



From the Principal High Talent



Congratulations to Timothy Collier (Year 8) who has been selected as a member of the Sydney Children's Choir to participate in a filming project involving the Gondwana Children's Choir in North Western Australia. Our swimming team gained three places in the CIS carnival: Max Chien, Ennes Mehmedbasic (Year 9) and Jeffrey Jiang (Year 11). Well done boys! Craig Moller, Lloyd Perris and Matthew McDonald represented Sydney East in AFL at the CHS tournament. Craig and Lloyd were selected in the All-Schools team with Matthew as a reserve. Congratulations! At the upcoming University of Sydney Scholarships ceremony, outstanding achievement scholarships will be presented to Ajay Balachandran, Alvin Leung and Yi Zuo. Entry scholarships will be presented to Daochen Tong and Marco Sun (SBHS 2008). At the recent Australian Little Athletics championships conducted in Adelaide, Ivor Metcalfe (Year 8) won the high jump and was 4th in the 80m hurdles. Congratulations, Ivor! Well done also to Khushaal Vyas (Year 8) who won the first round of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition and to Siddharth Sethi (Year 9) who was runner up. Railcorp's March Trainsmart school courtesy and safety competition was won by Max Chao (Year 8), Steven Ke (Year 12) and Dan Tran (Year 7). A great entry boys!

The Sydney Boys High School Public Library Fund

Schools spend a significant amount of their resources on libraries as learning environments for their students. Parents essentially pay for library services beyond the DET provision of salaries for a Teacher Librarian and a Library Assistant. School Public Library Funds offer a tax deductible means of funding the operation of school libraries. Nevertheless, for tax deductible eligibility for donations, access to libraries by the public, or a significant number of the public, is necessary. Multiple cohorts of students and their parents aggregate to a sufficient number to be 'public' for the

purposes of eligibility for tax deductible donations. *The Sydney Boys High School Public Library Fund* was established in 2001 to allow parents to offset some of the costs of educating their sons through a tax deductible donation to the Public Library Fund.

The 'Library Fund' has been very well supported by parents over the years. Suggested contributions started at \$50 and were later increased to \$75 as services were extended following a private taxation ruling. This ruling allowed the Public Fund to pay for extended opening hours for the library and for the part time services of a School Archivist. Money set aside from the fund was placed in term deposit and later used to purchase major pieces of equipment like colour photo copiers, laptop computers and charging trolley, additional PCs and furniture as well as paying for subscriptions to search engine software and external library membership. The table below illustrates the income and expenditures from the Sydney Boys High School Public Library Fund.

Year	Income	Expenditure	Balance C/F
2001	34,034	28,244	5,789
2002	39,996	30,832	14,953
2003	40,460	39,082	16,330
2004	58,310	62,071	12,569
2005	51,324	28,703	35,190
2006	82,853	73,433	44,610
2007	54,292	58,489	40,414
2008	63,953	44,838	59,529
TOTAL	425,222	365,692	

The table indicates solid parental support for the Fund. However, if 1100 families donated, the yearly income would be \$82,500. With that level of support we could really ramp up the range of library services we provide. In 2009, we will commit all of our reserves to equipping the new Senior Library and expanding the High Junior Library.



The Senior Library will be successful to the extent that we can resource it. The school needs to bear the cost of a second Teacher Librarian and, in the medium term, the cost of another Library Assistant. The High Senior Library is providing research and study services for up to 100 students per period and before school from 0800. It really operates as an extension to the school day for those boys seeking to maximise their learning time at school. The High Junior Library has expanded its PC capacity to 30 and has power and network capacity to service Year 9 boys when they are issued with their laptops later in the year. I have been greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by students and staff towards making this two-library project work. In one term we have made rapid progress and I look forward to increasing the range and depth of services in both libraries during the remainder of 2009.

The Sydney Boys High School P & C Executive has discussed the Junior and Senior Libraries plan and determined that it should recommend to the May General Meeting that the suggested donation to the *Sydney Boys High School Public Library Fund* should be raised to \$125 for 2010. If passed, I will gladly take the proposal to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget for 2010. Again, I urge parents who have not yet supported the Library Fund to do so in the interests of their sons.

University of Sydney Practicum Students

We have a strong partnership with the University of Sydney covering many activities. Our contribution to professional development is one of these. Student teachers from the University are engaged in a four week practicum experience at High. I know that staff and students will make them feel welcome. The following students are placed with these teachers: Julie Nguyen - Brian Webb – Science; Jonathon Murty - Doug Hespe – Maths; Emily Christian - Betsy Berger/Robert Devlin – History; Merv Dayal (SBHS 2003)- Con Barris/Mina Genias – History; and Annaliese Mack - Paul Wright – English. I hope your time with us will be enjoyable and instructive.

Dr K A Jaggar

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Public Speaking Report

Rostrum-Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition-My Experience

Recently, I entered the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public speaking competition. The heat was held at MLC and boy, was it an experience! Even though I have done a lot of public speaking before, this competition was especially special as it was the first time I was representing Sydney Boys High. I felt very proud and confident just wearing our uniform into the venue.

The competition was actually quite difficult. I had to come up with a speech on the topic of 'A dangerous Lifestyle', which took me quite a while. I decided to talk about the problem of overpopulation. The quality of speeches was very high on the night. I felt a bit nervous as I got up to speak, but as soon as I started talking, I felt confident.

Once all the speeches were complete, the adjudicator got up and was ready to give her decision. Before she said who the winner was, she gave us all some things to work on.

In the end, the judge said that I had won! My first time representing High and being able to do something for the school was a glorious feeling. The next round is on May 18 and I hope to do myself and our school proud.

Khushaal Vyas, Year 8

Term 2 Circus Auditions

Any student who is interested in auditioning for the school circus troupe may do so on Monday 11 May. The audition will be workshop based in Room 204 at lunchtime.



The school circus troupe is a new initiative and is one of many new exciting Performing Arts Co-curricular activities being offered by the school.

In Term 1, 14 students from the circus troupe performed an acrobatic fiesta to the delighted crowd at the Drama Showcase.

Students who take part in the circus programme are eligible for one Award Scheme Point.

The circus will train every Wednesday from 4:15pm – 5:15pm in the Drama Studio (Room 204) under the supervision of **Jennie Rohr**.

Participants will undertake a variety of activities including, acrobatics, adagio, balancing, choreography, clowning, fitness and flexibility training, performance skills, stage combat and much more.

Students will develop skills that will be used for devising performances for the school and wider community.

Drama Ensemble



On Monday 4 May many students participated in an intense audition for a place in the 2009 Sydney Boys High School Drama Ensemble. Everyone displayed great enthusiasm and much talent.

The following students have been successful in their audition and will start rehearsals on Wednesday 13 May.

Year 7 – Daniel Fang, Jonathan Freiberg, Andrew Liu

Year 8 – Khushaal Vyas

Year 9 – Adam Booth, Sam Marques, Jamian Vuong

Year 10 – Raghieb Siddiquee, Isnad Zaman

Year 11 – John Aclis, Bao Khuu, Michael Zhang

Congratulations!

For further information about the circus troupe or drama ensemble please contact **Jennie Rohr**.

FREE SEMINAR

“HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEENAGER AND GET YOUR TEENAGER TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU” Presenter Ari Badaines, Clinical Psychologist.

This seminar is suitable for parents, grandparents and anyone who has responsibility for the wellbeing of young people.

WHEN: Monday 25th May, 10.15am – 1pm

WHERE: Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club,

Marine Pde, Maroubra Beach NSW 2035

Refreshments provided – gold coin donation.

RSVP May 21 2009 to Lee Shaberman or Kathy Taylor on 9130 7336.

S Plummer/E Harman

School Counsellor

A Free Managing HSC Stress Program

This is a four week program for students who are currently completing Year 11 and Year 12. The program aims to assist students to better manage the stress of the HSC and teaches a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. It can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood. The next program will be run in Term 2, 2009 starting on Tuesday 26 May at the Royal North Shore Hospital, St. Leonards. Sessions will run from 4pm-5.30pm. For bookings in this program please call 9514 4077. All services are confidential.

E Harman/S Plummer
School Counsellors



Sydney Boys High School Building Fund – 2009 Fundraising campaign. Multi-Purpose Centre

We are looking again this year for volunteers to assist with the Sydney Boys High School Building Fund fundraising efforts. The funds we raise through this campaign go directly to supporting the project to build a new Multi-Purpose Centre.

The Centre will serve musicians, public speakers, debaters, drama students or any boy sitting for examinations. Help us to raise the facilities and profile of the Arts at High.

All materials and instruction supplied. Easy work in your own time, for one or two weeks in May!

If you haven't found a way to volunteer in the school yet, this is a great opportunity to assist in a very tangible way toward the building of High's new performance facilities.

For more details, please contact Steve Saunders,

Email: steve@cystor.com.au

Mob: 0411-851-412

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



Due to current public health warnings, we would like to remind parents and guardians of the need to inform the school immediately if your son has any form of contagious illness (eg. Influenza, Chicken Pox, Measles, Mumps, Glandular Fever).

Although this is a major concern for everyone, we have some students at our school whose health could be more seriously affected than others by contact with any of these diseases.

