



# Newsletter

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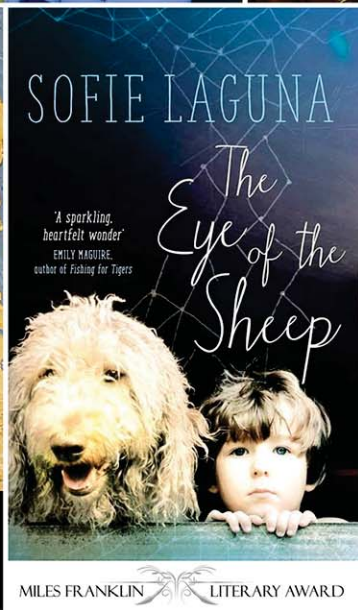
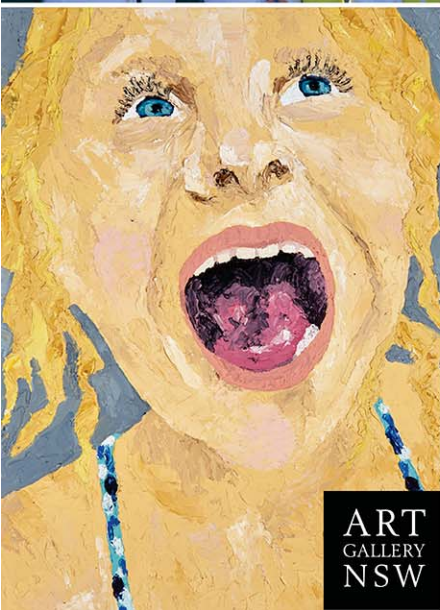
## ~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

Equestrian Interschools Championship 2015

Northern Division of Interschools Skiing Championship 2015

Young Archie Portrait Finalist 2015

John Lamble Choral Championship of Australasia Finalist 2015



### Vacation achievements...

Vacation achievements captured in the cover photos of this Newsletter include: **Young Archies** portrait competition finalist (Ellie's Arnott's work), Interschools **Snowsports** and **Equestrian** Championships for Gib Gate and Frensham, the 2015 **Miles Franklin Award** to Frensham Old Girl (Sofie Laguna, 1985) and Frensham **Madrigals'** selection for the Australasian Choral Championships in August. The stories behind outstanding achievement are inspirational for current students and underpinning each of the recent successes there is much to share about commitment, skill development, expert guidance and parent or extended family support. It is not easy to perform at the highest level or to sustain performance at the highest level or to be taking the first steps towards excellent achievement but persistent effort and high aspiration are essential ingredients.



### 2015 NCGS Conference, From STEM to STEAM: *Girls' Schools Leading the Way* – 22-24 June, Richmond, Virginia, USA

As one of 550 delegates to the Conference, in the first week of the recent vacation, I had the opportunity to see firsthand what is happening in Girls' Schools in the USA in the area of STEM and STE(A)M (Science and Technology interpreted through Engineering and the Arts – all based in elements of Mathematics) and discuss with colleagues the resourcing of programmes and, particularly, the high school connections to

tertiary providers and to business. Few schools are more than a couple of years into development of new programmes and many are yet to embark on courses offering experience in use of the latest technologies to support design and fabrication. It has been exciting to note the efforts over the past two and half years by a Frensham staff team, to explore and trial new courses, for the benefit of students.

This term Year 8 complete the construction and testing of their racing car models for the *F1 in Schools Challenge* as noted in the Science Report of this Newsletter and later this year Years 4 and 5 at Gib Gate will embark on a *Code Camp* experience. At the recent Sturt Winter School, Sturt tutors, supported by Frensham teachers, applied the new technologies to an adult course in Wood. We are fortunate to be well resourced in terms of refurbishment opportunities to create 'Maker Spaces' and 'Design Fabrication' Studios across all three campuses. Schools around the world are learning from each other in an effort to foster a creative mindset requiring students to persist to invent, innovate and collaborate to solve real problems. We are intensely focused on considering the best options for curriculum development to support preparation of our students to meet expectations of them as learners and citizens beyond School.

#### Acknowledgement to:

- The Frensham and Gib Gate Equestrian Team at the **NSW Interschools Equestrian Competition**: Olivia Barton (Year 10) - Secondary Eventing Champion; Elizabeth Taylor (Year 3) - Primary Showhorse Champion; Emily Baldwin (Year 7) - Secondary Reserve Champion Show Jumping; Frensham - Champion Secondary School in Eventing, Gib Gate – Reserve Champion Primary School in Showhorse; Frensham - Overall Champion School (1<sup>st</sup> place) in Equestrian; Gib Gate - Champion School in Stall Aisle Presentation;
- Chloe McCrabb (Year 10) selected in the **NSW CIS** team to compete in the **Under 18 Australian Touch Football Championships** to be held Caloundra in September;
- The Frensham Snowsports team, placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in the **Interschools Snowsports Championships Northern NSW & Qld Category Two** and the Gib Gate team for the Interschools Snowsports Northern Championships: **2015 Primary Girls Skiing Champion School** (placed equal 1<sup>st</sup> with Pymble Ladies College);
- Ellie Arnott (Year 10) one of five finalists [13-15 year olds category] selected for the **Young Archies** Portrait competition;
- Frensham Heads of Houses, invited to serve as student leaders in Term 3: **Year 10 – Kennedy**: Ellie Fox, Matilda Martin, Alice Sinden; **Hartfield**: Georgina Fuller, Sarah Hassett, Portia McKenzie; **Linden**: Bryanah Newton, Sophie MacDiarmid, Mia Withers and **Year 11 – Turner**: Bianca Campbell, Isobelle Fox, Willa Robinson; **Bryant**: Amber Fahey, Lydia Jupp, Isabella Wright.

