



## From the Principal

### Staff Changes

Susanna Millett is now on maternity leave from the Social Sciences Faculty. She is being relieved by Mr Casey Writer. Welcome to High, Casey.

### The Wall of Gratitude and Our Culture of Giving



The long-awaited memorial to those who donated a brick as fundraising for the Governors Centre has been constructed. There are 539 engraved bricks in the wall which runs parallel to the side wall of the gymnasium, facing the basketball courts. I want to thank the significant work done by Paul and Diane Harapin, Cindy Larson, Brooke Ashton, Brett Harrison, Jim Crampton, John Prorellis, Steve Comminos and Daniel Xu. Along with Stephen Edwards, the contractor, we made it all happen.

Many donors purchased bricks for other family members, usually Old Boys or Old Girls from SGHS. I really appreciate the forbearance of these donors, some of whom have waited a decade for the promised recognition.

We all agree that the fruits of our collective efforts, the Governors Centre, was worth the wait and justified the faith entrusted in the project by the early donors. The interior fit out of the facility has been delayed until rectification works for the sewage surge have been completed. It is not too late to be involved in this project. A \$3,000 donation to the Sydney Boys High School Building Fund will buy you a named theatre seat in the Governors Centre.

Over the last couple of decades, the High family has developed an admirable giving culture. Whether it is just paying the annual building and library fund contributions, joining the Monthly Giving Program or buying a theatre seat or a brick, a great many people have seen the value of our giving culture at High. Others contribute to sports through the *Australian Sports Foundation* or donate to the *SHSF*

*Advancement Fund* to assist with our *Bursary Program*. More and more people have adopted what is called 'the cathedral view' of giving. Building cathedrals took hundreds of years. The long-term effects of your contribution may not be seen immediately but will continue on, under the care of others for a long, long time.

Our next building project is the new **demountable science laboratory**. So far \$400,000 has been raised for its construction, thanks to the School Family contributions to the *SHSF Building Fund* and to our successful application for a joint-funding grant. In order to fit out the new facility with interconnections to Killip Wing and interior furnishings, cabling and equipment, we need to raise \$75,000 quite quickly. We need 75 donors at \$1,000 each to complete this project. People donating \$1,000 or more will be remembered on an honour board attached to the building. This project is up and running. The design option has been chosen, the 100% drawings completed, and we are moving into the tendering phase. Help us to make a difference in the number of practical science experiences available to your sons going forward.



### NAPLAN Results for 2021

In numeracy, Year 7 state results were close to their 2022 target, which is pleasing. Overall results in the top two bands rose +0.8% (33%) over 2019 figures of 32.2%. Year 7 reading made a small +0.7% gain but was 2.3% below the 2022 target. Year 9 reading actually declined and was 7.2% short of the 2022 targets. The percentage of students in the top four bands declined by 0.4%. expected growth in reading (Years 7-9) declined and in numeracy fell 22% short of its target. High v Low SES groups gap in the top two bands worsened by 8.2%.

The question as to whether the targets are too demanding is moot because they are set by the system and supposed to be seen as aspirational. Nonetheless, we all have work to do to move forward in literacy and numeracy competencies. Our school results will be ready for analysis soon. Parents will receive their individual son's results towards the end of this month.

**Dr K A Jaggar**  
Principal

### Year 7 Zoom Meeting with Prefects

Thursday 16 September at 1pm

Thursday 16 September there will be a Zoom meeting run by the prefects for the Year 7 cohort. The Year 12 prefects want one last opportunity to address the Year 7's to wish them the very best in their future at Sydney Boys & to provide some words of wisdom from their own High experience.

Although the prefects were able to go to the Year 7 camp this year, along with other interactions there were many activities and engagement opportunities lost due to the ongoing Covid situation.

The Zoom link will be made available to Year 7's next week. It would be great to have all Year 7 students present.



7R after completing 'Mud World' at Year 7 camp earlier this year

**Kurt Rich**  
Year 7 Advisor

### FROM THE ANDREWS LIBRARY



The Premier's Reading Challenge closed to me today.

Any late desperadoes please contact me by email today (Friday).

### Will a surprise Junior beat the Seniors this year?

Our 2 Libraries are going to try to run our normal 15-minute Blitz Chess tournament online during this lockdown on the first three days back to school. All games will be held only at Break Times.

### Are you the SBHS Chess King?

Students from all grades are allowed to participate in the Library Chess Competition held on 4-6th October on the chess app.

There are 2 leagues, one for advanced players and for amateurs. The game (blitz) will be a total of 15 min.

Rounds will be held during breaks and both players must send the results right after the game to [crothersv@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:crothersv@sbhs.nsw.edu.au).

No playing during class time and your next round will be sent to you by the organisers.

Winners will be mailed a box of chocolates so make sure to sign up!



