



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

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#### From the Principal High Talent



Congratulations to Justin Fang (Year 9) who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in

NSW in the ASX Share Market competition. Well done to our Alan Davidson Shield cricketers who won their fourth round knockout match against Kirrawee spearheaded by Raphin Hossain (3-23) and Vishal Nomula 47\*. Congratulations to William Yang (SHS2014) for his nomination to ARTEXPRSS for his HSC work *My Grandparents: The Pioneers.* 

#### **Student Award Scheme**

The Student Award Scheme for points to be earned for this calendar year will close on November 28. All students will have their points calculated as of this date. Year 11 Prefect Interns will have their final points calculated and must have qualified to continue as Interns by earning an award this year. Even if they have carry over points, they must earn 100 this year to stay as a Prefect. The 2015 Scheme commences on December 1. Boys who are close to getting an award should fire up now in parking, school working bees or volunteering to reach the threshold required.

#### **Music Awards Assembly**

The Music Awards Assembly was held on Monday. Professor William Gladstone, Head of the School of Environment, Faculty of Science, University of Technology, Sydney, gave an insightful address including seven life tips. 1. Become independent of your parents as soon as you can. 2. If you are considering following a family business or profession think carefully and make sure you are truly passionate about it. 3. Discover your passion as early as you can. 4. Spend equal time developing your academic and emotional intelligence throughout your life. 5. Spend at least 30 minutes each day unplugged from the internet, TV and computer games. 6. Value the women in your life. 7. Accept your own uniqueness.

My address to the assembly is reprinted below:

Special guests, members of the P & C Music Committee, musicians, tutors, staff and students, welcome to our annual Music Awards Assembly. The Performance Music Program is a very important one at High. We have most mornings assigned to ensembles in our off-line timetable. More than 250 boys participate. We have a tradition of training a Marching Band, principally to perform at each Anzac Day march. We have numerous ensembles that have opportunities for public performances at assemblies, in front of their parents and peers. We have musicians who represent the school at school and public functions, in Performing arts Unit ensembles, at Shopping Centres and at private functions, such as the string ensemble performing at Government House at the Sir Roden and Lady Cutler Foundation function.

The assembly today is designed to recognise and reward all the boys who have taken part in the program this year. Some boys have performed in multiple ensembles and have taken up new instruments to augment areas where instruments were needed. In addition, most of our participants practised privately with tutors during the season to maintain their performance standard. In terms of hours spent on an activity, music is as demanding as any sport. It is more costly also.

We acknowledge today those special performers and scholars who have attained excellence in their musical accomplishments. The performance component of the academic music program is enhanced by the participation of these scholars. It is also inspiring for young musicians to be able to be able to perform alongside their more experienced fellow students. Music performance complements ceremonial, celebratory and social events. We often ask our music staff to provide ensembles or individuals to perform for us or others associated with High, usually at short notice.

As usual, I want to thank the Music teachers, Ms Miller, Ms Lim and Ms Kim, as well as our professional tutors, for the time they have devoted to training ensembles for performance.

Musical performance is great for brain development. It stimulates brain growth in maturing students and enhances internal hemisphere communication. Music is important because of the way it allows the brain to have a rest from academic contemplation. It allows you to get into the 'zone'. It also stimulates cross hemispheric synaptic growth. As a consequence, performing music is good for your personal growth and mental health. I encourage boys to continue with their music, even as support players in ensembles. You can have fun, make friends and accomplish something authentic by joining an ensemble.

We have a program of joint musical / drama productions with SGHS which has enriched the performance opportunities for musicians in both schools. High produces many outstanding musicians. The tradition of multiple Encore nominations continues this year with five boys. High is a great school in which to study music to HSC level.

Thank you to the Music Staff and Ms Louis Graul for their work in administering the music program this year. The Music Committee raises valuable funds through parking activities. This money is used to provide large instruments for our program and to assist musicians with music scholarships. I thank the Music Committee on your behalf for their support. I congratulate those boys being recognised and awarded today and urge as many boys as possible to engage in musical training and performance.

#### **Orientation Day 2014**

Thank you to our staff, students and parents who worked so well together to make the orientation / enrolment process as smooth and efficient as possible. The enrolment processes were completed in good time thanks to the SAS staff. They had to process 216 new students. The Great Hall was full for the assembly 4:00-4:45. Many new students and their parents were shown around the school by Prefects. These boys also did a wonderful job assisting the SAS staff in the Common Room as they processed applications. Volunteers who attended the various activity stalls did a great job too, as did the parents who gave up their time. Thank you also to the P & C for providing refreshments. Mr Aldous organised the day very efficiently again. Thank you to everyone involved.

Dr K A Jaggar

#### **Honeybees Concert**

On Saturday evening the Honeybees performed in the Great Hall. Hosting this event over the past few years has been one of the many activities we undertake as part of our charitable work at High. The evening consisted of great entertainment being performed by the 26 strong acapella choir whilst guests enjoyed the picnics they had brought along. We even got a chance to take part in participating in a rendition of Swing Low, Sweet Chariot – some of us with more musical skill than others!

This year the Honeybees were raising funds for Medicins San Frontieres who are leading the fight against Ebola in West Africa. As part of this very enjoyable evening we heard from a nurse from Liberia who is studying Public Health at UNSW. Her very emotional speech struck a chord with everyone in the audience and undoubtedly was part of the reason for the enormous proceeds collected at the end of the evening which came to \$5700.

