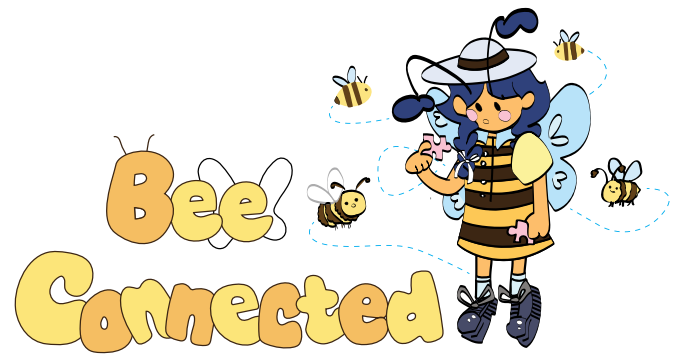


# The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



## Bee Connected and honour those who serve Abbotsleigh commemorates Anzac Day

Mrs Megan Krimmer  
Headmistress



Welcome to Term 2! I hope you and your families had a wonderful Easter and holiday break and that you are looking forward to another term of exciting learning for your daughters, as well as another term of great activities as we continue to celebrate Abbotsleigh's wonderful 140-year history together.

An important tradition that is part of Abbotsleigh's rich history is the honouring of all those who have served our nation in times of war. Indeed, our deep respect for, and the honouring of all those who have served, are seen especially through the Abbotsleigh Chapel, which was dedicated as a memorial to those who served in the Great Wars of the 20th century – In fact the official name of our Chapel, which was opened on 24 April, 1965, is the War Memorial Chapel.\*

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 women and men in all wars in our past and present, who were, and are, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice. It has been 110 years since that fateful landing day – Australia's 'baptism of fire', when many believe the Anzac spirit, epitomised by characteristics such as service to others, courage, perseverance, mateship, loyalty, ingenuity and good humour, to name but a few, was born.

This year, our girls honoured those who have served in war through representation at local services in Wahroonga, Hornsby and Gordon, as well as through our Junior and Senior School Anzac services at school at the beginning of the term.

I would like to thank Melody Cui, Caitlyn Saurajen, Mayurie Sivananthan and Alexa Thomas (Year 9), who attended the Anzac dawn service at Hornsby; Davina Chan, Jazarah Tambyrajah (Year 12) and April Kim (Year 11), who attended the early morning Anzac service at Wahroonga; and Sophia Bradfield, Eloise Lo (Year 12), Olivia Ayres and Elizabeth Newey (Year 6) who attended the Anzac service on Sunday at St John's Church, Gordon. I also would like to thank our Deans, Mrs Clare Haymen (Middle School) and Mrs Annette Ware (Senior College) for accompanying the girls.

At the Wahroonga service, April Kim (Year 11) delivered an excellent address about an inspiring, determined and courageous Ku-ring-gai resident and veteran, Nurse Lydia Abell, whose life and service April had researched. April also delivered her speech during our Senior School Anzac Day service on Tuesday this week\*. I would like to thank all the girls who were involved in our Senior School Service, and we especially thank April who spoke, and Amber Johnson (Year 11) who played the 'Last Post' and 'The Rouse'. I commend April's speech, following, to you.

In our Junior School Anzac services, Mrs Alison Soper told the girls about Rev Len Harris, who served and worked with Indigenous Australians prior to, and during World War II. Rev Harris served Australia on the far North Coast of Australia during the war, where he not only worked with Indigenous people as a coastguard to warn the authorities of an imminent attack, but he also worked with two Indigenous women to translate the Bible into their traditional language, thus making the story of God and his son Jesus accessible and relevant to those people.

Both these veterans' lives and contributions during and after the wars in which they served (World Wars I and II) were epitomised by service to others. Indeed, we are all very grateful to all service women and men who served



Australia so that we may live in a free and peaceful democratic country today.

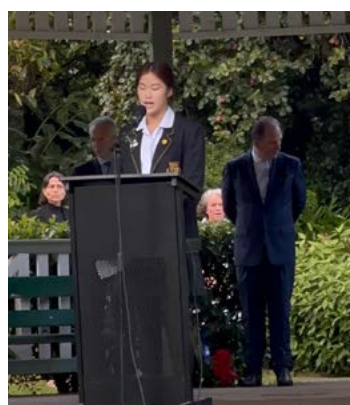
Service also was the epitome of the life and work of Pope Francis, who sadly passed away during the holiday break. Pope Francis was a wonderful example humility, compassion and servant leadership, and I am sure that you will join with me in expressing our sincere condolences to all members of the Catholic Church during this sad time. We also pray for the Catholic Church and the Cardinals who have been given the huge responsibility of electing their next leader.

Over the past few weeks, Anzac Day and the passing of Pope Francis have allowed us to reflect on the wonderful example of all those who have served others by putting others' interests ahead of themselves,

and, in the case of war, being prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice so that others may live in peace.

As it says in Matthew 5:9, Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God...

