



WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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Quaker Query of the Week

When a culture is not your own, do you try to respect and comprehend the beliefs or traditions that are followed?

We acknowledge the current Year 10 students for contributions to the Quaker Query of the Week.

Far South

Today is the last day of the 2008 Year 7 camps at Far South. Three separate groups of Year 7's have each spent three days at the camp. It is fitting that groups from Friends' were the first school groups to use a camp that is now owned and operated by The Friends' School.

Even though we anticipate that more groups from Friends' will use the camp, it will also be used by Government, Catholic and other Independent schools. We have also received inquiries from interstate and overseas schools for possible use from 2009 and beyond.

No matter what their size, all school communities are a rich resource for rumour. We are a large school so I was not too surprised to receive, directly and indirectly, views from parents and prospective parents about supposed plans for the future use of Far South. Views about plans not yet made.

Of course there has been a lot of excited discussion about a whole range of possibilities, including, some years away, longer term stays for selected groups of older children experiencing the transition between adolescence and young adulthood.

A growing body of research highlights the positive social and emotional development that is associated with groups of adolescents working together in a natural environment. However, despite the research we are a long way from making longer stays at Far South a reality.

No firm plans will be made without first consulting our community. We would also need to develop a master plan for Far South and build additional infrastructure on the site. Before

funds can be found for this we must first complete the major project of building a gathering space or assembly hall that can accommodate whole sections of the School in comfort.

I in no way wish to commit succeeding Principals of Friends' to concrete plans for Far South, but I am prepared to sketch out some realistic possibilities. The first is that, even with additional infrastructure, it is unlikely that whole Year groups could be offered a long stay experience, so when the option is eventually offered it is likely to be offered as an elective.

Also, because of the relative closeness of the camp to Hobart, the structure of the stays is likely to differ from those offered by some of the more wealthy independent mainland schools. For example stays can be structured on a Monday to Friday basis and for groups of up to 40 or 50 only. However, in the absence of any wealthy benefactors, this prospect is I think at least five years away.

In the meantime we hope that all our students will have the opportunity, at some time in their school lives, to experience at least one short stay at Far South so that they gain a better understanding of the natural environment and the issues connected with sustainability.

*John Green
Principal*

Theatre Excursion - Oklahoma!

All Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students are encouraged to attend this production. Presented by the Hobart Theatre Summer School & SPACE, this well-known musical features many student performers and musicians.

Students in Year 10 are required to write two theatre reviews in Semester 1 and this will be an ideal production to discuss and review. Cemes students also have review deadlines to meet this term.

When: Wednesday 5 March, 7.30pm - please meet promptly at 7.15pm

Finishing time TBA - watch the High School student bulletin. Students must arrange to be collected after the event.

Where: Mount Nelson Theatre, Hobart College, Mount Nelson

Cost: \$18.30 for students - please pay the Main School Office.

Tammy Giblin, Director of Drama

Uniform Centre Opening Times

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

MORRIS

New Parents Information Evening

On 5 March at 7.00pm we will be holding a parent information evening. The focus of the meeting will be to explore the Primary Years Program and our assessment and reporting practices. It will also provide an opportunity for parents new to the School, or who have been unable to attend in previous years, to meet one another. Please RSVP to Lesley Tyrrell on 6210 2228, by 3 March, if you are able to attend.

Year 1 Excursion

On Wednesday 5 March, Year 1 will be going on an excursion to Coningham to investigate a freshwater habitat as part of our "Sharing the Planet" unit of inquiry. Students will need to wear gumboots and suitable clothes for walking and exploring the edge of the water. We will be eating recess and lunch at Coningham. A separate note giving further details will be sent home next week. Parents are more than welcome to accompany us - please see Jess Dundas or Whendiey Gearside if you would like to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL

Immunisations

The 2008 immunisation program conducted by Hobart City Council will be held on 8 April. Students in Years 7 and 10 have already received consent forms and these should be returned to the High School office by Monday 3 March. We regret that late forms cannot be accepted. Students who miss this deadline have the option to attend the free monthly immunisation clinic or visit their own GP.

