



WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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Quaker Query of the Week

Why buy a book when there's a library?

We acknowledge the current Year 8 students for contributions to the Quaker Query of the Week.

Many of you would have attended the End of Year Gathering at the Federation Concert Hall last night. It was a vibrant display of talent from all sections of the School.

While we recognise that the School faces a number of interesting changes and challenges in the next few years, it is good to be able to reflect on the many successes achieved by both staff and students in 2009.

In a large number of measurable ways the School has never been in a stronger position. One reason is that we continue to benefit from and build on a number of strategic decisions made by my predecessors, Lyndsay and Stephanie Farrall, particularly in the areas of technology, and the introduction of the International Baccalaureate programmes.

Another major reason for the School's success, and its strong sense of community, is the extraordinary parental support we have received over a wide range of School activities.

An unusually small number of staff will be leaving us at the end of the year. However, they include two long serving and outstanding teachers, Marg Neilsen and Shani Roberts, both of whom will be retiring from teaching. Our deep gratitude and best wishes go with them into the next stages of their lives.

Student leavers will no doubt be anxiously waiting for examination results that I hope will bring joy to them all.

Finally, I thank all those who gave the School such wonderful support through the year and I hope everyone enjoys a happy and peaceful Christmas break.

*John Green
Principal*

Australian Student Prizes for 2008

On Wednesday I received a letter from the Australian Government informing us that four of our 2008 students had won Australian Student Prizes of \$2,000 each for outstanding academic achievement.

The Australian Government awards just 500 such prizes across the whole nation, so it is an unusual achievement for four students from the same school to be selected as prize winners.

*John Green
Principal*

Exchange Trip to Nancy, France

We are seeking expressions of interest from students interested in a trip to our Sister School in Nancy, France next year. To be eligible, students must be undertaking studies in French in Year 11 or 12. Furthermore, students must be demonstrating a solid commitment to their studies in this area, meeting language proficiency levels based on the standards in place for Year 11 French, whether it be the pre-tertiary components or the IB Diploma.

The proposed trip will take place in the May-June holidays next year. It is thought that the itinerary will cater to both the educational and more cultural elements of France, including visiting Paris over a few days, spending time in our Sister School and in home-stay to get an experience of French family lifestyle.

It is difficult to outline specific costs until we have estimated numbers and a more detailed itinerary. A recent quote was just over \$4000 and we are hoping to get the best fares available.

An expression of interest will not be construed as a firm commitment. Those interested should contact Gwen Hackel, Exchange Co-ordinator, telephone 6210 2200 or email ghackel@friends.tas.edu.au. Confirmation of the trip will occur at the beginning of next year.

Student Accommodation and Youth Allowances

The Department of Education provides financial assistance to students in Years 11 or 12 who must live away from their usual home in order to study at a Tasmanian Senior Secondary College, Tasmanian Polytechnic or Tasmanian Academy.

Application forms for Student Accommodation Allowance (SAA) 2010 are available from the School Enrolment Office.

Centrelink provides financial support to primary and high school students studying full time or part time. There are several different allowances, such as Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC), Youth Allowance, Abstudy etc.

To be eligible for any of these allowances, families/students need to meet guidelines set down by Centrelink.

More information and eligibility criteria regarding these allowances is available from Centrelink by telephone on 132490 or on their website www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/st_index.htm

School Photograph Dates for 2010

K&K School Photographers will take the 2010 School photos. Families are being given these dates ahead of time so they know when these important photographs will be taken.

Wed 3 February, Year 7

Thursday 4 February, Year 11/12

Friday 3 February, High School Tutor Groups

Tuesday 23 February, Morris Students.

Wednesday 17 March from 2.30pm family group photos will be taken at the Boa Vista Room. Forms will be available from from Morris Office and booking must be made directly with K&K School Photographers.

