

YEAR 7 TEAM LEADERS

There was excited chatter around the locker space this week about the enjoyment gained from a long weekend. It has been amazing to see how a short 'mid-term' break has allowed the boys to recharge their batteries and launch into the final two weeks of Term 2. Whilst the majority of our boys enjoyed putting their feet up and time off sport, I would like to acknowledge the following boys who represented Gordon in the NSW Junior Rugby Championships: Heath Turner, Harrison Cluff, Harrison Parsonage, Max Roach and Oliver Ryan.

At our School Assembly this week, the boys heard from Derek Rabelo who spoke about the challenges he faced to achieve his dream of surfing some of the largest waves in the world, despite being born blind. His inspirational message about courage and faith resonated well with the boys and we will continue to build upon these themes in the final two weeks of term.

As we head out to Queens Park for a full round of sport against Waverley, we reminded the boys of acting together as an excellent team. The value of strong connections and camaraderie where people come together and work together cannot be underestimated. It may be to solve a problem, to help another person, devise the winning play or to make an incredible discovery. The most important part of teamwork is that we all have a mutual respect for one another and value each other's views and ideas. Working together and learning together at the same time.

This term there have been many opportunities in the classroom, in Mentor, in sports and in co-curricular activities where students and staff have worked as a team and made strong connections. At Knox, we believe that excellent learners learn together. Students with students, students with staff, staff with staff. Parents are also heavily involved in this partnership. When we stop and look back at this term, we will see that there has been a rich array of connections made which can be built upon in Term 3 and beyond.

As always, please feel free to contact the Team Leaders at any time should the need arise.

JULIEN MANUEL TEAM LEADER

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

I do hope you all enjoyed your long weekend and that the boys made the most of the 'extra' day off. Not long now and the boys will have completed Semester 1 of Senior School and are now looking forward to the holidays.

This week woodwinds presented their first soiree in the new JAPAC facility, making use of the Choir Rehearsal Room. The Saxophone Orchestra, Knox Foundation Wind Ensemble and five soloists took to the stage. The Year 7's performing on the evening; Henry Hua, Ethan Tham-Pich, Andrew Yang, Huckleberry Jurd and Nicholas Woodbridge are commended on their courage to step into this performance area and their talents were appreciated by all.

The boys were treated to an inspiring performance by the Symphony Orchestra on Thursday morning. We acknowledge the work of our outstanding Knox Symphony Orchestra performers as well as the amazing Mr James Brice who organised and facilitated this wonderful opportunity. What a talented group of musical students we have!

A reminder to all students regarding their UNIFORM after SPORT TRAINING. All students are required to either wear their full school track suit or full school uniform after sports practice each day. This includes period 7 sport as well. Students in full track suit may wear their boater and blazer over the top if it is more convenient than placing these items in their bags. No variations of this are allowed.

Knox students are invited to pitch an idea for a new app to solve a real world problem and go in the running to win a \$50 voucher. You will receive feedback from professionals working in the industry! Click [here](#) for further details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 18 June

- Parent and Student Study Skills Evening. **The venue has now changed to the Great Hall starting at 6.30pm.** Undercover parking will be available from 6pm in the Borambil Street car park.

Monday 24 and Thursday 27 June

- Languages Day

Friday 28 June

- Term 2 concludes

Saturday 3 August

- Year 7 Parent Supper. Click [here](#) for further details

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

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES JUNIOR ACADEMY

Recently our Year 7 da Vinci Decathlon team competed in the State Competition, achieving 13th place overall. Their commendable results include: 3rd in General Knowledge, 4th in Mathematics, 6th in Cartography and 16th in English.



Congratulations to the following team members: Tyler Jackson, Hucklebury Jurd, Jingni Liao, Kevin Lin, Jason Miao, Aadil Singh, Charlton Song, William Stuckings and reserves Henry Dennis and Michael Shen. These boys will be recognised at a Year Meeting this term.

JANELLE CHARLTON

MEET THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



JUNIOR ACADEMY - NEW ADDITIONS

The photographs below showing the new signage within the JAPAC lounge – School Values and House signs.



MUSICIANS



Above: The Saxophone Orchestra together with the Knox Foundation Wind Ensemble. The Year 7 performers (in the front row) of the evening were Henry Hua, Ethan Tham-Pich, Andrew Yang, Huckleberry Jurd and Nicholas Woodbridge