

From the Principal High Talent

The SHS GPS rifle shooting co-premiers (the first such occurrence since 1953) had three members selected in the combined GPS team: Ryan Woo, Nevin Spoljaric and Matthew Tong (named as captain). The other members of our first grade team are: Johan Santoso, Denis Stojanovic, Brendan Leo, Michael Do, Yujin Wu and John Aclis. The success of the team this year is in no small way attributable to the efforts of Old Boy coaches Justin Hill, Joe Banh, Kevin Chan and Ishan Nadkarni and in equal measure to the efforts of Cathy Meaney as MIC. Congratulations to all concerned. It was a privilege to be a spectator at McKay 2 on Saturday last to see the team spirit, and self-belief of the 14A rugby team as they came from behind to beat a big, well-coached King's 14B team. Well done to the First XI football team who held on to a 1-0 first half lead against St. Joseph's to register their second GPS win.



At the NSW All Schools Cross Country meet this week the depth of High talent in athletics was again displayed. In the 17 years teams event, High placed second, with Harrison Lane (13) and Jeremy Ireland (31), contributing to the victory of Sydney East region in the inter regional teams event. Lachlan Perris, Alasdair Brown and David Chan were our other runners. In the 15 years team event, High ran third, with Adam Booth (20) and Jeremy Dobrowolski (44) contributing to Sydney East's third place in the inter regional section. Pasan Pannila and Alexander Hughes made up the team of four. In the 14 years team event, High ran third, with Lloyd Perris (11), Vincent Ye, Oliver Kirk and Siddarth Sethi making up the team.

Sailing's New Home



The Sydney High School Sailing Association has negotiated an agreement with Double Bay Sailing Club to store our fleet of boats, use the club and operate our program from its premises. My thanks go to Adam South who brokered the deal, and to David Shannon (Commodore of

DBSC) and Don Roach (DBSC) for putting their faith in youth sailing. The facility is considerably closer than Rose Bay and has an active Laser racing program. I am confident that our sailing program will benefit considerably from the change of venue. SHSSA has plans to involve local primary schools in learn to sail programs to nurture the sport and attract potential High students in the eastern suburbs. I invite any interested students to sign up for summer sailing in term 4. Old Boys, parents and friends of High are welcome to join SHSSA (\$10 joining fee and \$20 annual membership) to gain access to our equipment, expertise and facilities. For information on High sailing, contact Bonnie Collignon in Visual Arts.

Rowing's new MIC



I am very pleased to announce that Mr Simon Hoadley has accepted the position of MIC of Rowing and Coordinator of Coaching. Con Barris has held this position for 25 years and has decided to spend more time with his family and take the opportunity to pursue other interests. Simon Hoadley is a level 2 rowing coach with a background in racing, coaching and program administration. He rowed for NZ Universities, NZ U23 and Auckland Rowing Club. He has had coaching and administration experience at Canterbury University (1996-2000), Waikato University (2001), Waikato Diocesan School (2001-02), Kings College (2002-03) and Auckland Diocesan School (2007-08). Simon had a successful season in 2008-09 with the Scots second VIII and relieved as resident Head Coach at Mosman Rowing Club in 2008. Simon's role is to combine MIC and coaching Coordination. He will be at school a couple of days most weeks to recruit, organise the program and take care of administration. Most of his time will be spent coordinating the coaching program for all crews. I know that staff, students, parents and friends of High will welcome Simon and get behind his ideas to move High rowing forward. I have previewed his planned directions and he has my full support.

Table Tennis has a new venue



Commencing this week, High has moved its table tennis program to Kensington Scout Hall. We have one competition table and five practice tables to set up. Our intention is to run table tennis as a year round sport. We are fortunate in having the services of Mr Paul Hagan, an accomplished table tennis player and experienced coach. Access to the program will be limited to 25 players on sports days. Mr Ayre will be advising students of the new arrangements shortly.

Electrical Upgrade Progress

During the July holidays the first stage of our electrical upgrade was completed. The Cutler Drive should be repaired this weekend. A new cable was run from the Cleveland Street power pole to the main switchboard. This new cable, when connected, will greatly increase the electrical capacity of the school. In the September holidays, the second stage will be completed – connecting the cable to the power supply on the other side of Cleveland St. A new substation and main switchboard will also be installed. Our long awaited project is finally under way!

