



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

From the Principal High Talent

Congratulations to Francis Torok (Year 12) of SBH who ran in the NSW Cross Country Championships to win 1st place in the Opens age group. Well done to Christopher Chiam (Year 11) who won the Classical Greek Reading Competition final held at SGS. Congratulations to our Open Cross Country team that won a silver medal at CHS recently. Team members were: Francis Torok, Sam Lane, Yale Wong and Henry Lu (Year 12). Well done to Emmett Naar (Year 12) on his well-deserved selection into the NSW Institute for Basketball. Congratulations to Nakhul Bhagwat (Year 12) on his win in the Trinity Grammar Annual Speaking Competition.

Changes to the School Certificate



The Minister for Education announced this week that the School Certificate Tests will be discontinued after this year. A new credential will be developed to cater for

students who may leave school before completing their Higher School Certificate. We welcome this development at High because it frees up term 4 each year from now on to pursue stage 6 level activities, complete electives and reschedule the sequence of end-of-year events. I hope that more learning and more student-centred activities will be possible as a result of removing the examination pressure on Year 10 in November. The announcement also aligns nicely with the decision taken last year to compact the stage 5 curriculum in history and geography and deliver it in Year 9, thus freeing up Year 10 for 3 electives of 8 periods each. These electives simulate the breadth and depth of learning that is required in stage 6 courses. The removal of the testing will also allow some re-writing of stage 5 history and geography programs by teachers to reflect a change in emphasis and the absence of a need to prepare students for an external examination.

Australian Curriculum Implementation Delayed

The Minister for Education also announced that the timeframe had changed for the

implementation of the Australian curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history (K-10). The planning phase will now commence in 2013 with classroom implementation in 2014. The proposed timetable is both more realistic and circumscribed - we now have a timeline to plan to. In developing the school's strategic Plan 2012-2014, we now have some clear objectives for the final two years for four departments at least.

The Jaggar Gift

The rescheduled Jaggar Gift was run this week. Unfortunately, the calendar date was washed out during a recent period of torrential rain and had to be postponed. A very small field of runners this year turned out to race for the prizes - \$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third. The crowd was also much reduced compared to previous years. The race is in two divisions - Junior and Senior. The rationale for the Gift is that runners are handicapped according to their 1.6km registered times to allow for an equitable chance for each competitor. Runners are sent out at their handicapped time of zero + X seconds. . The handicapper is renowned for his fairness when assigning handicaps. The fastest runner has to chase down the field. The Gift was initiated to add more incentive to the school's campaign to improve the quality of middle distance running. Many boys have improved their times dramatically. They are also rewarded in their PE assessment scores for their efforts in achieving goal times. The winners this year were: Junior Division - first, Steven Chung; second James Tinker; third, Luke Hoad. Senior Division - first, Lloyd Perris, second, Jonathan Clements-Lendrum, third, Adam Booth. Congratulations, boys!

General Service Contributions

Thank you to all the families who have paid so far. The best support is from Year 10 (95% of budget), followed by Year 8 (90%), Year 11 (85%) and Years 9 and 12 (82%). If you have not contributed yet, please do so to allow us to provide all the resources and services your son deserves.

Dr K A Jaggar

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

Most institutions that participate in the University Admissions Centre (UAC) have an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for applicants who have experienced long term educational disadvantage. To qualify applicants must demonstrate that their educational performance during Years 11 and 12 or equivalent have been seriously affected by circumstances beyond their choice or control. Students applying for Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for Universities in 2012 will need to download their booklets and applications forms from the website: www.uac.edu.au

If you require a Statement of Support from the school counsellors, your EAS form will need to be in to them with all required documentation by the beginning of week 8, term 3. The responsibility for sending the finalised application to UAC by closing date at end of September 2011 rests with the individual student.

E. Harman and A. Hirst (relieving) School Counsellors



DIE DEUTSCHE FRAGE GELÖST – ENDLICH!

This email arrived in my mailbox (school) on Sunday:

Guuuutteeennn Mooorrrgggeeennn Frau St. Leon, (reference to class greetings)

Ich habe die Antwort fur die Deutsche Frage!

Bertha is "Bertha Benz": husband of Karl Benz, who is founder of Mercedes Benz.

Bertha was also the first person to drive an automobile over a long distance.

Aaaauuffff Wieeeddeeerssehenn Frau St. Leon, (another reference to class greetings)

Rakulan Arulmurugan (neunten Klasse)

Yes – Rakulan, that is the correct answer (only she was the wife of Karl B.), and an article – in English! – about Bertha and her amazing feat had been on the notice board outside the Language staff room for several weeks!! Have a look at it, it makes fascinating reading.

Die neue Frage: Die deutsche Fussballmannschaft gewann 1954 die WM. Eine kleine aber sehr wichtige Erfindung half ihnen dabei. (an invention helped them) Was war es? **Frau St Leon**

OLD BOYS UNION

The OBU has sent out letters inviting Year 12 leavers to pay their final instalments for life membership so that they can receive their life membership certificates at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on 20 September. If you are in Year 12 and have previously paid instalments but have not received a letter, please contact the OBU with your change of address details. If you have not previously paid instalments and would like to take advantage of the life membership offer, please contact the OBU and they will send the necessary forms. The OBU is now offering more to members with the recent establishment of a mentorship network with over 70 Old Boys in the professions prepared to share their wisdom and experience with younger Old Boys.

Contact details - *telephone:* (02) 9907 2856; *e-mail:* secretary@shsobu.org.au; *website:* www.shsobu.org.au

NEW BOOKS THIS WEEK – JUNIOR LIBRARY

See the "new fiction" stand.

James Lin – Year 9 has already had his eyes on the main chance and grabbed six new books. You will have to beat him to the rest. All new books are <u>now available for loan.</u>

New books will also eventually be displayed on all the Portals and are now hiding under Curriculum/Library on the School Website.



Mrs Crothers - Junior Library

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What's Up in the McDonald Senior Library? Senior library survey



For the past few weeks students in the senior school have been responding to our library survey, the results of which will be used to develop the library into the future.

Various questions relating to aspects of the library including what students use the library for, what resources are needed, what resources they use to do their research, what positive and negative characteristics exist at present to provide a good study environment and what they would like to see changed.

The survey has 20 questions comprising both multiple choice and comment answers. So far there have been over 174 responses the larger group being Year 10 students (54%), with year 11 (26%) with Yr 12 (20%) students being a bit more reticent to complete the survey. The reason some have given is that they will be gone soon. As Year 10s are the largest group responding, the results will be slightly skewed toward their experience of the Senior Library in that they only use it outside lesson times at recess, lunch and when their class is booked in with their classroom/subject teachers for a lesson. However, there have been many useful comments from both Year 11 and 12 students which reflect the views held also by many of the Year 10s.

Most of the responses were confined to just a few areas of concern for the students. On the questions regarding resources needed and how the library could improve the overwhelming opinion and number of requests was for **more book resources**. This ranged from Fiction, nonfiction, reference, study guides and additionally students comments were about the need for more books and other materials such as DVDs relevant to current curriculum subjects and topics.

The issue second most commented on, of concern to students, was the **lack of space** in the Senior Library. There is seating for 110 students currently which means the library is very crowded and often can be noisy if students have group discussions during their study periods. Many thought that a quiet area is needed so that students studying individually can do so without distraction. With the number of students using this space each lesson during the day it is impossible to provide quiet areas.

This could involve extra space being provided in the future by extending into adjoining classroom/s when these have been freed up after other classrooms

become available elsewhere in the school. Extra space is also needed to house our developing library collection. As expected the library resources used regularly are: the internet for research (84%) and after that they use Moodle (52%), Fiction Books (20%), non-fiction books (17%), Newspapers and magazines (22%) and finally online databases (14.41%). Students still see books as relevant (43%) and when asked why they read most responded that they read for pleasure/leisure (72%) and then for homework/assignments (43%); classwork (40%) and finally interest/information (35%). When asked though about what other resources they thought should be available their responses were: more non-fiction books (44%), more fiction books (41%), hard copy encyclopaedias (25%), more online databases (25%) and many also wanted e-books (24%).

From these figures it can be seen that the boys have a clear idea of what they want to see in the library and that they still value physical books as important resources in their learning, for general interest and reading for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure is directly related to academic achievement and this is reflected in many studies, so having a good collection of current fiction and interesting non-fiction with plenty related to curriculum is vital in creating library excellence for our gifted students who use it. Richard Watson in his book Future Minds : how the digital age is changing our minds, why this matters and what we can do about it (2010), raises some interesting concerns about the "rise of the screenager" and "why books still matter" (p36). He states that "reading, especially reading for pleasure, has been in decline for decades...[and that]...This is a serious issue because reading has a direct impact on intelligence and attainment. For instance, a Kaiser report in the US called "Generation M" found that 'leisure reading of any kind correlates more closely with a student's grades than any other media'." (p37)

When asked about the library environment most students thought the library was comfortable (64%) and welcoming (49%) despite overcrowding (50%) and noise (41%). Generally students are happy with many aspects of the library commenting that the best thing/s about the Senior library were that it is exclusive to seniors, good for study, is air-conditioned, has sofas and separate reading area, being able to study with friends, the resources, has access to information, is good for research, has the networked printer/copier/scanner and computers.

