

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Our Junior and Senior School girls 'Brave the Waves' of leadership

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress



The wonderful thing about being at an all girls school is that all leadership positions, both formal and informal, go to girls!

As you are aware, not all leadership opportunities come with a badge or a title, and a special feature of Abbotsleigh is that we focus on the development of leadership skills for all our girls from our youngest girls in Transition to our oldest girls in Year 12. We really do want our girls to become leaders in society and in all areas about which they are passionate. Quite frankly, the world needs great leaders, and we know that Abbotsleigh girls have the ability and the drive to make a very positive impact on society, both today and tomorrow.

Yesterday, our Year 12 Prefects attended the Archbishop's Commissioning Service for Prefects in Anglican Schools at St Andrew's Cathedral. It was an inspiring service where the Archbishop explored the concept of 'servant leadership'. What does servant leadership really mean? Certainly, this is something we advocate consistently at Abbotsleigh, and we are not the only ones – it is deeply ingrained as being a very positive form of leadership in Australia and in many parts of the world, and literally thousands of books and articles have been written on the subject.

So, what is servant leadership? The Archbishop used as his text Philippians 2: 1-11. Verses 3-4 are especially pertinent: 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests, but to the interests of others.'

Leadership, according to the Archbishop, is a weighty responsibility and, servant leadership, where the leader 'practises humility in the service of others' is the highest form of leadership. This does not mean subservience or that we are encouraging our girls to be 'doormats'; by the same token, nor are we encouraging our girls to 'lord it over people', be proud, boastful, seek glory or to treat others in an uncaring way. Indeed, these characteristics are the very antithesis of what good leadership looks like. As American Bishop Dale Bronner famously said, 'If serving is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you.'

A number of our girls have already taken on formal leadership positions this year. In this week's Shuttle, we are highlighting our new Junior School leaders, who were announced in Junior School assembly last week, and our new Senior School Sports Captains, who were announced in Senior School assembly this week. We are also listing our 2023/24 Prefects, who were elected last year, so that our new families can see who these girls are. In the weeks and months ahead, we will highlight girls who have taken on leadership roles in other areas of the School.

Leadership is not always easy; nor is humility. However, leadership is very rewarding, especially when the leader aims to put others' needs first and to make a very positive difference. I have every confidence that all our girls who have both formal and informal leadership positions this year will fulfil their roles with responsibility and care; they will put the other girls' needs first; they will listen and be collaborative, and they will most definitely have the courage and resilience to 'brave the waves' together and make a very positive difference as student leaders at Abbotsleigh. I wish each girl great joy and every success in her endeavours.



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Junior School Leadership

'We warmly congratulate the girls listed below, as they take up their positions of responsibility to serve the School in the coming months. Each position carries appropriate responsibilities and opportunities for leadership skills to be developed over an adequate timeframe. 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.' – Ms Sally Ruston

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

School Captain – Zoe Durbidge

School Vice Captain – Heidi Chan

Crusader Captain – Katie Carless

Semester 1 Leaders

Blaxland Captain – Hannah Khoury

Blaxland Vice Captain – Asha Gunalingam

Lawson Captain – Eva Pham

Lawson Vice Captain – Leela Serafin

Macquarie Captain – Zoe Stevens

Macquarie Vice Captain – Mikayla Huang

Sturt Captain – Elaine Wu

Sturt Vice Captain – Georgia Whyburn

Wentworth Captain – Mackenzie Lai-Smith

Wentworth Vice Captain – Jessie Shao

Sports Captains – Alice Liu, Harriet Morrison

Music Captain – Elizabeth Luiskandl

Literacy Captain – Chloe Young

STEAM Captain – Scarlett Harris

Service Committee – Sankavi Ajanthan, Hana Hashemi, Jesinta Nipatcharoen, Claire Wee

