

# The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

## Brave the Waves and do the right thing

Mrs Megan Krimmer  
Headmistress



### Our girls and neighbours need your help to keep everyone safe

I would like to tell you about an Abbotsleigh Old Girl who my husband and I have known for a very long time. She is very intelligent, has a wicked sense of humour, loves music and, when she was at school, she, like all of her Abbotsleigh friends, loved learning and was into everything.

Tragically, however, when Katie was 10 years old, she was hit by a car on her way home from school one day. It was a horrific accident, and her young life hung in the balance for quite some time. Fortunately, Katie did ultimately survive, but the cost was immense. Indeed, Katie's brain and other physical injuries were so extensive that they left her permanently and very severely disabled.

Katie's accident happened 'in the blink of an eye'. She often speaks to me and others about how hard it has been for her. She also says that she hopes that what happened to her does not happen to any other Abbotsleigh girl, or anyone else for that matter. That is certainly my hope, and I know that it would be your hope as well.

Sadly, and tragically, virtually every day we hear of dreadful accidents where young people are critically injured, or worse, due to drivers or pedestrians who act as if convenience is more important than safety. **IT IS NOT!** I know that every parent and every girl fundamentally believes that 'safety trumps convenience every time.'

As such, our expectation at Abbotsleigh is that all parents observe the law and the common safety rules below when dropping their daughters at school. We also expect each girl to follow our safety procedures that have been well-articulated many times.

### The following are procedures that all members of the Abbotsleigh community I know will want to follow:

#### Parents

We highly recommend that girls in the Senior School and in the Junior School when they are old enough, walk or take public transport to and from school. This builds independence and promotes a healthy lifestyle; it also reduces our impact on the environment.

#### Junior School

If parents drive their daughters to school, please drop them off as per our well organised procedures. Should you park in Warwilla Avenue or Woonona Avenue, please ensure that your daughter uses the 'manned' pedestrian crossings to cross roads at all times.

#### Senior School

Students can be dropped off on the school side of Ada Avenue or possibly in the Wahroonga shops car park. All parking signs must be adhered to, and parents must never park over any driveway. **School driveways must not be used as turning bays** – this practice is dangerous and causes unnecessary traffic congestion.

Girls must **NEVER** be dropped off in Ada Avenue opposite the School, in the School's driveways on Ada Avenue, or in the Chapel car park.

**Please note:** It is illegal and extremely dangerous for your daughter to alight from your car if you are in a line of traffic. Please do **not** allow this to occur, ever. Please park legally and allow your daughter to alight from your car on the left-hand side of the car (next to the footpath).

We ask all parents to be respectful of our neighbours in Ada Avenue by not parking in or around private driveways or blocking their access.



If it is necessary to drop off a student within the school grounds for health reasons, girls may only be set down in the drop off zone in the Sport Precinct car park. Please contact your daughter's Year Coordinator to obtain permission and the code to gain access.

Outside school hours (before 7.30 am and after 4 pm) girls may be dropped off or picked up by parents in the Sports Precinct car park. In order to reduce congestion, we would encourage parents where possible, to enter the car park turning left off Ada Avenue and exit turning left on to Ada Avenue. Please note that for safety reasons drivers are to observe the speed limits and be especially careful to watch for girls who are crossing the driveway as you exit or enter the car park. Please do not park or wait for your daughter in the no standing zone at the end of the car park.

**Students walking to school from Wahroonga station or Wahroonga shops**

**Junior School**

Girls must use the designated pedestrian crossings in Warwilla Avenue and Woonona Avenue. Junior School girls should not use the crossing adjacent to the Post Office and IGA, unless accompanied by a parent.

**Senior School**

Girls MUST use the pedestrian crossing at the Post Office to cross Coonanbarra Road and cross the Pacific Highway using the overpass. (Even if they have been dropped off in Wahroonga car park.)

Walking up to and crossing at the lights on the Pacific Highway is **NOT** a safe option; it is equally unsafe to cross at the lights at the top of Coonanbarra Road adjacent to the Shell service station. This is because cars turning left into Coonanbarra Road from the Pacific Highway cannot see pedestrians clearly.

**Please note** – young people have been struck by cars on Coonanbarra Road and the Pacific Highway at the lights. The overpass was put in for our girls to use to keep them safe. It also reduces traffic congestion.

**Please note also** – currently, the gate on Lucinda Avenue is out of operation while the building works are taking place. A pedestrian gate is available for students around the corner on the Pacific Highway.

As members of the Abbotsleigh community I ask that we work together to ensure that our girls are safe at all times. The way we drive and the way we drop off/pick up our girls will go a long way towards helping to keep each of our girls safe and reducing traffic congestion in and around the School.

Thank you for your help with this very important issue.



