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ANZAC SERVICE AND PARADE

The Knox Community is invited to attend the annual Knox Grammar School Anzac Memorial Service for the Old Knox Grammarians' Association and the Ceremonial Parade of the Knox Grammar Cadet Unit.

When: Sunday 20 May 2018, 8.40am (please be seated by 8.30am)
Where: Memorial Quadrangle, Knox Grammar School

The Service will commence at 8.40am on the Memorial Quadrangle followed by the Ceremonial Parade on Knox 1 Oval.

We are delighted to welcome as our Reviewing Officer His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales. The Reviewing Officer will deliver the address and take the salute at the march past of the Cadet Unit.

Parking will be extremely limited. We encourage you to use public transport.

FROM THE TEAM LEADERS



'Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.' – Mother Teresa

It was fantastic to welcome the young men of Year 11 back on Tuesday this week. Having settled in to their new surrounds in the Weeks Senior Academy (WSA), formerly known as the KSSA, they appear calm and comfortable and are therefore ready to step it up a

gear once again.

Term 2 is going to be very busy indeed as there are a lot of important events crammed into a short 9-week term. With the ANZAC Day Parade and Gala Day looming large, the year group also have their student led Parent/Teacher Conferences this coming Monday evening, with the Parent Morning Tea during the day beforehand, and the Year 11 Formal in the last week of this term.

Our Mentor Program will focus on Mindfulness and, after observing the busy lives of the boys, it is easy to see why we have chosen to address this important concept. Our brilliant Mentors will be running their groups through the importance of living in the moment along with learning how to be in tune with one's self so as to thrive and meet challenges and stress head on.

The Year 11 Team and I are very much looking forward to continuing this journey with the Class of 2019. We would also like to formally welcome Mr Phil O'Regan as he commences his post as Deputy to our new Headmaster, Mr Scott James. This is an exciting time for the School and Year 11 will be at the forefront of a bright and fulfilling future.

SAM WHITE, YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 7 May

- Parent Morning Tea - 10.30am Foyer of Great Hall
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Great Hall 3.30pm - 9.00pm

Sunday 20 May

- ANZAC Service and Parade - Memorial lawn and Knox 1 - 8.15am

Monday 28 May

- [Careers Night](#) - Great Hall 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 2 June

- Gala Day

Wednesday 27 June

- Year 11 Formal - Curzon Hall

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

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[Year 11 page on the Portal](#)

FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break with family and friends.

Boys are to accompany parents to the Parent/Teacher interviews on Monday in full school uniform. The Assessment Schedule for Term 2 is on the [portal](#).

From all reports, the football Tour to Argentina was amazing and the boys have been complimented on their behaviour while away.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday at the Parent Morning Tea to be held in the foyer of the Great Hall from 10.30am.

Congratulations to Lachlan Kelly who received two bronze medals at the Australian Age Championships during the holidays for the 100m and 200m backstroke. He also swam in the U16 freestyle relay team which also came third for another bronze medal. Well done, Lachlan!

Seniors' Hall will be open each Sunday from 12pm - 4pm.

There will be a yoga session for students in the Thistle Room on 7 May at 7.45am. Please come along, relax and destress.

Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

'EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON TO CHANGE THE WORLD' NELSON MANDELA



FROM THE STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

The Year 11 teachers are looking forward to the student led Parent/Teacher Conference on Monday.

With Year 11 being only a three term course we are nearing the mid-way point of the academic year. Despite being in Term 2, some subjects haven't yet done an assessment as a result of the new NESA mandate whereby only three assessments are permitted in each subject. Teachers will, however, have data and information on formative work that has been completed to date to assist in providing a guide as to current progress.

To help prepare for Monday evening, an Interim Report will be issued this afternoon at 3.30pm. The report will be available through Student Café and Parent Lounge. This report will only have an assessment mark and average where applicable. There will be no homework and class work commitment, APA or comments. For subjects that haven't had a formal assessment to date the subject will have no entries on the report.

An official Half Yearly Report will be issued at the end of this term and the Yearly Report will be available at the end of Term 3.

Our hope is that the boys will take the initiative in the interviews on Monday and be well prepared so they are leading the interview. We have encouraged the boys to think of Monday as not being a Parent/Teacher interview, instead it should be seen as a Student Led Conference. To assist in this preparation the boys have been asked to consider and articulate the following ***for each subject***

- What worked well and needs to be continued,
- Whether the Term 1 Study Break (holiday period) was utilised well,
- Assess the degree of completion of Term 1 work,
- Recalls the dates, requirements and expectations for each assessment this term,
- Outline a study plan including preparation for the assessment task this term,
- Summarise the priorities that need to be addressed.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN - STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM



FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER - 7-12 STUDENTS

As I come to the end of my first week at Knox, I want to share my initial experiences and impressions. I have been taken aback with how welcoming, positive and encouraging the students and staff are.

