

The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

From the Principal High Talent



It was a great effort by Leonard Mah (Year 9) to finish

9th at the All Schools Swimming carnival in the U15 50m freestyle - congratulations! Well done to Alexander Hughes (Year 12) who won his local final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award. Our Eastside Debating teams in Years 11 (Khushaal Vyas, Agnish Nyak, Wilber Koslowski, Connor Robinson and George Dzero) and 12 (Christopher Chiam, Julian Edgtton and Robert Sternhell), retained their titles after last Friday night's final debates. Our MUNA representatives -Wilber Koslowski, Connor Robinson and Khushaal Vyas- brought back the 'I-pad' first after successfully representing prize Indonesia in the Wollongong Assembly of the Model UN. Congratulations to all team members! The Stewart House fundraiser on Friday raised \$2642.70! Congratulations to Year 7 and all the CSC team who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Mufti day regulation

The idea behind Mufti days is that as a student, you get an opportunity to help others by making a \$2 donation to a good cause. Unlike normal donations, there is a benefit for participants - they get to wear casual clothes to school for the day. To break the routine and give your uniform a rest (or a chance to get laundered) comes at a price. Students have a choice not to participate in these charity fundraisers. If they wear school uniform on Mufti days they opt out. However, those who come in Mufti will be expected to pay the donation.

Year 12 Reports



Parents should be expecting their sons to bring home their Year 12 first semester reports for perusal and discussion. When interpreting results that

have been scaled using historical data and a professionally prepared prediction program, it should be remembered that the school performed really well in quite a few courses, notably English, chemistry and mathematics, last year at the HSC. The predictions of

achievement are based on the premise that this year's cohort can replicate last year's success.

Regional iPad Trial



Mobile tablet (touch screen) technologies afford instant and creative access to online resources. Teachers are no

longer at the centre of the everyday learning process for children and the potential instructional time for education is 24/7. There has been a rapidly expanding 'app culture' since the availability of the iPhone in 2007. Tablet users can download their choices from 500,000 'apps' (mobile applications) in iTunes App Store. Sydney commissioned an evaluation to provide evidence-based data about the practical and technical implications of deploying iPads in Primary School classrooms. In 2011, 75 iPads were used with 90 students, 5 teachers and three schools.

Teacher planning and preparation time was impacted by the need to evaluate and procure apps, assess their relevance to the NSW curriculum and then install them on the devices. Teachers tended to map the use of the iPad to the existing curriculum. Apps were mainly games-based, with the advantages of instant feedback, competition and differentiation by levels. The more useful apps were those that were content-creation or 'productivity' capable, as they promoted higher order thinking skills and afforded creative and individualised opportunities. Teachers and students felt the devices supported and enhanced learning. Studentcentred, innovative approaches to learning were facilitated. Video, still photography and voice recording were integrated in student products. Students shared digital work readily via the interactive whiteboard.

There were limitations to the usefulness of these single-consumer devices. Internet connectivity with a proxy server, exporting work, setting up the devices and establishing iTunes accounts, were seen as barriers to widespread use of iPads. However, the device lends itself to creative pedagogical approaches and task design. App selection rubrics will be created. An online app data



base could provide a collaborative environment for teachers. Critical and visual literacy skills will have to be taught explicitly. How will we store and share student content created on mobile devices? Local school access to DEC 'wifi' network would be one way but all devices would have to be locally configured and supported.

For further reading see Dr Kristy Goodwin's executive summary of the evaluation of the Trial of iPads in Sydney Region at http://clic.det.nsw.edu.au/clic/documents/iPad_Evaluation Sydney Region exec sum.pdf

Dr K A Jaggar

DIE DEUTSCHE FRAGE - KEINE AHNUNG?

Stumped? But it is elementary, my dear Watson! Have another look at last week's question. This week's clue: 118.

Frau St Leon

The SBHS-SGHS University Information Evening 2012

On Tuesday 22 May, Sydney Boys High School will be once again hosting the SBHS-SGHS University Information Evening. Students will be able to talk to representatives from:

- UNSW
- Sydney University
- UTS
- Macquarie University
- ANU
- UWS
- KPMG
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Education USA

and more.

Doors will open at the Great Hall at 6.00pm sharp. The evening runs until 8.00pm.

All Year 12 students are expected to attend. Year 11 students are welcome.

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High Family...



