A World View for A World School

I recently ran into an old friend who asked me how I was enjoying life working and living in the North Shore bubble. Firstly I told him how much I loved it and then let him know that compared to the Blue Mountains bubble, the Hunter Valley bubble, the Illawarra bubble or the South West Slopes bubble (where I have lived and worked in the past), this was the place for me. Let me assure you our world is made up of many bubbles!

People can refer to schools like this too, the Knox bubble, the PLC bubble, for example. What I think people mean by this is that in institutions and communities we develop some particularly distinctive attitudes and behaviours which set us apart. Well, if that is so, viva la difference!

What I don’t accept is the view that we insulate ourselves from the realities of others or that we have little understanding or interest in those beyond the invisible dividing lines of our own communities. Here at Knox we are continually developing opportunities for our boys to interact with and learn about the world beyond the North Shore, Sydney and Australia to help them develop a better understanding of the world they will participate in.

Last year alone almost 600 boys and their teachers were involved in working with outside organisations in community service, in social justice programs, experienced overseas exchanges, participated in a major tour, competed against the best in the world or enjoyed a GAP experience. If Knox boys live in a bubble they have no problem leaving it to learn about the world of which we are all part.

In order for these life enriching and sometimes life changing experiences to happen we partner with a diverse range of organisations. Much of our community service and social justice work happens with the assistance of the Uniting Church. Our work at Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea occurs with Uniting World and annually we partner with the Sony Foundation to run, with Abbotsleigh, the ABOBOX of Fun Camp for children with disabilities. In 2012 Knox boys will head to Cambodia to work in the education program for young orphans in that country.

Through the Values Exchange Program, da Vinci Decathlon and Future Problem Solving our boys work with other students from around NSW, Australia and across the world.

Developing a world view is further encouraged through our membership and participation in the International Boys’ Schools Coalition where teachers from around the world come together to share ideas concerning the education of young men. Our teachers interface through conferences with colleagues, and are regularly invited to speak at conferences, both in Australia and overseas.

More recently Knox has linked with one of the world’s leaving institutes devoted to developing mentally fit young people. The Positive Psychology Institute is providing Knox with access to world breaking research.

The above are but a few of the groups with which we partner. In summary we work with 60 community and social justice organisations, fifteen schools in five continents, and many organisations which require our boys to look beyond their own environments.

For our boys to be effective members of the global community it is important to have these experiences so that they can develop an understanding of the issues facing people beyond their own home and school and appreciate the way those people think about their world.
What is so wonderful about the current generation of Knox boys is their enthusiastic interest in the world beyond their home, an interest just as enthusiastically followed up by their preparedness to get involved, understand it better and make a contribution.

As we head into the second decade of the 21st Century it is my goal that Knox will further become a more globally connected organisation to assist our boys to be better informed, confident and contributory world citizens.

Mr John W Weeks
Headmaster

Knox currently exchanges with these Schools:

- CheongShim International Academy, Korea
- St Albans Cathedral School, Washington, DC USA
- Landon School: Bethesda, Maryland, USA
- St George's School, Vancouver, Canada
- Collingwood, Vancouver, Canada
- Stewart's Melville School, Edinburgh, Scotland
- The Perse School, Cambridge, England
- Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand
- St Philip The Apostle College, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- St Andrew's College, Somerset Street, Grahamstown, South Africa

Anticipated for 2011-12

- St. Andrew’s Senior School, Turi, Kenya
**Whole Person Education**

To succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world, how you feel and think and therefore how you act and inter-relate is often just as important as how much you know. It is one thing to be physically fit and academically smart. It is quite another to be mentally fit and emotionally intelligent.

The relative importance of each of these attributes is certainly changing. So in the 21st Century, in addition to providing an ‘all-round education’, Knox intends to also provide a ‘whole-person education’.

In doing so, we aim to support student personal development - academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally - and also to build mental fitness and resilience for life.

We will provide this even broader education and support, in three ways:

- Firstly, by the implementation of a Positive Education Program where we will continue to emphasise academic performance, but also aim to increase mental fitness and enhance the well-being of teachers and students;
- Secondly, by developing a 21st Century curriculum that fosters innovation, creativity, problem solving and higher-order thinking; and
- Thirdly, by developing in Knox boys a sense of community and selflessness through the Knox Social Justice Program.

**Positive Education Program**

In relation to Positive Education, Knox will be collaborating with the Positive Psychology Institute, led by Dr Suzi Green and Paula Robinson, as well as the University of Wollongong to create a whole-school strategic program which will include multiple initiatives aimed at ensuring that positive psychology is learned, lived and embedded at Knox. Our goal is to create a new pastoral care and mentoring program for 21st Century Knox boys based on positive psychology – that is, the science of optional functioning.

The concept of a positive psychology or positive education program may sound a little theoretical, but let me try and explain it in a way which may have some resonance. You know yourself that you can look at something optimistically or in a positive way one day and negatively or pessimistically the next. We often describe such a situation in the context of which side of the bed we got out of or whether or not we had eggs, or something which is healthy, for breakfast.

As Hamlet claimed “…there is nothing good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”

But it is much more than that. We can learn to get out of the bed on the correct side or chose something nourishing to eat and if we do we can usually achieve much more.

Using the principles of positive psychology, Knox will provide a mentor, coaching and teaching program which will assist boys to strengthen themselves emotionally and mentally. The intention is to give them a more hopeful disposition or view of things so they are not only positive but also more productive and successful.

Is the glass half empty or half full? Is a common idiom used rhetorically to indicate that a particular situation could be a cause for optimism or pessimism.

How we answer the question depends on our attitude, our disposition and how we feel and think at the time.

Our hope is that with the assistance of our new pastoral care and mentoring program, you boys will conclude that ‘the glass is half full’ because you will have increased your levels of optimism and hope.

Positive Education not only encompasses optimism and hope but a range of scientifically proven strategies and practices to increase your mental fitness and resilience and to analyse and build on your strengths. Having
regard to those strengths, structured goal setting will be developed for each boy, targeting his academic, co-curricular and personal goals.

In Conclusion
For each one of you boys, your time here at Knox is very much a personal journey from dependence to independence and one which presents academic, physical, social and emotional challenges and then rewards success with increased responsibility and status.

Your Headmaster, your teachers and your School Council are continually trying to do what we can to make that journey rewarding and satisfying. The building program is palpable evidence of our efforts to provide you with tangible benefits.

So too are the co-curricular activities I spoke of earlier. The Whole Boy Education Program, although less tangible, is equally important and will provide a new and higher dimension to the way Knox boys are educated in the future.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all in the Great Hall for our 2011 Speech Day. I am certain that the Hall will be more than half full.

Mr Rob Wannan
Chairman, School Council
The things we do...

21st Century Boarding at Knox offers the ‘Whole of Life’ experience. Now that the Boarders have settled into their modern hotel-type accommodation, we are encouraging them to develop as individuals through unique exercises that mimic what parents teach their children at home.

The ‘Boys to Cooks’ cooking classes encourage Boarders to build their cooking skills each year. More and more recipes are added to each boy’s repertoire as they gain confidence in the kitchen.

The Independent Living Skills course complements the etiquette training and the cooking classes. Not only can a Knox Boarder shake hands and set a table but he is taught to iron his shirt, make his bed, shine his shoes and clean the bathroom.

Years 11 and 12 boys are treated to extra academic counsel from Senior Academic Master, Mr Phil Harmer. Before the commencement of their half yearly exams Mr Harmer ran note taking and exam preparation workshops during the Boarders usual prep sessions.

The Boarders also have their own Senior Academic Master in Mr Les Harvey. Boarders receive an interim report at the conclusion of Term 1 and are given a Boarding APA. Mr Harvey has overseen the writing of the Boarders’ interim reports, as well the many additional study sessions completed in the tutoring rooms in the Boarding Centre.

Year 7 Boarders are allocated a Year 10 Mentor. The Mentors have taken it upon themselves to share their first-hand Boarding experiences with our youngest boys to help them manage with living away from home for the first time. The relationship formed is one that lasts for the duration of the Mentor’s time at Knox. The boys attend a few camps together to help build their relationship.

Etiquette training aims to give Boarders the poise to act as the young men, that they are, at a range of opportunities provided on the boarding calendar including the Boarders’ Formal Dinners, hosted by the Headmaster each term, social outings to girls’ schools and most importantly the tradition of evening meals in the Boarders’ dining room.

Ms Susan Beverley
Boarding Executive Officer
Feedback from our youngest and newest residents

‘Boarding is just like living at home, only better.’

‘I have made so many new friends in Boarding and I have learnt so much since arriving. Making a bed is really easy!’

‘Becoming a Boarder was the best decision I have ever made. Where else can you live with your mates, go jet boating, kayak the Harbour or go to Super 15 games and have so much fun?’

‘I would definitely put my son into Boarding. It has done so much for me already.’

‘At first I was scared about the prospect of becoming a Boarder; living away from mum and dad and having to become independent. However, since arriving I have had the best time of my life. Boarding is something I will never forget.’

‘Boarder’s touch footy – is there anything better?’

And from a prospective parent:

‘We have heard only great comments about Knox’s boarding facilities and academic program from the local Hong Kong parents whose boys are currently studying at Knox.’

Team Building through the Power of Drumming

On 17 March, we had an African drumming spectacular where the Male Voice Power choir and the Knox Boarding community came together for a night of fun. During the fabulous one-hour workshop with Tuza and his friends from Ghana, they danced, drummed and laughed their way through the show giving all an enjoyable time. Mr James wasn’t about to miss out on any of the action either, being called out three times to dance with students and teachers. After the workshop had come to its conclusion, we sat down for an African dinner consisting of fish, rice and baked vegetables. Dessert was great; it was a choice of three types of sorbet. MVP led the Boarders in some final songs accompanied by Tuza and then everyone, after a fantastic night, departed. It was a great evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Brandon Kreymborg, Y7 student
John Larkin, the author of over 20 books for children, teenagers and adults including *Spaghetti Legs, Growing Payne, Goon Town, Larkin About in Ireland,* and the soon to be released *The Shadow Girl,* has joined the Knox staff as the Writer-in-Residence to get the Prep School boys excited about creativity and writing.

‘What we’re doing is really starting to have an impact,’ said Mr Larkin. ‘Boys are stopping me in the corridor and sharing the stories that they’ve written over the weekend. Suddenly it’s cool to be a writer.’

John is a terrific role model for our boys. Having him at Knox, has given our writing program a wonderful balance between creative development and teacher directed learning. Traditionally many boys do not like to write, however, we felt that if John could inspire the boys by opening the door to their imagination and showing them the way he works and looks at the world, they could apply that to their writing.

‘Students need to take risks and have fun with their writing,’ said Larkin, also known to the boys as Mr Larkin Around!

