



The Weekly Newsletter of Sydney Boys High School

From the Principal Debating Season Wrap

Our GPS first debating team – Vishruth Anand (12M), Liam Nottage (11S), Luka Miletic (12R) and Partrick Nguyen (12T) – won the GPS Premiership and 12-months possession of the Louat Shield. This is the 19th High victory since 1920 in this prestigious competition. In the overall GPS debating season, High earned the number one ranking, after strong premiership wins by our 9A and 8A teams and a copremiership in GPS Thirds. Vishhruth and Liam were selected in the CHS Firsts team. Congratulations to MIC Viv Paul, the coaches, the teams and the parents who supported the program.



Year 9 NAPLAN results Numeracy – 2024 target 78% scoring >/= 700. 2024 result 89%

Reading – 2024 target 82% scoring >/= 650. 2024 result 80%

Writing – 2024 target 53% scoring >/= 650 2024 result 68%

We are making steady progress, but we need to push our writing up closer to the level of the other results. We are bedding down strategies in sentence conscious pedagogy to assist in this endeavour. Regular spelling tests are being conducted in classes. We are teaching how to build paragraphs. Teachers are focusing on how texts are composed as well as the content of the writing.



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Athletics Assembly

Our guest, Mr Bruce, recounted his switch of sports from a rugby background around age 15 to weightlifting. He told us about his 10-year journey since then, including a Commonwealth Games silver medal and a 10th at the Olympics in weightlifting in Paris. He mentioned his highs and lows and how he needed all his resilience to stay focused after injuries. He urged the boys to stay focused on their goals in sport and academics and to never give up. My speech to the assembly is printed below.

'Special quest, Paris Olympian Mr Kyle Bruce, Staff, parents, coaches, selected GPS athletics representatives and students, good morning and welcome to our annual athletics assembly. I acknowledge this morning the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of the land and waterways on which we meet and pay my respects to elders past and present and extend that respect to any First Nations people here today. We are assembled together again today to celebrate our athletics season, extended this year by some additional Tuesday morning train-on sessions in the off season. Our purpose is to honour our teams who will compete in our name on Saturday at the GPS Carnival.'

The school's special thanks are extended to Athletics MIC Mr Kurt Rich who has built up our athletics program, impressively particularly over the last few seasons. Thank you also to Natalie Luu who attends and monitors the team at the Invitational carnivals each Saturday of the season. Kurt is assisted on the track by our ubiquitous Head Coach - Neil Song (SHS-2015); for Sprints by Justin Nonis (SHS-2021), Joshua Tassell (SHS 2010) and Liam Scolari; for Hurdles by Jason Huo (SHS-2017) and Kaden Kuang; for distance events by Ren-Shyan Balnave, Daniel Ma (SHS-2018) and Max Russell (SHS-2023). Our field coaches include, for Shot Put - Jack Bowditch and Oscar Greville (SHS-2023); for Long Jump - Davina Strauss and Hikun Nguyen; and for High Jump by Alex Rieger and Ross Zhou (SHS-2023). Rehabilitation for athletes is managed by Nelson Cheng.

Congratulations to all our competitors in the Combined High Schools Athletics carnival held last week in blustery and difficult conditions. Our U16s 4x100m relay team won gold in a school record time of 44.07. Shawn Handoko won a silver in the U13s 90m hurdles, as did James McLoughlin in the U16s 100m hurdles. Dylan Dutt scored a bronze in the 17+ 200m. The team is primed for a good meet next Saturday.

In track and field at the recent Paris Olympics, Australia won seven medals, but only one gold, by Nina Kennedy in the pole vault. Our Australian men contributed two bronze medals in the discus and the mixed marathon walk. Athletics for boys and men need greater grass roots funding and a higher profile in our society before our international results will improve. Let us hope that the great media coverage of the Olympics and Para Olympics inspires more boys to take up the sport seriously.

At High, we run our athletics program free of copayments because we want to encourage fitness, strength and energetic participation in our student population. Athletic competence is the basis of every sport. We want to encourage and support athletics in any way that we can. I want to congratulate the athletes who have been chosen in our team for the GPS carnival championship and those in division events. You have earned your places by showing dedication and integrity by turning up to train, meeting your commitments and competing in the lead-up carnivals. I wish you the best of luck on Saturday.

Dr K A Jaggar Principal



Yearly Reports - Clearance Forms - Year 11

Clearance forms for report collection will be online during the coming weeks. Please ensure outstanding payments and due book returns are received **before** the clearance form is generated.