- If your son is sick (and it might be contagious) please keep him at home until he is well.
- If your son contracts a serious illness of any sort, please inform the school so we can take the necessary precautions to ensure the wellbeing of all our students (and staff).
- Your contact with the school will be confidential and you should direct your call to the Deputy Principals, Year Adviser or the Head Teacher Student Welfare (Mr Walker).
- Additional information regarding procedures for sickness and injury can be found in the school diary or on the school website.

We are keen to provide a safe, healthy environment for our boys

From The Canteen



For the cooler months our menu will vary slightly.

We will suspend fruit salad from the menu over winter but offer instead whole fruit such as apples, mandarins and oranges. To warm you up in the mornings hot chocolate (\$1.00) will be available during breakfast for terms 2 and 3. Making a return to the hot food menu will be our homemade chicken sweet corn soup (\$2.50). And try our new addition to the menu - baked potato with taco sauce and tasty cheese (\$4.50). As always, remember that ordering your lunch will ensure you do not miss out on your favourites. Lunch orders can be made each morning before school from 8.30am - 9.00am.

The Canteen Team

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS)



School Student Code of Conduct – Students travelling on buses must:-

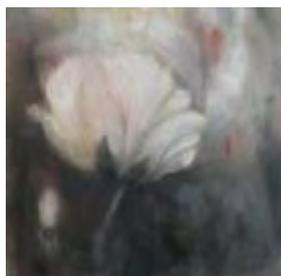
- Dip school bus pass or pay the fare when joining the bus. This is particularly important as the data collected from the on bus fare collection system may be used for service planning purposes
- Use school specials when provided
- Vacate seats for adults when requested
- Follow the driver's instructions about safety on the bus
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers
- Behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no offensive language, no throwing things)
- Protect bus property (e.g. no vandalism)

Students are reminded to:-

- Only use the school bus pass for its intended purpose i.e. for travel between home and school (does not include travel to and from sporting activities)
- Maintain possession of the school bus pass at all times.

During 2009, authorised officers will be deployed to inspect **Code of Conduct** compliance on school bus services in the Eastern Region. Students who are found to have breached their obligations may lose their travel entitlement and possibly incur an infringement.

ARTeFACTS



At Depot II Gallery at 2 Danks Street Waterloo Ms Claire Reemst's recent paintings are on display until 6 pm **Saturday 9 May**. Her evocative and sensual paintings of dreamlike

gardens [pictured] are stunning and sit alongside a series of works inspired by Beckett by Brandt Lewis. I highly recommend visiting the show to everyone.



Last term Ms Wei Ting Lee [from COFA] joined the Art Staff for 12 weeks to complete her final practicum.

Wei has settled in quickly and has been involved with a number of junior classes and is now in the final 5 weeks of the prac.



Talent Development Program Last term art students joined artist Ochre Lawson in a plaster sculpture workshop on Tuesday afternoons. Students examined figurative sculptures for inspiration and then developed their sculptures from photographs to capture body proportion, gesture and anatomy. Stay tuned; students are still to paint sculptures before they are displayed publicly.

Art Excursion Visual Arts Years 12-10 visited the Moran Prize, Art Express, The Archibald and two exhibitions at the MCA. The MCA exhibitions were the student favourites [and mine] and I highly

recommend the following for everyone to visit for the absolute joy the Kusama show provides and the range of brilliance in the I Walk the Line show.

YAYOI KUSAMA: MIRRORED YEARS

24 February - 8 June 2009



This major exhibition features selected work from the past forty years by Yayoi Kusama, a prolific and internationally acclaimed Japanese artist.

I WALK THE LINE: NEW AUSTRALIAN DRAWING

17 March - 24 May 2009

Drawing is enjoying a renaissance in contemporary Australian art. This exhibition examines new approaches to drawing and the reinvigoration of drawing practice...

Sydney Boys High Students get highly commended at the Moran Prize



Congratulations to Nevin Spoljaric [left] and Nicholas Wong [right] who have 3 photographs each in the semi finalist division of the Moran

Photographic Prize, now on display at the State Library.

This very lucrative prize provides an exciting opportunity for students to get snapping and enter



their best shots at the beginning of 2010. Nevin is the School Photography team leader. He and Nicholas

have begun the High Photography club to complement the School Photography team.

SBHS DEBATING

Eastside GRAND FINAL, Friday 8th May

Congratulations to all our boys for excellent performances last week. The topics were:

Years 7, 8 & 9 That the government should do more to stop illegal boat people'
Year 10, 11 & 12: 'That the state government's anti-bikie laws have gone too far'

For some it pays to remember that adjudication is always an art not a science. However all Grand Finals are adjudicated by panel decision which assists in overall consistency and thoroughness of decisions. I look forward to some excellent debates.