Next year the concert will be on 5 December. I highly recommend you write it in your diaries! Rachel Powell Deputy Principal

#### THANK YOU Orientation & Enrolment Day

Many thanks to the students who participated in Orientation Day and helped our 2015 students and families feel welcome. It was great to see the large number of both junior and senior students become involved. The school tours were popular again this year and our tour guides did a wonderful job.

Thank you to the senior students who assisted our Administrative Staff in and around the Common Room. Your help was invaluable and allowed us to move through the enrolment process as quickly as possible. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Mr Mick Aldous, Ms Paris Munro, Mr Paul Scrivener, our Program Managers and our MICs for organising the students and activities.

Thank you also to Mr Jim Crampton, Mr Andrew Nguyen, Mr Nathan Smith and the students who assisted with the set up for the day's events.

Thank you to our tireless P&C parents who once again provided welcome refreshments throughout the afternoon for our new families.

A special thank you must go to our Administrative Staff. Thank you for your hard work during the long weeks of preparation and your fantastic efforts on what is our busiest day of the year. This year SASS processed the enrolments in record time which was a fantastic effort. Thank you for invaluable support and for staying until the last student was enrolled. Sharon Kearns

School Administrative Manager

#### **Remembrance Day**

At 11am on 11 November, Sydney Boys High School commemorated Remembrance Day. This memorial was particularly poignant as this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the First World War.

Thanks to the presenters: Thomas Nassif, Chi Mao, Angus Wu and Arthur Chao.

The Ode – The Ode is taken from Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.





#### Annual Music Assembly

Our annual music assembly held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of November acknowledged all the hard work and achievements of our Music students this year. Thank you to our special guest speaker Professor William Gladstone (UTS), who gave an inspiring address to the boys.

#### Large Ensembles Concert

The Large Ensembles Concert was a huge success with the Intermediate Concert Band opening up the concert on Monday evening (10<sup>th</sup> November) followed by Symphony Orchestra, Senior Concert Band and also featuring the 3 ensembles that will be performing in the USA next year (String Ensemble, Stage Band and Concert Band). Thank you to all the parents and friends who came and supported the boys! =)

#### Jazz in the Courtyard

Jazz in the Courtyard and Small Ensembles will be performing on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 3.30pm. There will be a workshop for all ensembles before the concert between 1-3pm. The concert is FREE and we ask that you bring along a picnic basket to enjoy with your family and friends. Please support the 2015 Music USA Tour as the music committee will be selling afternoon tea before and during the concert. Performing Ensembles:

- Chamber Choir
- Junior Stage Band
- Intermediate Stage Band
- Senior Stage Band
- Junior Strings
- Senior Strings
- Philharmonic Orchestra
- Saxophone Ensemble

#### Marching Band

Marching Band rehearsal will commence from Tuesday 18th of November, 3.30pm.

#### Music Committee Meeting

Our next Music Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 18th of November 2014 in the Staff Common Room, 6pm-7:30pm.

#### 2015 USA Music Tour Rehearsals

String Ensemble: Thursdays 7.45am, Room 101 Stage Band: 21<sup>st</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December (Fridays) 7.45am, Room 101 Concert Band: Fridays 8am, Room 201 All rehearsals are COMPULSORY for all boys.

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2014



This Saturday yielded great results for High. Winds started off very light in the morning, resulting in a quick paddle out of the bay. Fortunately, the wind later picked up, carrying the fleet over to Rose Bay fairly quickly. There were 2 Fleet Races during the day and Teams Racing was cancelled.

The first short race saw High sailors in first (Kai Matsumoto/Darren Lim), third (Angelo Yan/Kai Huang) and seventh places (Darren Taing). In the second race, Angelo Yan filled first position, Darren Taing was second, Kai Matsumoto sailed into third place, with Tiger Zhang and crew sailing into the first four positions. A great result with High sailors filling five out of the top ten places. (Dallas Yan/Kim Nicholls in seventh place).

#### High Store

Year 9 Students Senior Uniform Purchase your senior uniform NOW to avoid long queues. Senior Tie \$28.50 Senior Trousers \$69 Short Sleeve White Shirt 14-22 \$29, 24-28 \$3 The wind grew fickle in the second race; yet High sailors persevered, despite a slightly difficult start for some. The results from the second race proved, as before, the talent and skill, as well as the yields of excellent training from High's Coaches, of High's sailors in their ability to adapt and sail superbly in changing conditions. Overall this Saturday bore consistent results, as well as giving a trove of experience to the newer sailors.

