



From the Principal High Talent



Pinyan Gao (Year 10) was selected as setter for the Australian All schools U16 Volleyball team – a great achievement! Well done to the 15s basketball team in the Sydney East final of the CHS Knockout competition. Jack Hutchison was MVP in all games he played. Congratulations to him and Joshua Leo, Michael Hamilton, Brian Tran, Alex So, Brendan Fattore, Anthony Wu, Nathan Sutton, Bailey Musulin and Noah Fowler. Our Junior A Chess team finished runners-up in the NSW Junior Chess League Schools Competition. Well done to: Manil Abeysekera, Johnson Lin, Andrew Wu and Andrew Xu (Year 8) and Wesley Yu (Year 7). Congratulations to all collectors for Jeans for Genes – \$25,412 for one day!

Cyber Safety Presentation

Cyber expert Robyn Rishani presented to Years 8 and 10 and to parents from SBHS and SGHS on Thursday last. The evening was organised by the Cyber Management Committee led by Rachel Powell. Ms Rishani's presentation ranged across a spectrum of concerns about use of the internet. She discussed safety and security when accessing social networking sites, how to control teenage internet use and what to do about excessive gaming. She employed the extended metaphor of the cyber world as a playground with attractions and dangers. Like a playground, rules for use and limitations for actions on the equipment are necessary. Teenagers need limits, particularly in respect to time and site access, and they need to be enforced. Ms Rishani addressed specific concerns raised by parents after her presentation. For more of what she offers see www.YourKidsOnline.com.au

Saturday Sport Attendance Monitoring

It is always important for MICs and coaches to know whether everybody will be attending Saturday sport. Teams and our opponents need to know, too. David Isaacs has designed a procedure to allow student self-reporting in advance for absences from Saturday sport. The process will be trialled

on the final winter sport fixture against Sydney Grammar on Saturday. Students can access the system from the Student Portal by going to My Absences -> "I'm going to be absent from sport" – <https://student.sbhs.net.au/absences/sport>.

The student then picks their sport and clicks a button. The acceptability of the reason for absence will be determined once a note explaining the absence from sport is submitted on Monday. In addition, coaches will be taking attendance checks and recording them electronically for Monday morning data collection. Once summer sport commences, attendance at Saturday sport will be checked each week. Our plan is to extend attendance checking to all training sessions as soon as practicable.

Acceleration Information evening



Our annual information evening for Year 9 parents on High's acceleration program was held this week. A soft copy of the presentation is available through the Parents' Portal. Year 9 boys who are interested in subject acceleration should discuss it with their teacher in the first instance. Generally, acceleration is available in modern history, geography, music 2 and business studies. Occasionally, in special cases, boys are permitted to accelerate in visual arts, PDHPE, design and technology and some languages. Generally speaking, attempts at acceleration in English, chemistry, physics, biology, software design and engineering studies are not allowed. Mathematics has its own program of accelerative enrichment in Years 9 and 10 followed by a formal acceleration of 80 of the best 2-unit students in Year 11. Each Faculty has its own policy adapted from the school's policy. Students are reminded that applications for admittance to acceleration courses for 2013 are due in by the end of term. To get the latest version of the form you need go to R:\School Admin\Acceleration\Independent Learning Plan\Individual Learning Plan Form.

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Parent Information Evenings



Year 9 2013 Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening will be held on **Monday 10 September** in the Great Hall at 6:00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in Year 9 2013.

Year 11 2013 Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening will be held on **Monday 10 September** in the Great Hall at 7:00 pm to discuss the subjects studied by boys in Year 11 2013.

R Dowdell, Deputy Principal

Anti-Discrimination Contact Officer



As a NSW public school, Sydney Boys has an emphasis on inclusive education. This includes an emphasis on cultural diversity and multiculturalism. The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a range of policies which emphasise this, including an Anti-Racism policy which requires every school to have an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO).

As part of our participation in the *Proud Schools* program, High has decided to expand the role of ARCO to incorporate all forms of discrimination including homophobia and other forms of discrimination based on gender and sexual identity. The new expanded Anti-Discrimination Contact Officer (ADCO) role will be working with the Proud Schools initiative, as well as the Values Education program to educate students about all forms of discrimination and to build an even more inclusive and diverse school community.

The primary role of the ADCO will always be as a point of contact for all members of the school community: staff, students and parents and/or guardians. If you have any questions or concerns, or you have experienced or witnessed any form of discrimination please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. You are also welcome to make a time to meet in person.

Rhiannon Davis – ADCO

(History and Studies of Religion)

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DIE DEUTSCHE FRAGE

Remember my scooter – which by now has been returned to its stable as my leg has been declared almost fit for its original purpose – and the fact that I wanted a German nickname for it? “**Turbo Rolli**” was **Karsten Michael’s (Yr 8)** suggestion – it does hint at speeding, doesn’t it? Perhaps this is the place where I should apologise to all creatures great and small for almost running them over! (My own term of endearment was “**Teppich Porsche**” – carpet Porsche.)

Die neue Frage: eine Stadt in Deutschland, in welcher englisch sprechende Menschen bestimmt nicht wohnen wollen.

Frau St Leon

From the Canteen



We are very fortunate to be one of the few schools with a canteen that is not privately owned. It is run by a canteen committee, a sub-committee of the P&C, with all profits being returned to the school. Our canteen makes substantial profits thanks to the excellent operation by our Managers Karen and Tracey, which are used to benefit all of our sons. If you wish to become involved with this committee, we meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2.45pm in the school’s boardroom. Please come along.

Come and try our tasty chicken and vegetable stir fry, which is made with fresh noodles.

Thanks to the volunteers last week.

MON: Carolyn Pope, Sam Guo, Shannon Hickey, Rachel Fowler,

TUES: Agnes Leo, Yan Mei (Rena) Yin, Angela Feng,

WEDS: Anna Goh, Vikki Angell,

THURS: Li Ling Chen (Mary)

FRI: Iris Lau

Extra special thanks to Iris and Mary who worked alone Thursday and Friday. We couldn’t have managed without them and also to Samson.

The Canteen Team

SBHSDEBATING

Here we are at an exhausted end of the debating season, but hopefully our debaters have got a little bit more energy than me and are ready to meet the Grammar challenge tonight.

Last week I inadvertently missed the High Notes deadline which was such a shame as we had the most amazing set of results on Friday 24th to report. We won every single debate against Joeys which really is an achievement and the Year 12s told me they could not remember this happening since they have been at High. This success was continued at Scots where we won over 50% of our debates.

This was our last Home Debate of the season and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents that have been so generous with their time both bringing and preparing food for our marvellous suppers. In particular Nina and Reeta have done a sterling job as supper coordinators and I know that we all thank you for this important role. Also a big thank you to my team of helpers who have worked so hard to set up rooms and put them back again, have run around with markers and keys and generally be a really great help to me: Calum, Nathan and Oliver – thank you so much.

I was so pleased to see the big crowd that turned up to watch the Firsts debate at Scots. I counted nearly 30 people representing High in the audience (and 5 representing Scots!). It is really pleasing to see Junior debaters staying behind with their parents to watch the older debaters. Thank you to everyone who facilitated this - especially the parents who stayed to enable their sons to watch and to Mr J Kay who came along to support the Firsts.

I hope we get an even bigger crowd to watch our two tie breaker debates for Firsts and Seconds. This is the last chance to watch our most successful debating team ever. I really encourage you to come along and support debating on Friday. I just received an email from the Grammar MIC who said he was welcoming "Our old rivals". Sounds like a challenge to me.

Many congratulations to our Year 10 team who have won two PDC debates in the past week and will continue to the PDC Regional Final against the girls on Thursday. Good luck to them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Debating Dinner on Saturday.

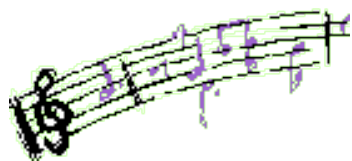
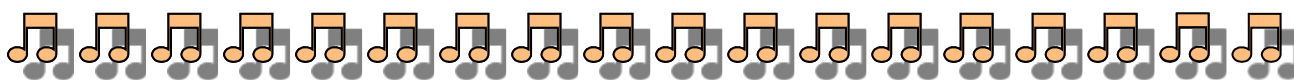
Rachel Powell
Debating Coordinator

After a great performance against Joeys where we won every single debate, we moved on to the penultimate round of the GPS season against Scots. Once again we continued our success and won 7 of the 12 debates, including 1st and 2nd grade. This means the final round of the competition today against Grammar will have the final two undefeated teams from both divisions fighting it out for the premierships! I hope to see a packed hall of High supporters for this crucial debate, but what will also be for the 1st grade side our last debate for High.

Christopher Chiam
Debating Captain and 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 \[sbhsdebating@gmail.com\]\(mailto:sbhsdebating@gmail.com\) and ask to be added to the parent group for your child's year.](#)



MUSIC NOTES

AMEB VIOLIN EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to all the boys who completed violin exams over the weekend. Fantastic results!

Samuel Zheng (Year 7) 4th Grade: B+ Keller Huang (Year 9) Grade 7: B

Kevin Lane (Year 9) Grade 1: A Vishakulan Prapakaran (Year 11): Grade 2: B

Also, thanks to Denis Kasza (violin teacher at SBHS) who prepared the boys for the exam. Thankyou and WELL DONE, BOYS!!!!

