

## YEAR 12 TEAM LEADERS

During whole school assembly this week, School Captain Tom Constable gave a rousing speech to the boys about how enthralled he was with the turn out to the Knox v Barker Basketball match last Friday. The Prefect group worked hard to get around the school in the lead up, to build up an imposing Black and Blue army to cheer on the teams who won in impressive fashion. Playing in front of such a large crowd will be something the teams will not soon forget.



Next week it is the Swimmer's turn to be supported and cheered on and have their culmination of early mornings and endless laps following the black line rewarded. Thursday 14 March is the annual CAS Swimming and Diving Championships held out at Homebush. As the head year group it would be fantastic to see all 348 Year 12 boys attend, cheering the loudest and again setting the culture for the younger boys to follow.

As Mr Weeding mentioned to the cohort at a Year Meeting earlier this year, he has had boys sit in his office speak about their regret in not going and being a part of the community and atmosphere which is unique to CAS sporting events. This is the last chance the cohort of 2019 will have to go along as a student to the CAS Swimming and Diving. Don't let it be something they regret by not taking the time to go and enjoy the atmosphere with their mates. Mr White and myself are looking forward to the night and cheering the boys on.

SAM WHITE AND ANDREA WIFFEN

## STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

What a wonderful experience it was to watch the 1st and 2nds play Basketball on Friday night in the Great Hall. The atmosphere was electric and the loud crowd really added to the fun night.

It was great to see many Year 12 parents and boys attend the International Women's Day breakfast on Tuesday morning. At the breakfast we heard local personality Mrs Lucy Dahill speak about 'Balance for Better'. Lucy shared her understanding of what does 'balance' look like in practice and whether it was possible to be balanced when juggling the demands of parenting, working and a social life.



On Wednesday evening Year 12 boarders ran the Boarders' Chapel Service and it was a privilege to attend. The boys showed great courage and humility in their participation. The address by Archie Graesser was inspiring. This was then followed by the dinner and Archie Graesser and Henry were awarded the House Manager's Award.

Knox Grammar School has a close connection with the local Special Olympics program and has become a driving force in the growth of the Kuringgai Chase Fun Run and Barry Easy Walk. On the day, Knox boys form teams of 'buddies' to help and encourage the Special Olympic athletes in completing the course. I hope many of you join us again this year. [Click](#) here for the registration form.

Please remember the cut off date to [accept](#) CAS Swimming and Diving is 5pm on Monday 11 March.

The World's Greatest Shave date has been changed to Monday 18 March. [Click here](#) for further details. We are trying to exceed the amount of money that was raised last year.

[Click here](#) for details regarding the upcoming Track and Field Championships at Narrabeen on 4 April.

Have a great weekend.

[PAMELA HITCHCOCK](#)  
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*"Hold fast to dreams, For if  
dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird,  
That cannot fly."  
Langston Hughes*

### 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

#### Thursday 14 March

- CAS Swimming and Diving at SOPAC

#### Sunday 17 March

- Kuringgai Chase and Barry Easy Fun Run

#### Monday 18 March

- World's Greatest Shave

#### Monday 25 March

- Year 12 Parent Morning Tea  
Great Hall Foyer

#### Thursday April 4

- Track and Field Championships  
Narrabeen

#### Friday April 5 - 12

- AFX Camp

#### Friday 12 April

## STAGE 6 ACADEMY TEAM

Over the coming weeks, the Year 12 staff are looking forward to reporting on the progress of all boys.

Half Yearly Reports: to ensure reports are available for the Student/Parent/Teacher Evening (Student Led Conference), reports will be published online at 3.30pm on Friday 22 March and will be available to view through Student Café and Parent Lounge. Please note that all Knox reports are now electronic. The electronic version will be formatted to ensure ease of printing by each student if a hard copy is required. When accessing the report, take the opportunity to download this report (and all others from previous years) to have them for next year and beyond when access to the portals will be deactivated in early January 2020.

Student/Parent/Teacher Evening (Student Led Conference) – Monday 25 March: Bookings will be done online and the site to do this will open at 8am on Monday 18 March. In the near future, an email will be sent to all parents with instructions on how to book appointments.

Knox Academic Indicator (KAI) Interviews: the next KAI interviews will occur Week 2 in Term 2. As was the case with the KAI interviews last year, a 15-minute booking can be made around the availability of your son's Academic Mentor. The online booking system for this interview will open in the first week of Term 2. More information will be sent later this term.

ANDREW WEEDING AND GREG NUNAN



## CAREERS ADVISOR

There is much anticipation from students about the university application process. UAC have advised schools that applications for university will open on 3 April and they will email all students a UAC PIN by the end of March. Students will then use their UAC PIN number and NESA Student Number to log into the UAC website when applications open on 3 April. Upon receiving information from UAC, I will guide and support the students in the university application process.



