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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 31 October

- 2018 Student Exchange Information Evening.

Sunday 5 November

- NAPLAN Boot Camp 2- 4pm.

Wednesday 8 November

- Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening.

Thursday 9- Sunday 12 November

- Fiddler on the Roof. Tickets through [Trybooking](#).

Friday 10 November

- Remembrance Day Service.

Friday 17 November

- Knox Christmas Markets.

Saturday 18 November

- Year 8 [Parents' Drinks & Canapes Party](#). Enquiries [Jane Dalton](#).

See full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)



Above: James Simmonds enjoying a wave at Surf Lifesaving last weekend.



Above: Trainee Surf Lifesavers Nick Rogers and Hamish Lapsley practising their resuscitation skills at Whale Beach SLSC in preparation for the summer ahead.

FROM THE TEAM LEADERS



During Year Meeting this week the Senior Academic Mentors spoke about exam preparation. The focus was on setting up study timetables and techniques to use for revision, finding a balance between study and rest. We encourage all parents to sit with their sons to set up study timetables and help the boys be organised. Further support available from the Study Skills website which the boys have been working through during Mentor times.

With only three weeks left until yearly exams, we look forward to witnessing the boys working hard and striving to achieve their personal best.

Congratulations to Kevin Park and Regan Frater who have been elected by the Mentor Leaders as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Year Group for the next 12 months. We are confident that they will form a strong leadership team and act as a positive voice for the entire cohort.

As today is World Teachers Day, we would like to recognise and thank all the Year 8 teachers for their continued support and expertise they share with the boys every lesson. We have noticed significant growth in the Class of 2021 this year, a result of the dedicated work of the teachers and mentors at Knox.

TOM WATERHOUSE YEAR 8 TEAM LEADER FIONA DOUBE YEAR 8 ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



I can't believe this week I celebrate one year with Knox and being the SAO for this delightful group of young men. What a year it has been and I have very much enjoyed getting to know the boys over this time. Preparations are underway for exams in Week 7. Wherever possible, please ensure appointments are made outside of Monday 20- Friday 24 November to avoid any examination clashes. Don't forget the boys can utilise the Studyhub every Monday 3.30pm- 4.30pm in room M0205.

With the term speeding along, I would kindly remind parents that any leave of three days or more requires a [leave form](#) to be completed, and submitted with a **minimum of 2 weeks notice**. Please ensure you register for the Naplan Bootcamp to avoid disappointment. [Online registrations](#) close at **4pm Thursday 2 November**. Late registrations *will not be accepted*.

DEBRA BARNARD YEAR 8 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

'A SENSE OF HUMOUR IS A SENSE OF PROPORTION' -
KAHLIL GIBRAN

**BANDANA
DAY**

KNOX 2018 STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING

Knox has an extensive and very successful student exchange program. The [Information Evening](#) is for boys interested in participating in an exchange in 2018.

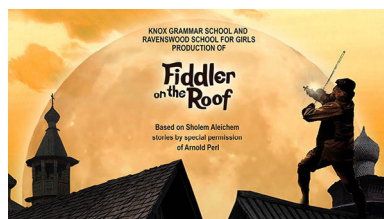
Hear first-hand experiences from boys who have participated in the 2017 exchange.

For current Year 8 and Year 9 students the cultural exchanges are held between Knox and schools in Argentina, the UK, New Zealand, the USA, Canada and South Africa. A number of schools offer bed-for-bed boarding exchanges with Knox.

Time and Date: 7pm, Tuesday 31 October 2017

Venue: Knox Cultural Centre (KCC) Auditorium. Parking available in the Borambil car park.

All enquiries *after* the evening, please email [Caroline Cook](#).



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FROM THE HEAD OF KNOX JUNIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

During the Term 3 vacation break I was fortunate enough to participate in the Knox da Vinci 'International Decathlon' tour to Italy. While on tour one of my duties each night was to collect the mobile phones from 21 students. I did not return the phones to the boys until they had eaten breakfast the next morning. The rationale behind this exercise was simple; ensuring boys have sound sleep without any possibility of digital distraction and encouraging them to have morning conversations with other members of the tour group over breakfast. This hands-on control over digital access is essential to all good parenting practices. Young boys need tight and clear boundaries around digital access and use. At Knox we have a well-documented school ICT policy in the student diary. As well through our mentor program, Year Meeting sessions and appropriate classroom teaching practices we are continually directing boys on the most appropriate way to engage with digital technology. Survey information collated by the government [eSafety committee](#), a link I have recently referred parents to in a recent past newsletter, indicates that while the vast majority of parents appreciate fully the benefits of their child being online, only 59% limit their child's use of this technology. I suggest the latter figure needs to be 100% parent control for the wellbeing of our young men when it comes to the use of digital technology. Despite increasing exposure to technology at a younger age, 'offline' friendships remain more important to youths than online relationships. A \$35 pre-paid phone sim card will allow students to contact parents in an emergency, while open-plan, high data usage phone contracts made available to young people and unmonitored, can often have undesirable outcomes.

WAYNE INWOOD HEAD OF KNOX JUNIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY



Above: Certificates presented during the Year Meeting to boys for Language Perfect scoring in the top 20%.

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Christmas season is approaching - give generously

Please bring your donations to Room 19, KSSA SAO Office, your son's mentor or WLF teacher. Each year Knox supports two agencies at this time:

- The Wesley Mission Christmas Food Hamper Appeal
- Information about the [STARTTS](#) Organisation can be found on their website. Years 7 and 8 students (and any other families who wish to participate) may donate Christmas gifts to the children who are victims of torture and trauma supported by STARTTS. These children may not receive any other gifts at Christmas.

ABBOX of FUN Children's Holiday Camp

This four day, three night residential experience for children with intellectual and physical disabilities. This year, the camp is hosted at Abbotsleigh School in Wahroonga from Saturday 9 - Tuesday 12 December 2017. We would love to have you baking for and helping at Morning and Afternoon Teas again. Please contact [Andrea Carter](#) for any enquiries.

HELEN CLARKE HOD OF WISDOM LIFE FAITH STUDIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE