

The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.



Journey With Joy – Opening night of our Senior School Musical: *Freaky Friday*

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

So vibrant!
Out of this world!
Hilarious!
Absolutely sensational!
What a triumph!

These are just some of the comments that could be heard as the audience left the Abbotsleigh Theatre (Assembly Hall) at the conclusion of the magnificent opening night's performance of our Senior School Musical – *Freaky Friday*. The show was simply brilliant!

From the first moment that *Freaky Friday* was chosen as our musical until this week, the 'Journey' bringing the musical to the fruition of performance has been one of absolute joy – it has also been a journey of tenacity, resilience, pure hard work, perhaps some tears and, of course, great fun.

The talent and hard work of our girls are quite extraordinary. Equally extraordinary are the talent and hard work of all our staff members who have been involved in this fabulous production in so many ways.

I am delighted that so many girls have participated in the musical – actors, vocalists, musicians, dancers, costume, backstage, art, design, ushers and so much more – and I would like to thank each girl for her incredible contribution. Girls, it certainly has been massive, and we all appreciate everything you have done to ensure the musical has been such a success. Congratulations must go, especially, to our leads Cyan Hu and Lucia Chan, as well as to Mrs Barbara Beilharz (Senior School Science teacher) for her cameo performance!

I would also like to thank all members of staff who have given their wisdom, expertise and a huge amount of time to ensure the production is such a triumph.



Special thanks go to our Director – Mr Lee Fleming; our Music Directors – Mrs Lynette Clarke and Ms Sally Lucas; our Choreographer – Miss Lauren MacKinnon; our Music staff – Ms Louise Keller, Mrs Ingrid Little, Mrs Susannah Pinter, Ms Penina Stafford, Ms Gina Hetherington, Mrs Melissa Ryan, Ms Jimin Lim and musicians Mr Ben Hunter and Mr Chris Haigh. Thank you, too, Mr David Owens, Mrs Victoria Staas, Miss Olivia Turner, Mr Carlos Barroeta, Mr Lyndon Franks, Mr Adam Antonio, Mr John Klimes, Ms Isobel Royston, Mrs Georgia Black, Mrs Allison Dunnett, Dr Irini Savvides, Mr Kris Egan and our staff in the Abbotsleigh Development, IT, Property, Finance, English, Maths and TAS Departments and Print Centre. Thank you also, Emma Wong, Year 11, for the Visual Images Content Creation.

If you haven't purchased tickets for the final performances of *Freaky Friday* – tonight, tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow evening, you might be in luck, as I understand there are a few tickets still available – [click here](#).

Please [click here](#) for the notes from Mr Lee Fleming, our Director, Mrs Lynette Clark, our Co-Musical Director, and Miss Lauren MacKinnon, our Choreographer. I warmly commend these notes, which provide a wonderful overview of the musical and all those involved.

Chaplain

Joy in Partnerships

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

In Chapel this week, Rev Butterworth began our Term 2 series, 'Joy - Lessons from Philippians'. This letter was written by the Apostle Paul to Christians living in Philippi, a city in the modern day region of Macedonia. Joy is a repeated theme throughout the letter. In the opening passage, Paul highlights his deep joy as he reflects on his great friends who are fellow believers in Jesus living in Philippi. Paul's gratitude flows from their shared commitment, faithfulness and willingness to work side by side for God's purposes. The phrase he uses is '*partnership in the gospel*.'

Christian history gives us striking examples of such partnerships, including men and women like William Wilberforce, John Newton and Hannah More, whose shared conviction and perseverance contributed to the abolition of the slave trade. This work was grounded in the belief that all people are made *in God's image*. Their lives remind us that sharing the good news of Jesus is rarely lived out alone.

While not every shared endeavour is a gospel partnership, moments of encouragement, teamwork



and mutual support in school life, maybe like those required for a musical, can gently point us toward deeper truths. Living with a Christ centred and God honouring focus, knowing that God makes us all different, with different skills and knowledge, communities can draw together with purpose, courage and hope, which is truly joyful to behold.

Philippians 1:3-4

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Parent Wellbeing Hive - parent wellbeing resources	Available to all parents on the Parent Portal	Click here to visit
Pacific Highway pedestrian overpass overnight closure	Tuesday 28 April to Friday 31 July 9 pm-5 am	15 temporary overnight closures to complete work on pedestrian overpass
Beyond Utility exhibition	Thursday 9 April to Saturday 2 May	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
Juno Games exhibition	Friday 8 May to Wednesday 3 June	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

Freaky Friday - Senior School musical	Thursday 30 April to Saturday 2 May	Click here to buy tickets
Mother's Day	Sunday 10 May	
AMEB Music Examination period	Monday 11 to Saturday 16 May	SS Music Department
Boarding Expo	Friday 15 to Saturday 16 May	Dubbo
K-12 Mother Daughter Dinner	Friday 15 May 6.30-9.30 pm	Miramare Gardens

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Years 5-6 Judith Krause parent evening	Monday 4 May 7-8.30 pm	JS Auditorium
ELC Mother's Day breakfast	Thursday 7 May 7.30-8.15 am	ELC
Year 6 Geography parent guest speakers	Thursday 7 May 1.30-2.30 pm	JS Auditorium
Jacqueline Harvey author talk - Years 4-6	Friday 8 May 11.30 am-12.45 pm	Everett Hall
Charlotte Barkla author visit - Years 2-3	Monday 11 May 9.15-10.45 am	JS Auditorium
Year 4 Judith Krause parent evening	Monday 11 May 7-8.30 pm	JS Auditorium
Year 1 Vacluse House excursion	Wednesday 13 May	Vacluse
Years 5-6 da Vinci Decathlon	Thursday 14 May	Knox Grammar School
Year 5 IPSHA debate vs The King's School	Friday 15 May 1-2.30 pm	JS Auditorium

SENIOR SCHOOL

Saturday sport	Saturday 2 May	Click here for times and venues
Year 11 PhysX Rehab excursion	Wednesday 6 May	Dee Why
Year 11 Parent Teacher night	Wednesday 6 May 3.30-8.30 pm	Online
Year 11 Ancient History excursion	Thursday 7 May	Chau Chak Wing Museum
IGSA Cross Country Carnival	Friday 8 May	Frensham

Year 12 music performance	Sunday 10 May 11 am-4.30 pm	Galston Uniting Church
Boarders Week	Monday 11 to Friday 15 May	
Boarder Chapel	Monday 11 May 5.30-6.30 pm	Chapel
Years 7-8 da Vinci Decathlon	Tuesday 12 May	Knox Grammar School
IGSA Archdale Debating – round 1	Tuesday 12 May 4-8 pm	Various school locations
Years 9-11 da Vinci Decathlon	Wednesday 13 May	Knox Grammar School
Year 9 Parent Teacher night	Wednesday 13 May 3.30-8.30 pm	Online
Years 9-10 UNSW Museum of Disease excursion	Thursday 14 May	UNSW
Shakespeare regional carnival	Thursday 14 May 4-9 pm	Assembly Hall/PDCH
Year 11 Earth Science excursion	Friday 15 May 11 am-12.45 pm	The Glade