HSC MUSIC PERFORMANCE EXAM

Music 2 & Extension: Monday 10th September 1:05pm-5:45pm

All the best of luck, boys!!! =D

TWILIGHT SOIREE

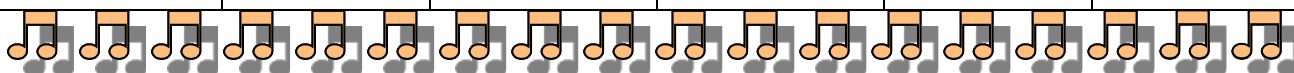
A soiree will be held on Wednesday 19th of September in the Great Hall from 6pm-7:30pm. All students, staff and parents are welcome!!! The following ensembles/bands that will perform on the night are: Jazz Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Philharmonic Orchestra, Senior String Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra and also a special performance by one of our own Year 12 HSC Music boys =D

PRACTISING DAILY

Instrumental tutors have been talking to the music staff and are concerned with some of the boys as they're not prepared for their lesson .Please remember PRACTICE DAILY, if only for 20 minutes is required for you to develop your awesome musical skills and make your tutor happy. Practice makes perfect!!!!!!

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 (LUNCH TIME) Room 201	Junior Stage Band Room 201	Symphony Orchestra Room 201	Senior String Ensemble Room 101
	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			





SBHS RUGBY High Rugby = High Spirit
Rugby Website
<http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/rugby/>.



High vs Scots

The sixth GPS game was very competitive for most teams, with half the teams scoring victories. Most teams matched up well against Scots, while the effort of the round was the 16Bs who overcame Shore 16Es after previously losing to their Fs. With one game remaining it would be great to see as many people as possible to support the 1st XV against Grammar at Weigall at 3.15.



Team reports – Each week one team/age group report will feature in the High Notes with the rest going on <http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/rugby/>.

13Cs report

Last Saturday the 13Cs played The Scots College 13Hs. It was their best performance this season, and pleasingly witnessed by a large number of High parents.

In the first half we fielded fourteen of our 12 year old players, who should be the nucleus of the 13As in 2013. They were very competitive against an older and more experienced team. Lucas Wong showed his talent and versatility playing a great game at five eighth. Louis Saunders, Connor Fisher and Cameron Ma played strongly in the forwards. The honours were shared at half time 10 all.

In the second half the regular team took the field and Stephen Nguyen took control. The improvement in every player was evident for all to see. A testament to their improvement was the fact that all the wingers were given time and space for solo runs in open play during the game, eight in total, and that the team scored tries from set plays, team work and individual determination. Raymond Huang benefited from a well-worked scrum based play with Daniel Wang. Connor Fisher scored in the corner after several recycles at the breakdown and Tushaya Mehdiratta scored a 70m solo try because he refused to be tackled.

The biggest improvement can be seen in the line-out. Hamza Mulla soars above the opposition taking two handed grabs, supported by the strength of Daniel Wang, Matthew Whitaker and Cameron Ma and the accurate throwing of Louis Saunders.

The challenge for the team is to put a solid performance in against Grammar in the last game of the season.

Upcoming games –8/9/12 vs Grammar at Weigall.



SBHS 2012 RUGBY DINNER

Help celebrate another great year of High Rugby

WHEN?	Friday 21 September 2012. 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start.
WHERE?	Great Hall, Sydney Boys High School.
WHO?	Players, parents, coaches, friends and supporters. <i>Players to wear school uniform. Adults wear smart casual.</i>
WHY?	To acknowledge the commitment and achievements of all our players and because friendships made through High Rugby last a lifetime.
COST?	\$30 per person. Payable to the school office by Monday 17 September. Maximum seating 220. <i>Soft drinks and mineral water provided.</i>

SBHS 2012 RUGBY DINNER

Student Name _____ Year/Roll Class _____

Rugby Team _____ *Team details are important for seating arrangements.*

Number of adults _____ Number of students _____ Total number of tickets _____

Total number of tickets @ \$30/person = \$ _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? _____



The 2012 SBHS Football Dinner

SBHS Football will celebrate the efforts and achievements of our boys as well as acknowledge coaches and supporters at the SBHS Football dinner on Thursday 20th September.

Players are asked to take responsibility on a team-by-team basis for end-of-season gifts to their team's coach. **Please take the time to do this as the coaching staff put in a fantastic effort each season.**

**The dinner will be held on Thursday 20th September, in the Great Hall at 5.30pm
Vegetarian food will be available.**

The cost of the dinner will be \$30 per adult and student. Children under 11 yrs old - \$15.

Payment for the dinner must be made at the **Main Office by Friday 14 September.**

Boys to wear school uniform at the dinner. Soft drinks provided.