Volunteer Parents Required

The *Sydney High School Foundation* has several enterprises which it manages: the High Store, The Great Hall hiring, the Fairland Pavilion hiring, Learn to Row and hiring of the Outterside Centre, and management of the tennis courts. The Management Committee of the Foundation is comprised of volunteers – representing the P & C and the Old Boys Union. The Committee needs parents with expertise in event management, marketing, accountancy, law, catering or facilities management to help support these important school activities. If you have some time that you could give, please contact me.

Dr K A Jaggar

All SBHS Football Teams

Please send in your action photos!

At the end of season Football Dinner on Sept 10th, we're aiming to have a photo slideshow of action shots from every team in every age group, taken during the current season.

Please take your cameras to the upcoming games, email your photos to admin@gtmanagement.com.au
Thank you!

FROM THE ANDREWS JUNIOR (BOOK AND CYBER) LIBRARY CHANGES



- Teachers teaching in the computer area of the Library now have a dedicated teacher's desk to use when teaching. This computer has "Vision" on it which will control and monitor the screens of the students who are using computers. It can be used to superimpose material from the teacher's computer onto the student's screens and may be a useful teaching tool if you become familiar with it. I hope this makes teaching in this busy area much more comfortable.
- Two computer technicians who are to assist with **Year 9 laptops** will alternate in the Junior Library Circulation Area to assist students and teaching staff with using laptops in the classroom. This will be their permanent workstation. Our Library staff has made room for them and welcomes their expertise in our library. (Big thanks to our Technology Heros, "can do" network manager, James Rudd and web designer, David Isaacs, who once again uncomplainingly moved printers and set up new computers)
- The Library staff are tricking you again – **magazines, videos, graphic novels, encyclopedias and the librarian have moved.** So look around you for new placements.
- The Librarian has nearly finished ordering the new fiction for 2009 and it will soon begin trickling out to the "new books" shelves. So keep your eye on these shelves. Year 9 wide reading classes will be invited to write some mini reviews on a book blog which the Junior Library is creating on Moodle.

New Senior non-fiction books this week: (again mostly donations)

Video Art – Sylvia Martin, *500 Simple Website Hints Tips and Techniques* – Jamie Freeman, *e Tourism*, Dimitrios Buhalis, *Fundamentals of Conservation Biology*, Malcolm L Hunter, *McGrath's Financial institutions, instruments and markets*- Christopher Viney, *Consumer Behaviour, Implications for Marketing Strategy* – Cathy Neal, *Global Issues, an Introduction* – John L Seitz, *Nelson Business*

Studies, Preliminary Course – Robert Barlow et al, *Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Book 4* – Robert Lees et al, *Success On, HSC Biology, Past Papers and Answers 2001-2005*, *Plants: Evolution and Diversity* – Martin Ingrouille et al, *World on Fire, how exporting free market democracy breeds ethnic hatred and global instability* – Amy Chua, *Hospitality Marketing in the e- Commerce Age* – Neil Wearne et al, *Services Marketing, An Asia Pacific Perspective* – Christopher Lovelock et al, *Visitor Destination* – Ian Kelly et al, *Tourism in Australia, Development Issues and Change* – Colin Michael Hall, *Battlefield Korea* – Maurie Pears, *War Poems and Others*, Wilfred Owen, *Marketing a strategic approach* – JR McColl-Kennedy et al, *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Pericles* Loren J Samons II, *Escapes and Incursions, Sabah 1942-1945* – Kevin Smith, *Fair Trade for All* – Joseph E Stiglitz, *Whose Life is It Anyway?* Brian Clark. *Cambridge Mathematics 4 Unit* – Denise Arnold et al

New Senior Fiction this week:



The Bone Collector – Jeffrey Deaver, *Separate Lies* – Nigel Balchin, *Heart of Darkness* – Joseph Conrad, *A Painted House* – John Grisham.

Junior non-fiction – *New Signpost Mathematics Year 9* – Alan McSeveny, *Geo Active 2* – John Paine.

Junior Fiction – *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, *Poirot's Early Cases*, Agatha Christie, *Pride and Prejudice in Chinese*, *Of a Boy in Chinese*, *Jane Eyre in Chinese*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* – JK Rowling, *The Wishing Cupboard* – Libby Haythorn

Mrs Crothers - Junior School Librarian

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Drama Showcase



Wednesday 12 August 2009

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Drama Studio (Room 204)

This promises to be an exciting theatrical experience with scenes presented from famous Australian plays and original work produced by students from the Year 9 and 10 Drama classes and Drama Ensemble.

Your support and attendance at the Showcase is greatly appreciated.

Students performing in the Showcase must meet in Room 204 at 5:00pm.