Games will run on a Chess app. The link will be sent to players by email. Results must be reported by both players immediately the game ends.

All contestants need to **register with Mrs Crothers by email BEFORE** the holidays. Indicate which tournament please. [crothersv@sbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:crothersv@sbhs.nsw.edu.au)

The draw will be emailed to players prior to recess or lunch breaks. Watch your emails.

Big boxes of chocolates for prizes will be mailed out.

*Parents are urged to console the losers with lollies.*

**Mrs Crothers**  
Teacher-Librarian





## Our Digital Library

E-Resources Borrowed

**13,156**

E-Resources were borrowed in the last 12 months



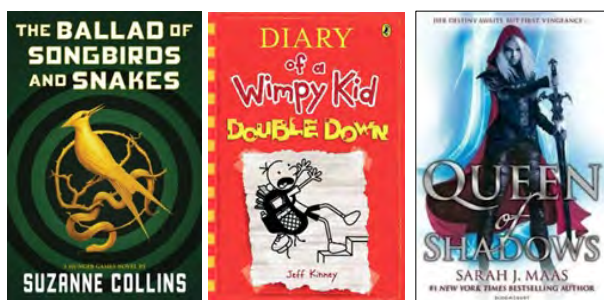
**86%** eBooks

**14%** Audiobooks

2021 has been an incredibly turbulent year with the school under lockdown for the whole of term three. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of investing in digital resources which students can access from their homes. SBHS Libraries has invested in both wheelers and sora/overdrive online eBook and audiobook subscriptions which has been incredibly popular during lockdown. In August alone there was a 58.2% increase in eBook loans on our wheeler platform compared to the same month last year. During the three months of lockdown 3380 eBooks and 476 audiobooks were borrowed on the Sora platform. In the past twelve months there has been a total of 13156 e-Resources loaned on both the wheelers and sora platforms which includes eBooks and audiobooks. These statistics demonstrate the incredible value that our digital collection adds to student reading engagement. SBHS Libraries is further investing in digital assets and is subscribing to LearnPath which will make learning resources more readily available to students through Oliver.

## Most Borrowed E-Books

### On Sora



### On Wheelers

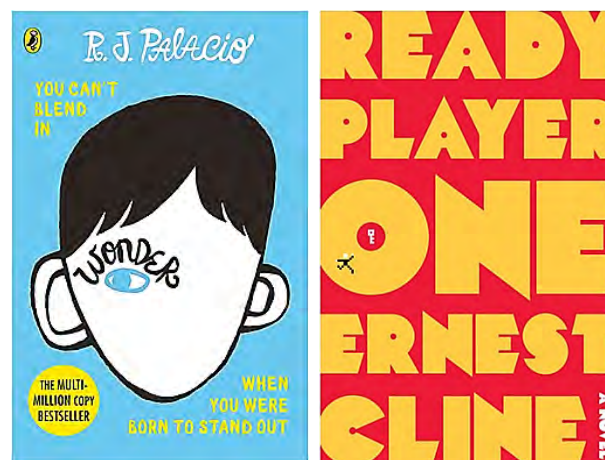


## Most Borrowed Audiobooks

### On Sora



### On Wheelers



Rian Wiramihardja  
Teacher-Librarian  
MacDonald Library





## SBHS P&C – Notice of General Meeting 6.30pm, Monday 13 September 2021 Online via Zoom Meeting

All parents and friends are invited to our next P&C meeting on **Monday 13 September at 6:30pm**. Please register in advanced at the following link:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50sceqvpzspG9MXS0UMWcNDywYi3EVSHaRq>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

At this P&C meeting school principal Dr Kim Jaggar will provide his regular update.

A presentation by Jamie Kay and Mick Ormsby on *Positive Psychology* will follow.

The agenda, last minutes and other documents for this meeting are available on the school portal under "P&C Association".

SBHS P&C Association

[sbhs.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:sbhs.pandc@gmail.com)



Sydney Boys High School P&C have a page on Facebook. Please like our Facebook page to view updates on the latest news and events of interest to the High community:

<https://www.facebook.com/sbhspandc>

# DEBATING

## DEBATING

Last week we had a very competitive round against Scots in the GPS.

This week sees the final round of the GPS competition against Grammar. We will be having debates in 7A, B and C, 8A, B and C, 9A and B, 10A and B, Firsts, Seconds and Thirds. The Seconds are in a position to tie for the title in their competition.

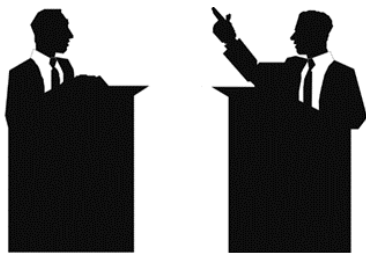
This will also be the last week for all Debating coaching for the year.

