



## WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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### Quaker Query of the Week

*Do you respect everyone's point of view regardless of who they are?  
We acknowledge the current Year 10 students for contributions to the Quaker Query of the Week.*

### Welcome to a New Year

I welcome both returning and new families to the 2008 academic year.

The year has already started well. Last week it was a pleasure to be part of the induction program for our new staff. We have again attracted very talented additions to our already well qualified staff.

Earlier in the week the teaching staff enjoyed a number of stimulating Professional Development sessions with Andrew Fuller. We learned how different teaching strategies affected the levels of dopamine, adrenaline, cortisol and serotonin in our students' brains and the likely impact these have on their abilities to learn.

The highlight of the week was, of course, the return of our students. In this respect I am very grateful to our administration and maintenance staff, who since late December have worked very hard towards helping make this a smooth and successful event.

This year we face the challenge of having more than 1,300 students, the highest enrolment ever experienced by the School. To help us cope, the Morris children return to new Art and Music rooms as well as a new toilet block.

Those of you who have children in the High School will not fail to notice the extensive earthworks that have been underway for more than a month. They are part

of a major upgrade of our social and play spaces. These are much needed because the High School will reach its cap of 570 pupils this year.

There are plans for extensive upgrades to the Argyle Street campus grounds to happen later in the term.

I am very pleased to announce that in late December the School completed the purchase of the Far South Wilderness Camp. During the year I will write more about some of the ways we may use this wonderful asset.

In the school holidays we received news of the pre-tertiary examination results. We need to congratulate last year's Year 12 students and their teachers for their outstanding TCE and International Baccalaureate Diploma results that were unmatched by any other school or college in the State. I will include more details in the letter that is sent with the fee accounts. A comprehensive breakdown of the results will also be posted on the School's website.

There is no doubt that 2007 was an exceptionally good year for the School. However, we start 2008 in a healthy position and it is my hope that with strong support from the whole community, the year will be a successful and fulfilling one for us all.

*John Green  
Principal*

### **News from the Board of Governors**

We are pleased to announce that Bill Godfrey and Steve McQueeney will continue to serve respectively as the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors for 2008.

*Robin McLean  
Presiding Member, Board of Governors*

### **Whole School Gathering**

Students from Years 4-12 will acknowledge the start of the School year with a Gathering on Friday 15 February.

### **Host family for Japanese student**

We are seeking a family for Seika Matsuoka, an exchange student from Kochi Nishi, our sister school in southern Japan, from Easter to the end of Term 1. Seika is in Year 11 and loves musicals, but especially speaking English, so no prior knowledge of Japanese or Japanese culture is needed. She is excited about coming to Australia and

getting to know a new culture and school community. If any family would like to host Seika from Easter until 15 June, please contact Biz Clemes or Rohan Prior in the High School or leave a message at the Main Office.

### **Life Drawing**

Six Life Drawing lessons will begin on Tuesday 4 March in Studio One, the Art Department, at The Friends' School. The classes run from 4.15-6.15pm and the materials are included in the \$78 fee for the six lessons. This is a superb opportunity for Year 10/11/12 students to build their skills and support folios. The lessons would be just as inspiring for students, friends and parents wanting to return to art making. Enrolment forms are available in the Clemes and High School Offices. Lesson dates are 4, 13, 17 March and 1, 10 and 14 April. Further details are available from Eve Beecroft on 6210 2200.

### **Volunteers Afternoon Tea**

Parents and friends from across the School are invited to afternoon tea on Tuesday 12 February, 2.30pm, in the Archives Room, Commercial Road Campus.

We value the support of volunteers and know that in giving time and effort volunteers also receive personal rewards. On this Tuesday afternoon parents can get to know about creative ways to volunteer their skills and time at Friends' this year.

Enquiries to Kathy Rundle 6210 2200.

### **Bus Tour**

All new parents are invited to a bus tour of the School campuses, sports grounds and rowing facilities on Thursday 14 February, commencing at 12.30pm with a light lunch in Hodgkin Hall on the Commercial Road Campus. RSVP to Kalli McCarthy on 6210 2282 by Tuesday 12 February.