Larkin also says, ‘I want students to break out and try things and make mistakes. That’s how they’ll learn. You can unpick a story to the nth degree but you won’t find the magic. It’s my job to show the boys how to create magic of their own.’

Since the publication of his first novel *Spaghetti Legs* in 1992, Larkin has visited countless schools as a guest speaker and workshop presenter. He has been a regular visitor to Knox but now his role has been expanded to Writer-in-Residence and he couldn’t be happier. ‘Most of the time you visit a school for a day and it’s full on. You give a talk and then perhaps a workshop for selected students, but you never really get to see what, if any, impact you have on their writing long term,’ said Mr Larkin. ‘Now I can follow the boys’ progress into high school and beyond. I don’t just want Knox to be a school where creative writing flourishes, I want it to be “the” school.’

John’s interest in spreading the word of creative writing doesn’t just stop at his students. He eventually hopes to run weekend workshops for parents at Knox.

Mrs Kathryn Morelli
Director of Teaching and Learning,
Knox Preparatory School

No Cramp for Knox Writers

Blessed with beautiful late summer weather in February, Year 6 set off for what promised to be an exciting adventure to our nation’s capital. The boys visited many attractions in Canberra with Questacon, the Australian War Memorial, CSIRO Discovery, the National Gallery and the Australian Institute of Sport featuring high on the list of most popular places. While at Parliament House, the boys participated in an engaging and informative role play. A number of boys dressed in robes to designate their role within the mock House of Representatives and then they debated, with great gusto, a bill about homework.

While on this tour, the boys participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The boys also completed worksheets, either during the day or as an activity before bedtime, detailing information learnt from each attraction visited, as well as an evaluation of that particular place.

The boys drew praise both for their general knowledge and their good manners from many members of the public as well as the guides at the attractions, which was extremely pleasing to hear. The excursion to Canberra was a great success and the boys will hopefully look back on this time in their lives with happy memories.

Mr Dougal Cole
Year 6 Teacher

Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
**Outdoor Education Day**

In Term 1, Year 3 participated with great enthusiasm in their annual Outdoor Education Day. The weather was perfect and the location at Chowder Bay, Mosman provided many great challenges and opportunities for team building. The boys were divided into four groups and rotated around four interactive activities throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the day was the rafting activity where two teams of eight boys donned life jackets and raced each other around the bay, paddling with enormous gusto!

Eventually the rafts capsized and the boys enjoyed climbing aboard and jumping off into the refreshing water.

Other activities the boys found very exciting were the team ball games, the Chowder Bay treasure hunt and of course exploration of the underground forts at George’s Heights. The boys’ torches were put to good use examining the holding cells and learning about the cannons that were used during World War II.

**Knox Prep and St Lucy’s School**

The Prep School’s Social Justice vision is for our boys to support the local community and make a difference to the lives of others. We can achieve this goal by our boys giving their time, energy and skills to work with our neighbours and enrich their lives. In consultation with St Lucy’s, a Year 6 class visits on a weekly basis to implement an outdoor sports program. Throughout the year all Year 6 boys will have the opportunity to work with the students of St Lucy’s. This program provides St Lucy’s with sound role models, assists in the delivery of gross motor skills, and helps with the social interaction and communication between students. Feedback from the boys of 6H indicates that so far this program is most worthwhile:

‘Going to St Lucy’s was a wonderful experience, it was so rewarding for all of us.’ – Connor

‘It was exciting to see the smiles on the children’s faces. They were so happy to see us and they loved playing with us.’ – Luca

‘It was great to be able to help the students play sport, we are so lucky to be at Knox.’ – Harrison

**Year 4 Camp**

On 24 March I woke up ready for a brand new day. I looked on my calendar, as I do every morning, and realised it was Year 4 Camp! I was soon on the way to school. After roll call it was time for camp. We were going to Point Wolstoncroft. We were going to get to know our friends and teachers better. The trip there was kind of boring but I was still very excited.

When I got to camp I made my bed, did archery and rock climbing. For dinner we had fish and chips. It was the best food ever! After that we played night games. They were fun. We went to bed at 8.30pm.

The next day we went canoeing. It was fun too. When we went to an island we had one apple each. On the way back I fell out of the canoe and ended up pushing the canoe. Canoeing was awesome!

After that we had free time for one hour. My friends and I started up a game of equipment tip. It was really fun. The sand felt nice between our toes in the playground. After lunch we went back to school. It was the best camp ever! I will always remember that camp!

Jonathan Dowse, 4M
Kindy at the Farm

What a great day Kindergarten had at Calmsley Hill City Farm last term. Not only did the boys learn all about sheep, goats, pigs, horses and cattle, they were able to have lots of hands on experiences with these animals as well as rabbits, donkeys, camels, chickens, ducks and some native Australian animals. They walked through the vegetable garden, milked a very patient cow, saw the stockwhip show and watched sheep dogs round up the sheep.

Mrs Robyn Topp
K-2 Coordinator

Excursion to Narrabeen

In Term 1, Year 2 travelled by bus to Narrabeen to observe a wet and dry environment. Firstly, we went beach combing and I was the first person to find a dead bird. Secondly, we went to the rock platform. I found a star fish. The teacher found an octopus that had been attacked by a bird; the octopus was squishy. After that we went to look at the map which was awesome. Our last activity was bird watching with binoculars; we saw a pelican which was white as snow. Finally we went home. I learnt a lot about sea creatures.

Owen Tennant, 2R

Co-curricular Clubs

In the Movie Making Club the boys have been focusing on storyboarding (breaking down a story into scenes) using the software application '2 Create a SuperStory'. The boys have been storyboarding an episode. 'Shaun the Sheep' called ‘The Tree’. They have been having a lot of fun familiarising themselves with the software application and developing an understanding of the many facets involved in the production of a movie. Having learned how to storyboard during Term 1, this term they will be focusing on one of the most important aspects of movie making; script writing.

The Robotics Club includes boys from Years 3-6. The early weeks were spent discussing the role of design and building, as well as exploring both models of robotics; RXT and the NXT Lego kits. The latter part of the term was spent concentrating on the programming side of the kits, with each of the students playing to their strengths with technology and coming up with some fantastic built bots which race each other and use the sensors and motors to their capacity.

During Term 1 there were many co-curricular activities available for all boys from Kindergarten to Year 6. The types of activities offered were specifically chosen to cater for the diverse interests of our boys. In many of the clubs there is an emphasis on cooperative learning where members engage in group activities, group discussions and, often, group performance.

Each Club is held on one afternoon, after school, each week from 3:05pm to 4:35pm. They have been very well attended by the boys and there has been a waiting list to join some clubs.

Co-curricular clubs offered during Term 1 included Chess, Latin, Dance, Future Problem Solving, Art K-2, Art 3-6, Movie Making, Multimedia, Languages, Science and Environment, Problem Solving K-2, Robotics, Drama K-2, Drama 3-6 and Gardening. The clubs will be continuing throughout the year and we look forward to seeing all boys participate with enthusiasm.

Mrs Kathy Morelli
Director of Teaching and Learning,
Knox Preparatory School
What’s Happening in the Classroom?

Knox’s Rural Commitment on Show, and In the Show

At Knox Grammar School, agriculture is important, and our approach involves everyone - students and staff, our Old Boys, and our parents. It is no wonder, then, that the number of students studying agriculture is growing as quickly as a Giant Atlantic!

First up, the Year 10 boys prepared two steers, as part of their study of beef production, for the Royal Easter Show.

Fimmo, a Limousin steer was the gift of Angus Barlow OKG85 of Wakeman Limousins Narromine, and Fonzie, a Poll Hereford steer was the gift of Old Boy and current boarder parent, Tim Capp OKG73 of Gresford. Both steers arrived at Knox at the start of the year, and took up residence in the new cattle stable which was built at ‘Inglewood’, the school’s half acre agricultural plot in Warrawee.

The cattle were fed, led and groomed on a daily basis in preparation for the Royal Easter Show, and a team of Year 10 Knox boys spent their school holidays at the Show caring for, and exhibiting Fimmo and Fonzie.

Fimmo and Fonzie were entered in the School and Open Steer and Carcase Championship which involved the cattle being judged on their live appearance and then their carcase quality. Once judged the meat was available for the boys to buy through Eastern Road Quality Meats at Turramurra. The sale is always eagerly awaited by the Knox community, and by the time you read this, the meat may already be on the plate!

This year, we had the extra involvement of Bruce Paynter OKG71, past parent and now Knox’s tireless representative in the bush, entering his Devon cattle in the Royal Easter Show.

Some of the boys preparing the steers for the Show were among the twenty-three Year 10 Agriculture students who recently visited dairy and cattle farms in the Gloucester area; whilst there, the boys were lucky enough to stay and work on the Moppy property of James Laurie OKG78 and Ted Laurie OKG81, current boarder parents and Knox Old Boys.

In August it will be the turn of thirty Year 9 Agriculture students who will visit properties in the Moree and North West region, culminating in AgQuip 2011, where again Knox parents, Old Boys and their families will welcome our students.

Fantastic relationships - the sort of thing the bush thrives on and the sort of thing which makes Knox Grammar School, the school it is.

Mr Ian Bryson
Head of Agriculture

Question 4 (below) was Seyoon’s favourite and he was very proud of his solution

Rising Maths Whizz!

Year 7 student Seyoon Ragavan won a Bronze Certificate in the recent Australian Mathematics Olympiad, and as a result was invited to sit the 2011 Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, in March. He was one of 33 students to represent Australia in this event, and the only Year 7 student to do so; nearly all other candidates were from Years 11 and 12!

Furthermore, Seyoon was then invited by the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee to part of the squad of 25 Australian students attending a preparation camp at Macquarie University during the Easter holidays. These students were vying for six places in the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Team which will travel to The Netherlands in July for the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO); the pinnacle of excellence and achievement for school students of mathematics throughout the world.

It is an incredible achievement for Seyoon to be invited to sit these challenging exams, which are usually reserved for Year 12 students. He acquitted himself well at the training camp, enjoying the camaraderie of students who have a real passion for mathematics and is looking forward to using the knowledge and skills he learnt in future competitions.

Mr Michael Vuletich
Head of Mathematics
technology is not about technology

This heading may seem like a strange statement coming from a technology coordinator, but technology is not about technology, it is about learning.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) at Knox Grammar School involves embedding technology into all subject areas and developing students who are innovative creators and critical users of digital content. Effective integration of technology allows teachers to combine new methods of content delivery alongside established methods of teaching. It enables students to become part of the global community and access information from multiple settings, adding value to their learning experience. Technology when used in conjunction with other teaching pedagogies, can enhance students creativity, flexibility, collaboration, problem-solving, critical thinking and communication skills, as well as, their ability to construct knowledge in a variety of settings. No longer are students constrained to the four walls of the classroom, teaching and learning can take place ‘anywhere, anytime’.

