



Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of *The Debater* for 2010.

A special welcome if you are new to debating this year. Debating is a wonderful life skill to have and I am delighted that you have decided to undertake debating as an activity this year. I hope that you find this season to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

If you are returning: thank you for your continued support of debating and Debating SA. I look forward to working with you again this year.

The name of this newsletter sums up exactly what Debating SA as an organisation is about – our debaters. The adjudicators, the volunteers, the teachers, resource materials, training seminars and workshops exist for this sole purpose. It is hoped through this support and resources that all debaters will develop their thinking and speaking skills this year.

I am pleased to announce the continued support of **Community CPS Australia** as our major sponsor. CPS provides Debating SA with substantial financial support and has provided the Achievement and Best Speaker awards for each debate this year.

This newsletter aims to provide you with helpful information about debating and the 2010 programme and is published on a roundly basis. Team rankings for all divisions will feature from next issue.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (see details below) should you have any queries or questions whatsoever – I'm only too happy to help!

Best wishes for a happy and successful debating season.

James Tran
Administrative Officer

From Our Sponsors - Community CPS Australia

Budgeting and saving to reach your goal

At Community CPS we believe that you are never too young to start saving and taking control of your personal finances. But how do you start? By setting up a budget!

Why Have a Budget?

- It helps you to get the things you want as well as the things you need.
- It will give you experience in learning to plan your spending and saving.
- It allows you to save for things you could not afford otherwise.
- It saves you time and trouble every time you want to spend money and can't decide whether or not you should.

Every good budget should provide for setting aside an amount of money - no matter how small - for saving. This means putting aside a definite amount on a regular basis, such as \$10 per week. This amount should be included in the budget and taken out first; otherwise you might be tempted to spend it!

The most important part of saving is to have a goal. Goals are something that you work toward saving for such as a game console, mobile phone or your first car. If you want to have a certain amount in your saving account by the end of the year then figure out how much money you would have to save each month.

Where can I put my savings?

- Give it to your parents to put away for you, and do not ask for it back until your total amount is saved.
- Have a piggy bank in your room that cannot be opened easily.
- Put it in a savings account at a Credit Union or Bank.

At Community CPS we care about the financial future of all our members – no matter how old you are. In fact, we have designed our savings accounts to give you a head start in life - and we're here to help you learn how to save. We also help your savings along with our Junior Savers, BU Savings Account and Bonus Saver Accounts, designed to help you start managing your finances while also offering a high rate of interest to our younger savers!

To find out more, visit www.communitycps.com.au and check out our Junior Savers Account or BU Savings Account – or call **13 25 85** for more info.

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Diary Dates

Saturday 15th May 2010

Free Coaching Morning, 10:30am to 12 noon (Pembroke Senior School).

All students welcome – register at www.debatingsa.com.au.

Tuesday 18th May 2010

Round 2 at Pembroke Senior School

Wednesday 19th May 2010

Round 2 at Unley High School

Thursday 20th May 2010

Round 2 at Nazareth Catholic College

Tuesday 25th May 2010

Round 2 at Pulteney Grammar School

Wednesday 26th May 2010

Round 2 at Adelaide High School

Thursday 27th May 2010

Round 2 at Grange Schools

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Special thanks to our 2010 Host Schools and major supporters:

- Adelaide High School
- Grange Schools
- Nazareth Catholic College
- Pembroke School
- Pulteney Grammar School
- Unley High School

Free Coaching Mornings

Over the course of the 2010 Season we will be holding a number of **free** coaching mornings for students who need (extra) assistance with preparing for their debates. Experienced adjudicators will be available to provide such assistance.

The mornings will be held at Pembroke Senior School from 10:30am to 12 noon on the following dates:

- Saturday 15 May 2010
- Saturday 5 June 2010
- Saturday 31 July 2010
- Saturday 14 August 2010



Registration is essential and can be done via the website. See point **5** in the next article.

Visit Us Online

All information related to debating, including a wide range of resources as well as information about debates such as topics, sides and times is available on our website www.debatingsa.com.au.

Key Features of Website

- 1 Team Rankings:** The current rankings for all divisions will be available here. Scores will be updated by the Monday following a debate.
- 2 Join Mailing List:** If you want to be kept up-to-date with the latest in the debating world, join our mailing list.
- 3 2010 Topics and Topic Feedback:** You can view the 2010 topics and provide feedback which will help us to improve our topics in future years.
- 4 Find all the details you need to know about your debate.** Just type part of your team name, for instance 'Pembroke Year 9' will return information for all Pembroke Year 9 teams – it's that simple! The page will show if your opposition has forfeited if that is the case.
- 5 Register for an event or coaching morning.** Click the link and follow the prompts – you can even see how many places are left.
- 6 The latest information is always at your fingertips.** Our website is constantly updated so if you want to know what's happening, check out the website.

Sudoku Puzzles

Instructions: Fill in the empty spaces with the numbers 1-9 such that each row, column and 3 x 3 grid contains each number once only. Solutions next issue.

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The screenshot shows the Debating SA website homepage. At the top is the logo with 'DEBATING SA' and a shield. Below it is the patron's name: 'Patron: His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia'. A navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'Calendar', 'News', 'Events', 'School Members', 'Schools' Competition', 'Services', 'Sponsors', and 'Resources'. The main content area features several icons and links: '2010 Draw' (calendar icon), 'Team Rankings' (trophy icon, callout 1), 'Join our Mailing List' (envelope icon, callout 2), and '2010 Topics' (document icon, callout 3). There is a search bar for finding season information (callout 4) and a prominent blue button that says 'Register for Training and Coaching Morning Events Here' (callout 5). A section titled '2010 Season Information is now available' (callout 6) includes a date posted of '15 March 2010' and a pair of scissors icon. Text below the scissors states: 'The 2010 topic and draw information is now available. Topics are available here and draw information here. Alternatively type your team name in the yellow box above (on the home page) to retrieve relevant side and'.

Above: The Debating SA website at www.debatingsa.com.au

The Official Debating Manual

provides comprehensive and detailed guidance about the rules and technique of debating. Get your copy from the Committee Desk for only \$5.

Cue Cards, Freddo Frogs and Tea/Coffee

are available at the Committee Desk for \$1 each. Cue cards are in packs of 15.