If you have any further questions please contact me at the school on 93616910 Thank you,
Jennie Rohr Drama Department

Basketball AGM



Monday 17 August 2009

7pm in Room 901
(Upstairs of the gymnasium)

Please attend if your son plays basketball and you wish to support his future seasons.

B Hayman

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like illnesses than in recent flu seasons because few people have immunity to the human swine flu virus.

As the number of cases of flu increases, we all need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in school communities as some staff and students are at greater risk of severe illness from flu.

Staff or students who become unwell should stay away from school until they are well to minimise the transmission of the flu.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu-like symptoms at school will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home.

Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu-like illness in your child. If they are unwell please do not send them to school until their symptoms have gone.

These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath.

Some people are more likely to develop severe illness from both seasonal influenza and swine flu. NSW Health advises that this group includes people who:

- Are pregnant (particularly in the second and third trimester)
- Have chronic lung disease (including asthma)
- Are very obese
- Have chronic heart conditions
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have chronic liver disease
- Have blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Have neurological disorders
- Have metabolic disorders (such as diabetes)
- Have weakened or suppressed immune systems (which may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (of any age).

If you or your child is in one of these categories, please seek urgent medical attention as soon as symptoms of flu appear because you may need anti-influenza medication and it works best if given early.

The department has policies in place to support schools this flu season. I can assure you that the department will continue to act on all advice received from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

Additional health information is available from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>



MUSIC NOTES

HSC Showcase Performance

HSC Music showcase performance will be on next **Thursday evening (13th August)** in the Great Hall beginning at **6:30pm**. All HSC elective music students will be performing a piece from their HSC repertoire and we would like to invite you to come and hear them perform as they prepare for their Trial and HSC practical exam this August and September.

Music Tour

The next instalment of \$1500 was due on the 30th June 2009, please make payments **DIRECTLY** to **Angas Travel** and they will provide us with receipt of payments. If you have not been able to arrange this, please see the Music Staff ASAP.

Please Mail to: **ANGAS Travel, 303 Angas St, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000**
OR Call Toll Free no. 1800 671 331 to make arrangements.

Fundraising for Music Tour 2010 – ENTERTAINMENT Books

Entertainment Books (June09-June10) are still on sale through the Music Staff (payment made at the Main Office) with 20% of each sale contributing towards fundraising for the Music tour. Please support the students involved buy purchasing an Entertainment Book which offers many discounts on dining and entertainment across all of Sydney and the Inner West.

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TO PURCHASE YOUR NEW ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM:
Sydney Boys High France Tour 2010 Music Department – (02)9361-6910

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

I would like to order: _____ x **Sydney** _____ x **Sydney North** @ \$65 each (GST incl.) = \$ _____

_____ x **Parramatta/Hills/Blue Mtns/Macarthur** @ \$55 each (GST incl.) = \$ _____

I would like to pay by: **Cash** or please charge my: **Visa** **MasterCard**

Credit Card No. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Cardholder's Name _____ Signature: _____



SBHS DEBATING

GPS Round 1

What an excellent start to the season we had last week at Joeys! Congratulations to all boys!

Round 1 St Joseph's College v SBHS

Topic Area: Domestic Politics

Year 7	A	Loss
	B1	Win
Year 8	A	Win
	B1	Win
Year 9	A	Win
	B1	Win
Year 10	A	Win
	B1	Win
Seniors	Firsts	Win
	Seconds	Loss

GPS Round 2

THIS WEEK we are against St Ignatius College Riverview. Each A team and B2 team is debating and we are able to run additional debates for years 7 & 8 which is fantastic and I look forward to chatting more about the debates during supper!

The topic area is Current Affairs so ALL BOYS should be keeping up to date with news via the internet, television, radio and a variety of newspapers.

SGHS Invitational

Congratulations to all boys who took the opportunity to debate against the Girls. They have a squad of fantastic ability and all boys should feel proud to have represented SBHS with equal quality.

The topics debated were:

Years 7 and 8: That limited physical punishment should be available to schools

Year 9 and 10: That obese children should be removed from their parents

Seniors: That Australia should only commit to carbon emission reduction targets that both China and India agree to.

Coming Soon..... **UNSW Junior Schools Debating Competition (September 8)**

..... **SBHS Debating Dinner (September 25)**

Dana Quick

Debating Coordinator

More information can be found at www.sydnehigh.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.