The Bulletin Board for Sydney Boys High P & C. If you would like to have any parent community news or upcoming events included in High

Society, please contact Ian Sweeting P&C President isw@qscw.com.au

Year 10 Parent Information Evenings

The parent information evening for Year 10 parents is scheduled for *Thursday May 24*, *6:00pm* in the Great Hall. A presentation on subject selection for Year 11 will be included in the evening, so <u>not to be missed</u>. Year 10 parents should have received an email confirming the details of the evening at which both Mr. Gifford (Year 10 Adviser) and Mr. Dowdell will be present. If you haven't received this email, please contact your Year Group Representatives at shbs.year2014@gmail.com for more information.

Years 8 and 9 Parent Information Evenings

Our apologies to parents of Years 8 and 9 for the necessary re-scheduling of the parent information evenings with your Year Advisers. This is the first year where these evenings are being undertaken across the school and we are experiencing some teething problems with timing. Nonetheless, we strongly encourage parents to avail themselves of these opportunities to get together with their Year group and Year Adviser in what are informal and informative sessions. Years 8 and 9 Year Group Representatives will contact parents to advise them of the dates for the re-scheduled meetings.

Contact Year 8 Year Group Representatives at sbhs.year2016@gmail.com for more information. Contact Year 9 Year Group Representatives at sbhs.year2015@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming Parking Events

Saturday 19 May 4:40pm—Roosters v Bulldogs (Sailing Supporters Group)
Saturday 2 June 7:40pm—Waratahs v Hurricanes

Upcoming Meetings & Events

(Basketball Supporters Group)

Rugby Committee Meeting: Staff Common Room— 6:00pm, Monday 21 May.

University Information Evening (Parents and Students): Great Hall–6:00pm, Tuesday 22 May. Year 10 Parent Information Evening with Year Adviser: Great Hall–6:00pm, Thursday 24 May. Ian Sweeting



MUSIC NOTES

Annual Music Camp

The Annual Music Camp will be held at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops this year from Monday-Wednesday (28th - 30th May 2012). We invite **ALL** students in the Music Performance Program to attend the 3-day camp. Music Staff and instrumental tutors will rehearse new repertoire that will be performed at the Camp Concert upon return to school Wednesday afternoon. Please make payments of \$280 to the front office **ASAP** if you have not already done so, as numbers need to be finalised for transport and accommodation by Friday 18th May 2012.

Buses will depart from Driver Ave, Fox Studios at 8am on Monday 28th May, please ensure you are there with your instrument and luggage on time.

Music Performance Program

Students in the Music Performance Program, <u>ALL Music Ensembles</u> are now up and running, please ensure that you are attending the appropriate Ensembles as 80% attendance to rehearsals is required for award scheme points.

The 2012 ensemble rehearsal timetable is provided below:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning rehearsals 7.45am unless stated otherwise	Intermediate Concert Band Room 201	Chamber Choir Room 201	Junior Stage Band Room 201	Senior String Ensemble Room 101	Symphony Orchestra Room 201
	Senior Stage Band Room 101		Intermediate Stage Band Room 101	Senior Concert Band Room 201	Saxophone Ensemble Room 201 8:45am
	Training Concert Band Room 202 Terms 2, 3, 4		Philharmonic Orchestra Room 208		Marching Band TERM 1 & 4 MPW
	Junior String Ensemble Room 208		Woodwind Ensemble Room 202		
Afternoon rehearsals Start @ 3.30pm		Marching Band TERM 1 & 4 3.30 - 4.30pm			Jazz Ensemble Room 201
		Percussion Ensemble Room 201			

SBHSDEBATING

MIC Report

Huge congratulations to Year 11 and Year 12 Eastside Teams who were able to hold onto their winning titles on Friday evening. Further congratulations to our MUNA team (featured in the photo right) who represented Indonesia at the MUNA conference in Wollongong and came first out of 26 school teams. They now are heading to Canberra for the National Finals.

Over the next two weeks there will be FED Semi Finals. Year 9 and Year 12 are this week at St Joseph's and Years 8, 10, 11 will be the following week at Trinity. I hope we have many wins and get through to the finals which are at Knox the following week.



In addition this week and next week we have Social debates with Meriden and then Newington so it is a busy time for debaters (and the coaches and me!)

Rachel Powell MIC Debating

Debating Prefect Report

The lead up to the GPS season continued well for our senior teams, with both Years 11 and 12 (pictured right with coach Dom Bowes) winning the finals of the Eastside competition. Both teams were up against arch rivals Grammar with the topic "that electorates should be able to call an election at any time to remove an MP." In two very close debates our teams ended up on top, maintaining High's dominance of the Eastside competition at a senior level in recent years. Semis and finals for FED are also starting, with Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 qualifying for the semis held at St Joseph's and Trinity over the next two weeks. Good luck to all our teams!

