



WHAT'S ON AT THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

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Is it better when there is a balance between work and play?

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

End of Year Gathering - Wrest Point Convention Centre 7.00pm, Thursday 4 December

Please join with the entire School community to celebrate the completion of another rewarding School year with our annual End of Year Gathering at the Wrest Point Convention Centre.

The theme of this year's Gathering is *How Shall We Live?* Music will be provided by the Morris Band and the Stage Band in the foyer from 6.00pm.

We ask that students attending the Gathering be dressed in full School uniform and be seated with their parents for the duration of the evening. Students not seated with their family will be directed to staff supervised locations.

A large number of students will be performing in the Gathering and will therefore be involved in rehearsals on the day and in the days leading up to the Gathering. The students concerned will be notified separately of the rehearsal arrangements. Students performing in the event will need to be present at the Convention Centre by 6.30pm.

Entrance to the Convention Centre is directly from the car park but families are reminded to allow plenty of time for parking.

120 Years Celebration Concert - CD Recording

At long last we have available for sale the CD recording of last year's 120 Years Celebration Concert featuring the premiere of *Let Your Life Speak* by Paul Jarman. The CD is accompanied by a booklet which includes the program for the evening and photographs of the

event. The CD will be on sale at the End of Year Gathering and then from the Main School Office.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) – 2009
Available through the Department of Education

The purpose of the Student Assistance Scheme is to provide low income families, independent students or grandparents raising grandchildren with financial assistance towards the cost of school books, materials and levies that are essential for participation in the normal educational program. The scheme provides assistance to students who are enrolled full-time in Kindergarten – Year 12 and whose parents/guardians meet the criteria of the income test. It is compulsory for applicants to provide proof of total parental taxable income, or proof of Centrelink payments for the last financial year (2007/2008). Grandparents will simply need to complete a form and provide proof that their grandchildren are now legally in their care.

Families required to complete a STAS form:

- Those applying for the first time
- Those that have not applied for STAS since 2007 or before but who wish to reapply and
- Those that applied for STAS last year but were not successful

Students who undertake Year 13 must apply for STAS by submitting a new form.

Closing date for applications: 5 December 2008. For further information and to obtain an application form, please contact the Enrolment Administrator, Cheryl Price, telephone 6210 2224.

Human Rights Week March and Awards

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Friends' Amnesty Group are part of the Justice Action Network which will receive the inaugural Schools Human Rights award at the Launch of Human Rights Week on Monday 1 December at Hobart Town Hall, starting at 5.30pm. The Friends' School started the original Network in 1996 and has always been an active part of it.

The annual Human Rights Week march will be held on Friday 5 December starting from the ABC roundabout at 12.30pm and walking to Parliament House lawns for speeches and a commemoration of Human Rights. As usual students are invited to participate but all members of the community are invited.

Water and Power Saving Tips

Use your food waste as compost on your garden.

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

MORRIS

Moving On Day

Tuesday 2 December will be Moving On Day. Classes will begin as normal and there will be no Wells Gathering on this morning. Students will move to their next year's classrooms where they will meet their teachers for 2009 (where possible). They will also meet new students joining Morris next year and work in these groups until morning tea.

Morris Music

On Tuesday 2 December the Morris Band are holding a break-up BBQ and celebration at Parliament Street Park, Sandy Bay from 5.00 – 6.30pm. Food and drinks for students will be provided.

Morris String and Band Rehearsals

On Thursday 4 December all Morris String and Morris Band members are to make their own way to Wrest Point Convention Centre with instruments by 8.20am for rehearsal and setting up. These students will then be taken by bus back to School.

End of Year Gathering Thursday 4 December

All performers are to be seated at Wrest Point by 6.40pm with their ensemble. The Morris Band need to arrive at 6.15pm. Morris performers include all Year 3 students, all Year 2 students, Year 5 Marimba Group, Morris Strings and Morris Band. Separate notices about uniform requirements have been sent home with these student groups. Morris Band and the Morris Choir will be performing on Friday 5 December at approx 10.00am for the Year 6 Leavers' Gathering.

Year 6 Leavers Gathering – *Note Change of time*

On Friday 5 December at 10.00 am we will be holding the Year 6 Morris Leavers Gathering in the Frank Wells Hall. We would like to invite you to join us for this occasion and for morning tea afterwards.

Year 6 Social

On Friday 5 December, the Year 6 classes are having a Social from 7.00pm until 8.30pm in the Frank Wells Hall. We invite the parents to join us in a Barn Dance at 8.25pm when they call to collect their child.

