

The Shuttle



Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle.

Abbotsleigh girls take their hats off to their teachers in celebration of World Teachers' Day

Mrs Megan Krimmer
Headmistress

Abbotsleigh teachers are:

'dedicated, energetic, supportive, understanding, caring, inspiring, positive, helpful, interesting, enthusiastic, amazing...'

As testament to the gratitude and respect our girls have for our teachers, and indeed for all our staff at Abbotsleigh, our new Year 12 2025 Leaders dedicated their first assembly to our teachers in honour of their talent, commitment, great care, hard work, and the phenomenal impact that they have on each Abbotsleigh student. The words above are just a few of many very positive adjectives that girls from across the whole school used when asked, 'What word or words would you use to describe Abbotsleigh teachers?'

Honouring our teachers and all our staff on World Teachers' Day, which is commemorated on the last Friday in October each year, is a strong tradition at Abbotsleigh. As Tim Bullard, the new CEO of AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) stated this week, 'I know that our teachers work tirelessly every day to make a difference... I am yet to meet a teacher who is not absolutely committed to lifting learner outcomes, but I also know that in a really busy world, sometimes it's easy to take those teachers and they work they do for granted... World Teachers' Day is ...the opportunity to acknowledge and show gratitude for the teachers in our lives...'

[Teachers] are absolutely important to the positive futures and the bright lives of children and young people, ... [and] we know the evidence shows that [teachers] are the second biggest impact on life outcomes for individuals after parents and carers.' (Hats off! Celebrating the



incredible impact that teachers have on our lives – EducationHQ)

Teachers certainly have an incredible impact on the lives of every girl, and, as Caitlin Oschadleus, Head Prefect 2018, attested in her speech to Year 12, 2024 girls printed in The Shuttle last week, teachers' lessons can save lives and even help lessen the impact of serious injury.*

Today and over the next few days, schools all over Australia will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. It is a time to reflect on the important job that these highly professional people do in preparing our young people to be the best they can be, and I would like to take the opportunity of paying a special tribute to our wonderful Abbotsleigh teachers. I would also like to pay tribute to, and honour all those who support our teachers – our incredibly professional operational staff.

Our teachers at Abbotsleigh are very intelligent and highly educated professionals who have our girls' best interests, as well as their learning, social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs, at the forefront of all that they do. They are passionate about their students and about the different subjects that they teach. They work well into the evenings, on weekends and in their holidays to create the best possible learning experiences for our girls, and, as lifelong learners and role models, they continue to learn and keep abreast of current research on teaching, learning, wellbeing and education in general.

Equally, our professional and operational staff at Abbotsleigh are highly qualified, hard-working, dedicated and talented. All aim to provide the best possible environment and opportunities for our girls, and I am sure that you will agree, they certainly achieve this in spades.



At Abbotsleigh, we like to think of World Teachers' Day as 'World Abbotsleigh Staff Day' as we honour every member of our staff for the superb job that they do to enable the education and empowerment of our girls.

Our girls, parents and I are immensely grateful to our teachers and to all our Abbotsleigh staff: Thank you.



**Let's celebrate our teachers
and thank them for all the
work they do to educate,
inspire and empower learners.**

– From: AITSL

*If you did not have a chance to read Caitlin's speech last week, I urge you to read it now. It is very inspiring indeed.

Chaplain

A heart of generosity

Rev Sarah Hobba
Senior Chaplain and Head of Christian Studies

Generosity is contagious. When someone is generous to us, we are (mostly) generous to others. We also experience God's generosity in sending Jesus to save us, as well as enriching our lives in so many different ways. Having a heart of generosity and doing generous acts is often a way we respond to God's love. Some examples include gifts of time, encouraging words, acts of service and acts of financial giving.

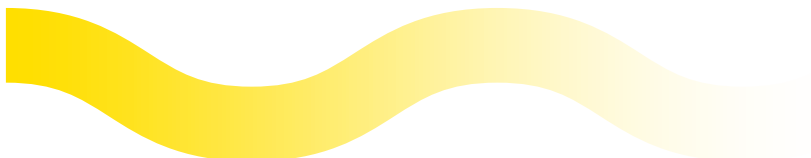
One way the Junior School continually fosters a heart of generosity is through the regular sponsorship of World Vision children. This week's chapel had guest speakers from World Vision. An invitation to chapel was extended to parents, so that our community could hear more about how their generosity influences the lives of sponsored children. Further to this, Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker drive has started in the

Junior School, and the Senior School donation website links have been emailed to parents. Some Year 10 students will be packing these hampers as part of the Week 6 Immersion Week time.

