GPS competition. Zhi Zhu was invited to perform at *Encore*.

In sport, High had quite a successful year. Our basketball program is gaining strength as evidenced by our win in the U15 CHS Knockout Tournament. We also placed 5th in the Open Division of that competition. Spencer Llewellyn was chosen in the NSW U-18 basketball team.

At the AAGPS Athletics carnival, Shadman Ali won the 100m. and Chris Morrow the high jump. At the CHS carnival our team won seven medals. Michael Denny-Smith won gold in the 400m. hurdles, as did Dinghua Xiao in the shot put. Michael and Dinghua qualified for the national championships in Canberra, along with Joshua Tassell who won a bronze medal there in the 4 x 200 relay – a great effort. The U-17 cross Country team earned a bronze medal at the All Schools championship – another great result!

High crews won 23 medals at the CHS Rowing Championships. Gold was won in the championship division in: the Men's VIII, the coxed IV, the quad scull and the coxless pairs. The quad sculls won gold in the U15 through to the U17 age groups with double scull gold in the U15 and U16 finals. Daniel O'Keefe was selected by Sydney Rowing Club to compete in the Fawley Cup for U-19 quad sculls at Henley, UK – a significant achievement!

The Open Volleyball team won a silver medal at the National Championships in Melbourne – a fine effort! They were also GPS co-premiers and semi-finalists in the CHS Knockout tournament. Phillip Kurts was first in Division 1 at the CHS Sailing championships in his 29er. John Gaunt was selected in the GPS first grade tennis team and Ivan Cerecina was chosen in second grade. Razeen Ahmed was chosen in the combined Five Highs team after the annual tournament. Our first grade Target Rifle Shooting team was 3rd at the GPS Shoot at Hornsby with Ishan Nadkarni third overall in the individual point score. Both Ishan and Matthew Tong were selected in the GPS Combined Rifle Shooting Team. Lachlan Street was chosen in the combined CIS football team, while Daniel Campion was selected in the Combined GPS first grade team.

I am confident that in 2008 our students in teams and as individuals enhanced High's reputation as a school for high achieving all rounders.

As we say farewell to the class of 2008 for the final time, we are sending you into troubled times. Derivatives trading, greed, misrepresentation, lax supervision, outright fraud and a lack of political will to regulate financial markets internationally, combined to produce a crisis which undermined our collective confidence and choked off commerce and trade around the globe. Our economic self-efficacy is shattered and the doomsayers rule. The devastating effects of centuries of neglect of our planet have been starkly brought home to us recently with the horrendous bushfires in Victoria and the unprecedented floods in North Queensland. As university students (2009-2011) you will be facing the toughest economic climate since the 1930s. You will await anxiously the effects of the latest stimulus packages attempted by governments. You will need to trust that they

and business can combine to restore enough jobs by 2012 or 2013 for you to be employed on graduation.

In my customary homiletic observations, tonight I offer you the antidote of hope. To Napoleon, leaders are dealers in hope. They trade in and manipulate hope. He exhorted his men to achieve great feats of arms. He inspired them with unshakeable belief in his ability to deliver victory. Emily Dickinson, the great nineteenth century poet, left us with an evocative metaphor of hope as a spiritual, yet tenacious song bird in each soul that requires no sustenance yet sings in the direst circumstances to every one of us. Humans have an abiding capacity to be hopeful. Martin Luther King, in August 1963 delivered his famous Lincoln Memorial speech. He said. "In a sense we have come to our nation's capital to cash a check[sic]. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as citizens of color are concerned." King called on his followers, whom he labelled "veterans of creative suffering", to return home in the knowledge that: "somehow this situation can and will be changed". King's speech resonated with our human craving for a right direction – for orientation – for hope. When struck by confusion, chaos and despair we cling to beacons of hope to show us the way. When confronting enormous challenges and trying to put policy propositions into context during an election campaign, Barack Obama (2008) consistently held to his mantra: "Yes, we can". In an environment where America's financial cheque is bouncing, at least politically, King's promissory note has been honoured in part by Obama's election.

Hope is a belief that the future can be better than the past. If you believe you can make a difference, you will. Maintain a teleological disposition. Focus on ends and the means will come to you. My earnest wish for you all is that you can maintain and develop a hopeful demeanour that will sustain your resilience, inspire your perseverance and fuel your task directed energy. It is all about attitude. At High we trust we have provided opportunities for you to experience hopefulness in action and to believe in its efficacy. Congratulations to all prize winners and farewell to those leaving us for the last time.

**Dr K A Jaggard**

## FROM THE ANDREWS / JUNIOR LIBRARY

### Printing and Photocopying

BOYS YOU WILL BE SO ANGRY if you cannot print when you have an assignment due because you have forgotten to put \$10 credit on to *your very new print account*. You can do this at recess and lunchtime at the front office.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Parents and students are informed that Sydney Boys High is now registered in the Sydney Boys High Reading Challenge. The Library is happy to support reading in any way.

## New Library Prefect



I would like to introduce you to Mark Lucchitti, our Library Prefect. Mark has taken up the challenge to run several fun "events" for the Library this year. They will be:

1. Year 8 Book Review competition (end term 1)
2. Paper aeroplane competition
3. Chess competition

## Senior Students - exclusive use of computers

As the Senior Laptops have gone off to the Senior Library and as 20 other computers have been purchased for exclusive *Senior use* in that Library, Senior Boys are asked to patronise that Library *only* if they wish to use computers. (Period 6 or 7.30 – 8am Seniors *can* use Andrews Library PCs)

## Seniors Reading or Working in Quiet Area

Seniors are still very welcome to use the Andrews Library Quiet Area and borrow loads of books and other resources from the Andrews Library.

## Parents please note

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



This is great encouragement for "Boys' Reading" and rewarding homework, assignments or competition efforts.

Yes book club continues throughout High School. This service is offered at the library every month. Tell your son to look for the Scholastic brochures on the newspaper table or ask our friendly staff.

Orders are placed with the library. You can pay by either cheque, credit card or cash. Scholastic offers cheap books and posters. So why not use this service as encouragement to read and as a reward to your son for hard work?

**Mrs Crothers**  
Library

## Year 12 Parents

### Surviving the HSC seminar

The P&C is organising a seminar for Year 12 parents on stress and the HSC. The guest speaker, Jane Sleeman is an experienced psychologist and school counsellor.

Jane gives lots of good advice and practical tips such as how to:

- handle stress (both yours and your son's!)
- understand the HSC & other issues facing Year 12 students
- support and encourage your son
- avoid nagging!

Jane allows lots of time for answering questions and talking to people afterwards.

The seminar costs \$10.00 payable at the door.

Please RSVP: [sbhs2009@gmail.com](mailto:sbhs2009@gmail.com) or Toni Lindeback 0403 923 359

**Toni Lindeback & Megan Eriksson**

Year 12 P & C parent representatives

## Tournament Events for 2009

During the coming weeks we will begin to plan for the following events. The boys will be notified of meetings via the daily notices.

**Da Vinci Decathlon** is an academic gala day hosted by Knox Grammar at Wahroonga. The competition will be held on 2nd and 4th June 2009.

The disciplines contested include Engineering, Games of Strategy, Forensics, Creative Producers as well as General Knowledge, Maths and English.

Each team consists of 7 students. There are no replacements allowed on the day.

Positions in **teams 8-10** are offered to students on **all rounder lists from the previous year**. Students who have cross discipline success are of the most value as tasks often overlap, both on the day due to timetabling and in terms of skills required. For instance, the engineering task also requires dexterity and artistic ability. Creative Producers requires performance-singing, dancing, acting, script writing. For this reason, students who might not appear as outstanding all rounders but who are consistent across core subjects and outstanding in DT Art or Drama are needed for their expertise. Often, students who are invited to participate are not prepared to be involved or are too busy to attend training sessions which occur weekly. Also, some students who are academically gifted are not suited to team activities. The final team selections will be made by the Da Vinci decathlon coordinator.

## The Year 7 Group

As this information is unavailable for Year 7, this team is decided after students are recommended by Year 7 teachers in each subject area.

The students are given a general knowledge test. They are evaluated for their ability to work in a group to solve a problem. Their academic ability, as indicated by their class work results so far, is considered in order to determine the team. This team trains on a different day from the 8, 9 and 10 teams to enable the older students to mentor the beginners.

## Tournament of Minds



Tournament of Minds is a national interschool problem solving program designed to challenge the minds of students from primary and secondary schools. It is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to

**Year 12 Parents 2009**  
are invited to

**Surviving the HSC**  
understanding and helping our sons  
through their HSC year

a presentation for parents by  
**Dr Jane Sleeman**

**Wednesday 25 February 2009**  
in the Great Hall

6:15pm	drinks and finger food
7pm sharp	presentation begins
8:15pm	drinks and finger food

**\$10 per person**  
payable at the door to cover catering costs

Jane is a school counsellor and a psychologist in private practice specialising in anxiety and depression in young people and adults. She gives presentations to a wide variety of audiences and is a facilitator with the Black Dog Institute. Most importantly to Jane she is the mother of three adolescents.

Thanks to SBHS for funding the speaker.

**RSVP**  
20 February 2009  
Toni Lindeback  
[sbhs2009@gmail.com](mailto:sbhs2009@gmail.com)  
phone: 0403 923 359

demonstrate their skills and talent in a creative and public way. The competition is held during a weekend in August (TBA). Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended problems from one of the following disciplines: Language, Literature, Maths, Engineering or Social Science.

Interested students from Years 7-10 are coordinated by team facilitators. These are students who have been involved in the Tournament and are either ex-students or are no longer eligible to participate. Each team consists of seven students and must contain two Year 7 boys and at least one representative from the other years. The selection process is carried out over a number of sessions. During this time, the facilitators will engage the students in a range of problem solving activities, observing the participants, with the aim of culling the group to create the strongest teams for the disciplines being contested. They are trying to identify specific aptitudes. It is an advantage for boys who have previous experience in these activities.