#### Staffing Update:

- Mrs Jane Crellen has returned this term from Maternity Leave, resuming her role as Head of Sport. Mrs Crellen has been keeping closely in touch with all that has been happening in Sport during her absence and has everything well prepared for the start of a new season;
- Ms Lucy Haydon has also been welcomed back to the School this week as part of the House staff team for Term 3, after a break to travel and to pursue her teaching career. Ms Haydon will be resident in Bryant McCarthy House where she was working in 2013 and will be well known to most of the girls in her care this term owing to her previous work in Kennedy House.
- For the period of Head of Sturt Mark Viner's Annual Leave (returning Monday 17 August) please note that Ms Slavica Zivkovic, Manager of the Sturt Shop and Gallery is Acting Head of Sturt.

#### Past Student News – Frensham:

On 23 June, **Sofie Laguna** (1985) was announced as this year's winner of the **Miles Franklin Literary Award** for her novel *The Eye of the Sheep*. While it is her second novel for adults, Sofie is also the author of 20 children's books, plays and a screenplay based on her first novel '*One Foot Wrong*' which was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards in 2009. Sofie has had careers as a lawyer and an actor before turning to writing. She is currently writing a new children's picture book as well as working on a third adult novel.



Welcome back to all for Term 3!

**Julie A Gillick**  
Head of Frensham  
Head of Winifred West Schools

## Parent / Community News

Frensham Advisory Committee 2015		Gib Gate Advisory Committee 2015	
Mrs Caroline Begg Mrs Pip Crichton Mrs Helen Gooden Mrs Katrina Graves Mr John Hayes Mrs Sam Hickson (Sec) Mr Gavin Martin Mrs Judy Newton Mr Sam Paradise Mr John Penton (Chair) Mrs Tina Scales Mrs Melody Talbot	<a href="mailto:r-cbegg@bigpond.net.au">r-cbegg@bigpond.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:pipcrichton@bigpond.com">pipcrichton@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:jwhgooden@bigpond.com">jwhgooden@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:graves@jkg.net.au">graves@jkg.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:hayes.it@bigpond.com">hayes.it@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:jshickson@bigpond.com">jshickson@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:gavin.martin@ap.jll.com">gavin.martin@ap.jll.com</a> <a href="mailto:judy.newton5@bigpond.com">judy.newton5@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:sam.paradice@morgans.com">sam.paradice@morgans.com</a> <a href="mailto:jbpenton@tpg.com.au">jbpenton@tpg.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:t.scales@bigpond.com">t.scales@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:melody@talbotnet.com">melody@talbotnet.com</a>	Mrs Rachel Arnott (Chair) Mrs Caroline Atra Dr Guy Bashford  Mrs Holly de Manincor Mr Gil Downes Mr Stephen Grant Mrs Sarah Lewis (Sec) Mrs Corina Nesci Mrs Helen Pernice Mrs Zoe Suttie (Chair of FOGG)	<a href="mailto:Rkarnott1@gmail.com">Rkarnott1@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:caroline.atra@me.com">caroline.atra@me.com</a> <a href="mailto:guy.bashford@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au">guy.bashford@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au</a> <a href="mailto:hollydemanincor@hotmail.com">hollydemanincor@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:gil.downes@neerim.net.au">gil.downes@neerim.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:munropark@mac.com">munropark@mac.com</a> <a href="mailto:sarah.lew@me.com">sarah.lew@me.com</a> <a href="mailto:corina@ipxplode.com">corina@ipxplode.com</a> <a href="mailto:dandhpernice@bigpond.com">dandhpernice@bigpond.com</a> <a href="mailto:zoeandrobot@bigpond.com">zoeandrobot@bigpond.com</a>

TERM DATES 2015 ~ Gib Gate & Frensham	2015 PARENT WEEKENDS ~ Ahead
<b>Term 3</b> Tuesday 14 July-Thursday 17 September <b>3pm</b> <i>Boarders return on the evening of Monday 13 July</i>	<b>REMINDER:</b> all Years 7-12 attend all *Parent Weekend Services
<b>Term 4</b> Gib Gate: Tuesday 6 October-Friday 4 December 3pm  Frensham: <i>Boarders return on the evening of Monday 5 October</i> for Tuesday 6 October-Sunday 6 December <b>12.30pm</b> (departure is after the Carol Service)	<b>Year 11</b> Saturday 1-*Sunday 2 August Saturday 1 August – Year 10 Senior Studies (with parents)
	<b>Year 9</b> Saturday 22-*Sunday 23 August

TERM DATES 2016 - Gib Gate and Frensham	
<b>Term 1</b> Gib Gate & Frensham: <b>Friday 29 January – Thursday 7 April, 3.00pm</b> departure (Frensham <u>New Student Induction Thursday 28 January</u> All boarders return evening of <b>Thursday 28 January</b> ) Easter: Departure is from <b>3.00pm Wednesday 23 March</b> Classes recommence <b>Tuesday 29 March</b>	<b>Term 3</b> Gib Gate & Frensham: <b>Tuesday 19 July-Thursday 22 September 3.00pm</b> (All Boarders return on the evening of <b>Monday 18 July</b> ) Frensham (Year 12 Dinner with Parents and Staff is evening of Thursday 22 September)
<b>Term 2</b> Gib Gate & Frensham: <b>Wednesday 27 April -Thursday 23 June, 3.00pm</b> (All Boarders return on the evening of <b>Tuesday 26 April</b> ) (Year 10 Work Experience ends Friday 24 June) Queen's Birthday Long Weekend: <b>Monday 13 June</b> ; Frensham departs 3.00pm Friday 10 June	<b>Term 4</b> Gib Gate: <b>Monday 10 October-Friday 9 December 3.00pm</b> Frensham: <b>Monday 10 October -Sunday 11 December</b> from <b>12noon</b> (after 11am Carol Service) (All Boarders return on the evening of <b>Sunday 9 October</b> )

