



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.

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

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 7, 8 and 9: 1 December to 4 December between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

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

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 1984 the old Assembly Hall was far too small for School uses so it became a Drama Theatre and students moved to assemble on the floor of the WN Oats Centre?

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

Volunteer Lunch

On Friday 4 December, John Green has arranged for a lunch to thank our wonderful volunteers. Invitations have been sent out but if you have been able to help the School this year and have not received an invitation, please call 6210 2203 as we want to see as many volunteers as possible at this important function.

Focus Advertising 2010

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

Morris Art Collaborative 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 all 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 and Orford not included.)

Steve McQueeney, Development and Community Relations Manager

EARLY YEARS

Christmas Break Holiday Programs

Places in The Friends' School Holiday Program and the Casual Kinder Care Program for the Christmas break have been filling up fast. If you require care for this period, please return your booking slip as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Outside School Hours and Outside Kinder Hours Booking Acceptance

We would like to remind our Outside School Hours and Outside Kinder Hours families that the deadline for 2010 booking confirmations has passed. We have an extremely large waiting list for both of these services and will shortly commence offering unconfirmed places to other families on these lists.

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 5/6 Transition Day

On Tuesday 8 December at 12 Noon, Year 5 and Year 6 students will be walking to the Soldier's Memorial Walk at the top of the Domain. In small groups Year 6 students will be sharing information with Year 5 students about leadership roles, Canberra trip, Units of Inquiry, Camp at Orford and extra responsibilities. All students will require a snack, drink and hat.

Year 6 Last Day Celebrations

On Thursday 9 December Year 6 students will be going to Seven Mile Beach. They will be leaving school at 10.00am and returning at 3.00pm. Students will need a packed lunch, a drink and a hat. Children will be allowed to bring a small amount of money to purchase an ice cream from the local shop. School uniform is not required.

Morris Music News

The Morris Choir and Morris Minor Choir are performing at the End of Year Gathering on Thursday 3 December at the Federation Concert Hall, Davey Street. Morris performers are to meet in the foyer at 6.30pm. Individual notices with more details have been sent home with these students.

The Morris band will perform on Friday 4 December for the Year 6 Leavers Gathering at 9.45am. Please make sure these students are in formal uniform with instruments at School on this day.

All school hire musical instruments are to be returned to school by Friday 4 December for cataloguing. Students who wish to borrow an instrument over the Christmas break may do so on the final day of School.

HIGH SCHOOL

Important Occasions and Dates

The End of Year Gathering will be held on Thursday 3 December. Students are expected to wear full school uniform.

The Year 10 Twilight Gathering/Assembly will begin at 6.00pm in 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.

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.

Reports - Years 7-9 and Parent/Tutor Interviews - 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. A letter will be sent home shortly outlining venues and procedures for meeting with staff. It is important to note that there will be no interview times booked in advance, but we invite parents to meet with Tutors in an informal atmosphere.

The last day for the 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.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these occasions as we celebrate many achievements of our High School students during 2009.

Connections Week

This week our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have participated in yet another trans-disciplinary Connections Program. The Connections Programs provides students across the year groups with the opportunity to work within a range of disciplines and peer groups as they work toward achieving rewarding and interesting educational outcomes.

For a program such as this to succeed, it takes a significant commitment from staff and students alike. We would like to thank our Year Group Curriculum Co-ordinators, Beverley Carr – Year 7, Karina Churchill – Year 8 and Adam Chambers – Year 9 for leading their teams through such a positive experience for our students. We thank the students for involving themselves in the program in such a positive manner.

Art News

Australia's Fashion Fantasia - wearable art extravaganza - dramatic colour and fantasy – it

is set to be a night to remember.

Art on Legs is on Friday 11 December and Saturday 12 December at Hutchins School Auditorium. Ticket cost is from \$20 to \$40.

This year we have 11 entries from the Year 10 art classes. They are Bronwyn Gould, Nicholas Casimaty, Heather McGushin, Olivia Mulcahy, Sarah Lock, Madelaine Comfort, Imogen Moore, Laura Turner, Jordyn Robottom, Catharine Howe and Lydia Birch. They would love the support of the Friends' community.

