



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

From the Principal Welcome back to Term 3



Welcome back to term 3! I trust that all staff and students have enjoyed Welcome! their break from school.

The term starts off quickly with the GPS shooting, the National Chemistry Quiz, the PDC debating semi-final, the debating assembly, a home round of fixtures against Shore and Riverview and the inaugural Drama Festival. In week 2 we really start to get busy!

Staff changes

On your behalf I would particularly like to welcome new members of staff to the High community. In Science, Ingrid Hybler has been appointed to replace Mr Benett. In Languages, Rachel Fong has been appointed 0.6 ppt to replace Jenny Yang. In Visual Arts, Kim Grace is replacing Jocelyn Isaacs. In SASS, Valerie McKinnon has been appointed 0.77 ppt replacing Narelle Rutland.

High Talent



On July 1 our Open Volleyball team members won a tight five-set match against a very well organised and athletic Westfields Sports High School team. Our depth and variations in play won us the CHS

Knockout contest again. Congratulations to: John Gim, Hugh Huang, Patrick Lai, Ivan Li, Merlin Li, Joshua Suh, Nelson Wang (Year 12) and Jonathon Mok, Christopher Morrow, David Nguyen and Henry Sit (Year 11). High volleyball is indebted to the coaching skills of Michael Kay and his Old Boy assistants, Yaegan Doran and Karl Kruszelnicki. July 1 also was lucky for our PDC Hume Barbour debating team who won their state guarter final contest to advance to the semi-finals. Well done, boys! Craig Moller was selected to play for NSW/ACT in the U16 AFL National Championships in the July vacation. Lloyd Perris was selected in the CHS AFL team. Congratulations, to you both! Well done to our three members of the CHS Debating Team - Antony Paul, Angud Chawla and Maxwell Phillis. Congratulations, boys! Kevin Qian was selected in the NSW U18 table tennis team to play in the National Junior Championships. A great effort, Kevin!

High Store

Now we are entering a period of wintry weather, don't forget that school dress rules relate to scarves, tops and beanies. The High Store has the appropriate, high quality clothing that you can purchase with confidence. The popular 'High Hoodies' offer anorak style protection from the cold. Your support of the High Store does two things - it builds our sense of community as a brotherhood of scholars and it results in financial assistance flowing to the school.

P & C Sub-committees and MICs are reminded that organising deals for apparel outside of the High Store is contrary to school policy, and if the school crest is imitated, contrary to law. Staff, parents and students need the protection of a specialist retailer like Michelle to purchase good quality, long lasting apparel. Most of us do not have the time, contacts or expertise to arrange for multiple apparel purchases. Michelle does.

The Sydney Boys High School Public Library Fund – Where Did Your Money

Go?



In 2009, parents contributed \$83,865 towards running our two libraries, through their tax deductible donations. Funds

available from all sources were \$156,713. In 2009 we established the Macdonald Wing Library. Capital expenditures in both libraries amounted to \$57,935. Direct expenditures on library equipment and resources were \$38,896. Administration and salaries were \$37,848. Total expenditures amounted to \$134,679 or \$116 per student. This compared to \$44,838 for the previous year. Our carried forward reserve was reduced to \$22.033.

This year we have kept the momentum going by fast tracking our plans to develop the Macdonald Wing Library, managed by Suzanne Gordon.

Expensive software programs such as 'Encylopaedia Britannica' and 'J store' add power to the research capabilities of senior students and teachers. The P & C and School Council approved an increase in the library fund donation to \$125 per family. To date parent donations total \$83,588. I urge all parents to support the Library Fund which serves every student at High. **Dr K A Jaggar**

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

HSC Students

Most tertiary institutions that participate in the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) participate in the EAS. Students are eligible to apply if they are an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia. The student must demonstrate that his educational performance during Year 11 and/or Year 12 has been seriously affected by circumstances beyond his control.

Students applying for EAS will need to download their booklets and application forms from the website: <u>www.uac.edu.au</u>. The school counsellors are sent only a small number of booklets for distribution. If you require a Confidential Statement of Support completed by the school counsellor it is important that students begin the process early in the year.

The responsibility for sending the finalised application to UAC rests with the individual student.

E. Harman and S. Plummer School Counsellors

From the Canteen.



