



From the Principal High Talent



Congratulations to Declan Gorey (Year 12) on his silver medal in the Mathematics Olympiad in Amsterdam. All three Australian team members had the same score in an extremely competitive international field of mathematics champions. In the two days of competition at the GPS Target Rifle Shooting last week our first grade team finished third again this year, behind TAS and Shore. Ryan Woo (Year 12), Yujin Wu (Year 11) and Wilbert Wu (Year 10) were selected in the Combined GPS team as a result of their fine performances. Congratulations to the boys for their stoic efforts in really testing conditions.

Technology Support for Learning



Parents and students are reminded that the technology support for learning provided by the school has increased in size and improved in quality substantially, as a result of their voluntary contributions and the *'technology levy'*. In 2010 the sources of funds for technology were: 'general service contributions' - allocation \$105,000; technology levy \$73,225; equipment donation from the P & C \$50,000; DET tied grant \$46,000. Total: \$274,225. Our expenditures of funds were primarily on wages and allowances - the HT Admin, Network Manager, Webmaster / network designer - \$157,500. Our network upgrade 5-year plan stage one, data projectors, sound systems and PCs- \$96,231. Site licenses, peripherals, toner and consumables \$20,000. Total: \$273,731. As you can appreciate from these figures, technology usage and support is a major cost centre for the school's budget and is growing. We now have to support the ICT services that we provide in 40 rooms, on top of our major network drives and servers G- Applications,; O - for student work, R- for student shared work, W for media content, L- Staff Users, N- Staff and P- staff shared. As you can imagine, there is a lot of traffic moving internally as well as externally. On top of this,

the TSOs operate the DER notebook program for Years 9-11. We need your continuing financial support to maintain our extremely reliable and highly effective technology support system. Around 12% of general service contributions, as well as the technology levy, are needed to keep high quality services for your boys.

White Ribbon Project



The White Ribbon organisation has a goal to raise awareness about the important social problem of violence by men against women. High is supporting the Sydney Region Initiative - 'Breaking the Silence: Not Silent, Not Violent' - an art and poetry exhibition. It will be featured in the Fountain Court at the NSW Parliament, from December 1 this year. I think it is important for boys' schools to show that they know about the need to build healthy, respectful relationships with women and girls; and that they are sensitive to the damage caused by violence by men against women and girls. You may wish to submit an artwork or compose a poem on some aspect of such violence or about how to build more positive relationships between men and women, and submit it for consideration for the exhibition. For more details, please contact Ms Trompetter or Ms May. I urge parents to consider discussing the issue of the social effects of violence by men to assist the school community in raising awareness.

School Assistants Week

The week of August 1-6 is 'School Assistant Staff Recognition Week. Too often parents, teachers and students take for granted the work of the School Assistants. A wide range of services is supplied by our hard working team. When it comes to money, ordering, enrolments, attendance, first aid, examinations, printing, publications, special events, collating, communication with parents, visitors and complainants, lost property, chemicals, deliveries, maintenance, facilities management, grounds, dealing with DET - to name a few of their tasks - our School Assistants take care of things so that teachers can teach and students can learn.

Do you know these people and what they do? Sharon, Stuart, Lorraine, Louise, Brett, Sharifa, Valerie, Cathy M, Debbie, Betty, Cathy N, Julia, Annette, Neil, Jerry, Ros, Sue, Christine, Caroline and Lynne? There are 20 of them supporting you. Next week make a point of thanking our SAS staff for what they do for our boys.

Dr K A Jaggar

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 Barris, 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.

DIE DEUTSCHE FRAGE

"Bertha" still waits to be discovered. A second clue: she did something which in her day was most unusual for women and even men – but which has become an everyday activity for almost everyone over the age of 17 years!

Die neue Frage: wie heisst die Organisation, die in Sydney deutsche Kultur und deutsche Sprachkurse anbietet (offers)?