A huge thank you to the students for competing this year in what have been trying circumstances. A thank you to all the coaches who have coached their teams every Friday evening for the last three terms.

As Debating ends for this year, I would like to thank Hugh Bartley who was our Head Coach for the past couple of years. Hugh did an amazing job of finding high quality coaches and ensuring they were all appropriately prepped for the topics each week.

Finally, a big thank you to Alex De Araujo, our new Head Coach who took over from Hugh at the beginning of this term. Alex has ensured that we have clear communication with the coaches, that all coaches have been online every Friday throughout the GPS competition, he has found adjudicators for extra matches, he has prepared lesson plans for the coaches to deliver every week as well as coaching his own team, the 8As. We look forward to Alex taking us through next year as Head Coach.

**Madeleine Rigby**  
MIC Debating



## Legal Debating Update

Mock Trial and Mock Mediation have continued during Term 3 and the boys have achieved some impressive results. This is in no small part due to the incredible efforts

of one of our Old Boys, Branko Stajic, who has been coaching them this year.

## Mock Mediation

The Mock Mediation team competed the latest round of the competition last week and were very nervous because our adjudicator was unable to participate via Zoom and the person from the NSW Law Society, who runs all of the legal debating competitions, had to step in. Fortunately, the boys had nothing to worry about, as they achieved their highest score yet: 89/100!

Congratulations to the whole team but, in particular, Vishrush Anand and Aarav Gandhi: Aarav was struggling to speak after an orthodontist's appointment but managed to teach Vishruth what to do at short notice and the adjudicator had no idea that Vishruth had never participated in Mock Mediation before!

## Mock Trial

The Mock Trial team took part in their most recent round of the competition on the first day of Term 3. It was then announced that not only would schools have until Week 9 to complete this round, so the boys could have had several weeks longer to prepare, but also that the competition will go straight to the quarter final, from 250 schools down to the final 16, due to the complications associated with online learning. They are still waiting to hear if they have made it into the final 16 but, sadly, don't think that their points are high enough.

However, not to be deterred, the Year 10s recruited two extra students to make a team of five and Abrar Chowdhury, Agastya Govind, Landrie Zuo, Taran Shah and Octavio Carbajal Zapata competed in the Australian Disputes Centre School Invitational Debating Competition.

Abrar and Octavio made it to the final, with Octavio winning the award for best speaker. They had to argue in favour of "A religious school should be allowed to hire and retain only teachers that conform to their religious beliefs".

Agastya and Landrie also tried their hand at comedy debating, where they had to make serious points but also make their audience laugh. Landrie won "Best Comedy Speaker". Their topic was "The ADC Debating participants would be cooler on social media if they invited the adjudicators to be in their TikTok videos and Insta stories". It's probably just as well we are not in school at the moment, given some of the comments they made at the expense of their teachers who are over the age of 30!

**Hazel Stephens**  
Teacher Social Science





## **The 2021 Judy Cassab Art Prize**

### **HERE and NOW**

**Entry deadline extended to 5pm 8 October**

Students presently enrolled at Sydney Girls and Sydney Boys are eligible to enter one drawing or painting for consideration in the  
**Judy Cassab Art Prize 2021.**

Thirty artworks will be short-listed by Visual Arts teachers before final judging.

One prize of two thousand dollars will be awarded to the successful entrant.

Entries will be due by 5:00 Friday 8 October 2021.

#### **Conditions:**

Only one artwork per entrant

No HSC artworks

Entries are flat works, being paintings or drawings.

Size should not exceed A1

Works should be representations of the theme "*Here and Now*"

The winning work will be exhibited at SBHS or SGHS for one year and then returned to the student.

The shortlist process and judging is final.

**ENTER online <https://forms.gle/CfGxXa12Z5ms5eox8>**



## HIGH SAILING

We may not be able to get on to the water yet, but we can still look upon the joy it brings.....

### A student's perspective

Sailing in SBHS has been an eye-opening opportunity for me. I heard about sailing through our current captain, Arion Sclavenitis, his rhetoric speech convinced me and many others, to give sailing at High a go. I'll never forget the memories made from that moment on. Sailing has allowed me to rewind as I experienced the cool rush of the wind and the salty tang of the sea as we glide swiftly across the waves. The blazing sun of the summer, beating down on us below. One of the most inspiring moments in my sailing career was during the recent Tokyo 2020 Olympics when Will Ryan and Mathew Belcher took the gold in the 470 class.



Throughout the years, week after week and day after day, we all trained together as a team. Despite the difficulties faced this year, I believe we will win states and go to nationals. Though our current predicament seems rough this year, I believe we have a shot at winning states and going to nationals.

