

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

Abbotsleigh's musicians Brave the Waves and perform brilliantly at our second annual Band Festival

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

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Abbotsleigh has a rich tradition of music being a vital part of who we are at Abbotsleigh. From the School's earliest days, our girls have had the fantastic opportunity to learn music, to sing and play musical instruments. Equally our girls, our staff and our parents have had, and continue to have, the great privilege of seeing and hearing our girls perform.

Music certainly is central to Abbotsleigh's unique and wonderful culture. Every day, from early in the morning until late in the day, our Junior and Senior School girls and our staff are treated to the beautiful sounds of music wafting through the corridors as our girls learn, practise, play, sing and enjoy music. We also are treated to incredible performances in assemblies – Infants, Primary, Middle School and Senior College, as well as superb performances at 'pop up' and traditional concerts.

Last night was no exception. Arising from Mrs Susannah Pinter's great initiative to add a Band Festival, that included both junior and senior girls, to our already rich repertoire of musical performances, our girls from Year 3 to Year 12 performed brilliantly at our second annual Band Festival. The talent, incredible hard work, the hours of practice and dedication, as well as the absolute joy of our musicians treating us to the gift of music was most definitely on show on Thursday night. I would like to thank all our musicians and our dedicated Junior and Senior School Music staff, as well as Mr Lyndon Franks and Mr



Carlos Barroeta, for such a wonderful concert. It was most definitely a sheer delight to be in the audience at our Band Festival.

As you are aware, music not only provides great enjoyment and wonderful entertainment; it also is crucial in providing the best possible education for our girls. In fact, there is 'extensive international research that links engagement with music to improvements in literacy, logic and memory, as well as self-regulation and social cohesion. It teaches [children] how to collaborate to achieve a common goal while providing a creative, and even physical and emotional, outlet.' (Julie Hare, 2022). As Professor Pasi Sahlberg notes, 'there is plenty of research showing that music education and engagement in the early years and onwards helps make people more active, more engaged and more creative.'

According to Music Australia, 'Learning music can help students' self-confidence, self-discipline and teamwork. Music helps students progress in other important learning areas such as Maths and English. Indeed, countries with a strong focus on music education tend to have higher scores in literacy and numeracy. Engaging music programs have been shown to help with attendance and can be



particularly beneficial for students who are not achieving well in school.' (Music Australia)

As it has often been said, 'music touches our souls'; it 'has the ability to transport us to different places and times'. Thursday's festival certainly did this and much more; it made everyone's hearts 'sing'. Indeed, seeing our girls perform and listening to them play their instruments

and/or sing is very special, and we are very much looking forward to the Junior School 70th Birthday Celebration Concert at the State Theatre next term, as well as the other magnificent concerts our Music Department has in store for us. Indeed, our hearts will have even more opportunities to 'sing' throughout Semester 2!



Chaplain

SHABBOTS 2024

Rev Polly Butterworth
Chaplain

Each year over the June long weekend, Abbotsleigh and Shore team up together for our annual CRU camp called SHABBOTS, and this year was our biggest ever with 150 students!

This year the theme was 'identity,' with talks considering how our identity is shaped by Jesus. Student leaders from each school spent months organising games, discussion groups and the dress-up night, which had a jail-break themed game, a disco, a fire and a movie.

Students attended seminars on the Old Testament, other religions, evangelism, Christian living and quiet reading. They also wrote 'warm and fuzzies' to each other, filled with encouraging words. Some of the feedback included comments such as, "I loved working closely with my team pink members! I think it was super special because everyone was from different years.

Getting to know all of them was so nice, and we got to bond over the Saturday night games!" and "I LOVED discussion groups – it was probably the most fruitful conversation I have ever had."



Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Last day of Term 2	Thursday 27 June	
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JUNIOR SCHOOL

4L Judith Krause session 1	Monday 17 June 9.30-10.30 am	4L Classroom
4G Judith Krause session 1	Monday 17 June 10.50-11.50 am	4G Classroom
4O Judith Krause session 1	Monday 17 June 1.45-2.45 pm	4O Classroom
Year 6 netball and minkey training	Monday 17 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Transition to the ACEE	Tuesday 18 June 8.30-2 pm	ACEE
5D nursing home visit	Tuesday 18 June 9.15-10.15 am	Hammond Care, Wahroonga
Kindergarten Bravehearts Adventure Show	Tuesday 18 June 10.50 am-12 noon	Auditorium
Year 2 Bravehearts Adventure Show	Tuesday 18 June 12-1.15 pm	Auditorium
Year 4 Zookeeper session	Tuesday 18 June 2-3 pm	Auditorium
Kindergarten 2024 Parent Report Information Evening	Tuesday 18 June 6-6.30 pm	Auditorium
Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information Evening	Tuesday 18 June 7-8 pm	Auditorium
Years 3 and 4 Tim Harris and Nat Amoores incursion	Wednesday 19 June 9-10 am	Auditorium
4G Judith Krause session 2	Wednesday 19 June 10.50-11.50 am	4G Classroom
4O Judith Krause session 2	Wednesday 19 June 11.50 am-12.45 pm	4O Classroom
Junior School Production matinée	Wednesday 19 June 12.45-1.45 pm	Everett Hall
4L Judith Krause session 2	Wednesday 19 June 2-3 pm	4L Classroom
Year 5 netball and minkey training	Wednesday 19 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Competition chess training	Thursday 20 June 12.45-1.30 pm	2G Classroom

Years 3 and 4 netball and minkey training	Thursday 20 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Junior School Production evening performance 1	Thursday 20 June 7-8 pm	Everett Hall
Infants Athletics Carnival	Friday 21 June 9.15 am-2.45 pm	Junior School
Competition chess vs Sydney Grammar	Friday 21 June 3-4.30 pm	Lindfield Public School
Junior School Production evening performance 2	Friday 21 June 7-8 pm	Everett Hall
IPSHA Saturday Sport	Saturday 22 June 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
Years 3 and 4 Kaboom Percussion incursion	Monday 24 June 9.30-10.30 am	Everett Hall
Years 5 and 6 Kaboom Percussion incursion	Monday 24 June 10.50-11.50 am	Everett Hall
Year 5 Rosetta Nursing Home visit	Monday 24 June 2-3 pm	Rosetta Nursing Home, Wahroonga
Year 6 AFL and touch football trials	Monday 24 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
ELC and Transition ACEE incursion	Tuesday 25 June 8.30 am-2 pm	ACEE
5L Nursing Home visit	Tuesday 25 June 9.15-10.15 am	Hammond Care, Wahroonga
5 Nursing Home visit	Tuesday 25 June 2-3 pm	Rosetta Nursing Home, Wahroonga
5L Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 26 June 8.30-9.30 am	5L Classroom
5D Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 26 June 9.30-10.30 am	5D Classroom
5O Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 26 June 10.50-11.50 am	5O Classroom
5G Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 26 June 11.50 am-12.50 pm	5G Classroom
Year 5 AFL and touch football trials	Wednesday 26 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football trials	Thursday 27 June 3.20-4.30 pm	

SENIOR SCHOOL

Sporting fixtures	Saturday 15 June	Click here for venues and times
Years 7 and 8 Science Olympiad	Monday 17 June 8.30 am-1.30 pm	
Brave the Waves Festival	Monday 17 June 12.45-2 pm	Top Oval
Violin Studio Concert	Monday 17 June 5-7 pm	PDCH

Year 7 Zoo by Design STEAM Day	Tuesday 18 June 5-7 pm	
Year 10 PTI	Tuesday 18 June 3.30-8.30 pm	via Zoom
Archdale Debating Round 5	Tuesday 18 June 4-8 pm	
Years 7-10 Mathematics Olympiad	Wednesday 19 June During class time	
Year 8 Music incursion	Wednesday 19 June During class time	
Year 12 Study Skills session	Wednesday 19 June 12.30-1.30 pm	Assembly Hall
Harmony Day food stalls	Wednesday 19 June 1.15-2.10 pm pm	Top Oval
Year 9 Elective Geography excursion	Thursday 20 June 8 am-3.30 pm	Brooklyn
Year 8 Latin excursion	Thursday 20 June 8.15 am-1.30 pm	
Year 8 Chinese excursion	Thursday 20 June 8.20 am-12.40 pm	
Year 8 French and German excursion	Thursday 20 June 8.25 am-1.30 pm	
Years 11 and 12 Drama excursion to Stolen	Thursday 20 June 11 am-3.25 pm	Sydney Theatre Company
Boarding Expo	Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June	Wagga Wagga
Year 9 Commerce Market Day	Friday 21 June 11 am-2.30 pm	
House Debating finals	Friday 21 June 11.15-11.55 am	
Year 8 Music incursion	Friday 21 June 8.20-9.40 am	
Saturday sport	Saturday 22 June 2.10-3.25 pm	Various times and venues
Boarding Community Event	Saturday 22 June 6-9.30 pm	Victoria Hotel, Wagga Wagga
Symphonic Winds and ASBOF Band Competition	Sunday 23 June	UNSW
Celebration Concert	Monday 24 June 7-9 pm	PDCH
Netball NSW School Cup	Tuesday 25 June	
Women in Defence Breakfast	Tuesday 25 June 7-8.15 am	Dining Room
Year 12 Latin excursion	Tuesday 25 June 8.15 am-3.25 pm	
Year 8 Photo and Digital media incursion	Tuesday 25 June 8.20 am-3.25 pm	GCSG
Brave the Soundwaves Music prefect event	Tuesday 25 June 1.20-2.10 pm	PDCH

Year 11 Geography field trip	Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 June	Northern NSW
Years 10 and 11 Oxford University tour	Friday 28 June to Tuesday 16 July	Oxford, UK
Boarder travel day	Friday 28 June	
Year 12 Formal	Friday 28 June 6.30-11 pm	Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont