



**From the Principal
High Talent**

Thank you to the students who volunteered to be in the honour guard for the funeral service of Mr Ken Baret: Stephen Burke, Doug Chang, Augustine Ha, Edward Hibbert, Raymond Huynh, Gajaba Manamperi, Phillip Roser, Mark Samarasinghe and Francis Wong. Your gesture was well received by the family and the congregation. Thank you to Michael Maselehdani and Yuk-Lun Yeung (Year 12) and Varan Perananthan and Alex Shapilsky (Year 10) for their great efforts to organise the Trivia Night and SRC barbecue. Thank you also to MCs James Morgan and Phillip Roser (Year 12). Well done to David Vien (Year 10) who helped run the Strongman Competition with Jason Tassell.

Joint Fundraising Group has its Inaugural Meeting

Stakeholders got together last week for the first fundraising meeting to develop policy and strategies to speed up the pace of fundraising towards school development goals. The School Council, The P&C, the Old Boys Union and the SHS Foundation were represented. To be known as *The Sydney High School Development Committee*, the group is preparing to position itself as the peak fundraising body in the school community. Its minutes will be published and its recommendations discussed in various forums. Any staff member who has an interest in fundraising is invited to join the group.

General Service Contributions Half Way to Target

We are half way to our target in general service contributions for the year. It helps our budgeting a great deal if families pay in the first half of the year so that we can spend the

money on your sons' education promptly. The school can give maximum benefit to the most number of students if our budget is known as early in the year as possible. Students in Years 11 and 12 have the most to gain from prompt payments of contributions.

Cricketers Finish the Year in Style



There was an encouraging attendance at the cricket dinner last Saturday evening. The gathering enjoyed speeches by coaches and team captains. Captains tended as usual towards 'the roast' in the style of their addresses. The Extreme XI took time out from training during the season to produce an entertaining 12 minute video that seemed to last for half an hour. The cricket committee donated some great trophies and memorial tankards for each departing Year 12 player in the first or second eleven. Mr Laurie Heil was rightly congratulated for his terrific work throughout the season as MIC. Retiring coaches Mark Retter and Kieran Lewis were given appropriate send offs. Both the first and second grade cricket teams finished 5th in their competitions, making cricket the most successful GPS summer sport. Messrs Heil and Ayre have great plans for next season, centred around a tougher mental approach to the game and more involvement by senior players in the administration of the sport for juniors. The season ended on a high note. We need more players in the program next season!

SRC Organisers Show Their Skill

Two significant events were held last week demonstrating the initiative, organisational skills and drive of our SRC representatives. The Inaugural Trivia Night for Years 10-12 from SBHS and SGHS was a great success with the participation and socialisation objectives of the exercise met very well indeed. Good food, questions and prizes

made for an enjoyable evening in a packed Great Hall. The SRC boys organised a sausage sizzle last Friday and, mentored by Mr Coan, purchased sausages, rolls and drinks to prepare and sell during the extended lunch. Their fundraising efforts were highly successful.

Stewart House Mufti Day

As part of our new Charities Policy, each Year gets its own mufti day for its charity. The Year 7 charity is Stewart House. Proceeds from the mufti day last Friday will go to that worthy cause. I urge Year 7 boys to find out more about Stewart House and to involve themselves in more activities to aid that charity.

The Strongman Competition



Thanks to Jason Tassell and his teacher volunteers, the inaugural *Strongman Competition* was held during Friday's extended lunch. Some daring contestants

carried dumbbells, pulled a cart loaded with weights and Mr Barris or donned a shoulder harness to pull a station wagon ten metres along the roadway outside the TAS staffroom. Not only was the competition fun for spectators but it had a serious message for all our boys – you too can do something about your personal strength and fitness. Quite a few of our boys have had great gains in strength and self confidence since completing ten weeks at the gym doing strength training under Jason's expertly designed program.

Dr K Jaggar

From the English Faculty

Term 1 is rapidly drawing to a close. Year 11 students are in the process of undertaking their Oral Assessment tasks as part of their Preliminary Advanced Course together with the completion of their first Preliminary Extension task at the end of week 10. Assessment of Term 1 modules is also occurring in Years 7-10. All students have received details about these tasks from their class teachers.

As part of our English enrichment program all Year 7 participated in a very successful excursion

to the NSW Art Gallery and the State Library. As an extension to their Term 1 work on 'Biography and Autobiography' students were asked to critically and creatively respond to the 'Self Portrait' exhibition at the Art Gallery and the Doug Moran Portraiture Prize exhibition at the State Library. During the course of the day students completed a variety of stimulating and challenging tasks which we hope have added to their understanding and enjoyment of biographical writing. It was clear from the reaction of members of the public at both these venues that the boys were a credit to our school. A very special thanks must be extended to Ms Boukatos who organised the excursion.

Year 10 students have completed a module of work on Satire. We would particularly like to congratulate the following boys – Sean Lee, Simon Liu, Simin Yang, Richard Hua and Jun Dai – who produced a short satirical film which demonstrated both an exceptional understanding of all aspects of film production and a maturity beyond their years. Congratulations also to Phillip Wu for his work in coordinating class films.

Year 12 will undertake Assessment Tasks for both the Advanced and Extension Courses at the beginning of Term 2. We urge students to use the Easter break to consolidate their understanding of content already covered and to revise this content through writing. Any student who needs assistance in organising their revision program for their English Assessment tasks should see Ms Trompetter.

On Monday 8th May Marrickville Library is presenting an HSC lecture on 'Physical, Inner and Imaginative Journeys' – Year 12 students are encouraged to attend. See Ms Trompetter for further details.

The 2006 'Writenow' writing competition is currently open to students in Years 7-9. Entry forms and other details regarding this competition are available from the English Faculty.



UNSW Library Membership Possible For Year 11 & 12 Students and All Teachers



Forms are available at our Library. Cost for students is \$30. Cost for teachers is \$60.

University Libraries are a great place to do your homework or assignments on weekends or weeknights if your house/computer is busy. Local libraries can also be very useful in that respect. Maroubra Library has bays and bays of HSC Study Guides.

Mrs Crothers

Words of Wisdom



“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.”

(Les Brown 1945 -)

“Not armies, not nations, have advanced the race; but here and there, in the course of ages, an individual has stood up and cast his shadow over the world.”

(Edwin Hubbell Chapin 1814 – 1880)

“Listen or thy tongue will keep thee deaf.”

(American Indian Proverb)

Year 10 Parents Social Evening

Friday 26 May

Please mark your diaries now!

Restaurant details are being finalised.



For more info:

email Barbara Taylor:

admin@gtmanagement.com.au

or phone: Toni Lindeback 9314 0304

P & C PARKING



The first P & C Parking Day for 2006 is in the Easter Holiday. Many families will be away, but for those remaining in Sydney this is an opportunity for boys to earn points for the student awards scheme when there are no assignments due or exams looming!

Please consider helping raise funds for your school.

Sunday April 23rd 10.00 am until 1.30 pm
4 people from 10.00 am
4 more at 11.00 am
4 more from 11.00 - 1.30 pm

Funds raised by P&C benefit all boys at SBHS.

If you can help, please call or e-mail:

Lyndell Evans 0411 430 394

P & C Parking Co-ordinator

evansfamily2000@optusnet.com.au

Thank you.

FOUND



A gold cross on a chain has been found and handed into the Office. If you think this might be yours, please see the Main Office.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
of the Sydney High School
Foundation Inc**

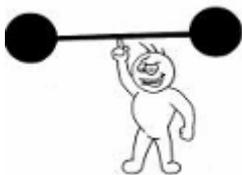
Will be held on
Tuesday 16 May 2006
commencing at 8 PM

at the Randwick Rugby Club
Brook St, Coogee

For any enquiries
Please contact the Secretary at
PO Box 888 Strawberry Hills 2012
Phone enquiries 0427070569



**WEIGHTS ROOM
Strongman Competition**



What a great effort by those 14 boys who took part in the first ever SBHS Strongman Competition. Competition was fierce as the testosterone-fuelled competitors took to the four tasks with steely determination. The Senior champion was Alex Vertoudakis with the Junior championship going to Matt Ling (it was first thought that both Chop and Matt had tied but with a re-check Matt came out on top). This goes to show that both strength and power are not related to size and the little guys really took it to their bigger opponents. Let's hope this can be made into a regular event and that more boys choose to become interested in getting bigger, stronger, and faster.