It is with great pleasure that I wish nothing but glorious luck and victory to our teams continuing through to the Grand Final this week from Years 9, 11 and 12!

Year 12

Sydney Girls vs. Sydney Boys

Year 11

SCEGGS vs. Sydney Boys

Year 9

Grammar vs. Sydney Boys

Debates will be held at Grammar and will once again be based on current affairs.

FED Round 4, SBHS v Trinity, Friday 8th May

Tonight our home debates start up with the FED competition Round 4 against Trinity. This is the second last round for the FED Comp and hence crunch time with the semi finals only a few weeks away.

The topic area is Health. Teams have been announced by email blast. If you have not received an email or have any other questions please do not hesitate to email me on sbhsdebating@gmail.com

We are also at home again for FED next Friday 15th May.

Parents Info Session – An Overview of Adjudication and Selections Processes

Friday 8 May

Meet with other parents and debating teams in the Staff Common Room from 8pm.
The session will be held in nearby classroom after the commencement of Senior Debates.

Dana Quick
Debating Coordinator

More information can be found at 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 and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's year.](mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com)



MUSIC NOTES

Marching Band

The Marching Band has been invited to perform at the Sydney Cricket Ground next **Sunday the 17th of May 2009** for the West Tigers vs South Sydney Rabbitohs game.

All members of the Marching Band are required to be at school for a rehearsal (MPW) from **11am to 1:00pm** prior to the performance. Students need to bring their own lunch that day and will **depart from school to the SCG at 1:30pm**. The performance will be at approximately **2:15pm to 3pm** and students will return to school to collect their cases and belongings after the performance.

ANZAC Day - Photos

We are looking for photos of the Marching Band to use as promotional material for our Music Tour to France, if you are able to help us please contact the Music Department at school on 9361-6910 (Ext. 109) or email: music@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au We greatly appreciate your help.

20th/21st Century Concert

Following our huge success with the *Night at the Movies* Spring concert last year, our theme for the first concert of this year is 20th/21st Century and will be this **Saturday the 9th of May in the Great Hall at 6:30pm**. There will be a sausage sizzle from 5:30pm in the courtyard area fundraising for the Music Tour next year and refreshments will be on sale during the interval at the concert.

Tickets can be purchased at the front door if you haven't made arrangements yet.

Single: \$12.00 / Family: \$28.00

Music Camp

Our Annual Music Camp will be held at Galston Gorge Conference Centre this term from **Tuesday-Thursday 2nd to 4th of June (Week 5)**. Students will **depart from school at 8am** on Tuesday morning and **return on Thursday at approximately 3pm** for a BBQ dinner with a Camp Concert starting at **6pm**.

All students in the Performance Music Program are expected to attend (including Year 7 students who began learning an instrument this year). If you are unable to attend, please see the Music Staff.

Please collect notes from outside the Music Staffroom and make **payments to the front office by Friday the 15th of May 2009**.

Music Supporters Group (MSG) Meeting

Our next MSG meeting for 2009 will be held on **Tuesday 19th May at 6:30pm in the Staff Common room**, followed by the Music Tour meeting to France 2010. We would like to encourage parents of students in the performance music program to attend the MSG meeting.

Cabaret Night – Please Note Change of Date

Cabaret Night has been changed to **Saturday the 27th of June 2009 (TERM 2)** with the **Jazz workshop held on Friday the 26th of June** for all members of the Stage Band. Please make a note of this change in your diary. All members of Stage Band, Senior Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra will be involved on Cabaret Night.

Grand Piano For Sale

2003 Boston (Steinway 178 model) for sale in very good condition, \$22,000 (ono). RRP for second hand is \$25,000. Please see the Music Staff if you are interested or contact 0416 740 813.





HighTide

Sydney Boys High
School Sailing



2009 Events:

**Tuesday 14th –Saturday 19th April
2009 CHS Belmont**

**Friday 1st, 2nd and 3rd May 2009 NSW
Secondary Schools Teams Racing
(Report to follow next edition)**

Belmont Regatta 2009

A selected group of the Sydney Boys Sailing Squad competed at the Combined High Schools (CHS) Sailing Regatta at Belmont in the first week of the holidays.

The SBHS Sailors included:

Yr 7 Daniel Feng

Yr 8 Connor Robinson, Marcus James

Yr 9 Adam Ceh, Ennes Mehmedbasic

Yr 12 Adam Richards, Phillip Kurts

Participation of the boys at the 5 day Regatta was made possible by parents of our sailors who organised the entire excursion including supervision, transportation of the boats and equipment to Belmont as well as accommodation, food and transport for the boys involved. On behalf of the staff and SBHS Sailing Committee, I would like to say a big thank-you to those parents for making the trip possible.

