



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

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From the Principal High Talent

belated acknowledgement of some Α outstanding Davidson Shield Knockout cricket performances. Arjun Narayanan (10F) scored back-to-back centuries 132 n.o. v Alexandria Park HS and 100 against Sydney Technical HS. Eddie Barks also scored 105 against Sydney Tech. Congratulations on your fine knocks! Well done to our Chess team on retaining the Trophy for the High Invitational Chess Tournament, in its 18th year. Our team -Nestor Chan (10R), Anay Gautam (9R), Aaron Huang (10S), Toby Huey (12S), Quan Nguyen (10E), Kayden Santoso (10M), Tanish Sarathy (11S), William Tran (8R) and Lucas Zhang (10R). Great work boys! Also, Toby Huey (12S), Quan Nguyen (10E), Nestor Chan (10R) and Aaron Huang (10S) have won the prestigious Terry Shaw Shield - a state level trophy. Congratulations. At last weekend's Invitational Athletics Carnival, James McLoughlin won the U16s 110m hurdles (15.52); in U15s Rohan Chand won the high jump (1.7m) and was 2nd in the 200m; Roger He, Mark Yan, Rohan Chand and Tim Chen won the 4 x 100m relay in 46.51; in U14s Mekaeel Khan won the long jump (5.12) and placed third in high jump; and in U13s Heshel Kariyawasam won the high jump (1.65m). Well done to all our athletics competitors!





Hard Copies of The Record

Our annual publication *The Record* is available in PDF and is also digitised in time and published on our website. We have found that not enough people are valuing an actual hard copy. Our policy for 2024 is that only half the number of copies will be printed. All students in Years 7 and 12 will receive a hard copy. All other years and staff may have a hard copy, but only by ordering one from Ms May in advance. We hope to match supply with demand and reduce wastage.



Tell Them from Me Survey – Parents input into Aspects of School Life

Parents are invited to respond to the survey 'Tell Them from Me'. Your ideas about school life are important to us and inform our *Strategic Improvement Plan* during our annual self-evaluation.

- The survey window is now open until Term 4 Week 4 - Friday 8 November 2024.
- The parent and teacher surveys take approximately 10 minutes and can be completed at any time during this window.
- Parents access the survey through a URL unique to your school and can choose the option to complete the survey in multiple languages other than English.
- <u>http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/5sffr</u>
- The parent survey is mobileresponsive, which means it can be completed on all smartphones and tablets with internet access.

Tissues in Classrooms

The SRC managed an initiative to supply tissues to classrooms for the use of boys. The need was seen, particularly over winter. The supply of tissues to classrooms did not seem to lead to wastage and extra rubbish for cleaners to deal with. In terms 2 and 3, up to the end of August, 320 boxes of tissues were distributed to classrooms. The organisation was entirely up to the SRC, and I have had no complaints from staff about how it was handled. I am seeking feedback on the usefulness of the trial and a recommendation as to whether it should be continued, if student volunteers are available.



Interpreting Semester 2 Year 12 Reports

All Year 12 students ought to have their final reports. The ATAR estimate for the second semester report is based on the results of the Trial HSC alone. Students can get a more accurate appraisal of how they would perform if the HSC were to be held now. Historically, these ATAR predictions are replicated in the actual HSC with surprising accuracy. Those who performed better at assessment tasks, practical projects or performances than in formal examinations, are disadvantaged by this method of calculation. However, unless the examination marks are earned, they cannot be distributed to those with the best ranks in the course. Unless students take radical steps to address areas of weakness highlighted by their teachers, or until students adopt rigorous study schedules and stick to them for weeks at a time, then the ATAR predictions given to them at interview based on the Trial will, in all probability, closely reflect the actual HSC ATARs they earn. Intensive effort for a month or so can make a very big difference to examination scores. Students are urged to take the short-term pain for the long-term gain. Working in pairs or triads, sharing question-answering techniques or core essay content, or model answers, can help increase the quantum of HSC marks earned, and hence assessed marks will be scaled up to equal the total of earned HSC examination marks. Student-created resources, as well as ATOMI, are available to students to help boost examination marks after the Trial. Once the rank orders are decided, mutual self-help in revision and study benefits everybody, as the rising tide lifts all boats.

