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From the Headmistress
Welcome to Term 2
Mrs Megan Krimmer | Headmistress

I would like to warmly welcome all girls and their families back after the holiday break. We were blessed with fabulous weather and I hope that the break was a time of fun, relaxation and family time for all.

During the holidays we had two very successful overseas trips with Junior and Senior School girls and teachers travelling to China and to Japan. The girls represented their school so well and with great pride, and I would like to thank them for the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves. I would also like to thank their teachers, Mrs Sorrell and Mrs Lloyd, for giving up their break to accompany the girls. The China trip was led by our inimitable Mrs Ming Urwin, who ensured that our teachers had rich educational and cultural experiences as they travelled through that country. I know that many of our Years 5 and 6 girls, and their parents, are really looking forward to their China trip, which will be led by Mrs Urwin in the next holidays.

Also during the holidays, our swim team had a very successful meet at the National Championships. Huge congratulations must go to Natasha Ramsden (Year 12) who was named fastest junior overall and has been selected to be part of the national team to compete in the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships Team in Fiji later this year. These are outstanding achievements! Congratulations, too, to Amanda Isaac, our Head Swimming Coach and to all our coaches who do such a fantastic job. The team details and results are listed in the Senior School section of this Shuttle.

This term promises to be an action-packed nine weeks. Here are just a few of the events ahead:

- The Senior School Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals this week
- Senior School Musical – The Little Mermaid – opens next week
- The Literary Festival
- Infants Athletics Carnival
- Junior School production
- Music concerts
- The Glow Festival

It certainly was wonderful on Monday to see our girls return to school with huge smiles on their faces, ready to embark on another exciting term of curiosity, creativity, challenge, critical thinking and deep learning, both within and beyond the classroom. I wish our girls a very successful and fulfilling term.
Simpson Prizewinner Winona Lu travels to Western Front

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Winona Lu (Year 11) is the recipient of the highly prestigious Simpson Prize. A national competition, the Simpson Prize encourages participants to explore the significance of the Anzac experience and what it has meant for Australia. Winona’s winning essay was a thoughtful and sophisticated argument richly supported by research, historical detail and the integration of primary and secondary sources.

Winona was presented with this award at Parliament House in Canberra and in April participated in a very meaningful 14-day tour to the Western Front, France, which included attendance at the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Villers-Bretonneux. Winona was a superb representative of Australia and Abbotsleigh.

As Winona will share her experiences of Anzac Day in France over the coming weeks.

Congratulations Winona – we are very proud of you.

Abbotsleigh commemorates ANZAC Day

Each year at Abbotsleigh, we commemorate the landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, not to glorify war, but to glorify those Australian men and women in all wars in our past and present who were, and are, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice, so that we can live in a country characterised by the peace, freedom and democracy that we cherish.

On Monday, a most poignant service was held in the Senior School. Led exceptionally well by Year 9 students Eleanor Wheatley, Megan Luu, Anika Blackman, Arienna Grebert and Anouk Wickham, our girls not only learnt about the sacrifices that were made but also the effect WWI had on the girls and staff at Abbotsleigh. This was especially moving and promoted great empathy amongst our seniors. The Ode was recited and, as the wreath was laid, the names of Abbotsleigh staff and girls who served in WWI were read out. Our talented bugler Amy Fox then played The Last Post and, after a minute’s silence, the Reveille. Amy’s rendition of both pieces was hauntingly beautiful.

On Tuesday, the Junior School girls recognised the significance of Anzac Day during Infants and Primary Chapels with Mrs Coventry telling the older girls some very sobering facts about the tremendous Australian losses during WWI.

Additionally, Abbotsleigh was very well represented at a number of public services commemorating Anzac Day. Last term, Year 9 girls Jacqueline Vanzella, Sophy Ballinger, Charlotte Ryan and Roshiynie Baskaran accompanied Miss Upasiri to the Schools’ Anzac Service in the city; on Anzac Day, Jacinta Lin and Abigail Coffey (Year 12), accompanied by Mrs Ware, laid a wreath during the Anzac Commemoration Service at Wahroonga. Last Sunday, our Junior School Vice Captain, Sophie Chi, and Mrs Coventry represented the School at the Commemorative Service at St John’s Church in Gordon.