In today’s educational environment many technologies are being used to enhance student learning. The advent of Web 2.0 has encouraged teachers and students to develop new and innovative ways of learning, developing and assessing tasks. For example, Blogs and Wikis have become prominent tools in education and are being widely used within schools. These powerful learning tools, allow for peer assessment and collaboration in ‘real time’, giving students the opportunity to learn from each other and re-explore their own understanding.

Knox is developing many innovative ways of integrating technology into the curriculum. Science students have been critically thinking about science experiments by developing movies that highlight the key stages of their practicals. These have become learning tools for themselves and for other students. Photoshop has been used to develop 3D images and Voicethread, a collaboration tool that allows students to ‘voice’ their ideas in an online shared environment, providing teachers and students with immediate auditory feedback, has been used by many departments. Using Movie Maker, students have produced movies explaining the differences between biomes and Audacity has been used to develop podcasts.

Technology is allowing the learning landscape of Knox to broaden. In collaboration with girls from PLC and the Cheongshim School in Korea, Knox students are using Skype and Scholaris (the school’s learning management system) to work on a collaborative project on Building Relationships through the Research Process.

These are only a few of the technology rich learning experience students are being exposed to at Knox.

Mr Michael Beilharz
ICT Teaching and Learning Integrator
Mock Trial: The Ultimate Law-Related Education Experience

Knox Grammar School emerged as the Champions of the NSW Law Society’s Mock Trial competition last December. The competition was rigorous and required the team firstly to get through the round robin competition and then a knock out competition.

The President of the Law Society of NSW, Mary Macken, spoke of ‘the thrill of participating in a court trial’ when congratulating the teams from Knox and Bega after the NSW state final.

As a result of this success, the Knox team represented Australia in the National High School Mock Trial Championship (NHSMTC) in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, in May 2011.

The NHSMTC is the ultimate law-related education experience for the best and brightest high school students in the United States. The championship provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth and student achievement, while promoting critical thinking and teamwork skills.

The five-day championship was a rigorous week of advocacy where teams played both Plaintiff and Defence roles in four preliminary rounds. During each round, a judge presided over the trial, while a panel of attorney evaluators acted as the jury and scored students’ performances. Students were assessed on their analysis and presentation skills, not on the legal merits of the case.

At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the two teams with the best records advanced to the fifth round, the ‘National Championship’ or grand final.

Involvement at this level in the Mock Trial is a significant achievement from a talented group of students, most of whom are considering Law as a career.

Ms Cecilia Batista
English Teacher and Mock Trial Coordinator

STOP PRESS - Knox was the first Australian team to compete at the NHSMTC; the team won two of its four trials, and Sam Duncan received a trophy as one of the ten outstanding witnesses in the tournament.

The team explained...

Matt Yeldham – Each member of the team specialised in his preferred role. Matt Green, Tom Goldie and I are the attorneys, while Mike Crawford, Sam Duncan, Sean Reading and Charlie George are the witnesses; and William Xi took on both roles. Witnesses have to be able to handle, often, rigorous cross-examinations, while attorneys have to deliver complex opening and closing statements covering all the relevant facts and law.

Charlie George – The trial was called D’Baha Indian Tribe v. Intrepid Mining Corporation; the D’Baha tribe was opposed to Intrepid Mining Corporation’s proposed expansion of their uranium mine, which could have negative implications for the D’Baha tribal lands, and most importantly their sacred waters.

Matt Green – In the weeks leading up to the competition, including throughout the Easter holidays, we had 126 pages of case material, which included witness statements and exhibits, to learn. This was a juggle with school work and while this may affect our HSC results, we saw participation in the Mock Trial as an incredible opportunity; one we’ll never have again.

William Xi – The competition format in America is different; we had to adapt to a competition with a larger focus on rhetoric. While the law itself is much the same, it is procedurally very different. There is a greater breadth of technicality along with its subtleties and niches, but this didn’t mean we changed how we do mock trial completely; we brought a unique style to the competition!

Sam Duncan – Matt Allen was in the original team that won the NSW competition, but unfortunately, he was unable to compete overseas, so I had the privilege of filling in as a Witness. Our coach Tony Iannuzzelli, Ms Batista and the boys were all incredibly helpful in showing me the ropes and I hope I performed well for the team. We went to Phoenix as a strong team, ready to represent not just our school, but also our country.

Tom Goldie – Australia has never before been invited to this competition in America, which made this trip an exciting privilege. As a specialist barrister (attorney) in the team, I loved the presentation and public speaking aspect of the role as well as enjoying the logic exercise involved in grappling with legal issues.

Mike Crawford – South Korea was the only other international team in the competition, although there were two US territories competing which were well recognised for advocating sovereignty of American Indian Tribes, a key issue being argued in our case. The team always had high performance expectations, and our trip to the USA was no different.

Sean Reading – I spent the Easter holidays on an amazing Football tour to Brazil, one that I will never forget, though it was very hard to also learn the case materials for Mock Trial. It meant that long bus trips became the best opportunities to study. I made the most of the Football tour; returned home for a few days, with loads of homework to do, and set out to make the most of the Mock Trial tour to America.
The combined Bivouac and Annual Camp was held at the Singleton Military Area in Areas 7, 8, 9 and Vere as well as the Pokolbin State Forest from 1-8 April. The aim of the camp was to put into practice all the training that the Unit has undergone since the beginning of the new cadet year in Term 4, 2010.

For our 250 recruits, this was the first time they had spent eight days on a camp (as a matter of fact, the first time many of our rank had spent eight days in the field too due to poor weather in previous years) and our rank were given the opportunity to practice their leadership skills in the field.

The recruits handled themselves well, and their older rank justified their promotion and leadership positions within the School. Alpha Company managed a different and challenging camp with great determination and was able to shoot at the WTSS range, participate in the School of Infantry’s obstacle course, undergo a 25km trek, and survive the rigours of more demanding training. Behind the scenes of the operation there is a support mechanism in place that manages to feed, water, and collect garbage, provide first aid, radio support, administrative and peer support, training at the confidence course, operational planning and transport. The members of Headquarters and Support Company managed their task in a spectacular fashion.

The culmination of the camp saw many of the Knox cadets state it was the best camp that they have ever been on. We must congratulate C Company on receiving Company of the Camp, Pioneers who were awarded best senior platoon, and 11 Platoon for best recruit platoon of the camp.

It is easy to forget that the Knox Cadet Unit is run by the boys of Knox and their staff and not an outdoor education provider. For 82 years now, the Knox Cadet Unit has been providing professional and well structured training at home and in the field. To single out any one cadet or Officer of Cadets for the work that they put into making this camp a success would be unjust. From the Acting CO to the Senior CUO down to the recruits; weeks and months of preparation from all of these people ensured that the camp was a success. Whether you are a Headquarters Machine, in Support or A Company, or even a B Company Bear, C Company Chewbacca or D Company Dog, well done!

Only 12 months until AFX2012, and the planning has already started.

CAPT(ACC) Phil Henniker
History Teacher, Adjutant of the Cadet Unit
Some operations cadets after training
An A Company navex
The OPSO, Matt Yeldham briefs the D Company Commander, Ben Lawley on training
Emerging from the wombat hole at the Pioneers’ confidence course
The command post (or Zero Alpha) goes mobile
The Headmaster with SUO James Heap and HQ Company Commander Matt Allen
Hygiene is important in the field; a foot inspection takes place in D Company
That’s a long way up
ABBOX of Fun: The Camp that Makes a Difference!
ABBOX of Fun provides a great deal of fun, experiences and new challenges for children with special needs. The children have the time of their lives with activities which include interactions with all kinds of farm animals; a reptile display; swimming; a ‘Master Chef’ challenge; a visit from the Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance; music; dancing; and lawn bowls with a difference. This all adds up to four days of great fun which culminates in a Christmas Party. The party enables the children to welcome their families to share some of the Camp experiences.

Sony Foundation Camps are held in various schools around Australia, and Knox and Abbotsleigh commenced a special partnership in 2008 for the ABBOX of Fun Camp. Successful camps have been held each December since. The student carers are senior students in each school who, in pairs, have total care of their special camper throughout the Camp. Of course Knox and Abbotsleigh staff are on hand to organise, prepare, support, and listen during the Camp.

Students make a formal application to participate in the Camp, including submission of a resume and attendance at an interview. Extensive training then follows. Throughout the year carers learn about disability, how to care for, lift and bathe a child with various disabilities.

The Camp challenges and transforms our young Knox men; this is a profound experience of giving of themselves and their compassionate care for these children with their special gifts.

Sam Cameron, one of the 2010 carers, said ‘this was one of the most challenging experiences of my life; I hope I have made a difference. I have learnt so much and it’s changed me. I am so glad I applied to participate’.

Carers Matt Yeldham, Matthew Green and Ben Lawley shared their experiences with Knox staff on a recent Staff Development day. In each of the presentations by these young men there was a profound sense of compassion and insight to their reflections on the Camp. They shared the joys, challenges and awareness of the realities of families living with a child with special needs and this left a deep impression on staff, many of whom were supervisors at the Camp.

In 2011 Knox Grammar School will host the ABBOX of Fun Camp in the Knox Boarding Centre. Plans are well underway for the 4-day camp from 9-13 December. The campers will have access to the new aquatic centre, Great Hall and related facilities. Carers will have training provided by projectABLE with additional training to include guest speakers from organisations such as ASPECT; physiotherapists and occupational therapists will further prepare the senior students for the realities of the Camp.

We will need the support of the Knox Community with donations of activity materials and opportunities, as well as supplies for meals, cleaning and medical needs. Helpers will also be appreciated to supervise medications, prepare food, clean rooms, set up activities and so on. If you are able to help please email Helen Clarke on clarkeh@knox.nsw.edu.au

Advocates for Justice
The Knox Social Justice network is now well established with our Community Service program, our Whole of Life programs for Boarders, our Indigenous program and our international program in Papua New Guinea. Social Justice is an integrated education and advocacy program across K-12.

Each year group in the Prep is responsible for an area whether it be Closing the Gap Programs in literacy; working with St Lucy’s; establishing connections with local aged care facilities; targeting homelessness by the provision of meals; or developing resources for the classrooms in Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea or for ABBOX of Fun.

The recent disasters in Queensland, Victoria and Japan have led to a number of appeals in support of the people impacted by these tragic events. The boys have held gate collections, an appeal at Six-Event Day, and the Knox Language Department held a cultural day to raise money for the people impacted by the earthquake and tsunami.

Knox has been working on a joint venture with Ravenswood School to form the first Teen Variety Board in Australia. A training and orientation day was run by Variety to introduce the team members to the work of Variety Australia with guest speaker Keegan
Oh-Chee, who is a current Variety sports scholarship recipient. A launch of this exciting new project by Variety Australia will be held later in the year.