Morris End of Year Reports

Morris End of Year Reports will be sent home with students next Friday, 5 December, and portfolios will be sent home with students during the last week of school. Students in Years

3, 4 and 5 have a two-year rolling portfolio, which will need to be returned during the first weeks of 2009. Other students can keep their portfolios at home permanently.

Year 2 Excursion

On Monday 8 December, the Year 2 group has been invited to attend the Awards ceremony for the 2008 Dr Edward Hall Environment Awards. The ceremony will be at 10.30am at The Town Hall. We will be travelling by bus to and from The Hobart City Hall.

Konnichi wa

In 2009, Morris, Friends' Primary Years is hoping to host a Japanese Assistant Teacher. This will provide the students with a real opportunity to use spoken Japanese and connect with the Japanese culture.

The Japanese Assistant Teacher works as a volunteer alongside the Japanese Teacher. We are looking for a family to host a Japanese Assistant during their stay (March - December). If you think you can help, please contact the Morris office (6210 2228) for more details. Families usually host students for a term at a time and will need to have a spare room. The Assistant Teacher covers their basic living costs.

While we don't know the details of our assistant yet, we do know that they will be a young Japanese person (usually in their 20's) with an interest in education, children and in sharing their language and culture with us and in finding out about the Australian way of life.

Arigatou, Wickins Sensei (Melissa Wickins)

HIGH SCHOOL

Final High School Assemblies

There will be two final High School Assemblies to celebrate the achievements of students this year. There will be an evening assembly for students and families of Year 10 students at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 December. Reports for Year 10 students will be available for parent collection after this assembly. Students in Years 7-9 will have their final assembly at 2.30pm on Wednesday 10 December. Families are most welcome to attend this function.

Reports for High School students will be issued by tutors from the following locations around the High School at the conclusion of the assembly.

Hodgkin Hodgkin Hall
Mather Music Centre

Ransome High School Library
Unwin Drama Theatre

Last day of term

Parents are reminded that High School students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on the last day of term, Thursday 11 December.

Computer returns

All High School students are expected to return their computers to the school for maintenance over the summer holidays. Students should ensure all stickers are removed from their computers and any important work is backed up onto the High School server.

Year 7 Film Festival

We intend making some DVD copies of the festival films and are selling them at the cost of production which is \$5. Forms have been given to the students to order these DVDs and extra forms are available at the front office. Last day for orders is next Monday, 1 December.

Year 7 Let Your Life Speak Food Hamper

As part of the Year 7 Let Your Life Speak Program, we are encouraging students to make a contribution to the Christmas Food Hamper (tinned fruit, biscuits, other suitable dried food plus small gifts, chocolates etc. would be suitable). This food hamper will be in the library from Monday next week and the donations will be taken to a service organisation of the students' choice. All students (7-10) are encouraged to assist in this worthwhile project.

Trish Wilson, Year 7 Co-ordinator

Year 8 Melodrama Performances

Year 8 students in Nicola Collins' Drama class will perform their Melodramas for family and friends on Friday 5 December from 5.00-6.00pm in the Bill and Marjorie Oats Theatre. Students have worked in groups to write, rehearse and stage their melodrama plays. Come along to boo the villains and cheer the heroes in these classic tales of good vs evil.

Sport Rosters

SPORT	LOCATION	TIME
Cricket		
Monday 1 December Y7/8 Boys v Hutchins	Hutchins	4.00pm
Wednesday 3 December Y9/10 Girls v Ogilvie Boatwright	Friends'	4.00pm
Touch Football		
Monday 1 December Y7/8 Girls v MacKillop Green	Showground 4	5.05pm
Wednesday 3 December Y9/10 Girls v MCC Navy Y9/10 Boys v Dominic	Showground 1 Rugby Park 4	4.15pm TBA

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.

December

1	Year 7 2009 Orientation
1-2	Year 10 Clemes Orientation
2	Morris Moving-On Day
4	End of Year Gathering
5	Year 6 Leavers Gathering and Social
	Year 10 Big Day Out
9	Year 10 Twilight Assembly
	Board Executive Meeting
10	Years 7-9 Final Assembly
	High School Parents Collect Reports
	K-2 at Botanical Gardens for Alice in Wonderland
11	Term 3 ends
12	Staff Day
20	1998 Reunion
23	School Office Closes

Term Dates For 2009

Term 1	Thursday 5 February	Friday 22 May
Easter	Friday 10 April	Friday 17 April
Term 2	Tuesday 16 June	Friday 4 September
Semester Break	Monday 20 July	for students and staff
Term 3	Monday 21 September	Thursday 10 December