Arthur Chao Sailing Media Officer

#### Thanks from High Store

Special thanks go to the High Store's wonderful and caring volunteers who worked continuously up to 10 hours to service our new students to the school on Orientation Day. Ourania Flabouris, Suzana Nimac, Lesa Katsillis, Agnes Leo, Cindy Tseu, Stam Farrugia, Cora Farrell, Christina Chow & Malin Wongthavaeevapa

## **SYDNEY HIGH TENNIS**

*"It is not about the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."* High vs St Joseph's ( 5<sup>th</sup> Round of GPS Trial Season)



	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Result (WIN)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (WIN)	Result
D1	1 + 2	L 4-6 5-7	1 + 2	W 6-0 6-4
D2	3 + 4	W 6-1 6-2	3 + 6	W 6-0 6-1
D3	5 + 6	W 6-1 6-1	4 + 5	W 6-1 6-0
S1	Eddy Wang	L 6-1 Forf.	Richard Hao	W 6-0 6-0
S2	Carl Yang	W 6-3 7-5	James Lian	W 6-2 6-3
S3	Stevie Young	W 6-0 6-1	Danny Yu	W 6-2 6-0
S4	Josh Sangueza	W 6-3 6-0	Aaron Tang	W 6-0 6-3
S5	Adam Smagarinsky	W 6-4 6-2	Branko Stajic	W 6-2 6-3
S6	Matthew O'Sullivan	W 6-0 6-0	Wanyu Tang	W 6-2 7-6

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Hunters Hill was the location of the continuation of the unbeaten preseason for High Tennis with another victory against rivals St Joseph's College. The simmering heat along with the exciting match play made it another successful and exciting Saturday. Doubles 2 and 3 were quick but entertaining matches which further showcased our improvement in doubles. Eddy and Carl again played a commendable match of doubles again only slightly being beaten, making them even hungrier for their next doubles victory. Eddy who also suffered from sickness on the day was unable to finish his singles match. Despite the disappointment we were able to win all the rest of the singles rubbers with Carl able to outsmart and out manoeuvre his opponent with his serve and volley style. Ending the day with a distinguished victory we departed with a content and familiar feeling of victory hopefully a feeling we will experiencing for many weeks to come. Congratulations are also due to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade with their first 9-0 victory, demonstrating that they too have a chance at glory this season.

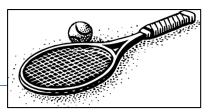
-First Grade Captain -Adam Smagarinsky

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

2nd Grade hosted St Joseph's this week, knowing that this would be the second last trial match before the GPS season kicks off on 22 November. The boys went out full of confidence. The first pair had no problems taking the first set, although a drop in playing level resulted in a much tighter second set, with the final score 6-0 6-4. The second pair played aggressively at the net and controlled the whole match, winning 6-0 6-1. The third pair of Aaron and Branko, playing just their second match together, were equally impressive in their 6-1 6-0 victory. The singles matches which followed were also one-sided affairs. Richard handed his opponent the dreaded double bagel score of 6-0 6-0. James was too good for his opponent, winning comfortably 6-2 6-3. Danny's aggressive baseline game could not be countered by his opponent, the score being 6-2 6-0. Aaron played some of his best tennis, blasting winners everywhere in his 6-0 6-3 demolition. Branko did not play at his best, but won his match with ease, 6-2 6-3. Wanyu dominated his opponent in the first set, but had to close out his match in a tiebreaker, 6-2 7-6(3). This whitewash over St Joseph's without dropping a set was the best match 2nd Grade has played all season, and it gives the team even more confidence knowing that there is still much room for improvement. The boys are looking forward to the last trial match of the year, a big challenge against Riverview.

- Second Grade Captain -Richard Hao

### **JUNIOR RESULTS**



#### 14As

Our A team walked into our match against St Joseph's confidently. But silly errors and lack of concentration proved to be our demise. Our light-hearted approach in my doubles with Patrick resulted in numerous unnecessary mistakes, causing us to lose 6-2. Daniel and Jia Wei struggled to get past the strong defence of St Joseph's, despite Daniel's strong performance at volleying. The A team, wary of our strong opponents, lost confidence. A poor all-round performance on my part resulted in a 6-0 thrashing. Patrick played well, other than a hesitant backhand. He fought hard and well to come back from 5-1, but was pipped at the post

in a tiebreaker. Daniel applied his well-known serve and approach tactic, but his opponent's consistency proved too much for Daniel, causing him to lose 6-2. Jia Wei played a defensive game, trying to get the ball back and making his opponent make the mistake, but Jia Wei's opponent's placement proved too much, resulting in a 6-2 loss. Despite being whitewashed, our team will come back fighting. With some handy advice from Mr Wright, we will enter our next match stronger and smarter.

-Adrian Panas



Last Saturday, High was defeated by Joeys. The C team of the 14s played exceptional tennis, but were still defeated. Liam Heng played excellent tennis against his opponent, despite all odds. The end score was 0-6 to Joeys. Thomas Chen, although losing to Joeys 3-6, played superb tennis against his opponent. Daniel

Wang lost 2-6 to Joeys but kept his head held high. Justin Su played great tennis but still ended up with a score of 1-6 to Joeys. Overall, the 14s C team played marvellous tennis on the weekend. -Justin Su

For more info visit the Sydney High tennis website at: <u>http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/tennis/</u> Please spare some of your time on Saturday to come down and support High Tennis.



