

# The Shuttle

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

## Learning: A truly joyful journey

Mrs Megan Krimmer  
Headmistress

Our girls love to learn. Ever curious, our girls enjoy learning new things, grappling with concepts, thinking critically and solving complex problems. Although learning can sometimes be hard and even frustrating at times, ultimately it is so satisfying because our girls are genuinely interested in everything. And they really enjoy engaging their brains and learning deeply. Indeed, for our girls and our staff, learning is truly a joyful journey.



This is beautifully articulated in the article written by Ms Larissa Cameron, our Head of Junior School, as she reflects on the wonderful activities held yesterday in honour of our Kindy girls who celebrated their first 100 Days of Learning at Abbotsleigh.

I warmly commend to you Ms Cameron's excellent article about the superb learning being undertaken by our very young learners in our Junior School.



## Kindergarten celebrates 100 Days of Learning, buzzing with joy!

Ms Larissa Cameron  
Head of Junior School

Yesterday, Kindergarten celebrated a very special milestone, 100 Days of Learning at Abbotsleigh. This joyful occasion provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on just how far the girls have come since their first days of school.

Throughout the day, classrooms were filled with excitement as the girls took part in a range of engaging activities centred around the number 100. From counting collections of 100 items to sharing their learning journeys, the celebrations were both meaningful and fun. The girls embraced the spirit of the day by dressing up as something that makes them buzz with joy, adding an extra sense of creativity and delight to the occasion.

While the day was full of laughter and energy, it also marked an important moment in the girls' learning journey. In just 100 days, our Kindergarten students have developed new skills, grown in confidence, formed strong



friendships and begun to see themselves as capable and curious learners. Their progress over this relatively short period is testament to their enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to embrace new challenges.

The celebration also served as a reminder that learning is about far more than mastering knowledge and skills. At Abbotsleigh, we know that learning and character development go hand in hand. Some of the most meaningful learning occurs when students encounter challenges, grapple with problems and persevere through

difficulty. It is through these moments that they develop resilience, confidence and new ways of thinking.

We are incredibly proud of all that our Kindergarten girls have achieved so far. The 100 Days of Learning celebration reminds us that every day matters and that small steps, taken consistently over time, lead to remarkable growth. We look forward to all that lies ahead as the girls continue to learn, flourish and discover, all of which they are capable.



# Chaplain

## Journey steps

Rev Sarah Hobba  
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

In life, we often need to be prepared and planning ahead is essential. Our Year 12 students know this well as they begin their Trial HSC Examinations.

Some members of my family are celebrating significant ‘zero’ birthdays this year, and last year my parents celebrated a milestone wedding anniversary. Sometimes, however, we are planning for more than just an immediate event. We are thinking about the direction our lives will take. Some of these things are related to what we might want to do, what our purpose might be, and even what legacy we hope to leave. At other times, we simply do not know what we want to do or where we are headed. Sometimes the path seems clear; at other times it can feel uncertain and difficult to see. And occasionally, life throws us a curveball that we were not expecting.

In Boarders' Chapel this week, Rev Rowena McMicking reflected on Proverbs 16:9: *‘In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.’* He reminded us that each of us is on a different journey, taking different steps, some carefully planned and others



completely unforeseen. Yet throughout those journeys, God knows us and walks with us.

When we encounter difficulties, we can remember that God sent Jesus, who experienced suffering and hardship, most profoundly in his death on the cross. Because of this, Jesus understands our struggles and is present with us through them. In this truth, we can find reassurance that God is with us through every stage of our journey, guiding our steps even when the path ahead is unclear.

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

|                                                    |                                               |                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Parent Wellbeing Hive – parent wellbeing resources | Available to all parents on the Parent Portal | <a href="#">Click here</a> to visit                                                |
| Grace Cossington Smith Art Award exhibition        | Saturday 18 July to Saturday 15 August        | Grace Cossington Smith Gallery                                                     |
| 2026 Foundation Gala Dinner                        | Saturday 15 August<br>6.30-11 pm              | Doltone House, Darling Island<br>Tickets available now: <a href="#">click here</a> |

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Parent Teacher interviews</b>         | Monday 3 to Thursday 6 August |                        |
| <b>Primary Athletics Carnival</b>        | Thursday 6 August             |                        |
| <b>Years 1-3 Gateways Maths Workshop</b> | Monday 10 August              | Mt Colah Public School |
| <b>Years 4-6 Gateways Maths Workshop</b> | Tuesday 11 August             | Mt Colah Public School |

## SENIOR SCHOOL

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| <b>Saturday sport</b>                                | Saturday 1 August                        | <b>Click here</b>      |
| <b>Year 12 HSC trials begin</b>                      | Monday 3 August                          | Various locations      |
| <b>Japan Concert Band rehearsal</b>                  | Tuesday 4 August<br>3.30-5.30 pm         | PDCH                   |
| <b>IGSA Archdale Debating – make-up round</b>        | Tuesday 4 August<br>4-8 pm               | Various locations      |
| <b>Senior Drama performances</b>                     | Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 August<br>7-9 pm | Drama Studio           |
| <b>Japan Jazz Ensemble rehearsal</b>                 | Friday 7 August<br>3.30-4.45 pm          | To be determined       |
| <b>SDN Debating competition – round 3</b>            | Friday 7 August<br>4-9 pm                | Various locations      |
| <b>Year 11 Agriculture excursion</b>                 | Monday 10 to Wednesday<br>12 August      | Quirindi               |
| <b>Years 8 and 9 Pastoral Care concert</b>           | Monday 10 August<br>12.45-1.15 pm        | PDCH                   |
| <b>Middle School Public Speaking competition</b>     | Tuesday 11 August<br>12.45-1.15 pm       | Assembly Hall          |
| <b>Japan Concert Band rehearsal</b>                  | Tuesday 11 August<br>3.30-5.30 pm        | PDCH                   |
| <b>IGSA Archdale Debating – tie-breaker round</b>    | Tuesday 4 August<br>4-8 pm               | Various locations      |
| <b>Year 11 Bennelong in London theatre excursion</b> | Wednesday 12 August                      | Sydney Theatre Company |
| <b>Japan Jazz Ensemble rehearsal</b>                 | Friday 14 August<br>3.30-4.45 pm         | To be determined       |
| <b>SDN Debating competition – round 5</b>            | Friday 14 August<br>4-9 pm               | Various locations      |