\*Next week's Shuttle will be dedicated to our Chapel Service which celebrated the 60th anniversary of the opening and dedication of the Abbotsleigh Chapel.



## Nurse Lydia Abell

April Kim  
Year 11



I would like to tell you the story of an extremely dedicated woman, who served our country in one of the most devastating wars that our world has witnessed. She lived and passed here, in the Ku-ring-gai area – just down the road in Gordon.

Nurse Lydia Abell was an invaluable member of our community; her interests were always focused on helping others. Despite facing an array of difficulties throughout her time, she confronted each obstacle with pure determination and wit. She (like many others) embodied a particularly special spirit, defined by courage, ingenuity, endurance, humour and mateship. This is known as the Anzac spirit.

Lydia Abell was born and grew up in Wallsend, Newcastle. As a young woman, Abell trained and worked at Newcastle Hospital as a charge nurse for some time, before moving to work at the Sydney

Women's Hospital. At the Newcastle Hospital, she became a foundation member of the Australian Trained Nurses Association.

September 1915 was when Lydia applied to enlist in the Australian Army Nursing Service to care for soldiers overseas. Being 43 at the time, she was rejected due to the age limit of 40 years. However, Abell overcame this moment of adversity with bravery and continued in her pursuit of helping others.

That same month, along with Nurse Ellen Lowe, Nurse Abell boarded the RMS Arabia, headed for London. Arriving in early November, she volunteered readily in military hospitals. Sister Abell then went on to serve in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve during the war. Being sent to France with the military nursing service was a time where she displayed immense courage and tirelessly worked to help heal wounded soldiers.

One of the most frightening parts of her times as a nurse was when she was selected for duty at a casualty clearing station. It was located in the danger zone. Here, Nurse Abell was pushed to show great bravery as the station came under German fire.

I believe that this was a defining moment of her life, where she fearlessly demonstrated to all that she had the true Anzac spirit.

A clear sign of this is that Lydia Abell was decorated with the Royal Red Cross 2nd Class, the highest order awarded for military nursing – initiated by Queen Victoria during the Crimean War. At Buckingham Palace on 15 May 1919, she was awarded this great honour by His Majesty King George V.

Lydia returned to Sydney later that year, aboard the HMAS Katoomba, marking the beginning of her residence in Ku-ring-gai. Her records show that she lived with her sisters Elizabeth Lockley and Sarah Abell at 59 Ridge Street, Gordon.

Here, Sister Abell joined the newly opened Lady Davidson home in Turramurra. She became second in charge of the home that was run by the Red Cross for the Defence Department, to care for veterans who had contracted tuberculosis during the war. Today, the Lady Davidson Private Hospital still stands on Bobbin

Head Road, helping patients as it once had when Abell worked there.

After 18 long years of dedicated service to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers, Nurse Abell was compulsorily retired from the hospital and Defence Department.

Sister Abell lived in such a devoted manner, continuously putting others before herself to ensure their good health and wellbeing. Although she has her own unique story, hers speaks for those countless others who all fought (and many who gave their lives) for Australia and New Zealand.

Each one carried a truly remarkable spirit with them, each day of their lives. The Anzac spirit. Today we honour every one of them and remember, in gratitude, how they represented our community courageously.

# Chaplain

## Sacrifice in service

Rev Sarah Hobba  
*Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies*

Anzac Day is a solemn reminder of those that have given their lives during world conflicts, reflecting Christ's own sacrifice for humanity. On the night before he died, John 15:13 states that Jesus' words to his disciples were, 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' These words are often spoken at dawn services and can be read on cenotaphs. We honour the courage and selflessness of those who have served, while also seeking God's peace and justice in a broken world. As we commemorate Anzac Day, we continue to

pray for peace, in our world and in the hearts of all, that there may be healing and reconciliation within our world and between each other. We give thanks that we can have peace with God through Jesus' sacrifice for us.

### John 15: 9-14

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

<b>Hornsby Local Artist exhibition</b>	Thursday 1 to Saturday 17 May	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
<b>Mother Daughter Dinner – Years K-12</b>	Friday 9 May 6.30-9.30 pm	Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills



<b>APR Term 2 meeting</b>	Thursday 15 May 8.30-10 am	JS Auditorium
<b>National Walk Safely to School Day</b>	Friday 16 May	
<b>Community Event – Dubbo</b>	Saturday 17 May 3-5.30 pm	Private home, Dubbo
<b>SchoolTV program – student wellbeing resouces</b>	Available to all parents on the Parent Portal	<a href="#">Click here</a> to watch