Implications from this survey are yet to be fully explored but we will be attempting to address student concerns about the lack of resources, space and quiet areas especially to fully develop the Senior Library into an excellent learning space which meets their needs fully.

Literacy Week and the Senior Library

This term, starting in Literacy Week (29th August – 2nd September) the Year 10 transition classes will be attending presentations by State librarians on the use of State Library resources. These sessions will continue until the end of term and will focus on the databases available for the use of library card holders outside the library. All Year 10 students have registered for a library card which will be distributed during these presentations so that they can be shown how to access and make the best use of this fantastic resource in their studies.

The Senior Library is also fortunate to host a visit on Friday 2nd September by the young adult author and journalist (The Australian) **Scott Monk**. Year 10s will be attending this presentation in the Senior Library. Scott will be discussing his writing and providing techniques and ideas to assist and encourage students to read widely as this will lead to more insightful and skilled writers.

"Scott's talks offer many insights for teenage students, talking about his books, sharing his experiences, and emphasising the importance of reading and writing, however 'uncool' such activities may seem to be." (From author information online at http://www.laterallearning.com/authors/monk.html) S. Gordon

(Teacher Librarian McDonald Senior Library)

From the Canteen.



We have had some rather busy days lately – as the weather gets cooler, it seems the appetites get bigger!! Thank you very much to our volunteers

who have worked so well in canteen

and also many thanks to those prefects who have come in at break times to help serve. We are very appreciative especially when we are short of help.

If any parents/friends/carers of students at High have a free day on an occasional or regular basis, the canteen staff would really appreciate any help you can offer. We ideally need 3-4 volunteer helpers each day so we can make all the lunch orders plus hot food, wraps etc. for sale at recess and lunch.

Our thanks go to the volunteers below from last week. We thought if we list the day volunteers help than it is easier to see where we need more help the most. MONDAY: Usha Arvind, Pam Jepson, TUESDAY: Annette Ng, Pauline Chan, Angela Feng, WEDNESDAY: Vicki Moller, Cindy Tseu, THURSDAY: Stamatina Farrugia, FRIDAY: Katrina Morrow, Daniela Michael. Thank you again to all...

Please phone Canteen on 9360 4027 if you are able to help us out – the boys and canteen staff would very much appreciate it. Thank you The Canteen Team

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)**



GPS sports competition is very demanding on people and resources. At High we have needs ongoing for facilities development, equipment and development through expert

coaching. If you would like to help through a tax deductible donation for a particular sport, the appropriate form can be posted to you by calling 9361 6910. Alternatively, you can go to our website www.sydneyboyshigh.com click on Sport /Sports Donations to download either *Development Donation Form* or *Equipment and Facility Donation Form*.



The Governors' Centre for Excellence in Education

A SBHS and SGHS Joint Project





A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As you are aware, our Sydney Boys High School community has been working towards a new multipurpose facility for the school over the past few years. The Sydney Girls High School community has also been working towards the same goal.

I am pleased to announce that in order to achieve our shared objective, the two schools have joined forces to apply for government funding to build a shared multipurpose facility to be known as *The Governors' Centre for Excellence in Education* in recognition of the schools' alumni, Governor of New South Wales Marie Bashir AC, CVO and Sir Roden Cutler VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, the 32nd Governor of New South Wales.

I look forward to providing you with further details of this exciting project over the coming weeks.

Dr K A Jaggar

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The two-storey Governors' Centre for Excellence in Education is planned to front Cleveland Street, located between the two schools on the site of the SGHS tennis court and incorporates:

- A 400 seat tiered auditorium suitable for lectures, seminars, conferences, productions and performances (with audio-visual facilities and collapsible first five rows for an orchestra pit)
- Substantial main stage and back of stage facilities
- A complementary 400 square metre multipurpose flat floor space with moveable internal walls, suitable for classrooms, meeting rooms and examination spaces
- One additional classroom
- Debating, teaching, music and drama rehearsal spaces with equipment and instrument storage
- A commanding entrance foyer with kiosk, cloak, toilet and change room facilities, suitable for functions and fundraising.



Debating round up for this week.

It was a disappointing Friday as our Firsts lost their debate against Joey's in a split decision adjudication. The Seconds and Thirds, however, are to be congratulated on winning. The rest of the results were rather mixed which just shows there are never any certainties in life!