The following report of the Regatta was put together by **Mr Graham Moody**, a sailing teacher at SBHS whose expertise in Sailing was greatly appreciated. Again I would like to say thank you to Graham on behalf of the Sailing Committee for your time, commitment and energy during the school holiday period.

MIC Mrs B Collignon

Belmont Regatta 2009 Report and Results

Tuesday Invitational Race 5-8.5 knots of wind from the east swinging 30 degrees to north and south



C Robinson, E Mehmedbasic, M James, A Richards, A Ceh,
D Feng, Mr G Moody

All Pacer crews had good starts, the long start lines and staggered start line for different divisions helped keep a large fleet under control. Ennes Mehmedbasic and Connor Robinson sailed well in the conditions and came 19th out of 41 boats, midway between the flying eleven boats a couple of flying ants and a spiral, only six or seven minutes behind the flying elevens with spinnakers. The other crews came in 34th (Adam Richards and Daniel Fang) and 35th (Adam Ceh and Marcus James) within a minute of each other and still only five minutes behind Ennes and Connor.

Phil Kurts in his foiled moth did not compete in this race, choosing to practise his skills instead. This race does not count in the regatta results.

Race 1 Wednesday 6 – 9 knots due westerly shifting to the North West Although these conditions of light winds tend to favour the smaller boats with spinnakers, the Pacer crews sailed as well as these conditions allowed them. Ennes and Connor (60) managed to compete strongly against the flying elevens.

Race 2 Thursday South west / SE 5-8 knots Very light and fluky conditions to begin and thankfully the wind held for most of the race.

Race 3 Friday SW/SE 8-12 knots Better conditions and wind for our boats especially the heavier crews.

Race 4 Saturday SW 4-11 knots Very close racing between Ennes Mehmedbasic and Adam Ceh throughout both legs of the race until the bottom mark second leg when Adam Ceh had mechanical problems with his rudder. Adam Richards with the stronger wind conditions and a good start sailed well to his best regatta result. Considering the handicap of the Pacers and the fact that the flying elevens made up 5 out of the top 10 boats in the whole regatta, all crews acquitted themselves well.



Boat: **Phillida Fish**
Ennes Mehmedbasic and Connor Robinson



	No of Boats	Invitational Race (does not count) 41 boats	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Placing (worst place discarded)
Aust. Schools Championship	132		[84]	58	66	55	66
NSW (All schools)	130	19	[82]	56	64	53	64
NSW CHS Division 4	16		[9]	6	6	8	7

Roll Over

Adam Richards and Daniel Fang

Invitational Race (does not count)	No of Boats	Invitational Race (does not count) 41 boats	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Placing (worst place discarded)
Aust. Schools Championship	132		102	[135C]	68.5	48	84
NSW (All schools)	130	34	100	[133C]	66.5	47	83
NSW CHS Division 4	16		12	[17C]	7.5	7	10

Just Desserts

Adam Ceh and Marcus James

Invitational Race (does not count)	No of Boats	Invitational Race (does not count) 41 boats	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Placing worst place discarded)
Aust. Schools Championship	132		91	[97]	79	80	98
NSW (All schools)	130	35	89	[95]	77	78	96
NSW CHS Division 4	16		10	[11]	10	11	11

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Phil Kurts

	No of Boats	Invitational Race (does not count) 41 boats	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Placing (worst place discarded)
Aust. Schools Championship	132		87	[135F]	4	135C	87
NSW (All schools)	130	DNC	85	[133F]	4	133C	85
NSW CHS Division 1			10	17F	1	17C	10

Sydney High Athletics Invitational 2 May 2009



Saturday 2nd May 2009 saw Sydney High host their first athletics invitational of the year. An encouraging turnout for the school yet again saw many helping hands coming from parents, prefects, teachers and our headmaster. It seemed as though no one wanted to miss the show. We would like to thank them duly for their support and for making Saturday's invitational such a success:

S Codey, C Chow, M Smith, C Meaney, P Prabakaran, F Ovadia, C Siu, C Lui, J O'Sullivan, Mr Mah, G Booth, T Gunaratne, L Yang, R Burnham, J Prabakaran, J Burnham, A Noronha, S Higgins, S Creer and R Ayre

Thomas Nguyen, Thomas Wilson, Clive Chen, Ritam Mitra, Matt Ling, Sean Kim, Neil Street, Ritam Mitre, Johan Santoso, Hareshan Karunakaran, Jeremy Ireland, Harrison Lane, Justin Chow, Kerrod McPherson, Leonard Teng, Sam Burnham, Daniel Lo, David Nam, Denis Stojanovic, Jarrod Chen, Chris Evans, Max Mikha, Jack Wachsmann, Alex Belokopytov, Lawrence Png, Alden Kwok and Nelson Ridges

