

# Smith's Hill High School

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**Newsletter 7**

**18th May 2009**

## Coming events

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| <b>Week 4</b> | <b>Beginning Monday 18th May</b>                        |
| Monday        | P&C Meeting 7.30pm Common Room                          |
| Tuesday       | School Athletics Carnival                               |
|               | Plain English Speaking Competition                      |
| Wednesday     | Silver Duke of Edinburgh - Group 2 - 3 days             |
| Friday        | Professor Roseafeld speaking to Y12 Physics             |
| <b>Week 5</b> | <b>Beginning Monday 25th May</b>                        |
| Monday        | Year 11 Assessment Week                                 |
|               | Young Australia Workshop                                |
| Wednesday     | Theatresports Regional Competition                      |
| Thursday      | Proud Shield Baseball                                   |
| Friday        | Crossroads - Day 1                                      |
| <b>Week 6</b> | <b>Beginning Monday 1st June</b>                        |
| Monday        | Marine Science Excursion - Queensland - 2 days          |
| Wednesday     | School Expo - for prospective Year 7 students - 6pm MPU |

## SMITH'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL WELL REPRESENTED

Our vocal ensemble Alison Brown, Zoe Barker, Rory Chatterton, Margaret Dunleavy, Rory Evans, Alina Goldie, Scott Hayward, Ben Hewitt, Matt Hirst, Arapi Ilango, Anjali Iyer, Brianna Watts and Christie Woodhouse-Whittaker opened the Regional Principals' Conference with flair with an á cappella rendition of the National Anthem. Their performance was cleverly orchestrated and beautifully rendered with well-executed harmony. There were many positive comments from principals who would have liked to have heard another item from them. Congratulations to the group and Ms Wellings who works with them.

## CONNECTED TO LEARNING

Deepakkarthi Karunakaran was selected by the regional SRC co-ordinator to speak at the Regional Principals' Conference on the topic "What helps me to connect with learning". His four factors – friends, family, teachers and environment led perfectly into the keynote speaker's address which followed it. Well done Deepak.

## REGIONAL PERFORMANCE

Alison Brown, Rory Evans, Lachlan Jones, Taylor Lappin, Michaela Neto and Christie Woodhouse-Whittaker are part of the Regional Ensemble, which performed at school and at the regional

Principals' Conference. Each had a significant part to play in the performance and the overall effect was spectacular.

## SMITH'S HILL WINS NSW MOOTING

My phone rang at the crack of dawn last Wednesday morning. I answered blearily. Eardrums ringing slightly, I quickly forgave the volume with which Mr Zabell delivered the news: Smith's Hill had been selected as the NSW winner of the Bond University High School Mooting Competition and so will represent the State at the National grand final in July.

So what on earth is 'mooting'? Put simply, mooting involves a legal debate between two opposing teams that simulates the proceedings of an appeal court. The term originates from the activities of 14th century English judges who would congregate to debate points of law and notable cases. In the 21st century, mooting requires students (usually at a tertiary level) to undergo vigorous questioning by a panel of judges in attempting to persuade the court of their side of the case.



Smith's Hill Wins NSW Mooting

It is in this testing and technical activity that Tim Blomfield and I, junior and senior counsel respectively, have had the privilege of engaging for the past few months alongside our indispensable instructing solicitors, Lily Butler and

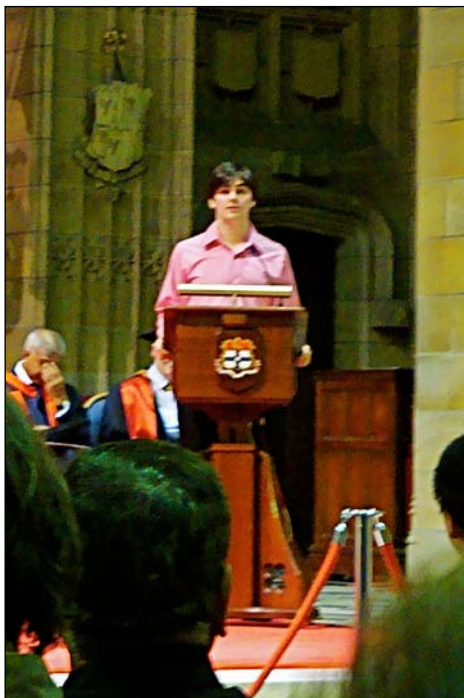
Venura De Zoysa. The judges at the state final praised the preparation and performance of the team, reflecting our many hours of hard work and the much-appreciated assistance of various people along the way.