Holiday timetable

As per previous holiday periods the gym will be open for those boys who would like to or need to continue their training. The opening/closing times are as listed below. Remember there is no cost but

contact details/medical forms have to be filled in before training during this period. **No exceptions.**

HOLIDAY TIMES

Week 1

Tuesday 12.00-2.00 pm
Wednesday 12.00-2.00 pm
Friday- 12.00-2.00 pm



Week 2

Monday 12-2 pm
Wednesday 12-2 pm
Friday 12-2 pm

TJ

**VOLLEYBALL
CHS Knockout**

1st grade moved into Round 4 with their win over South Sydney last week. The Round 4 match will be played against Menai (at Menai) on the Wednesday of week 1 next term.

GPS Volleyball

High has a bye in the first round of GPS volleyball. Their first match will be against Scots on Saturday 14 May. Second grade will commence at 9:30 with 1st grade to follow immediately after in our Gym.

Training times

After school trainings will be as follows:

- 1st Grade-** Tuesday 3:30 to 5 pm
 - Monday/Thursday 3:20 to 4:15(small group, specific skill training)
 - Monday and Friday lunchtime
- 2nd Grade** - Monday and Friday lunchtimes
- 16s** - Tuesday 3:30 to 5 pm
- 15s** - Tuesday/Thursday (TBA)
- 14s** - TBA

First grade will be training in the holiday on both Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

M. Kay - MIC Volleyball





» Offseason Basketball

The upcoming holidays signify the start of our winter sports, which our Year 7s will have their first taste of this year. However, basketball will still continue with Friday after-school competitions for those trying out for 1sts, 2nds or 3rds. House basketball and other competitions will continue and so will the enthusiasm of the students during lunchtimes. Let us keep a basketball in our hands during the off-season and improve continuously. We'll prove to the private schools that as a public selective school, we will make up for our physical disadvantage with our skills, school spirit and smarter plays. Don't forget to check the gym noticeboard frequently for news or upcoming events!

» Comparison of statistics, 1st grade VS Riverview

	Term 4, 2005.	Term 1, 2006.
Total Field Goals %	27.8%	40.3%
Total Freethrow %	46.7%	73.9%
% of rebounds by High	44.3%	45.3%
Number of steals by High	17	20
Number of assists by High	18	23
Amount scored	55	74
Win by (points)	2	5

As shown from above, 1st grade improved massively during the season. This is due to the efforts put in by all the players both during school days and holidays. This is a good example of hard work in training paying off!

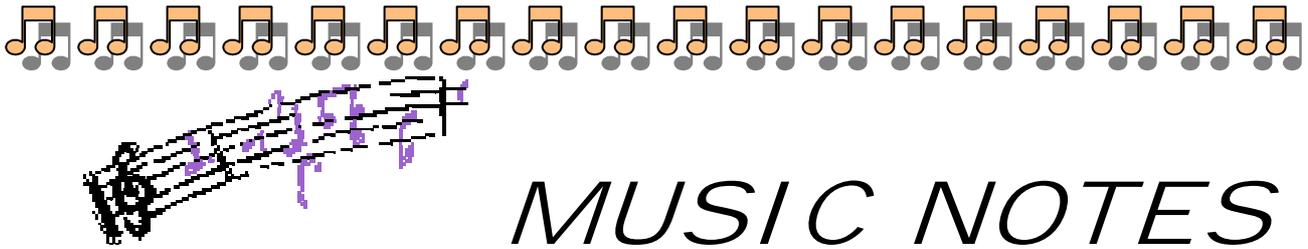
» Thank you to everyone who helped!

A great thanks to: all the coaches that coached us during Wednesdays or Thursdays and attended our games on Saturdays, staff members who supervised us both inside school hours and outside school hours, parents for taking us to our games, cheering us on and helping out with the basketball committee!

Special mention must go to Hugo Richards and David Fan for sacrificing their time in attending games and obtaining the statistics.

Ms Ward for organising the house basketball events.

Mr Hayman (MIC) for all his hard work in managing High basketball. His dedication to basketball has allowed all the changes and improvements in these recent years.