The Papua New Guinea relationship continues to develop and the Aid Post official opening was attended by Rev Will Nicholas and Mrs Helen Clarke. The Aid Post was donated by Knox and constructed by the local builders. The annual visit to Lelehudi, Milne Bay continues this year as we strengthen our relationship with this community. The opportunity for our boys to share their culture in the classroom and beyond is life-changing; the boys’ understanding of international aid on capacity building and relationships is embedded in an understanding of the rich culture and joy these local communities share with us.

The enormous generosity of the Knox Community led to the donation of thousands of books, clothing and sports equipment to various indigenous communities in Central Australia and in western NSW. In addition to our Christmas Gift Hamper Appeal, Knox boarders, as part of their leadership and mentoring training, spent a day working with the team at Edward Eager Lodge in Surry Hills, learning about the lives of the residents and serving them a meal.

Knox’s involvement in many local, regional and international social justice initiatives provides each boy with an opportunity to see life through the experiences of marginalised groups in our society, and this experience is matched by the boys’ compassion and advocacy for those they encounter on this journey.

Mrs Helen Clarke
Head of Christian Studies and Social Justice

Understanding the needs of those disadvantaged on our doorstep has been again highlighted as the Year 7s enthusiastically supported STARRTS and Pink Ribbon Day. The more senior boys have long been ambassadors for White Ribbon Day and a Crazy Tie Day was used to raise funds and build awareness for MOvember.

With Guest Celebrity Gardener, Sandra Ross of the Garden Clinic

Friday 9 September 2011, 10am–2pm

Spring! When the gardens of Water Street, Wahroonga burst into glorious splendour.

Be inspired by the selection of beautiful, privately owned gardens opened for your enjoyment, and admire the architecture of some of the North Shore’s finest homes. Stroll along the tree lined avenue of this historic precinct admiring the significant trees and discovering more about the local history.

Relax over morning tea/lunch at St Andrew’s Anglican Church; let the Knox Ensemble groups and Gallery Choir serenade you and be moved by the stirring renditions of the Knox Pipe Bands.

Shop ‘til you drop at the legendary Knox plant, craft, bakery and gourmet cuisine stalls offering a range of potted plants, fine craft and a delicious selection of freshly baked cakes and slices, and homemade gourmet cuisine products. Purchase a gorgeous bouquet of fresh flowers to take home and be tempted by the array of jewellery, handbags, linen, pashminas, giftware, garden ornaments and much, much more.

Knox Garden Day is a short five-minute walk from Wahroonga Station. We will also operate a shuttle bus from Wahroonga Station and there will be ample parking.

Entrance Fee: $18.00 | Concession: $12.00
Enquiries: 9487 0122 | www.knox.nsw.edu.au
Round Australia: More than Five times the Tour de France!

Background
On 30 June 2011, a team of six everyday Australians, including Knox PDHPE teacher Mr Mike Humphries, will cycle 15,700km around the country to raise much needed funds for children who suffer from rare diseases. Leaving families and work life behind, the team will average a staggering 220km per day over 80 days.

Cycling more than five times the distance of the Tour de France, the journey will start in Sydney and take the team anticlockwise around mainland Australia. The Cycle for SMILE team will challenge themselves to their physical and mental limits while promoting awareness and raising funds for the SMILE Foundation.

The SMILE (Supporting Medical Innovation for Life Enhancement) Foundation provides financial assistance to families whose children suffer from rare diseases as well as much needed funding into medical research.

Event Stats
- Day 1 is a modest 180km from Centennial Park, Sydney to Raymond Terrace.
- The longest day is Day 7 (6 July) with 282km from Glenwood to Miriamvale, while the shortest day is 58km from Yass to Canberra on Day 78 (15 September).
- The halfway stage is 203km on Day 40 (8 August) from Broome to Port Headland.
- The last day is 140km on 17 September from Robertson to Centennial Park, Sydney.
- Rest days are 28 July, 7 August, 19-20 August and 6 September.

Interview with Mike Humphries

Why did you get involved in Cycle for SMILE?
Last year, along with other staff, I took part in the World’s Greatest Shave at school. Seeing the delight on the face of Year 9 student Hamish Martyr, who had cancer, had a big impact on my desire to make a difference in a much bigger way. This, along with thinking over the last five or so years about how fortunate I am; I am healthy, have a good job and nice lifestyle; really spurred me on to take action.

I have wanted to do something to make a difference, financially and emotionally, for those less fortunate than me. This desire to help others combined with the physical challenge of riding round Australia is why I got involved in Cycle for SMILE.

How did you get involved?
Six years ago two friends rode from Perth to Sydney to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and later I was introduced to another friend of theirs from Singapore who has a child with a rare chromosome condition. We all had an endurance sport background and eighteen months ago the idea to cycle round Australia was conceived.

Have you done anything on this scale before?
No, though I have an endurance sport background and have completed the Australian Ironman Triathlon (3.8km swim, 180km cycle, and a 42km run) on three occasions with 10 hours being my best result in 2010. There have also been various endurance cycle rides such as the Grafton to Inverell race.

How is Knox supporting you?
Through the support of Knox Grammar School and John Weeks, Cycle for SMILE hosted a charity dinner for 250 people in the KG1 Building last October. The event was

We had a goal to raise over one million dollars, using only 10% to cover the costs (many charities use over 30% of takings for administration), and at the time of going to print we have raised in excess of $800,000. Due to our successful fundraising so far we have been able to employ staff to assist in organising the various dinners and receptions, as well as the logistics of the ride. We have been very fortunate to have some great sponsors come on board.

Readers can follow the ride and donate to the SMILE Foundation via the event website www.cycleforsmile.com.au

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PDHPE teachers, Mr Mike Humphries and Mr Matt Byrne with Hamish Martyr at the World’s Greatest Shave
Mike Humphries trains five days a week, clocking up between 500 and 700km per week and 30 hours in the saddle. Saturdays and Sundays involve long rides of up to 200km each day while during the week he does three rides, one three-hour ride before work and two six-hour rides after work. He is absolutely committed to riding every kilometre of the 15,700km trip around Australia.

Mike says he has been lucky and hasn’t experienced any injuries but anticipates making use of the physiotherapist, who will be travelling with the team during the event, for massage and recovery. He expects there will be a few ice baths as well!

While he doesn’t follow any particular diet, Mike says he eats a lot early in the day and enjoys banana sandwiches while riding. He occasionally uses sports gels and his favourite indulgence is chocolate ice cream.

I am amazed at the interest level amongst the boys and parents with boys often asking about the ride and parents emailing/calling and telling me how their sons are discussing the ride and the fundraising at home. This really ties in with the School’s recent developments in social justice and encouraging boys to be socially aware and compassionate.

How do you balance the training with work, family and friends?
It’s a difficult balance when I’m spending up to 30 hours a week on a bike; other aspects of my life are neglected. My family and friends are incredibly understanding and realise I need to find time for myself to do the essential things like grocery shopping, cleaning and relaxation.

What are your expectations?
I expect to cycle every kilometre of the 15,700km journey around Australia. I want to enjoy the experience and always be mindful of how lucky I am to be able to do something of this nature. I want to be a strong member of the team who doesn’t complain about how tough it is, or how cold it is. I want this to be a positive experience for everyone involved.

Ms Janet Naylon
Print Publications Manager
Coming Events
KAPA presents some exciting theatrical performances including Curtains, The Small Poppies and a surprise end of year spectacular.

Curtains
Curtains is a hilarious new comedy musical from the creators of Cabaret and Chicago. Based on the original book, the musical is a send-up of backstage murder mystery plots set in 1959. Reserve and book your seats now at http://www.trybooking.com/OVG for one or more of the following performances:
• Friday 3 June 7.30pm
• Saturday 4 June 7.30pm
• Sunday 5 June 5.00pm
• Thursday 9 June 7.30pm
• Friday 10 June 7.30pm
• Saturday 11 June 2.00pm
• Saturday 11 June 7.30pm
Tickets: Adults $30; Concession $25.

The Small Poppies
The Small Poppies is a play about the first year of school and is set in Australia during the 1980s. Students present a variety of contemporary issues in a challenging but entertaining blend of acting, music, dance, dramatic movement and production design. The Small Poppies is an innovative and exciting performance experience and will involve students from Knox and Abbotsleigh. It will be playing on:
• Friday 9 September
• Saturday 10 September
• Sunday 11 September

Instrumental Music in the Spotlight

Starting off this year with the Annual Music Camp was like an injection of performance adrenaline for our instrumental musicians.

The instrumentalists struck a chord with the eagerly awaited Camp which was held on the last weekend of January for 109 boys in the Knox Symphony Orchestra (KSO), Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE), Chamber Strings and Concert Band. The opportunities for team building and for the boys to enjoy a musical and social program were endless ahead of a hectic Term 1 schedule.

Knox At Home on Friday 18 February provided the Symphonic Wind Ensemble a terrific opportunity to air some of the new 2011 repertoire on a tremendous purpose built outdoor stage complete with professional sound and lighting.

The Year 7 Wind Band Workshop was essentially a mini Music Camp for our Year 7 Knox woodwind, brass, and percussion students in the newly formed Year 7 Wind Band. During the day the boys enjoyed a most comprehensive musical experience, covering a wealth of material within a consolidated period of time.

The Big Band Boys were hitting the high notes with an outstanding lunchtime concert in the Amphitheatre on Wednesday 9 March. Opening with In the Stone made famous by Earth Wind and Fire, the Knox Big Band performed a diverse range of tunes such as In the Mood, Vehicle, Zoot Suit Riot, concluding with Count Bubba’s Revenge, a most exciting and dynamic chart which is also a signature tune for the world famous Gordon Goodwin’s Big PHAT Band.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble performed their exhilarating 2011 Australian National Championships Tour Program ‘LIVE’, for our hometown audience, ahead of the Adelaide trek. This brilliant evening was recorded; the CD may be purchased from KAPA.

Competing in the premiere Junior A Grade division at the National Band Championships, SWE performed for approximately 50 minutes and presented four pieces, Liturgical Dances (Test Piece), Ave Maria (Hymn Selection), Tin Tin Prisoner of the Sun (Own Choice Major Work), and Amy of the Nile (March). SWE was awarded a staggering 479/500 and brought home a number of trophies as the 2011 Australian National Junior A Grade Champion Concert Band; an achievement that has not been attained by any other single school based band.

The adjudicator, Major Graham Lloyd, described the performance as, “A stunning rendition of a tremendously written work. Solid, exciting — the adjectives can go on.”

In the months ahead there are performances in the Sydney Eisteddfod, Dickson’s Yamaha Band Festival, meet the Symphony Orchestra concerts, and of course the opening of the Great Hall.

Mr James Brice
Director of Instrumental Performance
Why Should Boys Sing?