The facilitator role is very specific. They are responsible for choosing teams. They prepare the students for competition utilising their expertise and experience. Once the teams receive the task, the facilitators cannot help any further. The students have 6 weeks to prepare for the Regional Tournament in August.

**J Eggleton English Department**  
Co ordinator

### From the Canteen Team



Last Wednesday evening, on behalf of the canteen committee, all its volunteers and staff, I had the very pleasant task of presenting a cheque for \$30,000 to the P&C Association - the first instalment of our 2009 donation. In 2008 our school canteen donated a total of \$60,000 to the school via the P&C Association. These much needed funds supported projects within the school to benefit our sons.



One such project is the awning which will be installed in the next few weeks over the canteen serving area to provide the students with additional shelter from the weather. Again we thank the many volunteer parents who help make such projects possible. We also thank the prefects who assist us during the recess and lunchtime rush.

As we are a high activity canteen we know you will all understand that the volunteers and canteen staff need

to stop for their lunch from 12 noon - 12.20 pm each day. We would truly appreciate it if you could refrain from visiting us during this short 20 minute break.

We will then be recharged, ready to serve you during your lunch break.

Our range of freshly prepared foods continues to be popular. Remember - the best way to guarantee your favourite is available for lunch is to place an order before school (from 8.30 am - 9.00 am). We look forward to continuing strong patronage from students and staff in 2009.

**Christina Chow -President, Canteen Committee**

### HIGH STORE

#### Price Rise

School Trousers NOW \$65.00

NEW Autumn-Winter price sheet will be available in next week's edition of the High Notes.

Any boys wanting to purchase a 1st XI or 2nd XI training polo, we have reduced the price by 20%. Only selected sizes available!

To volunteer for the HIGH STORE call  
**Michelle** on 9331 7075

## SRC Events:

### **Developing skills in leadership**

#### ***UNSW Leadership Programme for High School Leaders***

On Tuesday and Wednesday 21 and 22 of January 2009, the *UNSW Leadership Programme for High School Leaders* took place. Hosted by UNSW's Counselling Service professionals, Wayne Gillespie and Julie Grove, Year 12 students from all over the state were given the opportunity to submit an application to be part of a new leadership initiative developed by the University of NSW.

The two day motivational forum brought together approximately twenty Year 12 participants from schools including Normanhurst Boys, Hurlstone Agricultural, North Sydney Boys, Sydney Girls, Sydney Tech, St Aloysius' College, Holroyd High, Cranbrook and of course myself from Sydney High. Together we shared in numerous theory discussions together with practical, hands-on exercises relating to leadership. Collaborating



with other like-minded students provided an inspiring and enjoyable atmosphere for all involved. As Wheatley in 1992 once said; "Leadership is always dependant on the context, but the context is established by the relationships we value."

Day 1 was made up of mostly conceptual ideas about: *What Leadership really is, the Basic Principles of Leadership, Leadership Approaches, Leadership Models and Leader/Team Work*; whilst Day 2 focused on one's sense of identity and personality, relating to how one functions as a forerunner in life. In fact, as an added bonus, the official *MBTI (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator)* assessment was provided to all attendees. This questionnaire is a psychological experiment designed to measure how people perceive the world and make decisions. The MBTI is a well-recognized test used commonly in the workplace to sort out potential employees in some scenarios. All participants in this forum definitely learnt a thing or two about themselves and their personality.

I would like to thank Mrs Collignon, for putting me forward for this leadership opportunity- I really appreciated her making sure I had could be a part of this

two day forum in the holidays. I encourage all future leaders to keep an eye out for these events, and make the most of them. Trust me, and I have done this first-hand, involving yourself in such conventions and forums is an unforgettable experience, and looks great on your CV.

Did I forget to mention that morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea were provided to us for free?

**Timothy Yu** Year 12

### **SRC Elections 2009**

The SBHS Student Representative Council Elections for 2009 are currently taking place. Students in Year 7 were elected into position on the recent Year 7 camp. Students in Years 8-12 nominated themselves for election in week 3 and they have now been put into an online preferential voting election from Friday 13 - Thursday 19 February. Elected members will be notified on Friday 20th February during junior and senior assemblies. Watch this space for more on our 2009 SRC!!!

**Mrs Collignon**  
**SRC Facilitator**

## ***Music Tour 2010 to France***

As announced in last week's High Notes, the Music Performance Department and Music Supporters Group is planning a Music Tour to France in 2010. The Marching Band will be performing at the Villers-Bretonneux ceremony in the Somme, and in Ypres. We are also looking to take an orchestra and stage band to give variety to our performances in Flanders and Paris.

We have had a good response so far, but still need more students to fill all the positions. This will be a magnificent opportunity for all our musicians to perform in some of the most important ceremonies and venues for Anzac Day in Europe.