Even though the holidays had finished, Sydney High's intense athletics regime did not, once again proving that practice makes perfect. Kicking off the day with the opens 3000m, Harrison Lane ran an 11 second PB finishing 3rd with 9m19s in a tightly contested race. The opens 1500m saw Jeremy Ireland post another strong time with 4m24s and another 3rd place. Only one place in our U17s saw Max Kite throw a solid 13.92m in the shot put salvaging a 1st place. The U16 years were clearly the high point of the day, snatching four 1st and two 3rd places. A typically strong performance from Chris Morrow with a crazy 1.9m in the high jump saw another 1st place for him, adding to his 3rd place in the long jump. Brian Kelly saw even more improvement posting a PB of 5.9m in the long jump to take out 1st place, going along with another outstanding time of 11.83s for a second win in the 100m. Kelly also ran a 3rd in the 200m – a great day for him. To top off the U16s Sam Lane once again finished strongly with 4m29s, winning his 1500m against a disappointing lack of competitors. In the U15 years, the 1500m saw two places, a 2nd from Pasan Pannila and a 3rd place from Adam Booth showing dominance this year in the event.

Michael Phung also leapt to 3rd place in the long jump. In the U14 years, new hero Ivor Metcalf proved fanatical in the high jump, claiming 1st with 1.73m. Along with this he snatched a 2nd in the 90m hurdles and a 3rd in the long jump. Max Jones also ran to 3rd place in the U14s 400m. Our only relay win of the day was claimed by the U13s team running an incredible 52.89s. Former long distance runner turned sprinter Anton Brokman took out the 90m hurdles with a great time of 15.20s, along with a 2nd place in the 400m and a 3rd in the 200m. H Lam ran a strong 3rd in the 100m, B Cheng posted a 3rd in the long jump and J Lui came 3rd in his high jump.

A very successful day to say the least, and with only one invitational left, all competitors must be sure to put in all they've got to improve even more for the final in under two weeks. All parents and supporter are invited to attend the Athletics Assembly on the 15th May in the Great Hall at 11.30am.

**Remember to come out and support the school and High Athletics on the 16th of May at Homebush Athletics Centre - Bay 7.
Samuel Lane**

Fencing



The 2009 Fencing season for Sydney Boys High began with a promising start with good results in the first tournament, the Individual Championships.

Shaun Pak, Shaun Fletcher and William Yeung all recorded two wins, whilst the other U15 fencers each had a win.

The junior fencers gained valuable experience in a highly competitive tournament, invaluable for the main event The Schools League. This week the senior fencers will compete in the same tournament.



High Society

The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C –
Julie Connolly P&C President

Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday 20th May,
commencing at 7.30pm in the new Senior Library
(please note location. The Senior Library is located

top floor of the McDonald wing, next to the art rooms). At the start of the meeting, Dr Jaggar will present an analysis of the HSC results for the Class of 2008. Your attendance is encouraged to hear this important and interesting information.

On the agenda, following Dr Jaggar's address:

1. Refurbishment of Staff Common Room
2. Voting on proposed increase in Library Fund contribution from 2010.
3. Co-Curricular Sub-Committees
4. Hall Kitchen Project

Summary of Minutes from March P&C Meeting

1. **Annual Library Fund Contribution.** With the successful establishment of the new Senior Library, total operating costs for our School Libraries has doubled. It is proposed to increase the Library Fund contribution for all students to \$125.00 from 2010 and also work to increase the payment rate. Voting on this proposal will take place at the May P&C meeting.
2. **Sunsafe Policy.** The P&C requested the School to enforce a sun-safe policy where every student should wear a hat during outdoor PE, sport and excursions and be encouraged to wear sunscreen.
3. **Great Hall Kitchen Project.** Funding is being sought through current Government Funding initiatives.
4. **Refurbishment of Staff Common Room.** The Staff Common Room has become a meeting point for outside guests to the School. In view of this, it was suggested that the room needs some refurbishment. Dr Jaggar will discuss this suggestion with the Staff. The Staff Room will be repainted as part of current general school repainting.
5. **Co-Curricular Sub-Committees** – the P&C is working towards the exchange of organisational and fund-raising information between Co-Curricular Sub-Committees.
6. **Asbestos** – Dr Jaggar is pursuing the implementation of the School's Asbestos Management Plan with DET.