The Year 9 girls’ superb speeches can be read here

NAPLAN testing 15-17 May

The girls in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide information to the School about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement at the end of Term 3. Each girl’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The tests will be conducted on the following days:

- Tuesday 15 May: Language conventions (including spelling, grammar and punctuation) and writing tests
- Wednesday 16 May: Reading test
- Thursday 17 May: Numeracy test (including number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data and space)

Time has been given in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 classes to ensure that the girls are well prepared for the style and content of these tests. Therefore, it is our recommendation that the best preparation for the girls is a good night’s sleep and a healthy and sustaining breakfast on the mornings of the tests.
**Swimming with turtles and the best job in the world**

*Rev Jenni Stoddart | Chaplain*

My birthday fell in the school holidays this year. As a school student I would hate it when this happened, but now it is a great pleasure. I was particularly privileged as I spent it swimming with turtles on the Great Barrier Reef. Our guide said at one point, ‘I have the best job in the world’. For a moment, as I dived down in the deep green ocean, heard a parrot fish crunching on coral and turned to see a turtle silently swim by, I thought that she could be right. And then I remembered what I get to do every day. I build people!

If builders build houses then schools build people. We are partners with parents in helping young women grow in character, knowledge and physical ability. One of my special roles as Chaplain is to be an encourager to our teachers. I am humbled by their passion, dedication and care. Teaching is not their job, it is who they are. Teaching is the best job in world. The beauty and wonder of it is seen in the young women who walk out the doors of Abberleigh each afternoon.

The Bible says that those who follow Jesus are to ‘encourage one another and build each other up’. Do you look back on your school days and remember a teacher who made a difference for you? Perhaps there is someone who has made a real difference to your child. Perhaps in your working or home life someone has acted as a mentor or teacher to you. Could you encourage them today? It is easy to fall into criticism, but powerful to be an encourager.

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**Junior School**

**Term 2 Updates**

*Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School*

Excitement is building around the major events occurring this term including the JS Photo Day no 2, Infants Athletics Carnival, Primary Athletics Trials, *James and the Giant Peach* production, Literary Festival and Glow Festival. Girls in Years 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN testing in Week 3 and reports will be written this term. For a full list of events for this term please see the school calendar.

This term we will be running Parent Information Nights giving details of new programs being presented to your daughters this term. These include:

- UR Strong Parent seminar: Thursday 10 May 6-8 pm Everett Hall Week 2
- T/Year 2/Year 6 Mother’s Day Breakfast: Friday 11 May 7-8.30 am

**Year 5 and 6 Judith Krause parent info night:** Tuesday 15 May 7-8.30 pm

**ELC and T-Year 3 Life Education parent session:** Friday 18 May 8.30-9.30 am

**Year 4 Judith Krause parent info night:** Tuesday 22 May 7-8.30 pm

**Kindergarten parent 2019 School info night:** Tuesday 29 May 7-8.30 pm

**Year 6 Vivid excursion:** Friday 1 June 5-7 pm

**K-6 New Parent report info night:** Tuesday 12 June 7-8 pm

**Final Infants assembly with parents:** Friday 15 June 12-12.45 pm

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**Positions of Responsibility for Term 2 2018**

*Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School*

Class, House and activity-based positions of responsibility were announced in Assembly today. Each position carries appropriate responsibilities and opportunities for leadership skills to be developed. In the Years 3-5 classrooms there are three positions of leadership, including Class Captain, Vice Class Captain and Environmental Captain. In the Infants classrooms, the girls elect two peers to represent them at the Student Representative Council.

It is most important that we give appropriate opportunities for leadership to those girls ready to shoulder this responsibility in an equitable and inclusive manner. It is, however, important for all girls to carry out their duties in an altruistic way, without constantly seeking tangible rewards. We warmly congratulate the following girls:

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### Photo Day Sport and Co-curricular

**Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School**

On Tuesday 8 May sport and co-curricular photos will be taken. We seek your support in assisting your daughter as she packs her gear in preparation for this day. Each girl must have correct attire to be included in the photos. A full list of photos to be taken on this day is below. We request that parents assist their daughters in ensuring that their winter uniform is in a pristine condition with hair appropriately tied back in school green ribbons or scrunchie, and that the appropriate sports kit is brought to School.