**Nathan Cox (11R)**





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# WAYS VACATION CARE SPRING SCHEDULE



This information would be relevant for families with younger siblings in primary school and/or Year 7 students.

## EVERYDAY FROM 8AM - 6PM

### WEEK 1: 20TH SEP - 25TH SEP

**MON 20th SEP**  
**AM**

'Little Succers' Build your own Terrarium Kit.



**PM**

Paint your own flowers pots  
OR  
Movies & Popcorn



**TUES 21st SEP**  
**AM**

Laser Tag on the Rooftop



**PM**

Giant Yard Games on the Rooftop



**WED 23rd SEP**  
**AM**

Sydney Chocolate and Coco Workshop



**PM**

Making Edible slime and Marshmallows



**THURS 24th SEP**  
**AM**

MasterChef Masterclass  
-Pizza and Pasta



**PM**

Making desserts and slices  
OR  
Movie & Popcorn



**FRI 25th SEP**  
**AM**

Cinema Experience  
(Disney+ Premier Access)



**PM**

WAYS  
Amazing Race &  
Scavenger Hunt



### WEEK 2: 27TH SEP - 1ST OCT

**MON 27th SEP**  
**AM**

RollerFit Workshop on the Rooftop



**PM**

Rooftop DIY Arcade Fun



**TUES 28th SEP**  
**AM**

STEM Robotics Workshop



**PM**

Science Experiments  
OR  
Tye Dye Experience



**WED 29th SEP**  
**AM**

Pablo & Picasso Art Workshop



**PM**

Rock Painting  
OR  
Making Slime



**THURS 30th SEP**  
**AM**

Clay Kit Workshop



**PM**

Candle Making  
OR  
Tye Dye Experience



**FRI 1st OCT**  
**AM**

CODE4FUN Coding Workshop



**PM**

E-Sports Gaming Comp  
OR  
Basketball Workshop



Contact us at [oosh@ways.org.au](mailto:oosh@ways.org.au) or fill out our enquiry form that can be found via the QR code



**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT IF ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES HAVE TO BE CHANGED DUE TO LOCKDOWN AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL BOOKINGS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND AN ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY WILL BE ARRANGED.**



# September/October 2021

10-09-2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10 C	<b>13 ***</b> Year 11 Yearly Exams, 09:00-15:15, English - 09:00-10:00, Music 1+2 Written Exam - 14:00-15:30 Music: HSC Music 1, 2 + Extension Completion Submission Date Class assessment: Year 10 History: timed response, canvas submission, P1-10ZHs, P2-10XHs P+C Executive Meeting, Zoom video conference,	<b>14</b> Year 11 Yearly Exams, 09:00-15:15, Economics - 09:00-10:20 Faculty and ENGLISH literary contributions to be submitted to W drive 2021 Record Reports School Council Meeting, Board Room, 17:30-19:00	<b>15</b> Year 11 Yearly Exams, 09:00-15:15, Latin - 10:10-11:10, Business Studies - 13:00-14:00	<b>16</b> Year 11 Yearly Exams, 09:00-15:15, SDD - 09:00-10:00	<b>17</b> Class assessment: Year 9 History: Rights and Freedom Speech online submission, 09:30 Year 11 Yearly Exams, 09:00-15:15 LAST DAY TERM 3	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
1 A	<b>4</b> Labour Day - Public Holiday	<b>5</b> School resumes - staff and students Year 11 meeting: 09:35 Alternative assessment tasks: Year 9 Mathematics, P1 Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online World Teachers' Day	<b>6</b> Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online	<b>7</b> Two libraries blitz chess championships, amateur and chess club players, recess and lunch, online	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
2 B	<b>11</b> Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: 7MaR-P2, 7MaS-P2, 7MaE-P3, 7MaF-P3, 7MaM-P4, 7MaT-P4 P+C Executive Meeting, Zoom video conference, 17:00 P+C Meeting, Zoom video conference, 18:30-20:00	<b>12</b> Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Prefect Training Day, Outterside Centre School Council Meeting, Board Room, 17:30-19:00	<b>13</b> Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Rowing: Committee Meeting, zoom, 19:00	<b>14</b> Sports Council Meeting, Zoom, 07:30 Year 9 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: Year 8 Mathematics, P1	<b>15</b> Year 9 Yearly Exams, online	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
3 C	<b>18</b> Year 7 Yearly Exams, online	<b>19</b> Year 7 Yearly Exams, online Alternative assessment tasks: Year 10 Mathematics, P1 Foundation meeting, 18:30-20:30 Marching Band Rehearsal, 15:30-16:30	<b>20</b> Year 7 Yearly Exams, online	<b>21</b> Year 7 Yearly Exams, online	<b>22</b> Wellbeing Day, no online classes Peer mentoring: Celebration and reflection, selected Yr 8 and 10, lunch 1+2	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>