Zwei Schokoriegel sind zu gewinnen!
Frau St Leon

LIBRARY DONATIONS / READING



The Andrews Junior Library is very grateful to Christopher Ketko for his really thoughtful donation of Kevin J Anderson's *Metal Swarm*. Christopher had read our series and enjoyed it and wanted the next book in the series so he bought it and read it and then very kindly gave it to us.

*The Andrews junior library is really **grateful for any donations** of books less than 10 years old. Paperbacks are very delicate and our wonderful reading boys read them to death.*

So far this year our High boys have borrowed 5605 library books.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now finalising and all entrants need to put their entries in on-line. Mrs Crothers will be verifying all books borrowed from this Library from your on-line entries.

Mrs Crothers - Librarian



Basketball AGM

Monday 22nd August 7:00pm in Room 901
(Upstairs of the Basketball gym)

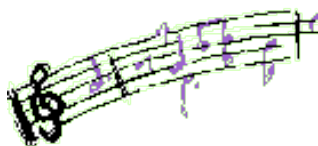
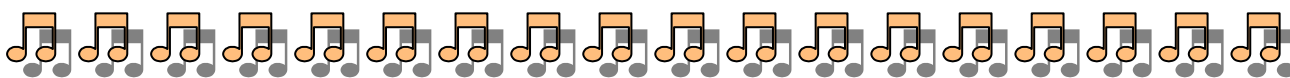
I am writing to urge all parents who have a son participating for Sydney Boys High Basketball to attend the AGM for the SBHS Basketball Committee. I declare all Office Bearer positions vacant and will accept nominations via email to my school address HaymanB@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We will not be able to function without an abundance of parental support. I look forward to meeting you at the meeting!

Enthusiastically yours in Basketball,
B. Hayman (MIC)

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MUSIC NOTES

Annual Music Camp

The Annual Music Camp will be held from 16th-18th August (Term 3, Week 5) at Vision Valley (7 Vision Valley Rd, Arcadia, 2159 – Phone: 9655-2600). **ALL students in the Music Performance Program** can collect a Camp Note outside the Music Staffroom. Please fill in the forms and return with payment to the Main Office by **Monday 1st of August 2011** as numbers need to be finalised ASAP.

Manly Jazz Festival

The Senior Stage Band has been selected to perform at the Manly Jazz Festival this year on the October Long weekend. They will perform on **Saturday 1st October at 1pm** in front of the MANLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS which will be the YOUTH and COMMUNITY JAZZ stage. Over a hundred audition recordings were sent in to the selection panel and we are very proud to have our boys performing in one of top Jazz Festivals in Australia.

Matthew Krel Prize for Orchestral Excellence

Congratulations to Muhamed Mehmedbasic (OB 2008) who was a finalist in the prestigious Matthew Krel prize for Orchestral Excellence with over hundreds of entries from all over Australia and was featured on the SBS show *In Good Hands* last Sunday afternoon.

New Instrumentalists

ALL New Instrumentalists who began lessons on an instrument last term are encouraged to join the Training Concert Band (Woodwind/Brass/Percussion) and Junior String Ensemble (Strings) this term. Please see below the rehearsal timetable and rooms and turn up with your instruments. **Award scheme points apply!**

Rehearsal Schedule 2011

Music ensemble rehearsals are now up and running, please check the schedule below and attend your appropriate ensemble. **ALL new students welcome**, please see the Music Staff for ensemble information. We look forward to your son's involvement in the Music Performance Program.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2011

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning rehearsals 7.45am (Unless stated otherwise)	Intermediate Concert Band Room 201	Chamber Choir Room 201 <i>Also <u>Lunchtime</u> rehearsal</i>	Junior Stage Band Room 201	Senior Concert Band Room 201	Symphony Orchestra Room 201
	Senior Stage Band Room 101	Jazz Ensemble Room 101	Intermediate Stage Band Room 101	Senior String Ensemble Great Hall	Guitar Ensemble/ Saxophone Ensemble Room 101/102
	Training Concert Band Room 202 Terms 2, 3, 4		Philharmonic Orchestra Room 208		
	Junior String Ensemble Room 208				Marching Band TERMS 1 & 4 Moore Park West
Afternoon rehearsals Start @ 3.30pm		Marching Band TERMS 1 & 4 BB Courts 3.30 - 4.30pm			



SBHS DEBATING

Welcome back to debating in the second Semester and it certainly began with a busy Friday. We had our annual Debating Assembly to present the First and Second Debating teams. With the Thirds acting as MCs and Paul Hunyor coming to give his address it was certainly an entertaining and very inspiring assembly. Thank you to Dr Jagger and Nakul who gave excellent speeches and thank you to the Chiam family who attended.

We organised a bus to take us to Kings this year and that was just as well, with the rain and the Friday night traffic. I was able to watch the year 10As debate but, as with all our teams, they go the affirmative side of, to quote Lucian our year 10 coach, an "un-aff-able" debate: "That we should sever ties with China." So basically all our A teams lost, but all our B teams (who were negative) won.

This week we are at Home. All Home Debaters and chair people are reminded to bring food for our shared suppers. Please don't let us down – we have a reputation, for holding the best suppers, to uphold. Students can bring food to me during the day or parents can bring it in when they come to watch debates.

Rachel Powell
MIC Debating

GPS Round 1 – 22/7/2011

Following the longest preseason of any sport offered at High, the GPS competition finally got underway last Friday at Kings. After watching the juniors receive a stunningly one-sided topic, the seniors prepared themselves for another unusual one. However, when revealed, the topic was the almost-clichéd "That we should withdraw from Afghanistan". 2nds and 3rds, on the affirmative and negative respectively, made solid debuts, the Year Elevens stepping comfortably up to the high level required in Seniors debating to turn out wins. 1sts also made a strong start on the negative, with a win that we hope will contribute to a more successful season than last year's. This week marks our first home debate of the season, as we host Shore. I would urge you all, both debaters and non-debaters to watch and support all our teams.

Ashwin Rudder
Debating Prefect

COMPETITION THIS WEEK

GPS 2: SBHS v Shore

COMPETITION THIS WEEK

Next Week

GPS 3 St Josephs v SBHS

More information can be found at www.sydneyhigh.org.au/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.**

SBHS DEBATING

Annual High Debating Dinner

The annual dinner to celebrate debating at High concludes the debating season. It is held the week after the final debate of the GPS competition. We are also thanking our staff and coaches for their great work on all of the competitions that High enters in 2011.

This year's Debating Dinner is on

Saturday 10th September 2011

Great Hall

6.30 pm

The cost of the dinner is \$30 per adult/student.

A special price for children under 10 years has been negotiated at \$20. Parents BYO. Payment for the dinner can be made at the main office by 2 Sept 2011. NO bookings can be accepted after this date as numbers must be finalised for catering.

**If you can help set up on the day, please email
harry.chiam1@gmail.com**



DRAMA FESTIVAL

Last Wednesday was our 2nd annual Sydney Boys' High School Drama Festival. This festival included acts from years 7 to 11, ranging from scripted plays to physical theatre performances. These acts were worked on by all drama classes over term 2, putting in countless hours of work. Over 800 students and parents came out to watch over this two-day event through two matinee and one night performance.

As soon as school started, the first day back on the Tuesday, rehearsals began to ensure that we were well prepared for our first performance. Ms. Rohr went all out this year with a complete stage setup, professional lighting and a smoke machine. It was a gruelling day with emotions running high, but we eventually got through every play's practice time.

Our first performance sneaked closer that Wednesday morning with last minute review to ensure everything would run smoothly. As the year 7 and 8 classes poured into the hall, the nerves ran high in the gallery as some people had never performed before, especially to a crowd of over 350 people. As the first act began, Year 10's first physical performance, the energy kept growing through year 7 act, to year 9 "Mumming" plays, year 11's scripted performance all the way until the very finale.