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**Music Monitors**
- Full School uniform

**Concert Band**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Bundarra Band**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Archdale/Everett Choirs**
- Full School uniform

**Cantare**
- Full School uniform

**Junior School Symphony Orchestra**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Poole House Strings**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Bambini Strings**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Junior School Chamber Strings**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Clarinet and Saxophone Ensemble**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Clocktower String ensemble**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Year 6 Handbells**
- Full School Uniform and bells

**Brass Belles Ensemble**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Year 3 String Quartets Black and Gold**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Year 4 String Quintet**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Year 5 String Quartet Black**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**Year 5 String Quartet Gold**
- Full School uniform and instruments

**IPSHA diving/swimming team**
- Abbotsleigh tracksuit and Rep sports uniform

**CIS diving team**
- IPSHA rep sports uniform

**CIS Cross Country**
- IPSHA rep uniform

**PSSA diving team**
- CIS rep sports uniform / Abbotsleigh rep uniform

**IPSHA cross country**
- Rep sports uniform / Abbotsleigh tracksuit

**IPSHA Saturday sport modball teams**
- Rep sports uniform

**IPSHA Saturday sport soccer teams**
- Rep sports uniform

**IPSHA Saturday sport minkey/hockey teams**
- Rep sports uniform

**CIS Football Team**
- CIS Rep sports uniform

**ISDA/IPSHA debating**
- Full School uniform

**Environment Club**
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**da Vinci Decathlon**
- Full School uniform

**Chess Club**
- Full School uniform

**Competition Chess**
- Full School uniform

**Kids Lit Quiz**
- Full School uniform
Language of Friendship program
Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School

During the second week of Term 2, the Life Education van and I warmly invite all Year 3 and 5 girls, accompanied by a parent, to attend the Language of Friendship: APA Parent / Daughter seminar on Thursday 10 May from 6-8 pm in the Everett Hall on the Junior School Campus. This internationally recognised program has been developed by Dana Kerford and, through interactive parent-child activities, aims to assist parents to learn strategies to help their child to:
• Form positive and healthy relationships
• Label their emotions
• Put out ‘friendship fires’
• Navigate friendship challenges

The workshop gives parents, children and teachers a common ‘language’ for talking about friendships and relationships, helping them connect, and open up those lines of communication.

This interactive seminar for parent and child follows on from the student-only sessions that will be delivered to Year groups 3 and 5, also on Thursday 10 May during the school day. We aim to empower our girls by teaching the skills to make and maintain positive healthy friendship throughout their lives.

I strongly recommend that you come along with your daughter to this important seminar.

Registration is essential, please click here.

UNSW ICAS competitions
Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School

This term all Primary girls will be sitting for the University of New South Wales competitions in Science and Writing. Girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 will also undertake the Digital Technologies competition. The Mathematics and English (Reading) competitions will be undertaken in Term 3. Girls in Year 2 will complete the Mathematics Competition as an introduction to the style of tests they will be exposed to in Year 3 and beyond. Valuable feedback is given to each girl and to the School, and this also provides additional experience in external tests. While we have taught the strategies necessary to answer multiple choice questions, it is not the School’s policy to ‘swot’ or ‘cram’ for these competitions. Generally, the knowledge needed to answer the questions is provided within the paper itself. The competition places emphasis on interpreting data and information, and the content does not always align with the NSW NESA syllabuses. More details below:

Term 2
• Digital Technologies – Years 4, 5 and 6
• Science – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
• Writing – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Term 3
• English – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
• Maths – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

St Lucy’s Week Without Words awareness morning
Miss Brittany Black | JS Classroom Teacher

A selection of Year 4 girls will attend an awareness morning at St Lucy’s School on Tuesday 8 May. They will be visiting to learn more about the students, teachers and army of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that each St Lucy’s child can be heard. The morning signals the beginning of the annual Week Without Words campaign. Abbotsleigh students from K-6 will be involved in fundraising for this campaign later in the term.

Students attending Tuesday’s awareness morning are to arrive at school at 8 am, dressed in their blazer and felt hat. Miss Black and Ms Colman will meet them outside reception, near the flag pole. The awareness morning will run from 8.30-10.15 am, with girls expected back at school by 10.40 am.

SAVE THE DATE
You are invited to
St Lucy’s School Week Without Words Student Awareness Session

We invite student representatives from your school to attend the St Lucy’s Student Awareness Session for the 2018 Week Without Words Campaign.