### **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**

<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

# HIGH SCHOOL

The Heads of High School would like to welcome all students back after the holidays. We begin the year with over 560 students in the High School and are looking forward to a busy and exciting 2008.

## **High School Grounds**

There has been a lot of work completed over the holidays on High School grounds improvement. The 'panadol' is no more and new pavers and pathways have been completed. There is still a lot of work to complete, mostly around the bottom green where new paths and retaining walls are to be completed. Once this is done, work on a great climbing frame will then be completed. All this work will take another six weeks to complete but we are looking forward to enjoying the re-designed outdoor spaces.

## **Uniform issues**

We remind students and parents of the expectations regarding footwear. The Uniform Guidelines state that shoes should be black, lace up, polished leather shoes. Sandals or skate shoes are not appropriate and we ask that parents support the school in providing the appropriate footwear. We would also remind students of the correct colour socks; navy blue for girls and grey for boys.

## **High School Swimming Carnivals**

The School swimming carnivals will be held at The Hobart Aquatic Centre this year rather than The Glenorchy Pool. The Year 7 carnival will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 19 February. The carnival for other students will be held on Thursday 28 February. More details will be available closer to these dates.

## **Year 7 Camp**

All Year 7 students will be on camp at our new outdoor centre near Dover in the coming weeks. Students will be attending in teaching groups.

The dates are:

Penn and Walker, 20-22 February

Backhouse and Fry, 25-27 February

Mott and Oats, 27-29 February

More details will be sent home with students.

# CLEMES

## **Welcome Back**

Clemes staff would like to extend a welcome to all Clemes students, particularly

those new to Friends'. If you have concerns about your son's or daughter's progress, please feel free to contact their tutor.

### **Student Information**

A letter from Lyn Tunbridge, Acting Head of Clemes, will be posted home later next week. The letter contains details about computers, student's car use, uniform, the new Tasmanian Certificate of Education requirements, parent information evenings and other important information.

### **Course Changes**

Many students have made course changes during this week. In an effort to ensure parents are aware of these changes, copies of timetables will be sent home with Lyn's letter. Students making course changes after 15 February must complete a Course Change Form requiring parental approval.

### **Awards Afternoon Tea**

Next Thursday, 14 February, there will be a Clemes Awards Afternoon Tea at 4.00pm to recognise outstanding academic achievement in 2007.

Clemes Council for 2008 will include the following students:

#### **Head Boy**

Lachlan Smith

#### **Head Girl**

Anna Cretan

#### **Yr 12 Representatives**

Marigo Hepper

Sarah Wadsley

Michael Whyte

Oliver Kirkland

#### **Sports Representatives**

Amelia Johnston

Stephanie Gunn

Kitt O'Halloran

Gareth Jones

#### **Service Representatives**

Alice McGushin

Tennile Daft

Elliot Steele

#### **Culture/International Committee**

Oliver Lovell

Victoria Jamieson

Jack Marquis

Jessie Phillips-Lee

#### **Clemes and Environment Committee**

Secretary

Dimity Archer

Treasurer

Aaron Hooper

Sam McQueeney (Environment)

#### **House captains**

Hodgkin

Alaistair Harvey

Ellie Kirkland

Mather

David Abbott

Patricia McLarin

Ransome

Tom Ritchie  
Georgina Byrnes  
Unwin  
Finn Stronach  
Sarah Morris

**Yr 11 Representatives**  
Alex Given  
Galen Corey  
Michael Cromer  
Pip Galloway  
Caroline Beasley  
Isabella Comfort

# CO-CURRICULAR

## Music

### **Year 7-12 Music Department Performing Ensembles**

Rehearsals for Music Department Performing Ensembles will commence the week beginning Monday 18 February. Please speak to a member of the Music Staff if you wish to join an ensemble, and have not already signed up for it.

