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**John Hunter - 50 m Prone Target Shooting - Bronze Medallion**

## FROM THE TEAM LEADERS



The Year 11 cohort has had a great start to Term 3 with outstanding individual achievements from some of our boys. Adam Hussain had a once in a lifetime opportunity by attending the UN Youth Conference in Adelaide. I understand he made some outstanding contributions. Flynn Bryant will soon be able to recognise a dream after two years of hard work by releasing a weather balloon in Tamworth to take

photographs of the curvature of the earth and test out two tracking devices and how they perform in space-like conditions. He was recently interviewed by ABC New England Radio and his maturity and dedication to this experiment was impressive and we are all looking forward to hearing how it goes once the perfect weather conditions arise. We can follow his work on twitter @stratostem. [Click here](#) to listen to the interview.

While in the sporting arena Campbell Green was selected in the Australian National Basketball Team which placed sixth in the World in a recent Tournament in Argentina. Braeden Campbell represented NSW/ACT in AFL over the holidays and from this was selected in the U16 All Australian Team. Ewan Shingler demonstrated his impressive navigation, map reading and fitness level to make the NSW Orienteering Team.

While we have focused on recognising some amazing accomplishments of a few of our boys, it's a timely reminder to everyone that these boys have worked exceptionally hard to develop and refine their abilities in their respective areas. This 'hard work' can also be adaptive to study and academic results. Our boys cannot expect to achieve amazing results without continuous training and revision. With Yearly Exams on the horizon, the boys should be focusing on their training for exam and academic success.

ANDREA WIFFEN YEAR 11 ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday 7 August

- [OKGA Industry Breakfast](#) - Engineering - Seniors' Hall 7am - 8.20am

### Thursday 9 August - Thursday 16 August

- [Art Show](#) - Great Hall
- Student Study Days
- Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 September - Yearly exams

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[Year 11 page on the Portal](#)

## FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



During the recent school holidays, John Hunter travelled to Brisbane to represent NSW in the Australian National Championship for ISSF 50m Prone Target Shooting, winning the Bronze medal in the Junior Men's Division.

Congratulations to Josh Mercer who competed over the past week at the School Sport Australian Swimming Championships in Hobart. Josh received some outstanding results which are indicative of his stellar training regime, including fourth place in the 200m Breaststroke. This caps off a sensational season for Josh who has represented Knox proudly across a multitude of carnivals.

Congratulations to Oliver Longhi who was selected in the NSW U16 Gen Blue 1st XV. This is a wonderful achievement against many of the finest U16 Rugby players around the State. Have a great weekend.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

**'START WHERE YOU ARE. USE WHAT YOU HAVE. DO WHAT YOU CAN.'** – ARTHUR ASHE



## FROM THE HEADS OF STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

With just four weeks until the final Preliminary Examinations, the boys continue to impress us with their commitment shown by the sheer number of boys attending afternoon and evening studies. Further to our piece last week, we are fortunate to have a group of Old Boy Academic Coaches that have recent experience in tackling the HSC. We have been able to cover a range of subject areas that the boys can access. Apart from addressing content, the boys can also request advice and guidance in study techniques and the use of study planners.

We encourage the boys to use the table below, along with their knowledge of the Knox Senior Staff who are available (newsletter week 1) to design their weekly planners so they are able to access the support they need. The [Preliminary Examination timetable](#) is now available, so the boys should start to plan preparation time around their homework and assessment commitments over the coming month.

A lockable media cabinet for mobile phones and laptops is now available for the boys in Seniors' Hall if they wish to eliminate distraction while in this space.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths/Chemistry/ Physics/Finances <i>3 coaches</i>	Maths/Chemistry/ Physics/Japanese/ Biology <i>3 coaches</i>	Music/Maths/ Chemistry/Physics/ Japanese/Biology <i>4 coaches</i>	Music/Maths/ Chemistry/Physics/ Japanese/ Biology/Finances <i>4 coaches</i>	Maths/ Chemistry/ Physics <i>2 coaches</i>

Please feel free to contact us via email if you require any further information or assistance.