Meanwhile the non GPS debaters got the opportunity to watch our coaches debate each other and with only 20 minutes to prep the results were impressive. Many thanks to Justin, Rosie, Ellie, Shaun, Angud and Nina who were able to clearly demonstrate for our younger debaters just what a real debate looks like. Some of the Years 10 and 11 students who are coached by Edwin got an opportunity to Chair the debate and to adjudicate. They are learning these skills with Edwin at the moment so this was an invaluable opportunity for them.

Also this week a group of Year 10 History elective students got the opportunity to watch our Year 11 PDC team debate against St George Girls on the topic of using NAPLAN and HSC results to decide funding to schools. It was interesting for me to watch the reactions of so many non-debaters in the audience who were visibly impressed with the skills and knowledge that the Year 11s exhibited. We won and are now through to the Regional final on Friday. Good luck to Robert Sternhell, Julian Edgtton and Christopher Chiam for that.

Thank you to those parents who came to the Debating Supporters Group on Tuesday evening. The plans for the Debating Dinner are moving forward very well. I hope you have bought your tickets. There are more details on the next page. It looks set to be a wonderful evening and if your son has been involved in debating this year I urge you to attend.

This week we have organised for Non GPS debaters to go to Reddam School to take part in Social Debates. We have two teams from each year group 7-9 attending this.

The GPS teams will be debating Scotts here at School. Please remember if your son is debating or chairing he is expected to bring a plate of food to share for supper. We are well known for our wonderful suppers and all parents are welcome to join us all to share them and to discuss the debates.

Rachel Powell MIC Debating

<u>COMPETITIONS</u> This week: SBHS v Scots College Next Week: St Ignatius v SBHS

More information can be found at <u>www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating</u> 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. <u>PARENTS</u>: 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.

End of Season Debating Dinner 2011



Help celebrate another great year of High Debating by attending the 2011 End of GPS Season Debating Dinner.



When? Saturday, 10th September 2011, 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Where? Great Hall, Sydney Boys High School

Who? Debaters, parents, coaches, friends and supporters, Debaters wear school uniform

Why? To acknowledge the commitment and achievements of all our debaters

Cost? \$30 adult/student, Children under 10/\$20.

Payable to the school office by Wednesday 7th September, 2011

Please note this is a BYO alcohol function for adults.



SYDNEY HIGH END OF SEASON DEBATING DINNER - 2011

Attached is the amount of \$_____ for _____ people at \$30/person,

and the amount of \$_____ for _____ children at \$20/(10 & under),

as payment for tickets under the name of

_____(student) of roll class _____.

Debating team _____

No. of adults/siblings (under 10) _____

No. of students _____

The team details are important for seating arrangements

Do you have any special dietary requirements?

Sur la Route – The Theatre LOTE Experience

There were strange sounds emanating from the hall on Friday last week and people who peeked in could have spotted Astérix (or was it Obélix?) on stage. Pierre Alain (NOT Peter Allan – as he was at pains to point out) told the students about his bi-lingual upbringing – his parents are French speaking Belgians – and the joys and occasional embarrassing moments – of living with two cultures (in his school days Quiche Lorraine was definitely NOT a dish any self-respecting Aussie male would consume – as he found out at his school's International Day). The students quickly got into the spirit of things and the volunteer "girl" friend, serenaded by Pierre, received a lot of applause. The performance shone a spotlight on the cuisine, customs and travel in a Francophone country, which most people associate only with the statue of a small boy.

Mme St Leon





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 (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, <u>jcandjc@bigpond.net.au</u>; M: 0418 470 203.

P&C Meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 17th August 2011

We have an important P&C meeting coming up next week to talk about the new building project announced by Dr Jaggar and ways in which our school community can assist. The agenda for next week includes:

- 1. Cleanliness of school grounds update
- 2. Capital Campaign 2011 discussion including methods of fund raising for the joint SBHS-SGHS project.
- 3. Year Group Representative guidelines
- 4. Principal's Report
- 5. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Year Group Reports
- 7. Sub-Committee Reports
- 8. Student Well-being Report
- 9. School Council Report
- 10. SHS Foundation Report

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this important and informative meeting - 7.30pm, Wednesday 17th August (finish by 9.00pm at the latest).

MERIT SELECTION TRAINING

We had a terrific response from parents wanting to enrol in the Merit Selection Training course ... and apparently so did other schools. The 16th August course is full, so our parents will be enrolled in the September course:

DATE: TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

TIME: 3:30- 5:30pm. (Please note: it is expected that participants will attend the full session. No late entry.) VENUE: ARNCLIFFE OFFICE of DEC

As a reminder for parents who may still be interested in training but missed the first notice, please contact Julie Connolly <u>jcandjc@bigpond.net.au</u> if you would like to enroll in this course.

