



From the Principal High Talent

Congratulations to Josh Tassell for his big double in the 15s 100m and 200m at the Sydney East Regional Athletics Carnival. Dinghua Xiao matched him with two firsts in the 16 years shot put and discus. Dakshika Gunaratne won the 17 years 110m hurdles and was 2nd in the long jump. The 16s also won the 4 x 100 relay. Michael Denny Smith was placed in 4 16 years events. He is still recuperating from illness so his was a big effort. In all, 16 performances qualified for the CHS Carnival. Well done indeed to the team. Calum Martin has won the 'local subject' category of the Woollahra Council Youth Photographic Award, 2007. Congratulations also to commended contestants Jason Nguyen and Ashwin Thomas. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of High parent Mrs Mallika Tin-Loi who for the last 18 months has provided voluntary assistance in the Library for two days per week. Her services will be sorely missed.

Parking Levy for 2008



The *Building Fund Advisory Group* recommended to the P & C that in order to increase the tempo of fundraising for the new library that the tax on > \$500 parking event collections should rise to 35%. The P & C has recently ratified that change to operate from December 1, 2007. The school pays for management of the Parking operation and the wages of a part time groundsman from its share of the tax proceeds. It was recommended by the BFAQ that the distribution of the tax should be amended. The P & C has ratified the proposal- School 55%, P & C 45%. The new distribution of the tax will commence from the first parking event in December. We hope that the new arrangements will yield \$20,000 per annum towards the new library.

Prefect Elections

The poll for the election of School Prefects has been declared. I congratulate all those successful students. The Electoral College

system of voting worked very well again this year. Prefect 2007 votes (34) + staff votes (71 x 2) combined for 176 votes, Year 10 (160 votes) and Year 11 (181 votes). Each voter could vote for up to 20 candidates on the ballot paper. Not all voters did so. There were a few informal votes (more than 20 candidates selected or none). I urge all students and staff to continue to value this democratic opportunity to elect school leaders. As happens in every election process, many qualified and worthy people miss out on election. My commiserations go to them. It is hard to be disappointed after contributing a lot to your school. Democracy is messy and confronting but the fairest process humanity has yet devised to discover the will of large numbers of people.

Volunteer Career Management



We have many volunteers working for us at High – coaches, managers, committee members, helpers. Many are Old Boys. We do not have any system of documentation or logging of what volunteers have done over the years. University students can now get recognition on a parallel exiting testamur, indicating what non-academic accomplishments they have had while at university. We ought to have a central register of volunteers and their duties/services.

Certificates of recognition of what individuals have done could be issued. More importance could be paid to their contribution by: honouring of volunteers at assemblies, publication of volunteer histories of service at or for the school, profiling current volunteers in High Flyer and High Bulletin, and holding more social occasions aimed at acknowledging the essential contributions that volunteers make to the operations and governance of this school. A small committee could ensure the recording and recognising of volunteer activity. School Assistants can maintain the records. I am asking for help from an interested parent and Old Boy to formalise this process.

Call for Buddies



In the last edition of High Notes I requested volunteers to act as buddies for incoming students. I now have next year's Year 8 newcomers covered by volunteer students but I have had no responses from current Year 8 or Year 10 students. Please register your interest in helping others in their transition to our school by telephone, email or in person to my Assistant, Ms Lynne Williams.

Dr K Jaggar

Year 9 2008 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 2008.

Year 11 2008 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 2008.

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Rugby Committee Meeting Summary

The sixth meeting of the SBHS Rugby Committee for 2007 was held on 29 August 2007.

The following is a summary of the meeting:



Present: Rob Fetherston, Serdar Bolen, Kel O'Keefe, Christina Chow, Judy Fetherston, Katherine Deacon, Geoff Andrews, Peter Ambrose, Paul Koerber, Julie Blomberg, Geoff Stein.

Apologies: Liz O'Hare

Election of Officers for 2008:

President: G. Andrews

Vice President: P. Ambrose

Treasurer: K. O'Keefe

Secretary: G. Stein

Parking coordinator (Senior): K. Deacon

Parking coordinator (Junior): P. Koerber

BBQ coordinator (Senior): J. Blomberg

BBQ coordinator (Junior): TBA 2008

Canteen coordinator (Senior): C. Chow

Canteen coordinator (Junior): TBA 2008

Rugby Dinners – Junior and senior dinners will be combined into the one occasion in The Great Hall.

