

# The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

## Thank you

Mrs Megan Krimmer  
Headmistress



Mere words are not sufficient to express my gratitude for all who donated during our Giving Day yesterday. The generosity of everyone in our Abbotsleigh community knows no bounds – thank you.

As a result of your generosity, young women who could never have had the opportunity to come to our school will now be able to experience the unique and transformative education that Abbotsleigh provides.

The video of our former and current Kathleen McCredie and Indigenous Scholarship recipients demonstrates the life-changing opportunity that their scholarship has given these very impressive young women. If you have not had the opportunity to **watch this video**, I commend it to you. It certainly made my heart sing; I hope your heart sings too.

Thank you to every member of our community – you are simply the best!



## Congratulations to Mrs Peita van Bussel

On World Teachers' Day (25 October) at a very special ceremony at NSW Parliament House, Mrs Peita van Bussel (Acting Deputy Head of Junior School), received the highly prestigious HALT medal in recognition of her outstanding work as a superb teacher and leader at Abbotsleigh.

The HALT (Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher) Recognition Ceremony is an annual event recognising and celebrating the hard work, dedication and achievement of NSW teachers who have attained both the Highly Accomplished and the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher accreditation levels.

To date, very few teachers have attained the HALT accreditation level as the process is rigorous and the standards a very high (as they should be). We are delighted to share that Mrs Peita van Bussel was one of only four NSW teachers who received this recognition for her outstanding work and dedication this year.



Congratulations Mrs van Bussel, we are very proud of you, indeed!

If you would like to see the program and watch a video of the Presentation Ceremony, please **click here**.

Mrs van Bussel receiving her HALT medal from  
The Hon Greg Warren MP  
Member for Campbelltown  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier  
Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Early Learning  
Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney



# Chaplain

## Road trip to Christmas

Rev Sarah Hobba  
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

With Halloween behind us, the Christmas season in the shops is now in full swing. Christmas trees are up, enormous baubles are hanging from the ceiling, the Santa photo booth is ready with a sign pointing to the North Pole, and there are plenty of items to start buying. Personally, I prefer to wait until four weeks before Christmas, but many preparations need to happen well in advance. This year our Junior School Carols will be on Thursday 28 November and Senior Carols on Sunday 1 December, marking the beginning of Advent.

This term, Boarder Chapel is taking a road trip through parts of the Bible that were signs pointing to Jesus coming that first Christmas. In Junior School, we've encountered some totally unexpected Old Testament stories that hint at someone coming. While I don't want

to rush the year by thinking about Christmas too early, it is helpful to recalibrate my thoughts and remember that God had planned Jesus' arrival hundreds of years before the baby in the manger appeared. Here are just a few of the verses written more than 600 years before that first Christmas.

### Isaiah 9:6-7

A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler. His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace. His power will never end; peace will last forever.

### Micah 5:2

Bethlehem Ephrath, you are one of the smallest towns in the nation of Judah. But the Lord will choose one of your people to rule the nation – someone whose family goes back to ancient times.

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

<b>Encounter exhibition</b>	Friday 8 November to Saturday 7 December	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
<b>APA Thank You Drinks and AGM</b>	Thursday 14 November 6.30-8 pm	GLC, Senior School
<b>AOGU Ladies Golf Day</b>	Friday 15 November 8 am-3 pm	Long Reef Golf Club
<b>ABPA AGM</b>	Friday 15 November 2-3.30 pm	
<b>Dance Till You Drop – dance showcase</b>	Saturday 16 November 12.30-5.30 pm	SS Assembly Hall
<b>AOGU meeting</b>	Thursday 21 November 7-9 pm	Council Room, Senior School

