



## WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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*How can we refine something to re-create it simply?*

*We acknowledge the current Year 11 students for contributions to the Quaker Query of the Week.*

### **Family Contact Details and Student Medical Forms**

Thank you to families who have returned the Family Contact Details and Student Medical Forms promptly. During 2008 the school migrated to a new administration system, which is why there was a change in format for the two forms this year. We thank you for your patience as we make the transition and any feedback that improves the system and corrects our data is much appreciated.

### **An Introduction to Quakers**

A study day that is open to all enquirers who would like to know a bit more about Quakers will be held Saturday 21 February from 10.00am – 4.00pm at The Friends' Meeting House, Boa Vista Road, North Hobart.

There will be four sessions, looking at: the first Quakers and the Inner Light; the Gathered Meeting; Quaker testimonies; and Quaker Advices and Queries. There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions during each session. There will be a break for lunch after the first two sessions. Participants are encouraged to bring something to share for lunch, but everyone is invited for lunch, regardless.

This is a free event, no bookings are required. Enquires to Sally McGushin, telephone 6278 9149.

### **Road Safety**

A reminder to all students and parents about some road safety issues:

Cyclists: Please wear your helmet correctly. And remember other road users - both pedestrians on footpaths and motorists on the road!

Pedestrians crossing Argyle Street before and after school:

Parents are asked to support their children in using the overpass when crossing Argyle Street. The traffic flow in Argyle Street is heavy before and after school so it is extremely important that parents and students use the overpass. If you have come from or are walking towards New Town, cross with care below Boa Vista Road.

### **Volunteers Afternoon Tea Invitation**

There are many possibilities for parents, grandparents and friends to volunteer throughout our School.

One group has been meeting each Tuesday afternoon for many years. Known as the Archives volunteers, this group undertakes a variety of tasks varying from maintenance of the Drama Property Room to filing and research.

Parents and grandparents who are interested in volunteering either through Archives or through one of the many other aspects of School life are invited to come to Archives on the Commercial Road campus at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17 February to share refreshments, meet other members of the School community and find out about opportunities to volunteer through the School.

Enquiries to Kathy Rundle or Kalli McCarthy, telephone 6210 2200.

### **Life (is fun) Drawing**

Encouraging positive thought processes, observational skills and innovative ways to record the real and imaginary world, the life drawing course is open to students of art and anyone in our community who wants a chance to rejoice in making art.

This course is great for the inexperienced as well as the 'art hungry for more' person. Classes are from 4.15 – 6.15pm in Studio One in the High School, starting Monday 2 March.

Cost for the eight lessons: \$104. Materials and model included. Enrolment forms are available in the Clemes and High School offices. Enquiries to Eve Beecroft, email [ebeecroft@friends.tas.edu.au](mailto:ebeecroft@friends.tas.edu.au)

### **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.

### **Uniform Centre Opening Times Term 1**

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

# MORRIS

## **Morris Photographs**

Morris class photographs and individual student photographs will be taken on Tuesday 24 February. Classes will be timetabled through the day with Kinder photographs being taken at the start of the day. It is important that Kinder students arrive at school by 8.45am in time for their photographs. Students in Kinder to Year 4 are to wear shorts, striped short sleeve polo tops, navy socks and black shoes. Students in Years 5 and 6 are to wear their formal uniform, including ties.

Family photographs will be taken on Wednesday 18 March after school in the Boa Vista Room. Please contact K&K Photography on 6228 9966 to book in for these.

## **Morris Swimming Carnival**

The Morris Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 27 February at Friends Health & Fitness. The Year 3/4 carnival will run from 9.15am-11.45am and the 5/6 carnival from 12.15pm-3.00pm. Programs will go home early next week. All parents and friends are invited to attend. Any enquiries please contact Sharon Scott on 6210 2228.

## **Year 6 Excursion**

On Wednesday 4 March as part of their Unit of Inquiry, Year 6 will be visiting the Council Chambers at Clarence to investigate the role of local Government in our city.