Stage Crew (Infants) – Evangeline Wan, Corina Wei

Stage Crew (Primary) – Amelia Kung, Harriet McKinnon, Ivy Pan, Olivia Tjeuw

Term 1 Leaders

KG – Victoria Michael and Evelyn Quach

KO – Kit Lighten and Taylor Zheng

1G – Juliette Sicouri and Holly Tan

1O – Ella Lu and Emily Watters

2G – Rina Kim and Jasmine Young

2O – Fidela Ng and Roselyn Zhang

3G – Lucy Milligan and Sophia Ryu

3O – Kinsley Harvey and Abigail Zhao

3L – Olie Gordon and Abigail Morgan

4G – Jing Huang and Emily Lou

4O – Melina Alamdari and Rachael Guo

4L – Alina Chen and Sienna Jin

5G – Avni Gupta and Felicity Rhodes

5O – Penelope Mackun and Victoria Ryu

5L – Amy Brady and Isabel Milligan

5D – Amber Guo and Lauren Wei

YEAR 12 2023/24 STUDENT LEADERS**Head Prefect** – Lily Thornthwaite**Head Boarder Prefect** – Nanetta Washaya**Vice Head Prefect: Duties** – Jemma Chamberlain**Vice Head Prefect: Service** – Sarah Hooper-Mitchell**Vice Head Prefect: Houses** – Sarah Sherlock**Portfolio Prefects****Chapel** – Maxine Abdel Sayed**Creative Arts** – Olivia Crawford**Debating and Public Speaking** – Imogen Beletich**Drama** – Kate Matthews**Environment** – Alice Harrington**Music** – Sophia Chi**Sport** – Penelope Hu**STEAM** – Audrey Kennedy, Kami Shen**SRC** – Shalisa Wijeyawardena**Junior School** – Chloe Pearce, Sally Liu, Annelise McCormick**Year 6/7** – Poppy Burton, Laura Loel, Natasha Ton**Year 7/8** – Samantha Darley, Charlotte Doyle, Jade Liang**Year 8/9** – Alexandra Balog, Skye Barnett, Maayan Leibenson**Year 9/10** – Gemma Boden, Anoushka Gupta, Charlotte Pullen**Year 10/11** – Catherine Ahn, Chloe Davie, Joyce Sharma**Year 11/12** – Emily Ellis, Liv Swiderski**Vice Head Boarder** – Sophia Darney**Boarding Prefects** – Piper Harding, Olivia Wass**House Leaders and Year 12 Leaders****Chisholm****Prefect and House Captain** – Isabella Bradford**Vice-Captains** – Zoe Banks, Lara Connor**Year 12 Leaders** – Tanya Amjad, Chloe Chakrabarti, Camille Chu, Scarlett Frampton, Siena Geisker, Zoe Hamper, Ava He, Jasmine Hing, Abi Karthikeyan, Gemma Leonardi, Rebecca Li, Amelie Luong, Aria Munton, Celina Song, Alyssa Sor, Emily Sor**Franklin****Prefect and House Captain** – Kate Stephenson**Vice-Captains** – Matilda Chu, Mowa Ohunayo**Year 12 Leaders** – Laura Adam, Aanya Bates, Elsa Bowen, Zala Choate, Jane Gallichan, Jessica Gunning, Jolan Guo, Annabelle Lander, Carina Lu, Camille Murray, Lucy Phillips, Sara Shah, Claire Wang, Isabelle Wong, Savannah Yip**Gilmore****Prefect and House Captain** – Megan Chinniah**Vice-Captains** – Fay Iskandar, Emily Winslade**Year 12 Leaders** – Sophie Bradley, Catherine Bryan, Olivia Coughlin, Desiree Daher, Ava Dunnett, Ella Han, Cici He, Poly Lin, Evelyn Liu, Annie Lynch, Tessa MacLean, Katherine Schroder, Lucy Wilson, Danielle Wu, Isabella Wu, Kelly Zhao**Melba****Prefect and House Captain** – Megan Wong**Vice-Captains** – Ana-Lei Elias, Jennah Poon**Year 12 Leaders** – Jaylise Beale, Sigrid Boehme, Elanor Carter, Michelle Chiu, Aaruthi Gangeyan, Susan Hu, Rachel Kim, Athena Lam, Katie Lee, Kathy Liu, Sienna Strong, Miraya Wazir, Nichola Whitlocke-Jones