Date: Tuesday 8 May 2018
Arrival Time: 8.30am
Student Awareness Session: 8.50am - 10.00am. This will be followed by a light morning tea.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Alex Fisher alexf@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or 9487 1277

If you could please let us know approximately how many representatives are attending
Debating: speak to inform and influence
Mrs Kate Coventry | Acting Head of Junior School

The ability to stand on one’s feet and confidently argue a position to persuade an audience is an essential life skill that is well honed through debating, so we are delighted that all girls in Year 4 have the opportunity to join friendly debating to learn the strategies and skills that enable success in this form of public speaking. The quality and depth of a debate improves with regular practice of knowledge and skill by its participants as debaters. Year 4 Friendly Debating aims to give our girls the opportunity to consolidate their debating skills prior to formal, competitive debating in Year 5. It will also increase their confidence at public speaking. Year 4 Friendly Debating will begin in Week 2.

IPSHA Debating Year 5
The Year 5 IPSHA Blue and Red debating teams will have their first debate on Friday 11 May against The Hills Grammar and St Luke’s Grammar. The topic for both debates is ‘That technology is harmful to our friendships’. Abbotsleigh Blue will be debating at home while Abbotsleigh Red will be away. Parents are welcome to be members of the audience for both debates.

ISDA Debating Year 6
The ISDA Primary Debating Teams have performed very well in their preliminary rounds. All girls have shown extraordinary development over the course of the term and are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm, commitment and eagerness to learn. In Term 2 the team’s first debate is today against St Aloysius (away debate). This will be the last preliminary round debate. Miss Matters will be notified shortly as to whether our teams will progress into the final rounds.

We wish them continued success in the ISDA competition this term.

SDN Debating Year 6
The SDN competition in Term 3 will provide further opportunities for girls in Year 6 to hone their skills. As with the ISDA competition, professional coaches will be working with the girls during the week and the interschool debates will be held on Friday evenings. More information about this competition will be provided towards the end of this term and enquiries should be directed to Miss Matters.

Student success in Sizzling Sevens
Ms Pieta Van Bussell | Transition - Year 2 Coordinator

Over the weekend of 7/8 April, Sydney Junior Rugby Union held the semi-finals and grand final for the first wave of the Sizzling Sevens. (It has run over the past eight weeks with each team playing 16 games.) Emily Winslade (Year 6) captains the Gordon Junior Girls Rugby U12s, which won their semi-final 4 tries to 3 during a hard-fought game, and then went on to win the grand final 4 tries to 1.

The games were played in great spirit and high intensity against some very tough competition. On the field, Emily was outstanding scoring four tries and setting up three others in the two final games played. This is the second year in a row that Emily has won the U12s event with her team.

Red Shield Appeal
Mrs Valerie Williams | JS Christian Studies Teacher

Abbotsleigh has a history of supporting the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal, its major fundraising event each year. Many girls and parents volunteer to collect on the day. This year the collection day will take place on Sunday 27 May. We meet at the Junior School Hall at 8.30 am and go out from there to designated collection areas. It is usually finished by 12.30 pm. The Wahroonga Rotary Club also gives us a hand on the day.

We invite students in Years 3-6 to assist with this appeal and appreciate parents being involved to accompany groups of girls.

An email will be sent to parents with a link to the permission note.

If you would like your daughter to take part in the Red Shield Appeal and if parents want to register, please complete the response by Monday 14 May. If you have any further enquiries, please contact Mrs Valerie Williams by phone no 9473 7700 or via email williamsv@abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au
Cross Country Carnival
Mr Paul Guirreri | JS PDHPE Coordinator

Last Saturday, 40 fit and enthusiastic JS girls arrived at The King’s School on what was a very hot day to compete in the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival. Our girls had trained hard leading into our School Carnival and into the IPSHA Carnival. They performed to the very best of their ability and recorded some fabulous results!

Girls who place in the top 15 in their event – not an easy task with all races having 150+ starters in them – are selected in the IPSHA team to compete at CIS next term. Schools can also qualify teams to CIS based on overall event placings and we were lucky enough to qualify our top four 8/9 year old girls as a team!

Congratulations to the following girls on their selection in the IPSHA team to compete at CIS on Thursday 14 June:

8/9 years – Cate Atkinson (4th), Skye Pullen (9th), Margot Story (22nd) and Imogen Robertson (25th)
10 years – Elizabeth Bailey (9th) and Mackenzie Luu (12th)
11 years – Keira Yerbury (4th)

Well done to all our girls for giving their best. We were thrilled with their dedication, commitment and final placings at IPSHA!

