

## YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

We have reached the end of Week 3 and I would like to acknowledge the amazing effort within this group of Year 7 boys who have made an impeccable start. Having now completed the first full cycle of their timetable, the feedback I have received from the academic staff has been very positive. Students are engaging in their lessons and interacting enthusiastically in all the tasks set by their respective teachers. This is very pleasing to see and I encourage each boy to keep working hard, developing good habits and homework routines at this early stage.

During Year Meeting on Monday, further co-curricular activities were promoted as a way of displaying the variety of opportunities available at Knox. I continue to encourage each Year 7 boy to find his passion and to give his all when participating. However it is pertinent to point out that not every student is going to discover his passions immediately and that is okay.

Our Year Group also deserves special mention following the first round of weekend sport vs Trinity. The boys played with great passion and determination in all sports and achieved many fantastic results, both as teams and individually. I would like to acknowledge in particular Year 7 Water Polo team, who were awarded the Knox Team of the Week by the Head of Knox Sport Mr Haywood.

As we enter Week 4, I encourage all parents to remain positive and supportive of their sons as the first round of assessment tasks begin. These tasks can push the boys out of their comfort zone and it is important to remember that your son will appreciate extra understanding, support and encouragement in the lead up to task completion.

JULIEN MANUEL

## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The boys have settled in well and are finding classes easier to find and becoming more confident with the everyday routines of life at the Senior School.

I urge you to encourage your sons to come to Room 19 if they need to find anything they have lost, or if they need to pick anything up that you have brought to School for them. Parents please don't forget to sign in at Reception at 2 Borambil Street to get a visitors pass if you need to come on to the school grounds for any reason.

This week the boys received their vaccination envelopes. The vaccination forms need to be filled in and returned to me in Room 19 prior to the first round of vaccinations scheduled for Tuesday 12 March. If your son has not received a form yet, please ask them to speak to Mrs Tyler in Room 10 during Week 4.

A reminder that the Parent Information Evening for the Year 7 Camp is on Monday 25 February from 7pm in the Knox Cultural Centre Auditorium (KCC). The undercover car park in Borambil will be open to parents from 6.30pm. As parking around the School can be a challenge at the best of times please ensure you get here early as the session will start promptly at 7pm. For those parents' who have opted to purchase a school backpack, the backpacks will be distributed at the Camp Parent Information Evening.

All boys were sent an email on Tuesday this week asking for their winter sport choice for 2019. Please ensure all boys choose carefully and complete this [registration](#) no later than Friday 22 February.

Following on from the success of the \$5 Donation Sale last year, the Knox Uniform shop will be holding another one from Monday 18 February for two weeks or until all stock goes. Items will include khaki shirts, khaki shorts, white shirts, prep shorts and shirts, sports uniform including PDHPE, white shorts and shirts and many more. All donations will be given to the Red Cross Tamworth Flood Appeal.

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### USEFUL LINKS

- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [Make a payment](#)
- [Knox website](#)
- [Careers](#)
- [Year 7 page on the portal](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 15 February**
  - [Knox at Home](#) - 7.30pm - 9.30pm
- Monday 25 February**
  - Year 7 Camp Information Night, 7pm - 8pm, KCC
- Thursday 28 February**
  - [Doing da Vinci Day](#)
- Monday 11 March**
  - Parent Morning Tea, Great Hall Foyer, 10.30am - 12.00 noon
  - Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall, 3.30pm - 9.00pm
- Thursday 14 March**
  - CAS Swimming and Diving Championships
- Monday 25 - Friday 29 March**
  - Year 7 Camp

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



## STUDENT MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Can you believe we have reached Week 3 already? I just wanted to take this time to recap the information about the mobile phone policy here at Knox. The boys are able to bring phones with them to school, however, during school hours the phones are to remain in their lockers, and should only be used in emergency situations to make contact with parents. If the boy is concerned about something at school, please remind him to bring it to the attention of myself, their Team Leaders, Mr Manuel, Ms Robinson, Mrs Willson (SAO) or any other member of staff. This way, we are aware of the concern and can react as necessary in a swift time frame.



It has been a very positive transition for the Year 7 boys over the last few weeks with all the changes they have faced. The boys have navigated through this transition well, but we must keep in mind that change can be stressful even when it is exciting, and can take a toll. Many boys will naturally be showing the signs of tiredness, irritability and can be generally more emotional. How do we best respond as parents? I think it is helpful to acknowledge that this is a draining time for our boys, and that they may need a little extra space, TLC and downtime where possible. Ideally, it helps our boys if we can model for them what healthy, mature coping looks like in a time of stress.

Let's use this 'new beginning' to help the boys understand that they will make mistakes from time to time, but not to let the mistake derail them. Achievers succeed despite their mistakes by using their failures as learning opportunities. Helping our children understand the importance of failing and learning from mistakes is critical for success.

REBECCA MITCHELSON

*Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.*

~ ALBERT EINSTEIN

## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES JUNIOR ACADEMY

The [2019 Assessment Booklet](#) is now available and contains a termly overview of all assessment tasks, assessment policies and assessment outlines for every subject. Information regarding illness and misadventure preventing attendance at assessment tasks can be found on the relevant pages of the booklet. The Illness and Misadventure Appeal Forms are available on the [portal](#). Please be aware that a student should not be absent from any period on the day or the day prior to submission of, or sitting of, an assessment task. If the task is on or due on a Monday, the student should not be absent on the Friday immediately prior. If he is ill, he will be required to provide a written explanation from his parents and he may be asked to provide a medical certificate from a qualified doctor.



In Year Meeting this week I spoke to the boys about the importance of organisation to stay on top of their assessment and homework commitments. The school diary is an invaluable tool to assist in this process. The boys have been instructed to enter on page 31 of their diary all of their tasks for Term 1 with their due dates. Assessment notifications for every task will be posted in Student Café two weeks prior to the task and the boys should be monitoring Student Café regularly, to ensure they start preparing for each task well in advance of the due date. All boys are encouraged to attend Study Hub on Tuesdays from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in KG6 to assist them to develop their study skills or to gain assistance in preparing for or completing assessment tasks and homework. Details of academic and co-curricular clubs for Term 1 are available [here](#).

JANELLE CHARLTON

## AROUND THE GROUNDS



Above: First Year 7 Jazz Ensemble rehearsal



Above: Mr Simes with his very happy mentor group