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

2012 FOOTBALL DINNER

Student Name Year/Roll class.....

Football Team

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

TOTAL Number of students @ \$30 (SBHS students) \$

Under 11 children@ \$15 \$

TOTAL \$ _____

Can you help with setting up the hall or cleaning up at the end?

Please email your details to sbhsfootball@gmail.com

September/October 2012

07-09-2012

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 A	10 *** Basketball: NSW Championship School Finals, Terrigal Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp (Gosford) Basketball: NSW All Schools KO Finals HSC Music 2 and Extension Practical exams, Great Hall, 13:00-17:45 Parent Information Evenings, Great Hall, Year 9 2013 18:00-19:00, Year 11 2013,	11 Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp (Gosford) Tennis: Stan Jones Final series Rowing: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:00	12 Change to summer sport (Years 10-11) Year 11 Yearly Exams High Resolves Year 9 School Service Project, Room 301, Periods 5 and 6 Tennis: Stan Jones Final series Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp (Gosford)	13 Year 11 Yearly Exams Morning Tea for Parents and Cricketers, Common room 11am Year 10 Filmmaking Excursion to AFTRS 9MaF class test P4 Change to summer sport (Years 7-9)	14 Year 11 Yearly Exams Rugby: Opens 7s Tournament, Penrith PAWS Excursion to Peanuts Funny Farm 7MaE class test, P6	15 Chess: GPS Competition, Great Hall, 09:00-15:00 Fencing: School Championship Senior Epee, Sabre Teams HSC German Extension Oral Examination Cricket: High (1st XI & 2nd XI) vs Roseville Cricket Club (Mens) at Roseville	16
10 B	17 Attendance and Progress Review (all Years) Winter Sport Reports to be submitted to Record Committee 10MaC class test P4 Year 11 Yearly Exams Football: Committee meetings, Room 901, 17:30	18 Year 11 Yearly Exams Year 8 History/Geography Excursion Oasis Collection - Year 12 Year 7 House Basketball, lunchtime OCMC meeting, Board Room, 17:00 Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 18:30	19 Year 11 Yearly Exams Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea, Great Hall, 13:30-16:00 Debating: CHS Representatives, rooms 205,207,208,209 and Staff Common Room, 18:00 P and C Meeting, Board Room, 19:30	20 Year 11 Yearly Exams Year 10 High Resolves Community Action Project, Room 301, Periods 5 and 6 Football: Dinner, Great Hall, 18:30-21:30	21 Year 11 Yearly Exams Rugby: Dinner, Great Hall, 18:30-21:30 LAST DAY TERM 3	22 Great Hall, 07:30-17:00	23
1 A	8 School resumes - staff and students Class of 1952, Great Hall, 11:00-15:00 P and C Executive Meeting, Board Room, 18:00	9 Foundation Day Assembly/Prefect Induction, Great Hall, 11:30-12:30 9MaF class test P1 Rowing: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:00	10 GPS Summer Sports Assembly (Basketball, Cricket, Water Polo), Great Hall, 11:30-12:30 High Resolves Year 9 School Service Project, Room 301, Periods 5 and 6 Cricket: Committee Meeting and AGM, Room 901, 17:30 Year 11 Parent Meeting with Year Adviser, Great Hall, 18:00-21:30	11 Drama: Year 11 Major Production, Room 204, 7pm	12 Y11 Cutler Foundation External Collection	13 Sport: Group 1 Twenty20 tournament, Group 2 SJC v SHS Rowing: High Parents and Friends Rowing Challenge, Outterside Centre, 06:00-12:00	14 Cricket Season Launch, McKay 4pm Rowing: High Parents and Friends Rowing Challenge, Outterside Centre, 06:00-12:00
2 B	15 HSC Exams commence English Adv Paper 1 206 (13:50-16:00) Selective Schools Application Forms for Year 7 2014 available	16 HSC Exams Heritage Chinese 4 (09:30-12:10) Water Polo: Sydney East U15 KO OCMC meeting, Board Room, 17:00 Fencing: Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 17:30 Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 18:30	17 HSC Exams English Adv Paper 2 206 (09:25-11:30) School Council Meeting (Budget 2013), Board Room, 17:30 P and C Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:30	18 HSC Exams Economics 62 (09:25-12:30), Drama 4 (13:55-15:30) Year 8 Excursion to Nan Tien Temple in Berkeley tbc	19 Pink Ribbon Day external collection for Y10-11 6.15-9.15am HSC Exams Biology 18 (09:25-12:30)	20 Sport: Group 1 Twenty20 tournament semi finals, Group 2 SHS v NC Rowing: High Parents and Friends Rowing Challenge, Outterside Centre, 06:00-12:00 Great Hall, 07:30-17:00	21