High Society

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

Next P & C Meeting

Our next general P & C Meeting will be in the Staff Common Room on Wednesday 19th August at 7.30pm. Please email any issues you would like raised to jcandjc@bigpond.net.au. Our agenda will be posted next week.

GPS Sport

The GPS season for winter sports is now well underway. Parents are always most welcome to attend their sons' matches and encourage them in their endeavours. It is a great way to meet fellow parents. Parents are also encouraged to take the opportunity to volunteer for an hour or two when called upon, for supper, canteen, BBQ or parking duties in support of their son's particular co-curricular activity. Support Groups are always very glad when new volunteers come forward. Thanks for your help.

Phillip Day Scholarship Dinner

All parents are warmly invited and indeed encouraged to attend the upcoming inaugural Phillip Day Scholarship dinner – Tuesday 8th September at 7.00pm in the Great Hall. The Phillip Day Scholarship is awarded each year to a highly talented student in a particular area of academic and/or co-curricular endeavour and/or an outstanding all round achiever. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Alex Belokopytov. Alex will play his HSC piano performance major work at the Scholarship dinner – a fantastic opportunity to hear and see this young man's incredible talent.

Joseph McIvor (Class of 2001) will deliver the keynote address entitled *Capitalism and the Free Market are Dead*. Joseph is currently undertaking PhD studies on why free markets will not work without regulation - very topical area that should promote terrific discussion.

Gather together a table of fellow parents or we can place you on a table, to honour Alex Belokopytov and the memory of Phillip Day (Class of 1965). Tickets are available using the order form in this issue of *High Notes*.

Upcoming Parent Meetings & Events (details in High Notes)

Wednesday 12th August, 6.00-7.30pm – Drama Showcase, Drama Studio (Room 204)

Thursday 13th August, 7.00pm – Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall

Friday 14th August, 7.00pm - Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall

Wednesday 19th August, 7.30pm – General P&C Meeting, Staff Common Room

Wednesday 26th August, 6.00pm – Rugby Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room

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.

The 2009 SBHS Football Dinner

SBHS Football will celebrate the efforts and achievements of our boys as well as acknowledge staff, coaches and supporters at the SBHS Football dinner on Thursday 10th September 2009

The coach of each team will be invited to attend the dinner as a guest.

Players are asked to take responsibility on a team-by-team basis for any end-of-season gifts to their team's coach.

**The dinner will be held on
Thursday 10 September 2009
in the Great Hall at 6.30 pm**

The cost of the dinner will be \$30 per adult and student. For children under 11 yrs old there is a special rate of \$20.

Payment for the dinner must be made at the Main Office by Friday September 4th

Boys to wear school uniform at the dinner. BYO drinks.

Please detach the form below and hand it in with your payment at the Main Office
Tickets are limited.

2009 FOOTBALL DINNER

Student Name: _____

Year/Roll class _____ Football Team _____

TOTAL Number of adults _____ @ \$30 per adult = _____

TOTAL Number of students @ \$30 per SBHS student = _____
(Special rate for children under 11yrs = \$20 per child)

TOTAL \$ _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? Vegetarian?

YES! I can help on the day with setting up the hall, table decorations etc.

Helper's name and contact details :



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ROWING COMMITTEE

ROWING COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 25th August 2009

Venue: Staff Common Room

Time: 7.30pm

Come and meet our new Rowing MIC, Simon Hoadley, and be part of planning for the upcoming season.

Rowing is a great sport that High provides for our boys. It also relies on parents to help facilitate the program, and, as with any sport, always needs new parents becoming involved.

All parents of rowing students are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting.
All Office Bearer positions will be declared vacant and available for nomination and election.

I hope you can attend and become involved in your son's sport.

Kind Regards
Julie Blomberg
Rowing Committee

Metro Schools Volleyball Tournament First Grade Report



Sydney High First Grade Volleyball continued a stellar undefeated run of 2009, with another state title on Friday, 30th July. High won all 6 games in straight sets, and in doing so comes one step closer to qualifying for the invite-only National honours division in December.

Although the team was struck by an injury crisis, resulting in Joshua Suh and Merlin Li being out of the tournament altogether, as well as Chris Morrow, Nelson Wang, Ritam and Nishan performing at nowhere near 100%, the team responded well to this adversity due to the flexibility of the side. The team opened up with a less-than-convincing win against Rooty Hill; however, once again Balraj's consistency at the start of the day proved the difference, as High built some momentum towards the end of the game, coming into a game following immediately after, against Holsworthy. Here High cruised to a 20-6 lead, due mainly to a strong blocking display by the middles Chris and Nelson. Chris was at this stage forced to spike with his left hand – but it didn't really matter, as he hit from a height where such small things are inconsequential.

Following a very convincing second set, the team rode high on confidence coming into the Cherrybrook game, where we faced possibly the strongest team in our pool. This confidence was crucial, after they took a big lead on the back of some serving errors on High's part – the team remedied the situation, and once again proved their previously unseen mettle in tight situations, sneaking away the set from Cherrybrook 25-22 after trailing by over 6 points throughout the match.

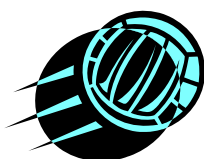
The semi final saw a sporting allowance by High, to let a state player from Menai play for Westfields Sports High. Rather than making the game closer, the team lifted to an intensity level more appropriate for an honours team – winning the set 25-9 with some great sets by Stephen Dong and passing by fill-in libero Patrick Lai. Shorson Zhang was brutal from the right side, and High cruised into yet another state schools cup final.

The final against Muirfields was a more subdued effort by the team – perhaps believing the previous match was more suited to a final, the team found itself under the pump trailing 12-6 in the first set. However, once again High lifted another gear and with some quick sets going to the outside, High drew first blood in the match – literally. Chris Morrow slammed a ball into the face of an opposing player below him, incidentally the very same player who found himself with a bleeding nose due to a Shorson hit in the previous tournament. This lifted the team, who took out the set and then the match in convincing fashion.

Thanks to Mr Kay as always for coaching and managing several teams at once during the whole-day tournament.

Ritam Mitra

Second Grade Volleyball Report



Second Grade volleyball at High remain undefeated, dominating Newington in straight sets. High opened strongly in the first set with the help of the dominating John Gim providing a strong blocking presence to shut down the limited offence Newington offered. Smart setting by Hugh Huang opened opportunities for an array of confusing cross court shots. Congratulations second grade on another excellent win.

Brendan Cheung – Captain



GPS Rifle Shooting Report

The sun glares into your eyes as you walk down to the mound. Laying down your mat, rifle, bolt and ammunition, you watch as your fellow shooters, from across the range to right next to you, are immersed in their own processes, you are invisible to them. You sink your elbow in, the mound depresses, and you look back to see your team, coaches and parents, knowing their hopes rest on your steadiness and concentration. Gun in hand, you settle into position, shuffling almost every part of your body imaginable to centre the aiming point. The target, never less than 300m away, stares at you imposingly; can you hit it? The scorer yells out your position, then, "When you're ready Sydney High", and it's on. Shot alignment, trigger squeeze, release, reload, and it's all under that overwhelming pressure of competition, of the possibility of a win. The last competition of the year and the end of the season, the GPS Competition, displayed all of the above hardships and processes that define the sport of Rifle Shooting, and it was in Sydney High's firm control of nerves and perfectly timed displaying of skill that the team came home with their first Premiership in six years.

Directly preceded by the well organised and successful five day Training Camp in the second week of the holidays and a decisive victory in the All Schools Competition the Saturday beforehand, we again rose for an early start on Monday the 27th of July 2009 for the first day of the GPS Competition, the practice day. After an eventful bus trip, we were greeted by the sight of the enclosed Hornsby Rifle Range, wet with mud after Sunday's downpour. Unloading our gear onto a tarp whilst carefully avoiding the many puddles and bogs of mud, it was still a determined group of boys that prepared themselves to shoot. Results were high all around as we acclimatised ourselves to the range, a welcome change from windy Malabar, and the day ended on high hopes of the coveted premiership.

Tuesday the 28th of the July was the first day of the competition and we rose just as early as yesterday to get to the range on time. The day would begin with the Rawson Cup, two 7 shot matches each at 500m and 600m, then after a break for lunch, the NRA Shield, a 10 shot match at 600m. Up against SHORE, Kings, Grammar, Scots, TAS and NEGS, we were all determined to do well and each of us immersed ourselves in our pre-shoot rituals. Classical music, rock music, sleeping, breathing exercises and confident exteriors were utilised and clearly displayed as the Rawson Cup progressed. The first match at 500m yielded an excellent result, with no shooter dropping below a score of 33 out of 35, and Matthew Tong scoring a perfect score of 35 out of 35, with one centre. However, the 600m range did not end as well. Wind and nerves took over as we degraded into sub 32 scores, and we had to be content with a third place finish, narrowly beaten by King's and SHORE. Lunch however, renewed our determination to win. The NRA Shield was evidently much more successful, with high scores all around the board resulting in our achieving first place! Special mention must go to Ryan Woo for his phenomenal score of a perfect 50 out of 50 with 7 centres, the top score of the day.