### HIGH vs. Joeys: Term 1, 2014

HIGH vs. Joeys: Term 4, 2014

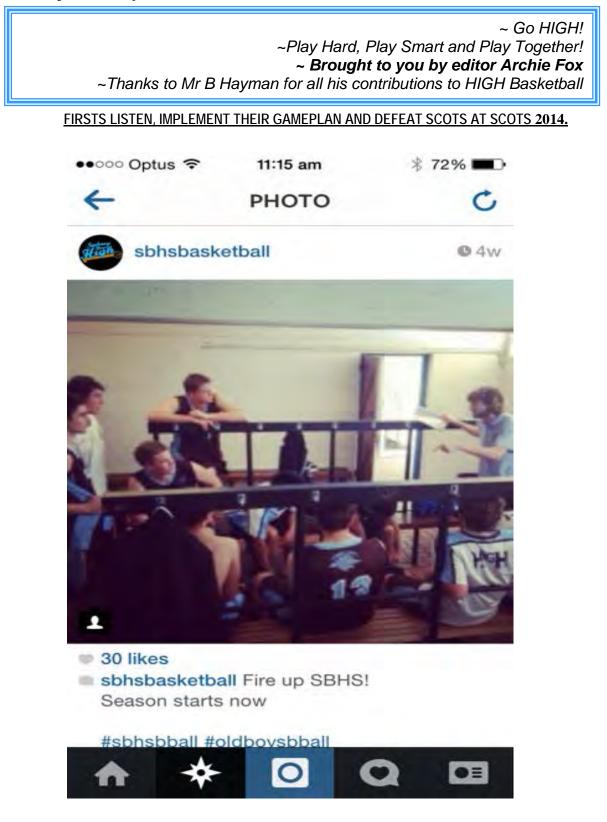
High	Vs	Joeys	Term 1, 2014 (last time)
TEAM	RESUL T	SCORE	TOP SCORER/MVP
1st	WIN	61-50	G.GERLACH 23
2nd	LOSS	48-36	C.SHI 9
3rd	LOSS	31-28	K.LIANG 8
4th	WIN	32-30	M.NG 6
16A	WIN	37-24	J.GEK 13
15 <b>A</b>	WIN	40-23	P.DADSON 11
15B	WIN	22-19	J.YE 8
15C	WIN	32-21	S.CHEN 8
15D	WIN	19-13	P.YU 8
15E	WIN	25-6	A.ZAFAR 10
15F	WIN	65-2	D.JARIV-
			NGUYEN 14,
			J.ZHENG 14,
			Y.YIP 10

High	Vs	Joeys	Term 4, 2014 (this time)
TEAM	RESULT	SCORE	TOP SCORER
1st	LOSS	79-74	N.SUTTON 21
			EFFICIENCY
2nd	LOSS	45-43	TEAM EFFORT
3rd	LOSS	19-33	J.GEK 6
4th	LOSS	33-43	J.CHEN 10
5th	LOSS	21-31	C.WANG 8
6th	WIN	21-15	M.NG 8
7th	DRAW	27-27	R.SEONG 8
8TH	WIN	39-16	TEAM EFFORT
16A	LOSS	18-47	
16B	WIN	35-22	D.HAMILTON 8
16C	WIN	20-18	K.ZHANG 8
16D	WIN	17-14	J.ZHENG 7
16E	WIN	19-16	F.ZHANG 5,
			N.ZHANG 5
16F	WIN	16-10	B.CHAN 6
15A	WIN	30-20	N.CHAND 8
15B	WIN	58-30	Y.LE 15
15C	WIN	28-16	D.THICH 7
15D	LOSS	28-38	J.KIM 8
15E	WIN	36-6	A.STEELE 5
15F	WIN	65-6	L.FONG
14A	LOSS	27-20	J. SOMANDER
			9
14B	LOSS	31-34	J.WANG 9
14C	DRAW	17-17	H-M. NGUYEN 7
14D	WIN	24-11	F.NGUYEN 8
14E	WIN	21-16	J.ZHANG 8
14F	LOSS	27-10	P.PHAN 4

If 17/28 is the worst for SBHS in a decade then it can't be too bad at SBHS... Nevertheless we need to lift our game and respect the work being put in by the High community. Five consecutive losses in opens were harsh. There were some positive signs with the juniors having a 70% win rate. A close loss in the 14 Bs and draw in the 14 Cs at 17 a piece were results which could have gone differently.

The Firsts came within a few defensive stops and a few free throws of victory and have performed really well at times.

Next week is St Ignatius who are UNDEFEATED in firsts. Firsts play at Gartlan Centre 1 – 11.15. Support is much appreciated. Good luck and go High!





#### **Boat Naming Cocktail Party**

The cocktail party last Saturday night was a happy and special occasion as Old Boys, rowers, parents, friends and families celebrated the naming of 5 new boats. It was an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of outstanding High Rowing supporters. Boats were named in honour of –

- Comninos Family
- Anne-Maree Keogh
- Musgrove Family
- Julie Blomberg
- Norm Lamerton



Old Boy and former President Rowing Committee, George Comninos (1986), Noi Comninos, past Rowing Committee member and son Steve Comninos (2014) naming a Sykes VIII



Anne-Maree Keogh, former Rowing Committee member, with son Daniel Keogh (2013) and family naming a Sykes IV



Julie Blomberg, MIC Rowing, with husband David Blomberg (1971), son Andrew Blomberg (2010), and family naming a Sykes VIII



Tim Musgrove (1973), sons Jack Musgrove (2010) and current student Sam Musgrove (2015) with family naming a Burton single scull