Parents and community members are sometimes called upon to join a Merit Selection Panel to interview and appoint new members of staff at the school. It is mandatory for parents on merit selection panels, to have undertaken a Department of Education and Community merit selection training course.

Co-curricular Annual Dinners

Just a reminder for dinner organizers that there are tips and hints available in the P&C pages of the school website.

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. Contact Nina Liu on <u>nina.ilina@measurement.gov.au</u> 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!)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

P&C General Meeting – Wednesday, 17th August, 7.30pm – Staff Common Room Basketball Committee AGM – Monday, 22nd August, 7:00pm - Room 901 Rugby Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 24th August, 6:00pm – Staff Common Room Football Annual Dinner – Thursday, 25th August, 6:30pm – Great Hall Rugby Annual Dinner – Saturday, 27th August, 6:30pm – Great Hall

THE ONION BAG



Observations from the side line.

1st grade won a tight match 2-1 against a spirited Joeys outfit. Siva Sooriakumar scored both goals and should have had a third, but the thought of a GPS hat trick may have been too much and the chance eluded him. 2nd grade had yet another nil all draw after dominating most of the match.

The **16Es** did well against a Scots team. Well, the 8 of the **16Es** who turned up did. It would be nice to see the rest of the team at the rematch this weekend. The boys that played put in an outstanding effort and did themselves proud. Congratulations to captain Albert Chau for his tireless display.

The **14Es** lost 2 nil to Waverley, but the result does not illustrate the closeness of the game nor the skill and quality of play from our lads. This was the second week in a row that I watched the **14Es** and I have been buoyed by the enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge of football that they have displayed. In the second half High created numerous scoring opportunities but failed to beat the Waverley keeper. On another day, against another keeper, High could have scored 5.

Year 12 players

A reminder that Year 12 players are expected to attend matches during the Trial HSC period. We have matches arranged with the other schools and an obligation to fulfil.

14s Football Camp at the rowing sheds

Last Friday our 14s footballers attended an overnight camp at the rowing sheds at Abbotsford. The night was organised by Mr Mulroney and Mr Kay, thanks to both, as well as the following parents who helped out. Truc Tranh, Derek Ng, Suong Tran, Jenny Lian, Usha Arvind, Arvind Rangachari and Bill Beare. It was a great experience for the boys, one I'm sure they will remember for a long time.

Fixtures this weekend

We have matches this Saturday v Scots as well as a variety of other schools. Check the school website for details.

SHS Football Major Awards

Dolan Cup							Golden Gloves					
Р	Team	Points	Р	Team	Points	Р	Team	Points	P Keeper C		Goals	
1st	10th	26.0	11th	13A	9.0	21st	15B	5.0	1st	Justin Lim	13C	0
2nd	14D	20.0	12th	4th	8.0	22nd	2nd	4.0	2nd	Tim Yao	13D	1
3rd	13C	17.0	13th	16C	8.0	23rd	5th	4.0	3rd	Jeremy Yao	10th	3
4th	13D	14.0	14th	16D	8.0	24th	6th	4.0	4th	John SEROUKAS (GK)	15A	3
5th	15C	12.0	15th	15D	8.0	25th	16A	4.0	5th	Shuxiang (Felix) WANG (GK)	14B	3
6th	15E	12.0	16th	7th	6.0	26th	16E	4.0	6th	Joesph TANG	15E	4
7th	14C	12.0	17th	8th	6.0	27th	14A	4.0	7th	Liam Jepson	13A	4
8th	1st	10.0	18th	9th	6.0	28th	14E	4.0	8th	Samuel GALLAGHER (GK)	15B	5
9th	14B	10.0	19th	13B	6.0	29th	16B	3.0	9th	Agnish Nayak	16A	6
10th	3rd	9.0	20th	15A	5.0				10th	Eric YU	15C	6
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Note: Teams shaded have not forwarded on all match results

Quotes of the Week



'If I had an argument with a player we would sit down for twenty minutes, talk about it and then decide I was right!' - Brian Clough



'That's great, tell him he's Pele, and get him back on' – John Lambie, Partick Thistle Manager, when told his concussed striker did not know who he was

VOLLEYBALL – ROUND 8



Round 8 was going to be another tough game. Riverview have made considerable strides in their playing this year. Add to the equation that many Firsts Basketballers were now joining and their coach is an SBHS Old Boy and you can see why we might be concerned. Just to add to the mix, Riverview were one point ahead in the table. If we lost this match then we couldn't win the Premiership.