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>6D Judith Krause session 1</b>	Monday 11 November 9-10.30 am	Classroom
<b>Kindergarten play session</b>	Monday 11 November 9-10 am-12.30 pm	Classrooms
<b>5G Skyworks Planetarium incursion</b>	Monday 11 November 9.30-10.30 am	Everett Hall
<b>6O Judith Krause session 1</b>	Monday 11 November 10.50-11.50 am	Classroom
<b>5O Skyworks Planetarium incursion</b>	Monday 11 November 10.50 am-11.50 pm	Everett Hall
<b>5L Skyworks Planetarium incursion</b>	Monday 11 November 11.50 am-12.50 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 6 Mandarin song rehearsal</b>	Monday 11 November 1.40-2 pm	Everett Hall
<b>5D Skyworks Planetarium incursion</b>	Monday 11 November 2-3 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 6 basketball and cricket training</b>	Monday 11 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Courts and Oval
<b>Year 5 Surf Education excursion</b>	Tuesday 12 November 8.30 am-3 pm	Manly Beach
<b>Kindergarten play session</b>	Tuesday 12 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Classrooms
<b>Years 1 and 2 author visit – Louise Park</b>	Tuesday 12 November 10.50-11.50 am	Library
<b>Year 2 and 3 AbbConnect craft session</b>	Tuesday 12 November 1.45-2.45 pm	Classrooms
<b>Year 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis training</b>	Tuesday 12 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Tennis Courts
<b>Year 1 Royal Botanic Garden excursion</b>	Wednesday 13 November 8.30 am-2.30 pm	Royal Botanic Garden
<b>Year 4 Kindness Day</b>	Wednesday 13 November 8.30 am-12.50pm	Classrooms
<b>Kindergarten play session</b>	Wednesday 13 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Classrooms
<b>2G swimming lesson</b>	Wednesday 13 November 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
<b>2O swimming lesson</b>	Wednesday 13 November 11.35 am-12.20 pm	JS Swimming Pool
<b>Year 6 Just Romeo and Juliet! incursion</b>	Wednesday 13 November 2-3 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 5 basketball and cricket training</b>	Wednesday 13 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA tennis training</b>	Wednesday 13 November 3.45-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
<b>JS Invitational Swimming Carnival</b>	Wednesday 13 November 4-6 pm	Abbotsleigh Aquatic Centre

<b>Year 6 Surf Educate excursion</b>	Thursday 14 November 8.30 am-3 pm	Manly Beach
<b>Year 1-5 Gateways Navigate session</b>	Thursday 14 November 8.30 am-3 pm	AbbSchool East Room
<b>Kindergarten play session</b>	Thursday 14 November 9.30-12.30 pm	Classrooms
<b>Year 2 String rehearsal</b>	Thursday 14 November 9.45-10.30 am	Upper Music Room
<b>Bambini Open Strings rehearsal with parents</b>	Thursday 14 November 1-1.30 pm	Upper Music Room
<b>Years 3 and 4 basketball and cricket training</b>	Thursday 14 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Year 6 Trinity Drama exams</b>	Friday 15 November 9 am-12 noon	Everett Hall
<b>6L Judith Krause session 3</b>	Friday 15 November 9-10.30 am	Classrooms
<b>Infants Swimming Carnival</b>	Friday 15 November 9.30 am-2.30 pm	Abbotsleigh Aquatic Centre
<b>6G Judith Krause session 3</b>	Friday 15 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Classrooms
<b>IPSHA tennis training</b>	Friday 15 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 16 November 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 16 November 8 am-12 noon	<b>See Parent app</b> for team sheets and venues
<b>Year 6 Farewell Chapel Service rehearsal</b>	Monday 18 November 10.50-11.50 am	Abbotsleigh Chapel, Senior School
<b>Year 6 Mandarin song rehearsal</b>	Monday 18 November 1.40-2 pm	Upper Music Room
<b>Year 2 handshaking rehearsal</b>	Monday 18 November 1.40-2.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 6 basketball and cricket training</b>	Monday 18 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Year 6 Farewell Chapel Service</b>	Tuesday 19 November 8.45-9.30 am	Abbotsleigh Chapel, Senior School
<b>Transition and 4-5 room ELC ACEE excursion</b>	Tuesday 19 November 10.15 am-2.30 pm	ACEE
<b>JS Choir at Wahroonga Anglican Church Christmas lunch</b>	Tuesday 19 November 12.45-2 pm	Asquith Bowling Club
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis training</b>	Tuesday 19 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Tennis Courts
<b>JS Music auditions for 2025</b>	Wednesday 20 November 8.30 am-3.15 pm	Music Rooms
<b>Year 6 Jewish Museum excursion</b>	Wednesday 20 November 8.30 am-3.15 pm	Sydney Jewish Museum
<b>Kindergarten play session</b>	Wednesday 20 November 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Classrooms

<b>2G swimming lesson</b>	Wednesday 20 November 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
<b>2O swimming lesson</b>	Wednesday 20 November 11.35 am-12.20 pm	JS Swimming Pool
<b>5L Nursing Home excursion</b>	Wednesday 20 November 2-3 pm	Hammond Care
<b>Year 2 Soirée and Celebration and Soirée rehearsal</b>	Wednesday 20 November 2-3 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Year 5 basketball and cricket training</b>	Wednesday 20 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA tennis training</b>	Wednesday 20 November 3.45-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
<b>JS Music auditions for 2025</b>	Thursday 21 November 8.30 am-3.15 pm	Music Rooms
<b>6L Judith Krause session 4</b>	Thursday 21 November 9-10.30 am	Classrooms
<b>6G Judith Krause session 4</b>	Thursday 21 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Classrooms
<b>Year 12 Strings rehearsal</b>	Thursday 21 November 10.50 am-11.30 am	Upper Music Room
<b>Year 2 Soirée and Celebration and Soirée rehearsal</b>	Thursday 21 November 11.30 am-12.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Years 3 and 4 basketball and cricket training</b>	Thursday 21 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Year 2 Soirée and Celebration and Soirée</b>	Thursday 21 November 6-7 pm	Everett Hall
<b>JS Music auditions for 2025</b>	Friday 22 November 8.30 am-3.15 pm	Music Rooms
<b>6D Judith Krause session 4</b>	Friday 22 November 9-10.30 am	Classroom
<b>6O Judith Krause session 3</b>	Friday 22 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Classroom
<b>Transition Group 2 nursing home excursion</b>	Friday 22 November 11-11.45 am	Hammond Care
<b>Kindergarten and Year 1 football (soccer)</b>	Friday 22 November 3-4 pm	Junior School
<b>Year 3 try Flippa ball session</b>	Friday 22 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Pool
<b>Year 6 Gingerbread house making</b>	Friday 22 November 3.20-5.15 pm	Everett Hall
<b>IPSHA tennis training</b>	Friday 22 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 22 November 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 22 November 8 am-12 noon	<b>See Parent app</b> for team sheets and venues

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 9 November 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">Click here</a> for times and venues
<b>Cricket round 4</b>	Saturday 9 November 1-5.30 pm	
<b>Softball and badminton trials</b>	Saturday 9 November 1-5 pm	Top Oval and Sports Hall
<b>SS Year 10 Immersion Project Day</b>	Monday 11 November	
<b>Years 11 and 12 Boarder Leadership Chapel and Dinner</b>	Monday 11 November 5-7 pm	Abbotsleigh Chapel and Dining Room
<b>Year 10 First Aid course – Day 1</b>	Tuesday 12 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
<b>Year 10 First Aid course – Day 2</b>	Wednesday 13 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
<b>Yr 10 Mandatory History Troubie incursion</b>	Wednesday 13 November 2-3.25 pm	PDCH
<b>Year 9 Greek Drama Night</b>	Wednesday 13 November 5-7 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Years 9 and 10 PASS excursion</b>	Thursday 14 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
<b>Year 10 Elective Music Soirée</b>	Thursday 14 November 6.30-8 pm	PDCH
<b>Red Earth Immersion departs</b>	Friday 15 November	Far North Queensland
<b>Year 12 Extension History: The Project</b>	Friday 15 November 8 am-3.20 pm	State Library NSW, Zoom conference
<b>Year 9 History Rights and Freedoms Performance</b>	Friday 15 November 2-3.25 pm	PDCH
<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 16 November 2-3.25 pm	Various times and locations
<b>Cricket round 5</b>	Saturday 16 November 1-5.30 pm	
<b>Year 10 Immersion Week</b>	Monday 18 to Friday 22 November	Various locations
<b>Year 7 Elf on the Shelf STEAM Day</b>	Tuesday 19 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
<b>Year 8 Luna Park excursion</b>	Wednesday 20 November 8.25 am-3.20 pm	Luna Park
<b>Year 9 Drama excursion to Dear Evan Hansen</b>	Wednesday 20 November 11 am-3.25 pm	Sydney Theatre Company
<b>Year 10 Drama Brecht Night</b>	Wednesday 20 November 6-8.30 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Wheeldon Cup Performance Day</b>	Thursday 21 November 12.45-2.10 pm	Assembly Hall
<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 22 November 2-3.25 pm	Various times and locations
<b>Cricket round 6</b>	Saturday 22 November 1-5.30 pm	