Australian National University (ANU) applications for 2020 university admission opened on 4 March and will close on 31 May 2019. ANU are now managing their own applications since they have introduced the additional co-curricular and/or service requirement which students must meet in order for their application to be successful. Students who miss the application deadline can still apply through UAC, but entry will be subject to ANU program availability. Please see [ANU's website](#) for details.

The UCAT is a compulsory test for students who are interested in undergraduate medicine. UCAT registrations are now open. As test dates are restricted to 1 - 31 July, it is strongly recommended that students register to sit the UCAT ASAP in order to secure a spot to sit the test. Registration is via the [UCAT Official website](#).

Year 12 students are invited to attend a formal dinner at St Andrew's College to meet some of their current residents, dine, and discuss college and university life. Please refer to the notice on the [careers page](#) for specific dates and how to RSVP.

The first in a series of industry breakfasts will be held in a few weeks. Year 12 students and their parents are invited to attend the Law Industry Breakfast on Wednesday 20 March commencing at 7am in the Seniors' Hall. Guest speaker, Ms Siobhan Ryan, (UNSW Law Careers Manager), will be presenting on the various career opportunities available with a law degree. [Registration](#) to this event is essential. Please see the flyer for details.

LINDA GOMEZ, CAREERS ADVISOR

**LAW INDUSTRY BREAKFAST**  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OKGA

**When:** Wednesday 20 March 2019, 7am-8:20am  
**Location:** Seniors Hall, Weeks Secondary Academy  
**Cost:** Free (bookings required)  
**Who:** Knox Year 11 and 12 students and their parents

If you are considering studying and working in the Law Industry this will be an important event to learn more about the variety of possibilities on offer.

Our special guest speaker will be Ms Siobhan Ryan, UNSW Law Careers Manager, who will discuss the different Law study options available and possible career paths available to students who study law.

Other guests will include Old Boys from a variety of Law backgrounds to help you understand where your Law degree can take you.

RSVP: Friday 15 March via the OKGA website [www.okga.org.au/lawbreakfast](http://www.okga.org.au/lawbreakfast)

Enquiries: Linda Gomez Careers Advisor, [gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au)

Complimentary breakfast provided courtesy of the OKGA

KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL



WEEKEND SPORT



Above. Karthik Surendra, Henry Wines and John Nevell - CAS Cricket team



BOARDERS' DINNER

Henry Rourke receiving the House Manager's Award



Archie Graessar receiving the House Manager's Award

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2019

NORMAL TRADING HOURS:

Monday - Friday 12.30-5.30pm;

Terms 1 & 4 only:- Saturday : 9am- 12 Noon

[Click here](#) for further details



## 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

## YEAR 12 VIDEO AND PHOTOS

By the end of the year we are hoping to get a collection of footage and photos of our 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

## KNOX GALA DAY - SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your diary for Knox Gala Day on Saturday 4 May from 10am to 4pm. This free event is a huge community celebration with children's entertainment, food and market stalls, live music and sports fixtures on Knox 1 against Newington. For more information, [visit](#).



## KNOX EASTER DRIVE - EASTER EGGS AND NOODLES FOR WESLEY MISSION

Each year as a community, we generously donate Easter eggs and cup style instant noodles to Wesley Mission as support for their homeless youth programs. Please bring your donations along to the KSSA to support this appeal. Boys can also leave their donations with their WLF teacher.



## REMINDER – SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS

Location: Knox 1 or GH Foyer (in case of wet weather)

Tuesday 12 March - 10.10am

- 1sts and 2nds Basketball
- 1sts and 2nds Cricket
- 1sts and 2nds Summer Tennis
- 1sts and 2nds Squash
- Sailing
- Summer Volleyball
- Water Polo



Thursday 14 March – 12.30pm

- CAS Swimming & Diving

Students should wear their playing uniform plus appropriate shoes for their sport, team shirts and school crested shorts for Diving, Swimming and Track & Field. Students must bring their ID card.

## SKOOLBAG APP

There is a new link for downloading the updated Skoolbag App.

[Click here](#) for details

## TUCKSHOP

From Week 8 (Monday 18 March) we will be switching over to SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organise the Senior School Tuckshop roster.

All rostered shifts will be transferred into Signup and existing volunteers will receive an email reminder of their allocated spots.

New volunteers will be able to sign up easily online. More details in next week's newsletter.

## SPORT REMINDER

A reminder that all boys playing AFL, Football and Rugby have been sent an invitation to complete a Baseline Cognitive test that will take 10 mins to complete. Please help us and encourage your son to do this test online (link is in an email send to boys on Monday 4 March). This will help us enormously later in the season if your boy sustains a head knock.

For Week 7 - A full training schedule for term 1 can be found on the Skoolbag App. This will differ slightly to the regular training routine.