Week Zero @ Clemes

“It's about new beginnings.”

“Learning about new situations and new surroundings.”

“It's about planning for new directions.”

Having just finished exams and celebrated the end of their High School days, Year 10 students will attend their final school week of 2009 on the Clemes campus. The week's format is designed to encourage students to reflect upon their life at school and to consider how they will approach their schooling and life in general in the years to come. While not all students will be continuing on to Clemes, we hope that the sessions will be of value to all students, whatever their future pathway.

Monday through to Wednesday will consist of an orientation program that will be held on the Clemes campus. During this time, students will be informed about how to make the most of Years 11 and 12, what they can look forward to, where to go for help and how they can help each other. Students will also arrange times to meet their tutors for 2010 and reflect on their Pathway Plans. In addition, there are workshops, seminars and guest presenters speaking on a range of subjects including: Cyber safety; Relationships; Quaker values; exam reflection; and how to set and achieve goals in life. These sessions will require students to wear formal school uniform.

Thursday is devoted to Creativity, Action and Service, where students will attend a placement of their choice either in school or in the community. Permission forms are required for all non-school based activities. Should a student be unable to attend on this day, the High School office must be informed immediately to ensure our generous hosts will be able to be notified. Students should wear appropriate free dress on this day.

Friday is this year's Big Day Out, a trip on the Cartela ferry including a stopover and BBQ lunch at Kettering. Students are to arrive at the Brooke Street Pier by 8.45am for a 9.00am departure. Supervising staff will be attending from 8.30am. Again, please advise the High School Office early that morning if a student is unwell or not attending - so we are not waiting for students. The trip will return at 3.00pm and students will be dismissed from the Brooke Street Pier. Supervision will be provided until 3.15pm.

Students may wear free dress for the Big Day Out, however they should wear appropriate footwear for a short walk to the picnic site and should adhere to the School Sun-Safe

policy – hats, sunscreen and long sleeved shirts. Unfortunately, there will not be an opportunity for swimming. Please advise the School of any additional medication requirements (including sea sickness medication) that is not already noted on the School database.

For details regarding the program, go to FriendsNet, Year 10 Connections.

CO-CURRICULAR

Music

Music Instrument Recall

During the final weeks of this school year the Music Department will be performing a Musical Instrument stocktake. All students who have a Friends' School instrument are asked to return it and all its accessories to the Music Department by Friday 4 December. If you are no longer learning an instrument at School, but may have had an instrument at home, we would be very grateful if you would please take this opportunity to check. Should students wish to have the instrument over the summer holidays, it can be checked out and collected again on Friday 11 December. Remaining instruments will be re-distributed at the beginning of the 2010 School year.

Year 10 and Year 11/12 Marimba Performances and Rehearsals

The Year 11/12 Marimba Ensemble will be performing in the End of Year Gathering on 3 December. They will rehearse at School from 12 Noon to 1.00pm and from 1.30 to 2.15pm on Wednesday 2 December, and again at the Federation Concert Hall from 9.30 to 10.00am on Thursday 3 December.

The Year 10 Marimba Ensemble will be performing in the Twilight Assembly on Wednesday 9 December. They will rehearse in the WN Oats Centre at 4.00pm that afternoon.

Sport Rosters

SPORT	LOCATION	TIME
Cricket		
Monday 30 November		
Y7-8 Boys v New Town A	Bell Street	4.30pm
Tuesday 1 December		
Y8-9 Boys v St. Virgil's	St. Virgil's JPC	4.30pm
Wednesday 2 December		
Y9-10 Girls v Ogilvie All	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.

November

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
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



High School Wellbeing Meal Specials

monday	baked potato with chilli con carne & sour cream	\$4.50
tuesday	tandoori lamb burger with tzatziki & wedges	\$4.50
wednesday	grilled chicken souvlaki	\$4.50
thursday	roast of the day with vegetables & potatoes	\$5.00
friday	fish & wedges with lemon & tartare sauce	\$5.00

*add a 300ml Just Squeezed juice or bottled water
for only \$1.50*