School Calendar

The 2010 School Calendar, prepared by the Clemes Public Relations class, will be available next week. Each family should receive one copy. The PR class hopes you enjoy using it. Please remember that dates can change so you should check all dates through FriendsNet before making any important decisions.

Uniform Centre Opening Times Term 3

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8.00-9.30am	8.00-9.30am	12 noon- 4.30pm	3.00-5.00pm	Closed

The Uniform Centre will open Monday 7 to Friday 11 December from 9.00am - 4.30pm and Saturday 12 December, 9.00am - 12 noon. This is the final week of trading for 2009. The Centre will re-open Monday 18 January 2010 at 9.00am.

Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship

Members of The Friends' School community are welcome to attend a short Meeting for Worship held each Wednesday morning during term time, starting at 7.45am. Just come quietly in when you can and join us until 8.20am in the Hobart Quaker Meeting House, which is located just below the Clemes office on Boa Vista Road.

Development Office

Did You Know?

Did you know that the majority of our Bell Street sports grounds are watered using recycled water?

Volunteers

A huge thank you to the 350 plus volunteers who helped make Friends' School a better place in 2009. Please give me a call at any time should you be able to assist the school either with your time or your skills.

Focus Advertising 2010

If you would like to place an advertisement in our School newspaper for your business please contact either Steve or Kalli. Focus has a readership over 7000.

Morris Collaborative Art Cards Now Available

If you need an all occasion card please contact this office and we can arrange delivery. They sell for \$20 per pack of 10.

New Parent Bus Tour

We would like to encourage any new parents to join with us from 12 Noon on Thursday 11 February for a tour of all School campuses, sports grounds and the rowing sheds (Far South not included).

New Assembly Hall Goes Vertical

The Assembly Hall is starting to take shape on the Argyle Street site. Feel free to look at the progress on our website at http://www.friends.tas.edu.au/school_environment/projects

Steve McQueeney

Development and Community Relations Manager

MORRIS

Western Shore Bus Service

Many parents would be aware that the School has traditionally operated a Western Shore bus service to and from School. The service provides transport for children from Kindergarten to Year 6 and the route encompasses some central and southern suburbs (terminating at Margate). We are presently considering demand for the service to continue into 2010. If you wish your child to use this service next year please contact the Main Office to obtain pricing and an expression of interest form by no later than the end of term.

Year 5 Last Day Celebrations

On Thursday 9 December Year 5 students will be going to The Esplanade, New Norfolk. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 3.00pm. Students will need a packed lunch or a barbeque lunch, a drink and a hat. Sports uniform is to be worn. More details will be given in class.

HIGH SCHOOL

Student Resources

As the end of the school year approaches, students will be tasked with the jobs of cleaning their lockers and completing a general tidy-up. No doubt they may also undertake a clean up of their school resources at home. During this time we ask for them to be on the look out for any School library books, class texts and the like. If these are unearthed in the clean up before the end of the school year, can you please forward these items to the

relevant return location – i.e. Library, Head of Faculty etc. Alternatively, if they appear after the break up of school, please forward items to the Main Reception office.

There have been many notices about the Birchalls' secondhand book buyback initiative in both the student bulletin and previous editions of What's On. Hopefully you have been able to utilise this opportunity over the past week. Booklists will be included in the report package available for collection next week.

Once again, in concluding one year it is a timely reminder of what may be required for the following year. Please add to your checklist for next year the need to name all school resources and uniform items for your child. This will guard against loss next year.

Important Dates

The last day for Years 7-9 is scheduled for 10 December. The school day will conclude at 1.00pm on this day. There will be an extended Long Tutor in the morning where copies of Echoes will be distributed and clean up will be undertaken. Metro buses have been rescheduled.

Year 10 Twilight Gathering/Assembly

A further reminder that the Year 10 Twilight Gathering/Assembly will begin at 6.00pm in the WN Oats Centre on 9 December. Students are required to wear full school uniform on this formal occasion. They are asked to arrive at 5.15pm for rehearsal and seating before the occasion.

