

YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

Happy belated Mother's Day to all the mums of the class of 2024. I trust that you all enjoyed a magnificent day with your families.

I would like to start by acknowledging the amazing way which the boys approached the NAPLAN tests this week. Each boy approached every session in the Great Hall in a most positive manner and I was incredibly proud of the level of maturity displayed whilst experiencing their first set of formal testing in the Great Hall.

As we move forward from the NAPLAN tests, it is important to keep these tests in perspective. At Knox, boys receive a wide range of feedback from teachers about their learning and progression while the NAPLAN results may support this process to some extent, they are by definition 'one-off' diagnostic tests and should be viewed as such.

Looking ahead, the next few weeks of Term 2 will be busy for our boys. Sport and co-curricular activities will challenge the boys to step out of their comfort zones. As we move around the locker space on Monday mornings, we have been treated to some fantastic stories about individual and team performances which are very characteristic of young Knox men and most importantly, the smiles on their faces tell us that they are having the time of their lives!

I would like to remind all parents to make note that Saturday 1 June will be the Years 7 and 8 Supporters afternoon on Knox 1. The Headmaster strongly encourages all boys to come down and cheer on the 1st XV as they take on Scots at 3pm. As members of the Knox community, we have the opportunity to help our boys to frame their experience in positive ways. After all, the more the boys experience, the more memorable their school journey will be. Most importantly your son with his mates around him and the wider community will all benefit as they join in supporting the black and blue.

Finally, I would like to highlight that Friday 7 June will be a pupil free day in the Senior School at Knox. The boys will not be required to attend classes on this day as all staff will be involved in Years 8 -10 Parent Teacher Interviews. Following on from this day, there is no Knox sport on Saturday 8 June due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

JULIEN MANUEL - TEAM LEADER

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

This week the boys saw the Great Hall in a whole new light with the NAPLAN exams. I know that, the Great Hall will also be the site for a variety of great triumphs for the boys in their time at Knox. Not only is this the hub for many artistic and athletic performances; this is the site of all the major exams for the boys, culminating with the HSC in Year 12. The boys have all been punctual, organised, and focused on the task at hand. Well done to you all.

Health matters: With quite a few coughs and sneezes around, the best place for sick boys is at home. Attending school when they are not well prolongs their illness and shares it around too! Email contact can always be made with teachers if you are concerned about missed schoolwork and assignments. Students absent on the day, or the day before an assessment task, must complete an [Illness and Misadventure Form](#) and provide medical documentation.

Lost Property: Boys are reminded that they must check the lost property containers in Room 19 for any items they may have misplaced. For all items that have names on them, an email will be sent to the student advising that the items are available for collection from me. Items left behind at Gillespie and Curagul will take longer to reach Room 19 for sorting. Items that are not collected, named or not, will be auctioned off for charity or given to charities halfway through and at the end of each term.

Have a lovely weekend.

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USEFUL LINKS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 19 May**
 - [ANZAC Service and Parade](#), 8.40am, Memorial Quadrangle
- Friday 24 May**
 - [Official Opening](#) - Junior Academy and Performing Arts Centre. See evening events programme on Page 2
- 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](#)



Over the remaining weeks for this term, we will be collecting food for the Wesley Connect Winter Appeal. Specific items listed below 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

Please bring donations to Room 19 so we can pass them onto Wesley Mission Connect!

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES JUNIOR ACADEMY



NAPLAN testing this week finished well. The entire Year 7 team was so impressed with the way the boys arrived on time, with the right equipment and followed instructions. Well done, boys! As previously flagged with you, we have raised our concerns with NESA about Tuesday's writing task. NESA has released a statement that they are aware that connectivity issues were experienced nationally during the writing test and that these issues are currently being investigated. They advise that they regret any inconvenience this has caused to schools and students, and are working to rectify the issue as soon as possible. When further information is made available from NESA, I will update students and parents.

JANELLE CHARLTON



Above: Year 7 Boarders - Simon Kinsey, Mark Allan, Harry Cluff, Huckleberry Jurd, Will Slack-Smith and Charles Kellahan having a laugh together



Above: Post NAPLAN smiles from Toby Tsang and Christian Tan

	4pm-4.30pm	4.30pm-5pm	5pm-5.30pm
Foyer (L2)	Taiko Drumming Knox Prep Staff	~	~
Auditorium (L2)	Performance Rehearsals	Performance Rehearsals	Performance Rehearsals
Junior Academy Lounge (L3)	Years 7 and 8 activities	Years 7 and 8 activities	Years 7 and 8 activities
Drama Classroom (L2)	Knox Prep Year 6 Drama	Knox Prep Year 6 Drama	Knox Prep Year 6 Drama
Drama Theatre (L2)	~	~	~
Music Rehearsal Room 1 (L2)	Knox Prep Years 3-4 Choir	Knox Prep Junior Band	Knox Prep Performance Ensemble
Dance Studio (L2)	Wahroonga Prep Year 1 Music	Wahroonga Prep Kindergarten Choir	Wahroonga Prep Years 3-4 Choir
Music Classroom 1 (L1)	Wahroonga Prep Year 2 Strings	~	~
Music Classroom 2 (L1)	~	~	~
Music Classroom 3 (L1)	Knox Prep String Ensemble	Knox Prep Concert Strings	Knox Prep Year 6 Strings
Music Classroom 4 (L1)	~	~	~
Music Classroom 5 (L1)	Knox Prep Year 6 Music	Knox Prep Year 6 Music	Knox Prep Year 6 Music
Music Classroom 6 (L1)	~	~	~

5.30pm - 7.15pm	7.15pm-7.45pm	7.45pm-8.15pm	8.15pm-8.45pm
~	Saxophone Quartets	Double String Quartet	Clarinet Quartet 1 Flute Ensemble
Invite only event (live streamed to the Great Hall)	Senior Drama Romeo and Juliet	Senior Senior Drama Romeo and Juliet	Senior Senior Drama Romeo and Juliet
~	Years 7 and 8 activities	Years 7 and 8 activities	Years 7 and 8 activities
~	Years 11 and 12 Drama	Years 11 and 12 Drama	Years 11 and 12 Drama
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~	Senior School String Orchestra Chamber Strings	Senior School Symphonic Wind Ensemble	Senior School Big Band
~	Senior School Dance Ensemble	~	Senior School Dance Ensemble
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~	Year 12 Music solo rehearsals	Year 12 Music solo rehearsals	Year 12 Music solo rehearsals
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~	Year 11 Chamber Ensemble	Year 11 Chamber Ensemble	Year 11 Chamber Ensemble
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