Prichard**Prefect and House Captain** – Veronica Wade**Vice-Captains** – Pia Behl, Sienna Cook**Year 12 Leaders** – Natalie Chin, Evie Christian, Ines Hasler, Amelia Hill, Holly Jacobson, Laranya Kumar, Laeticia Lin, Zoe London, Heeya Mitra, Chloe Nicholls, Ava Noushi, Isabelle Pok, Aneesha Reddy, Aania Singh, Sidhipriya Sivanandan, Shiori Tensho, Natalie Wells**Richardson****Prefect and House Captain** – Anna Morrison**Vice-Captains** – Sienna Browne, Sienna Soster**Year 12 Leaders** – Luchiya Chen, Evangeline Hagen, Amy Harrison, Leanna Kim, Abigail Lewis, Olivia MacDonald, Grace Sidhu, Abby Simpson, Sophia Sun, Emma Tan, Erica Wong, Emma Zhao**Tennant****Prefect and House Captain** – Millie Young**Vice-Captains** – Katherine Ly, Sofie Maxwell**Year 12 Leaders** – Naomi Chang, Grace Chen, Sienna De Costa, Arya Gunalingam, Rachel Lee, Iris Li, Vivian Li, Linda Lin, Janis Lo, Alisha Parker, Victoria Reyes, Keira Yu**Wright****Prefect and House Captain** – Ava Hui**Vice-Captains** – Sophie Baker, Edalyn Lee**Year 12 Leaders** – Meeya Cheng, Rachel Hepburn, Sarah Hng, Dorsa Mosallatpour, Mubarak Rangoonwala, Zainab Sira, Isabelle St Clair, Hannah Stewart, Lauren Stokoe, Leah Teoh, Charlie Welsh, Ella Yu**Senior School Sport Captains 2024**

We warmly congratulate our 2024 Senior School Sport Captains

Sport Co captains**AFL** – Lara Connor, Natasha Hodgkinson**Athletics** – Michaela Couper, Veronica Wade**Badminton** – Elizabeth Lam, Sophia Sun**Basketball** – Shalisa Wijeyawardena, Kayla Yap**Cross country** – Sarah Hooper-Mitchell, Zoe Woods**Diving** – Harriet Kaan**Equestrian** – Holly Jacobson, Charlie Welsh**Football** – Sophia Darney, Penelope Hu**Gymnastics (Aerobic)** – Anisa Farhod, Jeslyn Lim**Gymnastics (Rhythmic)** – Catherine Scott**Hockey** – Annie O'Hara, Sienna Soster**Netball** – Victoria Marsh, Millie Young**Rugby 7s** – Emily Winslade, Lorissa Wood**Snowsports** – Kiera Finnerty, Piper Harding**Softball** – Samantha Darley, Abigail Morson**Swimming** – Jemma Chamberlain, Ines Hasler**Touch football** – Isabella Hills, Penelope Hu**Tennis** – Edalyn Lee, Claire Wang**Tildesley tennis** – Ava Dunnett, Megan Wong**Water polo** – Kate Stephenson, Lily Thornthwaite

Chaplain

This week in Chapel

Rev Sarah Hobba
Chaplain

Around Senior School, students are learning songs for the House Choir Competition with one hymn being a song that every house sings. With the Prefect theme of 'Brave the Waves', the hymn choice was 'It is well with my soul'. The lyrics of this song were written by Horatio Spafford, who suffered the great loss of his children from a ship accident when they crossed the Atlantic. He wrote the words not long after he crossed over the same place in the Atlantic. It describes whether he has 'peace like a river' or 'sorrows like sea billows roll', he knows that it is well with his soul. Whatever happens, during turbulent times and calm, Horatio's faith held that Christ 'had shed his own blood for my soul', so he knew, 'it is well with my soul'.

Romans 8:35, 39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Grace Cossington Smith art award Exhibition of finalists	27 January to 24 February	GCS Gallery
Lunar Calendar New Year Parent Morning Tea	Monday 19 February 8.30-10 am	Junior School Library Plaza Click here to RSVP
Abbotsleigh Christian Fellowship Parent prayer meeting	Wednesday 21 February 7.45-8.30 am	Junior School Library Annex Rooms

JUNIOR SCHOOL

ELC Lunar Calendar New Year morning tea	Monday 12 February 8.30-9.30 am	Early Learning Centre
Year 6 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Monday 12 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 2-6 cross country training	Tuesday 13 February 7.15-8 am	Junior School
Year 6 Spit to Manly Walk	Tuesday 13 February 8.30 am-3 pm	Manly Beach