Please speak to the Music Staff for further information. **Expressions of Interest Forms are available outside the Music Staffroom and need to be completed and returned to the Music Staff** as final numbers need to be given to the organisers.

***Parents - if you haven't yet provided your details***, could you please give your contact details by filling in the below slip and returning it to the music staffroom as soon as possible so that we are able to contact you about any upcoming events involving your son. This will enable the parent committee to communicate with you more effectively and efficiently. Thank you very much. (Please ***print*** the information.)

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Ensemble(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# SBHS DEBATING

## MEET & GREET OUR NEW COORDINATOR!

I'm super excited to have Dana Quick on board and taking over the reins of Debating in 2009. We would like to invite you to come along to the next Debating Supporters Group meeting on Tuesday 3 March at 6:30pm in the Staff Common Room. We will hold our regular monthly meeting followed by a light supper. It is a great opportunity to meet Dana before the season gets into full swing. We are also still seeking parent assistance in the role of Supper Coordinator...

## HOW TO JOIN DEBATING IN 2009

### YEAR SEVEN ALL NEW DEBATERS

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To join debating you need to do TWO things NO LATER THAN MONDAY FEB 23. In Year 7, Debating is free.

1. GO TO COACHING: this has started. If you miss the first few weeks that is OK, but you MUST attend a coaching session in Term 1 to join debating in 2009. You will meet for coaching in ROOM 606.
2. SEND AN EMAIL TO [sbhsdebating@gmail.com](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com) with the subject "I am in Year 7 and want to start debating". In the body of the email tell me if you have ever done debating. More information will then be sent to you via email.

### YEARS 8-12 MUST HAVE PAID THE CO-PAYMENT BY FEB 20

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If you did not pay your co-payment by this date you may not be able to join debating in 2009, due to overwhelming demand. If you think you deserve special consideration, send an email to [sbhsdebating@gmail.com](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com) outlining your situation.

More information can be found at: [www.sydneyhigh.org/debating](http://www.sydneyhigh.org/debating) and will be emailed to you on a weekly basis. Please CHECK YOUR EMAIL regularly and ensure we have current contact details for both students and parents.

PARENTS: If you are not receiving weekly emails about debating please email us at [sbhsdebating@gmail.com](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's Year.



# High Society

## The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C

Thank you to all the parents who came to our first P & C meeting for 2009 last Wednesday. A special thank you to Mr Ayre, Head Teacher Sport, for his very informative discussion. A summary of the minutes of the meeting will appear in next week's *High Society*.

Our School Canteen is still keen to recruit parent helpers for this year. Please contact the Canteen directly on 9360 4027 if you can assist. They need our help.

The Summer Sport season is now in full swing. Come along to your son's Saturday sport and support our High boys in their competitive endeavours and meet fellow parents on the side lines.

### 1. Upcoming Parent Events (details in High Notes)

- **Chinese New Year Dinner.** Saturday 21 February 2009 Great Hall - Year of the Ox – Don't forget to purchase your tickets to this very popular event.
- **New Parents Welcome.** Tuesday 24 February 2009 Great Hall
- **Year 12 Parents 2009 – Surviving the HSC.** 6.15 pm Wednesday 25 February Great Hall.

### 2. Upcoming Supporter Group Meetings (details in High Notes)

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|-------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ <b>Music</b>    | 6.30 pm | Monday 2 March 2009    | Staff Common Room |
| ▪ <b>Debating</b> | 6.30 pm | Tuesday 3 March 2009   | Staff Common Room |
| ▪ <b>Rowing</b>   | 7.30 pm | Tuesday 3 March 2009   | Staff Common Room |
| ▪ <b>Fencing</b>  | 6.00 pm | Wednesday 4 March 2009 | Staff Common Room |

*The Debating Supporters Group is seeking a current debating parent to take up the position of Supper Coordinator for the Debating season. This role involves organising other debating parents to provide and layout the debating suppers of a Friday evening during competition season. Please contact debating on [sbhsdebating@gmail.com](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com) for more info or to volunteer your services.*



# shootin' hoops

The weekly dose of court-side action

**Edition 76**



## High VS Riverview

High vs Riverview 2008 Term 4 (Last time) High vs Riverview 2009 Term 1 (This time)