With the average boy being so busy with sport, study and modern life, why should we find time for him to sing? Singing is good for you and singing along is good for the globe (the Arya Foundation). It builds peace and understanding among people. We are hardwired to make music and according to neurologists singing in choirs is the most natural way to make music. ‘...singing is like running to the brain – it facilitates bilateral stimulation and whole-brain integration’ says Barry MacDonald, clinical counsellor and author of Boy Smarts – Mentoring Boys for Success at School. Singing has tremendous benefits to a child’s intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual development.

Studies have shown that young people who sing in choirs…

- Do better in their school studies, especially in mathematics,
- Develop personal confidence and overcome shyness when speaking in public,
- Have a tendency to be healthier,
- If ESL, they learn the language more swiftly,
- Make lasting friendships,
- Learn to work as a team, and
- Report increased levels of happiness.

Rich Choral Music Opportunities at Knox

Through assemblies, chapel services, musicals and age appropriate choirs, boys can sing various styles of music ranging from Handel through to contemporary pop music.

Knox Prep School Choirs include: K-2 Choir, Year 3 Choir, Year 4 Choir and a non-auditioned 4-6 Senior Choir. Knox Senior School Choirs include: Gallery Choir, Kappella, Male Voice Power (MVP) and Voice Male. In 2011 music joined sport at the Knox Gala Day. While the camaraderie of a male choir is like that of a sports team, singing should not be instead of sports, but it should be part of the multi-dimensional 21st Century Knox man.

Recent Choral Successes

- The Prep School Senior Choir sang at the City Recital Hall in Angel Place as part of the 2011 IPSHA Music festival. The boys performed as a choir and participated with six other schools singing a mass choir item.
- A new Chapel program in 2011 has enabled more focus on singing in the School’s Services. The breakdown of Chapel into smaller year group sizes has meant that in Term 1, Year 7 was able to gain an insight into the traditional format of services with traditional music, while Years 9 and 10 were able to enjoy a contemporary service format with a range of popular songs with a Christian focus. Many of this year’s Preparatory School Chapel services will be held in the Knox Chapel and this has already proved worthwhile with senior boys singing for the younger boys, which allows for beneficial choral collaboration across K-12.
- At Harmony Day celebrations Male Voice Power Choir joined the Boarders for team building through drumming. This new initiative was so powerful that these 200 boys were invited to share their songs and rhythms with the Knox community at the opening of the winter sports season on Gala Day.
- In Term 1 members of Kappella and the Gallery Choir enjoyed an intensive workshop with leading choral conductor Mike Brewer OBE, who is the musical director of the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain, and in Term 2 boys in the Male Voice Power Choir will undertake a song writing workshop with Sean Peter, who has worked as a sound designer, sound engineer, and composer/lyricist for many of Australia’s leading arts companies including Company B and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

It is our goal for everyone in the Knox community to find their voices and enjoy the benefits of singing.

Mrs Pip Waters, Mrs Erzsi Marosszeky, Mrs Karen Bruce and Mr Ashley George
K-12 Choral Team

‘The only thing better than singing is more singing.’
- Ella Fitzgerald

The Gallery Choir

Mike Brewer OBE with members of the Gallery Choir
Bugsy Malone was best known for launching the acting careers of Jodie Foster and Scott Baio, until the KAPA production came along. The film, with songs by Paul Williams and script by Alan Parker was adapted by him especially for schools. The basic premise is that the real gangsters of 1929 are played by young people, and yes there is a moral to the story. The finale, We could have been anything we wanted to be, reminds us all that we have choices to make.

Directors Kerry Woods and Karen Bruce chose their cast wisely. Alex Landsberry had all the charisma Bugsy needs. William Gulson as Fat Sam has the loudest voice heard in the Drama Centre in recent years. Johnathon Cho used a dazzling array of accents and Jasper Dweck revealed considerable comic ability. The singing was of a high standard and a great credit to Karen Bruce’s vocal coaching. Special mention goes to Sam Suleyman’s moving rendition of Tomorrow.

Adam Lindberg turned the Drama Centre into a nightclub with tables and chairs, garish lighting and a bevy of beauties including Josi Ellem as Blousey Brown, Bridget Haberecht as Tallulah (the Jodie Foster role), Carla and Melody van der Wallen, and a mysterious woman in fishnet stockings who never said a word. There were gangsters a plenty from Leo Turner’s Dandy Dan to Ian Powell (Cagey Joe), Jordan Forster (Leroy) and Sam Bunt (Doodle).

The pit orchestra was sensational with William Charalambous, Thomas Spencer, Charles Freeman and Jacob van Egmond ably supported by Mr Andrew Chessher and Mr James Brice. They played as the speakeasy customers arrived and played us out again to great applause.

Head of KAPA and producer, Mr Charles Hambling said he had never seen a cast make such colossal leaps forward in the course of a run. High praise indeed for the Junior Musical cast and crew.

Kerry Woods has contributed to Knox musicals and dance for so long now it is easy to take her excellent work for granted. Her ability to build the confidence of students, who were singing, dancing and acting on stage for the very first time, is a testament to her skill.

The film used 1000 custard pies and 100 gallons of synthetic cream; Knox used shaving cream and sticky string cleaned up by the stage crew and cast every night – a super pie fight to leave the audience smiling.

Ms Wendy Buswell
Drama Teacher
KNOX SPORTS ACADEMY

AFL comes to Knox

Knox played its first Saturday AFL competition games on Saturday 9 April 2011. This is a significant step with rugby union the dominant winter sport for nearly 90 years, and is yet another exciting initiative in ensuring Knox students are provided with opportunities and pathways in sports of their choice. It is part of the Knox Sports Academy’s role to deliver a sport program for all students and ensure that they enjoy and develop in sports and activities that, where possible, they would like to be involved in, which is why we are thrilled to see AFL come to Knox! The school has entered two teams in the Central Coast Junior Competition on Saturdays; an Under 12 team from the Preparatory School and an Under 14 team from the Senior School.

For a number of years now, Knox Preparatory School has been entering teams in the Paul Kelly Cup with considerable success. In addition, at both senior and preparatory level, Knox has entered teams in the Spring Challenge Cup. These competitions have provided Knox with the opportunity to allow students to experience AFL, albeit in a limited way. The new Saturday competition will allow students to experience AFL as a full Saturday sport and all that that entails.

Both the NSW AFL and the Central Coast AFL have been very supportive in ensuring our inclusion in the competition, and that it provides a worthwhile opportunity for the students involved.

The U12 AFL team played extremely well in their first match, competing for all contests and working hard as a team. Goal kickers for Knox were Charlie Forsberg, Harrison White and Ben White. The team scored 3-4-22 losing to Killarney Vale 11-8-74.

The U14 team has many players who play AFL in the club system. In an outstanding effort, they won their first game by 49 points. The U14s team work, willingness to get numbers around the ball and overhead marking was outstanding for the first game of the year. Knox 10-10-70 defeated Killarney Vale 3-3-21; goal kickers for Knox were Lachlan Swinton 4, Jake Veale 3, Max Barnum 1, Tom Forsberg 1, and Connor McFadden 1.

The AFL program is one of several new sports and activities to be introduced at Knox in 2011; stay tuned for the announcement of the next new sport! Knox continues to evaluate and assess the needs of its students and community and is extending the choices and options available for all students on their journey whilst at school. We acknowledge the wide variety of talents and interests of our students and aim to ensure that the sporting experience is one of learning, challenge, enjoyment and fulfilment.

Mr Chuck Ardron
Head of the Knox Sports Academy
During the past ten summers, there has been a constant at 1st XI cricket games; the Crawford Family. Since the summer of 2001-02 when Peter Crawford (2001-04) made his debut, there has been at least one Crawford in the team each Saturday. Since that time Robert (2003-06), David (2005-09) and Tom (2009-11) have represented the school in the 1st XI Cricket Team. Both Robert (2005-06) and David (2008-09) captained their respective teams in their final year of schooling. The main legacy the Crawford boys will leave the Knox cricket program, is their ability to be team players; they all put the team before their own needs, showing dedication and spirit at all times.

Father, Phil, and mother, Jan, have also made a significant contribution to cricket at Knox. Phil has been a past President and Vice President of the Knox Cricket Supporters Committee, while Jan has been on the committee as well during that time period. The Crawford’s calm influence, support for the team and efforts each Saturday, will be sorely missed at the 1st XI games.

The culmination of the cricket season on Saturday 5 March saw the 1st XI and 2nd XI teams remain undefeated to win their respective premierships. This has been the fourth consecutive year in which the 1st XI and 2nd XI have won the CAS premiership. The 1st XI became the first team in CAS history to win the Archer Shield four seasons in a row.

This effort followed a gruelling pre-season, which started in August, trial games in September/October, then a highly enjoyable tour to Adelaide in January 2011. The 1st XI Captain, Christopher Green, topped off the season by being selected in the NSW Schoolboys Cricket Team, to play Queensland. He was the second leading wicket taker at the Schoolboys Carnival, as well as captaining the CAS team.

In Brief

Led by Diving Captain, Sam Duncan (Y12) the Knox Diving Team won the CAS Diving Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on 10 March 2011. This is the third time that Knox has won the Championships in the last six years.

Some outstanding performances were recorded at the National Junior Track and Field Championships. He then stepped up to open racing at the Allcomers and Waratah Series meets and has gone from a personal best of just over 4 minutes to 3 minutes 52.9 seconds for the metric mile; he was placed 10th at Nationals.

Bailey Simonsson (Y7) gained selection in the NSW Little Athletics State Team 2011. At the National Championships he placed 6th in the 80m hurdles and high jump, and 13th in the triple jump.

Michael Rowley (Y11) was a member of the NSW Little Athletics State Team 2011. He has also gained selection in the NSW Under 18 Basketball Championships.

Simon Bold (Y8) had a very successful two days at the Victorian State Archery Championships. In the Under 15 division, Simon won gold and broke five championship records including the highest score at the Championships.

Lachlan Mayo (Y9) played for the U16 ACT Baseball team as a ‘friendship’ player at the National tournament held in Lismore in the Easter holidays, and in June he will participate in the invitational USA Baseball tour with the Australian Southern Stars.

The Knox Swim Team came second in a great CAS competition with the gap closing; Knox 488 to Trinity's 511 points. Knox swimmers broke six records with Benjamin Whiteley (Y11), Callum Mackay (Y8) and Sam Ritches (Y7) breaking individual records and Marco van Westing, Benjamin, Lachlan Mackay and James Stanwell breaking the 17 years 4 x 50m freestyle record and Mark Westerway, Sam Ritches, Seb Joubert and William Yang breaking the 13 years 4 x 50m freestyle record.

Michael Docker (Y10) won two gold medals in the U17 200m sprint and U17 Team sprint at the National Cycling Championships.
Mr AW Mitchell at Knox: Teacher, Mentor and Friend

There are only a handful of people who come into your world and touch your life in a dramatic fashion. Some of the people are just flickers of light during a long life, while others are a consistent glow for years.