That night, the performance was just as equally riveting and powerful that morning, with a strong turnout and high energy. The next day was no exception either, with year 9 and 10 offering positive reviews towards the plays performed.

Congratulations to all performers on the wonderful job they've done and the time and effort they have put into their pieces of art. Thanks to all those that came to watch and support the drama department. Thanks to Ms. Rohr who has put countless days into preparation for the day and made all of this possible. Without her, none of this would have ever happened. This year's Drama Festival was a complete success.

Jamian Vuong (Year 11 Drama)



P&C Literacy Week Awards



Writing Competition

Entries Close: Monday 29th August (10am)
(late entries not accepted)

Entries to: Junior Library
Senior Library

Topic: "A Good Measure of Respect"

Format:

- Entries must be presented in a typed format (12 point) and must be no longer than 1,000 words.
- The entrant's name and year level must be clearly displayed on the title page of the published text.

Categories:

- Senior Short Story (10 - 12)
- Junior Short Story (7 - 9)
- Senior Poetry (10 - 12)
- Junior Poetry (7 - 9)

Judging will take place during Literacy Week (7) and winners announced **Friday 2nd September**. Prizes awarded on Speech Night. Judging panel will include teachers, parents and students.



High Family...

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

Request for Helpers – Open Day, Thursday 1st September

The P&C provides morning tea and conversation with prospective High parents during Open Day. Open Day is Thursday 1st September, 9:30 am to 12:00pm. We need about 6 or 7 volunteer parents to help out on this day.

Please join our team serving refreshments in the courtyard outside the Great Hall. Our aim is to make incoming families feel welcome and to encourage them to be involved in the school.

Please contact Nina Liu on nina.ilina@measurement.gov.au or 0401 687 742 if you are able to help out on Thursday 1st September between 9.30am and 12.30pm (or any time in between !)

Request for Fundraising Help

There is a wealth of opportunity for school communities to apply for government and community grants across many areas of interest including the arts, sport and the environment.

The P&C would like to welcome on to the P&C committee, a parent to work closely with Dr Jaggar to formulate and submit our applications for funding. No experience required ! Please contact Julie Connolly for more information or to offer assistance jcandjc@bigpond.net.au 0418 470 203.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Rowing Committee AGM - Tuesday 2nd August, 7.00pm – Staff Common Room

Cricket Committee AGM – Wednesday 3rd August, 6.00pm – Staff Common Room

P&C General Meeting – Wednesday 17th August, 7.30pm – Staff Common Room



Event: Rowing Committee AGM
Date: Tuesday August 2nd 2011
Venue: Staff Common Room
Time: 7.00pm

Come and find about new developments for the upcoming rowing season.

Rowing is a great sport that High offers our boys and parent support is vital to facilitate the program.

All parents of rowing students are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Please come along and get involved with your son's school life.

STRESSED ABOUT HSC TRIALS?

The Health Psychology Unit is to run **Term 4 Managing HSC Stress Program**, starting from 25 October 4-5.30pm for 4 weeks. Please find the attached registration form.



Health Psychology Unit

Managing HSC Stress Program

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The **Managing HSC Stress** program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

- When?** Tuesday afternoon
25th October, 1st November, 8th November, 15th November
- Time?** 4 – 5.30pm
Afternoon tea will be provided.
- Where?** Health Psychology Unit
Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway
St Leonards
The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.
- Cost?** \$90.00 (\$22.50 per session)
Private Health Insurance or Medicare rebates may apply.
- Register?** Registration is essential as numbers are limited.
To register call 9514 4077 or email Health.Psychology@uts.edu.au



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Personal Details & Payment

Name: _____	Payment method
Age: ____ Year at School: ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque, payable to the Foundation for Life Sciences
Address: _____	OR charge my <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> 
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Email: _____	Card Number: _____
Student phone: _____	Expiry date: __ / ____ (MM / YYYY)
Parent name: _____	Card holders name: _____
Parent phone: _____	Card holders signature: _____

Please tick here if you plan to claim a rebate from your private health insurer.