ABBOTSLEIGH

# Safety before convenience

**There are only FOUR safe places where your daughter is permitted to cross the streets surrounding the school.**

- 1 Coonanbarra Road:** Pedestrian crossing at the Post Office.
- 2 Railway Parade:** Pedestrian crossing at the IGA supermarket.
- 3 Pacific Highway:** Footbridge.
- 4 Ada Avenue:** The pedestrian crossing at the lights at the top of the hill.

\* Please note: Drop off/pick up only available in **Gate 1A car park** before 7.30 am and after 4 pm.



# Chaplain

## Pray for the calming of the waves

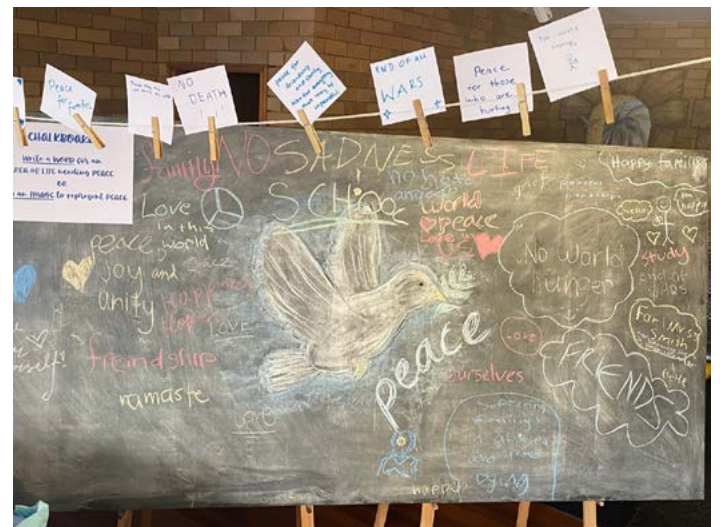
Rev Sarah Hobba  
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

If there was a repeated theme in the Shuttle Chaplaincy section, it is probably prayer. That is perhaps because there is so much we can pray for in our lives and the lives of others. The acronym VUCA has been used to describe the world in which we live as volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. Sometimes as we seek to Brave the Waves we can pray, even when we don't have a clear way through the waves. Currently, the Senior School Chapel has an area set up to pray for the calming of the waves. This is for staff and students to reflect on peace and ways in which we would like to see peace brought to our personal lives, friends, family, homes, our nation and globally. Our prayers can be for others dealing with loss, times of change and challenges. Writing a prayer on a note or on a chalkboard, or saying a silent prayer

as you drop a pebble into a water bowl – can help remind us to keep bringing our prayers to God knowing that he hears us, as our School Lesson says below.

### Philippians 4:6-7

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.



# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

<p><b>Abbotsleigh Year 12 2024 Visual Arts exhibition</b></p>	<p>Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 August</p>	<p>Grace Cossington Smith Gallery</p>
<p><b>A Closer Look exhibition (NSW Miniature Society)</b></p>	<p>Thursday 5 to Saturday 28 September</p>	<p>Grace Cossington Smith Gallery</p>

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 31 August 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>	Saturday 31 August 8 am-12 noon	<b>See Parent</b> app for team sheets and venues
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training</b>	Saturday 31 August 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School
<b>Year 3 eye screening with Wahroonga Eyecare</b>	Monday 2 September 9.30-12 noon	Library Annexe
<b>20 Hot Shots Tennis</b>	Monday 2 September 12-12.45 pm	JS Tennis Courts
<b>Year 6 AFL and touch football training</b>	Monday 2 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>ELC and Transition ACEE incursion</b>	Tuesday 3 September 8.30 am-2.30 pm	ACEE
<b>30 Combined Arts Program</b>	Tuesday 3 September 9.30-11 am	St Lucy's School
<b>Year 4 Cancer Research Fundraiser</b>	Tuesday 3 September 1-1.30 pm	Library Plaza
<b>IPSHA Social Action Expo</b>	Wednesday 4 September 8.30 am-3 pm	The King's School
<b>Year 3 Act for Kids sessions</b>	Wednesday 4 September Various times	Classrooms
<b>Year 2 Bike Education</b>	Wednesday 4 September Various times	JS Tennis Courts
<b>Year 5 AFL and touch football training</b>	Wednesday 4 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>30 Combined Arts Program</b>	Thursday 5 September 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
<b>Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football training</b>	Thursday 5 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>JS 70th Birthday Celebration Rehearsal</b>	Friday 6 September 8.30 am-6 pm	State Theatre, Sydney
<b>JS 70th Birthday Celebration Concert</b>	Friday 6 September 6-7.30 pm	State Theatre, Sydney
<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 7 September 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>	Saturday 7 September 8 am-12 noon	<b>See Parent</b> app for team sheets and venues
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training</b>	Saturday 7 September 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School
<b>Year 3 eye screening with Wahroonga Eyecare</b>	Monday 9 September 9.30-12 noon	Library Annexe
<b>20 Hot Shots Tennis</b>	Monday 9 September 12-12.45 pm	JS Tennis Courts
<b>Year 6 AFL and touch football training</b>	Monday 9 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>ELC ACEE incursion</b>	Tuesday 10 September 8.30 am-2.30 pm	ACEE