For me, Mr Mitchell was a consistent glow – a very good teacher, mentor and friend for over 50 years.

Andrew William Mitchell came to Knox in 1946 at Dr Bryden’s request to teach Physics and Chemistry. Known as Andrew (or Andy) in the forties and fifties, somehow the family name of Bill found its way into Knox in the early sixties – not something he was totally comfortable with. He was always Mr Mitchell to me. He also very quickly gained the nickname ‘Maggots’; not a pleasant or endearing name until you understand that Bill was giving a practical lesson in zoology and was explaining how maggots were used in World War 1 to clear up badly infected and gangrenous wounds. Bill did not seem to be offended in any way by this nickname, seemingly accepting it with some pride.

During 1947-52 Bill conducted his own coaching school, but in 1952 Dr Bryden persuaded him to return to Knox to teach science, and because Bill had little interest in organised sport he was given the task of organising the book room.

Vic Green, Des Levander, Viv Francis and Bill were the only teachers to continue through the Knox crisis in 1955. As Bill put it, “Loyalty to the School was our priority, there was a job to be done, and we had no time for scheming and gossip.”

When Dr McKenzie arrived at Knox in 1956 he leaned very heavily on these four men; men of integrity, sense of balance and fair play.

Bill had a passion for his subject and inspired his pupils to share that enthusiasm, regularly taking lessons out of the classroom and using illustrations from his wide store of experiences. He was certainly serious in his approach to teaching but at the same time could be a bit light hearted and there were often moments of humour; referring to us students as ‘dog’s body’ or ‘goat’s breath’. He used a number of appropriate sayings when someone was not paying attention, one quickly comes to mind, “empty vessels make the most sound, MacPherson.” I never heard him raise his voice or hand out harsh punishment.

Bill was also a very talented musician. He played the viola in the early Knox orchestra led by Mr Hunter-Blair in the forties, the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, and later, in a number of Knox musicals.

All who were at the School during his last 47 years will well remember his passionate feelings for his Ford Anglia, kept in perfect mechanical order by Bill himself. The Anglia became synonymous with Bill, even though he also possessed a, occasionally sighted, Packard.

Bill retired from teaching in 1973 but stayed on as Director of the Book Room in both the Prep and Senior Schools. Always conscious of the cost of books to the parent Bill would not hesitate to suggest to a young teacher that he re-think the necessity of purchasing a particular book if Bill could not see the value.

In 1999, after 52 years of service to Knox, including 47 years operating the book room, Bill’s final day had come, and he closed the door behind him. He had served under five Headmasters, Bryden, Couper, McKenzie, Paterson and Crawley, a situation unique in Knox history.

In recognition of the exceptional service Bill had given Knox, Headmaster Mr Peter Crawley accorded him the title of Emeritus Senior Master and presented him with a specially made plaque bearing the Knox crest in front of the whole school.

An institution at Knox, he was made a Special Member of the Old Knox Grammarians’ Association, was a keen and valued member of the Senior Knoxonians, and was invited to many OKG reunions. In 2005 Bill was guest of honour at the 50 years reunion of the 1955 leavers, and for the first time he asked if it would be possible to be picked up and driven home. It was about this time when Bill let the Anglia go – its constant care had become too much. Not long after with deteriorating health he stopped driving, and told me with great pride that he had handed in his license.

Although getting more fragile with time, Bill never lost his love for and interest in Knox, constantly asking visitors about the School, teachers and others who were at the School in his time.

It is certain that the name of Andrew William Mitchell, his character and achievements, will always be remembered with respect and affection – he earned respect by his notable achievements and high standing as a school master; and affection by his kindness and cheerfulness.

Mr Ian Macpherson OKG55
President’s Column

Values, Vision and Mission
The OKGA Strategic Plan states the following as our values, vision and mission:

Values – Support the values of the School, in particular:
• The development of the whole student;
• Achievement of high standards of education and sporting excellence;
• Maintenance of Christian values; and
• Assist the development of Old Boys and students as they progress through their academic and professional life.

Vision – To establish a highly committed team of Old Boys who have a common interest in:
• Encouraging all Old Boys to be involved in our activities and ensure a continuous active participation of new members, as well as parents of Old Boys;
• Maintaining and developing a continuous relationship between members;
• Assisting each other in their ongoing career endeavours; and
• Providing assistance for current students in the development of their professional career.

Mission
‘To promote and foster the interest of Old Boys and students of the School by providing assistance through the vast network of contacts and experience of members and the prudent investment and expenditure of funds held by the Association’.

To implement the Strategic Plan, the committee have broken up key areas which will be chaired by specific members:

School Liaison:
Michael Kelynack OKG85
The Old Knox Grammarians’ Association is an integral part of the school community and continues to enjoy a strong working relationship with the school. We can realise all of our objectives by assisting the school to achieve its long term goals by supporting its philosophies of faith, wisdom, integrity and compassion and by being visible in our commitment. These activities are:
• Anzac Day
• Honouring Parade
• OKGA Confirmation Service
• Senior and Junior Most Improved Awards
• Supporting regional and interstate dinners and expos
• Scholarships
• Providing sporting coaches
• Supporting Rugby and Football matches
• School Easter and Christmas services
• Support with the school data base
• Assistance with the foundation and financial support
• Gala Day
• Thistle
• Prep School and Senior School Speech Days

Functions and Events:
Sandra White
Sandra has made good contacts with old boys in Year Groups as well as interstate, regional and overseas in her former role. She will set about re-establishing those contacts. She has also maintained contact with a number of members of the Senior Knoxonians.

Sandra has two sons who are old boys and a strong connection with the Rugby Club. While working with the Archivist this allows her the ability to access members to ascertain and develop new initiatives in accordance with their requests.

Sandra was an active member of the Past Parents committee when it was first formed. She will be contacting the Executive with the view to working closely with them.

Affiliated Groups:
Jack Shute OKG60
Jack Shute is responsible for guiding the future development of affiliated groups. The portfolio covers all the sporting activities of the OKGA including Rugby, Football, Cricket, Basketball, Squash and the Old Boys Pipe Band. All of these activities give positive exposure to both the school and OKGA. We will measure funds used to sponsor OKGA affiliated groups against participating numbers. Our aim is to motivate those who participate in these activities to embrace the OKGA in its broader objectives and activities and keep them connected in life after school.

Finance:
Mark Wilson OKG80
The Finance Committee’s focus is to review the expenditure of the OKGA and the demands on its funds, in particular the scholarship support, the support for Old Boy sporting clubs, and support to the school. To enhance the support, the OKGA needs to broaden its revenue base, and the Committee is currently exploring ways to gain new funds in both the new OKGA Scholarship Fund which has Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Status, and the current OKGA Endowment Fund. We are also examining some useful products which can provide members with additional benefits and provide the Association with additional revenue.

Networking:
Jon Bonwick OKG93
The OKGA have provided fantastic networking opportunities for many decades. Over the past six months the OKGA have surveyed many members and developed a
five year strategic plan that encompasses networking and mentoring. In the next 12+ months the OKGA endeavour to formalise activities and procedures that will benefit all members. This will include Networking Breakfasts, establish a career advice network for all ages that is industry specific, assist members facing hardship and listen to other needs and requirements. We are now very keen to hear from members who are willing to assist in these areas.

History:
Tony Osman OKG57
The Portfolio of OKGA History, Archives and Prominent Knoxonians is under the Chairmanship of Tony Osman, Hon OKGA Historian, with a band of volunteers including Edric Chaffer, John Turnbull, Bruce Kennedy and others. The aim of this sub-committee is to ensure the ongoing recording of people and events relating to the Old Boys and their activities. The major aim is to prepare for the centenary History of the OKGA (1929-2029) and to this end the period since the Seventy Years History (1929-99) is being researched in ten-year tranches collecting basic data such as committee members, copies of Minutes, AGM reports, photos and reminiscences of Patrons and Presidents and so on. Anyone who wishes to assist with this most worthy cause with research, donation/collation of material and the like is welcome.

Database and Membership:
Rob Tulloch OKG75, Vice President
The goals of the Data Base and Membership Records sub-committee for the coming year are:
1. Work with the other sub-committees to establish their information needs.
2. Review the platform that our data currently resides on, compare this to alternate platforms and assess functionality.
3. Develop systems and procedures that will help make our data as accurate and reliable as possible with a strong emphasis on the currency of the data.
4. Review our policy and procedures in respect of privacy and security of our data.

‘To promote and foster the interest of Old Boys and students of the School by providing assistance through the vast network of contacts and experience of members and the prudent investment and expenditure of funds held by the Association’.

Communication:
Phillip Henniker OKG03
Phillip Henniker is responsible for guiding the future development of communications for the OKGA. His main objective is to implement the strategic plan in relation to the OKGA website and all other key areas of imparting relevant information to our constituents.

Michael Kelynack OKG 85
25th President of the OKGA

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The OKG section of The Thistle was prepared by the OKGA Committee.

Australia Day Honours

We congratulate the following Old Knox Grammarians on being honoured in the Australia Day Honours List 2011.

Sam (Sydney) Ure-Smith OAM, OKG40
Sam (Sydney) Ure-Smith received the Medal for the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the development and promotion of art publishing in Australia.

Charles Lloyd-Jones OAM, OKG43
85-year-old, Charles Lloyd-Jones received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division in the Australia Day honours list for service to the Port Macquarie community and to the Salvation Army.

Since 1998, he has supported people in court and their families as a volunteer Salvation Army court chaplain at Port Macquarie and Kempsey. Mr Lloyd-Jones regularly makes the 123km round trip between Port Macquarie and the jail. He also provides links to Salvation Army rehabilitation services for drugs and alcohol.

Rev Dr RR Clifford AM, OKG68
Rev Dr RR Clifford received the award, Member (AM) of the Order of Australia, for services to the Baptist Union of Australia for religious education and to the promotion of interfaith dialogue and Christian media.
OKGA Most Improved Awards

Above: Year 12 recipients of the Most Improved Award included Nicholas Lamberton, Stuart Neal, Martin Allen, Matthew Galbraith and Edward Shaw; they are pictured with Edward Bangs OKG05 (left) and Robert Tulloch OKG75

Below: Summer sport Most Improved Award recipients

Senior Knoxonians

The Senior Knoxonians held a most successful luncheon on 16 March 2011 at the School.

The guest speaker was Mark Hemphill, Head of the Knox Preparatory School, who shared with us some of his past experiences and his aspirations for the future developments in education at the Prep School.

Mark emphasised the excellent facilities already existing at the Knox Preparatory School and how they were endeavouring to further improve them and to assist in the development of young people with a well-rounded education with the objective of imparting the ideals of faith, wisdom, integrity and compassion into young people.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Marsden Hordern OKG39 who had commenced his schooling at Knox in 1929 in the then newly acquired Ewan House.