\$10 Thank You Voucher Our June \$10 Thank You Voucher has been won by Liz O'Hare. Thanks so much to Liz for being one of our happy band of volunteers. We

know of one lucky student who will make good use of this voucher!! Watch this space for next month's winner!

These people as follows, who helped out in canteen the last week of last term, will all go into the lunch voucher draw for this month.....Linda Yang, Nina Liu, Jenny Hu, Sharon Zou, Rebecca Tsai, Robyn Gordon, Jenny Rajendram, Fiona Nassif, Vikki Angell, Richard James, Liz O'Hare, Jim O'Sullivan, Usha Arvind, Katrina Morrow, Haewon Jeong,

This is just 1 small way we can say <u>Thank You</u> as we do appreciate the time people give to the canteen and school. A BIG thank you also to Jim and Usha again for coming in at the last minute.

Thank you - The Canteen Team

Watch Out!



Sydney Boys High School

Drama Festival

7pm July 26 & 27 The Great Hall Student Tickets \$5

FROM THE HIGH STORE:

Come in early to purchase your Athletic gear.

Singlet with SHS crest \$44 (new improved design)

Short with SHS crest \$44

NEW Training Top \$55

School scarves available from the High Store with crest \$22

The High Store will be CLOSED from the 11th Sept 24th Sept. Re-opening 1st week back Term IV.

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MUSIC NOTES

Music Tour 2010 to France & Flanders

Music Tour Photos and Videos are now accessible on the *W Drive*, Photo Archive, 2010, Music Tour 2010 (France & Flanders).

Music Tour Reunion Night

A film, a photo, a memory evening... Great Hall from 6:30pm on Monday the 16th of August 2010 (Term 3, Wk 5). All students who went on the tour and families are invited to attend this evening to reminisce on the wonderful tour that was. Please keep this date available and mark it on the calendar. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Upcoming Performances

HSC elective music students will be performing at Eastgardens on *Monday 2nd of August* from midday as part of *Education Week* and at *St Vincent's Hospital* on *Tuesday 3rd of August* as part of their Healing Arts Program from 12:30pm.

HSC Music Performance Workshop

HSC Music Workshop will be held on **Monday and Tuesday evening 2nd and 3rd of August from 5pm** leading up to the HSC Trials the following week. We would like to invite you to come and listen to our talented musicians as they prepare for the performance examinations in the **Great Hall**.

Music Parking

Thank you to all the students and parents who helped out with the Music Parking during the holidays, your time and effort are very much appreciated with funds raised going towards the support of the Music Performance Program at High.

Marching Band Performance

The Marching Band performed last Tuesday as part of the LIONS Club International Parade in the city for the 93rd Annual International Convention. There were over 12,000 delegates with many schools and professional marching bands participating in the parade. Well done to all our boys who represented Sydney Boys High proudly. Photos and videos clips are on the *W Drive*, Photo Archive, 2010, *Marching Band - LIONS Parade (29th June 2010)*.





The Drama Festival



All good theatre needs a journey; it needs comedy, romance, heart-stopping action and plenty of razzle dazzle.

The drama and circus students of Sydney Boys were keen from the outset to become directly involved in the creation of our school's first ever drama festival.

I am justifiably proud of 'the boys'.

They have written the scripts, devised the scenes, created the characters, experimented with a range of dramatic techniques and have had lots of fun along the way.

I gave the concept to over 400 enthusiastic students at the beginning of Term 2. This production will showcase and celebrate almost 150 amazingly gifted and talented young people's work.

It is heartening to see such young performers working collaboratively, solving problems and taking creative risks to express themselves.

They have come together and will no doubt give you their incredible energy and strength in what hopes to become an exciting and entertaining annual event.

The cast is made up of students from every class in Years 7 and 8, all of the elective Years 9 and 10 drama classes, and the highly dedicated drama ensemble and circus troupe.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome 20 Year 9 drama students from Sydney Girls who will perform in the school matinees. We hope this is the beginning of a new theatrical tradition between our two schools.

The festival promises to present a range of lively, colourful, raw, and at times, wacky scenes that are an expression youthful energy and ideas.

There is madness, mayhem, murderous looks and much stylised violence!

I have been impressed by the camaraderie, passion and resilience the students have displayed throughout this process. Their commitment to the subject and their peers is inspirational.