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	LOSS	<b>75-70</b>	S.LLEWELLYN 32
2nd	LOSS	<b>60-48</b>	S.DONG 15
3rd	LOSS	38-26	TEAM EFFORT
<b>4th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>32-26</b>	<b>B.YANG 8</b>
5th	LOSS	44-22	B.LY 10
6th	LOSS	34-21	I.LU 9
<b>7th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>32-20</b>	<b>S.ZHANG 9</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>48-10</b>	<b>N.DIMITROPOULOS</b>
16A	LOSS	38-25	TEAM EFFORT
16B	LOSS	12-37	A.LI 4
16C	LOSS	22-36	Y.WONG 9 REBS
16D	LOSS	20-38	TEAM EFFORT
<b>16E</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>28-22</b>	<b>D.NGUYEN 8</b>
15A	LOSS	12-63	J.PARK 6
15B	LOSS	12-35	TEAM EFFORT
15C	LOSS	47-18	TEAM EFFORT
<b>15D</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>33-32</b>	<b>M.ZHU 13</b>
<b>15E</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>39-38</b>	<b>L.FANG 18</b>
<b>15F</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>40-14</b>	<b>J.LO 10</b>
14A	LOSS	15-50	M.STOJANOVIC 8
14B	LOSS	39-13	TEAM EFFORT
14C	LOSS	49-5	W.KOSLOWSKI 4
14D	LOSS	50-10	TEAM EFFORT
14E	LOSS	42-6	S.DU 4
14F	LOSS	48-14	L.ZHANG 10

TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
<b>1st</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>69-67</b>	<b>S.HIGGINS 25</b> <b>E. NAAR ON THE BUZZER FOR THE WIN!!!!!!</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>47-46</b>	<b>C.MOLLER 20</b>
3rd	LOSS	28-18	TEAM EFFORT
<b>4th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>67-65</b>	<b>J.WONG 14</b>
5th	LOSS	44-29	B.CHEN 8
6th	LOSS	39-24	I.LU 9
<b>7th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>36-20</b>	<b>A.LE 10</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>41-27</b>	<b>S.BURNHAM 17</b>
16A	LOSS	57-26	TEAM EFFORT
<b>16B</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>32-26</b>	<b>A.YE 20</b>
16C	LOSS	14-43	NOT ENOUGH TEAM EFFORT
16D	LOSS	17-27	A.ZHANG 7 REBS
16E	LOSS	29-21	M.LIU LI 6
<b>15A</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>51-41</b>	<b>M.CULLEN 16</b>
15B	LOSS	30-14	TEAM EFFORT
15C	LOSS	44-34	TEAM EFFORT
<b>15D</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>28-17</b>	<b>L.FANG 8</b>
<b>15F</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>30-18</b>	<b>B.CHAU 8</b>
14A	LOSS	24-49	TEAM EFFORT
14B	LOSS	16-18	B.LEUNG 6
14C	LOSS	10-27	H.LAM, N.AUTAR
14D	LOSS	4-68	TEAM EFFORT
14E	LOSS	14-49	K.LIU 4
<b>14F</b>	<b>WIN</b>	<b>18-16</b>	<b>E.HO 6</b>

## Congratulations 1sts and 2nds!

NOTE: RIVERVIEW ARE THE STRONGEST SCHOOL IN AAGPS BASKETBALL. UP UNTIL THIS ROUND THEY HAD WON 84 OF 85 GAMES PLAYED IN THEIR 'A' AND 'B' GRADE SIDES AND 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>NDS</sup>. THE ONLY SIDE TO HAVE LOST WAS THEIR FIRST GRADE VS NEWINGTON. (NEWINGTON ARE LIKELY TO DO WELL AT NATIONALS THIS YEAR.) THEIR SECOND GRADE SIDE HAD NOT LOST FOR A FEW YEARS! WELL DONE TO OUR FIRST AND SECOND GRADE SIDES ON THEIR HISTORIC VICTORIES!!!

By Mr Hayman

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Stats

	FG	3pt	FT	PTS	ORB	DRB
S. Higgins	10/31	3/13	2/6	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
S. Llewellyn	3/19	1/6	8/13	15	1	8
E. Naar	2/5	0/1	½	5	1	3
S. Yoon	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	2
L. Gordon	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	1
C. Jurlina	0/3	0/0	½	1	1	4
D. Jones	1/3	0/0	¼	3	<b>3</b>	7
M. Jones	0/3	0/0	7/10	7	<b>3</b>	2
J. Meaney	6/15	0/3	½	13	<b>3</b>	6

By Chris Chiam

## IT'S YOUR CALL REF! YES IT'S BACK!!

Having been on holidays for far too long, TEAM ARTEST 91 accidentally scores in the wrong basket. Shall the two points be awarded to the captain of the opposing team?

*Answer: If a player ACCIDENTALLY scores a field goal in their own basket the goal shall count as two points being scored by the on court captain of the opposing team. If a player DELIBERATELY scores in their own basket it is a Violation and the goal does not count.*

### Keep Collecting Video Footage of Your Basketball Games!!

The Sydney High Annual Basketball dinner is coming real soon. The dinner is going to be awesome again! Remember the team with the best compilation footage will be shown on the big screen at the dinner! So what are you waiting for?

By David Li Wang

~ Go High Basketball!

~Play Hard, Play Smart and Play Together!

~ Brought to you by the editors, David Li Wang and Chris Chiam

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



## SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ROWING COMMITTEE



### St Joseph's Regatta Results

With the Year 10 crews enjoying the aura of rowing on the Yarra in Melbourne, the rest of the sheds made their way to Iron Cove for the annual Joey's Regatta. It was great to see so many High parents brave the drizzling rain to watch the competition from Rodd Point.

