

YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

With the end of their time at Knox fast approaching, Mr Weeding spoke to the Class of 2019 about the School Reference process on Tuesday at Year Meeting. In recent years, it has proved beneficial to have each student, in collaboration with their parents/guardians, contribute to the writing of their reference before then passing on to their mentor for fine tuning. We provide the year group with a scaffold to write the reference and are obviously on hand to assist throughout. By giving ownership to our young men, it forces them to reflect on their time here and to channel their energy into showcasing their own personal achievements, however big or small, across areas such as academics, sport, co-curricular and leadership. We are all very much looking forward to working through this process with the boys.



Whilst we continue to be very proud of the legacy that this cohort is creating, it is important to remind your sons of the expectations that are attached to being a senior student at Knox Grammar School, and a good member of society in general. Being punctual and well presented, together with respecting their peers, staff and surrounds, is paramount not only because Year 12 sets the standards for the younger year groups but also because they will need this awareness to thrive beyond these walls. Ensuring that these same messages regarding what is required during public gatherings, such as Chapel or Assembly, of the appropriate language to use and to pick up after themselves are being received at home to is essential in terms of optimising the potential for growth and personal development.

Finally, good luck for this round of summer sport vs Barker and to all those representing the 1sts and 2nds across a number of sports this evening. It should be a spectacular night!

SAM WHITE AND ANDREA WIFFEN

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Its hard to believe we are half way through Term 1. It seems like only yesterday that this term started. It is wonderful to see the boys engaged every day in their work and school activities.

I am looking forward to watching the 1sts and 2nds Basketball game tonight. It will be exciting to see them play their last home game at Knox.

At the NSW Junior Athletics Championships last weekend, John Hunter was awarded silver medal in Under 18 Hammer Throw and a second silver in the U18. Congratulations John!

Henry Wines has been selected in the CIS Cricket Team which is a wonderful achievement. Well done! For the third year running Pedro Papangelis made the CIS Tennis Team and will play in the State Schools Championship at Bathurst on 25-26 March.

2020 Term dates are now published on the [Knox website](#).

All parents have been emailed this week to authorise boys who wish to go on Knox Buses to SOPAC for the CAS Swimming Championships on Thursday March 14. Boys will not be able to attend if they have no [authorisation](#) from their parents.

Please refer to the [Careers Page](#) for important information on UCAT registration as well as ANU University applications for 2020.

Have a great weekend.

[PAMELA HITCHCOCK](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 14 March

- CAS Swimming and Diving at SOPAC

Monday 25 March

- Year 12 Parent Morning Tea
Great Hall Foyer

Friday April 5 12

- AFX Camp

Friday 12 April

- Term 1 concludes

See the full calendar in [Parent](#)

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Mahatma Gandhi

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Thursday and Friday of last week the Year 12 Geography students headed up to Anna Bay and the Hunter Valley for their fieldwork excursion as part of their studies into Ecosystems at Risk and People and Economic Activity. During the excursion they had information sessions on the Stockton Coastal Dune ecosystem from the NPWS and the Woromi people, the indigenous custodians of the region, as well as a guided tour through the dunes on quadbikes.

On Thursday evening, a BBQ dinner was enjoyed by all, which was followed by a session focussed on consolidating the information obtained throughout the day.

Friday saw the group head off to Tamburlaine Organic Wines in the Hunter Valley where they were given a comprehensive tour of the vineyard and wine production facility.

The excursion brought into sharp focus the concepts and content they had been studying recently and will be of great value for their HSC.

RICHARD CRIGHTON, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER



Above: Oscar Cheal and Mrs Goddard presenting certificates to Year 11 Leaders at Year Meeting



Above: Pedro Papangelis



Above: Science Extension - On Monday night, the Extension Science students presented their Major Project proposals to staff, parents and other students. Student projects include investigations into aerodynamics, discus throwing, platinum extraction, Aboriginal medicines and devices to accelerate objects using magnets.



WANTED! Duplo or Lego

Do you have Duplo or Lego that you no longer need?
Some of our link schools in the outback of NSW are in need
of these for an upcoming camp in April.
Please drop off any donations to your son's SAO.
Thank you

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – JOIN UP NOW

The World's Greatest Shave will be held in the Senior School on Wednesday 13 March. All boys are welcome to join the Knox WGS 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! Join the .
[Registrations](#) are now open. Sign up now and join a team by typing 'Knox Grammar School ' in the space below.

THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST - TUESDAY 5 MARCH IN THE PORTRAIT ROOM, 7AM – 8:10AM.

Please come and join us to raise funds for the Hornsby Women's Shelter and hear about a new initiative to help Women in Papua New Guinea.

Guest Speaker is local advocate and radio personality, [Mrs Lucy Dahill](#). Tickets are \$20 and payment can be made on the school portal under 'Other Activities' – International Women's Day Breakfast 5 March.



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 as well as highlight 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](#)

ROCKIN THE 90'S – 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS'

The Boulevard Stage will be wired for sound next Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday lunch times (Week 6) for the 2019 Knox Battle of the Bands event. Please drop by and enjoy your lunch whilst being entertained by some of Knox's great contemporary bands as they smash out some original songs and some popular hits from the 1990's.

There will be 11 bands competing over three days, all vying for one of four spots in the BOBs Finals. Come on down and support your classmates, it is going to be a fun event!