The Gardasil vaccine will only be offered to Year 7 girls as part of the annual immunisation program. Any other student who would like to receive the Gardasil vaccine may attend the Council's free immunisation clinics which are held on the second Thursday of every month from 12.00-1.30pm. There will also be free Saturday clinics from 10.00am-12noon on 12 April, 21 June, and 11 October. Bookings for these clinics are essential and can be made by phoning 6238 2715.

Clean Up Australia Day: School Clean Up Day

High School Service Committee students have committed to help clean up in our local School area. Interested students will be cleaning up either side of the Argyle Street overpass during lunchtime on Wednesday 5 March. Clean up equipment will be provided. Please contact Jane Smith if you would like to assist during lunchtime or have any queries.

CLEMES

Student Information

A reminder to all students that they are expected to be at school by 10.15am for registration with their tutor. The students must use the sign-in and sign-out book if they have an appointment during the day.

Clemes Parent/Tutor evening

Parents are warmly invited to meet with their child's tutor for refreshments, followed by a chance to talk individually with the tutor on Thursday 6 March at 5.30pm in the Mark Curtis Foyer at Clemes.

Moderation

Moderation will be held on Tuesday 11 March in Launceston. Students will not be required to attend Clemes.

Aquatics Carnival

The Clemes Aquatics Carnival was held on Wednesday at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all those students who participated or assisted at the carnival.

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 Louise Chesterman

Excursions

Health Studies students will be going to the Clinical School library in their morning lesson on 3, 4 and 7 March. They are to meet Louise Chesterman or Ludmila Vitesnikova on the steps of the Clinical School in Collins Street at 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made with the teacher.

CO-CURRICULAR

Debating

As a pre-cursor to the TDU debating competition which begins on 12 March this year, a Friends' School debating workshop will be held from 4.00-5.30pm on Tuesday 4 March in Hodgkin Hall. Students from Years 7 to 12 are encouraged to attend this workshop. Enquiries Betty Reeve/ Kathy Rundle, phone 6210 2200.

Music

Prospective students of Bassoon, French Horn and Double Bass

Judith Tudball is very keen to hear from students, especially around the Year 7 age group, who are interested in learning to play bassoon, french horn or double bass. Demonstration lessons can be arranged for students who wish to pursue learning one of these instruments. Particularly suitable, but not restricted to, are students who perhaps already play piano, can read music and who are looking for an instrument that will allow them to eventually join an ensemble. Please contact Judith Tudball on jtudball@friends.tas.edu.au or phone 6210 2200 if interested.

Year 7-12 Music Department Performing Ensembles

Rehearsals for Music Department Performing Ensembles are well under way; however it is not too late to join most ensembles. 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

Please note the following changes (*in bold and italics*) to the Year 7-12 Music Department Rehearsals.

Due to wonderfully large numbers of student participants, we have had to create two new performing ensembles. The Year 7-12 Choir has been split to create two choirs - a Year 7/8 Choir that will rehearse on Mondays at lunch, and the Year 9-12 Choir that rehearses Wednesdays at lunch. The Year 8/9 Marimba Ensemble has also been split to create a Year 8 Marimba Ensemble (Monday 8.00am) and a Year 9 Marimba Ensemble (Thursday 8.00am). Gerard van de Geer from UTAS will take the Year 8 Marimba Ensemble. Both of these new ensembles began rehearsing on Monday this week and had most successful rehearsals.

Monday: **8.00-8.30am - Yr 8 Marimba Ensemble** (NB: This is a new ensemble)

1.00-1.30pm - Yr 7/8 Choir (NB: This is a new ensemble)

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

4.00-5.30pm - Stage Band

Tuesday: 7.45-8.30am - Yr 10/11 Marimba Ensemble

4.00-5.30pm - Yr 7-12 Concert Band

Wednesday: 1.00-1.45pm Yr 9-12 Choir

Thursday: 8.00-8.30am - Yr 9 Marimba Ensemble

1.00-1.30pm - Senior Vocal Ensemble

NB: All Yr 7-12 rehearsals (with the exception of the Yr 7-12 String Ensemble in Hodgkin Hall) will take place in the Sheila Given Music Centre.