ANDEW WEEDING AND GREG NUNUN - HEADS OF ACADEMY STAGE 6



## FROM THE CAREERS ADVISOR

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will be changing the process for university admissions for 2020. University applications will open in March/April 2019 to accommodate university trimesters and early entry schemes. More information will be released by UAC available closer to the time.

As students will need to submit an university application early next year, I would encourage all Year 11 students to attend this year's university open days. [Click here](#) for the 2018 date.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENT:

- Engineering Industry Breakfast on Tuesday 7 August (7am – 8.20am) in the WSA Seniors' Hall.

Special guest speaker Chris Skellern (OKG'15). Chris is currently a third year Chemical Engineering/Science student at the University of Sydney. He is president of the university's Chemical Engineering Society and a tutor for first year students. Other guests will include Old Boys from a variety of Engineering backgrounds such as Civil and IT. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

[RSVP is essential.](#) Please register by Monday 6 August

LINDA COMEZ, CAREERS ADVISOR/PSYCHOLOGIST

HISTORY TOUR REFLECTION

During the first two weeks of the holidays 36 boys from Years 10 and 11 went on the Europe History Tour. Our first stop was London, where we were able to explore Churchill's War Rooms as well as visit Buckingham Palace. Some other highlights of our stay in London included The Imperial War Museum, the British Museum, Lord's Cricket Ground and watching 'The School of Rock' musical at West End. After our three nights in London we took a flight to Berlin, where we were able to see the iconic Reichstag with its sweeping views of Berlin, as well as exploring a Cold War nuclear bunker and delving in depth to the Nazi and Cold War history that Berlin has to offer through various museums and street sites. Our next stop was Nuremberg, where the definite highlight was the walking tour Nazi Rally grounds that had once been used for the main Nazi parades and other propaganda events. After our short stay in Nuremberg we headed to the concentration camp Dachau, where a sombre yet insightful morning was spent viewing the grounds. After only a short drive we were now in Munich, where we dined in the famous Hofbräuhaus and were able to watch traditional German dancing and music whilst we enjoyed our delicious pork knuckle for dinner. To end our trip, we went to Italy, firstly to Naples to enjoy the beautiful views of Sorrento and to explore the preserved sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Our final stop for the tour was Rome, where we were able to view the historic Colosseum and other sites such as the Trevi Fountain before escaping the heat by enjoying a gelato in the afternoon. Overall, the trip was an educational yet enjoyable experience for all involved and I'm sure will be cherished for years to come.

GEORGE ARSENIS, YEAR 11 STUDENT



Above: Josh Mercer - at Hobart

Above: Braeden Campbell - playing AFL

Above: Adam Hussain at the UN Youth Conference in Adelaide

OKGA AWARDS

Debating -	Zachary Slonim
Karate	Zac Crowley
Squash	Jay Patel
SWAT	Yewzark Mony
Swimming	Mikey Glover
Target Shooting	Harry Huang
Volleyball	Craig Xu
Senior Choral	Ernest Lam
Senior Guitar	Toby Chantharasy
Senior Piano	Sherwin Xiang
Senior Theatre Sports	Davey Sherlock



KNOX 'BUY A BALE' DROUGHT APPEAL

While many of us live in Sydney which has plentiful water and rainfall, 99% of rural NSW is in drought. The situation is dire and rural communities need our support.

Since Knox's earliest days, the school has had a close connection to rural Australia - the majority of our 210 boarders come from rural NSW.

Over the next two weeks we are running a whole of school campaign to support Rural Aid Australia's 'Buy a Bale' Appeal. Rural Aid supports rural communities suffering drought, fire and flood. It provides assistance to individuals and communities as a whole.

Our campaign will include fundraising events and initiatives at our three campuses. Please help us help those in need by giving whatever you can.

You can make a [donation now online](#) via our Everyday Hero page. The boys will also have an opportunity to donate in the next few weeks.

Thank you and please give generously!

[Click here](#) for link to video by boarder, Henry Kinsey

