



WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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Quaker Query of the Week

Do you respect people for their individuality?

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

School Photographs

The annual School photography sessions are nearing conclusion. The staff, Year 7 and Year 11 and 12 students completed their photographs last week and this week Years 8, 9 and 10 have had their photographs taken. Students in Morris are having their photo day on Tuesday 26 February. Please note that this year there is no provision for family shots as part of the School-wide sessions.

Some students have been absent during the times allocated to their classes. It is most important that all students and staff have individual photos, as they are used for a number of purposes including Library and ID cards.

Students from Clemes and High School who have missed having their individual photo taken should be prepared to attend at Morris on 26 February from 9.00am. Enquiries to Kathy Rundle 6210 2200.

Falls Creek Ski Trip 2008

The aim of this trip is to provide students with an enjoyable skiing holiday at the lowest possible cost. The trip is suitable for both experienced skiers or snowboarders as well as novices since graded lessons are provided from beginner to advanced.

To provide the maximum number of places for students, the number of supervising adults is kept to a minimum, which in turn requires participating students to be totally responsible, reliable and co-operative. The organisers have to feel confident

that students participating in the trip can fulfill all of these criteria and the group will be formed on this basis.

We offer places to Clemes students first, on the basis described above, followed by Year 10 then Year 9. The dates are -

Leave Hobart - Sunday 14 September

Return Hobart Saturday 20 September.

This is the second week of the school holidays.

Approximate Cost is \$1,050 for skiers and \$1,120 for snowboarders, which covers all transport, accommodation, ski hire, 5 x 1.5 hour lessons, lift tickets, park entry fees and all meals.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to be paid before Friday 21 March, a second payment by mid-May and the balance in July. We will inform participants of the final cost before the last payment.

Students who wish to be considered for a place, should obtain a form from the High School or Clemes offices.

Stephen and Kathy Bunton

Volunteers

Parents and friends of the School undertake many voluntary tasks in support of the School. These tasks vary from the coaching of sport and cultural teams, to the support of Music in the School. Some parents and friends help in Morris and libraries across the School. For many years now parents from across the School, former staff and friends have participated in the regular Tuesday afternoon Volunteers Program which runs from the Archives Room from 1.30-3.45pm.

If you would like to join this happy group of parents and friends who undertake tasks varying from maintenance of the School costume collection to polishing and storing sports trophies, from historic research to filing and sewing- please contact Kathy Rundle on 6210 2200 or call in at Archives on the High School campus from 1.30pm on Tuesdays.

Like Catching Water in a Net

Dr Val Webb, a Theologian and Scientist, will hold an information session exploring how we experience and speak of 'God' beyond religious doctrine. This will be held at the Meeting House, Boa Vista Road, on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm. RSVP

and enquiries to Madeleine on 6229 5941, Rod on 6278 2900 or email office@hobartnorth.unitingchurch.org.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

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

MORRIS

Welcome back. It has been a delight to walk around Morris and see our families settling in to the New Year at Friends'. You will have missed Allison Pocius in the School over the last week. Unfortunately Allison has to undergo emergency surgery and will be on extended sick leave to recuperate. We all wish her well in her recovery. In the interim, I have asked Gillan Edmiston and Anne Potter to share the role of Acting Head of Morris. I have enormous faith in the whole team at Morris and know that they will continue the work planned for this term.

John Green, Principal

Year 6 Leadership Conference

On Tuesday next week the Year 6 students will be attending their Leadership Conference. This is an opportunity for every student to explore their leadership strengths, to consider the value of working in teams, to investigate values based action and to begin working in their various leadership roles.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aquatics Carnival Change of Date

The Year 7 Aquatics Carnival date has been changed from that originally published. On reflection we have decided that holding the carnival the day prior to the Year 7 camp would be putting too much pressure on students and families at such an early stage in the School year. The carnival will now be held on the morning of Monday 3 March at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Further details will be published in the next What's On.

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

Permission and health forms have been sent home with students. It is most important that these are returned promptly as the first camp begins next week.

Parent Tutor interviews

Hopefully tutors have now made contact with parents of new High School students. The evening of Tuesday 19 February has been set aside for Parent Tutor interviews and we hope that parents of students new to the High School take this opportunity to meet with Tutors.

Year 9 - Bruny Island Experience

All Year 9 students will have received an introductory letter today about the forthcoming Bruny Island Experience (March 14 to 20). The letter will be the first of a series to go home in the coming weeks providing information about the experience. In the meantime if further information is required, please contact Lindy Pritchard or Paul Radford.

CLEMES

Letter to Parents

Parents will receive a letter containing details about upcoming events, issues of interest and concerns on Monday. Enclosed with the letter will be your child's timetable for your reference.

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. Invitations to this are included with the parent letter.

From the Dean of Students

Many students and parents greet the start of a new school year with some excitement and perhaps some degree of trepidation as well. If you feel that your son or daughter seems to be feeling somewhat overwhelmed at this time, please remember that there are many support services available to them here at School.

Please encourage them to seek out assistance from Laurel Carland (Careers Advisor), Sandra Wiggins (Student Counsellor), their own tutor as an invaluable resource or myself as Dean of Students. Often small issues can be resolved before they become more significant. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns. *Anne Lynch*

Aquatics Carnival

The Clemes Aquatics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 28 February at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Students are encouraged to participate or to assist with the running of the carnival in some way. Normal classes will run on this day for students not in this carnival.

Kayaking - 'A' Course

This course will be held over two weekends - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February and 23-24 February. Please refer to a letter provided to students for further details.

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

Mary Beadle's and Steve Bunton's Biology classes will have an excursion next week on one of the following days: Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 February on Mt Wellington. Sandra Brook's AAP Geography class will be on a field excursion to Mount Wellington on Monday 18 February between 8.30am and 11.30am. Students will need to wear solid foot wear (no thongs or sandals) and bring wet weather gear.

RACT P-Plate Crash Course

This 10-hour course aimed at provisional drivers is being offered to Friends' School students this term. Only a small number of students will be able to attend the pilot course which includes both practical and theoretical aspects. Students are to contact Lou Chesterman by Monday 18 February to express their interest.

Student use of Cars

This is an early reminder that all students must drive carefully at all times. They must complete a car registration form at the Clemes office by Monday 18 February listing their car details. Car parking is a major issue in and around the school so we

encourage the students to select appropriate spaces in the adjoining streets. Cars are not to be taken out during the day.

CO-CURRICULAR

Debating

Many High School students have registered their interest in Debating this year and have taken home parent permission and information forms. Clemes students will follow suit. Parents are encouraged to send these forms back to School quickly so that teams can be arranged and prepared for the anticipated start to the season mid March.

A Debating Workshop is planned for early March. At this workshop students will be reminded of the rules of the game as well as strategies and techniques.

We need parent/older sibling/grandparent/friend assistance with coaching this year. Prospective coaches may like to attend the workshop and/or workshops run by the Tasmanian Debating Union.

If you are able to offer time after School or at lunch time for weekly or fortnightly coaching and a couple of hours on Wednesday for fortnightly competition could you contact Kathy Rundle or Betty Reeve on 6210 2200.

Music

Year 7-12 Music Department Performing Ensembles

Rehearsals for Music Department Performing Ensembles will commence next week, 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

1.00-1.30pm - Senior Vocal Ensemble

4.00-5.30pm - Year 7-12 Concert Band

Wednesday: 1.00-1.45pm Year 7-12 Choir

Thursday: 8.00-8.30am - Year 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.

Discontinuing Co-Curricular Music Lessons

Parents/Guardians of students wishing to cease co-curricular Music lessons from 2007 must contact Judith Tudball or Jane Wilcox in Accounts as soon as possible or lessons will be charged for Term 1 2008.

Morris Music Ensemble Rehearsals

Morris Music Ensemble rehearsals will commence next week, the week beginning Monday 18 March with the *exception of the Morris Strings which will commence rehearsals on Thursday 6 March.*

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

Morris Strings: Thursday 8.15am - 9.15am in the new Morris Music classroom.

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

Year 3 String Program and Violin/Viola lessons

The new Year 3 String Program and individual co-curricular music lessons with Anna Maguire will commence the week beginning Monday 3 March.

There is one violin place available in the String Program for an interested Year 3 student. Group violin tuition and an instrument are provided - contact Judith Tudball, Director of Music on 6210 2200 or jtudball@friends.tas.edu.au

Sport

Year 7 Aquatics Carnival

The Year 7 Carnival has been postponed until Monday 3 March. See High School section for further details.

Years 8-12 Aquatics Carnival

Thursday 28 February Hobart Aquatic Centre

Southern SATIS Swimming Carnival

Thursday 5 March Hobart Aquatic Centre

Sport Rosters

SPORT

LOCATION

TIME

Boys Cricket

Saturday 16 February

2nd XI v Guilford Young	Friends'	10.00am
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Orienteering

Wednesday 20 February	Wentworth Park, Howrah	4.00pm
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Girls Softball**Monday 18 February**

2 nd Grade	BYE	
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Girls Tennis**Tuesday 19 February**

1 st Grade v Collegiate	Collegiate	4.15pm
2 nd Grade v Collegiate	Friends'	4.15pm

Boys Tennis**Tuesday 19 February**

1 st Grade	BYE	
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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.

FEBRUARY

16-17	Kayaking A course
19	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
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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