Final Assembly – Years 7-9

The Years 7-9 Assembly is scheduled to start at 10.30am in the WN Oats Centre on 10 December. Parents are invited to attend. The assembly will conclude around 11.30am.

Report Collection

The assembly will be followed at 11.30am by the distribution of reports in House areas and an opportunity to meet with your child's Tutor and Head of House. Appointments are not required as Tutors will be present in the allocated areas for informal meetings.

Computer Hand-back

We will begin the hand-back of student computers on Monday 7 December. Before returning their computers, students are asked to back-up all documents and remove any stickers. Parents and students are asked to check carefully the computer and power pack at home. The power pack must also be included with the computer when returned to the Help Desk. In accordance with the School's Computer Agreement, we remind all that replacement of damaged power packs becomes the responsibility of parents. Students with a damaged or faulty computer will be required to complete a form from the Help Desk staff.

Outdoor Education

The Year 10 Outdoor Education Rafting program is leaving from the High School on Sunday, returning on Tuesday. Please direct any queries to Tim Whelan.

CLEMES

D'Entrecasteaux Prize

Two Clemes students were selected as finalists for the recent statewide D'Entrecasteaux competitions conducted by the Alliance Française of Hobart. Only five finalists were selected so our students Nicola Gurner and Daniel Nolan are to be congratulated on their achievements. The finalists were chosen after competing in the areas of Aural Comprehension, Reading Comprehension and Essay Writing. In the final round, Nicola Gurner is to be further congratulated upon gaining second place in this prestigious competition.

CO-CURRICULAR

Sport

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Year 9 softball team, Year 8 and Year 9 tennis teams on winning their respective premierships.

Sports Equipment and First Aid Kits

Please return all School sports equipment to Helen Manson prior to the close of School.

Thank You

Many Friends' students participate in our School sporting program, which continues to thrive due to the dedicated support from staff co-ordinators, volunteer coaches, managers and umpires. We extend our appreciation to all those who have assisted in some way to ensure that our students have the opportunity to be involved in sporting experiences that promote healthy lifestyles and a life long enjoyment of sporting pursuits.

*Helen Manson
Director of Sport*

Sport Rosters

SPORT	LOCATION	TIME
Cricket		
Monday 7 December		
Y7-8 Boys v Hutchins A	Bell Street	4.30pm
Tuesday 8 December		
Y8-9 Boys v Sacred Heart	Bell Street	4.30pm

CALENDAR 2009

For all calendar and term dates, please refer to our website www.friends.tas.edu.au and click on school calendar located on left hand side.

December

5-9	Year 10 hard walk
7	Years 3-6 Soiree
8	Board Meeting
	Year 5/6 Transition Day
9	Year 10 Farewell Assembly
10	End of Term 3
	Year 6 Excursion to Seven Mile Beach
	Years 7-9 Final Assembly
11	Staff Day
19	1999 Reunion
22	Main School office closes

January

4	Main School office re-opens
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Term Dates for 2010

Term 1	Thursday 4 February	Friday 21 May
Easter	Friday 2 April	Friday 9 April
Term 2	Wednesday 16 June	Friday 3 September
Semester Break	Monday 19 July	
Term 3	Monday 20 September	Thursday 9 December

		
<p>FITKIDZ SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM <i>Games, activities, sport, fitness and fun in a non-competitive environment</i> 6 - 12 YEAR OLDS Mon 4 Jan - Fri 22 Jan <i>(Monday - Friday)</i> 9.00am - 4.00pm \$30 per day <i>(1/2 day & multi day rates available)</i> Booking required</p>	<p>HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM 3 - 14 year olds 10 Day Program Mon 11Jan - Fri 22 Jan \$105.00 4 Day Program Mon 25 Jan - Fri 29 Jan <i>(excl. Tue 26th)</i> \$47.00 <i>9.00, 9.30, 10.00 or 10.30am classes</i> Bookings required</p>	
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