

YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

Term 1 is well underway! This week has seen a variety of exciting activities happening within our Year 7 community. The boys have been involved in the Junior House Volleyball, which provided another fantastic way of forging new friendships as they settle into life here at Knox. The House System provides a layer of support and camaraderie for the boys and we encourage all boys to get involved as much as possible.

On the academic front, we are now in the midst of assessment time for term 1. I would like to encourage all members of the Knox Year 7 community: parents, students and staff, to keep working positively, encouraging one another and working together towards success. We are blessed with a fantastic support network for each student, from classroom teachers, through to Mentors, Learning Enhancement and Team Leaders, your son is encouraged to seek help and assistance in preparing for assessments.

Year 7 Camp is just around the corner and the excitement is building. Most students will have received their backpacks this week and attended the Camp briefing through our external camp provider. All relevant information is available on the [portal](#) and parent lounge respectively and students will soon be discussing what to expect on camp during Mentor sessions in the upcoming weeks.

An invitation to attend the CAS Swimming and Diving Championships as spectators on Thursday 14 March at Sydney Olympic Park has been sent to all families from the KSAA Office. This night is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the CAS sporting calendar and I encourage boys to come and support the Knox Team as they search for the elusive "three -peat". I would also like to acknowledge the Year 7 swimmers and divers who have been training hard over the past few weeks. If your son is keen to attend, can I please remind parents to complete the invitation form via the Parent Lounge before the cut-off date. Responses received after this date may not be accepted so we encourage you to get in fast!

Finally, I would like to wish the boys every success in the final two rounds of summer sport for Term 1 and remind them that winter sport trials are just around the corner, scheduled for Saturday 16 March (week 7). We already have many boys attending some voluntary pre- season skills and fitness sessions to help best prepare for the season ahead.

JULIEN MANUEL - TEAM LEADER

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Congratulations to all students involved in 'Doing da Vinci Day' yesterday. Twelve teams were involved - a day filled with fun, collaboration, teamwork and making new friends.

Come along and join in our Mother and Son International Women's Day Breakfast on Tuesday 5 March. Cost per person is \$20 which includes a light breakfast and a donation to the Hornsby Women's Shelter and Youth Work in Hornsby. Click [here](#) for payment details. Our guest speaker is [Ms Lucy Dahill](#), local advocate and radio personality.

If students have any special requirements regarding winter uniform items, it is strongly recommended that it is discussed with the Uniform Shop as soon as possible. Occasionally we have students that have allergies to wool and in these instances, time permitting we can get winter trousers lined and jumpers made in a polyester/wool blend. As these would be special orders we would need four weeks for the trousers and up to eight weeks for the knitwear. Other instances are if your son is not a standard size, for example very tall but slim and may require extra length or he may be of a more solid frame, the standard sizes may be disproportional. Please contact the Uniform Shop on 9487 0191 or via [email](#).

Don't forget to attend the Parent Morning Tea on Monday 11 March. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

To assist families in forward planning, the 2020 Term Dates are now available. Click [here](#) for further details.

If your son is playing winter AFL, Football, Mountain Biking or Rugby, please read this important [letter](#) from Mr Martin Haywood, Head of Knox Sports and Aquatic Academy regarding Baseline Cognitive testing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11 March

- [Parent Morning Tea](#), Great Hall Foyer, 10.30am - 12 noon
- Parent / Teacher Night, Great Hall, 3.30pm - 9pm

Thursday 14 March

- CAS Swimming and Diving Championships. **Attendance is not compulsory for Year 7**

Monday 25 - Friday 29 March

- Year 7 Camp
- For further details click [here](#)

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

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES JUNIOR ACADEMY

Today you should have received my email message with information about the Parent/Student/Teacher evening taking place on Monday 11 March. This email contains details about how to access the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) bookings system. If you have not received this email, please contact [Mrs Marita Tyler](#).



Bookings for appointments will open at 8am on Monday 4 March. As mentioned in my email, it is not necessary for you to meet with all of your son's teachers, unless you wish to do so. Your son is strongly encouraged to attend the evening with you, if possible and should wear school uniform. Your son is at the centre of all that we do and it is important that he has a voice and agency in matters that concern his academic progress. I will speak to the Year 7 boys at Year Meeting on Monday to explain to them the format of the evening and our wish for them to take an active role in the interviews.

Could I just remind you that the meetings are designed to be a starting point for ongoing dialogue between students, teachers and parents? There will be limited performance data available to be shared with you at this early stage of the year. Please be aware that you will receive a termly report with available data in Week 10 this term.

I will be in attendance for the Parent/Student/Teacher evening. Please do come and see me if you would like to discuss any particular issue concerning your son's academic story or progress.

JANELLE CHARLTON

SPORTS UPDATE

NSW Junior Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Lachlan Herbert who was able to repeat his great run in the heats last Friday night by running 57.72s to win the U14 400m Final. This was then backed up last Sunday morning, winning the U14 long jump event with a huge leap of 5.33m to win his second state championship for the meet!

In exciting news for the hurdles program, James Harden had a blistering run in the U14 90m hurdles to finish 3rd in a time of 15.57s. Unfortunately, James received a nigggle in this event, ruling him out for the remainder of the Championships.

KNOX PARENT BREAKFAST SEMINAR

A NEW APPROACH TO STUDENT REPORTING

When: Tuesday 19 March, 7.30am-8.20am

Where: Thistle Room, KG1 Building, Senior School

Who: Parents of boys in Years 7-11

Knox is introducing a new approach to student reports that will provide more detailed information about your son's progress at school. We strongly encourage all parents to attend this seminar which will be presented by key staff including Deputy Headmaster of Student and Teacher Excellence K-12, Mrs Yager, Deputy Headmaster, Students (7-12), Mr O'Regan and Dean of Operations, Mr Nelson.

Please [RSVP](#) by 17 March. A light breakfast will be served.

For more information, please [email](#) Sherry-Ann Bieman.

AROUND THE GROUNDS - YEAR MEETING



Above: Congratulations to this week's Year 7 Basketball champion award recipients



Above: This week's year meeting was led by William Mackay and William Cusack. Mr Inwood presented a prize to the boys who answered questions correctly based on the Traditions and History booklet