Seated in first place, the 1st Grade Team relaxed on the morning of Wednesday the 29th of July to watch the 2nd Grade team compete. This match consisted again of two 7 shot matches, but at 500m and 300m. In most of the competitors' first ever GPS Competition, the team performed admirably at the first 500m range, with Abraham Chan scoring a 34 out of 35 with 3 centres, unlucky to drop his last shot. However, just as 1st Grade had done yesterday, the team's nerves overcame them in the second 300m match. Despite the 4th placing, the shoot still yielded some excellent results, with Andy Xie scoring a perfect score of 35 out of 35 with 2 centres, a wonderful effort considering it was his first GPS competition.

The afternoon however, would consist of the decider for the 1st Grade premiership. The Buchanan Shield was an unpredictable match which anyone could win, not so much because of the 8 shot match at 300m, but more the snap shoot, also known as "rapid fire". With 8 shots being fired at 10 second intervals from each other on a target half the size of the regulation 300m target, it was the match where many competitors lost out, but Sydney High was determined to overcome it and win. The 300m match again yielded some excellent results, and we were well in the running to take out the premiership going into the snap. As our coaches often repeated to us, "if you got all the shots onto the target, you would easily win". After a brief but energetic discussion on the bus, we headed out onto the range, some of us for the last time, to prepare for the shoot-off. With rifles going off like cannons every few seconds, it was a surreal sight, but even more beautiful was our results. With two perfect scores of 40 out of 40 by Matthew Tong and John Aclis, a 39 out of 40 by Ryan Woo and two 38 out of 40s by Nevin Spoljaric and Denis Stojanovic, we had definitively won ourselves the premiership jointly with King's School, falling short by one mere centre on taking the premiership all for ourselves.

Despite the Co-Premiership status, we were still elated to have won Sydney High our first premiership in 6 years. It was a beautiful way to end the season and, for some of us, our shooting careers at High. The presentation yielded some great photos, an initial dilemma over who gets the premiership shield first, and some more good news. Ryan Woo, Matthew Tong and Nevin Spoljaric were each named in the Combined GPS First Grade Team of 2009, with Matthew Tong named as the Captain of the squad. The evening party with TAS and NEGS only further allowed us to let out our pride and joy at the great results whilst expressing our thanks to everyone who made it possible. Although it consisted of a few mishaps, from early ravagings of the food to the unforgivable sight of forgetting the NEGS captain's name

(punished by push-ups), it was still a wonderful continuation of the ongoing bond between the three schools, and a great way to end the shooting season.

On behalf of all the Sydney High Shooters of 2009, I would like to extend my utmost appreciation to a number of people who made this historic premiership possible. Thanks to Justin Hill and Kevin Chan, our two Old Boy coaches, for preparing us for the big competition. Thanks to Joe Banh and Ishan Nadkarni who decided to come back and coach despite their university commitments. Thanks to our MIC Cathy Meaney for taking up her position and her tireless efforts to make the sport more enjoyable and comfortable for everyone involved. Thanks to the many Old Boy supporters who turned up to cheer us on in the home stretch, John Fraser (1933), Sam Kremer (1992), Kevin Chan (2000), coach, Tom Vogelgesang (member of the 1998 Premiership team), David Jacques (member of 1998 & 2001 Premiership teams), Justin Hill (member of the 2001 Premiership team), coach, Daniel Comben (member of the 2003 Premiership team), Chris Budd (member of the 2003 Premiership team), Joe Banh (2006), asst. coach and Ishan Nadkarni (2008), asst coach. Thanks to our loving parents, who fed us, hydrated us and comforted us throughout the intense three days of competition, making it just that more enjoyable and comfortable for us. And finally thanks must go to my fellow shooters of the Sydney High Rifle Club. Throughout the year we have gone to countless early Saturday morning training sessions at Malabar and competitions out to places in the country we had never heard of before, and I must say that I have found no tighter group of joyful, funny and friendly guys in all my years at Sydney High. It is with great sadness that I look back at the happy times I had with you all, and I can safely say that I have been proud to be your captain for 2009.