As it turned out, our concerns were less justified than the preparation in the training seesions preceding might have suggested. Leaving aside a very pleasing win 3-0 to the Firsts and 3-1 to the Seconds, the real issue here is the quality of GPS Volleyball. Five schools compete currently. There is a move to make this an official sport. Our case is strengthened when we see strong teams enter the competition. The Sports Committee see us as a mature sport taken seriously which gives us an advantage.

GPS is not our only competition. On the Friday preceding we entered the All School tournament. The Under 14As won the U15 division. The Under 17s (without the benefit of our Year 12 players) finished 2nd in a tough Final against Westfields. The full report will be published in 2 weeks.

Player	Passing	Serving	Spiking and	Kills	Massive	Total				
	Accuracy	Efficiency	Blocking	(Spike		%				
			Efficiency	or	Ups					
	% (number	% (number of	(number of	Block)						
	of contacts)	contacts)	contacts)							
	Firsts: final result -									
Nathan Leong	100 (5)	57 (7)	88 (4)			82				
Henry Sit	85 (20)	61 (14)	82 (19)		1	76				
Arman Dhaliwal	81 (27)	58 (13)	73 (22)		2	71				
David Nguyen	100 (1)	(8)	75 (4)			58				
	Second	ds: final result – 25-2	0; 25-16; 25-18							
Pinyan Gao	88 (16)	58 (13)	88 (4)			78				
Harry Heo	96 (13)	50 (7)	68 (17)			71				
Ivor Metcalf	76 (23)	48 (24)	63 (26)			62				
Max Song	58 (19)	45 (10)	71 (29)			58				

Moving over to our stats section, here are this week's highlights:

PS Ganderton

Submitted: P Ganderton



ARU visits Sydney Boys High!

On Thursday the 21st of July 2011, Ben Alexander and James Horwill (both current Wallabies starters) visited SBHS to facilitate a values education forum. All junior rugby players were fortunate enough to be 'up close and personal' with these inspirational players... especially during the Q&A session – questions ranged from 'desired playing positions' to 'enjoyment of yum cha'. Most significantly, we learnt that Ben started off much like most of our Year 7 players – touching a rugby ball for the first time at the age of 12 playing for his high school.



What winter sport gives you the opportunity to meet two current national team players? RUGBY OF COURSE!

SBHS 15s Rugby at the Gold Coast Carnival

During the recent school holidays, SBHS Rugby took a team of 23 U15s players up to the Gold Coast to participate in the Annual Gold Coast Rugby Carnival where teams from all over Australia and New Zealand play a series of matches against one another in a carnival atmosphere. The team was able to produce a couple of wins on the first day of games and were agonisingly close to producing more in the remaining two days of matches. However, the trip was not about winning or losing – it was about the development of players in an environment that facilitates team bonding. This was shown and recognised by tournament organisers awarding SBHS with the U15s sportsmanship award. The trip was deemed an overwhelming success with many thanks to George Comninos and Jim O'Sullivan – parents who accompanied the boys and assisted in countless ways throughout. It has subsequently been decided that SBHS Rugby will participate in the GCRC annually in future. Expressions of interest from 14s players for next year are now open.



Weekend Results

Round 5 of the GPS competition saw Joeys visit McKay last Saturday. In a true sign that SBHS Rugby is well and truly on track in terms of rebuilding and development, results compared to 2010 saw margins significantly reduced comparatively against higher graded opposition teams. Not only that, our 13As recorded a 10-7 win against Joeys 13Bs in what could go down as their match of the season. Our 1st XV showed great character in a 34-7 loss, this result confirms we can only get better with dedication to training and through playing with the right attitude. It also ensures our 'for and against' will be better than Grammar's.

Upcoming Fixtures

Experience the passion of GPS Rugby: All players and parents are reminded to support other teams in your age group. Players are often needed to 'bench' for other teams playing at later times so please plan your Saturdays with this in mind. So come cheer on our rugby teams against Scots at various locations this Saturday! A reminder that if the weather is wet or threatening on Saturday morning, you should still go to the ground unless the match has been cancelled on the SBHS website <u>www.sydneyboyshigh.com</u>. If there is any cancellation, the school will try to update the website by 7:15am.

SBHS Rugby Dinner

The Rugby dinner will be held in the great hall on Saturday the 27th of August 2011 from 6pm. Help celebrate another great year of High Rugby by attending this fantastic end of season dinner. We strongly encourage all boys AND parents to attend this great occasion. Payment forms have already been distributed, if you require another form - see Mr Stein in the PE staffroom. Get your payments in ASAP as maximum seating is only 220!

Quote of the week: Andrew Johnston - "Although you may lose this game, you won't walk off like losers"









SYDNEY HIGH END OF SEASON RUGBY DINNER - 2011

Help celebrate another great year of High Rugby by attending the 2011 End of Season Rugby Dinner.

- **WHEN?** Saturday, 27th August 2011, 6.00pm. for 6.30 pm
- **WHERE?** Great Hall, Sydney Boys' High School
- **WHO?** Players, parents, coaches, friends and supporters Players wear School Uniform. Adults wear smart casual
- **WHY?** To acknowledge the commitment and achievements of all our players and because friendships made through High Rugby last a lifetime
- COST? \$30/person. Payable to the school office by Monday 22 August. Maximum seating 220. Please note this is a BYO alcohol function for adults. Soft drinks and mineral water provided



SYDNEY HIGH END OF SEASON RUGBY DINNER - 2011

Attached is the amount of \$_____ for ____ people at \$30/person, as payment for

tickets under the name of ______ (student) of roll class _____

Rugby team _____ No. of adults _____ No. of students _____

The team details are important for seating arrangements

Do you have any special dietary requirements?



SYDNEY HIGH END OF SEASON RIFLE LUNCHEON 2011

Please come along to celebrate a great year for High Rifle Shooting

WHEN?	Sunday, 28th August 2011, 2:00pm
WHERE?	The Great Hall, SBHS
WHO?	Rifle Students (compulsory) , parents, coaches and supporters Dress-Full school uniform for students, smart casual for visitors
WHY?	To acknowledge the commitment and achievements of all our shooters and support staff.
COST?	\$35/person. Payable to the school office by Friday 19th August. Please note this is a BYO alcohol function for adults.

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SYDNEY HIGH END OF SEASON RIFLE LUNCHEON – 2011

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The 2011 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 25th August.

The coach of each team has been 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 25th August The Great Hall 6.30pm

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 12th August.

Boys to wear school uniform at the dinner. Limited soft drink included. BYO allowed.

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

2011 FOOTBALL DINNER

Student Name Year/Roll class							
Football Team							
TOTAL Number of adults		@ \$30 per adult	= \$				
TOTAL Number of students	@ \$30 p	per SBHS student	= \$				
(Special rate of \$20 per child if u	nder 11 yrs old)		TOTAL \$				
Special dietary requirements?	\in Vegetarian						
	\pm Other (Please	state)					
Can you help e.g. with setting up the hall, table decorations etc?							
Please email sbhsfootball@gmail.com or fill in your details below:							
Helper's name and contact detai	ls:						



It's back on **The High Rowing Challenge** starts Saturday 10 September 2011 at the High Rowing Sheds



Parents, friends, old boys and school community Learn to row in 6 weeks ... or relive your rowing experience Get involved in the annual High Rowing Challenge. All ages and abilities welcome.

Enjoy early morning rowing for 6 Saturdays with experienced coaches and coxswains. Enter your own crew of 8 or join others in a crew. If you can't make a week we can provide a sub for you. It all culminates with a fun mini-regatta on Saturday 22 October.

> **Donation**: \$300 per seat (tax deductible) **Includes**:

- 6 Saturday dawn training/tuition sessions -
 - 10/17/24 September and 8/15/22 October
- Boat, coach and coxswain per crew
- Post training barbecue breakfasts
- Mini Regatta Day includes races, brunch and presentation **Saturday 22 October**



More information and registration -

Contact Julie Blomberg at blombergj@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or 0416 061759

Sydney Boys High School Golf Invitational

Play the Venue of the 2011 Australian Open Golf

Date:Thursday 15 September 2011Venue:The Lakes Golf Club - Corner King St & Vernon Ave, Eastlakes 2018Team Price:\$1,100 per team of four (4) playersIndividual Price:\$275

<u>Agenda</u>

7:00am - Registration 7:30am - Golf Clinic & Warm Up on Driving Range 8:15am - Announcements & Move to Tee's 8:30am - Shotgun Start 1:30pm - Drinks in Lounge 2:30pm - Lunch, Prize Presentation & Entertainment 4:00pm - Approximate Close



Page 2 – Driving Instructions / Dress Regulations
 Page 3 - Please print this page off, complete and return it to us by email by
 Friday 19 August 2011
 We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact: Graham Chee - graham@mymoney.net.au by Friday 19th August 2011