Annual Music Camp

The Annual Music Camp will be held for all music ensemble members from the **29th-31st of May except for the training concert band**. It is **compulsory** for all students in the music ensemble program to attend as there will be a performance in the Great Hall at 6pm on the Wednesday (31/5/06) back from camp. Notes for the music camp have gone out to students, please pay at the main office and return the attached slip to the music staff before the end of term. If there are any concerns or difficulties, please advise the music staff as soon as possible.

Year 7 Music Camp

Notes have gone out to students in Year 7 learning a musical instrument for the weekend camp to be held on the 6th and 7th of May 2006. If there are any students who have not yet received one, please see the music staff as soon as possible as arrangements need to be made by the end of the term.

Parents of all music ensemble members, could you please provide the music staff with your contact details by filling in the below slip and returning it to the music staffroom as soon as possible so that we are able to contact you about any upcoming events involving your son's participation. This will enable us to communicate with you more effectively and efficiently. Thank you very much. (Please ***print*** the information.)

Kind regards,

Music staff.
(Debra Gilmore, Rita Miller and Suzanna Lim)

Son's Name: _____ Roll class: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Contact No. : _____

Email: _____ Music Ensemble(s): _____



ANNUAL GIVING FOR 2006

SIR RODEN CUTLER MEMORIAL GATES



The School community's focus for our Annual Giving Programme 2006 is to honour our most notable Old Boy, Sir Roden Cutler VC, with the construction and installation along the Anzac Parade boundary of memorial wrought iron gates to be hung between carved sandstone pillars, plinth course and fencing.

Sir Roden attended the High School from 1932-34. He was captain of the rifle shooting team and was awarded a Blue. He also later became a patron of the Old Boys Union.

He was the only Australian artilleryman to be awarded the Victoria Cross for outstanding and sustained gallantry over 18 days fighting in Syria. After the loss of his leg, he was forced to retire from the AIF returning home in 1941. In 1942 Sir Roden was elected the State Secretary of what is today known as the RSL. A year later he was appointed Assistant Deputy Director of the Security Service in NSW and later appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the Commonwealth in the Department of Repatriation, a position he held until 1946 when he was appointed Australian High Commissioner in New Zealand.

His posts as an Australian diplomat over a twenty year period included: High Commissioner in Ceylon, Her Majesty's Australian Minister to Egypt, Secretary-Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs, High Commissioner in Pakistan, Consul General in New York, Delegate to the UN General Assembly, Her Majesty's Australian Ambassador to the Netherlands and as Governor of New South Wales.

It is plain to see why the School Family wishes to commemorate the life of Sir Roden.

The date for completion of this stage is 29 May, 2006.

Last week your son was given a brochure depicting plans of the project and a donation form, for your convenience, to contribute financially to the project by completing credit card details or writing a cheque made payable to Sydney Boys High School.

This incorporated the 'Take It Home' Competition where boys were asked to have a parent answer three simple questions and sign the attached form to confirm they had read the brochure and High Notes. All correct entries placed in the box at the Main Office by Friday, 5 May will go into a draw for three \$50 Coles/Myer gift cards on offer.

ALL donations are greatly appreciated.

By participating and giving our best gifts to this appeal we will all benefit. The clear landmark of pillars and gates will raise our physical profile within the community and above all remind us to strive to give of our best, as did Sir Roden.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Valda Roser Parent, Liaison Officer/Assistant in Development

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Don't know what to get for Mother's Day? The Year 12 Students are holding a Mother's Day raffle to raise funds for Father O'Reilly's "Youth off The Streets" Charity

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON

Including

- A Mother's Day cake from Unique Cakes, 341 Gardeners Rd Rosebery (8338 0647)
- Chocolate Hamper from Elbons Coffee, 6/402 New South Head Rd Double Bay
- Two-for-one movie vouchers from Hoyts Hurstville

Tickets Prices: 1 for \$2
3 for \$5
7 for \$10



You can buy your tickets at the amphitheatre every lunch. The raffle will be drawn on 11/05/06, the Thursday before Mother's Day. Come on, do it for your mother!

Bridal Showcase



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Decorators*

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The Outterside Centre

5 Teviot Avenue

Abbotsford Point

(TURN RIGHT AT THE END OF GREAT NORTH ROAD)

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April 2006

11am - 6pm

Free Entry

Gift bags – Complimentary discount vouchers – Competition for designer bridal flowers worth \$250

For further information please phone 02 - 9702 5049

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