### **Year 7-12 Music Department Rehearsals**

Monday:

4.00-5.00pm - Year 7-12 String Ensemble (Hodgkin Hall)

4.00-5.30pm - Stage Band

Tuesday:

8.00-8.30am - Year 10/11 Marimba Ensemble

4.00-5.30pm - Year 7-12 Concert Band

Wednesday: 1.00-1.45pm Year 7-12 Choir

Thursday:

8.00-8.30am - Yr 8/9 Marimba Ensemble

*NB: All Year 7-12 rehearsals (with the exception of the Year 7-12 String Ensemble in Hodgkin Hall) will take place in the Sheila Given Music Centre. Senior Vocal Ensemble rehearsal time is yet to be confirmed.*

### **Co-Curricular Music Lessons**

Some co-curricular music lessons will begin next week; however the majority of the teaching will commence the week beginning Monday 18 February. Teachers will contact their students to arrange suitable lessons days/times - please read the daily bulletin carefully for details. For new students who are commencing private music lessons at Friends', your assigned teacher will make contact with you shortly to introduce themselves and arrange lesson times.

# Sport

## Summer Sports Registration

On Friday, students from Year 7-12 registered their interest in the following sports which are due to commence within the next few weeks. Students will receive an information letter outlining the details for the sports and also a commitment/permission form which must be returned to the School by the stated date. As co-ordinators need to submit teams early we urge students to return the completed form as soon as possible.

Whilst the School will endeavour to provide opportunities for students to participate in the sport(s) of their choice, this is dependent on there being sufficient numbers to make up viable teams at the deadline for the return of permission forms. As it is not possible to enter teams into rosters without parental support, we require a parental manager (or co-managers) for each team, who will both support our coaches and provide adult support to students. The best way for parents to maximise enjoyment is to volunteer their services and become involved.

Please read the Co-curricular Handbook for further details of each sport or contact the Director of Sport, Helen Manson - [hmanson@friends.tas.edu.au](mailto:hmanson@friends.tas.edu.au).

### Summer sports registration Friday 8 February

Swimming squad, sailing, orienteering, girls soccer (Year 7-12), boys tennis (Year 7-10), girls basketball (Years 7/8, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nds</sup>), boys basketball (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nds</sup>, Year 7-10), boys cricket (Year 7) and softball (Year 10-12).

\*Please note all sports are 7-12 unless specified.

### Sports Coaches/Managers

In order to provide an expansive sports program at Friends', we depend on support from the wider School community. If you are able to provide assistance in some capacity, would you please return the enclosed Sport Coaching/Management register to the Director of Sport, Helen Manson.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Team Selections

Girls and Boys Basketball - Tuesday 12 February, Wednesday 13 February, Thursday 14 February, High School Gym.

Softball - Wednesday 13 February, Bell Street.

Girls Soccer - Tuesday/Thursday 12/14 February Bell Street

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Girls Soccer Coach

We urgently require a coach for the 1<sup>st</sup> Girls Soccer Team. If you can assist, please contact Sandra Brooks via email, [sbrooks@friends.tas.edu.au](mailto:sbrooks@friends.tas.edu.au) or telephone 6210 2200.

### Swimming Squad

Training times for non-club swimmers. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6.45am-8.00am starting Wednesday 13 February.

## CALENDAR 2008

*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

11	Regatta Day Public Holiday
12	Years 8-10 Photos
14	Clemes Prize Giving
14	P&F Bus tour for new Parents
15	Whole School Gathering
16-17	Kayaking A course
19	Year 7 Swimming Carnival Parents & Friends Meeting Board Executive Meeting
20-22	Year 7 Camp - Group 1
22	Morris Twilight Drinks hosted by the P&F
23	50 Year reunion
23-24	Kayaking A course
24-26	Clemes Environmental Science trip
26-28	Year 7 Camp - Group 2
26	Morris Photos
27-29	Year 7 Camp - Group 3
28	Morris Swimming Carnival Years 8-12 Swimming Carnival
29	Harmony Day

### Term Dates For 2008

Term 1	Thursday 7 February	Friday 23 May
Easter Break	Friday 21 March	Friday 28 March

Term 2	Tuesday 17 June	Friday 5 September
Semester Break	Monday 21 July	for students and staff
Term 3	Monday 22 September	Thursday 11 December