<b>5D Hammond Care excursion</b>	Tuesday 10 September 9.30-11 am	Hammond Care
<b>Year 5 Chinese Gardens excursion</b>	Wednesday 11 September 8.30 am-3 pm	Chinatown, Sydney
<b>Kindergarten forces and movement incursion</b>	Wednesday 11 September 9.30-10.30 am	Classrooms
<b>Year 3 Act for Kids sessions</b>	Wednesday 11 September Various times	Classrooms
<b>3L St Lucy's combined arts program</b>	Wednesday 11 September 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
<b>Year 5 AFL and touch football training</b>	Wednesday 11 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>3L St Lucy's combined arts program</b>	Thursday 12 September 11.45 am-1.20 pm	St Lucy's School
<b>Years 3 and 4 AFL and touch football training</b>	Thursday 12 September 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
<b>Years 1 and 2 Jam on Toast incursion</b>	Friday 13 September 9.30-10.30 am	Upper Music Room
<b>Transition and Kindergarten Jam on Toast incursion</b>	Friday 13 September 10.50-11.50 am	Upper Music Room
<b>SDN Debating semi finals</b>	Friday 13 September 4.30-8.30 pm	TBC
<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 14 September 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday Sport</b>	Saturday 14 September 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
<b>Year 3-6 Tennis Double Competition</b>	Saturday 14 September 1-4 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
<b>Years 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training</b>	Saturday 14 September 1-5 pm	Gymnasium, Senior School

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 31 August 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">Click here</a> for times and venues
<b>Year 7 2025 Family Barbecue 2</b>	Saturday 31 August 1-3 pm	Marian Clarke Plaza
<b>Rugby 7s Round 4</b>	Saturday 31 August 1-5 pm	Pymble Ladies' College
<b>Tanzania Tour Presentation Evening</b>	Monday 2 September 6-7 pm	GLC
<b>Australian Interschools Snow Sports Championships</b>	Tuesday 3-Sunday 8 September	Perisher Valley
<b>Year 9 PDM excursion</b>	Tuesday 3 September 1.20-3.25 pm	Wahroonga Village
<b>Archdale Debating semi finals</b>	Tuesday 3 September 4-8 pm	
<b>Year 8 WABIAD competion</b>	Wednesday 4 September 8 am-6 pm	Archdale Library
<b>Year 9 PDM excursion</b>	Wednesday 4 September 1.20-3.25 pm	Wahroonga Village

<b>AOGU meeting</b>	Wednesday 4 September 7.30-9 pm	Council Room
<b>Year 12 parent ATAR/UAC application information session</b>	Thursday 5 September 7.30-8 pm	Via Zoom
<b>CIA Athletics Carnival</b>	Friday 6 September 8 am-3 pm	
<b>SDN Debating</b>	Friday 6 September 4.30-8.30 pm	
<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 7 September	Venues and times to be advised
<b>Year 7 2025 Family Barbecue 3</b>	Saturday 7 September 1-3 pm	Marian Clarke Plaza
<b>Rugby 7s Round 5</b>	Saturday 7 September 1-4 pm	Pymble Ladies' College
<b>Year 12 HSC Drama Group Performance Showcase</b>	Monday 9 September 6-7 pm	
<b>Women in Business Breakfast</b>	Tuesday 10 September 7-8.15 am	Dining Hall
<b>Archdale Debating grand final</b>	Tuesday 10 September 4-8.30 pm	PDCH
<b>Year 12 English Standard excursion to 'Curious Incident'</b>	Tuesday 10 September 6.30-9 pm	Belvoir St Theatre
<b>Bronze Duke of Edinburgh camp</b>	Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 September	
<b>Year 7 WABIAD</b>	Wednesday 11 September 8 am-6 pm	Betty Archdale Library
<b>Year 12 Welcome to the AOGU lunch</b>	Wednesday 11 September 12.45-2.05 pm	Year 12 Common Room
<b>APA Book Club</b>	Wednesday 11 September 7-8.30 pm	Junior School Library Auditorium
<b>Year 10 Self Defence Workshop</b>	Thursday 12 September 8.20- 11 am	Sports Hall
<b>2023/2024 Prefect Dinner</b>	Thursday 12 September 5.30-7.30 pm	RSR
<b>New Senior School Leaders Workshop</b>	Friday 13 September 8.20 am-3.25 pm	GLC
<b>IGSA Chess finals or Round 7</b>	Friday 13 September 4-6 pm	
<b>SDN Debating</b>	Friday 13 September 4.30-8.30 pm	