Dr K A Jaggar Principal

EARLY LEAVE REMINDER

The school **does not** accept early leave applications via email or telephone.

The procedures for early leave are as follows:

Students must bring a note to the office that has been signed by both a parent AND a Deputy Principal BEFORE 8.55am Monday to Thursday and 9.20am Friday.

The note must contain the student's name, roll class, date, time of departure and reason for leave.

The student then returns to the office at the stated time and collects an early leave pass.

Please note: Early leave requests submitted after 8.55am and / or sent via email or telephone will not be accepted or processed by the office.



Wear It Purple Day and World Pride - Wear It Purple Assembly

Congratulations and thank you to the Equality Committee on a highly successful Wear It Purple Day.

Years 9 and 10 attended an assembly, where former SBHS student Victoria Ho, and Wear It Purple volunteer Vesper Lawrence, were interviewed by Ryan Park and Vivaan Wadhwa about their experiences of being LGBTI+ since leaving school. They offered some valuable insights, words of wisdom for young people, and gave a hopeful impression of life for young rainbow people at university, and in the workplace.

Students from all year groups participated in Wear It Purple Day by wearing purple, blue or red clothing. The purple hairspray, nail polish and purple sunscreen proved very popular, and the Equality Committee were kept busy, liberally applying these to their fellow students.

Our annual Prefects vs Police basketball game was very well attended. Thank you to Surry Hills and Kings Cross police for joining us. The prefects organised a talented team of basketball players but forgot one vital thing: a referee! A massive thank you to Mr Loizou for stepping in at the last moment!

We also held a workshop in the afternoon on being an LGBTI+ ally. It was lovely to see so many students wanting to attend, to learn more about supporting their friends.

While we all had a lot of fun, I was genuinely delighted to see that our students didn't forget the message of the day: that our rainbow students need to know that our school is a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for them.

Hazel Stephens Teacher





Overseen by our dedicated Canteen Managers and the Canteen Committee, our Canteen's daily operations are vitally supported by our wonderful volunteer community ensuring our students are provided with an enticing array of freshly prepared, wholesome, cooked food choices each day. Below are some highlights from the past fortnight, featuring our amazing parent volunteers and some exquisite creations from our very talented Canteen Committee Vice-President Vivian Chen!







If you or a family member have time to spare on a regular or ad hoc basis, please reach out by any of the following means so we can assist with registering you as a Canteen Volunteer: All parents, grandparents, carers are welcome to register as a Canteen Volunteer.

- fill out the <u>Canteen Volunteer Registration</u> form
- send an email to canteen@sbhs.nsw.edu.au
- call us on (02) 9662 9350



As we step into September, we would like to ask if all our wonderful volunteers could please spare some time to complete the NSW Food Authority's free, online Food Handler Basics Training course or translatable DoFoodSafely course at your earliest convenience. This would greatly assist the Canteen Committee with compliance preparation before the December 8 deadline, when new mandatory food safety guidelines will be enforced for Standards 3.3.2A of the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code.

The NSW Food Authority's Food Handler Basics training course can be accessed here:

https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/foodhandler-basics-training

The Victorian Health Authority's 'DoFoodSafely' course offers full translations in Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Korean, Nepali, Hindi and Punjabi: https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/

Please email certificates of completion to <u>sbhscanteenvolunteers@qmail.com</u> for record-keeping.

For those who require assistance with the course modules or quiz, please feel free to reach out to Joyce Yuan or Vivian Chen via the email above, or PM through the Canteen Volunteers Whatsapp group.



Thank you so much to all volunteers who have already emailed through their certificates of completion, and for everyone's continued support!