Edric Chaffer OKG50
President, Senior Knoxonians
From the Opera House to the World

Mathisha Panagoda OKG04 attended Knox from Years 7-12 on a Jubilee Music Scholarship. Since leaving Knox Mathisha has completed a Bachelor of Music (Honours) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and is in the final year of a Juris Doctor degree in Law at Sydney University. During his time at Knox he was a member of the Knox Symphony Orchestra, KAYO and Symphonic Wind Ensemble travelling on two international tours under the direction of Brian Buggy.

Mathisha began playing the cello aged four and has been playing in orchestras from a young age including the Sydney Youth Orchestra and SBS Television and Radio Youth Orchestra for five years, touring Europe and Asia with them. After graduating from Knox, Mathisha performed for six years with the Australian Youth Orchestra with whom he participated on two world tours. Having spent much time overseas, Mathisha was one of four Australians to perform at the Pacific Music Festival in Japan and was selected as the only Australian member of the newly formed Aldeburgh Strings, a small chamber orchestra based in Suffolk, UK, comprised of 24 musicians selected from around the world.

Mathisha held a Symphony Australia National Fellowship in 2010 and since 2007 has worked with the Queensland, Melbourne, Adelaide and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras as well as the Sydney Sinfonia.

During his time at The Con, Mathisha was awarded numerous scholarships and awards including the BBM Ltd Scholarship to undertake studies in London and an arts grant from the University of Sydney Union which he used to establish his own orchestra, Sydney Camerata.

From almost 3000 applicants around the world, Mathisha was selected as a winner in the 2011 YouTube Symphony Orchestra. In doing so he uploaded an audition video onto YouTube, passed the first round judged by an international panel of leading orchestral musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic and Sydney Symphony. The second round was then open for public vote with winners announced in early January. The orchestra is comprised of 101 musicians representing 30 countries and Mathisha is one of four Australians and the only musician selected from Sydney. Qantas flew the orchestra to Sydney to meet, rehearse and give performances culminating in a Grand Finale Concert at the Sydney Opera House on 20 March 2011 under the direction of renowned American conductor Michael Tilson Thomas. This concert was streamed live around the world on YouTube to an estimated audience of around 25 million people. You can follow Mathisha’s journey with the YouTube Symphony on the orchestra’s website and his YouTube Channel.

From Knox to Oxford

It is a very audacious thing to even apply for a Rhodes Scholarship and, in truth, I never thought that my application would be successful. That it was, has led me to reflect upon the truly excellent education I received from my teachers at Knox and the Australian National University. This success belongs as much to them, as it does to me.

At Knox I was taught to think for myself, which is probably the greatest gift any school can impart to its students. Also, through the patience of the sports masters, and particularly Mr Stringer’s rather stern tutelage during what was then called ‘Senior Weights and Training,’ I managed to make enough of my meagre athletic gifts to become a passable and enthusiastic endurance runner and triathlete at University.

My undergraduate studies at ANU were in political science, focusing upon Australian Indigenous affairs. This focus was motivated by the experience of regularly visiting the remote community of Doomadgee, in the Gulf of Carpentaria. For this incredible opportunity, I remain immensely grateful to my generous friends in Doomadgee.

At ANU I was lucky to encounter a number of inspiring academic mentors, including Dr William Sanders OKG74. The summer scholarship I spent under Will’s supervision, at ANU’s Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, was critical in my decision to write my Honours thesis on Indigenous public policy. Only later, when Will was helping me with scholarship applications, did we realise that we had both attended Knox.

After Honours, I was encouraged to pursue overseas study as an opportunity to gain fresh and international perspectives on the issues I had studied in Australia. The Rhodes Scholarship has given me this opportunity. I am very excited to be going to Oxford in October to study an MPhil (Politics) in Comparative Government. I am also humbled and deeply honoured to join the community of Rhodes Scholars.

Michael Jones OKG04
The Olive Overlord

In the aftermath of the HSC and schoolies, suffering, like many of my peers, from the mental and physical exhaustion the preceding months had inflicted and the constant nagging of my mother to vacate the couch, I began work on my newly acquired business while the rest of my cohort partied on into the New Year.

Over the past three years, I have been running Darling Mills Marinated Olives with much success, thanks to the longstanding patronage built up over the previous 11 years and to newly acquired customers whose taste buds the marinades have excited at the various growers’ markets.

Its continued success is largely due to the two original products, masterfully conceived by my aunt, chef Cynthia Black (née Adey). The Mixed Marinated Olives and Cornichons (with fennel, chilli and lemon) was developed during the early years of Darling Mills Restaurant (1989-2003) and became a signature appetiser on the bar menu. The Marinated Olives stuffed with pimento (in a marinade of cumin, coriander and orange), an earthy yet sweet marinade, was developed specifically for the markets, and has been satisfying pit-haters for over a decade.

I am a firm believer in tradition, heritage and history when it comes to food; why alter something that’s already good? Just build on it. Over the past three years I have made Darling Mills Marinated Olives my own, keeping patrons’ palettes interested by the introduction of three new products: the Marinated Cornichons, Marinated Kalamata Olives and Marinated Olives (with harissa and preserved lemon) developed and inspired by my gastronomic adventures in Europe and North Africa during 2010-2011.

Since completing my Bachelor of Public Communication at UTS in 2010, I have continued my efforts to expand Darling Mills Marinated Olives: by increasing branding (yes, mum, my degree is being used); releasing a new Australian Olive range, its heady smell soon to enrich the morning market air; and expanding into additional retail outlets around Sydney.

My future plans include studying commercial cookery later this year and pursuing food journalism. Until then, however, you can find me working the growers’ markets every Saturday on the Darling Mills Farm stall... definitely, not on the couch.

Come down and have a taste.

Maxwell Adey OKG07

Happy Ending for Rugby Enthusiast

Tim Cussell OKG00 was a fit, 25-year old rugby player and sports enthusiast when, in 2008, he noticed something wasn’t right. Tim says that he turned a blind eye and didn’t think his symptoms, which included a change in his bowel habits and the presence of blood when going to the toilet, were anything much to worry about.

‘I put it down to living too good a life at the time,’ Tim says. ‘However, the symptoms continued and after about a year I saw my GP who, after examining me, thought I had something insignificant and gave me medication which eased my symptoms for a while.’

‘It wasn’t until Easter 2010, when I noticed these same symptoms increasing in magnitude, that I saw my GP again who booked me in for a colonoscopy. This time the colonoscopy revealed I had hundreds of polyps throughout my large bowel. A biopsy was taken, and two days later I was told that I had bowel cancer. Surgery results then revealed it had spread outside the bowel and into two lymph nodes.’

Due to the extent of the polyps throughout his bowel, after finishing radiotherapy and chemotherapy, Tim also underwent an operation, a month later, to remove his entire large bowel and the affected lymph nodes.

Tim, a stockbroker, said he has had fantastic support from family, friends and work colleagues throughout his treatment. He was also supported by his girlfriend, Freya, to whom he recently became engaged.

Today, three years after Tim noticed his first symptoms and after completing extensive radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery he is passionate about raising awareness of bowel cancer and the importance of early detection.

‘If I had known what the symptoms were of this disease, I would have had a colonoscopy earlier. It’s so important to not ignore any symptoms or brush things under the rug.’

Tim is organising a fundraising dinner for 2012 that he hopes will raise funds for Lifehouse at RPA and the Bowel Cancer Institute.

Source: www.lifehouserpa.org.au
**OKG Sport**

![Image of Ian MacPherson OKG55, Col Blake (President, Waverley Old Boys), Charles Wannan OKG38 and Rob Wannan OKG68 enjoying a break at the Golf Day]

**Annual OKGA Golf Day**

The 2010 Annual OKGA Golf Day was attended by 66 keen and enthusiastic players including a large number of old boys and a number of Knox parents as well as some ladies which has been a growing tradition over the last few years.

The day commenced with a golf clinic, which some needed more than others, and then play got underway with a shot gun start in glorious sunny weather. The sponsored drinks cart was a welcome sight during the warm afternoon’s play and provided all players with good sustenance.

A magnificent BBQ completed the day and the successful players included:

- Greg Faulkner – Individual Stableford Winner with 40 Points;
- Gerry Cowling and Marshall White (Scots) – Two Ball Team Winners with 45 Points;
- Martin and Jack Gooding – Father and Son Winners with 46 Points;
- Monika and Nicholas Nilsson – Mother and Son Winners with 42 Points.

The OKGA is once again very appreciative of the many generous sponsors who kindly donate prizes and gifts to support the enjoyment of all those who participate. In addition, the OKGA sincerely thanks Phil Tuck OKG77 for his ongoing commitment and organisation of another very successful day.

![Image of Ian MacPherson OKG55, Col Blake (President, Waverley Old Boys), Charles Wannan OKG38 and Rob Wannan OKG68 enjoying a break at the Golf Day]

**Old Boys Football**

Knox United started season 2011 on a high after the success of 2010. With the addition of another team to the playing ranks, Knox United now boasts eight teams across All Age, Over 35s and over 45s. This season we will have teams competing in Division 2, 4 and 6 of All Age, O45s 1sts, O35s 5th and an Under 21s Cup team.

2011 has also seen the appointment of new Club Captain, Cam Wills OKG01 and new club Vice-Captain, Dave Guthrie OKG06. We wish them both success as they lead us in our demanding on (and off) field pursuits.

At the time of writing, we were in the midst of preseason with trial matches against Riverview, St Patrick’s and Barker Old Boys. This should hopefully give us a winning start for the season ahead.

There are still playing spots available and we are looking for more players for our over 35 and over 45 teams, with the ‘gentle’ men of the club proving you are never out of touch with the beautiful game.

If you are interested in joining or just want to come along for a trial run (no commitment required) please contact the club by email knoxunited@hotmail.com or phone 0402 779 789.

**Matt Ferros OKG01**

President, Knox United
Old Boys Rugby
Knox Old Boys Rugby Club has ridden a wave of success which all started a decade ago. We are striving in 2011 to win a club championship for a record three years in a row. Knox plays in the highly competitive suburban Rugby Union Kentwell Cup. This is a high honour for the Club now in its seventh year in the top division, winning the competition twice and the Club Championships three times in this period.

The hard work continues by the tireless committee and with huge effort and support from the OKGA, we field six teams each week and are competitive in every grade. Our fearless leader, coach Peter Bromley has left us to further his career with North’s Rugby and we wish him all the best.

For those interested in playing or coaching go to www.knoxrugby.com.au. We thank our sponsors LJ Hooker Wahroonga and the McCarroll Car group for their continued support.

News of Old Boys

Benjamin Bayl OKG95
Having just finished two seasons as Assistant Conductor of the Budapest Festival Orchestra, Ben has been conducting operas and symphony orchestras in London, Paris, Copenhagen, Madrid, Barcelona and various other cities. He occasionally returns to Australia and conducted Handel’s Orlando for Opera Australia in Melbourne in 2008. In March 2011 he made his debut with the Malaysian Philharmonic. After many years in London, Ben lived in Copenhagen and is now moving to Berlin.