To find out if you are eligible for a Medicare rebate, please speak to our receptionist.



Become a WEP Exchange Student or Host Family!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students wishing to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose from 26 destinations to study and experience life with a welcoming, volunteer host family.

Plan Ahead and Save \$500!

For applications received before 30 November 2011, WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 a \$500 discount off the 2011/12 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in August - September 2012:

Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA.

Become a WEP Host Family!

Extend your family with a motivated international exchange student and make new friends from around the world. Students are arriving in January for a term, semester and year.

Request a FREE Information Pack!

Contact WEP to find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Phone: 1300 884 733 (for the cost of a local call)

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: www.wep.org.au

Upcoming Information Evenings:

Sydney: 3 August, 23 August

Brisbane: 3 August, 23 August

Townsville: 9 August

August 2011

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 A	1 Athletics: Sydney East Area Carnival, Sylvania Waters Athletics Fields Y10 Commerce Task10ZC1 (Loizou)P4 Y10 Commerce Task10Z2 (Moody)P4 Y10 Commerce Task10YC (Dolan)P5 Y10 Commerce Task 10XC (Dolan)P6 Year 10 Elective History to the Maritime Museum 13:00-16:15 Davis	2 ICAS English Competition Athletics: Sydney East Area Carnival, Sylvania Waters Athletics Fields Rowing: Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 19:00	3 Class Photos Years 7-12 Cricket: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 18:00	4 Australian Mathematics Competition, 09:00-12:54 High Resolves Year 10 Community Service Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:00	5 *** Jeans for Genes Day Mufti Day (external collection by seniors) Theatre LOTE Fantastique Years 7 and 8 French (170 students), Great Hall, 09:45-10:45 History Incursion: Vietnam Veterans to talk to Year 9, Great Hall, 13:48-15:20 NSW All Schools Volleyball, Olympic Park, Yrs 8,9,10 and	6 Sport: SHS v SJC Cross Country: SHS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00)	7
	8 Year 7 Visual Arts Zoo excursion Trial HSC Music performance P and C Executive Meeting, Board Room, 18:00 Yr 11 Economics. Assessment Task (in class) Dolan ALC Tests LOTE P1 10X German, P2&3 8 Chinese B,P4 11 German, P6 9Z French	9 Year 12 Study Day Year 9 Geography Excursion, Centennial Park Trial HSC Music performance ALC Tests LOTE P2&3 10 French,P3 11 German, P4 10X German, P5 11 French; 8 Chinese I and 8 Chinese A	10 Trial HSC High Resolves Year 9 School Service Project, Room 301, 13:20-15:10 ALC Tests LOTE p4 8 Chinese I and 8 Chinese A	11 Trial HSC ALC Tests LOTE P1 11 French, P4 9W Chinese and 9W Chinese A; 9W German	12 Trial HSC Class of 06 Reunion, Great Hall, Debating: SHS v TSC ALC Tests LOTE P3 9Z French	13 Sport: TSC v SHS Cross Country: SJC Invitation, Macquarie Hospital (10:00)	14
5 A	15 Trial HSC Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Philosophy Conference Gifted Education Program, Ascham years 10 and 11 Selected students' visit to Boggabilla	16 Trial HSC ICAS Mathematics Competition (selected students) Music Camp, Vision Valley Selected students' visit to Boggabilla OCMC meeting, Board Room, 17:00 Sports Council Meeting, Staff Common Room, 17:30 Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 18:30	17 Trial HSC Music Camp, Vision Valley Selected students' visit to Boggabilla School Council Meeting, Board Room, 18:00 P and C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:30	18 Trial HSC Music Camp, Vision Valley Selected students' visit to Boggabilla Music: Camp Concert, Great Hall, 18:00-20:00	19 Trial HSC Debating: SIC v SHS HSC English Extension 2 Project Completion Date	20 Sport: SHS v SIC Cross Country: GPS Championships (NC), Sydney Park (10:00) Great Hall, 00:00-13:59	21
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