

YEAR 9 TEAM LEADERS

Life will present you with challenges, it is how you respond with hope and courage that will be the measure of who you are to become. Henry Wanyoike

This week we were very privileged to have a group of world-class athletes visit and speak to the students at Year Meeting. Kenyan born, Henry Wanyoike is a blind marathon runner, Paralympian and current world champion. He spoke to the students about his journey which included overcoming a huge challenge when he was 21 years old, suffering a stroke and losing his sight. From this moment on, Henry describes feeling a sense of extra drive and motivation to continue his running and make a difference for people with disabilities. Henry's achievements are immense. Throughout the last 20 years, he has represented Kenya in the Sydney Paralympics in 2000 and most recently, successfully qualified for Tokyo Paralympics in 2020.

The key message to the students was about being brave and taking on the challenges which life sometimes presents to you. Henry's life was certainly not planned around being a runner with a disability. Prior to suffering the stroke, Henry was on track to be an elite runner representing his local community.

Henry's message to the boys about challenge clearly links to our School's value of courage. The students are encouraged to embrace challenge and develop characters of courage in every aspect of their action and word. The students are extremely fortunate to be presented with many opportunities to take on challenge and show courage in so many ways in their time at Knox.

Our current theme during mentor time this week has been examining the value of courage through conflict. Each of the students are presented with scenarios and are using the mentor group to discuss ways to respond to a range of situations they may experience whilst at school. This practice allows the students to be immersed in the situation, think about how they might respond and utilise the expertise of their peers and mentor teacher to assist.

There are many ways to apply the lessons learned in mentor and from messages presented in Year Meeting from our wonderful guest speaker in Henry Wanyoike. The boys are reminded of how we might find courage and determination to keep going when we have setbacks in life, whether it be through exams, assessments, team selections or any other challenge they face. Henry certainly gave our boys a new perspective and an appreciation of courage in dealing with challenges.

MARGIE RAYMOND

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Save the date - Careers Insight Evening, for parents and students, on Monday 28 October from 6.30pm-8.20pm. Join us for an evening, presented in partnership with the OKGA, to learn more about different careers, industries and professions and the many career and educational pathways. The evening will be held in the Weeks Senior Academy Lecture Theatre and classrooms. Please see flyer overleaf.

Uniform Shop news - \$1,415 was raised in the recent flash sale. These generous funds are on their way to The Exodus Foundation to support the homeless. Thank you for your support.

CAS Track & Field reminder to parents - please log on to Parent Lounge and complete a permission form for Bus trip to CAS Track & Field on Thursday 19 September.

Student Leave Application Form

[This form](#) is to be submitted if your son is going to be on leave for three or more school days or less than three days if an Assessment Task will be missed during the leave period. This application must be completed in full and the completed three pages submitted to me no less than a minimum of two weeks prior to departure.

Stage 5 Illness Misadventure Appeal (IMA) Application

For all students sick the day prior to, or the day of an assessment task, the School will require a medical certificate for the relevant dates attached to the completed [IMA form](#). Once the student returns to school we ask the originals be handed in to Room 19.

Happy weekend.

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YEAR 9 PARENTS' SUPPER

Date: Saturday 26 October 2019
Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Venue: Rossville Golf Club, 4 Links Avenue, Rossville
Cost: \$50 per person, includes substantial canapés. Drinks may be purchased at the bar.
Smart casual
Dress: Claire Hoare at clairehoare@knox.com.au
Enquiries: By Thursday 17 October via the payment portal
RSVP: www.knox.nsw.edu.au/parents > Knox Parents' Association > Year 9 Parents' Supper

We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7 September

- Global Cafe 2019

Sunday 8 September

- Knox Highland Gathering

Tuesday 10 September

- Parent Breakfast Seminar

Thursday 12 September

- R U OK? Day

Thursday 19 September

- CAS Track & Field Championships

Friday 20 September

- Annual Boarders' Chapel Service and Dinner

Friday 27 September

- Term 3 concludes

See the full calendar in [Parent Lounge](#)

USEFUL LINKS

- [Sport fixtures](#)
- [Make a payment](#)
- [Knox website](#)
- [Year 9 page on the portal](#)



FEES IN ADVANCE PROGRAM

For many years the School has offered a 'fees in advance' program to enable increased flexibility of such payments. The program is attractive for many reasons, enabling parents to make lump sum payments for years ahead which attract discounts to the scheduled fees.

To qualify, upfront full year payments must be made for a minimum of one year and the payments must be made by 31 October in the year before your payment program begins. Payments will only be accepted by direct funds transfer or cheque (credit card or Bpay payments are not permitted for this program).

Details of the Fees in Advance Program can be found on the Knox website [here](#). Alternatively, you might like to discuss this in confidence with Betty Fowler from the School's Accounts Department on 9487 0442.



KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CAREERS INSIGHT EVENING

SAVE THE DATE

When: Monday 28 October 2019, 6.30pm-8.20pm
Where: Weeks Senior Academy Lecture Theatre and classrooms
Who: Years 9, 10 and 11 students and their parents
Contact: Linda Gomez, Careers Advisor, gomezl@knox.nsw.edu.au

DKGA

Join us for an evening, presented in partnership with the DKGA, to learn more about different careers, industries and professions and the many career and educational pathways.

This event will feature Old Boys presenting across 14 different career categories.

Prior to the event, students will be invited to select three career insight sessions they wish to attend during the course of the evening. Presenters from each career category will repeat their information session three times as per the following schedule - 6.30pm-7pm; 7.10pm-7.40pm; 7.50pm-8.20pm.

Please save the date for this evening of career insights. More information will be provided closer to the event date.



YEAR MEETING



Above: The very inspiring Henry Wanyoike, Paul (his guide), Francis and Josh Bond (CEO of Initiate Australia) came to talk to the Year 9 cohort on Monday morning. Henry Wanyoike is a man of courage, determination, compassion and integrity. To learn more about Henry's story, please click [here](#).

STAGE 5 BOARDER OUTING TO THORNLEIGH GOLF CENTRE WITH ABBOTSLEIGH BOARDERS



Above from left: Jack Cooper and Hugo Merrick, Lewis Cook and Josh Riggien up for a game of mini golf, Hugo Merrick and James Jones having a crack at the driving range.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK EXCURSION TO BARANGAROO ON THE TOPIC OF URBAN CHANGE



JOIN THE GRAMMARIAN COMMITTEE FOR 2019-20

Years 10 and 11, 2020 are invited to join the Grammarian Committee with Academy Honour Awards and Colours awarded for commitment to this co-curricular activity.

Interested boys should submit a brief written application by answering the following:

- Why do you want to be on the Grammarian Committee?
- How do you balance your commitments, both academic and co-curricular?

Applications close Monday 16 September. Interviews will be held during lunchtime on Thursday 19 September and Friday 20 September - please include your availability in your application. Successful applicants will be notified shortly afterwards.

All enquiries to Mrs Aroyan, Publications Manager, via aroyane@knox.nsw.edu.au