We are thankful to God for his generosity, and although there are cost of living pressures, my prayer is that as a community, we may still continue to have hearts of generosity in whatever ways we can.

1 John 3:16-18

We know what love is because Jesus gave his life for us. This is why we must give our lives for each other. If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God. Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it.



Upcoming events

WHOLE SCHOOL

A Sense of Colour exhibition	Saturday 5 October to 2 November	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
APR meeting	Thursday 31 October 8.30-10 am	Auditorium, Junior School
APA meeting	Monday 4 November 7-9 pm	GLC, Senior School
Spring Instrumental Festival	Wednesday 6 November 3.45-8 pm	Various Senior School venues
Abbotsleigh Giving Day	Thursday 7 November	Online
Encounter exhibition	Friday 8 November to Saturday 7 December	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 2 sport training	Saturday 26 October 8-9.30 am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday sport	Saturday 26 October 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
Year 3-6 IPSHA artistic gymnastics training	Saturday 26 October 1-5 pm	Senior School Gymnasium
6O Judith Krause session 1	Monday 28 October 9-10.30 am	6O Classroom
Kindergarten play session	Monday 28 October 9.30-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Transition play session	Monday 28 October 10 am-12 noon	Transition Classroom
6L Judith Krause session 1	Monday 28 October 10.50 am-12.20 pm	6L Classroom
Year 6 basketball and cricket training	Monday 28 October 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 4 Ashley Iredale from Choice incursion	Tuesday 29 October 9-9.30 am	Auditorium, Junior School
Kindergarten play session	Tuesday 29 October 9.30-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Transition play session	Tuesday 29 October 10 am-12 noon	Transition Classroom
Years 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis training	Tuesday 29 October 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Tennis Courts

T-6 Unplug Childhood – Answers with Dr Justin Coulson	Tuesday 29 October 7-8 pm	Online
Years 1-5 Gateways Navigate incursion	Wednesday 30 October 8.30 am-3 pm	Annexe West Room
6D Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 30 October 9-10.30 am	6D Classroom
Kindergarten play session	Wednesday 30 October 9.30-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Transition play session	Wednesday 30 October 10 am-12 noon	Transition Classroom
2G swimming lesson	Wednesday 30 October 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
6G Judith Krause session 1	Wednesday 30 October 10.50 am-12.20 pm	6G Classroom
2O swimming lesson	Wednesday 30 October 11.35 am-12.20 am	JS Swimming Pool
Year 5 basketball and cricket training	Wednesday 30 October 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 3-6 IPSHA tennis training	Wednesday 30 October 3.45-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
IPSHA Gymnastics Carnival	Thursday 31 October 8 am-3 pm	Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre, Rooty Hill
Year 2 Gibberagong excursion	Thursday 31 October 8.30 am-2.30 pm	Gibberagong, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park
Kindergarten play session	Thursday 31 October 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
1G instrument testing	Thursday 31 October 9.45-10.30 am	Upper Music Room
Transition play session	Thursday 31 October 10 am-12 noon	Transition Classroom
1O instrument testing	Thursday 31 October 10.50-11.35 am	Upper Music Room
Year 1 Celebration of Learning	Thursday 31 October 2-2.30 pm	Year 1 Classrooms
Years 3 and 4 basketball and cricket training	Thursday 31 October 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Year 1 and 2 Northside Gifted and Talented Workshop	Friday 1 November 9 am-2.30 pm	Library Annexe East
Kindergarten play session	Friday 1 November 9.30-12.30 pm	Kindergarten Classrooms
Transition play session	Friday 1 November 10 am-12 noon	Transition Classroom
Year 6 AbbKart flag making	Friday 1 November 10.50-11.20 am	Year 6 Classrooms
Year 6 Hope in a Suitcase Session 3	Friday 1 November 11.20-11.50 am	Year 6 Classrooms
Kindergarten and Year 1 football (soccer)	Friday 1 November 3-4 pm	Junior School
IPSHA tennis training	Friday 1 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
Year 2 sport training	Saturday 2 November 8-9.30 am	Junior School