With GPS selections beginning in a few weeks, now would be a great time to come and watch our senior debaters. They are at an exceptionally high level and are of great assistance in allowing juniors to watch quality debates to help develop their skills. For seniors, debates start at 8 and I hope to see some juniors attending as the GPS season draws closer.

Christopher Chiam Debating Prefect



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.

Fencing Report

Senior Foil, Sabre and Epee

On Saturday 12 May Senior Fencers competed in the School Championship Individuals at the Marrickville PCYC, a new venue following years at Newington.

In the inaugural Epee event six SBHS fencers entered and Shaun Pak and Ashley Chan both received bronze medals. In the Foil event, run over two Saturdays ten fencers entered and Shaun Pak and Hayden Rabone qualified for the finals on Saturday 12 May. Hayden and Shaun fenced solidly ranking 6th and 11th respectively in a field of 56. Of the six Sabre fencers competing on the 12th Ian Li won a bronze medal and Yiu Tao and Mathew Chan narrowly missed out on medals.

It has been a disjointed beginning to the season with our seniors missing training in the lead up to the competition due to exams. Results were pleasing under the circumstances. All seniors should be attending UNSW for compulsory training on Wednesday afternoons or have made alternative arrangements known to me by now.



A lot of new equipment has been purchased to facilitate the inclusion of Epee and Sabre into our training program catering to the individual fencing styles of our students. Please ensure all payments are finalised for fencing in order to continue to stock the necessary equipment to ensure a satisfying fencing experience for all boys.

J May MIC

From the Canteen



It is with great pleasure that the canteen committee has this week been able to give the P&C \$40,000.00, the first instalment of our 2012 donation. This money is raised from our sons' canteen purchases and made possible because of the fantastic management of the canteen by Karen and Tracey. We are one of the few remaining school canteens which is **not** privately run and where all

profits are returned to the school. All the boys benefit when the money is spent on improvements to their learning environment and facilities. This would not be possible without the invaluable help of our volunteer parents.



Thank you to our volunteers last week.
The Canteen Team



SBHS RUGBY High Rugby = High Spirit 2012 Jersey Presentation



Before the St Pius match the first XV had a breakfast and were presented their jerseys by a relative and guest speaker Andrew Blades (Assistant Coach of the Australian Rugby Union team).









High v St Pius results

The St Pius fixture proved very competitive for Sydney Boys High School with three wins, one draw and eight losses with 16As, 16Bs and 3rd grade narrowly losing.

Team of the week

15Cs for their brilliant 52-5 win.

Players of the week

Two players on debut, both did chip and chases for tries – Tom Hughes in First XV and Oliver Lethbridge in 14As.

Team reports – Each week one team/age group report will feature in the High Notes with the rest going on to the school website via the rugby link.

The High 13's on Saturday fielded a team of first time "rookies" with only three players with any rugby experience. They learned a lot about the game in a short space of time and will be better for the run in our next game. Congratulations to all players, you have now joined the ranks of High rugby players and I am sure you will enjoy the season. G Stein

For the majority of the boys this was their first game of rugby and from all accounts they really enjoyed the experience. It was also pleasing to see all of the mighty 13s cheer and support each other before and after each game. The highlights were when we scored a try in each game. It was evident St Pius was well prepared, as they

have had many training sessions and games together. Just like St Pius the mighty 13s can improve by continuing to learn/train and play rugby together. Training is just like playing rugby so you need to be prepared by bringing the right equipment- mouthguard, boots and your own water bottle. P Scrivener & Mr Aldous

Game schedule

19 th May	St Stanislaus v High		
26 th May	Interschool 7s Rugby Day		
2 nd June	The Armidale School v High		
6 th June	St Augustine's (1st XV only)		
16 th June	High v Grammar		
21st June	High v Melbourne High (U15s)		
22 nd /23 rd June	High v Cranbrook (1sts and 2nds only)		
21st July	High v Waverley		
28 th July	High v Newington		
4th August	St Ignatius v High		
11th August	High v Shore		
18th August	King's v High		
25 th August	St Joseph's v High		
1st September	High v Scots		
8 th September	Grammar v High		

Training

It is expected that all boys are attending all sessions.