Of these I'd like to thank two in particular: Wollongong barrister Mr. Bill Dalley, our coach and mentor, and Mr. Zabell, who has co-ordinated mooting at Smith's Hill with much enthusiasm and who, for the record, is quite welcome to ring at the crack of dawn following the national competition if need be.

*Stephen Dodd – Yr 12*

### **SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

The University of Sydney held their Scholarship Assembly on Wednesday evening and three of our students were recognised. Jonathan Zhu, Jabran Chaudry and Daniel Swain. Daniel has just returned from representing the university in debating overseas and was selected to present the students' response to the Chancellor, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir. His response was clever and erudite and left the audience in no doubt that the University was catering to the their needs as students and providing them with opportunities to grow.



Daniel Swain presenting the student response to the Chancellor at the University of Sydney Scholarship Assembly

### **FAREWELL MR TRELEAVEN**

Mr Treleaven who has been with us as a temporary teacher has gained a permanent appointment on merit at Normanhurst Boys' High School, another selective school in Sydney. We would like to acknowledge the work he has done in our school particularly in boys' education and as Year Adviser with Year 10 this year.

### **THANK YOU TO STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

Our student public relations team were active at the parent teacher evening and we would like to acknowledge their assistance to parents on that occasion. The response was very positive and the information they collected will be very useful for us in our planning. Mrs Jones-Sweeting and her team Lachlan Cassar, Emily Campbell, Finn Adams, Eileen Wallace, Julia Gregoratto, Tomm Farrar, Lauren Madigan, Karri Ryan, Jack Xu, Simon Moston, Ben Scollary and Jessica Bird are to be commended for their initiative.

### **IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 09**

#### **23rd September**

- Final cervical cancer for Year 7 girls
- Second Hepatitis B for Year 7 boys and girls.
- Last offer for tetanus/diphtheria/whooping cough for Year 10.
- Last offer for chicken pox Year 7.

The nurses asked me to let Mrs Mitchell and the school community know how impressed they were with courtesy and good sense of all students who received immunisation. As well, they appreciated the unsolicited help from Year 12 boys who helped them carry their bags in.

*S. Sjostedt*

### **WELL DONE TO THE YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

At the recent school carnivals Alex Beagley, Carlie Davis, Adam Skorulis and Stephen Tibben have helped in the fight against breast cancer by collecting over \$800. With such an excellent result from past carnivals, they will be collecting again in the Athletics carnival, so don't forget to bring a gold coin donation and help save a life.

## ZONE NETBALL

The girls and boys netball teams competed in the Zone netball carnival on Friday, with distinction. The boys team won the Zone Championship and the girls were narrowly defeated by Wollongong and Bulli. All team members played well and acted as good ambassadors for the school.

## DOYLEY'S DEBATING...

Debating 2009 began last week with a successful Debating Day against Kanahooka and Bulli High Schools.

Our Year 11 Team are competing in the Year 12 Competition and what a great start they've had! The morning topic against Kanahooka was, 'That you get what you pay for in Education', and SHHS lost the toss to automatically become the negative. SHHS strongly presented the case that money alone does not guarantee a good education, that it is in fact a variety of factors that ensures a better chance of a good education.

The afternoon debate against Bulli presented the topic, 'That we should stop viewing Ladettes and Losers'. Once again SHHS lost the toss and argued that the Entertainment Industry relies on these types of shows as they are popular, they do present solutions to social problems, people have the right to choose their entertainment and even if we banned these types of shows they would not be necessarily replaced with wholesome documentaries as the affirmative tried to argue. In a close decision SHHS gained another win.

Congratulations Natalie, Nathan, Solange and Milan! They will now travel to Bomaderry on Friday to debate Nowra and Bomaderry.  
Good Luck Team!

Good luck also to Madi de Gabriel and Solange Handley who will be participating in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition on Tuesday at St Mary's Star of the Sea College.

*Cheers Doyley*

## POETRY PRIZE

Christine Paice, who is Isaac (Yr 12) and Freya (Yr 10) Jansen's mother, has won the prestigious Josephine Ulrick Poetry Prize in Queensland last weekend for her piece '*The Ministry of Going In*'. Christine has published many poems and short stories, including several books of her own poetry collections. Congratulations on a great achievement.

