



## WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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### **Quaker Query of the Week**

*How different would your life be if you were to give up your material possessions, would it really change the way you live?*

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

### **End of Year Gathering - *Giving***

**7.00pm Thursday 3 December, Federation Concert Hall**

One of the key events that brings our School student, parent and staff community closer is the End of Year Gathering. On this special occasion, we are able to gather, share, enjoy and celebrate the diverse contributions from many students K-12 as well as reflect on our own journeys over the year.

Please note that this year we are at the Federation Concert Hall, 1 Davey Street. It is a rather different style of venue and we plan to use its best features for a slightly different style of Gathering. As usual there will be music in the foyer prior to the 7.00pm start time and also a wonderful array of music on stage during the night, including a massed student choir.

This year's theme is *Giving*. Student presentations will share their experience of giving and the richness this brings to their own lives. We are returning to the tradition of a Giving Tree and will invite all members of the School community to bring gifts to place there before the Gathering commences.

The Concert Hall has a slightly smaller audience capacity than our previous venue and we encourage families to arrive early, both to secure parking and to be sure of a seat. Performers will be backstage when not on the concert stage which will ease the pressure on seating.

We ask that families are seated together in the spirit of the event. Unaccompanied students will be seated in an area to be supervised by staff. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Susan Williams, on behalf of the organising committee*

## Whooping Cough

We have had a case of Whooping Cough at School. As this is a notifiable disease we are keen to ensure that all parents are well informed about measures you may need to take to look after the health of your children.

While most children and adults have probably been vaccinated, some members of your family may be more vulnerable to infection. Please check the information sheet on the Department of Health and Human Services website [http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/service\\_information/information/whooping\\_cough\\_pertussis](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/service_information/information/whooping_cough_pertussis), consult your doctor if you or your child have any symptoms and inform the School of any confirmed case.

## Buy Back of Second Hand Books

Birchalls Bookstore will again this year accept selected books for re-sale at their outlet, 147 Bathurst Street (opposite Mercure Hotel), on the following dates:

Years 10, 11 and 12: 24 November to 27 November between 9.00am and 5.00pm; and  
Years 7, 8 and 9: 1 December to 4 December between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

## Student Exchange

Student exchange organisation AFS is sending 30 lucky Tasmanian students to Japan this December to tour the country with hundreds of students from all over the world. Year 9 Friends' student Heather Howard has been selected to join this group in this program funded entirely by the Japanese Government. Heather departs Melbourne 2 December and returns 18 December. The program is called the AFS Experience Japan JENESYS Program. If you are interested in applying for this or any other AFS program in 2010 please check the AFS website [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au).

## 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

## 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 in 1941, with profits from the School Fair, the old Assembly Hall was partly re-roofed, the stage was raised one foot and extension wings to the stage were built?

### **Class of 1984 Reunion**

On Saturday night the School hosted nearly forty Old Scholars from the Class of 1984. A wonderful night was had by all with guests coming from as far away as Japan. If you are an old scholar and would like to help organise a reunion please give me a call. Our office holds many reunions each year to help past students keep in touch with the School.

### **Morris Collaborative Art**

We are pleased to announce that the wonderful Morris - Friends' Primary Years collaborative art pieces that were produced for the Biennial Auction have been transferred onto a series of cards for use by the School community. If you would like to purchase some cards, please contact this office and we can arrange delivery from next week. They will sell for \$20 a pack of 10.

### **New Assembly Hall Goes Vertical**

The first piece of wall was placed on the Argyle Street site for the new Assembly Hall this week. Feel free to look at the progress on our website at [http://www.friends.tas.edu.au/school\\_environment/projects](http://www.friends.tas.edu.au/school_environment/projects)

*Steve McQueeney, Development and Community Relations Manager*

## **MORRIS**

### **Year 3 Outdoor Education**

On Friday 27 November, Year 3 will participate in their final Outdoor Education excursion for this year. They will travel by bus to the Climbing Edge in Bathurst Street for a two-hour rock climbing experience and Year 9 students will be belaying the Year 3 students. Students should wear the school sports uniform and bring a large water bottle.

### **Year 4**

On Friday 4 December, both Year 4 classes will be going on an Outdoor Education Day. This activity will involve a walk at Tarooma and Kingston Beaches culminating with some games and free time at Kingston Beach. The excursion will be for the full school day leaving at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm. Students need to come dressed appropriately for outdoor walking and will need to bring a hat, sun protection, packed lunch and lots of water. They are also encouraged to bring a wet weather jacket.

On the last day of school, Thursday 10 December, the Year 4 students invite their families to join us for an end of year party and shared picnic lunch at Wentworth Park, Bellerive. We will be leaving school at 10.00am and returning at 1.30pm. The picnic lunch will be at 11.30 am. Dress for students will be full sports uniform.