All crews showed improvement from their hard work at training and the experience from last week's racing. Most crews showed composure in the face of tough competition, maintaining their rhythm and power throughout the course.

A few crews had the satisfaction of finishing ahead of some opponents. Our **Year 8 2nd Coxed Quad Scull** - **Ronald Tran, Allan Feng, Amabir Singh, Andrew Bui and Timothy Collier (c)** finished 2nd to Shore with Joeys 3rd..

The **School 2nd VIII** – **Dale Chen, Michael Ambrose, Neil Street, George Denny-Smith, Jack Musgrove, Jason Nguyen, Alexander Belokopytov, Andrew Blomberg and Gareth Deacon (c)**, whilst finishing behind in their heat, recorded a faster time than Newington and within seconds of Grammar and Joeys.

The senior crews have gained confidence for this week's event at SIRC where they will meet all GPS crews in the one race. Our **School 1st VIII** this year is **Vlad Boulavine, Clive Chen, Dominic Edgton, Jack Wachsmann, Shahar Merom, Matthew Ling, James Whiting, Nelson Ridges and Patrick Desmond (c)**.

### Newington Regatta Saturday 21 February

Newington are hosting a Junior Regatta this Saturday at Hen and Chicken Bay where our Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 crews will race. The crowd of spectators will be at Bayview Park, Canada Bay, but you can watch from the bottom of the side streets on the other side of Great North Road (near the High sheds).

## High Regatta

We are hosting the GPS Regatta on Saturday February 28th at Hen and Chicken Bay. This is a full regatta with all crews racing. The committee is asking for volunteers to help on the day and Anita Bezjak will be sending out a roster soon. We need to provide a BBQ and refreshments to all GPS rowers and spectators. This is a good opportunity to come and watch the boys row and support High Rowing by purchasing a BBQ breakfast with barista made coffee and homemade slice or cake.

We are also in need of an additional small speedboat for the regatta. If you have a 30HP or slightly larger you will get the opportunity to see the regatta up close and personal. Mark Ridges has provided his boat for the last 5 years and is doing so again.

## Year 10 Melbourne Trip

The year 10 Vllls completed the second half of the annual exchange with Melbourne Boys High. The boys travelled to Melbourne by minibus with Mr Barris and trained and raced in quads and Vllls on the Yarra. The results this year were very encouraging with all crews easily defeating their Melbourne counterparts. Particularly pleasing was the improved performance of the 2nd Vlll.

A report on the trip from the boy's angle will appear next week.

**Con Barris**

## Swimming News



The school swimming carnival was held on Tuesday 3 February at Des Renford Pool Maroubra. The perfect weather and the allocation of award scheme points for all participants saw record entries in all events with many going over 10 heats.

### Age Champions 2009:

12 Years- Henry Feng

13 Years- Dominic Mah and Yu Peng Man (eq.)

14 Years- Patrick Zhou

15 Years- Max Chien

16 Years- Dale Chen

17 Years- Jack Musgrove

Opens – Alik Belokopytov

**Congratulations** to all participants and age champions.

Despite our best efforts, the war cry and school song from the rowers to encourage our opens relay team, we were unable to overcome a strong Newington relay team who went on to win the GPS invitational relay event. Congratulations to them.

The **GPS** preliminary carnivals have been held over the past 2 weeks at Newington and Riverview. We were able to field a full strength swim team led by our captain Alik Belokopytov and vice captain Jack Musgrove. Our most notable performer was Max Chien who took out the 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke. Other strong performances were displayed by Jack Musgrove and Enes Mehmedbasic. The most improved performers were 12 year old Andrew Tayeh and our opens work horses Alik Belokopytov and Shahar Merom. I am hopeful that all boys will perform better at the SOPAC carnivals held over the next three weeks. With continued hard work and swim squad practice, the boys should get closer to achieving their goals. Well done to all.

**P Loizou**

**MIC Swimming**



## **SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET**

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



### **SATURDAY 14th FEB WASHOUT**

*It is well known in the cricket community that comes the summer season we can always expect rain to appear and of course this creates an air of uncertainty on match days as to what one has to do. It would appear last Saturday that most boys utilized the Cricket Website as well as the many calls I received checking on the situation. To help many of our newer players and to remind some of our forgetful regular cricketers the procedure is as follows.*

### **WET WEATHER PROCEDURE – SATURDAYS and OTHER MATCH DAYS**

*The Sportsmasters communicate regularly on the days preceding and advise their MICs of the current state of pitch preparations and ground conditions. On Saturdays with all the information on hand we are on the task and when it is doubtful regular phone calls occur between the schools concerned.*

*The goal is to establish the viability of play so that boys who have to utilize public transport as well as parents who convey their boys to matches have “early warning” of whether to depart home or not. The majority of the time we are successful but on odd occasions just after the decisions are made the sky opens and down comes the rain, commonly called “Murphy’s Law” by officials.*