Thank you also to Mrs van Bussel for all her work with the girls leading into the carnival.

Foundation Scholarships for Year 9 students
Mrs Colleen Fenn | Registrar

The Foundation Scholarships are needs-based academic scholarships which commence at Year 10 level and provide up to 50% remission of school tuition fees for the remainder of schooling. Consideration is given to academic attainment, general interest and ability and participation in other activities, for example, service and community activities, music, drama and sport.

Two scholarships are awarded.

A completed student statement will need to be endorsed by the Year Coordinator or Head of Senior College Archdale.

The application kit is available on AbbNet > Student links > Scholarship applications, or download the application kit here.

Applications close next Friday 11 May 2018. Interviews will be held early in June.

Email the Registrar, Mrs Colleen Fenn for further information, or call Colleen on 9473 7744.

Swimming results at National Championships
Ms Amanda Isaac | Head swimming coach

As mentioned above, Abbotsleigh teams garnered tremendous results at the National Championships. Well done to all participants. There were many finalists and medallists including:

Silver for our 4x100 freestyle relay team of Natasha Ramsden, Emily Ong, Holly Nelson and Becca St Vincent.
Silver for Natasha Ramsden in the 50 freestyle
Bronze for Natasha Ramsden in the 100 freestyle
Silver for Holly Nelson in 50 freestyle

Other results included: Becca St Vincent (4th) 100 butterfly; Holly Nelson (7th) 100 freestyle; Arizona Staley (10th) 200 backstroke

NSW PSSA State Diving Championships results

Congratulations to all our JS Girls who participated in the NSW PSSA State Diving Championship on 11 April.

In the 10 years springboard, Charlotte Horbach won Gold and Bonnie McInerney won bronze. In the 11 years springboard, Harriet Kaan won silver. Sophia Horbach won gold in both the 12/13 years springboard and open platform as well as winning the award for Outstanding Female Diver of the meet!

Congratulations and good luck to all these girls at Nationals in Perth later this year!
Senior School snapshot
Mrs Victoria Rennie | Head of Senior School

Senior College and Archdale Breakfast
The next Senior College and Archdale Breakfast will be held on Tuesday 15 May. It is open to all students in Years 9-12. The guest speaker will be Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz, CEO and Managing Director, Mirvac. If students wish to attend they need to RSVP in response to the email invitation.

SRC and Service Council
Students are invited to express interest in joining these councils at the start of Term 3 each year. They serve in these roles for 12 months.

Clubs
Students can join clubs at any time. The details for these groups can be found in Student Notices.

Exchange students
There are two Year 9 boarders on exchange at Abbotsleigh this term from Moreton Hall in the UK and in Year 10 there are four from Sainte Croix de Neuilly in France. We have no students away on exchange this term.

Careers advice
The annual Careers Night for Year 9-12 is on Wednesday 16 May from 7-9.15 pm in the SSC building.

Download the IGSSA mobile site (app) to your phone
Mrs Kate Howitt | Head of Sport

To all parents (and girls) involved in Saturday sport in the Senior School, please read the following article regarding the IGSSA mobile site (app). The site contains a lot of your daughter’s team information, including the draw and results, as well as venue addresses and wet weather updates.

IGSSA, the Independent Girls’ Schools Sports Association, runs the majority of the Saturday sporting competitions that Abbotsleigh enters – softball, tennis, basketball, football (soccer), hockey, netball, touch football and water polo. For each of these sports, so long as you know your daughter’s team number (and thus team code), you will be able to access the team’s draw and results as well as venue information on a Saturday.

• On your mobile phone, go to the internet and type in http://m.ahigs.nsw.edu.au to access the site, then bookmark this site to your home page or favourites.
• Select the sport (e.g. basketball) by clicking on the relevant tab.
• Type in the team code, e.g. ABB06 (for team 6) or ABB12 (for team 12).

This will then bring up your daughter’s team’s information. There are three tabs you can select from – Draw, Results and Ladder.

Click on ‘Venue Closures’ on a Saturday to see if a venue is OPEN or CLOSED. You can also click on a venue’s name to get the address and a map of every location.