Co-Curricular Music Lessons

Most co-curricular music lessons began this week, and lessons yet to start should commence in the next week. Please read the student bulletin carefully each day, or regularly check the Music noticeboard in the foyer of the Sheila Given Music Centre.

Missed Lesson Notification

Students who have variations to normal school routine must notify their co-curricular Music teacher of their impending absence at least 24 hours beforehand. There are several variations to school routine occurring in the weeks leading to the Easter break, such as Year 8 Brain Week, Year 9 Bruny Island, Year 7 Beach Days and the Year 7 Aquatics Carnival. Please ensure that you have the phone/email contact of your co-curricular music teacher and ensure that they are informed in advance of absences, or you may be charged for the missed lessons.

Trumpet Lessons

Ashley Moor is working and traveling overseas and will not be returning to teach Trumpet at Friends'. His replacement is Chris Williams - Chris is a casual trumpet player with the TSO, and many students had a few lessons with him in Ashley's absence at the end of 2007. Chris will be beginning lessons next week and he will be contacting students regarding lesson times.

Saxophone Lessons

Jabra Latham will be starting Saxophone lessons for students in Year's 7-12 next week.

Drum Lessons in Morris

Paul Murty will not be returning to teach Drums in Morris. However, Tracey Patten will continue teaching percussion at Morris.

Morris Music Ensemble Rehearsals

Morris Strings which will commence rehearsals for 2008 next week on Thursday 6 March.

Morris Band: Tuesday 8.00am - 8.55am in the Morris Music classroom.

Morris Strings: Thursday 8.15am - 9.15am in the Morris Music classroom (commencing Thursday 6 March)

Morris Choir: Friday 8.00am - 9.00am in the Morris Music classroom.

Year 3 String Program and Violin/Viola lessons

The new Year 3 String Program involving group violin lessons with Anna Maguire and group cello lessons with Sue Pickering will begin next week. Group lessons will take place on Wednesdays, and students should now be aware of lesson times. Individual co-curricular violin/viola lessons with Anna Maguire will all be taking place next week.

Sport Rosters

SPORT	LOCATION	TIME
Girls Basketball		
Friday 29 February 1 st Grade v Collegiate	Friends'	4.15pm
Tuesday 4 March Year 7 Div 1 v MacKillop	MacKillop	5.00pm
Year 8 v Fahan	Friends'	4.15pm
Boys Basketball		
Wednesday 5 March Year 9 v Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart	4.15pm
Year 10 v Sacred Heart Red	Friends'	4.15pm
Thursday 6 March Year 7 v St. Virgil's B	Friends'	4.15pm
Year 8 v Dominic	Dominic	4.15pm
Friday 22 February 1 st Grade v Hutchins	Bartercard	4.15pm
Boys Cricket		
Friday 29 February Year 7 v Rose Bay Blue	Friends'	
Saturday 1 March 2nd XI v Hutchins	TBA	10.00am
Orienteering		
Wednesday 5 March	Domain – top car park	4.00pm
Girls Softball		
Wednesday 5 March 2 nd Grade v St. Mary's	St. Mary's	4.15pm
Boys Tennis		
Friday 29 February 3 rd Grade v Hutchins	Friends'	4.15pm
Tuesday 4 March Year 9 v Sacred Heart B	Glenorchy	4.15pm
Year 10 Red	BYE	

Year 10 White v Year 10 Blue Domain 4.15pm

Wednesday 5 March

Year 8 White v Year 8 Blue Glenorchy 4.15pm
Year 8 Red BYE

CALENDAR 2008

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.

MARCH

1-2 International Club Camp
1 Southern All Schools Rowing Regatta
3-9 National Rowing Championships
3 Year 7 Swimming Carnival
6 Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival
 Clemes Parent/Tutor evening
7 Year 7 Beach Day – Penn
8-9 Kayaking A Course
10 Eight Hour Day holiday
11 TQA Moderation Day
 Board Executive meeting
12 Year 7 Beach Day – Mott
13-18 Our Amazing Brains
14-20 Year 9 Bruny Experience
14 P&F High School Twilight Drinks
15-16 North West Schools Rowing
17 State SATIS Swimming Carnival
21-28 Easter break
28-30 Year 10 Climbing
29 1958 Reunion

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