## **Victorian Fire Appeal**

Next week at Wells and Walpole Gatherings, children and families are invited to donate a gold coin or note to support The Red Cross appeal to help the victims of the fires.

Children will be asked to place their donation as they walk into their Gatherings on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

*Kate Newton and Mary-Louise Seddon  
Service Co-ordinators*

# HIGH SCHOOL

## **Welcome to 2009**

We are delighted that our High School students have settled in so quickly to the School year. Homework has already been set and returned in a number of subjects! We would like to remind parents that your child's Tutor is your first point of contact and the linchpin of our pastoral care system. However any of the Heads of High School can assist you if the Tutor is not available or if your inquiry is of a more general nature. We wish all our students well for a successful, stimulating learning year.

*Paul Goodluck, Lyn Johnston, Bob Scandrett, Susan Williams  
Co-Heads of High School*

### **Year 7 Camps**

Introductory three-day camps have been organised for all Year 7 students between 18 and 27 February at Far South Wilderness Camp, Dover. The purpose of the camp is for students and teachers to get to know each other better and to develop co-operative working relationships.

The dates for the camps are:

Walker and Penn Wednesday 18 February - Friday 20 February

Backhouse and Fry Monday 23 February - Wednesday 25 February

Oats and Mott Wednesday 25 February - Friday 27 February.

A detailed letter was sent home with students on Wednesday. The letter was mailed home to the parents of absent students. Paul Goodluck has responsibility for Year 7 if you have any inquiries.

### **Year 7 Laptops**

Over the following week all Year 7 students will receive their laptop computer. The Year 7 Information Technology teachers will be explaining use and safety protocols in class. Year 7 students who attended Morris will need to bring their laptop bag to School so that they can safely carry their new laptop.

### **Year 9 - Bruny Island Experience**

Parents of all Year 9 students will soon receive a letter about the forthcoming Bruny Island Experience (March 14 to 20). Contents of the letter will also be posted on Friendsnet. A Parent Information night will take place on Wednesday 4 March in the Bill & Marjorie Oats Theatre. The evening will provide information about the 7-day experience as well as the curriculum component which begins before the week and will be continued and completed when the students return to School.

In the meantime if further information is required, please contact Lindy Pritchard or Adam Chambers on 6210 2200.

### **Mentoring**

The Mentoring Program is an opportunity for students to gain extra assistance with their subjects and for their mentors to gain skills and have fun in supporting other students. The program will commence on 13 March and will be run during Long Tutor on Friday in the Student Centre.

Students who are interested in becoming a mentor and students who wish to have a mentor, need to complete a Mentoring form and return it to Jenny Johnston in the Student Centre, by 6 March. These forms are available from tutors or the Student Centre staff.

### **School Immunisation Program**

An information letter and consent form for immunisation has been sent home this week for girls in Year 7 and all students in Year 10. The program is run by the Hobart City Council. The consent forms will be collected by the HCC Environmental Health Officer on 26 February and to ensure they are sorted and ready for collection we ask that students return them to the High School office by 25 February. Unfortunately late forms cannot be accepted or processed so it is important that they are returned to the School by the due date. Students can visit their own GP or the monthly HCC immunisation clinics if they do not wish to be immunised at school.

### **Crazy Hair Day - Friday 20 February**

Many students are keen to support the victims of the Victorian bushfires. The High School Service Committee is organising a 'Crazy Hair Day' as a fundraiser on Friday 20 February.

Students should wear their sports uniform that day and are invited to use their imagination to create 'Crazy Hair'. Any hair dye products will need to be washed out over the following weekend. Students will be asked to donate \$2 for the privilege of wearing their 'Crazy Hair' and/or sports uniform. We also have a donations jar on the High School Office counter for additional donations.

## **CLEMES**

Clemes will be holding a plain clothes day on Tuesday 17 March for a gold coin donation. All monies raised through this and other activities throughout the week will go towards the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal.

### **A Letter from Tony Barrett**

This was posted home late this week. The letter contains details about upcoming events, issues of interest and concern for parents. Enclosed with the letter is your child's timetable for your reference and an invitation to our Parent/Tutor evening.