Sharon Kearns SAM



THE HIGH STORE WILL BE CLOSED on the last day of Term Three - Friday 27 September.



My name is Jeshan Somanader and I am the Library Prefect for 2025. To be a Prefect is already an honour, but I'd like to take my position one step further by using



it to promote and advance High's most useful yet underappreciated tool. Both the Junior and Senior library at High hold an unlimited amount of knowledge and freedom for the academic and creative space. The reason language is powerful is because it can be crafted in any way that appeals to a certain genre, and both these libraries house a range of books from classic

literature to fantasy fiction to HSC study material, that enable students to access any area of expertise.

Recently, the Senior Library has seen an upgrade with its up and coming 'HSC Lock In Room.' This room offers a space for Year 12 students to 'lock in' and concentrate in an environment that is optimal for studying. This is ultimately achieved through the room's quietude, combined with the motivation generated by students who are also studying. Places like these are crucial to ease the pressure off our boys during their HSC period, and I hope to see this space flourish for years to come.



The library also holds a wide range of study guides across all different year levels, not just for Year 12. They offer preparation material that is not provided in class, so please take advantage of this extremely considerate collection. But if you'd like to take your mind off studying, why not borrow a fiction book for the holidays? The library will always have a book waiting for you. Jeshan Samanader 11E

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SBHS OPEN DAY 2024

Last Thursday, 12 September, the P&C had the pleasure of hosting a morning tea on Open Day.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who volunteered their time from 7:30am - 12:30pm helping at the event to create a welcoming atmosphere. Whether they were busy preparing delicious treats in the kitchen, serving food with a smile, or engaging with visitors to answer their questions about our school, their contributions were greatly appreciated.

We also want to express our sincere thanks to the parents who contributed behind the scenes. Their donations of food and contributions to the Group Together Food Fund was crucial in bringing the Morning Tea to life, helping us provide a spread of delicious treats and making a significant impact on the event's success.

Special mention to Heidi Yuen and Aiying Law, who ensured that the food and drinks were continuously available throughout the event. Their seamless coordination and tireless work behind the scenes kept everything flowing uninterrupted. Thanks also to Binh Johnsun and Kim Puah for making the pulled pork and vegetable patties rolls for the 2024 Prefects and 2025 Prefects-Elect.

Once again, thank you to all the parents who have been involved Open Day, for their time, energy and generosity. Their dedication is truly evident when you look at the impressive list of 108 names below. We couldn't have done it without you! The commitment to volunteering highlights the strength of our school community and we are truly grateful to have such supportive parents. We look forward to many more opportunities coming together in the future.



Below are the names of parent volunteers who signed in on Open Day, donated food or contributed to the P&C Food Fund. The names have been taken from the Open Day spreadsheets and Group Together list, and I sincerely apologise if your name has been missed.

Aiving Law, Alex Hu, Alok Sharma, Anay Gautam, Angeline Tao, Annette Meyns, Annie Wen, Ashish Sharma, Becky Zhou, Binh Johnsun, Bonnie Wong, Bosky K, Carla Zhong, Caroline Liu, Catherine Tjoa, Daisy T. Dan Johnsun, Dana Lee, Dawesh Chand, Emily Kuo, Emma Britton, Emma Pham, Eri Sharp, Eric Wu, Eva P, Fiona Yang, Fiona Zhu, Fontins Suardy, Grace Guan, Heidi Yuen, Helena He, Herena He, Hiroshi Narushima, Hong Do, Huanying Pan, Iva Barraza Nejedla, Ivy Liao, James Tang, Jane Ling, Jane Nguyen, Jason Feng, Jean Li, Jessica Lim, Jessie Li, Jessy Tandani, Jianming Yin, Jin Ning, Jocelyn Yem, Joyce Yuan, Judy, Jun Ma, Karen Tsang, Kathy Cowan, Katrina Allen, Katya Nemirovich, Kevin Luu, Kim Chua, Kim Puah, Krish Subramanian, Lakshmy Joshi, Lawrence Chen, Lily Jia, Lily Xiao, Linan Tao, Linda Soo, Lisa Cheshire, Lorna Deng, Lynn Jiang, M Belgaumkar, Maria Bolofer, May Greacen, Mehek Akmal Hag, Michael Van, Michael Zhu, Ming Cha, Mohit, Nelly Kasmo, Nhan Pham, Nicole L, Olga Sukhovskaya, Pamela Jolly, Pooi Yee Lee, Qihua Xu, Quynh Luu, Rachael Flynn, Rebecca Iliffe, Renee Lin, Rosaline Perry, Sabina Ong, Saipriya Rahulan, Sally Park, Sam Bendall, Shweta Doke, Sonia Boije, Sophia Xue, Sunny Song, Swaran P, Tania Kirkland, Tatiana Tsoutsman, Thava Subramanian, Thi Huyen Le, Veronica Kim, Vicky Ye, Vivian Chen, Vivian Wong, Young Chun, Yulia, Yvonne Van.