Kindergarten Parent Morning Tea	Wednesday 14 February 8-9.30 am	Bundarra Lawn
ELC Lunar Calendar New Year morning tea	Wednesday 14 February 8.30-9.30 am	Early Learning Centre
Junior School Diving Carnival	Wednesday 14 February 2-3.30 pm	Aquatic Centre
Year 5 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Wednesday 14 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 2-6 cross country training	Thursday 15 February 7.15-8 am	Junior School
Years 3 and 4 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Thursday 15 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Transition Parent Morning Tea	Friday 16 February 8-9.30 am	Bundarra Lawn
Primary Swimming Carnival	Friday 16 February 8.30-3 pm	Aquatic Centre
Kindergarten <i>Frozen</i> immersion	Friday 16 February 2-2.30 pm	Maker Space Room
Year 2 NSW Schoolhouse Museum excursion	Friday 16 February 8.45 am-2.30 pm	
ISDA Debating (Abbotsleigh vs Knox)	Friday 16 February 4-9 pm	Abbotsleigh
IPSHA football, water polo and flippa ball	Saturday 17 February 8 am-12 noon	Various locations, see team sheets
Transition to Year 2 Intensive Swimming Week	Monday 19 to Friday 23 February	
Year 6 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Monday 19 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 2-6 cross country training	Tuesday 20 February 7.15-8 am	Junior School
Year 3 Parent Morning Tea	Wednesday 21 February 8-9.30 am	Bundarra Lawn
Year 5 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Wednesday 21 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 2-6 cross country training	Thursday 22 February 7.15-8 am	Junior School
Years 3 and 4 football, water polo and flippa ball training	Thursday 22 February 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 4 Parent Morning Tea	Friday 23 February 8-9.30 am	Bundarra Lawn
ISDA Debating (Abbotsleigh vs Trinity)	Friday 23 February 4-9 pm	Abbotsleigh
IPSHA football, water polo and flippa ball	Saturday 24 February 8 am-12 noon	Various locations, see team sheets

SENIOR SCHOOL

STEAM Mixer Night	Monday 12 February 5.30-7.30	PDCH and Assembly Hall Foyer
Yr 10 Visual Arts Incursion	Wednesday 14 February 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Year 7 Big Fish Little Fish Incursion	Wednesday 14 February 9.40-11 am	
SS Diving Carnival	Wednesday 14 February 3.30-5 pm	Aquatic Centre
APR Meeting	Thursday 15 February 8.30-10 am	SS Library
House Choir Competition (students only)	Friday 16 February 8.30-10.20 am	Assembly Hall
Wimbledon @ Wahroonga	Friday 16 February 3.30-5.30 pm	SS Tennis courts
ISDA Debating Round 1	Friday 16 February 4-9 pm	
IGSA Badminton and Tennis Round 2	Saturday 17 February 8 am-12 noon	
Softball Round 3	Saturday 17 February 8 am-12 noon	
AFL Round 2	Saturday 17 February 1-5 pm	
STEAM WEEK	Monday 19 to Friday 23 February	
Years 11 and 12 Ancient History lecture	Monday 19 February	
Year 9 Study Skills with Prue Salter	Monday 19 February 2.10-3.25 pm	
All Schools Triathlon	Thursday 22 February	Sydney International Regatta Centre
Year 9 Commerce excursion	Thursday 22 February 9.40-11.45 am	
Lunchtime speaker from UNSW for Years 11 and 12	Thursday 22 February 1.20-2 pm	
Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews	Thursday 22 February 3.30-8.30 pm	
Year 7 Parent/Tutor Breakfast	Friday 23 February 7-8.30 am	Gymnasium
All Schools Triathlon	Saturday 24 February	Sydney International Regatta Centre

IGSA Badminton and Tennis Round 3

Saturday 24 February
8 am-12 noon

Softball Round 4

Saturday 24 February
8 am-12 noon

SAVE THE DATES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Join us in Dubbo Saturday 11 May
- Join us in Wagga Wagga Saturday 22 June
- Join us in Tamworth Saturday 27 July