Rugby Newsletter – A newsletter will be distributed soon after the Winter sports choices have been made, around the end of March 2008. The newsletter will contain a Committee/President's welcome to the new season, a player permission to play rugby with an accompanying parent information tear off section, 2008 rugby season calendar, training information re training venues, days and times. Newsletter possibly emailed direct to parents a more effective method of distribution.

Coaching Payments and Honoraria Approved:

Matt Bowman to receive a coaching payment \$5000 and coaching honoraria of \$750 to be paid to Drew and Tom Hoare and Michael Hennessy for their services to our junior rugby program.

Committee Thanks: To Rob Fetherston, outgoing Committee President, and Judy Fetherston for their many years of service to High Rugby.

2008 Rugby Committee meeting dates: 27/2, 26/3, 30/4, 28/5, 25/6, 30/7, 27/8, 24/9.

G Stein

MIC Rugby, SBHS

Tennis Wise Tennis School



There is an opportunity now available for ALL STUDENTS at the school. For those who are not currently in any tennis programs, and would like to develop their games, squad and individual training may be provided at the request of any individual, and at a discounted rate before or after school and on weekends, and may be made

by appointment by contacting Carl Nielsen on 0406 335 038.

We also now have a full selection of Head, Babolat, and Fischer Tennis racquets as well as strings, grips, footwear and clothing available for purchase.

Tennis Wise Tennis School

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Court of Appeal, which forms part of the Supreme Court, is the highest civil court in NSW and hears appeals from the Supreme Court, the Land and Environment Court, District Court and some tribunals. Created in 1966, it consists of the Chief Justice, the President of the Court of Appeal and nine Judges of Appeal. Seven members of the Court of Appeal have attended Sydney High. The first were **Gordon Wallace** (1915) and **Bernard Sugerman** (1920) who were both appointed in 1966. Wallace was first President of the Court 1966-1970 and Sugerman was President 1970-1972. The most recent old boy to be a member of the Court, apart from the Chief Justice **James Spigelman** (1962), was **Paul Stein** (1956) who retired in 2003.



SHS Old Boys Union
www.shsobu.org.au

Giving Programme



High has needed a new library for well over 30 years. We are determined to make that long held dream come true. Our target is to reach a million dollars towards this project by the end of our 125th year in 2008. You can help by

donating directly by cheque marked 'Sydney Boys High School Building Fund', posted to Sydney boys High, Moore Park, Surry Hills, NSW 2010.

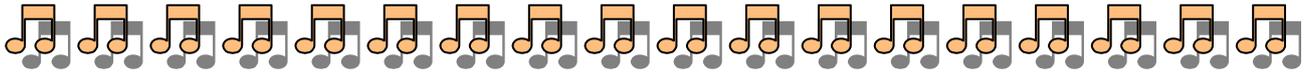
Donations to our new Library are welcomed in various forms but a popular method is by credit card. The appropriate form can be posted to you by calling 93616290, extension 114. Alternatively, you can go to our website www.sydneyboyshigh.com click on fundraising/library project contributions, to download the *New Library Project Contribution Form*.

At High we have a modern, direct debiting method of facilitating donations. Our *Monthly Giving Program* allows donors to have donations debited automatically to their credit cards on the fifteenth of each month. An annual statement to donors for taxation purposes is provided. The appropriate form can be posted to you by calling 93616290, extension 114. Alternatively, you can go to our website www.sydneyboyshigh.com click

on fundraising/library project contributions, to download the *New Library Monthly Giving Form*.

The *Sir Roden Cutler Memorial Gates* project is aimed at providing a fitting memorial to our revered Old Boy and to present an impressive entrance to our high school. The first stage of our project was dedicated by the Governor-General on May 24. Donations to this project are welcomed but are not tax deductible. You can help by donating directly by cheque marked 'Sydney Boys High School', posted to Sydney Boys High, Moore Park, Surry Hills, NSW 2010. The appropriate form can be posted to you by calling 93616290, extension 114. Alternatively, you can go to our website www.sydneyboyshigh.com click on fundraising/Cutler Drive Contributions, to download the *Sir Roden Cutler Memorial Project Contribution Form*.

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 93616290, extension 114. 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*.



MUSIC NOTES

GPS Music Festival

Well done to all the boys who performed stunningly at the combined GPS Music Festival last Saturday evening. They rehearsed the challenging works intensely on the Friday afternoon and Saturday prior to the concert. Our boys were well represented in each of the ensembles and are to be commended for their great efforts.

Tutor of the Week – Josef Hanic

Josef Hanic was born in Slovakia and studied the oboe at the State Conservatorium and university in Bratislava. While studying, he became Principal Oboist with the National Opera Orchestra in Bratislava and in 1969, took the same position with PACT Symphony in Pretoria-South Africa. In 1976, Josef joined the Symphony Orchestra in Baden-Baden Germany and from 1979 to 2001 he was lecturer of oboe at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. He has made several appearances as a soloist and played in chamber music groups throughout Australia and overseas including Europe, Asia and South Africa. Josef is currently teaching, adjudicating and performing both as a soloist and in ensembles.

Piano Competition

Congratulations to the following boys on their achievements in the piano competition held early this term. Well done to all the students who participated in this annual event and many thanks to those who came along and supported the performers. Presentation will be held at the Music Awards Assembly in Term 4.

Senior Division

1st Place – Zhi (George) Zu

2nd Place – Nathan Kwok

3rd Place – Brian Lau

Highly commended – Garry Lau and Dominic Wong

Junior Division

1st Place – Guangzhi Niu

2nd Place – Vivian Le

3rd Place – William Baxter

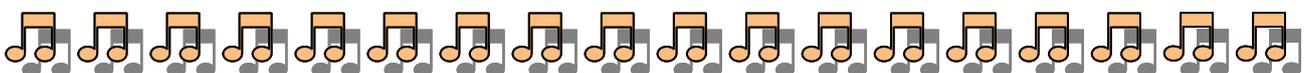
Highly commended – Evan Wong, Nathan Kok, Ben Wilcox and Peter Wu

John Morrison Jazz and Stage Bands Festival

We would like to invite you to hear the Junior Stage Band and Jazz Group; *Diminished 5ths* perform at the John Morrison Jazz and Stage competition to be held on Sunday the 9th of September 2007 at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith. The boys will be competing against other high schools from the Sydney region with performance beginning at 9am.

Percussion Ensemble

Percussion ensembles are well on its way with rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Practice is held from 7:30-8:30am (Juniors – Monday Rm101, Seniors – Tuesday Rm201) and is conducted by our Marching band director; Matthew Capper. Thank you the music committee who have supported us in the recent purchase a wonderful marimba. Please see the music staff if you are interested in joining.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PARENT MENTORS

A Parent Mentor is an informal contact person who will welcome New Parents into the School Community and is available to them to help them through the difficulties encountered in their first year at the School.

The aim is to have every parent of a new boy starting at the School matched up with a mentoring parent already at the School.

The **role** of the **Mentoring Parent** is

- To actively contact the new parent and make them welcome and be a friendly face in a big organisation.
- To make themselves available by phone or in person or by email as they see fit.
- To help the new parent with any simple query about the education system and the way the school works.
- They will be a point of contact for all the trivial questions that might plague a new high school family.
- To advise the new parent of the appropriate channels of communication at the school for serious matters eg Year adviser, School counsellor etc
- To act as a propagandist for the School and the great benefits of being involved in all the facets of their son's education.

The scheme is informal, without a lot of structure and depends for its success on the enthusiasm of the Mentors.

The scheme has worked extremely well in its first year and has not been at all onerous.

All the Mentor Parents this year have enjoyed it tremendously and the New Parents have been extremely receptive and grateful for the contact.

As there is an attrition rate every year we need new Mentor Parents.

Please join us as the more parents we have the easier is the task.

Could you please contact Charles Ovadia on 9386 1221 or covadia@medemail.com.au

Or send your details to jaggark@sydneyboys-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Or fill in the form below and return to the Principal's Assistant

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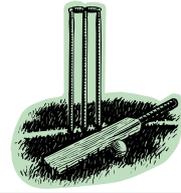
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Contact Phone Home: Mobile Phone:



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH CRICKET

www.sydneyboyscricket.info



It has been pleasing to see the response from those wishing to trial for the 1st and 2nd XIs and the competition for selection will ensure that all who try out will either achieve a starting spot, or take away encouragement to maintain their interest with good early season form to stay in the mix for consideration.

To our younger trialists from Years 8 and 9 the policy is that if you are not selected in the initial 1st or 2nd XI Squads, you are then required to play in your designated age group. This however does not stop any of our school cricketers from being asked to play in one of our senior XIs should they produce the form needed.

CRICKET WEBSITE

Due to a change of Server we have experienced a few problems which have now been solved so any and all news is now on the site. We have introduced a new segment called PARENTS CORNER so that all of the information mum and dad should get from the boys which is either forgotten, lost, not interesting enough etc will be there for your information. The Website appears in the header of High Notes above.