### **Clemes Parent/Tutor evening**

The Clemes Parent/Tutor Evening will be held on Thursday 5 March at 5.30pm in the Mark Curtis Foyer at Clemes. Parents are warmly invited to meet with their child's tutor for refreshments, followed by a chance to talk individually with the tutor.

### **Special Consideration**

The Tasmanian Qualifications Authority allows special consideration to candidates who are unable to be assessed in the same way as other students. Consideration may include allowances such as additional time, spelling consideration, special seating, etc. To gain this, students need to provide evidence to support their claim and it is preferable this is done early in the year. If you feel your child may be eligible for some form of special consideration, please ask them to see Lyn Tunbridge.

## **Kayaking A Course**

The kayaking A course continues with white water paddling this weekend on southern rivers. Please refer to letter for details.

# **CO-CURRICULAR**

## **Co-Curricular Commitment Forms**

Students and parents are urged to sign and return co-curricular permission/commitment forms by the closing date, to enable teams to be formalised and entered into rosters.

## **Debating**

The debating season will get under way in a few weeks and we look forward to many students (Years 7 to 12) developing and honing skills in this important area. Debaters are encouraged to attend a workshop in preparation for the 2009 debating season. This workshop will be held on Thursday 12 March, 3.45-5.45pm in Hodgkin Hall. Afternoon tea will be provided and students should be collected or have traveling home arrangements in hand. Please direct enquiries to Kathy Rundle or Betty Reeve, telephone 6210 2200.

# **Music**

## **Music Rehearsals**

Please be advised that next week (beginning Monday 16 February) all performance groups and choirs will resume for an exciting 2009 program. See Co-Curricular handbook for times. Please remember to sign up to be part of these co-curricular activities online if you haven't already. A reminder that existing and returning students for these groups also need to re-sign up for this year. Any questions please come and see us in the Music Department.

*Craig Fullerton*

## **Private Music Lessons**

Please be advised that sessional teachers will be in contact with students this week to commence teaching lessons for 2009 in the week beginning Monday 16 February. Please direct any enquiries to Craig Fullerton.

# **Sport**

## **Coaches/Managers/Umpires**

We welcome support from parents and the wider school community in assisting us with coaching, managing and umpiring for our sports teams. If you are able to help, please contact the Director of Sport, Helen Manson, on 6210 2200.

## First Aid Kits

Could all team managers/coaches please return any School first aid kits from 2008 to Helen Manson.

# CALENDAR 2009

*For all calendar and term dates, please refer to our website [www.friends.tas.edu.au](http://www.friends.tas.edu.au) and click on school calendar located on left hand side.*

## February

14-15	Rowing - State Championships
17	Board Meeting
	Parents & Friends Association Meeting
17-19	Year 7 Camp - Group 1
21	50 years + Reunion
22	60 years + Reunion
23-25	Year 7 Camp - Group 2
25-27	Year 7 Camp - Group 3
26-27	Morris Parent/Teacher Meetings
27	Morris Swimming Carnival
27	Morris Twilight Drinks

## March

2-8	National Rowing Championships
2	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
3	Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival
4	Bruny Parent Information Evening
5	High School Parent/Tutor Meetings for new students

## Term Dates For 2009

Term 1	Thursday 5 February	Friday 22 May
Easter	Friday 10 April	Friday 17 April
Term 2	Tuesday 16 June	Friday 4 September
Semester Break	Monday 20 July	for students and staff
Term 3	Monday 21 September	Thursday 10 December

## ***Purpose and Concerns***

*The Friends' School is a co-educational Quaker School based on fundamental values such as the intrinsic worth of each person, the recognition of "that of God" in everyone, the desirability of simplicity, and the need to establish peace and justice.*

*As a learning community, we are concerned for the academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual development of each person in our care.*

*We seek to help our students develop into men and women who will think clearly, act with integrity, make decisions for themselves, be sensitive to the needs of others, be strong in service and hold a global perspective.*

*We believe that these aims can best be achieved with the active support of all members of our School community.*

*July 1998*