Upcoming Parent Meetings & Events (details in High Notes)

- 20th/21st Century Music Concert – 6.30pm, Saturday 9th May, Great Hall
- P&C Executive Meeting – 6.00pm, Monday 11th May, School Board Room
- Athletics Dinner – 6.30pm, Thursday 14th May, Great Hall
- GPS Athletics Assembly – 11.30am, Friday 15th May, Great Hall
- Music Supporters' Group – 6.30pm, Tuesday 19th May, Staff Common Room
- P&C Meeting – Address by Dr Jaggar on 2008 HSC results – 7.30pm, Wednesday 20th May, Senior Library
- Rugby Committee – 6pm, Wednesday 27th May

If you would like to have any parent community news or upcoming events included in *High Society*, please contact Julie Connolly, P&C President, jcandjc@bigpond.net.au; 0418 470 203.

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Wednesday 13th of May

Medicine Information Seminar

Alpha Omega Education will be holding an exclusive Medicine Information Seminar for students in years 10, 11 and 12. This one day seminar will cover all you need to know about medicine as a career.

Date: 16th of May 2009

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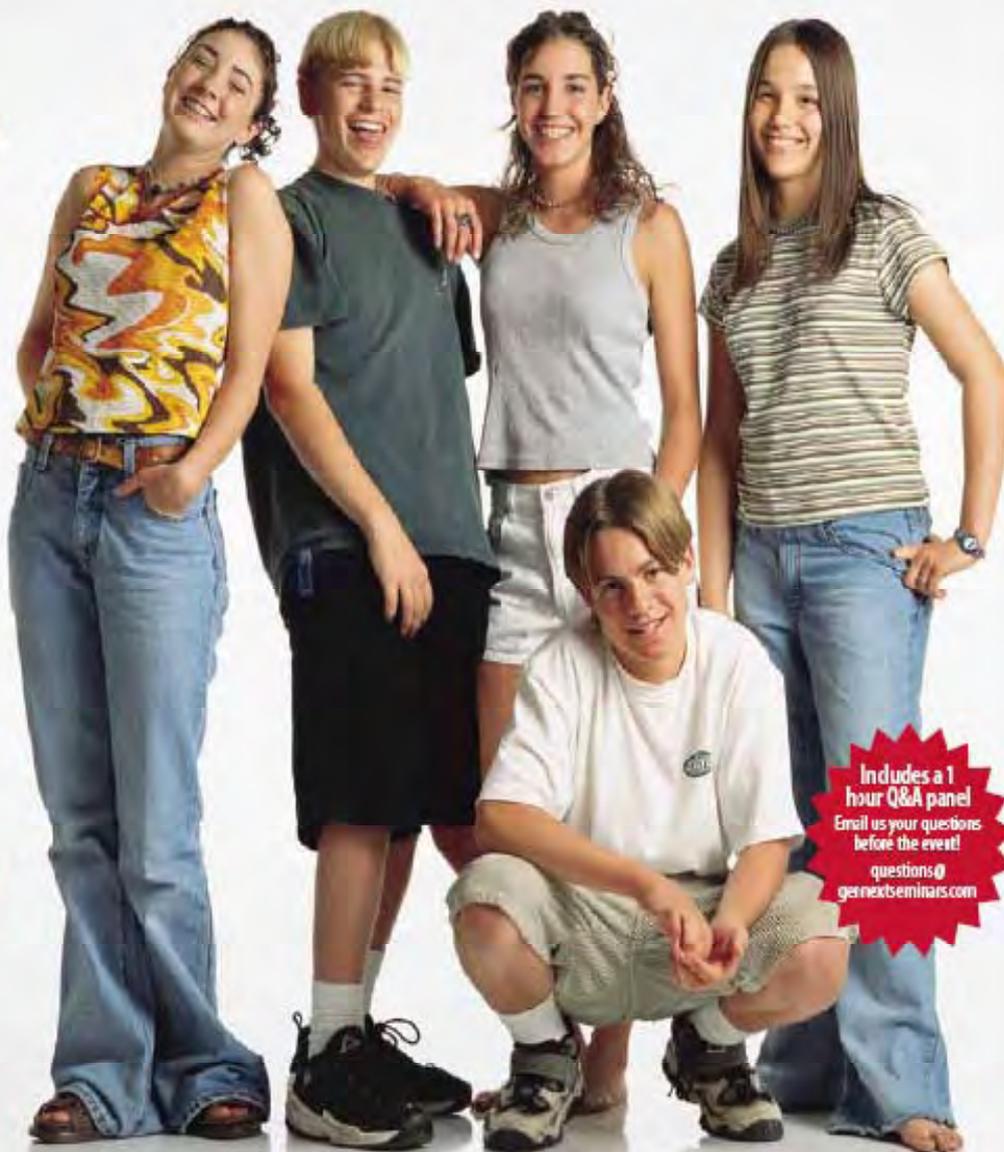
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SAFE SEXTING: No such thing



Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'– the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Once photos are sent, it is an almost instant push of the button to forward them or load them onto the internet. These pictures then become part of a young person's 'digital footprint', lasting forever and potentially damaging future career prospects or relationships.

Images sent by mobile phone can easily fall into the wrong hands, and once they are in cyberspace it is impossible to remove them or control who sees them.

More and more young people seem to be distributing highly suggestive or even sexually explicit photos of themselves to their friends, often without a real understanding of the consequences.

The easy availability of new technologies and social networking sites can turn what can seem an innocent joke or flirtatious fun into a potentially devastating experience – with young girls most at risk.

Sexting can lead to public humiliation, cyberbullying, or even sexual assault.

The message to young people is – don't post images of yourself and don't distribute any sent to you.

It is illegal to take sexual photos of children and young people and it is also an offence to pass them on.

Parents are encouraged to get advice on sexting through the 24-hr parenting advice line, Parent Line 1300 1300 52. The line is staffed by highly trained and experienced counsellors.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the Education Department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/index.php.

For more advice on parenting and sexting, visit the Department of Community Services website www.community.nsw.gov.au.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.



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Letters Re Absence/Lateness/ Early Leave



When your son returns to school from being absent he is required to provide a letter of explanation signed by a parent or guardian. If your son is going to be late for school a note is also required. Alternatively you may contact the school by phone on 9361 6910 and dial "4" for the absentee line.

If your son has an early leave note he is required to have his note signed by either Mr Beringer, Mr Dowdell or Mr Prorellis **before 8:55 am** and handed in to the Main Office immediately after. Each letter should be signed by a parent or guardian with the name date and roll class of your son printed clearly. Your son needs to pick up a leave pass from the Main Office before he leaves the school.

Leave

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.**

The Principal must approve all leave applications.

Lost Property



Message to all parents

Please label all personal items and school clothing with your son's full name to ensure that lost property is returned promptly.

Lost Property Office.

May/June 2009

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 B	11 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams P&C Executive Meeting Prefects' 'bin-ball' competition with SGHS, lunchtime [extended]	12 *** Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Language Conventions; Writing (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Language Conventions; Writing (P1 and 2) OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Year 10 History accelerants attending Sir John Monash	13 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Reading (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Reading (P1 and 2) Senior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm	14 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 National Assessment Exams Numeracy (P3 and 4) Year 9 National Assessment Exams Numeracy (P1 and 2) Junior Athletics: ES Marks 1:15pm-3:00pm Athletics Dinner, Great Hall, 6:30 pm	15 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams GPS Athletics Assembly, Great Hall, 11:30 am Friday Evening Debating, Round 5, SHS v TGS Joint SBHS-SGHS Executive gathering to welcome new SGHS Principal	16 AAGPS Athletics Championships, SIAC Homebush	17
4 A	18 Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Music Support Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	19 Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	20 Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Athletics Report to be submitted to Record Committee School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm Meet the Music Concert, SOH, 6:30pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	21 Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Eastern Suburbs Zone Cross Country Carnival, Centennial Park, 11am - 3:15pm	22 Year 7 Half Yearly Exams Year 10 Half Yearly Exams NSW All Schools Swimming Championships	23 Sport TKS v SHS Cross Country: SGS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00am) (CIS Selection Trials) UAC STAT Test in the Great Hall 7:30am - 5:00pm	24 Parking - Swans v Port Adelaide
5 B	25 Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Year 8 Half Yearly Exams	26 Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Year 12 Geography excursion, Hunter Valley, all day Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	27 ICAS Computer Skills Competition Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm	28 Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Cross Country: CIS Championships, Eastern Creek	29 Travel to Armidale Friday Evening Debating, Semi Final 1	30 Sport TAS v SHS (Rugby) Cross Country: Trinity Relay, Ewen Park (9:00 am)	31
6 A	1 Year 7 Brainstorm Productions ('Sticks and Stones'), Great Hall, Periods 5 and 6 Basketball: NSW All Schools Trials Year 10 science excursion to Luna Park, all day Period 3: Year 11 meeting in Great Hall with Dr Jaggar re Roden Cutler Charity Day 5th June	2 Music Camp, Galston Gorge Da Vinci Decathalon at Knox (Years 9 and 10) Year 12 Latin Study Day CHS Hockey (Albury) Debating Supporters Group Meeting, Common Room, 6:30pm	3 Music Camp, Galston Gorge CHS Hockey (Albury)	4 Music Camp, Galston Gorge. Concert, Great Hall, 6pm Da Vinci Decathalon at Knox (Years 7 and 8) CHS Hockey (Albury)	5 History incursions: World War I, 11:34 - Year 9, Vietnam, 1:48 - Year 10, Great Hall Fundraising day for Roden Cutler charities [Year 11] Year 12 chemistry excursion to USyd. Classics Reading Competition, Sydney University	6	7