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>ELC Mother's Day Breakfast 1</b>	Tuesday 6 May 7.30-8.15 am	Early Learning Centre
<b>Years 5 and 6 Judith Krause Parent Information Evening</b>	Tuesday 6 May 7-8.30 pm	JS Auditorium
<b>ELC Mother's Day Breakfast 2</b>	Thursday 8 May 7.30-8.15 am	Early Learning Centre
<b>JS Photo Day 2</b>	Thursday 8 May 9 am-2.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Year 6 da Vinci training day</b>	Friday 9 May 8 am-3 pm	Knox Grammar Prep
<b>SS STEM students working with Years 5 and 6</b>	Friday 9 May 1-1.40 pm	JS Science Courtyard
<b>JS Production Rehearsal</b>	Friday 9 May 3.30-5.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>ISDA Debating Round 1: Octo 1</b>	Friday 9 May 4-9 pm	
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 10 May 8 am-12 noon	See team sheets for times and venues
<b>JS Production Rehearsal</b>	Saturday 10 May 2-4.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>Years 1-3 Gateways excursion (selected students)</b>	Monday 12 May 8.30 am-3 pm	Oxford Falls Grammar School
<b>Year 3 Pylon Lookout and Museum excursion</b>	Tuesday 13 May 8.30 am-3 pm	Sydney Harbour Bridge
<b>Years 4-6 Gateways excursion (selected students)</b>	Tuesday 13 May 8.30 am-3 pm	Oxford Falls Grammar School
<b>Kids' Lit Quiz</b>	Tuesday 13 May 10 am-1 pm	Wahroonga Adventist School
<b>Year 4 Judith Krause Parent Information Evening</b>	Tuesday 13 May 7-8.30 pm	JS Auditorium
<b>10 UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Wednesday 14 May 1.40-2 pm	
<b>Year 1 Vacluse House excursion</b>	Thursday 15 May 8.30 am-2.30 pm	Vacluse House

<b>Years 5 and 6 Birthday Concert rehearsal</b>	Friday 16 May 11.45 am-12.45 pm	Sports Hall, Senior School
<b>Year 5 IPSHA Debating Round 2 vs Knox Grammar School</b>	Friday 16 May 12.45-2.45 pm	Abbotsleigh
<b>1G UR STRONG friendology session</b>	Friday 16 May 1.40-2 pm	
<b>JS Production Rehearsal</b>	Friday 16 May 3.30-5.30 pm	Everett Hall
<b>ISDA Debating Round 2: Octo 2</b>	Friday 16 May 4-9 pm	
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 17 May 8 am-12 noon	See team sheets for times and venues

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Year 12 Business Studies incursion</b>	Monday 5 May 12.45-2 pm	Assembly Hall
<b>Years 8 and 9 camp briefing</b>	Monday 5 May 1.20-2.10 pm	
<b>CIS Swimming Carnival – session 1</b>	Monday 5 May 4-8 pm	SOPAC
<b>CIS Diving Carnival</b>	Tuesday 6 May 8 am-4 pm	SOPAC
<b>CIS Swimming Carnival – session 2</b>	Tuesday 6 May 8 am-4 pm	SOPAC
<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Tuesday 6 May 3.30-6 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 11 Health and Movement excursion</b>	Wednesday 7 May 8 am-3.25 pm	PhysXrehab, Cromer
<b>Lunchtime Futures: UAC/Early entry</b>	Wednesday 7 May 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Year 9 Parent/Teacher interviews</b>	Wednesday 7 May 3.30-8.30 pm	Via Zoom
<b>Shakespeare Carnival regional heat</b>	Wednesday 7 May 5-8 pm	Lindfield Learning Village
<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Thursday 8 May 3.30-6 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Year 9 Elective History excursion</b>	Friday 9 May 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Police and Justice Museum
<b>Year 10 Drama excursion</b>	Friday 9 May 9.35 am-3.25 pm	Macbeth, Parramatta Riverside Theatre
<b>ISDA Debating Round 1: Octo 1</b>	Friday 9 May 4-9 pm	
<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 10 May 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">Click here</a> for times and venues
<b>AFL NSW Junior Schools Cup</b>	Tuesday 13 May 8 am-4 pm	ELS Hall Park, North Ryde
<b>IGSA Archdale Debating vs Kambala</b>	Tuesday 13 May 3.30-8 pm	Kambala

<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Tuesday 13 May 3.30-6 pm	Drama Studio
<b>Years 9-11 da Vinci Decathlon</b>	Wednesday 14 May 3.30-6 pm	Knox Grammar School
<b>Yrs 9-12 Drama excursion</b>	Wednesday 14 May 9.30 am-3.30 pm	The Wrong Gods, Belvoir St Theatre
<b>Year 12 PC Concert</b>	Wednesday 14 May 12.45-1.15 pm	Peter Duly Concert Hall
<b>Lunchtime Futures: Studying interstate</b>	Wednesday 14 May 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
<b>Year 11 Parent/Teacher interviews</b>	Wednesday 14 May 3.30-8.30 pm	Via Zoom
<b>Year 8 Geography field trip</b>	Thursday 15 May 8.25 am-3.25 pm	Bobbin Head
<b>Senior Drama Production rehearsal</b>	Thursday 15 May 3.30-6 pm	Drama Studio
<b>IGSA Cross Country</b>	Friday 16 May 6 am-4 pm	Frensham, Mittagong
<b>ISDA Debating Round 2: Octo 2</b>	Friday 16 May 4-9 pm	