I look forward to seeing you at the show to support the boys in their theatrical endeavours.

It will be an experience to remember. Jennie Rohr

Important dates and times for festival participants

Choreography:	Sunday 25 July, 12noon – 2:00pm (Circus Troupe)				
Technical Rehearsal:	Sunday 25 July, 2:00pm – 6:00pm (ALL Cast & Crew)				
Dress Rehearsal: Monday during school hours					
Opening Night:	Monday 26 July, 6:15pm for 7:00pm start				
Matinees:	Tuesday 27 July, 9:00am for 11:00am & 1:15pm starts				
Closing Night:	Tuesday 27 July, 6:15pm for 7:00pm start				
Running time:	Approximately 90 minutes with a 15 minute interval				

Sydney Boys High; Opens Basketball



CHS STATE CHAMPIONS!

The Sydney High First Grade basketball team travelled to Terrigal to contest the CHS Final 8 in State Knock out Championship. We were welcomed to the gymnasium in the early hours of Thursday morning by very frosty north coast weather. On the first of the two days of Final 8 Championship, the teams are divided into two 4 team pools and each team plays three games against the other teams in their pool. On the second day (Friday), cross over matches between the

pools are played; with the first placed team in each pool playing the second placed team in the other pool in a semi final game. The winners of each of the semi final games play for the Championship and the losers playing for 3rd and 4th place.

High's first pool game was against Blaxland, a wildcard team capable of anything. Coaches Ben and Alex Hayman reminded us that we needed to be on top of our game from the very beginning of the tournament, which made for a highly intense warm up. This paid dividends as we came out firing against a highly athletic Blaxland team who proved to be quite challenging on defence. Newcomers to the First Grade Squad, David Nguyen and Jaspar Garay, were highly impressive in slotting seamlessly into the team. The final score was 62 - 47, a convincing win with room for improvement on defence.

Our next game was against North Sydney Boys, our old rivals in the CHS competition and who looked to be the next best team in our pool. Their team had a lot of size, with the Australian Schoolboys, U17 Australian team 2009 and current Ivy League College scholarship holder centre the anchor of their scoring ability. The coaches scouted North Sydney perfectly and with some brilliant defence from Daniel Jones and Christian Jurlina were able to shut down their big man, with the final score reading 74 – 53.

We finished off our last pool game against Coffs Harbour. Our good form and momentum flowed into this game, with all members of the team making fine contributions to a brutal final score of 70 -37. This convincing victory capped off our first day and meant that we finished first in our pool.

The next morning we had another early game against the team that finished second in Pool A, Tuggerah Lakes who boasted two youth league U21 players. As it was the semi final the team stepped it up another notch to ensure a comfortable victory. By the end of the quarter High was comfortably in control, allowing for the starters to be rested without a noticeable drop off in performance. The end score of the semi final was 83 - 50. We watched the other semi-final of Westfield Sports High and North Sydney Boys High, which Westfield won by a slim margin.

For the Championship final we were again meeting Westfield Sports High, the team that had defeated us for the championship game last year due to Spencer Llewellyn's freak illness, also the winners of Pool A. An expert scouting report from Assistant Coach Alex Hayman ensured we were superbly informed of our opposition's strengths and weaknesses, which we were keen to exploit. With a game plan devised for the final by Coach Ben Hayman we were quietly confident that we had their measure. A very intense warm up translated into the start of the game, with High scoring 17 points unanswered in 6 minutes, completely demoralising, confusing and demolishing Westfield. This unheralded defensive effort spurred a huge offensive effort so that the score at the end of the First Quarter read 24-4, prompting team philosopher Josh Sutton to announce that we were engaged in "basketball Utopia". The difference in body language and talk between the two teams was profound, [telling] the tale of the game even to the casual observer. Huge efforts by Craig Moller and Christian Jurlina, both coming back from significant injury, as well Tournament MVP Emmet Naar coupled by huge defensive contributions by Stephen Yoon and Daniel Jones meant that Westfield never got back into the game. The final score of the game was 76-58. We collected our gold winners' medallions to signify the first time that Sydney Boys High School has been victorious in the Opens CHS basketball Tournament. The undefeated effort in this tournament was compounded by the fact we were without big man Dre Dumovic, who unfortunately couldn't be with us as he was at an Australian Basketball camp. We look forward to having him back to continue our winning form at the National Tournament in Bendigo at the end of this year.