Across the professional learning day I saw firsthand why the staff here are so highly regarded in the educational community; the engagement, consideration and discussion taking place throughout the day was highly impressive. The enthusiasm and desire shown by our staff to offer students high quality learning experiences in their area of expertise is universal. It is truly uplifting to join a staff community who hold such a sincere desire to craft programs and activities that engage, challenge and inspire their students.

On the students' return to school this week, there was a palpable buzz around the grounds, as they recounted holiday adventures and caught up with one another. There is an immediate sense of community and a genuine feeling of connectedness amongst the students. This week I have seen the students in action in their classes, on the sports field, at home in the Boarding House and during student leadership activities. A common thread across each of these aspects of Knox life is a community of boys who are gracious, earnest and enthusiastic. I feel privileged to join the Knox team and look forward to working closely with the students and meeting with you on the sidelines this weekend or at an upcoming event.

PHIL O'REGAN DEPUTY HEADMASTER K-12

FORMAL PHOTO DAY

Great Hall Steps - Tuesday 8 May

- 7.30am Boarding Yrs 11 & 12
- 7.45am Whole of Boarding
- 8.20am Sons of Old Boys, Grandsons of Old Boys, Great Grandsons of Old Boys



Lachlan Kelly - Three Bronze medals at the Australian Age Championships

FOOTBALL TOUR TO ARGENTINA



Year 11 Boys on the Tour - Sean Birkbeck, Nathan Brading, Nick Boyd, Max Davis, Liam Gorman, Mitchell McAsey, Angus McHue, Will Schroder, Jack Solomon, Tom Supple, Alex Sun, Jack Tafe and Tom Weber

NEW CALEDONIA FRENCH IMMERSION TRIP

During the holidays, a group of 14 Knox boys and 12 girls from Ravenswood went on the Knox/Ravenswood New Caledonia French immersion trip. We spent one week in Nouméa, the capital city of New Caledonia, learning French at a local language school, exploring the tourist sites and spending time with a host family. For the first and last night, we slept in a hotel by a beautiful beach. For the rest of the trip, we stayed in smaller groups of two or three with host families. My host family did not speak any English and so we had to try our best to piece together logical sentences to make ourselves understood. We spent a lot of time just nodding and saying okay to get by! Throughout the trip, we visited many tourist sites, such as the Tjibaou Cultural Centre and the Musée de la Ville where we enjoyed guided tours and learned about the Kanak culture. Overall, staying with the host family was my favourite part of the trip but I enjoyed the whole experience.

ZACH SLONIM - YEAR 11 STUDENT



GALA DAY - SATURDAY 2 JUNE

We are currently looking for donations for the always popular Second-hand Book Stall and the Bargain Bazaar Stall. We need you to clean out your bookcases, cupboards and garages for items no longer wanted that will become someone else's treasure on Gala Day.

If you see value in the item and would buy it yourself, please bring it along to the drop-off. Unfortunately we are unable to accept damaged goods, items of clothing, or anything that should really be thrown away. Some suggestions are books (no magazines or text books, please), toys, sporting goods, videos, DVDs, CDs, music systems, clocks, cameras, working computers, TVs, Game boys, Nintendo, Xbox, PlayStation, kitchen wares, jewellery and tools. Donations will be gratefully received.

Funds raised on the day are returned to the school in the form of gifts or through the purchasing of equipment, which ultimately helps all the boys within the school.

The one and only drop off date for items is Saturday 19 May from 7.30am until 12pm

- Bargain Bazaar items can be dropped off in the car park behind the Knox 1 Oval (entry from Gate 2, Borambil Street).
- Books can be dropped off at Gate 2A, Borambil Street (outside the Weeks Senior Academy).

Tickets are now on sale for the Knox Gala Day Raffle. The total prize pool of more than \$4,400 is up for grabs. All ticket sales support the Knox Parents' Association and are used by the KPA to fund additional resources and equipment for the boys.

Please [click here](#) to visit our raffle page and to purchase your raffle tickets. Please note that due to regulatory restrictions, tickets for our raffle are only available in NSW.



YEAR 11 PARENTS' MORNING TEA

The Knox Parents' Association warmly invites you to the Year 11 Parents' Morning Tea

- Date:** Monday 7 May 2018
- Time:** 10.30am - 12.00pm
- Venue:** Great Hall Foyer, Senior School
- RSVP:** By Wednesday 2 May to Caroline Hunter at burrumundi1@bigpond.com

We hope you will be able to attend as it is a wonderful way to get to know other parents in your son's year group.

