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FROM THE TEAM LEADERS

"Focus on the moment, not the monsters that may or may not be up ahead." Ryan Holiday, *The Obstacle Is the Way: The Timeless Art of Turning Adversity to Advantage.*

Here we are, Term 2 in Year 11. It is a short term (8.5 weeks) in a short year (only 3 terms). Halfway through this term is also the midpoint for the boys' Year 11 experience. Clearly there is much to look ahead to both

with excitement and trepidation. But we (I certainly include myself), need to make sure that we stay present with all the important and engaging tasks and experiences right now.

We all are in the midst of another industrial revolution. Compared to previous generations, our boys are coming of age in a time of exponential growth and ease of distraction that can only be represented by an ice hockey stick laid on its side. Coupled with this distraction is anxiety. The former is easy to understand and witness with head buried in a phone but the latter is one often overlooked as less obvious yet often more detrimental and lasting. With the ability to access so much information comes an understanding of everything that we might be missing out on. (The whole industry of marketing is built around this premise.) Social media is both a distraction in the act of 'checking' the various feeds but also in that it transports us from the only place and time that we really have control and can enjoy – here and now. Suddenly we aren't just distracted from doing this homework task but, realising that there is so many more interesting things that we aren't doing.

With our continued focus on equipping the boys with skills both to help navigate their senior years at Knox and the years well beyond, we will be introducing the boys to mindfulness using the Smiling Mind app. Our aim is to begin a dialogue with the boys through guided meditation about Mindlessness vs. Mindfulness with the hope that they can start to become a bit more present as well as objective towards their thoughts and feelings. Research has poured out a wealth of mental and physical benefits if we can do something seemingly so simple – be totally present.

MATT CAVALLARO
YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 29 April

- Gala Day

Monday 1 May

- Parent Morning Tea
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Night

Sunday 7 May

- Anzac Service and Parade

Monday 19 June

- Cadet Passing Out Parade

Wednesday 21 June

- Year 11 Formal

See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

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FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

A very warm welcome back to School everyone!

We have certainly had an extremely busy start to the new school term. Tomorrow is our annual Knox Gala Day, a wonderfully festive start to the winter sports season. There will be lots of craft, clothing and jewellery stalls, food and drink stalls of all kinds, including cakes, rides, plus a wide variety of musical entertainment provided by our students all day

long. The day ends with a first class game of rugby which should not be missed. Go the **Black and Blue!**

As always, the boys are extremely busy over the holidays. Ben Shariat played in a National Gridiron Championship tournament representing the NSW U19 Wolverines in Queensland. Ben has now been selected into the Australian team to play in the Oceania Championships in August and if the team is victorious, the World Championships in 2018 will follow.

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YEAR 11 ASSESSMENTS **TERM 2 2017 - WEEK 2**

3 May: English Extension 1, In Class task
4 May: Mathematics General 2. In Class Task
4 May: Mathematics

In order to give students a better understanding of what is required if they are ill and or away from school before or on the day of an assessment, listed below are two important guidelines from the assessment booklet:

1. A student should not be absent from any period on the day or the day prior to submission of, or sitting of, an assessment task. This also includes absence on a Friday for a Monday assessment. If a student is absent the day before an assessment they need to provide a medical certificate.
2. Sick on the day of the assessment: To prevent spread of infections, the School's preference is for a student to stay at home if they are ill. An Illness/Misadventure form, completed by a doctor, must be submitted.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Winter Uniform reminder

To ensure a neat appearance, please ensure that your son wears a belt with the winter uniform.

FORMAL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 2 May - Great Hall Steps

7.30am Boarding Years 11 & 12
7.45am Whole of Boarding
8.20am Sons of Old Boys
Grandsons of Old Boys
Great Grandsons of Old Boys
10.10am CAS Swimming & Diving Great Hall Steps
11.00am DAY HOUSES Knox 1 Oval:
Adamson, Angus, Bryden, Gillespie, MacNeil McIlrath, McKenzie, Montgomery, Murdoch, Reid, Sinclair and Turnbull.

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In the 2017 National Swimming Championships held in Brisbane, Leon MacAlister won two Gold medals in the 100m and 200m backstroke, two Silver medals in 50m and 100m Freestyle and two Bronze medals in 200m Freestyle and medley. Leon was selected for the Australian Youth Team and will travel to Indianapolis in August for the World Junior Swimming Championships. Winning a Silver and a Bronze medal was Jack Edie. Jack won his first National medals in 200m Freestyle and 100m freestyle respectively. Congratulations to Ben, Leon and Jack.

RENEE WILLSON
YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES - SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

Year 11 Interim Report Information

The Year 11 Student-Led Conference (P/T night) on Monday 1 May is earlier than usual as we would like the constructive feedback to be well in advance of the Term 2 Report. As part of the reporting process that includes the conference, we have provided an Interim Report to enable some insight into your son's progress. Doing this will allow improvements to be made prior to the more detailed Report.

The following areas are addressed in the Report:

- Homework 1-5
- Classwork 1-5
- Cumulative Assessment mark % and average
- Cumulative Assessment rank and number in course

Disclaimer: Please recognise that some marks are under Illness & Misadventure application and may change at the end of the course. If assessment tasks were unable to be sat in a subject, only classwork and homework will appear on the Interim Report.

For some subjects that have recently completed assessments and marks are not available, the report will be refreshed by the end of week 2B.

GREG NUNAN
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES - KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY



Ben Shariat - Gridiron action

Term 2 2017 – Career Events

DATE	PRESENTATION	TIME	VENUE
Monday 1 May	UTS B Accounting Co-op Scholarship	Lunch	KSSA Lecture Theatre
Tuesday 2 May	Macquarie Uni	Lunch	KSSA Lecture Theatre
Monday 15 May	Co-op UNSW	Lunch	KSSA Lecture Theatre
Tuesday 16 May	Engineering Industry Breakfast RSVP via the OKGA website www.okga.org.au/engineersbreakfast	7am-8.20am	KSSA Seniors Hall
Wednesday 24 May	UMAT Information Session – presented by National Institute of Education (NIE) RSVP is essential – click on the link below https://form.jotformpro.com/Knoxsports/umat-information-session---presente	5.30pm-7pm	KCCA
Monday 29 May	KNOX RAVENSWOOD CAREERS NIGHT	5.30pm – 8pm	Great Hall
Tuesday 30 May	UAC School Presentation – presented by UAC RSVP is essential – click on the link below https://form.jotformpro.com/71147636158965	5.30pm-7pm	Great Hall
Monday 19 June	UTS	Lunch	KSSA Lecture Theatre

TERM 3:

Wednesday 9 August	Law Profession Breakfast	7am – 8.20am	KSSA Seniors Hall
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'TRASH WATER' TAKE BATTLE OF THE BANDS BY STORM!

Congratulations to Jed Kohlmann (Drums), James Layman (Bass), Tyler Murray (Vocals), Ollie MacGregor (Guitar) and Richard Leonard (Guitar), on your outstanding performance at The Battle of the Bands final on Thursday. Your persistence and hard work has paid off. Well done to you all.

