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Luca Wynn accepting his House Manager's Award from Mr Weeks and Mrs Yager

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 26 February

- Catch up School photos - 10.35am
Great Hall Foyer

Wednesday 28 February - 6pm Great Hall

- US and UK Information Session [RSVP](#)

Monday 5 March

- Cambodia Immersion Evening 5.30pm-8pm - Parents and Students

Tuesday 6 March

- [Annual International Women's Day](#)
Mother and Son Breakfast - Thistle Room 7am - 8am

Friday 23 March

- [Gathering of the Clan](#) 7.30pm-9.30pm
Seniors Hall, Knox Secondary Academy, Senior Schools

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

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FROM THE TEAM LEADERS



The presentation this week from Melinda Tankard Reist on body image messages for both male and females, positive masculinity and the acknowledgement of the over sexualisation of popular culture was a great success for our Year 11 students. The presentation broached some topics which struck a chord with many of our boys and resulted in some great mature discussions both within the mentor sessions and

with Mr White and myself during break periods. I was impressed with the way the boys went about interacting with such a delicate issue and represented themselves impressively during the session. A reminder if some of those issues raised cause any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Wellbeing Centre or your son's mentor.

Assessment time is about to commence with the first of our Year 11 Assessments due in Week 6. Now is the time for the boys to be displaying some of the time management and self-efficacy skills they have been developing during mentor. A reminder that there are some great facilities and support structures in place with the evening studies for those boys who need a structured and supporting environment for their studies.

Congratulations to Nick Trobec for his hard work and selection into the NSWIS Water Polo Futures Program and CIS Water Polo team. This extends to both Harry Parker and Alastair Hunter who have recently competed in both the Nationals and State Sailing Regatta with impressive results from both boys finishing 6th and 7th respectively. We wish them the best of luck this weekend while representing Knox at the ACT Teams Racing State Championships.

ANDREA WIFFEN YEAR 11 ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



It was lovely to attend the Boarders Chapel Service and dinner on Tuesday night where the boys were able to farewell Mr and Mrs Weeks as it was their final dinner with the boarders. Mr Weeks praised the boys for the way in which they engage in all opportunities offered to them. Congratulations to Luca Wynn for winning the House Manager's Award. During the service Tasman Rooke and Sean Ringrose gave a wonderful speech about their time at the ConneXion Camp.

If dinner is required for evening study, the meal sheet to be completed is on a table in the foyer of the KSSA Management Office. This must be completed by the end of lunch. Dinner is provided at 6pm from the Boater Cafe. Payment can be made by the student's ID card, cash or debit card.

As Saturday is predicted to be very hot, please remind your sons to hydrate the night before, bring extra fluid, make sure they have their Knox cap packed and to wear sunscreen!

If you would like to view the video from the Presentation Evening, [click here](#).

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

NEVER STOP LEARNING BECAUSE LIFE NEVER STOPS TEACHING.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY

The boys have embraced their new environment and are certainly making the most of the resources they have on offer. The Senior Library and Seniors' Hall are always full and most boys are engaged with giving their best. With the assessment block just a couple of weeks away, the emphasis has been placed on ensuring all key preparation has been done prior to the demands, anxiety and stress that inevitably comes when the task due dates arrive. Over the coming weeks and months we will start to roll out sessions during Year Meeting that encompass areas such as developing effective study plans, note making and managing the demands of assessment blocks.

Following on from the piece I wrote in the newsletter in Week 2 that outlined the 'nuts and bolts' of using the Senior Library and Seniors' Hall, I would like to emphasise some key issues associated with using these spaces:

- Both areas are supervised by teaching staff and Old Boy coaches. While laptops are a common tool used during study, staff have been advised to question boys if they are not using their media devices to their advantage;
- Boys should consider aligning their study times with their peers to ensure they access collaboration in their subjects and gain the benefits that come with doing this;
- Dinner is available to all boys attending Evening Study. They are able to order their meal by signing the meal sheet prior to the end of lunch found in the KSSA Management Centre;
- In coming weeks the boys will be able to book times to sit with Old Boy coaches in the Senior Library and Seniors' Hall. This will follow a similar format to ordering dinner.
- Boys have been reminded that if they attend the study spaces on offer, they must abide by the rules in place that highlight the importance of effective use of time, respect of their peers and staff and maintaining an environment that promotes learning for all.

Please feel free to contact me via [email](#) if you require any further information.