August/September 2011

12-08-2011

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 A	15 Trial HSC Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Philosophy Conference Gifted Education Program, Ascham Years 10 and 11 7SMa class test, P1 Selected students' visit to Boggabilla	16 *** Trial HSC ICAS Mathematics Competition (selected students) Music Camp, Vision Valley Year 9 PDC Debating, pm Burwood Years 7 and 8 Lunchtime Basketball comp, Gym OCMC meeting, Board Room, 17:00 Sports Council Meeting, Staff Common Room, 17:30 Foundation Meeting, Board	School Council Meeting, Board Room, 18:00 P and C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:30	18 Trial HSC Music Camp, Vision Valley Music: Camp Concert, Great Hall, 18:00-20:00	19 Trial HSC 9MaE class test, P5 10MaG class test, P6 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
б В	22 Trial HSC 7FMa class test, P1 Year 11 Elevate Education 11.08am - 12.54pm House Rowing Competition, School Gym, lunchtime	23 Trial HSC Years 7 and 10 vaccinations, Room 801, 09:00-12:54 9MaA Class Test, P4 11LSB assessment, P3 and 11LSA assessment, P4 Years 7 and 8 Lunchtime Basketball comp, Gym	24 Trial HSC 7S Geography Class Test Pd 4 Winter Sport Reports to be submitted to Record Committee Rugby Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 18:00	25 Trial HSC 9WGy Class Test P4 High Resolves Year 10 Community Service Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:00 HSC Music Composition Recording, Room 201 Football: Dinner, Great Hall, 18:30-21:30	26 *** Daffodil Day - External Collection (Y10,Y11,Y12 volunteers) 6.15am-9.15am Trial HSC 9YG1, 9YG2 Class Test P1 9ZG1, 9ZG2 Class Test P3 9XG1, 9ZG2 Class Test P3 9XG1, 9XG2 Class Test P4 7MGy Class Test P2 7EGy Class Test P3 Year 10 High Resolves leaders and SRC executive to Sylvania High School for	27 Athletics: NC/TSC Invitation Athletics, Homebush Rugby: Dinner, Great Hall, 18:30-21:30	28 Rifleshooting Luncheon, Great Hall
7 A	29 Summer Sports selections Visual Arts Exhibition (setup), Great Hall, 09:00-15:20 HSC Visual Arts Body of Work Completion and Hand In Date Yr 11 Biology Excursion Australian	30 HSC Showcase Concert and Senior Visual Arts Display, Great Hall, 17:00-20:00 Year 11 AH assessment task Pd5 (403) NSW Schools Athletics Knockout Competition 4.00pm to 8.00 pm	31 Basketball: Sydney East U15 KO Round 4	1 Open Day, 09:30-12:00 SRC Trivia Night 18:00-21:00 Chipolla	2 , Great Hall, 15:30-18:00 Bump in Legacy Badge Collection Day Red Cross Blood Drive Year 12 Meeting re References, Great Hall, 09:40-10:30 Debating SHS v NC Visiting Author talks to Year 10 (Senior Library) J Walker	Invitation, ES Marks Great Hall, 07:30-22:00 Parking: Swans v Lions (Rowing)	4 Music Composition Submission Day Great Hall, 07:30-22:00 Fathers' Day
8 B	5 Photos Representatives (GPS, CHS etc), all Music Groups Drama Rehearsal, Great Hall, 15:30-17:30 8Gy5, 8Gy1 P5 Year 9 Elevate Education 9.00am: Year 7 and 8 Decathlon, Knox Grammar school HSC Music Submitted Works Completion and Hand In Date	6 *** Year 11 Mathematics Yearly Examination, Great Hall, 09:00-11:00 Prefect Binball Competition Early Lunch Year 9 and 10 Decathlon, Knox Grammar school Sydney Region Drama Festival - York Theatre Tennis: Stan Jones Final series Parent Information Evening on Subject Acceleration for Year 10	7 Winter Sports Photos, Periods 1, 2 and 3 Sydney Region Drama Festival - York Theatre Last Day to submit UNSW Medicine applications to Principal Tennis: Stan Jones Final series Cricket: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 18:00	8 Athletics: CHS Championships, Homebush High Resolves Presentation to Junior School, Great Hall, pd3 Philosophon, selected students, 17:00-21:20, Ascham	9 Athletics: CHS Championships, Homebush	10 Rowing: High Parents and Friends Rowing Challenge, Outterside Centre, 06:00-12:00 Athletics: Shore/SIC Invitation, ES Marks Athletics: CHS Championships, Homebush Chess:GPS Competition, Great Hall, 09:00-15:00 Debating: Annual Dinner, Great Hall, 18:30-21:30	11