Team	Score	Result	Highlights		
	Alan Davidson Shield CHS Knockout Round 4				
1st XI	SBHS 5 – 96 v Kirrawee 9 - 95	Won	Vishal Nomula 47*, Raphin Hossain 3-23		
	Group I GPS Round 2 : Group II GPS Round 2				
1st XI	SBHS 10 – 135 v Riverview 1 - 32	N/A	Vishnu Avudainayagam 30		
2nd XI	SBHS 0 – 19 v Riverview 10 – 189	N/A	Raphin Hossain 4-63		
3rd XI	SBHS 0 – 8 v Riverview 10 – 217	N/A	Fayed Morshedi 3-26		
4th XI	SBHS 10 – 40 v SJC 8 – 221	Lost	Amit Deep 3-38, Ihsan Mohammed 3-26		
5th XI	SBHS 8 – 157 v SJC 6 – 164	Lost	Tom Nassif 70, Ananath Thakur 35		
16A XI	SBHS 10 – 169 v Riverview 1 – 16	N/A	Louis Saunders 50		
16B XI	SBHS 10 – 83 v SJC 5 – 170	Lost			
15A XI	SBHS 3 – 140 v Riverview 8 – 138	N/A	Symeon Ziegler 37*, Jay Patel 5-9		
14A XI	SBHS 0 – 0 Riverview 6 – 325	N/A			

#### Cricket Results - 2014 Term 2 Week 5

Note:

W/O = Washed Out

D/L – Duckworth Lewis

#### **MIC of Cricket Report**

Playing against Riverview is by no means an easy task. They have players that have been developing their game since the age of 3 and who are physically larger and stronger than our boys. I am very impressed with the way our teams have handled their first two-day fixture. This involves more mental and physical stamina and is a true test of our character. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI started



1st XI, Vishal Nomula, tossing up his leg spinners

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had Riverview on the back foot from the start. But a starring role from a Year 8 student scoring 83 helped them post a respectable total of 189. Raphin has improved his bowling remarkably and deserved to take his 4 wickets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had Riverview 3-10 also setting a good platform. But on MPW 15 it's hard to restrict the runs. They have a good chance to chase the well again being 2-40, but Riverview adapted to the conditions well bringing on their slow bowlers and tying our batters down. Vishnu as always tried to lead from the front getting himself to 30 once again which was well supported by Vishal (22). Karthik then had to steady the ship and held his wicket for 96 deliveries scoring 27 runs. The team posted 135. Riverview also found the conditions tough finishing the day 1-35.



Cameron Pereira ripping his leg spinners

total down. The 5<sup>th</sup> XI were accompanied by some U15 players and it came down to Arunan to try and score 11 runs at the end to win the match. He hit a fantastic straight drive, but they were unable to get the victory. 16As are also looking in a good position with Louis Saunders finally getting to his half century (especially running out Sabesh for 22). 15As have by far been the most improved side. At the start of the season they were struggling to score over 30 runs. Now in the past two matches have posted very good scores and look to be in the driver's seat to win this match. Well done Jay Patel securing the school's first fifer in an innings. Bowling his left arm mediums he was awarded with his continual line and length hitting the top of off stump. The 14As had a mixed day. Having Riverview 3-60 at the half way mark, 32<sup>nd</sup> over, Riverview managed to pile the runs on at the end.

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Day, our 1<sup>st</sup> XI played their 4<sup>th</sup> round match of the Alan Davidson Shield against last year's winners, Kirrawee High

School. Vishnu managed to lose his first toss for the season after winning 11 straight and we were sent in to field. Our bowlers bowled to our game plan and that was to attack the stumps. They were rewarded for their efforts having them 6-35. Unfortunately our sundries let us down giving away 30 extra runs that allowed them to post, what was still a below par score, 95. Although we always felt comfortable in winning the match we did make it difficult for ourselves having a middle order collapse at 5-50. But our dogged little opener Vishal Nomula held his wicket and won the game with an outstanding 47\* which was well supported by Peter Yu, 17\*, putting on a 40 run partnership. The boys will now play in the South East Regional final later in the term.



Alan Davidson Shield match against Kirrawee. Boys honouring Remembrance Day

This term we see many of our teams go on fantastic cricket tours. Our top Year 9 cricketers will be participating in the annual Barberis Cup which is played against Melbourne High School. This year our boys will be travelling to Melbourne from  $16^{th} - 19^{th}$  November. The U15s and U14s cricketers participate in the annual East Coast Cup against Brisbane High School and they will be travelling up to Brisbane from  $23^{rd} - 26^{th}$  November. Then our main tour which the  $1^{st}$  XI compete in is the highly competitive 5 Highs Tour. This year Brisbane is hosting the carnival and our boys will be travelling from the  $30^{th}$  November –  $5^{th}$  December.

In the July holidays 2015 we are aiming to participate in a once in a life time opportunity to play in a cricket tournament hosted in Sri Lanka. We will be representing our school and Australia in the "World Premier Schools Cricket Challenge" Tournament. This is open to anyone in the current U15s-Opens cricket team. If you are interested in attending please notify me by email. I have created a Twitter account for regular updates in results, information and wet weather. This does not replace the school wet weather website. The link can be accessed by phone or web browser without signing in or having a twitter account. https://twitter.com/SydHighCricket

To all parents and players, don't forget to go through the points below:

- Please make sure that all the boys wear SBHS logo hats, tops and long white pants.
- They are not to wear thongs to and from their fixtures.
- Apply plenty of sunscreen throughout the day.
- Make sure they drink plenty of water and carry a drink bottle with them to training and fixtures.
- Please notify their coaches if they are unable to attend training or their fixture.

