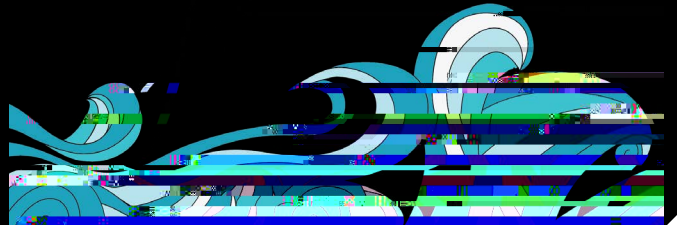


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The critical importance of gaining a high-quality education in fostering economic inclusion and changing the trajectory of young girls' and women's lives was emphasised also at our very successful International Women's Day Breakfast today. Here Rev Helen Hoskins (AOG, 1969), founder of Bunda Girls' Secondary School in Tanzania, spoke about the transformative impact of education on the lives of young Bunda girls. In a country where girls are relied upon to look after the home and the education of girls is not seen as a priority, Bunda is an extraordinary institution that lays the foundation for girls to pursue careers in nursing, medicine, engineering, IT, humanities, teaching and so on. Bunda also aims for their girls to become leaders in their fields and contribute in a meaningful and powerful way to the development of their nation, Tanzania. (From: [Bunda Girls Secondary School – Anglican Aid](#))

Going to a girls' school and living in Australia in 2024, it is often hard for our girls to comprehend the significance of the many gains that have been made in the quest for equality for women in many areas; it is perhaps also

difficult for them to see that there is more to be done for every woman across the whole world to take a completely 'equal seat' at any table.

As AOG and former Abbotsleigh parent, Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz (Lloyd, 1984) wrote in *The Australian* this week. 'I would like to live in a world in which we celebrate Gender Equality Day.' ([International Women's Day highlights Australia's gender pay gap](#) | *The Australian*).

Much progress has been made, but we are not there yet; however, I am very confident that our girls will ensure that gains continue to be made, not only in Australia, but throughout the world.

# Happy International Women's Day



Wednesday, 6 March 2024

- Miss Betty Archdale, Headmistress 1958-70

# Chaplain

## Jesus and different Marys

*Rev Sarah Hobba  
Chaplain*

Throughout the term in Senior School CRU groups, girls have been looking at the different Marys that Jesus interacts with throughout the Gospels. Some include his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and Mary who is the sister of Lazarus and Martha. Jesus upheld that Mary listening to his words (i.e. being taught) was a 'better' thing than being busy with food preparations. On the cross, despite his suffering, Jesus compassionately makes provision for his mother to be cared for by the disciple John.

Women are the first to spread the good news that Jesus is risen, as they were the first witnesses to his resurrection. On International Women's Day, we are thankful for the example of Jesus and his interactions with women in his life, death and resurrection.

**Luke 10:40-42** But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

<b>ART NORTH exhibition</b> HSC Visual Arts from schools in the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby district	2 to 23 March	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Senior School
<b>K-12 Ski Team Parent Information Evening</b>	Tuesday 12 March 7-8 pm	Junior School Library Auditorium
<b>APA Book Club with Jessica Kirkness</b>	Wednesday 20 March From 6.45 pm	Junior School Library Auditorium

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>Year 6 Parent Morning Tea</b>	Monday 11 March 8-9.30 am	Bundarra Lawn
<b>Year 6 football, water polo and fippa ball training</b>	Monday 11 March 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School



<b>IPSHA football, water polo and f ippa ball</b>	Saturday 23 March 8 am-12 noon	Various locations – see <b><a href="#">Abbotsleigh parent app</a></b> for team sheets
<b>JS Production auditions</b>	Saturday 23 March 2-4.30 pm	Everett Hall

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Sporting fixtures</b>	Saturday 9 March	<a href="#">Click here</a> for venues and times
<b>Year 8 Challenge Week</b>	Monday 11 to Thursday 14 March	
<b>Year 7 DigiEd Claymation workshop</b>	Monday 11 March	
<b>Year 10 Morrisby Testing</b>	Monday 11 March	
<b>Year 11 Car Maintenance program</b>	Monday 11 March	
<b>Year 7 DigiEd Claymation workshop</b>	Tuesday 12 March	
<b>Year 9 Mandatory Geography excursion</b>	Tuesday 12 March	
<b>Year 11 RYDA</b>	Tuesday 12 March	
<b>Year 10 Canberra excursion</b>	Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 March	
<b>Year 11 Urban Challenge</b>	Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 March	
<b>FIRST Robotics Competition – Southern Cross Regional</b>	Friday 15 March	PCYC Hawkesbury
<b>Year 12 History incursion with David Marr</b>	Thursday 21 March 7-8.15 am	
<b>Year 11 Agriculture excursion</b>	Thursday 21 March 9 am-12 noon	Leppington Pastoral Company