Tania Kirkland SBHS P&C President









COMPETITIVE CHESS NEWS NSW JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ONE DAY TOURNAMENT - THE TERREY SHAW SHIELD

On Sunday 8 September we entered three Open Teams and two Junior Teams in this highly regarded competition which was held at Shore School in North Sydney.

We are proud to announce that our Open A Team brought home the Terrey Shaw perpetual Shield to Sydney Boys for the second year in a row. Our players in this team were Ahn Quan Nguyen (yr.10) Toby Huey (yr.12), and Nestor Chan (yr.10).

Players in our other teams performed well and, as always, the opportunity to play against students from so many other schools has been invaluable.

Open B: Kayden Santoso, Lucas Zhang, Kevin Liu Open C: Aaron Huang, Jason Guo, Alexander Howe Open (Yrs.7-9) C: Anay Guatam, William Tran, Daniel Dai Open (Yrs 7-9) D: Jerry Xiao, Tenzin Lama, Surya Thatavarthy.

Congratulations to all our players who gave up their Sunday to represent the school and conducted themselves admirably in the competition and Thank You to Alice Wei - Toby Huey's mother.

Rowena Barr MIC Chess



Winners - Quan Nguyen, Toby Huey, Nestor Chan



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Kurt Rich Photo Coordinator



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.





Term 3 Wrap Up

As we are winding down towards the end of term three, music ensemble rehearsals are still going strong in preparation for our end of year concert on Sunday 8 December at 12pm in The Governors Centre. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of wonderful music which the boys have been working assiduously on this semester.

Music Awards Assembly

Our Annual Music Awards Assembly, which recognises all the great achievements of our students, will be held on Monday 9 December in the Great Hall following our end of year music ensembles concert on the Sunday.

STOREROOM

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 for access, as instruments left lying on the floor present a trip hazard. Suzanna Lim

Music Teacher

ZU24 MUSIC Ensemble Schedule 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







LEGAL DEBATING

Mock Mediation News

For those who don't know, Mock Mediation is a simulated legal process where students take on the roles of opposing parties in a hypothetical dispute. Through negotiation and compromise, they aim to reach a mutually agreeable settlement. Every year SBHS competes in a Mock Mediation competition with 150 other schools held by the Law Society of NSW.



In 2024 the SBHS Mock Mediation team achieved unprecedented success in this competition. We've not only broken multiple school records but have also showcased exceptional legal acumen and negotiation skills.

The season was off to a rocky start, with all members of the team being new to Mock Mediation and the first Mediation only a week away. However, due to the help of our coach and the dedication and effort from the team, we were able to achieve a score of 81/100, the highest score the adjudicator had ever given in the first round, as well as the highest first round score in the school's history.

However, our key highlight of the season came in our third-round mediation, where our team was able to achieve an astounding score of 99 out of 100.

This score is not only the highest score ever received from this round but also the highest score an SBHS team has ever received. This is an achievement that is a testament to the team's dedication, hard work, and exceptional negotiation skills. It also reflects the invaluable guidance and support provided by our coach.

Our exceptional performance in the third round then earned us a place in the quarterfinals. There, we continued our strength showing with a score of 83,securing our spot in the semifinals. However, despite another solid performance of 83 in the semifinals, we narrowly missed out on advancing to the final round. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our coach, Octavio Cabajal Zapata, for his invaluable guidance and support. His expertise and encouragement have been instrumental in our success. Additionally, we are immensely thankful to our MIC, Ms Stephens, for her unwavering belief in our abilities and her continuous support.



Finally, I would like to thank my teammates, Sajan Thiagalingam, Aryan Ghosh, Alay Mahidahia, Tuyvan Mai, Vivaan Wadhwa, Aarav Shah, Om Kothari, Talha Adnan and Otis Candy. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork have been essential to our achievements, and it is because of them that this season been successful, memorable and fulfilling.