### **K-2 Mini Sports Day**

The K-2 Mini Sports Day will be held on Friday 27 November commencing at 12.00pm on the Bottom Green (Argyle Street campus). Students will participate in a variety of events that they have been practising during Physical Education. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

## **Year 5 Outdoor Education**

All Year 5 classes will be going on an Outdoor Education trip on Tuesday 24 November to Risdon Brook Dam. Further details will be sent home with individual children shortly.

# **HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Lost Property**

Late last week our lost property drawers were sorted and many items were returned to their owners. Sadly, in some cases, we were not able to find homes for some items, as there was no name to identify the owner. It is a timely reminder to us all that student property should be clearly named. Students should pay particular attention to the naming of blazers, rugby tops and their polo top. With 560 students in the High School it is difficult to locate the owner of lost property if items are not named.

Security of items such as i-pods, mobile phones etc. is the responsibility of the students and consequently, they are advised to leave these items at home or secure them in their lockers when not needed.

Lost property items currently in the High School office will be kept for a further two weeks. Any item not collected after this time will be given to the Uniform Shop or handed to charity.

## **Youth and Alcohol**

In recent weeks, several of our senior PSD classes have been spoken to by a representative from Tasmania Police. The context of the presentation has been to raise awareness of safe practices when dealing with youth and alcohol. From this discussion we would like to share some very interesting information on the Sale and Supply of Alcohol to Youths legislation.

This legislation regulates the supply of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years, on private property. “The legislation supports a responsible approach by parents, guardians, and other adults with parental rights, who choose to supply young people with alcohol.”

Essentially, the message for us all to heed is, “if you supply someone under the age of 18 years with alcohol on private property, and:

- you are not the responsible adult
- do not have the permission of the responsible adult, and
- do not supply alcohol in a responsible manner

you will be breaking the law, and may be fined or face imprisonment”.

There is a range of information on this topic, which can be accessed at the following website: [www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au)

### **Year 7 Connections**

Next week (23–27 November) is Film Week for the Year 7 students. Students may wear sports uniform for the week and may bring things from home for props or costumes. The week culminates with a showing of the films that the students have produced, at a UTAS theatre, followed by a barbecue back at school and an awards ceremony.

### **Year 8 Connections**

Wednesday 25 November is the scheduled starting date for the Year 8 Connections program. The topic for the program is 'Worlds Apart'. Students will have the opportunity to explore the notion of culture; develop an understanding of their own culture and explore the culture of a group of people from another country. They will be responding in many forms – discussion, writing, role-plays, through the use of technology and in artwork. Assessment will involve student reflection and teacher evaluation.

### **Year 9 CASC Program**

Students in Year 9 will be participating in a range of workshops and activities as part of CASC week from next Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 November. Details have already been sent home in a letter to parents. We ask that students take note of meeting times and locations as well as what gear and equipment they will require for their program. Students may wear plain clothes on these days. Queries can be directed to Adam Chambers, Year 9 Co-ordinator on 6210 2200 or email [achambers@friends.tas.edu.au](mailto:achambers@friends.tas.edu.au)

## **CLEMES**

### **Clemes Exams**

Both TCE and IB students have now finished exams. TCE students who have requested to have their results emailed to them will receive them on 15 December. Posted results should be received on 16 December. Enclosed with the results will be information explaining how to request to view examination scripts. This process is managed by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority.

IB results are released on 4 January.

### **Student References**

Leaving students will each receive a reference written by their tutor. These will be posted to students before School closes this year.

### **Mentone Grammar Year 12 Trip**

Mentone Grammar School in Melbourne has contacted Friends' and offered our 2010 Year 12 students the opportunity to participate in an end of year trip to Papua New Guinea, including part of the Kokoda Track. The tour group will leave Melbourne on Saturday 20 November and returns on Sunday 5 December. Current Year 11 students and/or parents who are interested in finding out more please contact Tony Barrett at the Clemes Office, telephone 6210 2255.

# CO-CURRICULAR

## Sport

### SOUTHERN SCHOOLS HUNTER EQUESTRIAN TRIALS

Sunday 29 November

Huntingfield

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 boys basketball team on placing equal third in the recent State Schools championship in Burnie.

## Sport Rosters

SPORT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Cricket</b>		
<b>Monday 23 November</b>		
Y7-8 Boys v Hutchins B	Bell Street	4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 17 November</b>		
Y8-9 Boys v Rosetta	Bell Street	4.30pm
<b>Wednesday 25 November</b>		
Y9-10 Girls v Ogilvie Sym.	Bell Street	4.30pm

## 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.*

### November

23-27	Connections Week
	Year 10 Exams
27	K-Y2 Mini Sports Day
	Year 10 Formal
26	Families Matter - Engaging Adolescents
30-1 December	Year 10 Clemes orientation
30	Year 7 orientation
	Morris orientation

### December

1	Year 6 excursion to St. Mary's Cathedral and the Mosque
2-3	Year 10 CASC/Outdoor Education
3	End of Year Gathering

4 Year 6 Leavers Gathering and Social  
Year 10 Big Day Out  
Volunteers Thank You Function

**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 School office closes

**January**

4 School office re-opens

**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

## ***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 and the environment, 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.*