2007-2008 PROGRAMME

Is now posted on the site and I have included the names of the schools we will meet throughout the season so that all can plan in advance with timings, transport arrangements and existing commitments. You will note that Group 2 teams do not always match the same school opponents as Group 1 teams that play Two-Day matches. It is the intention that on sport afternoons teams will train as a group rotating through a variety of activities so that we develop strong team attitudes as well as giving every player the opportunity to participate within those teams. **It will not preclude boys who show form from being selected in "A Teams" if they perform well in Group 2 teams**

AAGPS COMPETITION AVAILABILITY

All prospective cricketers are advised that, in selecting your summer sport, to be included in the cricket section you must be available to play in teams each Saturday of the season. If you are not prepared to support your High Cricket teams you will have to choose an alternate sport as it is important with cricket that as a team sport each player contributes to the success of the team. For boys who completed club cricket in Term 1 we would be looking to these boys to participate in school teams this season and to pass on their experience to some of our newer cricketers.

MATCH TRANSPORT

Provided we receive sufficient bookings to justify the use of our school buses we have programmed bus support for all morning fixtures for matches at KINGS, ST.JOSEPH'S and ST IGNATIUS (Riverview) this season. Full details appear on the cricket website.

Laurie Heil
MIC Cricket

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 A	<p>10</p> <p>CHS Athletics Championships, Homebush Parent Information Evenings, Great Hall, Year 9 2008 6pm, Year 11 2008, 7pm</p> <p>P&C Executive Meeting</p> <p>Year 9 High Resolves program Group 1 (90 students), Great Hall, all day</p> <p>Davidson Shield cricket vs Heathcote at Heathcote</p>	<p>11 ***</p> <p>CHS Athletics Championships, Homebush</p> <p>Year 11 Mathematics Yearly Examinations, Study Centre, Periods 1 and 2</p> <p>Mutti Day - Lak Saviya Foundation (Year 10)</p> <p>Year 9 High Resolves program Group 2 (90 students), Great Hall, all day</p> <p>Year 8 History/Geography excursion, all day.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>HSC Music Practicals, all day in Great Hall</p> <p>Last day of winter sport</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Last day of winter sport</p> <p>Open Day</p> <p>Athletics Dinner in the Great Hall, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>GPS Athletics Assembly</p> <p>Great Hall, 11:30 am</p>	<p>15</p> <p>AAGPS Athletics Championships, SIAC 1&2 (Homebush)</p> <p>HSC German Continuers Speaking Examination</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Basketball v Old Boys, 11:15am</p>
10 B	<p>17</p> <p>Attendance and Progress Review (all Years)</p> <p>Dining-in Night, SHS CadeC, Unit Great Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GPS Chess competition, Great Hall, all day</p> <p>Stan Jones Cup Tennis Finals</p> <p>Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens</p> <p>Stan Jones Cup Tennis Finals</p> <p>Athletics Report to be submitted to Record Committee</p> <p>Change to summer sport</p> <p>School Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm</p> <p>P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens</p> <p>Change to summer sport</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p> <p>Year 8 Camp, Tea Gardens</p> <p>Last day to submit University Scholarship Applications to Principal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
11 A	<p>24</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 Accelerants/Year 11 Music Performance Assessment (2 hours)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p> <p>Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Afternoon Tea, Great Hall, 1:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p> <p>Tennis Committee AGM, Common Room, 7pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Year 11 Yearly Examinations</p> <p>Year 10 GC Assessment Examinations</p> <p>LAST DAY TERM 3</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Parking - Sydney FC v Newcastle (Music)</p>	<p>30</p>
1 B	<p>15</p> <p>School resumes - staff and students</p> <p>P&C Executive Meeting</p> <p>Year 8 science incursion - planetarium in Great Hall: 6 sessions, 1 per period.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Foundation Day Assembly/Prefect Induction, Great Hall</p> <p>Foundation Meeting, Randwick Rugby Club, 6pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>GPS Summer Sports Assembly (Basketball, Cricket), Great Hall, 9am</p> <p>School Council Meeting (Budget 2008), Board Room, 5:30pm</p> <p>P&C Meeting, Common Room, 7:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HSC commences (9:25 Latin)</p> <p>Years 9, 10 drama classes excursion to Balvoir St Theatre, from Period 3</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HSC (9:20 English, 3:25 Music 2)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Sport Group 2 - SHS v SGS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bananas in Pyjamas concert, Great Hall, 8am-3pm</p>