#### Geoff Tesoriero MIC of Cricket



### 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 Glen Schofield P&C President <u>sbhs.pandc@gmail.com</u>

#### P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Monday evening in the Staff Common Room. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the incoming P&C executive for 2014-2015.

#### 2014-2015 P&C Executive Office Bearers and P&C Representatives

President: Glen Schofield Vice President: Nea Saunders Vice President: Ronald Trent Secretary: Glynis Bartley Treasurer: Lawrence Ho Committee Member: Dawesh Chand Committee Member: Madura Perera Committee Member: Terence Ho-Shon Committee Member: Dora Shapiro Committee Member: Kirsty McCahon Committee Member: TBA SHS Foundation Representatives: Geoff Andrews, Peter McGregor School Council Representatives: Nea Sanders, Ronald Trent Student Wellbeing Committee Representative: Usha Arvind Big Night Out Coordinators: Nan Chen, Minhua Zhang Parking Coordinator: Dawesh Chand Parent Mentor Coordinators: Nan Chen, Minhua Zhang P&C Catering and Events: Dora Shapiro, Francisca Sjahry Library Committee Representative: Elaine Sadler Special Projects: Danny Flynn, Ian Sweeting

#### President's Report

The Sydney Boys High P&C have enjoyed a productive year providing support to the school and students in line with our requirements under the P&C constitution. In 2014, the P&C worked closely with the Principal and the school executive, providing assistance and resources where requested. Examples of this support through 2014 include:

- 1. Providing funding for school projects outside of the school's budget from profits generated by the school canteen and parent contributions.
- 2. Providing representation and expertise on the various working committees within the school, including the Governors Centre project control group, the Light Rail Project working group, the Tibby Cotter bridge working group and the Development Office working group.
- 3. Committing time, resources and hosting our whole of School family function the SBHS Big Night Out.
- 4. Planning and undertaking the New Parents Welcome at the start of the school year.
- 5. Providing support for, and representation on the School Council, Sydney High Foundation and School Sports Council.
- 6. Representing parents, carers and the wider school community on selection panels.
- 7. Managing parking revenues on behalf of the co-curricular groups and the school.

In 2014, the P&C was grateful for the support offered by a dedicated group of parents who generously gave their time serving on the executive committee. Thank you to Ron Trent (Vice President), Nea Saunders (Vice President), Glynis Bartley (Secretary), and Lawrence Ho (Treasurer) for their work throughout 2014. Thank you also to Usha Arvind, Nan Chen, Danny Flynn, Elaine Saunders, Glen Schofield, Darwesh Chand, Francisca Sjahry, Julie Connolly, Geoff Andrews, Jeremy Goff, Peter McGregor, Dora Shapiro and Minhua Zhang, all of whom undertook P&C roles on the various school

governance bodies - or provided help and expertise in their specialist fields. Jason Chen, Nan Chen and a team of hard working parents continued to operate the mentor programme helping new parents in their transition to High. Thank you to all.

This year, as in previous years, the Year Group parents' representatives have been active in disseminating essential information and organising social evenings for their Year groups and we thank them for their help and support.

At this time every year, we farewell many Year 12 parents and carers who have supported the school in a variety of ways during their boys' time at High. The P&C and the school community owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts and wish them well in the future. These parents and carers can be found involved in the many activities that make up life at SBHS- whether it be in sport, debating, music, selection panels, governance bodies, canteen, or parking. Thank you to the following Year 12 parents who have helped sustain the ethos of the school through their work on P&C projects or through the P&C co-curricular sub-committees: George and Darunee Comninos, Anne Wall, Nina Liu, Irene Ben, Nick Evans, Yvette Hauser, Craig Phillis, Jim O'Sullivan, Frances Salmon, Carrie and Geoff Waring, Stamatina Farrugia and Jason Chen. Thank you to those Year 12 parents not mentioned who nonetheless contributed throughout the years in so many ways.

#### P&C Funding Contributions to School Programs

Consistent with the P&C's objective of assisting "in providing facilities and equipment for the school", the P&C has a distinct focus on raising and distributing funds for projects and programmes within the school. The financial capacity to provide this assistance is made possible by the support of parents through a combination of P&C membership fees, provision of event car parking within the school grounds, funds raised by whole School community events and profits from the School Canteen.

In 2014, over \$100,000 has been disbursed by the P&C for a number of projects and programmes identified and prioritised by the school, including: further donations to the Governors Centre building fund; continued funding for a third Year Adviser for Years 7 and 8; ongoing assistance with funding for the Community Services, Student Support and School Liaison Officer; provision for an upcoming replacement of the large school bus; provision of rebates for school expenditures on road upgrade works; continued funding and co-ordination of the Staff Common Room improvement works.

A very special thanks to the Canteen Sub-committee, led by Sharon Hughes and the retiring Frances Salmon, who together with the Canteen staff, Karen and Tracey and their dedicated group of volunteers, have returned \$85,000 back to the School to augment parent donations for the purposes above. The dedication and energy of the Canteen team continues to produce outstanding dividends for the school and our students.