## JAPANESE HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Many students have collected notes about the opportunities to host Japanese students in third term. With all three groups we will be hosting 60 students, so there are plenty of opportunities for more people to partake in the program. Please see me for an information pack and application form.

*Caroline David - Japanese teacher*

## TOURS TO JAPAN

### Students

Students studying Japanese in Years 9 and 10 this year are invited to an Information Evening about the Japan Study Tour 2010, which will be run from Tues September 21 – Mon Oct 4, 2010. The session will be held at the school from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday June 17, 2009.

The school usually runs Study Tours every 2 years for students studying Japanese in Years 10 and 11. If there are any Year 7 and 8 students who are considering participation in the 2012 Tour, they and their parents are most welcome to come to this session to gather information.

To assist in preparation, all students planning to come are asked to let me know by phone or email the number of people attending.

### Adults and families

I am running a Tour for adults or families in the April holidays next year. For an information package, please email me on [caroline.david@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:caroline.david@det.nsw.edu.au).

*Caroline David - Japanese teacher*

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## CAREER EDUCATION

### UNSW FACULTY OF SCIENCE

#### Information Evening

The Faculty of Science invites you and your Year 11 or Year 12 son or daughter to attend an Information Evening.

**Date:** Thursday 28 May 2009

**Location:** Leighton Hall, The John Niland Scientia Building

**Time:** 6pm – 6.30pm – Registration  
6.30pm – 7.30pm – Presentation  
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Refreshments

#### Program

*Introducing the Faculty of Science*  
*Overview of Science programs*  
*Career Opportunities*  
*Scholarships and Prizes*  
*Student Life at UNSW*

There will be the opportunity to speak with our current students, academic and admission staff.

Registration is essential at [www.science.unsw.edu.au](http://www.science.unsw.edu.au)

Further enquiries please contact Donna Bailey  
T: 02 9385 7307 E: [d.bailey@unsw.edu.au](mailto:d.bailey@unsw.edu.au)

## DESIGN YOUR CAREER

The Traineeship Program provides high achieving Year 12 secondary school students invaluable employment experience while completing a relevant university degree (single degree only). The program allows for six months of 'settle in' time at university before trainees embark on a mix of full-time and part-time work at Deloitte and full-time and part-time study at university. Generous study support and challenging work is offered to all trainees. Applications open in May and close on Sunday 5th July 2009 at 5pm via our website [www.graduate.deloitte.com.au](http://www.graduate.deloitte.com.au)

## 313 TRAINING

313 are holding an information session regarding Entertainment VET courses for Years 10, 11 and 12 on Thursday, May 21 from 6pm to 7pm. Find out what you will learn, how it contributes towards your HSC, see the state of the art facilities and talk to staff. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. For more information phone 4227 5913, [www.313.com.au](http://www.313.com.au) or simply turn up on the night. Corner of Fox and Miller Streets in Coniston.

## CYCLE SKILLS & ROAD SAFETY COURSES

As Austcycle providers Mobile Bike School is running cycle skills and road safety courses starting on 23rd May to the 27th June 2009.

Courses available for participants as young as 5 years old, and there is no such thing as too old to learn. We cater for absolute beginners who can not ride at all, intermediate for those riders who want to improve their skills, and advanced who are competent riders and would like to learn more about road safety and their rights on the roads.

**Course types:** Family (one adult and one child), beginners, intermediate.

**Course dates:** Saturdays: 23rd May 2009 – 27th June 2009

**Course location:** Western Carpark University of Wollongong Northfields Ave.

**Course times:** (6 lessons 1 hr duration) 9am – 10am, 10.15am – 11.15am, 11.30am – 12.30noon.

**Course cost:** Per participant \$72 (in family classes, for every adult one child is free).

### Advanced/Commuter courses are 3hr duration

**Course dates:** Saturday 16 May 2009, Sunday 14 June 2009, Saturday 14 July 2009.

**Course times:** 9am – 12 noon

**Course cost:** \$70 per participant  
(If you need a bike we can provide one at an additional cost.)

Call Radmila for more information on 4231 4118 or 0449 525 829

[www.mobilebikerental.com.au](http://www.mobilebikerental.com.au)