Please bear in mind that this is an IGSSA site, so there are no team lists or girl-specific information. But it’s a very handy app to have on your phone, so please save it to your bookmarks.

Congratulations to concerto finalist
Ms Justine Mokhtar | SS Music Assistant

Congratulations to Sarah Chang in Year 12 who is a finalist in the Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition Finals Concert on Saturday 30 June.

Six individual finalists in the 2018 NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition will perform their selected concerto with the orchestra. 2018 is the 34th year Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra has run this competition. It is open to secondary school pupils in Years 7-12 throughout NSW and the ACT. This year nearly 100 entrants competed for a coveted position in the Finals Concert and for the prize money of up to $10,000.

Regarded as a stepping stone to national and international success, the competition has been held annually since 1984 and provides an invaluable opportunity for young musicians to showcase their talents accompanied by the orchestra. Previous winners include many well-known personalities in the music world, such as Amy Dickson, Natalie Chee, Grace Clifford and Simon Tedeschi.

Support Sarah and hear these talented young musicians give dynamic concerto performances.

Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition Finals Concert
Conductor: Paul Terracini
Saturday 30 June, 7 pm
The Concourse, 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood
Tickets: Adults $40, Pensioner $30, Student/Junior $12
Musica Viva Masterclass
Ms Justine Mokhtar | SS Music Assistant HOD

Congratulations to Cheryl Kwon (Year 12), Jessica Tam (Year 10), Stella Leonardi (Year 11) and Lindsey Kim (Year 8) who all recently performed in a String Quartet masterclass organised by Musica Viva. The girls played the second movement of Shostakovich’s String Quartet no. 8 for Sebastian Casleanu, who is a member of the Giocoso String Quartet, an ensemble from Vienna that has been touring Australia for Musica Viva. This quartet has won international Chamber Music Competitions and regularly performs in Europe, Australia and the UK.

The Abbotsleigh girls performed brilliantly and were much praised by Sebastian Casleanu and the audience (which included Abbotsleigh Old Girls). This piece will be performed for Cheryl’s HSC Music performance later in the year and this Masterclass experience will aid the girls in shaping their presentation of this Shostakovich piece.

Masterclass with Emily
Ms Louise Keller | SS Music Teacher

Last week, Abbotsleigh welcomed internationally acclaimed violinist Ms Emily Sun to give a Masterclass to five of our violinists. Emily is a young Australian musician who is performing in Europe and the USA. She is an Associate Professor at the Royal College of Music in London and is known for her role in the acclaimed documentary Mrs Carey’s Concert.

The winner of major Australian violin competitions, Emily has won all available prizes at the Royal College of Music in London and is also a prizewinner in many international competitions, including the Yampolsky International Violin Competition (Russia), the Bromsgrove International Competition (UK), the Brahms International Competition (Austria) and the Lipizer International Violin Competition (Italy).

Emily has been a regular soloist with the Sydney Symphony, Melbourne Symphony, Canberra Symphony, Queensland Symphony and Tasmania Symphony orchestras. Internationally, she has performed with orchestras in the UK, Europe, the US, Russia and China. She is a BBC Introducing Artist, and her performances have been broadcast on ABC Classic FM (Australia), BBC Radio 3 (UK), Kol Hamusica (Israel), and WXQR (US). She has played at some of the great venues of the world, such as the Sydney Opera House, Tchaikovsky Great Hall Moscow, Tel Aviv Opera House, Auditorium du Louvre, and Wigmore Hall. Recently she played the Bach Double Violin Concerto with Maxim Vengerov in the 2017 Royal Gala hosted by HRH Prince of Wales in Buckingham Palace.

Emily was most impressed with the quality of the string players at Abbotsleigh and, in the Masterclass, she listened to performances by Sarah Chang (Year 12), Cheryl Kwon (Year 12), Sophia Diggins (Year 11), Cat Qian (Year 11) and Amelia Mak (Year 8). Congratulations to all these girls, who performed so well in the Masterclass.