#### P&C Big Night Out and New Parents Welcome

The Big Night Out and New Parents Welcome are annual events that are organised, funded in large part, and resourced by the P&C and parent/carer volunteers. Both these events require substantial input by those involved and the P&C would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make these events a success through co-ordinating the events as well as the many parents, carers and friends of the school who set-up, cooked, cleaned and marketed for these two important dates on the school calendar.

#### P&C Co-curricular Sub-committees

Sydney Boys High is unique as a state public school in its involvement in the demanding Athletics Association of Great Public Schools (GPS) competition. This, coupled with the extensive co-curricular programmes available to High students and its selective school status, provides boys with an educational experience unmatched in the state education system. Parent/carer involvement is essential in maintaining these opportunities now and into the future. Co-curricular Sub-committees and supporter groups are in the frontline of this involvement in marshalling volunteers and raising additional funds through parking, canteens, barbecues and providing other support as required. Thank you to the Sub-committees and their teams of volunteers for their hard work and selflessness throughout 2014.

#### P&C Projects, Issues and Participation in Working Groups

P&C Executive and Year Group representatives provided a high level of commitment in several ongoing school and school community projects and issues, including:

- 1. Participation on the *Governors Centre* Project Control Group (PCG), which helped advance the project to the point where the project management and design teams have been engaged, and the design and preliminary works are underway.
- 2. Representation on a number of working groups, such as the Development office working group, and the Light Rail and Tibby Cotter bridge working group.
- 3. Involvement on the Sports Council, helping to maintain attendances at Saturday sports benefitting both the school and the participants improving results and the overall experience for students.
- 4. Maintaining an improved communications process between the co-curricular groups and their parents with the help of the school IT staff.
- 5. Providing resources and effort towards improving the New Parent Welcome which provides an important forum for communicating the unique nature of Sydney Boys High to incoming parents, and their role in its continued success.
- 6. Substantial completion of the Staff Common Room upgrade for which thanks are due to Peter McGregor, Nea Saunders and Glynis Bartley for their efforts.
- 7. Completion of the P&C storeroom upgrade and re-stocking of the Great Hall consumables.
- 8. Institution of Working Bees, led ably by Julie Fox and Peter McGregor, to allow parents to contribute directly to improvements in the school environment.

#### Governance Bodies- P&C Representation on the Sydney High School Foundation

The Sydney High School Foundation is responsible for managing key school assets including the Outterside Centre, Fairland Pavilion, the High Store and Tennis Courts. The P&C wishes to thank Geoff Andrews (Foundation Chair), Peter McGregor and Glen Schofield for their contributions to the business of the Foundation on behalf of the P&C in 2014. The Foundation's annual report is available for your interest.

#### Governance Bodies- P&C Representation on the School Council

Thank you to Julie Connolly (School Council President), Nea Saunders and Ronald Trent who represented the P&C at School Council meetings in 2014. Major issues discussed and dealt with at the School Council this year included the proposed light rail and Tibby Cotter bridge projects within the Moore Park precinct, school budgetary issues and Sports Council issues.

#### P&C- Representation on Selection Panels

During the year, the parent community once again participated on selection panels for the appointment of teaching and administrative positions within the School. Thanks are due to those parents who continue to support this important administrative role within the school on behalf of the P&C. A special thanks to Anne Wall and Irene Ben who have served on these panels numerous times and leave the school this year.

#### P&C- Relationships

The objectives of the Sydney Boys High School P&C are to "promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation; and to assist in providing facilities and equipment" and "promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school."

The P&C executive believe that our commitment to these goals in 2014 resulted in a high level of co-operation between the P&C and School stakeholders, including the Principal and school executive, teaching and administrative staff, the School Council, Sydney High School Foundation and the Old Boys Union. We would like to thank all of these individuals, groups and organisations for their part in maintaining a positive relationship with the P&C and we look forward to working together in 2015. On behalf of the P&C, I extend our warmest thanks to Dr Jaggar, the teachers and staff at High who continue to provide a unique and outstanding educational experience for our sons.

Finally, the P&C offers the warmest thanks to the parents, carers and friends of the school who have once again given of their time unstintingly throughout the year to help retain the special nature of this great school, Sydney Boys High.

#### P&C Thank You Party

This year's P&C Thank You Party will be held in the Great Hall on Monday 8 December at 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

There are a large number of parents and staff at High who contribute in a multitude of ways to the school throughout the year. The P&C would like to acknowledge these invaluable contributions and the *P&C Thank You Party* is one we can do this. We would ask anyone in the school family that has helped out in any way this year to come along and share a light supper, refreshments, some pleasant conversation, and let us say "thank you" to you and your partners. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### P&C Sub-Committees

P&C sub-committees are asked to lodge their annual reports as soon as possible. If you need more information as to the requirements for the reports, please email Lawrence Ho <u>lawrence\_wm\_ho@hotmail.com</u>

#### Ian Sweeting

### SBHS WORKING BEE 2 November 22nd - put it in your diary.

Dear Bees,

After the all round success of the first B, we are now planning the 2nd B.

We have several projects we would like to tackle.

#### Project 1. The COLA Space.

We are going to refresh this space by cleaning it with high pressure water blasters and repainting the furniture and some of the walls in really nice colours, based on the existing mosaic.