Matthew Tong, Captain of Rifles 2009



First Grade Team 2009

Matthew Tong (C.)
Nevin Spoljaric (V.C.)
Denis Stojanovic
Johan Santoso
Michael Do
Ryan Woo
Brendan Leo
Yujin Wu
John Aclis (reserve)

Second Grade Team 2009

Peter Tran (C.)
Abraham Chan
Jack Wachsmann
Richard Huynh
John Aclis
Andy Xie
Adam Ceh
Wilbert Wu



Sydney High School Cadet Unit

July Courses

During the recent winter holidays four members of the cadet unit gave up one week of their holidays to attend the NSW Brigade promotion courses. These courses are held at the Singleton Military Training area and are designed to both challenge the cadets as well as prepare them for promotion within the Australian Army Cadets. SSGT Sam Binns successfully passed the senior leaders module 2 course qualifying him to be promoted to the rank of Cadet Under Officer, the highest rank available to cadets. CPL Jim Nguyen and CPL Alexander Saunders both passed the senior leaders module 1 course and are now prepared to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. CDT Vincent Ye attended his first course and is now qualified for the rank of corporal. Congratulations to all!

Promotions

Many of our cadets have previously attended these promotion courses and have been refining their skills back at school as well as passing on much new knowledge that they have gained. Their hard work and commitment has been rewarded with the following promotions effective as of 30 July 2009.

Staff Sergeant Johan Santoso to the rank of Warrant Officer Class Two
Sergeant Sam Binns to the rank of Staff Sergeant
Sergeant Aditya Hatle to the rank of Staff Sergeant
Corporal Michael Do to the rank of Sergeant
Corporal Isaac Eveleigh to the rank of Sergeant
Lance Corporal Alan Low to the rank of Corporal
Lance Corporal Walter Santucci to the rank of Corporal
Cadet Nicholas Ooi to the rank of Lance Corporal
Cadet Dominic Tran to the rank of Lance Corporal
Cadet Timothy Chew to the rank of Lance Corporal

Congratulations and good luck in your new ranks and appointments. Continue the good work!

Senior Cadet Dining in Night



On the evening of Friday 31 July the upper corridor of the 200s was transformed by the cadet unit into a formal military mess. This was for our inaugural dining in night for the senior members of the unit and selected guests. Despite the slightly smaller guest list due to illness the dinner went ahead and was an outstanding success. 2LT Clegg gave an excellent speech highlighting the progress the unit has made and its development since 2000 citing the dinner as an example of this progress.

Many thanks must go to Sandra Stojanovic, Susan Plimsoll and William Wachsmann for their brilliant catering of the event. Thanks must also go to LCPL Tran, LCPL Ooi, CDT Ye and CDT Chan for being our attentive stewards.

SHSCU is now recruiting

Sydney High School Cadet Unit is a member of the Australian Army Cadets, a Defence-sponsored youth development organisation. It provides adventurous, fulfilling and educational military-like training and teaches the value of teamwork, friendship, self-discipline, respect and a spirit of adventure.

As a member of Sydney High School Cadet Unit you will be offered challenging and inspiring experiences. You will:

- Be a part of a team
- Learn to take responsibility
- Gain leadership skills
- Learn bush skills such as navigation, communication, abseiling and fieldcraft
- Undertake tough adventure training, go bush and qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh award
- Visit and stay at army bases around Australia
- Have Fun

This year alone our cadets have:

- Travelled to Canberra to assist in the launch of the Sir Roden Cutler Charities Wheelchair Roll,
- Travelled to Tasmania to complete the Adventure Training Award,
- Completed a specialist radio telecommunications course at Holsworthy Barracks,
- Successfully attended and passed two rounds of promotion courses,
- And won the 23 Battalion Chief of Army Challenge.

To join simply visit the orderly room (next to 802) at lunch or recess or send us an email at sydneyhighcadets@gmail.com for more information. What are you waiting for?