Dinner and a show
Ms Kimbali Harding | Director of Music

Join Ariel, Sebastian and all the gang in Abbotsleigh’s production of Disney’s The Little Mermaid. Tickets are selling fast, so get yours now! To ensure an easy and fun evening, the APA is providing the option of ordering a light, pre-show meal. These will be supplied by Blue Lemon, Tongue Teasers and Redleaf Piccolo of Wahroonga village and are as follows:

**Sushi $3.60 per roll**
- Tuna and avocado
- Cucumber and avocado
- Cucumber

**Gourmet sandwiches $10 each**
- Chicken (cucumber, lettuce, mayo)
- Vegetarian

**Rice paper rolls (gf), $11.50 for three rolls**
- Mixed (avocado, chicken, beef)
- Avocado (vegetarian)

Please order your meals by Wednesday 9 May via Trybooking

Enquiries Heidi Grout or 9473 7736

Want a sneak peak of the show? Click here for a glimpse of all the fun.

Gifted and Talented Science students
Dr Elizabeth Russell | Senior School Science Assistant HOD

Each year in Science, we offer students in Years 8 and 9 the opportunity to enter the University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Discovery Program qualifying examination. In November 2017, 25 students sat this extremely challenging examination with the hope of being invited to attend the 2018 workshop.

Many congratulations Holly Yang, Abby Kidston, Anousheh Moonen and Kira Trahana, who achieved excellent marks putting them in the top 4% of students entering the exam. They will attend the workshop later in the year.

Special mention is made of Anousheh (Year 9) who ranked 1st in the multiple-choice examination from more than 1,500 entries.
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Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by Doug Wright

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Each year in the Science department we encourage Year 11 students with a passion for Science to apply to take part in the National Youth Science Forum. This year two Year 12 students, Hannah Loh and Elizabeth Luu, were lucky enough to attend the 12-day residential program in Canberra. They came away from their experience even more enthused about Science than when they went.

This prestigious program, funded by government, corporate and university partners, is for passionate young scientists. Over the past 35 years more than 11,500 students have experienced and been enriched by the NYSF program. Students attending are put into interest groups. Hannah was part of the Physics interest group and she visited places such as the Canberra Deep Space Complex, the ANU Physics research labs as well as lectures at ANU and many other activities. Elizabeth was part of the Health and Medical Science interest group and spent time at Canberra hospital hearing from professionals who assist trauma patients. Both girls learnt a lot more about the role of STEM in policy-making and entrepreneurship. They heard from accomplished scientists such as Professor Lyn Beazley (neuroscientist, educator, a previous Chief Scientist of WA) and Professor Liesl Folks (Dean of Buffalo University’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences).

To be able to attend the NYSF, students must be in Year 11 at the time of applying, have a deep interest in science and find a Rotary Club willing to endorse their application.

Opportunities in Term 2
Mrs Marg Selby | Careers Advisor

Term 2 will be a very busy term in many ways, with academic milestones to be met and important music, drama, sporting and other cultural events, such as the Literary Festival and the Glow Festival, taking place. All these events are designed to cater for the varied interests of our students and to ensure they have maximum opportunity to develop holistically.

In Careers this term, we also have a very busy calendar. Year 10 girls received their Morrisby Reports this week, which will help to guide their thinking about subject choices for their senior years and career pathways for the future that will suit their individual profiles.

On Wednesday May 16, from 7-9.15 pm in the SSC building, we have our annual Careers Night, where past students of Abbotsleigh return to give the girls the benefit of their experience. Between them, they represent a huge range of careers options and they let the girls know the subjects that will be useful to get them into their specific area and discuss the different sort of work they do in their jobs. This event is open to all girls and parents from Years 9-12.

Year 12 have already received 2019 Student Handbooks from the metropolitan universities and will soon receive a copy of the directory Undergraduate, which shows them every university course on offer around Australia and arranges the courses in ATAR order from the highest to lowest ATAR, according to each area of interest. It is an invaluable tool in seeking out the best course.

Year 10 have work experience in Week 5 this term and placements should be confirmed by the end of the week. This experience is extremely useful in allowing them to learn about the workplace and to be able to ask questions of their colleagues about school subjects that will help them to get similar jobs.

In addition, there are the usual range of weekly lunchtime careers talks and many evening and weekend expo events run by tertiary providers, such as the big Careers Expo at Homebush on 30 June/1 July for example. I have two free tickets available per family to the first comers for this huge event.

All in all, it will be yet another busy term and there will be something for everyone to make sure that all our students are getting more than simply classroom instruction out of their educational experience.

For other news of holiday career activities and the like, please go to the Careers webpage on AbbNet.
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The boarding school held a joyous (and tearful) farewell to celebrate the leadership of Rochelle Wiley.

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