We are very grateful to the following parents for volunteering in the Canteen during the past few weeks:

Thursday 29 August: Vivian Chen, Sukie Geng

Friday 30 August: Annie Wen, Cherry Lin

Monday 2 September: Yongmei Jin, Li Tian, Huanying Pan

Tuesday 3 September: Katherine Cowan

Wednesday 4 September: Becky Zhou, Xiaoyan Xu, Dexian Ma

Thursday 5 September: Jessy Tandani, Liqiong Peng, Rosaline Perry

Friday 6 September: Haibo Wang, Cathy Wang

Monday 9 September: Grace Guan, Huanying Pan, Jessica Tam

Tuesday 10 September: Liqiong Peng, Junyan Hu

Wednesday 11 September: Yongmei Jin, Katherine Cowan

J Yuan On Behalf of the SBHS Canteen Committee

Greatly Appreciated!

THE SYDNEY HIGH 2024 JUDY CASSAB PRIZE FOR PAINTING AND DRAWING THEME

Students from Sydney Boys are eligible to enter **one drawing or painting** for consideration in the Judy Cassab Art Prize. The winner will be announced in Week 9 Term 4 One prize of one thousand dollars will be awarded to the successful entrant.

ENTER by 25 November here https://forms.gle/ZKCsxmMuaYk7dFnH6

Conditions:

Only one artwork per entrant Size should not exceed one metre square No HSC artworks The shortlist process and judging is final. orks must be collected on Friday 14 December.



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HSC Practical Exams

The HSC music students have been rigorously preparing their demanding program all year, culminating in their performance exam on Wednesday 11 September (Music 1 Course) and Friday 13 September (Music 2 and Extension Course). They completed and submitted their compositions and recordings to NESA and will sit for their written exam next term on 16 October. We wish them all the best in their preparations for their upcoming final examination.

Open Day - Thursday 12 September 2024

The Junior String Quartet (Roger He, Aidan Li, Tony Roberts, Barry Zhang), *Senior String Quartet* (Ryan Chai, Kevin Dong, Jimmy Li, Lucas Wang), and *Jazz Ensemble* (James Carmichael, Andrew Dong, Ahyen Haque, Mekaeel Khan, Bach Nguyen, Noah Pillemer), performed at the Annual Sydney Boys High Open Day on Thursday 12 September to prospective families of High. Their wonderful program varied from light Classical to swinging Jazz. Thank you to their conductors; Edmund Ing (Junior and Senior Quartets) and Michael Gubb (Jazz Ensemble) for preparing the boys.

Music Instrumental Storeroom

A reminder to ALL students, please ensure you place your instruments in the correct areas in the music storeroom and leave a clear pathway of access as instruments left lying on the floor are a trip hazard. Suzanna Lim Music Teacher

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
(Before School)	(Before School)	(Before School)	(Before School)	(Before School)
Intermediate	Senior Concert Band	Junior Stage Band	Intermediate Stage	Symphonic Strings
Concert Band	7.45am – 8.45am	7.45am – 8.45am	Band	8.00am – 9.00am
7.45am – 8.45am	Governors Centre	Room 101	7.45am – 8.45am	Room 101
Governors Centre			Room 101	
Guitar Ensemble		Senior Stage Band	Symphony Orchestra	Chamber Choir
7.45am – 8.45am		7.15am – 8.15am	7.45am – 8.45am	8.00am – 9.00am
Room 201		Room 201	Room 201	Room 201
			Junior and Senior	Marching Band
			String Quartet	8.00am – 9.00am
			7.45am – 8.45am	MPW
			Room 202	Terms 1 and 4 only
			Junior Strings	
			Ensemble	
			7.45am – 8.45am	
			Room 203	
			Terms 1 and 2 only	
			Philharmonic	
			Orchestra	
			7.45am – 8.45am	
			Room 204	
(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)	(After School)
Guitar Ensemble	Marching Band	Percussion Ensemble		Jazz Ensemble
3.20m – 4.20pm	3.20pm – 4.20pm	3.20pm – 4.20pm		3.20pm – 4.20pm
Room 201	GH/MPW	Governors Centre		Room 201
	Terms 1 and 4 only			

2024 Music Ensemble Schedule





SBHS Athletics Season - Week 4

Believe it or not, but we are past halfway through the best GPS sporting season of the year. We have seen some rapid developments in the boy's performances. Plenty of great performances and PB's over the weekend. Great signs ahead in CHS State Athletics this week and the GPS Championships on Saturday 21 September. Boys will need to have their own SBHS Athletics Singlet for the Championship, these can be purchased at the High store.