Nathan Charles OKG06
Western Force hooker Nathan Charles is a young professional sportsman at the peak of fitness and at the top of his chosen sport. He was called into the Wallaby training squad before last year’s northern hemisphere tour. What makes his achievements as an elite sportsman most remarkable is that he has done it all while carrying the weight of knowledge that he has a potentially fatal disease with no known cure. Until recently only his family and a few friends knew that Nathan has cystic fibrosis. Now Nathan wants people to be aware of how they can support it.

He has been made National Ambassador for Cystic Fibrosis Australia and the more funds Nathan can raise the more research can be done and hopefully cures can be found. His extreme fitness and the regime he follows, keeps him able to play rugby and he says he is one of the lucky ones. Nathan has started his own website to lift awareness of CF, www.nathancharles.com.au

Allen Cornall OKG09
Allen finished the epic journey from Albury to Tallangatta and back ahead of schedule, completing the marathon swim on Lake Hume in about 13 hours after a 4am departure. Chilly temperatures near Tallangatta saw Allen cut four kilometres from his trip, his numbing extremities forcing him to turn around.

Allen said the effort performed in aid of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia fulfilled a long-held dream. Just before he turned around, he was thinking ‘why am I doing this? I could be doing something so much easier. But I remembered that this was something I always wanted to do; I’ve always wanted to swim the dam’.

Allen said he was disappointed with the lack of attendance and the fact that he did not raise much money but hoped he raised awareness of prostate cancer.

Old Boys online registration

Use this link to register for Old Boys online. Then you can keep in touch with other Old Boys and also be updated via email with upcoming events on the Knox Calendar.
Nicholas Henning OKG97

Major League Baseball clubs, the Cleveland Indians and Kansas City Royals, have invited the Merrylands pitcher, who used to play for Holroyd Giants, to visit them but instead of a ball or bat, Henning will carry a book.

The 30-year-old has published a novel about the sport in Australia, *Boomerang Baseball*, and will use the visit to promote his work about America's national past-time.

*Boomerang Baseball* is a personal story. Trent McKnight is his name but he's based on Nick. It's a baseball story but it encapsulates personal experiences. He tries to be a professional player, but it's giving up on that that brings out the best in him and it's when he comes back purely for the fun of playing that he gets the most satisfaction.

Henning worked for AMP until recently when he decided to follow his dream of becoming a fulltime author. He says 'I've worked hard to save enough money and will see how many books I can do. I've given myself 18 months to focus on writing.'

James Irwin OKG09

After completing a season in Los Angeles at Cal State University, James has returned home to concentrate on furthering his football career. James has signed with Gladesville

Sam Rowley OKG09

Sam began playing basketball when very young and there is no doubt that Knox provided him with an excellent opportunity to further develop his skills through the support and assistance of the coaching staff. The opportunity to represent the 1sts at a young age provided Sam with a chance to play against vastly stronger and faster athletes and this was a very important factor in moulding him into the player he is today. It is in part because of the opportunities that Knox provided Sam with, that he has had the privilege of playing for Australia, and that he has received a Basketball Scholarship to the University at Albany, a Division 1 college in America where he will be able to play against some of the top basketball players in the world. Sam is currently in preparation with the New South Wales Institute of Sport to go to the States midway through this year. His goal in basketball is to play professionally in Europe after college.

David Love OKG49

David received the NSW Premiers Award for Critical Literature in 2009 with *Unfinished Business; Paul Keating's interrupted revolution.*

Al Manning OKG99

Former Waratah Al Manning OKG99 is General Manager of South Sea Horizons which operates tours in his homeland, Papua New Guinea. Al conducts tours of the Kokoda Track as well as Black Bass Bluewater Fishing and New Island Surfing. Traveller safety is the cornerstone of Al's business in one of the world's most interesting and pristine countries. Al's website is www.southseahorizons.com

Ashley Pini OKG86

Ashley started a small publishing business in 2007 and, after 3 years, was recently awarded Small Publisher of the Year by Publishers Australia. As Ashley says, ‘Not quite an Oscar, but a significant event for me and my small business.’

Ashley employs six people and is looking to grow. He still associates with many of his mates from school who have been instrumental in giving great business advice and keeping him focused. Ashley says, ‘indeed I am indebted most of all to Jim Siegele OKG86, Mark Furzer OKG86 and John Kennedy OKG88 for their continued support.’

Tim Parker OKG98

Tim and his wife, Megghann, recently had twins - Emily Allison Race Parker and Jackson Timothy Race Parker, born at North Shore Private on 26 September 2010. Both babies, mum and dad are happy and healthy.
Matthew Stobo OKG09

Matthew has just graduated from the New Entry Officer Course at the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay. During his five months at HMAS Creswell, Matthew has been able to gain experience in everything from survival at sea to boat work, leakstop and repair, fire fighting and weapons training. He was awarded the Royal Australian Navy Governor General’s Cup by Rear Admiral Gilmore (pictured). The Governor General’s Cup is awarded to the officer appointed to the New Entry Officers’ Course, who demonstrates ability, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship whilst on Course.

James Thompson OKG86

James’ Turramurra Vet Hospital which was opened in November 2006, in Princes Street has now received its third award in three years! After winning the North Shore Business Award for Outstanding Pet Care 2008, then the prestigious Australian Veterinary Association Practice of Excellence in Customer Service in 2009, most recently the hospital was awarded the Turramurra Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award 2010.

Mike Urwin OKG08

Mike Urwin left for Europe in 2010 on a wing and a prayer with a burning ambition to continue his football career. Mike also played with Glaadesville Spirit in the 2009-10 season before making the courageous decision to try his luck in Germany, and make a football career a reality. Mike’s determination and football talent were soon noted by Third Division Bundesliga side, Koblenz who have signed Mike for the current European season.

OKGA Reunions 2011

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Obituaries

David Clarke AO, OKG58

David, one of the nation’s most influential and innovative business figures passed away on 8 April 2011, at home surrounded by his family, less than a month after he had retired as chairman of the Macquarie Group.

In his final year at school, David was a Prefect, a CUO, and a member of the Grammarian Committee. He was an outstanding sportsman, Captain of our 1st XI, five-eighth for the 1st XV and represented the School in the CAS 1st XI and 1st XV. He enjoyed success at university and went on to become one of the first Harvard University MBA graduates.

David led Macquarie to become Australia’s own dominant investment bank well able to compete with the most aggressive international investment banks. His integrity, his adherence to high standards and his confidence, laid the key foundations for the company’s success. Among his many achievements was leading Macquarie to pioneer buying infrastructure assets such as airports from the public sector around the world and running them like private businesses.

In 1971 David became the joint Managing Director of a boutique investment bank then known as Hill Samuel, the bank had twelve staff. Its successor, Macquarie Group, now has 15,500 staff in 70 offices across 28 countries. He promoted excellence and high standards of corporate governance and was a pivotal figure in the transfer of business skills to the philanthropic sector – it was a part of Macquarie’s culture. Under the Macquarie Foundation, chaired by David, since its inception in 1985, more than $145 million has been distributed to charities. He served on the boards and councils of the Salvation Army, Opera Australia, the Royal Agriculture Society of NSW, the Australian Rugby Union, Social Ventures Australia, the Children’s Cancer Institute of Australia and the Australian Olympic Foundation.
David also came to recent prominence in a community campaign against AGL's practice of 'fracking' for coal seam gas through his ownership of Hunter Valley winery, Pooles Rock.

As the first Executive Chairman of Macquarie between 1985 and March 2007, David oversaw a bank that minted success so regularly it was dubbed the ‘millionaires factory’.

A former Chief Executive of Macquarie, Alan Moss, paid the following tribute ‘David brought enormous judgement and a remarkable steady temperament to everything he did’. In 2001 he received the Centenary Medal for service to Australian society through business and the community.

David was indeed one of the corporate world’s gentlemen, ‘and was just as interested in helping the small end of town to create wealth as he was in serving the big end of town’, said Mr John Green, a former Macquarie Executive Director.

Ian MacPherson OKG55

Deaths

The OKGA extends its sincere sympathy to the families of the following Old Knox Grammarians who have passed away.

Anthony John Carter OKG43 22/12/2010
David Stuart Clarke OA OKG58 8/04/2011
John Denis Corbett-Jones OKG52 20/05/2009
Malcolm Muir Gibb OKG54 9/04/2011
Ross Lyburn Hordern OKG43 25/10/2010
Colin G Johnstone OKG43 27/11/2010
Neil Duncan MacRae OKG72 2/02/2011
Boyd Peyton Matthews OKG43 4/11/2010
Peter McLeay Morrison OKG43 4/06/2010
Stephen John Nemes OKG59 20/02/2011
Roy Alfred Haroldston Perrott OKG47 9/10/2010
John MacKinnon Reading OKG60 23/03/2010
Nicholas Carlisle Lister Sams OKG78 2/01/2011
Frederick Henry Charles Thompson OKG43 13/03/2011
Maurice Alfred Tooth OKG35 29/07/2009
William Lawrence Tooth OKG46 4/12/2010

Roy AH Perrott OKG47, 1929-2010

Roy Alfred Haroldston Perrott was born in Tamworth NSW on 8 December 1929, son of Roy Leeson Perrott of Armidale and Lillian Sylvia Benson Rodgers whose family had owned Attunga Station near Tamworth.

Roy did not attend school in Tamworth until nearly seven years of age, spending the earlier years moving about as his father ran a number of different properties in various districts.

For his later school years he attended Knox Grammar School, beginning in 1946, the year after his Intermediate Certificate (today’s Year 9). Although very shy and of small build Roy threw himself into school sports, in particular, Rugby. He never found out his Leaving Certificate results as he expected to have done badly, and didn’t need it for his future plans.

Roy stated ‘when I arrived at Knox as a shy 16 year old “bushie”, I was amazed at the maturity of the seniors and captains. This exposure built my confidence and I did some quick growing up. However, my acute shyness while at school remained, so in some ways I missed out on many opportunities offered me at Knox. I feel fortunate to have come under the influence of Vic Green as my House Master who helped turn us boys into young men and gave us a set of ethical values to live up to. The ability I developed to trust my own decisions, and the persistence, despite setbacks, to pursue goals, particularly in my tasks on my property would not have occurred without the “Knox Experience”. Over the years I determined to overcome my shyness because my Knox experience showed me the value of doing so.’

Roy returned to his family property ‘Chevy Chase’ Armidale and worked for his father until he died in 1962. Roy then changed the management and property objectives and began a breeding program leading to specialisation in extra-superfine wool. During this time he was a committee member of the Armidale Jockey Club, a judge for the Picnic Races and then became President. He was highly involved in the community including being President of the Liberal Party for seven years.