Leo Gordon Basketball Captain



ROWING COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 27 July 2010 Venue: Staff Common Room Time: 7.00pm

Come and find out about new developments for the upcoming season.

Rowing is a great sport that High provides for our boys. It also relies on parents to help facilitate the program and, as with any sport, always needs new parents becoming involved.

All parents of rowing students are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting.

All Office Bearer positions will be declared vacant and available for nomination and election.

I hope you can attend and become involved in your son's sport.

Kind regards Julie Blomberg Rowing Committee







July/August 2010

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 A	26 Year 8 Visual Arts Excursion, Taronga Zoo Drama Festival, Great Hall, Dress Rehearsal 12:30pm and Showcase 7pm	Rowing: Committee AGM, Staff Common Room, 7:00pm	28 OC placement test, Great Hall UMAT examination Round 3 Buchan Shield Game vs Matraville Sports High at Matraville, 12.00 Rugby: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm Parking: Festival of Football (Tennis)	applications to Selective High Schools - Years 8-12 for 2011 Years 7, 8 and 9 Assembly, Period 2 Years 10, 11 and 12 Assembly, Period 3 SIMA Jazz Music, Elective Music to Seymour Centre 11:30am to 3:00pm 'The Teenage Alchemist', Year 10, Great Hall, 2:00pm		31 Sport SJC v SHS; Rugby NC v SHS Cross Country: NC Invitation, Sydney Park (10:00 am) (GPS v CAS) Fencing: AJ Rae/Roseanne White event Parking: Festival of Football (Music)	
3 B	2 High Resolves - Year 8 (Group A), Great Hall, all day Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness Tour of School, 11 to 12:30 (tbc)	3 ICAS English Competition Year 9 Geography and Science Excursion Athletics: Sydney East Area Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) (pm) High Resolves - Year 8 (Group B), Great Hall, all day Year 12 Music, Healing Arts Program pds 2 to 5	4 Athletics: Sydney East Area Carnival, SOPAC (Homebush) Old Boys Lunch, Prefects and pre 1945 Old Boys, Great Hall 12:30pm Great Hall Booking: Cricket: Committee Meeting, Staff Common Room, 6pm	5 Australian Mathematics Competition Pds 1-4 High Resolves Year 10 Community Service Project, 1:00-3:00	6 Class Photos Years 7-12 Jeans for Genes Day (external collection only) Debating: TSC v SHS	7 Sport SHS v TSC; Rugby SHS v Shore Cross Country: SGS Invitation, Centennial Park (10:00am) Fencing: School League Parking: Swans v Hawthorn (Debating) Parking: Sydney FC v Melbourne (Rugby)	8 Parking: Roosters v Dragons (Rowing)
4 A	9 Trial HSC Music performance, Great Hall, all day P and C Executive Meeting	performance, Great Hall,	11 Trial HSC High Resolves Year 9 School Service Project, 12:30-2:15 Meet the Music concert, SOH, 6:30pm	12 Trial HSC Year 10 Art Excursion to City (tbc)	13 Trial HSC Debating: SHS v SIC, Great Hall	14 Sport SIC v SHS; Rugby TSC v SHS Cross Country: TKS Invitation, Parramatta (10:00 am) Fencing: School League	15
5 B	16 Trial HSC Music Tour Reunion Night, Great Hall 6:30pm Attendance and Progress Review (all Years)	17 Trial HSC ICAS Mathematics Competition (selected students) Sports Council Meeting, Board Room, 5:30pm Foundation Meeting, Board Room, 6:30pm	18 Trial HSC School Council Meeting, Board Room, 6:00pm P and C Meeting Staff Common Room 7.30pm	19 Trial HSC Practical Resilience For Young People, Black Dog Institute, E Harman 9am to 1pm	20 Trial HSC Water Polo: Sydney East Trials HSC English Extension 2 Project Completion Date Sir Roden and Lady Cutler Fundraising Day (Year 11) Debating: SGS v SHS	21 Sport SHS v SGS Cross Country: GPS Championships (TSC), Centennial Park (10:00 am) Fencing: School League Parking: Swans v Western Bulldogs (Soccer) HSC German Continuers Oral Examination (Conversation)	22