Key Events

CHS State Athletics, Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 September.

Final Invitational Saturday 14 September SOPAC.

Draft GPS Athletics Championship Team listed Sunday 15 September.

Athletics Assembly for all GPS Athletes to attend on Monday 16 September. Presentation of Senior Team -17's and Open's, Includes Year 12 Athlete gift.

GPS Athletics Championships Saturday 21 September.

Top 3 at The Invitational: Open's 200m - Ashwin Rajesweran 3rd 24.62

16's

110m Hurdles - James Mcloughlin 1^{st} 15.52 Long Jump - Lachlan Leung 2^{nd} 5.87 High Jump - Oliver Buikema 3^{rd} 1.8m

15′s

100m - Mark Yan 2^{nd} 12.13 200m - Rohan Chand 2^{nd} 24.72 100m Hurdles - Reza Bassam 2^{nd} 16.07 Long Jump - Max Gao 2^{nd} 5.42, Roger He 3^{rd} 5.21 High Jump - Rohan Chand 1^{st} 1.7 4x100m - Roger He, Mark Yan, Rohan Chand, Tim Chen 1^{st} 46.51

14′s

Long Jump – Mekaeel Khan 1st 5.12 High Jump - Mekaeel Khan 3rd 1.6 4x100m - Lloyd Zeng, Meekael Khan, Sayyan Doke, Owen Trinh 2nd 48.65

13′s

90m Hurdles - Ilya Tsoutsman 2nd 14.76 Long Jump - Yun-Xi Wang 1st 4.81 High Jump - Heshal Kariyawsom 1st 1.65 Yun-Xi Wang 2nd 1.6 4x100m - James Wong, Illya Tsoutsman, Josh Chen, Songyu Yang 3rd 52.27

Kurt Rich MIC Athletics



Coach - Hikun using video recordings to help Roger undertsand where he can improve!



Rohan Chand passing the baton to Tim Chen in the final change of the 5x100m 15's relay, the boys came away with the win! A good sign ahead of CHS this week.



Sydney High School Cadet Unit SHSCU Highlights Passing Out Parade Supper and New NCO Body

On Tuesday 3 September, Sydney High School Cadet Unit (SHSCU) held its Passing Out Parade for the outgoing 2024 graduates. We were fortunate enough to invite back AK AC CVO MC Colonel Andrew White, who came to last year's 140th Passing Out Parade, to be our reviewing officer this year. We commend our Year 12s for their help thus far in the unit as their journeys in the cadet program come to an end and wish them the very best with their upcoming HSC exams. Additionally, we thank Ms Binh Johnsun for working hard behind the scenes for the accompanying supper and tying the whole event together.





The completion of this parade also marked our last official day with CAPT(AAC) Kelly, who has been of immense help to our unit for the past year. Without her aid, SHSCU would not have been able to live up to its greatest potential, and we thank her for providing extensive assistance to our unit.





With most of the unit's senior command aging out this year, 2024 welcomed a new body of NCOs to succeed its predecessors. Alpha Company has been taken over by CDTSGT Bevan Shen as the new Company Commander and CDTSGT Delbert Zou as the Sergeant Major. CUO Jin Shim has continued to fulfil his role as Bravo Company Commander and welcomed CDTSGT Fiona He as the Company's new Sergeant Major. Our newly established training team is led by CUO Oscar Zhang, who has been working diligently in improving the discipline and teaching of our NCO body. The new Regimental Sergeant Major is CDTSGT Willard Fan, taking over the role from CDTWO1 Andy Huang from the class of 2024. I am honoured to have been given the role of the unit's next Senior Under Officer, succeeding CUO Dean Johnsun, and look forward to working with the new senior command in the future for the betterment of the unit.

CDTSGT Eli Wang Incoming SUO



SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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