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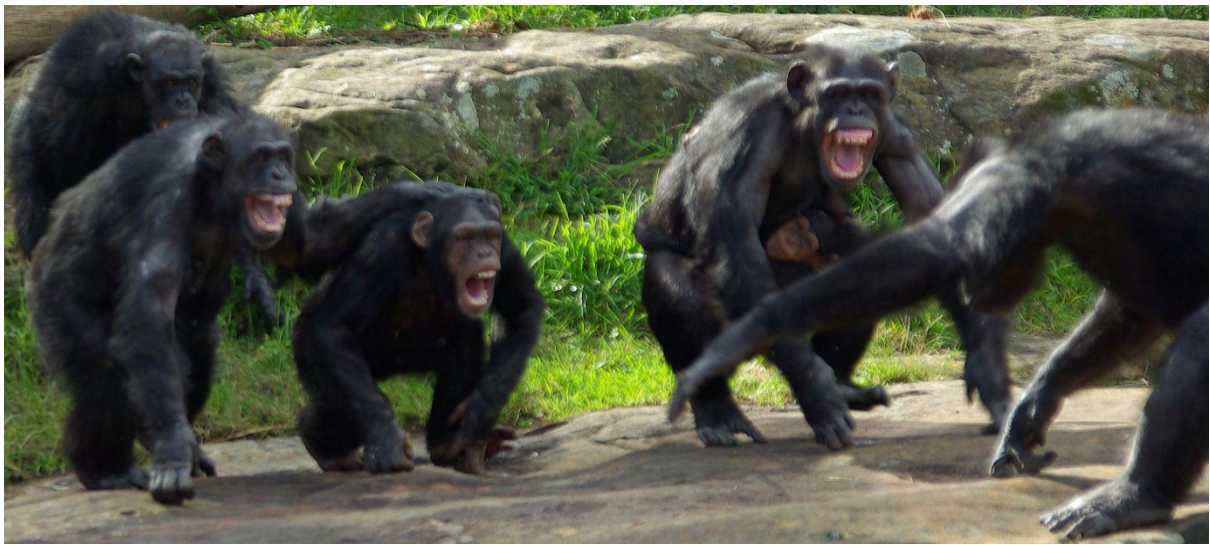
Wednesday, 23rd September 2009 @ 5.30pm
at the PNR Building
map/directions on our website or
phone 93512131 for more information

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Art e facts

Year 8 Visual Arts Zoo Excursion

Thanks to beautifully behaved students and stunning weather the Zoo excursion on Monday was very successful and exciting. Students saw the baby elephant and many witnessed a frightening display from the Chimps. According to the Zoo Keeper the chimps were the worst she had ever seen with a very aggressive fight for a highly ranked female. Boys will be developing an artist's print edition based on their zoo drawings.



August/September 2009

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 A	10 Class Photos Years 7-12 Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime M.Tong HSC Music rehearsal, Great Hall 3:30pm to 4:30pm P&C Executive Meeting	11 Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) (pm) Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime OCMC meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	12 Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) Great SBHS Piano Competition, Great Hall, lunchtime Drama Showcase, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Drama Studio [Room 204]	13 Years 7, 8 and 9 Assembly, Period 2 Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly, Period 3 Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall, 7pm	14 Debating SHS v TKS Year 12 Showcase Concert, Great Hall, 7pm	15 Sport TKS v SHS Rugby SHS v SJC Cross Country: TSC Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00 am)	16
4 B	17 Trial HSC Music performance, Great Hall, all day	18 Year 12 Study Day Trial HSC Music performance, Great Hall, all day Year 11 Legal Studies Assessment task, Periods 3 and 4 (normal lessons) All Year 9 theatre excursion to Bondi Pavilion, periods 1-4 Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	19 Trial HSC Cricket Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 6pm School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm	20 Trial HSC	21 Trial HSC Debating TSC v SHS	22 Sport SHS v TSC Rugby SHS v NC Cross Country: Shore Invitation, Macquarie University (10:00 am)	23
5 A	24 Trial HSC Attendance and Progress Review (all Years)	25 Trial HSC Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm	26 Trial HSC Rugby Committee Meeting, Room 901, 6pm	27 Trial HSC HSC Music Composition Recording, 9am-1pm	28 Daffodil Day Year 9 Science excursion, Ultimo Science Festival, all day Trial HSC HSC Music Composition Recording, 9am-3pm HSC English Extension 2 Project Hand In Date Debating NC v SHS	29 Sport SHS v NC Rugby TSC v SHS Cross Country: SJC Invitation, Macquarie Hospital (10:00 am) Sydney High Volleyball Tournament, SHS Gym, am Basketball v Old Boys, 2:30pm and 3:30pm HSC Chinese Continuers Speaking Examinations Tournament of Minds - SGHS	30
6 B	31 Trial HSC Summer Sports selections	1 Trial HSC Mandatory PDHPE Course Day, Year 10	2 Trial HSC Last day of winter sport	3 Trial HSC CHS Athletics Championships, Homebush Last day of winter sport	4 Trial HSC CHS Athletics Championships, Homebush Debating SHS v SGS	5 Sport SGS v SHS CHS Athletics Championships, Homebush Cross Country: GPS Championships (SHS), Centennial Park (10:00 am) HSC Chinese Extension Speaking Examinations HSC French Continuers Speaking Examination	6 Fathers' Day