IPSHA Saturday sport	Saturday 2 November 8 am-12 noon	See Parent app for team sheets and venues
6G Judith Krause session 1	Monday 4 November 9-10.30 am	Classroom
IPSHA Debating Gala Day	Monday 4 November 9.30 am-2.30 pm	Auditorium and Annexe Rooms
6D Judith Krause session 1	Monday 4 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Classroom
Year 6 basketball and cricket training	Monday 4 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
2G instrument testing	Tuesday 5 November 8.30-9 am	Upper Music Room
Year 6 Farewell card making	Tuesday 5 November 9.30-10.30 am	Classrooms
2O instrument testing	Tuesday 5 November 11 am-12 noon	Upper Music Room
Years 3-6 IPSHA Hot Shots tennis training	Tuesday 5 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School Tennis Courts
Years 1-5 Gateways Navigate incursion	Wednesday 6 November 8.30 am-3 pm	AbbSchool East Room
2G swimming lesson	Wednesday 6 November 10.50-11.35 am	JS Swimming Pool
2O swimming lesson	Wednesday 6 November 11.35 am-12.20 pm	JS Swimming Pool
Year 5 basketball and cricket training	Wednesday 6 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
Years 3-6 IPSHA tennis training	Wednesday 6 November 3.45-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
Year 2 Celebration and Soiree rehearsal	Thursday 7 November 8.30-10.30 am	Everett Hall
Years 3 and 4 basketball and cricket training	Thursday 7 November 3.20-4.30 pm	Junior School
IPSHA Speakers Challenge	Friday 8 November 9 am-3 pm	William Clarke College
6O Judith Krause session 2	Friday 8 November 9-10.30 am	Classroom
6L Judith Krause session 2	Friday 8 November 10.50 am-12.20 pm	Classroom
Knox Invitational Swimming Carnival	Friday 8 November 11 am-2.30 pm	Knox Grammar School
Year 6 theme song rehearsal	Friday 8 November 1.40-2 pm	Year 6 Classrooms
Kindergarten and Year 1 football (soccer)	Friday 8 November 3-4 pm	Junior School
IPSHA tennis training	Friday 8 November 3.30-4.45 pm	Senior School Tennis Courts
Year 2 sport training	Saturday 9 November 8-9.30 am	Junior School
IPSHA Saturday sport	Saturday 9 November 8-9.30 am	See Parent app for team sheets and venues

SENIOR SCHOOL

Saturday sport	Saturday 26 October 4-9 pm	Click here for times and venues
Women in Business Tech Breakfast	Tuesday 29 October 7-8.15 am	Dining Hall
Music 1 and Music 2 (Year 12 2025) Performance Anxiety Workshop	Thursday 31 October 1.50-3.25 pm	
Year 9 Greek Theatre Evening	Thursday 31 October 5-7 pm	Drama Studio
IGSA Gymnastics	Friday 1 November 7 am-3 pm	PLC Sydney and Abbotsleigh
Saturday sport	Saturday 2 November	Times and venues TBC
Vocal Ensemble Years 7-9 For All Earthkind Phase #2	Saturday 2 November 3.30-6 pm	Piers 2/3, Walsh Bay
Years 10 and 11 rock bands Loreto Battle of the Bands	Sunday 3 November	Loreto Normanhurst
Year 10 Coastal Management field trip	Monday 4 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	Long Reef/Collaroy
First Nations Tranby excursion	Tuesday 5 November 8 am-3.25 pm	
Lunchtime Futures: Jumbunna UTS	Tuesday 5 November 1.20-2.10 pm	Careers Office (U5)
Immersion Week Project Day	Wednesday 6 November 8.20 am-3.25 pm	
Year 7 Mathematics Inquisitive Minds incursion	Thursday 7 November All day	
Year 12 2025 Agriculture excursion	Thursday 7 November 7.30 am-5 pm	Leppington Pastoral Company
Year 9 Languages incursion	Thursday 7 November 8.25 am-12.40 pm	
Year 10 Semi-Formal	Thursday 7 November 6.30-10.30 pm	Hornsby RSL
Prefect Afternoon Tea	Friday 8 November 3.30-6 pm	GLC and Marian Clarke Plaza
Sport Awards Evening	Friday 8 November 6-8.30 pm	Peter Duly Concert Hall