- *Your first action is to check the Cricket Website because as soon as we receive the advice it is posted on the Home Page.*
- *The second call is to the School Wet Weather Line which would be a further advice on the likelihood of play*
- *The next update is to phone your coach who as at this week will have team contacts and will supply their mobile numbers.*
- *Your last action is to contact me on the school mobile as I will have any further arrangements or final decisions.*

*Be aware that on some occasions that not all games may be cancelled at the locations. If no cancellations have occurred PLAYERS MUST ATTEND THE GROUND It is important on rain affected days that all calls are related to whether the match is on or off. All other details such as start time, location, how to get there is available on the website and will not be available whilst on these calls.*

### **CRICKET COMMITTEE and GENERAL MEETING**

*Will be held next Wednesday 25th Feb at 6-00pm in Room 901 upper floor of the gymnasium. Agenda items include proposed tour (China), interstate competitions, development squads, Cricket Dinner and Award night and the outline of the 2009/2010 season.*

*Committee Members and coaches will be in attendance to address this season’s feedback. All are welcome and we encourage parents to give support to this meeting as decisions made will ultimately affect their sons.*

### **CRICKET DINNER and AWARD NIGHT**

*The Annual Cricket Dinner will be conducted on FRIDAY 3rd APRIL at 6-30pm for 7-0pm commencement. Teams can arrange in advance for table bookings and as well as family and individual bookings. A 2 course menu, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available throughout the evening. For adults attending drinks are on a BYO basis, for obvious reasons.*

### **REPRESENTATIVE ACADEMY - SQUADS**

*Over the next 4 weeks the cricket section management and coaches will be assessing the performances of players who will be invited to participate in the academy squads to develop their skills to represent the school at the best level possible. There will be 20-24 players in each squad. The junior squad will be for Years 7 and 8, the intermediate squad will be for Years 9 and 10 and the senior squad will address the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs. Specialty coaches will be in attendance at these sessions which will be conducted per a schedule that will be available in April. The first academy*



session will be in July, August will see 2 sessions and it will then be locked in with the pre-season training. All players are advised that fitness will be a pre-requisite for inclusion in the Academy squads.

### **McKAY No.2 and No.3 FIELDS – SATURDAY PROCEDURE:**

Commencing this coming weekend the following procedure is being adopted at both of these grounds. Stumps (painted yellow) and 2 sets of boundary markers (marked SBHS -McK.2 and McK 3) will be stored at the Fairland Pavilion for ease of collection. The coaches for 9-0am matches will supervise the collection and setting of the ground for the AM matches which will remain at the completion of matches at 1-0pm and be available for the PM coaches. At the conclusion of the day the PM coaches will restore the equipment to the pavilion.

**Laurie Heil**

**MIC Cricket**

## **SHS Tennis Report**

### **1st Grade report**

Although the weather was terrible, first grade still managed to sneak in most games. It seemed fate was against us because of the 9 matches of the day, the 6 that were played were lost while the 3 that were unfinished saw High having a great opportunity to win. The results definitely did not reflect the day's play with some close matches. All three doubles were lost and this seems to be a weakness that we will be working on in the coming weeks. Number 1 Hau Neo was simply outplayed but showed a lot of class in several points. Number 2 Frank Zhang was part of a close match which would have been great to watch but was cut short due to rain. Number 3 Kent Ngyuen played a match that could have been won but unfortunately he was not on his game. Number 4 Simon Hoang played great tennis in the first set and most of the second, leading 4-2 at one stage but was unlucky to lose that set 6-4. Number 5 George Panas had an easy match that was almost won but was also cut short by rain. Number 6 Victor Lim played a solid game but was facing an opponent who was clearly playing at his best.

**George Panas**

### **Week 2 results – SHS v SIC**

1st Grade: SIC 10.5 def SHS 1.5

2nd Grade: SIC 11.5 def SHS 0.5

3-6:

16s: Washed out

15s: Washed out

14s: Washed out

13s: Washed out

### **Week 3 Fixtures – SHS v Shore**

1st Grade: 12.30pm at SHS (Home)

2nd Grade: 12.30pm at Tennis World (Away)

3-6: 12.30pm at Northbridge (A)

16s: Bishopsgate (A)

15s: Northbridge (A)

14s: Moore Park (H)

13s: SHS (H)





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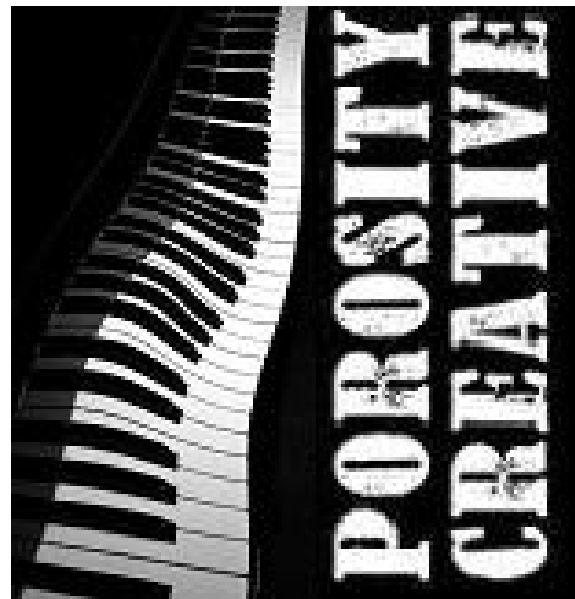
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# February/March 2009

