

YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

Term 2, is one of the busiest times in the school calendar. This week at Year Meeting and in their Mentor lessons, the students were focusing on SMART goals and the necessity to plan and organise across their school commitments. Please click [here](#) to view the video which outlines the details required to set SMART goals. I recommend parents review their sons' goals together over the weekend. The boys should revisit their goals throughout the term. This will ensure that they will meet them to achieve the best possible outcome.



In Week 3, Year 7 will sit NAPLAN from Tuesday to Friday. Please read through the information in this newsletter from our Director of Studies, Mrs Charlton. The Year 7 Team wishes the boys well in NAPLAN and we encourage them to give their very best effort. If any boy has any questions, or are feeling nervous about NAPLAN, they should not hesitate to speak to Mrs Charlton, their Mentor or a Team Leader.

During Chapel we have been reminded by Reverend Peter Robinson to show gratitude. I think many of us go through life, busy, preoccupied and probably, quite exhausted. It really hit home for a lot of our boys (and me) that sometimes it's important to stop and smell the roses. Kurt Vonnegut said, "Enjoy the little things in life because one day you'll look back and realise they were the big things." In the coming weeks, Year 7 will be exploring ways in which we can show gratitude and it will be interesting to see what our boys come up with.

The winter sport season is now underway and we are looking forward to a continuation of strong support for all Knox teams. On Saturday 1 June, the Rugby boys will play Scots at home on Knox 1 and the Junior Academy boys are expected to attend and cheer on the Black and Blue. Please put a note in your calendars, as we aim for a strong presence from our Junior Academy boys.

As always, please get touch with Mentors and Team Leaders, if we can be of any assistance in any matter related to Year 7.

CARLY ROBINSON - ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Week 2 of this term has been a settled week for the Year 7 boys. They are now used to the routine, understand what is expected of them and know their way around the School.



Congratulations to Megan Bailey and her team on yet another highly successful Gala Day. Thank you to parents from near and far who came to help out at stalls and support their boys, on the field or as part of the Performing Arts Program. It is a tradition that, where possible, our Year 7 boys attend and support the Knox 1st teams during the CAS competition when they are playing at home and it was encouraging to hear that many boys stayed around on Saturday to cheer on the senior teams.

Winter Food Drive - Over the remaining weeks for this term we will be collecting food for the Wesley Connect Winter Appeal. Specific items listed will support those who are homeless and who live on our Sydney streets.

- Small tins of tuna or chicken with ring pulls
- Long life milk (1 litre)
- Chunky meaty tins of soup with ring pulls

Congratulations to Branden Tse on his recent results at the National Youth Archery Championship 2019 held in Armidale. In total Branden won three gold, one silver and one bronze medal as well as receiving the All Round Best Male Recurve Award and having the highest score in a total of all four events combined. Outstanding!

Finally, a very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law and grandmothers. Wishing you a day full of surprises and unforgettable memories.



Happy Mother's Day !

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USEFUL LINKS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 14 May

- [Parent Breakfast Seminar](#) - Searching vs Researching, Thistle Room, KG1, Senior School Campus

Sunday 19 May

- [ANZAC Service and Parade](#), 8.40am, Memorial Quadrangle

Friday 24 May

- [Official Opening](#) - Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre

Friday 7 June

- Years 7 - 12 Pupil Free Day. All teachers will be involved with Year 8 - Year 10 Parent / Teacher Interviews

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

STUDENT MANAGEMENT OFFICER

The boys have settled back into school this term very well and there is still an excited buzz in the air with the opening of the Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre (JAPAC). I feel it is necessary to reinforce some aspects that the Team Leaders and Junior Academy staff have been speaking with the boys about this week. Time management is critical. JAPAC is quite a distance from the southern end of the campus and with boys continuing to have classes throughout the School, the need to be on their way early from recess and lunch breaks is a must.

Uniform

Please ensure uniform is worn correctly at all times. Winter uniform consists of grey long trousers, white long sleeved shirt, tie, belt, grey/black socks, black leather school shoes, blazer and Boater. This is to be worn when entering and exiting the school grounds. Acceptable uniform when changing at lunch time for Period 7 sport is PE attire. Boys are NOT to wear rugby jerseys or football shirts etc to their Period 6 class.

Padlocks

The boys have an array of expensive items which they bring to school on a daily basis. The best way to protect/secure these items is by locking them in their assigned locker, using assigned padlock. Please be aware that if boys fail to secure their locker and items go missing, there is little we can do to assist. If boys need to purchase a new padlock, please come and see me or Mrs Willson.

REBECCA MITCHELSON



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES JUNIOR ACADEMY

As previously communicated with you, NAPLAN tests are taking place next week on Tuesday May 14 – Friday May 17. For Year 7, these tests will be held in the mornings. Click [here](#) to view the presentation I delivered to Year 7 boys in Year Meeting this week. It would be helpful if you could read through and discuss the information with your son so that he is ready to sit these tests. Could you also endeavour to assist your son to arrive at school well before 8.20am? Most importantly, please ensure that your son brings to school each day a fully charged laptop, corded earphones and a pen.



If your son is ill or unable to attend on any day during the NAPLAN test period, please email [me](#) and [Mrs Renee Willson](#), Year 7 SAO as early as possible. I will endeavour to schedule catch-up tests as soon as practicable.

STUDY SKILLS NEWS

- Due to popular demand, STUDY HUB has been moved back to Tuesday afternoons, 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the JAPAC Lounge.
- Dr Prue Salter will be presenting a Parent and Student Study Skills Evening at Knox on Tuesday 18 June 6.30pm - 8pm. Please save this date in your diary. I will share more details about this event in upcoming newsletters.

JANELLE CHARLTON



Above: Branden Tse in action



SCHOOL DOG POLICY



A reminder, to improve safety of the students and visitors to the School, we have a No Dogs Allowed policy. Dogs are prohibited,

leashed or unleashed, on school grounds, unless they are assistance dogs, security patrol dogs or police dogs. Dogs may not be brought onto any Knox Grammar School property, including the Prep and Senior School campuses and all playing fields, including Curagul and Gillespie Fields. If you bring a dog onto school property, you may be approached by our staff and asked to leave.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding on this safety initiative.



Best wishes to Elijah Kendall, Charlton Song, Nathan Gladman and Toby

Bishop for the NSW All Schools Swimming and Diving Championships to be held on Monday 13 May.



CADETS & PIPE BAND ANNUAL PHOTOS

Friday 17 May, 7.30am – 8.15am

Venue for photos has changed to Knox 1 Oval, north end, due to building works near the Great hall steps