

YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

A collective sigh of relief could be heard at recess on Wednesday as the Class of 2019 completed another English assessment. It has been inspiring to see our young men work together to improve their knowledge and practice, across all their subjects, in preparation for assessments at the start of this term. Nowhere was this sense of sharing more evident than when our Chairman, Hortin Zeng, who was also Dux of Year 11, chose to give some tips on Tuesday at Year Meeting for the upcoming English task. This mentality will undoubtedly spur our boys on and help them to help each other to achieve their best.



Additionally, we have had the 'Strategies for Success' seminars during Mentor time this week. These seminars, which our boys sign up for, have Old Boys from the Class of 2018 giving advice on how to excel in particular subjects. This has been a resounding success, with excellent feedback across the board, and I would like to sincerely thank Mr Greg Nunan for organising these sessions.

I hope many of you enjoy the experience of Knox at Home this Friday evening. This is always a wonderful night and a celebration of all things Knox. Our year group has set the improvement of community and culture as a specific target during their tenure as the Senior boys in the School and it is through events such as this that we can continue to grow and flourish.

Finally, please keep Reverend Peter Robinson and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he/they deal with loss of Peter's wife, Vivienne.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend and I wish the boys the best of luck with their sport.

SAM WHITE AND ANDREA WIFFEN

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

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

Following on from the success of the \$5 donation sale last year, the Knox shop is holding another sale from Monday 18 February for two weeks. All proceeds go to the Tamworth Flood appeal in support of some of our boarding community. [Click here](#) for further information.

Shoes for the Philippines - for some children the reality is that no shoes means not going to school in some countries! We will continue to collect school shoes and trainers in good condition! Could you drop off donations to Room 19 or to the WLF office. These donations make a life changing difference and opportunity of education to the children who live in the garbage tips of Manila. Without shoes these children are not permitted to attend school.

It was a pleasure to watch Peter Koch, Hugo Morgan and Kit Murphy perform in the music centre on Wednesday as part of their rehearsal for their HSC (photos page 3).

Mr Ranyard has asked that your son arrives at School clean shaven and with a Knox standard haircut. Some boys are arriving late to School too often and this is not acceptable.

I hope those attending the Knox at Home tonight enjoy the evening and I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend.

[PAMELA HITCHCOCK](#)

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USEFUL LINKS

- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [Make a payment](#)
- [Knox website](#)
- [Illness & Misadventure form](#)
- [Student leave form](#)
- [Student driver form](#)
- [Vehicle driving policy form](#)
- [Careers](#)
- [Assessment booklet](#)
- [Assessment chart](#)
- [Permission slip for study leave](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday March 17**
 - Kuringgai Fun Run
 - Thursday Friday 21-22 February**
 - Geography Excursion
 - Friday 5 April to Friday April 12**
 - AFX Camp
 - Friday 12 April**
 - Term 1 concludes
- See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

'It's important to be thoughtful and mindful about the things you say to other people.'
– Evan Spiegel

STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

With the first assessment block commencing last week, and all boys sitting the first English task on Wednesday, it has been very obvious that most see the importance of making a strong start to their Year 12 academic year. The boys continue to work towards their goals with drive and determination. Many continue to spend their afternoons and evenings in Seniors' Hall or Senior Library tackling their weaknesses and ensuring they don't make the same mistakes as they strive for improvement across their suite of subjects.



In light of the research behind Social Learning Theory and the importance of collaboration, accessing the experience of peers and role modelling, the Class of 2018 delivered the 'Strategies for Success' Seminars. Thirty two Old Boys came in for two mentor sessions this week and ran seminars on how they prepared for the HSC. The boys outlined their HSC top tips with an emphasis on how they tackled the pressures of the HSC. A wide range of subjects were offered where the boys opted to attend and get involved in modelling on how to tackle questions, design answers and provide some insights into how to approach their chosen subjects as they move into the final three terms of Year 12. A video is currently in production which will document these strategies and will be presented to the current Year 12 in coming weeks. The final Strategies for Success seminars will occur on Wednesday next week. We would like to thank Cory Aitchison and Rittwik Rattan from the class of 2018, for coordinating the seminars. The response from the boys was very positive and we can be sure the information has been absorbed and will be carried forward and used throughout the year.

The boys are encouraged to check their school email account at least twice a day. Teachers often communicate with their students for a number of reasons and they rely on this important messaging system.

Possible References:- Bandura, A. (1977) Social Learning Theory. New York: General Learning Press.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNUN

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS SEMINARS



LUNCH TIME MUSIC RECITALS



Boarders' Lunar Games - Well done to the award winning team

YEAR 12 VIDEO AND PHOTOS

By the end of the year we are hoping to get a collection of footage and photos of our year's time at Knox. This will be a video to commemorate our time at Knox, highlighting our achievements, friendships and events. However, we can't equally represent everything and everyone due to the large quantity of boys in our year so any potential videos or footage you have (as parents or boys) to share would be appreciated and help improve the quality of the video. These photos and videos can range from anything such as Rugby highlights, funny videos out of school or even photos and videos from the Knox Prep if you have them. If you would like to share anything please send to [Alessio Mazza](#) or if the file is too big then upload to Google Drive and share it to me from there.

ALESSIO MAZZA

KNOX STUDENT ART AND DESIGN COMPETITION

To celebrate the opening of the new Knox Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre, students from Knox Prep, Wahroonga Prep and Knox Senior School are invited to create an artwork on the theme of 'performing arts' and go all the way to win great prizes. The entry judged best from each of the three campuses will receive the following (Western) vouchers: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25.

The deadline for entries is Monday 25 February 2019, 9am. Your artwork should show the vibrancy and fun of performing arts at your School.

For more information, visit www.knox.nsw.edu.au/competition. Enquiries - Mr David Hayes, hayesd@knox.nsw.edu.au

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

This will be held in the Senior School on **Wednesday 13 March**. All boys are welcome to join the Knox Team and have a chance to fund raise again this year. Last year we raised \$11k - let's aim for an even greater effort this year!