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>5 A</b>	<b>23</b> Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) All Schools Water Polo, SOPAC Yr 11 Geography excursion, Sydney Olympic Park, all day.	<b>24 ***</b> Tennis: Sydney East CHS Individuals Trials Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7M and 7R HSC English incursion from 1.30 pm, Great Hall Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm P&C Cocktail Party to Welcome New Parents, Great Hall, 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>25 ***</b> Year 11 Study Skills Morning, Great Hall, 9am-12:30pm Basketball: Sydney East CHS Trials Open basketball knockout, Sutherland stadium, all day Tennis: CIS Trials Row A, B, C Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm Jane Sleeman presentation to Year 12 parents	<b>26</b> Year 10 High Resolves Leadership meeting, Period 6 Row D, E, F Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford Year 11 legal studies assessment task, periods 1 and 2 [normal classes]	<b>27</b> Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Eastside Debating Competition, Round 1, TSC v SHS GPS Swimming Carnival 4, SOPAC, Homebush, 7:00pm Parking - Waratahs v Highlanders Educational resources display in Staff Common Room at lunchtime	<b>28</b> Sport Groups 1 & 2 - NC v SHS High Regatta, Hen and Chicken Bay	<b>1</b>
<b>6 B</b>	<b>2</b> SRC Leadership Training, Abbotsford, 9am-3:30pm Senior A, B Camp, Abbotsford Music Support Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	<b>3</b> CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Year 12 Ancient History assessment task, period 1 in room 403 Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm Rowing Committee Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	<b>4</b> Row B, C Rowing/Swimming Skills, Abbotsford, 7S and 7T CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Fencing Supporters Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm Circus Troupe, Great Hall, 3:30 - 5:00 pm	<b>5</b> Year 8 Brainstorm Productions (Verbal Combat), Great Hall, 9:00am CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford Row D, E, F	<b>6</b> Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am CHS Baseball Championships (Blacktown) Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra, 8:30am-3:15pm Eastside Debating Competition, Round 2, Reddam v SHS Parking - Waratahs v Reds	<b>7</b> Sport Group 1 - NC v SHS Group 2 - TSC v SHS TSC Regatta	<b>8</b> Cricket: GPS v Shires, Team Dinner, SJC
<b>7 A</b>	<b>9</b> Year 12 Modern History Assessment Task, Great Hall, Periods 1 and 2 Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford P&C Executive Meeting	<b>10</b> Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Theatre LOTE French Incursion in Great Hall - Periods 1-2 & 5-6 for all Year 7 - 12 French classes. OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Year 7 parent group meeting in the Staff Common Room at 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Summer Sports Photos, 9:00am-12:30pm Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Row B, C Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm Circus Troupe, Great Hall, 3:30 - 5:00 pm	<b>12</b> Tennis: CHS Individuals, Penrith Sydney East Regional Volleyball Trials and KO Row D, E, F Senior A, B Camp, Abbotsford Junior Rowing Photos, Abbotsford	<b>13</b> Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Year 11 Ancient History archaeology excursion, The Rocks, all day Eastside Debating Competition, Round 3, SGS v SHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 1, SHS v BC GPS Swimming Carnival 5, SOPAC, Homebush, 7:00pm Great Hall booking	<b>14</b> Sport Groups 1 & 2 - SHS v SGS TKS/PLC Regatta, SIRC Great Hall booking	<b>15</b> Great Hall booking
<b>8 B</b>	<b>16</b> Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst AFL: CHS Trials Senior elective music classes attending ENCORE Concert, SOH, 7:30pm GPS chess in the Great Hall, all day	<b>17</b> Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Marching Band, MPW, 3:30pm Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm Year 11 economics assessment task, Great Hall, period 1	<b>18</b> Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm P&C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 7:30pm Boatshed Dinner, Great Hall, 6:30pm Row A, B, C	<b>19</b> Selective Schools Entrance Test for Year 7 2010, Great Hall Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Swimming: MIC Meeting (CIS Selection) Row D, E, F Senior A, C Camp, Abbotsford	<b>20</b> Marching Band, MPW, 8:00am Year 7 Try Rugby Day, McKay, 9am-3pm Cricket: NSW Lord's Taverners Week, Bathurst Eastside Debating Competition, Round 4, SHS v SGHS Friday Evening Debating, Round 2, NC v SHS	<b>21</b> Sport Group 1 - SHS v SGS Group 2 - TKS v SHS Gold Cup Regatta, Lane Cove	<b>22</b>