	Monday after school	Wednesday -	Wednesday after	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
	-MPW	during sport	school - MPW	during	after	morning
				sport	school	
13s	•			•		•
14s	•		•	•		
15s	•	•		•		•
16s	•	•			•	
1sts/2nds	•	•			•	
3rds		•				•



GPS sports competition is very demanding on people and resources. At High we have ongoing needs 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*.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 A	21 Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Tennis: Sydney East Tennis KO 10MAF class test, P5 Rugby: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 18:00	ICAS Computer Skills Competition Debating: Year 11 PDC team University Information Evening for Parents and Students, Great Hall, 18:00-21:00	23	24 Football: CIS Trials 7Ar5 Class test P2 Trotsky and the Soviet Union, Senior History Seminar Cross Country: Zone Carnival, Centennial Park Year 10 Parent Meeting with Year Adviser, Great Hall, 18:00-21:30	25 Sorry Day Assembly (7,8,9), Great Hall, P2 Year 10 History Debate vs Cheltenham Girls from 11:30am to 1pm Volleyball: All Schools tournament - Years 8 to 12, Homebush Yr 12 PDHPE, Wesley Conference Centre Football: CIS Trials Debating: FED Semi Final 2, tba	26 Great Hall, 07:30-17:00 Cross Country: CS Invitation, Sydney Park (10:00) Football: NC V SHS	27
б В	28 SRC Joint Talent Quest (extended lunch) Music Camp, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Football: Sydney East KO	Music Camp, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Da Vinci Decathlon, Years 7 and 8 Knox Grammar School	30 Music Camp, The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Music: Camp Concert, Great Hall, 18:00-20:00	31 *** Da Vinci Decathlon, Years 9 and 10 Knox Grammar School 7Ar8 Class test P4 Year 9 talk by Miles Davenport, Great Hall, 10:56-12:32 High Resolves Year 10 Community Action Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:10 Year 7 Parent Meeting with Year Adviser, Great Hall, 18:00-19:30	7Ar1 Class test P2 7Ar5 Class test P4 Amateur Chess competition, Junior Library, Lunch Table Tennis: Sydney East KO Football: Year 9 Camp, Outterside Centre Volleyball: All Schools Tournaments	Foil, Sabre, Epee Parking: NSW Waratahs v Hurricanes	Parking: Swans v Western Bulldogs Selected students' visit to Boggabilla
7 A	High Resolves - Year 8 Collective Identity Program (Group A), Great Hall, 10:00-15:20 7Ar1 Class test P4 7Ar8 Class test P5 Year 12 Chemistry Sydney University Excursion Amateur Chess competition, Junior Library, Lunch Basketball: NSW All Schools Trials Football: Committee	5 High Resolves - Year 8 Collective Identity Program (Group B), Great Hall, 10:00-15:20 Year 12 Chemistry Sydney University Excursion Amateur Chess competition, Junior Library, Lunch Football: GPS v CAS Selected students' visit to Boggabilla	G ICAS Science Competition Rugby: Waratah Shield Game v St. Augustines, McKay 3pm Cricket: Committee Meeting and AGM, Room 901, 17:30 Senior Drama Production with SGHS, '7 Ages' Campbell Hall Selected students' visit to Boggabilla	7 Peer Support Assembly (Year 7 + 75 Year 10), Great Hall, 09:48-10:36 High Resolves Year 10 Community Action Project, Room 301, 13:00-15:10 Jazz and Small Ensembles Soiree, Great Hall, 18:30-20:30 Senior Drama Production with SGHS, '7 Ages' Campbell Hall	Rugby: 14s & 16s Sevens Tournament, Nagle Park Julius Caesar (Shakespeare On Trial) for Year 12, Great Hall, 09:00 to 12:00 Senior Drama Production with SGHS, '7 Ages' Campbell Hall	9	10
8 B	11 Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday	12 Y12 SDs HSC Assessment , P3 & 4 room 802 Grand final for OzSpell, Year 7, Great Hall, P3 & 4 Brainstorm Productions - Cheap Thrills (Year 9), Great Hall, 13:30-15:20 Prefects' Afternoon Tea, Great Hall, 16:00 to 18:00 Football: ISA V GPS Literary submissions to Record due	Cross Country: Sydney East Carnival, Canterbury South Public School Mufti Day/BBQ - Boggabilla Central School (Year 9) Boori Pryor incursion (Year 7), Great Hall, 13:30-15:20 Rugby: GPS v CNTY Trials, 2.30pm Rugby: GPS v ISA Trials, 4pm	14 *** Cross Country: Sydney East Carnival Cross Country: CIS Championships, Eastern Creek, 09:00 Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly and Confirmation of Prefects, Great Hall, 09:00-09:48 Year 11 Assembly re Prefects 2012, Great Hall, 09:48-10:36 Years 7, 8 and 9	15 Yr 10 Science Excursion to Luna Park 'Physics is fun' Football: Year 8 Camp, Outterside Centre Basketball: CHS KO series Round of 16	Relay, Ewen Park (09:00) Trial Fencing: School	17