GREG NUNAN DIRECTOR OF STUDIES KNOX SENIOR SECONDARY ACADEMY



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER - MR JAMES

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Phillip O'Regan as the new Deputy Headmaster – Students (7-12), to commence Term 2. The process for the selection of Deputy Headmaster involved an extensive search both intra and interstate to find the best person for the position.

The selection panel were delighted that the culmination of such an extensive search resulted in the overwhelming conclusion that Mr O'Regan is the right person for the position. This is a successful outcome to a thorough and lengthy process of recruitment and selection.

Mr O'Regan is currently the Deputy Principal and Head of Secondary School at Radford College in Canberra. The College has a reputation for academic excellence in a non-selective environment while offering a rounded education. Prior to this Mr O'Regan held the position of Head of Senior Years at The Scots College in Sydney, and worked as the Head of Upper School at Pymble Ladies College. I am confident that the appointment of Phillip, with his leadership, educational skills and reflective nature, will provide the opportunity to build upon the existing energy and talent at our School.

KOKODA TREK

The annual Knox Kokoda Trek will be taking place once again in 2018, with this Social Justice opportunity open to all Years 9, 10 and 11 students. It is an experience of enormous cultural and historical significance, set against one of the most extraordinary (and challenging) landscapes on the planet. Places are limited, and filling fast. If you are interested, please contact [Ms Kennedy](#) in the PDHPE Department as soon as possible for an expression of interest form and information pack.



On Sunday 11 February I attended the 54th anniversary of the tragic collision of HMAS Voyager and HMAS Melbourne which claimed the lives of 81 Australian Naval Sailors and one Civilian Contractor. This was the worst Australian Naval tragedy at sea during peace time. This event was planned and held by the Naval Graves Project but couldn't have happened without the help of Mr Mark Fleming and my father EX Warrant Officer Coxswain Carl Warnes. There were three special guests at this ceremony, Ex Warrant Officer Keith Hamilton, ex CMDR Kingsley Perry, both survivors of this tragedy and Ms Helen Watt who was the Sister of LEUT Harry Dene Cook RAN who was one of three bodies recovered from the sea that night, and is buried at Rockwood Cemetery. Also attending was Captain Craig Powell RAN, the Commanding Officer of HMAS Watson, representing the Chief of Navy and LCDR Nathan Cole RAN. This event was so special to the Naval Graves Project and my family as they are ex Navy, that I personally attended in kilt ceremonial dress to show respect to the survivors and the lost souls. Hopefully some of you may take an interest in the Naval Graves Project and support them as they go to many different cemeteries around the country and find lost and attend to graves of ex Naval Personnel and record them in a national database and give them the respect they deserve.



Aiden Warnes - Year 11 Student

STUDY IN THE KSSA SENIORS' HALL AFTER SCHOOL



TRACK & FIELD TRAINING

A reminder that all students are welcome to attend Track & Field 'all-comers' training sessions, which are held at Gillespie Fields every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45am-8:00am throughout term. These sessions are perfect for anyone looking to improve speed, agility or conditioning for upcoming winter sport.

CROSS COUNTRY

Knox Athletics are also on the look out to build the Cross Country program leading in to the winter session. Students can either nominate Cross Country as their winter sport, or simply compete in any meets that don't clash with their nominated sport. Races for Intermediates (Years 9 and 10) are generally held from approximately 9:30am -10:15am each Saturday throughout winter. The Cross Country program are also looking to run an inaugural Cross Country tour to Melbourne in June for any interested runners.

To express your interest in Cross Country or the Melbourne tour, please contact Director of Outdoor Sports, [Mr Donohue](#)



SPORT

It is now time to select your sport for the 2018 Winter Season, (terms 2 and 3).

Please use the information on this [Google Form](#) to select your winter sport. You will need to log in with your Knox Google Account to access the form. We encourage you to discuss the options available to you with your parent/guardian prior to making your selection. Your sport selection is due by 3.15pm next Tuesday, 27 February.



CADETS REMINDER AFX - APRIL 6 - 13

Parents are requested to respond to the invitation to AFX on Parent Lounge. All acceptances and updated medical / dietary details need to be completed by Monday 12 March at the very latest. Further information can be found on the Cadet Homepage. Weekly information about Unit Parade, AFX announcements is regularly updated. Parents are able to access the site [via this link](#) to keep up to date with all matters Cadets. They can also access leave forms, AWOL forms, health management plans etc.