Cranbrook MUN Excursion

Model United Nations is an activity where students represent different countries in the United Nations and work together to solve global issues.

On Wednesday 11 September, members of the Mock Mediation team attended a Model United Nation event held at Cranbrook School. This excursion involved schools such as Reddam House, Rose Bay College and PLC Sydney. In this excursion as double delegates, three main issues were discussed. Firstly, there was the question of the South China Sea where there were discussions about the possibility of creating an independent council made of the ASEAN countries, as well as the idea of an abolishment of the 9-dash line. However, in the end, the resolution was not passed due to a majority vote loss and the use of three veto powers, Russia, USA and China!

The second resolution that was discussed was the question of the proxy war in Yemen. This discussion involved the creation of a negotiation forum where the Yemen Government and the Houthis will be invited as well as a debate in the discussion on whether countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia would be allowed to attend this forum. This resolution even after going through multiple amendments was again unable to pass, this time due to the use of a single veto power! Russia represented by SBHS Delegates, Talha Adnan and Aarav Shah.

After the resolution two debate, lunch was provided by the Cranbrook Kitchen Staff. This consisted of Pepperoni Pizza, Arancini Balls, Meat Pies, Sausage Rolls and Drinks. This also allowed us to meet multiple new students from other schools as well as reunite with students met at other Model United Nation events.



Finally, the last resolution debate was the most tension-filled of them all, the question of El Salvador's Human Rights. In this discussion there was a huge debate between the SBHS Delegates. Brazil, represented by Sajan Thiagalingam and Aryan Ghosh put up an amendment which would make only the USA pay for all aid given to cease these human rights violations and it received a whopping number of signatories. In response to this, USA, represented by Ryan Park and Vivaan Wadhwa, called out Brazil on their indifference to the issue and by quoting Brazil's very own delegate in the unmoderated caucus who said "We have lots of football players that we need to fund such as Neymar Junior" in response to an amendment that

all countries should pay 0.1% of their GDP to aid El Salvador (Tuyvan Mai and Alay Mahidadhia) were then roped into the debate, wanting to maintain relations with USA but also agreeing with the fact that the USA were the main cause of the human right issues. Finally, before a resolution was voted on there were several "fun" amendments suggested by multiple countries. These include suggestions such as "releasing geese into El Salvadorian prisons to improve morale" suggested by Mexico and "that all Brazilian Football players to be jailed and moved into El Salvadorian prisons" suggested by the USA. Once voted on, a resolution was finally created and for the first time of the event, it was passed. Russia, again represented by Talha and Aarav decided against the use of their veto power and the USA also (unhappily) accepted the resolution though aware of the amount of money they would lose.



In conclusion, this excursion was a memorable experience filled with engaging debates, new friendships, and valuable insights into global issues. A huge thank you to Ms Cradock, Ms Stephens, the facilitators from United Nations Youth and the organiser from Cranbrook School. Ryan Park 9T





CHS Athletics Report

High had a most successful CHS campaign from Tuesday 10 - Friday 13 September, with multiple boys achieving podium finishes in the state-wide competition.

The 16s relay team came 1st with a dominant 44.06, breaking the school record. A star-studded lineup with Brendan, Lachy, Nick and James, the best is yet to come.

The 15s relay came 2nd with Liwen, Mark, Rohan and Tim, persevering despite missing star runner Alex Rhufus. What a race!

James McLoughlin, despite a disqualification from the 100m final, came 2nd in the u16 110m hurdles in 15.22. A favourite for the GPS championship title.

Shaun Handoko came 2nd in the u13 90m hurdles with a time of 13.93, breaking the school record. Well done to the young talent.

Dylan Dutt places 3rd in u17 200m, with an opens school record of 22.14. The GPS u17 200m record is under serious threat.

Aiden McManus 5th in 800m Lachlan Leung 6th in long jump Dylan Dutt 11F



Top Three at the Invitational

Note: Not many athletes were rested due to CHS Athletics and/or in preparation for the championships.

16′s

High Jump – Oliver Buikema 3rd 1.75

15′s

Hurldes – Tom Ye 3rd 16.69 Long Jump – Max Gao 5.42

14′s

Hurdles – Lloyd Zeng 3rd 15.95

Kurt Rich MIC Athletics



Captain Justin Nguyen warming up before his race.



15 and 16 High Jump Squad with Coach Alex

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