#### So we need people who can;

- Help in removing the timber slats and re fixing them back on with the aid of a cordless drill!
- Sand the timber slats thoroughly for painting.
- Paint neatly
- Wash and prepare larger wall areas, and then help paint them.
- Use a water blaster- it is easy, once you learn

#### **Project 2. The Courtyard**

We are going to straighten up and weed and clip the planters around the courtyard. If we can we will also plant some varying plants in them.

#### So we need people who can;

- Help lift, clean and straighten the pots.
- · Garden, clip and prune the existing plants
- Help us plant new plants.
- If there is time and enough people, we would also like to finish cleaning the colonnade. This means water blasting skills also.
- Put together scaffolding



The COLA Space- the ground plane is filthy



The Seats need sanding and painting



We would like to use the existing mosaic as a starting point for a colour scheme

# DECEMBER 2014 - JANUARY 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES

HOW TO SHOOT A ZOMBIE (MOVIE) THE REAL FILMMAKING WORKSHOP GAME APP DESIGN // SCREEN ACTING DIGI ANIMATION // TEENS RADIO + MORE!









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### November/December 2014

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 A	17 Year 10 Yearly Exams Melbourne High Summer Exchange/Barberis Cup, Melbourne Online Selective Schools Application for Year 7 2016 close	18 Year 10 Yearly Exams Year 7 Science Excursion to Taronga Park Zoo Melbourne High Summer Exchange/Barberis Cup, Melbourne Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 18:30-20:30 Music Committee Meeting, Staff Common room 18:00-19:30	19 Year 11 Study Day Year 10 Yearly Exams Melbourne High Summer Exchange/Barberis Cup, Melbourne	20 Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Year 10 Yearly Exams High Resolves Summit (60 students, Coan)	21 Year 10 Yearly Exams Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Junior Debating Tournament	22 Sport: Group 1 SHS v Shore, Group 2 SHS v TSC Basketball: Raschke Cup Pool Rounds, Riverview Basketball: Yeend Shield, 2nds, Newington	23 *** Jazz Workshop, Great Hall, 13:00-15:00 Chamber Music, Great Hall, 15:30-17:00 Jazz in the Courtyard, 17:30 Cricket: East Coast Cup, Years 7, 8 and 9 Parking:
8 B	24 Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Water Polo: CHS Championships, Tamworth Cricket: East Coast Cup, Years 7, 8 and 9 White Ribbon Day Awareness event Senior Library Closed for stocktake	25 Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Water Polo: CHS Championships, Tamworth Cricket: East Coast Cup, Years 7, 8 and 9 Music Parents Support Group AGM, Staff Common Room, 18:30 Senior Library Closed for stocktake	26 Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Rowing: Melbourne High Year 9 Exchange Black Dog Institute Focus Group, P2 (Selected Year 10 students) Water Polo: CHS Championships, Tamworth Cricket: East Coast Cup, Years 7, 8 and 9 Senior Library Closed for stocktake	Senior Library Closed for stocktake	28 Year 11 HSC Assessment Exams Rowing: Melbourne High Year 9 Exchange Closing date for Awards Scheme 2014 Duke of Ed (Bronze Hike) GPS Summer Sports Assembly (Sailing, swimming & Tennis), Great Hall, 09:50-10:35 (7,8,10) Senior Library Closed for stocktake	29 Sport: Group 1 SHS v Shore, Group 2 SHS v Shore Rowing: Melbourne High Year 9 Exchange, Head of the Yarra	30 Hall Booking
9 C	1 Opening date for Awards Scheme 2015 Basketball: National School Championships Cricket: Five Highs, Brisbane Peer Support Training, Great Hall, Pds 3-5 (Year 9)	2 Basketball: National School Championships Cricket: Five Highs, Brisbane Volleyball Dinner, 204	3 Basketball: National School Championships Cricket: Committee Meeting,901, 17:30 Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp (Morisset) Duke of Ed (Silver Hike) Rowing: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 19:00 Cricket: Five Highs, Brisbane	4 Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp (Morisset) Duke of Ed (Silver Hike) Basketball: National School Championships Cricket: Five Highs, Brisbane Parking: Sydney FC v Perth Glory 19.30 (PAWS)	5 Basketball: National School Championships Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp (Morisset) Duke of Ed (Silver Hike) Cricket: Five Highs, Brisbane	6	7 Volleyball: Australian Schools
10 A	8 Volleyball: Australian Schools P & C Thank You Party, Great Hall, 18:30-21:00 HSC Visual Art Assessment Task 2 Body of Work Interviews	9 Volleyball: Australian Schools School Council Meeting, Board Room, 17:30	10 Volleyball: Australian Schools Year 10 Drama Production 6:30pm, Amphitheatre	11 Duke of Ed (Bronze Hike) Volleyball: Australian Schools Excursion Years PAWS, Cat Protection Society Periods 4-5	12 Volleyball: Australian Schools Stewart House Day Mufti/BBQ (Y7 community service) Duke of Ed (Bronze Hike) UNSW Arduino workshop Room 802 09:30-15:15 School Network will be shutdown as of 6pm for power upgrades	13 Rowing: Shed Race and Family Barbecue, Abbotsford Power shutdown to entire school campus (excluding Gym)for electrical distribution upgrades.	14