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**SAO AND ADMIN
TEAM BAKE SALE**

Monday 13 August
Recess and Lunch
Boulevard and WSA

All funds raised support the
Knox Drought Appeal

All cakes \$2 each

Home made cakes for sale outside the WSA on Monday at recess and lunch.

FROM THE TEAM LEADERS



'Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself.' – Paul Bryant

I have always thought that our society puts too much emphasis on being the best or on winning. As a very competitive person myself, I have been guilty in the past of thinking that anything other than 1st place is not good enough. Whilst time and experience will

generally change one's outlook in this regard, I still believe that trying to be the very best version of yourself and endeavouring to improve and to keep trying, despite failures and setbacks, are very worthy goals indeed.

Being dropped from a team, not getting the assessment result that you expected or being overlooked for a leadership position are all real possibilities for our young men as they approach the end of Year 11. As the quote above would suggest, having grace and integrity (class), a feeling of self-worth and resilience (pride) and being willing to continue to contribute and support (displaying character) are all qualities that I have come to know and expect from the Class of 2019. As a year group, our sense of community and shared purpose has always been our strength and I know that every boy will continue to strive for improvement and to support one another even if they are faced with one of these challenges.

Dealing with disappointment is hard but every young man in our cohort should know that there are many people at the School that can help them whenever they need it. The success of one boy or of one team from Year 11 is to be shared and experienced by all and, in that knowledge, we hope that every boy can dive into this term and Year 12 knowing that they are already champions no matter what comes.

I wish all those playing the old enemy tomorrow the very best and hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

SAM WHITE, YEAR 11 TEAM LEADER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 9 August - Thursday 16 August

- [Art Show - Great Hall](#)

Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September

- Student Study Day

Wednesday 5 September -

Wednesday 19 September

- Yearly exams

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

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[Year 11 page on the Portal](#)

FROM THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



I hope many of you are able to attend sport on Saturday to cheer on our boys against our arch rivals Barker. This is our last Saturday of winter sport and it would be great to have a large crowd supporting our boys.

The Year 11 Geography students travelled to Singleton to visit the Rix's Creek open cut coal mine as part of their studies into Natural Resource use.

If a student is away the day before or the day of an assessment, a doctor's certificate is required together with an [IMA form](#) completed and returned to the office. Can we ask the GP to provide a reason other than 'unit for School'. This is a NESAs requirement.

At the Boarders dinner on Wednesday night Campbell Goodall and Ryan Maddison received House Manager's Awards. Both boys show genuine concern for others at all times and are diligent in all aspects of boarding. Congratulations boys!

On Monday SOAs and admin staff are selling cakes at recess and lunch to raise money for the Drought Relief program (all home made goodies). Lots of baking on Sunday.

PAMELA HITCHCOCK YEAR 11 STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

***'THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SELF-MADE MAN. YOU WILL REACH YOUR GOALS ONLY WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS.'* GEORGE SHINN**



HEAD OF KNOX SPORTS & AQUATIC ACADEMY

On Saturday 18 August Knox will participate in the Track & Field season opener with a carnival at Homebush.

Regardless of age or ability, ALL boys are welcome to come and give it a go. Buses will leave from Woodville Ave on Saturday morning early morning (time to be announced). For more information on the Track & Field training program and carnival dates please email [Mr Donohue](#). Come along and give it a go! Track & Field Season is a huge amount of fun, join your mates and train hard to represent the school out at CAS Athletics, one of the best events in the Knox Calendar! Track and Field takes priority during this period and will not affect any Summer team selections (Cricket, Basketball etc...).

Week 5 commencing Monday 20 August - For boys participating in the T & F, they must continue to commit to the [Track training program](#) through term 3. All other boys will start their Summer training from P7 into the afternoons. Trials will take place later in the season on Saturday September 22. Details of each sport and the commitment required will be sent to all in coming days.

For any enquiries regarding the Summer season or the Track & Field season please call the sports office on 02 9487 0127.

MARTIN HAYWOOD, HEAD OF KNOX SPORTS & AQUATIC ACADEMY

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



KNOX DROUGHT AID CAMPAIGN

THROUGHOUT WEEK 4



Geography Excursion at Singleton



Campbell Goodall receiving his 'House Manager's Award'



Ryan Maddison receiving his 'House Manager's Award'

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS 2019

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.



REFLECTIONS ON TRIP TO CAMBODIA

During the first two weeks of the Term 2 Holidays, 36 students from Knox and Ravenswood went on the Cambodian Immersion. The 36 students were split into 3 RAK (Ravenswood and Knox) groups of 12 each. We would spend the entire two weeks with our group, each with our own itinerary.

We departed Sydney early Saturday morning, and arrived in Phenom Penh later that night.

During our 8 Days in Phnom Penh, our main focus was teaching local Khmer children English, however in our spare time, we were able to engage ourselves in the culture and history of the country. Before we started our teaching, we set off to learn about Cambodia's recent history, and the impact of the Khmer Rouge by visiting Toul Sleng Genocide Museum (a high school turned prison) and the infamous Cheong Ex Killing Fields. Following this, our RAK then spent the following few days in Krang Angkrang Community, all living together in one room under mosquito nets. While here, we had 4 days worth of teaching, with classes ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6; this was definitely a highlight of the trip. We spent our last day in the capital helping beautify a local school.

Having completed the majority of our community work, the RAK then took the 6-hour bus trip to Siem Reap. Our first day in Siem Reap saw us team up with the NGO 'Husk' as we spent the whole day experiencing a day in the life of a villager. While in Siem Reap we also toured the local markets and shops. We were also fortunate enough to watch a sunset at Pre Rup Temple and then spend the following day at the Angkor Temples. We visited the Bayon, Ta Prohm and the famous Angkor Wat. Throughout the entire trip we also had the chance to engage ourselves in community talks where we would be invited into someone's house with a translator, and were able to listen to the experiences and stories of these individuals. This proved an extremely humbling experience.

Overall, the Immersion was a once in a lifetime experience, and one that all those involved will remember and hold dearly.

WILL KABLAU - YEAR 11 STUDENT

