



On Monday 'yLead' facilitated a full day program for our Year 11 cohort. Through a range of engaging and high energy activities, our girls were challenged to consider the strengths, gifts and passions that are uniquely theirs and to 'use the things that make them different to make a difference.' There was much discussion around strong and effective teams being those that know the direction they are going but embrace differences and utilise the strengths and gifts of individuals to realise their goals. Mother Teresa aptly summed up the essence of this message when she said, "I cannot do what you can do. You cannot do what I can do. Together we can do great things."

The power of collective leadership was a key focus on the day. Whether badged or not, every student has something to offer, and when they work together, they can achieve remarkable things and in the process, have a wonderfully memorable experience. This was illustrated beautifully when the girls were set the challenge of seeing how long it would take to get the entire cohort of 190 girls successfully through a large turning skipping rope.

Their first attempt was a commendable three minutes. Over the next hour they reflected and they strategised; they refined their communication, honed their technique and they clarified their game plan. On their fifth attempt, they achieved the unthinkable – 190 girls successfully through in 13 seconds. Every team member was in sync, gave their best and worked together. The scene was priceless. There was jumping and squealing, stumps and shouts of jubilation; a poignant reminder of the joy that comes from working together to achieve a goal.

"Leadership is for everyone, you just have to step up" said one girl at the close of the day as she shared her key takeaway. Another said, "Great leadership is about leaving a legacy that you and others are proud of." Such wise and insightful words to wrap up a wonderfully inspiring day and make us eagerly anticipate our next cohort of Year 12 leaders.



Chaplain

Prayer

Rev Sarah Hobba
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The practice of prayer is hugely important for many people. There are many ways that prayer finds expression in people's lives; formal and informal, regular and irregular, public and private. Members of our school community meet to pray within staff groups and a termly parent group (ACF – Abbotsleigh Christian Fellowship) which met this week. Prayers focus on our world, our nation and the Abbotsleigh community. Sometimes when we look at the concerns and issues around us, whether global or local, it is hard to know what to do and what action to take. We can pray. Sometimes we don't even know what to say or pray. The Bible says the Holy Spirit knows and prays for us. Below, are some reassuring words from the scriptures about prayer.

In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people. We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him.

Romans 8:26-28a

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (also our School Lesson)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

Knox Abbotsleigh Print Exchange exhibition	Thursday 30 May to Wednesday 12 June	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
National Reconciliation Week	Begins Monday 3 June	
APA meeting	Monday 3 June 7-9 pm	Global Learning Centre (GLC) SS
King's Birthday public holiday	Monday 10 June	
Abbotsleigh Band Festival (JS and SS)	Thursday 13 June 5.30-7 pm	PDCH

JUNIOR SCHOOL

IPSHA Saturday Sport – Indigenous Reconciliation Round	Saturday 1 June 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
JS Production rehearsal	Saturday 1 June 2-4.30 pm	Everett Hall
Year 6 netball and hockey training	Monday 3 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
CIS cross country training	Tuesday 4 June 7.15-8 am	Junior School
Year 6 PLC Kindness Convention	Tuesday 4 June 7.15-8 am	Pymble Ladies' College
Year 3 URSTRONG session	Wednesday 5 June 8.30-10.30 am	Auditorium
Year 5 URSTRONG session	Wednesday 5 June 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Auditorium
Year 5 netball and minkey training	Wednesday 5 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
URSTRONG parent information session	Wednesday 5 June 6-7 pm	Zoom
CIS Cross Country Carnival	Thursday 6 June 8.30 am-3 pm	Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park
Years 3 and 4 netball and minkey training	Thursday 6 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
McGrath Pull On Your Socks Day	Friday 7 June	Junior School
Years 5 and 6 Northside Gifted and Talented Workshop	Friday 7 June 8.30-3 pm	Sydney Grammar School

Year 6 Fundraiser prep time	Friday 7 June 11.20-11.50 am	Year 6 Classrooms
Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off	Friday 7 June 1.40-2 pm	Junior School
No IPSHA sport (Long weekend)	Saturday 8 June	
JS Production rehearsal tech run	Saturday 8 June 2-4.30 pm	Everett Hall
ELC and Transition visit to the ACEE	Tuesday 11 June 8.30 am-2 pm	Abbotsleigh Centre for Environmental Education (ACEE)
Years 1-6 New Parent Report Information Evening	Tuesday 11 June 7-8 pm	Auditorium
Year 4 Maritime Museum excursion	Wednesday 12 June 8.30 am-2.45 pm	Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour
Year 5 Chinese Garden excursion	Wednesday 12 June 8.30 am-3 pm	Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour
Year 5 netball and minkey training	Wednesday 12 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Primary athletics trials	Thursday 13 June 9.15 am-3 pm	Junior and Senior School
Years 3 and 4 netball and minkey training	Thursday 13 June 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Transition Cinderella Kindness Day	Friday 14 June 8.30 am-2.45 pm	Transition Classrooms
Year 5 Micro:bit Fair	Friday 14 June 9-10 am	Bundarra Court
Year 6 Fundraiser prep time	Friday 14 June 11.20-11.50 am	Year 6 Classrooms
JS Production rehearsal	Friday 14 June 3.30-5.30 pm	Everett Hall
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SENIOR SCHOOL

CIS Cross Country Carnival	Thursday 6 June 8.30 am-3.30 pm	Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park
Shabbots CRU weekend	Friday 7 to Sunday 9 June	
Boarder travel day	Friday 7 June	
Pull On Your Socks Day	Friday 7 June	
No IGSA sport (Long weekend)	Saturday 8 June	
Boarders return from long weekend	Monday 10 June From 4 pm	
SS Archdale Debating Round 4	Tuesday 11 June 4-8 pm	
Year 12 German excursion to Goethe-Institut	Wednesday 12 June 8.20 am-3.15 pm	Goethe-Institut, Woollahra
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