2016 PARENT WEEKENDS – Confirmed dates for attendance of all students Years 7-12	
<b>Term 1</b> Year 7 Saturday 27 February-Sunday 28 February Frensham Open Day ~ Saturday 27 February Year 10 Saturday 12-Sunday 13 March	<b>Term 3</b> Year 11 Saturday 6-Sunday 7 August [Year 10 Saturday 6 August - Year 10 planning for Senior Studies (with parents on Saturday)] Year 9 Saturday 27-Sunday 28 August
<b>Term 2</b> Year 8 Saturday 14-Sunday 15 May Year 12 Saturday 4-Sunday 5 June WWS Birthday - Friday 3 June Frensham's 103 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday - Sunday 5 June	

## Ranier Uniform Shop

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To order goods, please call the Shop: (02) 4860 2136 [BH]  
Shop Hours: Mondays and Thursdays: 12.00pm-5pm  
or email: [frensham@ranier.com.au](mailto:frensham@ranier.com.au)

## WWS FOUNDATION News

### 2015 Annual Appeal

Foundation has recently written to the WWS Community asking for consideration of support for the **Annual Appeal**. Since its inception in 1980, WWS Foundation has inspired shared responsibility to meet each new challenge to enhance the learning environment for students, in accordance with its mission to support *Excellence in Education* for WWS.

Your involvement in the Annual Appeal—to whatever level possible  
—will be greatly appreciated!

Cattle Rustle no – not really....just **Foundation's Friday 31 July Dinner** theme to generate interest in parent involvement in the Cattle Herd Project which is proving to be a highly successful initiative, with two opportunities for involvement: purchase of cattle and hosting of cattle. Please join us!

WANTED	WANTED	WANTED
		
<b>Ford O'Hare</b>	<b>Char Olais</b>	<b>Angus Black</b>

Please contact WWS Foundation on +61 2 4860 2100 or email [foundation@wws.nsw.edu.au](mailto:foundation@wws.nsw.edu.au)

<h2>It's a cattle rustle!</h2> <p>Come and help us rustle up some more cattle for Foundation's Cattle Herd</p> <p><i>Raising Capital by Raising Cattle</i></p> <p>Donors and Host Farmers are needed.</p> <p>Where: Bendooley Estate, Old Hume Highway, Berrima</p> <p>When: Friday 31 July 2015, 7.00-11.00pm</p> <p>Cost: \$50 (includes food and a drink on arrival) Drinks can be purchased at the bar</p> <p>RSVP: Wednesday 22 July 2015 ~ Michele Scamps</p> <p><a href="mailto:mscamps@frensham.nsw.edu.au">mscamps@frensham.nsw.edu.au</a> · P: +61 2 4860 2100 · F: +61 2 4860 2020</p>	 <p>WINIFRED WEST SCHOOLS FOUNDATION</p>  <p>To book online: <a href="http://www.frensham.nsw.edu.au/cattle-rustle">www.frensham.nsw.edu.au/ cattle-rustle</a></p>
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For more information on WWS Foundation, please contact: Michele Scamps, +61 2 4860 2000 – [foundation@wws.nsw.edu.au](mailto:foundation@wws.nsw.edu.au)

A warm welcome to the beginning of an exciting Term 3 - a term full of greatly anticipated events including: Book Week, the T-2 Junior Musical, the Gib Gate Science Fair and the Year 6 Legacy of the Leaders project entitled *The Stars of Science*.

Reading Class Newsletters from Preschool to Year 6 this week, it is clear that every student has much exciting learning ahead and I would like to thank all Gib Gate teachers for their work during the vacation, preparing for Term 3 and finalising such interesting and rigorous programmes.

Before we become fully immersed in what lies ahead, I would like to congratulate two groups of Gib Gate students who spent time during the vacation representing the school in the **NSW Interschools Equestrian Championships** and the **NSW Snowsports Championships**; both team and individual competitors within these competitions performed exceptionally well. Students were congratulated on their dedication and determination in these challenging sports on the first day of term. We would also like to extend our thanks to parents Mr and Mrs Lalak, Mr and Mrs Inglis (Equestrian) and Mrs de Manincor (Snowsports) for their support of the teams both in the lead up to the competition and in the field.

The vacation period provided an opportunity to complete two major works on the Gib Gate campus; the resurfacing of the Car Park, including the construction of a new drainage and concrete driveway at the entrance and the re-roofing of the Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Japanese classrooms. As we look towards the future needs of the curriculum, we are also planning a refit of the Visual Arts Studio and the former Japanese room, projects to be completed by the end of 2015.

Students in Years 3-6 will engage in a long-term specialist Visual Arts programme for Term 3. Working in conjunction with artist, Freya Jobbins (<http://www.freyajobbins.com>) and Visual Arts Teacher, Mrs Marilyn Gotlieb, students will embark on a project, inspired by Freya Jobbins' work in creating artworks using recycled toy parts, which involves students in collecting, deconstructing and reassembling toy parts to create individual framed works which will, in turn, be used to create a community installation. In support of this exciting project, we would be grateful if students could start to bring in any small old toys that they (or their younger siblings) no longer need. For example, Lego bricks/lego flats/Lego gears etc, Lego figures, small toy cars, small wheels, plastic dolls and small figurines. Please note all of these pieces will be deconstructed, so please monitor closely any items that your child decides to bring to school to use in the project.

**Ms Sally Robson, Head of Gib Gate**

### Curriculum Highlights 2015

#### Professional Learning Update

For The Professional Learning Update for Semester 2, please see the Director of Teaching and Learning section written by Ms Kate Chauncy, Director of Teaching and Learning, P-12 and Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Programmes, in the Frensham section of this Newsletter

### Enrichment/Activities

Interrelate - Year 5 and 6 students will participate in Interrelate Sexuality Education Programmes from Monday 17 August to Monday 31 August. Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 75 years of experience in teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. The presenter will be conducting separate sessions focusing on puberty and self-care with Year 5 having two sessions covering; 'Preparing for Change' and 'Understanding My Body'. Year 6 will participate in three sessions covering; 'Who Am I?', 'Look I'm Changing', 'What's it all About?' and 'I'm in Charge'.

Dancing - Ms Annabel Lomax will commence the Gib Gate in-class Dance programme this term. Kindergarten to Year 2 will have lessons to prepare for the Junior Musical Production, *The Little Red Hen* early in the term and Year 3-6 will work on some dances in preparation for their Senior Musical Production in Term 4.

Swimming - Year 3, 4, 5 students will participate in regular swimming development session in The Centenary Pool this term on Thursdays. Parents are reminded to send students to school on Thursdays with their swimming equipment.

Soirée - On Wednesday 29 July instrumental students from Years 5 & 6 will be invited to perform in the Term 3 Soirée which commences at 6pm in the Gib Gate Hall.

**Mrs Anne Graham, Gib Gate Coordinator (Administration)**

## Preschool (Pre-K)

### Reggio Emilia Australian Biennial conference: *Landscapes of Imagination*

During the vacation I was fortunate enough to attend the Reggio Emilia Australian Biennial conference in Melbourne. The conference featured engaging speakers from Reggio Emilia, including Claudia Giudici who is a member of the managing committee of Reggio Children and the President of Preschools and Infant Toddler Centres of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia. At the conference, I was also given the opportunity to view the *Hundred Languages Exhibition*. The conference provided me with an opportunity to explore and discuss the pedagogy of schools in Reggio Emilia. This has assisted me to gain a deeper understanding of the Reggio approach to teaching and learning and I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge and experiences with the Preschool Staff to enhance the learning experiences for the children in our Preschool.

**Ms Kelly Lees, Preschool (Pre-K) Teacher**



## STURT News

### FRIENDS OF STURT

*Chris Topp (President), Penny Hoskins (Secretary), Ruth Wright (Roster Secretary), Denise Sumner (Mail-out Coordinator), Joan Dinning, Bill Dinning, Anne Thomson, Alan Matthews, Julie Musgrave, Michael Harris*

### Special News

#### **Australian Ceramics Open Studio 2015 - Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August**

Sturt's historic pottery will be open for people to visit and play with clay. Watch our resident artists at work and observe a fast woodfiring in progress. Clayworks will be open for this special weekend selling clay and pottery supplies on both days. Sunday will see a special event: *Bowls plus Soup*. Bowls. This is an opportunity to purchase a lovely handmade bowl complete with homemade soup, with all funds raised going towards the refurbishment of Sturt's kilns..

#### **The Art of Kerry Jameson - until 26 July**

A special display for the Australian Ceramics Triennale (Canberra 9-11 July). UK ceramic artist, Kerry Jameson's distinctive work is inspired by elements of 17<sup>th</sup> century Spanish polychrome sculptures. This method involves combining ceramic pieces with found objects and fabric skins resulting in visceral figurative sculptures. Kerry is currently undertaking a three-month professional residency at Sturt which also provides a rare opportunity to see her work on display in Sturt Gallery.

#### **Sturt School for Wood 2016**

Enrolments for 2016 are now open. All details, including application form, fee schedule and term dates for 2016 are available on the Sturt website. For enquiries regarding the 2016 course or for the Sturt School for Wood, please contact Mark Viner on +61 2 4860 2083 or email [mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au)

### Courses

Following a very successful Winter School, Sturt now launches the **2016 Summer School: 4-9 January, 2016**. Be first to enrol! With 25 adult courses and five children's courses, there is a course for everyone. We welcome many new tutors to the 2016 programme and an exciting array of new courses to inspire your creativity, including Indigo dyeing, Pastels, Paper Sculpture, Mosaics to name a few. For full details, please visit [www.sturt.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au)

#### **Term 3 Weekly Classes**

It is now time to book for Term 3 Weekly Classes. If you are thinking of enrolling or re-enrolling in weekly classes in Tapestry, Woodwork, Jewellery/Metalwork or Ceramics, please contact Sturt Shop to secure a place.

#### **Fast Wood Fire Workshop 15 and 16 August**

Gain experience using a wood-fired kiln in the Fred Olsen-style, Fast Fire Kiln. Learn specifics of this easy-to-use kiln and gain knowledge in packing, firing and controlling kiln temperature and atmosphere in a wood kiln, preparing work and packing on day one, firing day two. Students will have the opportunity to test the results of different clay bodies, glazes and slips, creating flame marks and flashing, working towards orange and salmon colours. Each student can fire 8-10 small pieces.

#### **Make a Marquetry Table with Brian Reid (USA) - Guest Tutor, Sturt School for Wood, 15 and 16 August**

Make a small table with marquetry top using a simple marquetry technique suitable for students of all skill levels. Marquetry is the creation of geometric patterns in wood veneers. Previous experience is not necessary to learn this skill, which can be applied to making Christmas decorations or any suitable furniture project.

### Introduction to 3D Printing and Laser Cutting with Shelden Vaughan - 15 and 16 August

Be introduced to digital fabrication with Sturt's new technology – 3D Makerbot and digital laser cutter. Learn their capabilities and how they can help you in your own professional practice. During the weekend, participants will be introduced to illustrator, completing a simple project on the laser cutter using plywood. You will also be shown the 3D CAD system that runs Makerbot and a group project will be printed out during the two-day course.

#### [Sturt Gallery](#)

#### **Our current exhibition...**

#### **Sea monsters show the world on the edge - till 19 July**

**Ocean Forest** - contemporary weaving by Monique van Nieuwland continues to 19 July. This exhibition will reflect the beauty of the ocean flora and the threats to this fragile environment created by the modern world. It will consist of a mid-space damask woven installation and a series of jacquard woven wall pieces. Featuring sound vignettes by Madeleine Cocolas.

#### [Events](#)

#### **Australian Ceramics Open Studio 2015 - Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August**

#### **Friends of Sturt Committee Meeting Wednesday 22 July 5.30pm in Sturt Cottage.**

Join the FOS Committee for the next regular meeting, a glass of wine and a preview of the next exhibition in Sturt Gallery.

**Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programmes and events can be found on the website [www.sturt.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au) or to make a booking or enrolment:**

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**Mr Mark Viner, Head of Sturt**

## FRENSHAM News

### Deputy Head

*'You are capable of more than you know. Choose a goal (or goals) that seems right for you and strive to be the best, however hard the path. Aim high. Behave honourably. Prepare to be alone at times, and to endure failure. Persist! The world needs all you can give.'* E O Wilson

At the commencement of Term 3: Year 12 students start their Trial Examinations; Year 11 has eight weeks of classes remaining before sitting examinations prior to starting Year 12 courses in Term 4; Year 10 students will start to think about and select subjects for their remaining two years of school. All students in Years 12, 11 and 10 are making plans, setting goals and working towards what they want to achieve.

Has your daughter articulated her goals to you?

If you think about it, telling someone else what you hope to achieve is a big risk. It is a risk because there is always the chance that you may not achieve it. It can be far easier to say nothing about your dreams and aspirations so that if you do not achieve the goals, the only person who knows is you.

At Frensham, we encourage students to talk about what they wish to achieve. Taking risks and being supported to do so is crucial for all of us if we are to grow, learn and love.

During Term 3 there are numerous opportunities for risk taking which include:

- IGSSA Hockey and Netball
- Athletics competitions
- Continuation of the Junior Production Rehearsals
- Years 7, 8 and 11 Examinations
- Year 9 Global Forum
- Year 9 Caving Programme
- Year 10 Careers Interviews
- Year 12 Development Day and Study Skills Seminar
- HSC Music & Drama Public Performances
- HSC Visual Arts and Design and Technology Exhibitions

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Most Extra-curricular Activities began in Week 1 and we are also looking forward to the start of the IGSSA Netball and Hockey seasons this weekend.

Preparations are also underway for the upcoming Year 11 and Year 9 Parent Weekends and the Year 10 Senior Studies Information Sessions.

## **Mr Geoff Marsh, Deputy Head**

### **Boarding News**

In preparation for the start of Term 3, we warmly welcomed all Boarders to the Houses on the evening of 13 July. There is much catching up to be done over the coming weeks after the vacation. We anticipate a term full of challenges and fun with some exciting weekend activities (details can be found on Schoolbox) as well as expectations of serious application to academic study for upcoming assessments and examinations.

## **Mme Deborah Panaretto, Director of Boarding**

### **Director of Teaching and Learning**

#### Professional Learning Update

All WWS staff have been involved in professional learning programmes on the two scheduled days at the end of Term 2 (Friday 19 June) and this week to commence Term 3 (Monday 13 July).

On Friday 19 June, all teachers P-12 completed a full day programme with international consultant to Harvard Project Zero, Mark Church. House Staff worked with Ms Gillick discussing a variety of recent research articles relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> Century boarding. Health Centre RNs were led by Sister Weaver regarding recent research on Adolescent Mental Health issues.

On Monday 13 July, all staff attended the plenary morning session with presentations by Ms Gillick and a variety of teachers including Dr Tristan Burg, Mr Phil Alldis, Ms Rebecca Theodore, Mrs Alison Andrew and Ms Sally Fennell. Teachers 7-12 worked in faculties developing units of work that incorporate Making Thinking Visible routines and Teachers P-6 compiled and discussed data collected to assess children's skill level in reading and numeracy. All teachers met in their TLC to share routines implemented in classrooms through student work samples in Term 2 and forward plan for Term 3. House and Health Centre staff worked with Ms Gillick on WWS – Frensham 21<sup>st</sup> century approaches to Boarding with reference to international research and WWS current, contemporary policies, practices and procedures.

In addition to professional learning held on campus, teachers from Gib Gate, Frensham and Sturt represented Winifred West Schools at a variety of international conferences during the vacation period.

Ms Kelly Lees, Gib Gate Preschool teacher, attended the *REAIE Biennial Conference* from Friday 3 July–Sunday 5 July in Melbourne. This conference provided an opportunity for educators from Australia and overseas to explore and discuss the Reggio Emilia pedagogy bringing together teachers from the Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sectors. The Conference featured presentations from internationally recognised keynote speakers from Reggio Emilia, Italy and additional presentations on Australian interpretations exploring the conference theme of '*Curiosity and Imagination*'. School visits to Reggio Emilia schools in Melbourne and Geelong were an additional key feature of the conference.

Mr Simon Bowley, Teacher of Ceramics, Sturt attended *Stepping Up: The Australian Ceramics Triennale National Ceramics Conference* in Canberra from 9-11 July. This conference is Australia's premier ceramics event for the ceramics community. The programme was designed to showcase ceramics by presenting important discourses with recognised Australian and international speakers to expand skills and ideas. The areas of particular interest included new approaches to education and new technologies.

Mrs Sally Hannah and Ms Fiona Shannon, teachers of Drama 7-12, attended the three-day combined Drama Australia and Drama New Zealand International Conference 2015 entitled *Game-Changer – Innovating Education through Creativity and Drama Practice* at NIDA Theatres, Sydney from Thursday 8–Sunday 11 July. The conference created a new narrative for Drama education through creativity, innovation, collaboration and transformative action and encouraged delegates to embrace new ideas, and new ways of thinking, teaching and learning. The generation of new knowledge and understanding needed for future-focused and student-centred educational practices in Drama, the Arts and across the curriculum, was a feature of the presentations given by keynote speakers and workshops.

## **Ms Kate Chauncy, Director of Teaching and Learning, P-12 and Coordinator of Gifted and Talented Programmes**



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## Director of Studies

The Trial HSC Examinations for Year 12 students commence on Monday 20 July. These examinations are an important part of the learning programme and are excellent practice for what students can expect in the final HSC Examinations in Term 4. School-based assessment tasks measure performance in a wide range of course outcomes and Trial Examinations comprise a major part of internal HSC assessment marks in most subjects. The conditions for these Trial Examinations closely resemble those of the final HSC Examinations with supervision carried out by the School's appointed Presiding Officer, Mrs Jennifer McClay, and her team of supervisors. Year 12 students have been provided with information highlighting the rules relating to the examination period and their responsibilities during this time. Year 12 parents will receive a statement of their daughter's results when marking has been completed.

Year 11 students are in their third and final term of Preliminary HSC studies, with their examinations scheduled for the last two weeks of Term 3 and their HSC studies to commence in Term 4. During this term, evaluating course progress and making decisions about modifications to their overall programme for the HSC are important. This may involve taking up an extension course or reducing their unit total. The end of the Preliminary Course should consolidate the skills and behaviours for success in studies into Year 12. At the Year 11 Parent Teacher interviews on Saturday 1 August, teachers will be providing parents with an up-to-date assessment of their daughter's progress to assist in this decision-making process.

In Week 8, students in Years 7 and 8 will also undertake formal examinations as part of their Stage 4 skills development programme, and will be guided by their teachers as to how to prepare for these examinations.

Examinations for Years 9 and 10 will be held in Term 4.

### Ms Janene van Gogh, Director of Studies – in Residence

## English and Drama

### Drama

Rehearsals for the Junior Production commence this week. There are over 40 girls in the cast and they are excited about the challenges of presenting dramatic representation of literary classics including *The Nightingale* and *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen, *A Lonely Little Girl* from *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte and *Mr Poulter's Sword* from *The Mill on the Floss*, by George Eliot.

### Mrs Sally Hannah, Senior Teacher in English and Drama

### English

Whether you question the reasons around the publication of Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* or not, there is a great deal of excitement generated by the international media reporting on every stage of the process. The general public, academics, students of writing and literature are finding the release of *Watchman* quite fascinating. Apparently, it was Lee's first effort to tell a story about a young woman's grief over her discovery of her father's bigoted views. An editor, who was captivated by the flashbacks of the children's childhood, suggested she make changes to the manuscript and set it earlier, have Scout as narrator and make the focus of the narrative a classic coming-of-age story about two children and their devoted widower father. Lee did make the suggested changes and *To Kill a Mockingbird* has become a literary classic with its insightful commentary about the absolute best and worst in humanity.

Students can learn from this story as Lee's final masterpiece looked quite different from her first draft. To create something of quality and integrity, whether it is a Major Work for Extension 2 English, an imaginative or an analytical response takes time, thought and reflection. With examinations on the horizon for all year groups, there is an inclination to narrow the focus to a set of skills which require students to deliver quality responses under timed conditions. Students who have crafted their writing, completed extensive thinking about texts and reflected critically on the process, feel more confident in this context. The timed response is simply another step in the learning process – it should not be considered the only step.

### Public Speaking

Students through their English classes will be invited to participate in the South Coast Public Speaking competition. Each Year group may field two competitors and they are to complete a prepared speech from a list of provided topics. Interested students will be provided with the topics and the adjudication guidelines.

During this term, a team for the AHIGS Festival of Speech will also be selected and Frensham has entered all sections: Poetry, Public Speaking, Readings and Ethical Questions and Currents Affairs.

### Ms Lee McGuinness, Head of English/Drama

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## French

The start of Term 3 is always stimulating for French classes as many girls will have spent part of the vacation enjoying the European summer in France and will be keen to recount tales of their French experiences. This is an opportunity to enliven the standard coursework with authentic anecdotes by girls who have discovered for themselves the real purpose of travelling and learning the language, which is to communicate, understand and share common experiences with people from another culture, along with accepting attitudes and practices which differ from their own.

The Trial HSC Examinations start next week. This will be an opportunity for candidates in the Year 12 French Continuers and Extension French classes to demonstrate the skills they have acquired in the course of the last two years. If the girls address and answer the questions asked and plan and structure their responses carefully, then they should perform well. In order to achieve this, intensive work will be undertaken until the actual HSC examinations, building upon the insights gained in the Trials and elsewhere. *Bonne chance et bon courage, les filles!*

**Mesdames M Kidner and B Micklem, and Mademoiselle V Akins, Teachers of French**

## Latin

In June, Year 12 students went to SHORE School at North Sydney to attend the annual Year 12 Latin Study Day. Students listened to lectures on their set texts – Cicero ‘*Pro Sexto Roscio Amerino*’, Virgil’s ‘*Aeneid Book 12*’ and the Elegiac Poetry of Catullus, Ovid and Propertius – as well as lectures on how to complete the Grammar Analysis question on the HSC paper and the best way to tackle the unseen passages - always a challenge. This was a most worthwhile day, with lecturers from the University of Sydney, Macquarie University and the Classical Languages Teachers Association offering valuable advice which no doubt the girls have been implementing during the vacation as they prepare for their Trial HSC Examinations which begin in Week 2 this term.

**Ms Liz Stephenson, Senior Teacher in Latin**

## Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)

As HSIE is taught in semester courses, students in Years 8-10 will be changing subjects between History and Geography this term. Students completed Term 2 with a final examination in preparation for this subject change.

Year 12 students in all HSIE subjects are revising work in preparation for the Trial HSC Examinations. Their teachers are providing feedback on past papers and exercises completed over the vacation.

Year 11 students in Geography are completing the analysis component of their Senior Geography Project. Students of Business Studies will commence a unit on Business Planning and will be examining the qualities that contribute to business success. Their recent Business Research Reports on a chosen Small to Medium Enterprise were of a very high quality and thoroughly examined the marketing, finance, human resource management and business goals of their chosen business. In the Economics class, students will commence the topic of Financial Markets this week. Students will soon be working on a group activity on government policies in the Australian economy. This will be their final assessment task before their examinations. In Ancient History, Year 11 students are studying the Romans in North Africa, while those students of Modern History are completing the Arab-Israeli conflict and will commence *The World at the Beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* in Week 2.

In Year 10, Geography students will commence a unit on *Geographical Issues* and will present their prepared lesson on their chosen issue to the class this week. History students will start a unit of work on Vietnam while the Cambridge AS General Course will also start this week for participating students. Elective History students are commencing a unit of work on *Film as History*.

Year 9 students have commenced their second semester subjects of either Australian History or Australian Geography. Geography students are investigating Australia’s unique identity whilst History students are researching the Industrial Revolution.

In Year 8, students have also commenced their second semester subjects of World Studies History or Geography. Those students in History will begin a unit on Medieval Europe, whilst Geography students are investigating global inequalities and the role of NGOs [Non-Government Organisations].

Students in Year 7 are continuing with their integrated Geography and History unit with a study of Ancient Egypt and deserts, with a focus on The Nile River.

**Ms Janene van Gogh, Head of HSIE**

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## Jamieson Programme

*The Jamieson Programme is built on the belief that ... 'The very experience of being confronted by physical, intellectual and emotional challenges in a stimulating environment is inherently exciting and immensely rewarding.'*

Year 7: Students in Frensham Studies this week will commence a unit of work on 'Study Skills', with the first topic about types of learners.

Year 8: This week, rostered students continued their Farm Management duties, involving one afternoon a week, helping out on either the farm or agricultural plots. Riding for the Disabled continues throughout the term. Year 8 will work on a unit on 'Exam Skills' in which they learn personal responsibility, how to cope with tests/examinations and summarising skills. The girls also continue in their much-loved and important role as Shadows to Year 7 students.

Year 9: Last term Jamieson Programme students completed their Bronze Qualifier expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This local expedition involved the girls navigating the Nattai River, 40 Foot Falls and the Box Vale and Mt Alexandra tracks. The focus for this week will be the Global Forum and preparing the girls on Thursday evening for a 'Green Art' activity they will undertake in the Upper Holt on 30 July. The Global Forum will take place from Tuesday 28 July until Thursday 30 July. Also this term, the girls are looking forward to the Caving activity and commencing the unit on 'Environmental Sustainability'. This week in the Global Perspectives course, students will be starting their Group Research Project and are looking forward to receiving feedback on their efforts in completing their second Individual Research Project at the end of Term 2.

Year 10: Students completed their Jamieson Programme units on 'Financial Literacy' and 'Comparative Religions' in the last two weeks of Term 2, prior to their week of Work Experience.

**Mr Paul Nash, Jamieson Programme Coordinator**

## Mathematics

It is a full term for Mathematics students with competitions and contests as well as National Mathematics Day on Friday 21 August. Mathematics classes on this day will be filled with practical activities and puzzles, motivating students to learn Mathematics with interest and involvement through appreciation of its intrinsic worth by manipulating Mathematics in everyday objects and events.

Girls in Years 7 to 10 will be taking the ICAS Math Competition on Tuesday 11 August. Some students have elected to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition in Week 3 and the Mathematics Enrichment stage of the Australian Mathematics Challenge, a long term project, which lasts until September. All of these events take grit and perseverance to complete and, of course, a love of problem-solving.

Mathematics Club will be meeting on Tuesday of Weeks 5 and 7. An investigation of fun activities involving the Mathematics of Calendars will be a feature this term.

Year 12 girls are preparing for their Trial Examinations in Weeks 2 and 3. All students are reminded to ask the Mathematics Staff for clarification during their study.

*Mathematical knowledge adds vigour to the mind, frees it from prejudice, credulity, and superstition, John Arbuthnot*

**Ms Sue Wymer, Head of Mathematics**

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## Music

This term, Year 10 Music students are studying 19<sup>th</sup> Century Music and it is fitting therefore that they should be travelling to the Opera House to hear the SSO perform a programme titled *Russian Romantics*. The *Meet the Music* Concert, on Thursday 27 August, will feature Tchaikovsky's flamboyant first piano concerto, matched with Rachmaninoff's dramatic first symphony and it is hoped this experience will inspire students as they compose songs of their own, in the style of Romantic Art Song.

HSC Music students are preparing their programmes for the HSC Trial Examinations next week and then the HSC Music Performance Night on Friday 14 August. This concert is valuable practice for students as well as an opportunity for the wider community to enjoy performances by students. The HSC Practical Examination is expected to be scheduled in the week beginning Monday 7 September.

Many students participating in extra-curricular music lessons will be taking AMEB examinations this term. Ms Madden has published the following specific dates: Friday 31 July – Brass; Friday 31 July and Monday 3 August - Flute (NB All Year 9 candidates examinations are scheduled for 3 August after Global Forum); Monday 10 August – Woodwind; Wednesday 12 August – Strings.

To assist candidates prepare for their practical examinations, Concert Practice will be held in Cooper Hall on Wednesday 22 July.

### Mr Michael Spencer, Head of Music

## Science

During Term 3, Years 8 and 9 Science students will work on their Student Research Projects. As part of the Australian Curriculum, all students are required to undertake at least one substantial research project during Stage 4 and Stage 5. Class time is allocated to assist students in clarifying their question or problem to be investigated, developing hypotheses and identifying variables to be controlled, measured or changed in fair tests. Important skills in carrying out research, evaluating evidence and conclusions and communicating their findings to others are practised during this project.

Year 8 students will be completing a project as part of their F1 in Schools Technology Challenge. In groups they will design a car that is compliant with the competition rules. Then each team member will conduct an experiment to modify one variable of the car design to determine how that variable affects the drag of the car. They will make a minimum of five variations to their variable and test the aerodynamics of each of those variables in both 2D and 3D using Autodesk Flow Design software. They will then prepare a scientific report with their results.

Year 7 Science students are spending Week 1 of the term completing the *Who Killed Pluto?* topic with a study of the causes of eclipses, phases of the moon and tides. In Week 2 they will begin the topic *Life* which starts by looking at what makes something living and moves on to look at cells as the building blocks of living things. Students will learn skills in using a microscope and drawing accurate biological diagrams.

Year 12 Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes are revising and completing practice HSC Trial Examination papers as part of their preparation for the examinations starting next week.

### Mrs Alison Andrew, Head of Science

## PDHPE

The PDHPE Faculty welcomes the return from Maternity Leave of Mrs Jane Crellen who will be teaching two Year 10 classes and a Year 7 class. Students in Years 7-10 PDHPE will be studying the following topics this term:

- Year 7: *What about me?* – The physical, social and emotional changes which occur during adolescence. Aquatics – RLSSA Senior Swim and Survive Level 7
- Year 8: *Daily and Lifelong Physical Activity* – Students discuss the benefits of physical activity as an integral part of a balanced lifestyle and participate in a variety of lifelong physical activities in practical lessons to demonstrate this knowledge and understanding.
- Year 9: *Diversity and Difference* – This unit builds on past knowledge and understanding to analyse factors that contribute to positive, inclusive and satisfying relationships and also challenges discrimination and vilification present in the community.
- Gymnastics – Artistic
- Year 10: *The Coach* - Students will investigate and perform various roles involved in sporting club organisation, with a major focus on coaching.

### Miss Erin Gray, Head of PDHPE

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## Sport

### **Wet Weather arrangements for Saturday Sport**

Cancellations of Saturday Sport are rarely made before Saturday morning, unless a venue notifies IGSSA that the facilities will not be playable prior to this.

Means of gaining information concerning play: **IGSSA WEBSITE:** <http://ahigs.nsw.edu.au/IGSSA.aspx>

**SMS Weather Information:** Using your mobile phone, SMS your keyword to **1992 5465**. Messages cost 55c per message sent.

Your keyword is the name of the sport and the first initial of the venue. For example: If checking re Hockey at Frensham, **TEXT 'hockeyf'** or netball at Frensham, **TEXT 'netballf'**. A return SMS will be sent that gives you the status of the venue - open or closed.

### Tennis Lessons

Tennis will commence in Week 1. Students are to check White Cottage for their lesson time and see Miss Gray if any changes need to be made. Parents who would like their daughters to begin Tennis lessons must ensure they complete the appropriate form and return it to School this week. If you do not wish your daughter to continue having lessons, please advise the School.

### Cross Country

Following her excellent result at the NSW CIS Carnival last month, Emily Fisher (Year 11) will compete in the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway, Sydney on Friday 17 July.

### Hockey

In May, Eliza Brennan (Year 12) represented IGSSA at the NSW Combined Independent Schools Hockey Championships and was selected for the NSW CIS team. She played with the team last month at Sydney Olympic Park to represent NSW CIS at the **NSW All Schools Open Hockey Tri-Series**. Eliza played well throughout the championships, and is congratulated on her efforts.

Hockey Footwear: With the start of the Hockey season, please ensure that your daughter has the correct footwear for the surfaces on which matches are played. Below is information regarding footwear appropriate for playing on both hockey synthetic and grass surfaces:

- For IGSSA Hockey, football boots can only wear on grass fields. They cannot be worn on any synthetic pitches.
- The best hockey shoe to cover both surfaces is a **Trail Shoe**. All brands have these. Alternatively, a good quality cross-trainer with appropriate grip would be suitable for synthetic surfaces.

### Touch Football

On Tuesday 2 June, Annabelle Carter (Year 12), Ellah Thompson (Year 11) and Chloe McCrabb (Year 10) represented IGSSA at the **NSW Combined Independent Schools Touch Championships** held at Penrith. The girls all played very well and Chloe McCrabb was selected in the NSW CIS team - an outstanding achievement. Chloe will now compete in the **Under 18 Australian Touch Football Championships** in September at Caloundra.

### Term 3 Sport

Selections for the Hockey and Netball teams were held during Term 2 and again this week. All teams have been selected and will train together this week to play in matches this Saturday. We have 13 Hockey teams and 12 Netball teams.

In Hockey, Team 1 and the Junior A team will play at Sydney Olympic Park this Saturday against NEGS. In Week 6, Team 1 will again play in Sydney against PLC Armidale.

We look forward to an excellent season of both Hockey and Netball which includes seven rounds with semi-finals and finals being played in Sydney in Weeks 8 and 9, respectively. We wish all the teams luck for the season ahead.

### Athletics

Athletics training will continue to run on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The squad will be attending four Twilight carnivals, with the first one this Friday night. The other carnivals will be held on Friday 24 July, 31 July and 7 August. These carnivals are held at Sydney Olympic Park and will be used for selections for the Frensham team to compete at the IGSSA Carnival on Friday 14 August.

### Gymnastics

Gymnastics training will continue on Wednesday afternoons for those girls interested. If girls would like to join the Gymnastics squad, they are to see Mrs Crellen this week.

**Mrs Jane Crellen, Head of Sport**

## Equestrian News

The vacation began with a large team of riders from both Gib Gate and Frensham attending the **NSW Interschools Championships** held at SIEC at Horsley Park which provided riders and horses the opportunity to test their skills in all disciplines. There were entries in Eventing, Combined training, Show Jumping, Show Horse and Vaulting; the team performed commendably with many individual ribbons gained through the competition in all areas.

The team achieved overall Champion School Rosette at the end of the four days of competition.

The event this year was structured differently with awards for each discipline presented formally in the main undercover arena on the same evening as the final of that particular event. Riders from each school who had competed on that day, processed into the arena in full uniform, carrying their school banners. On the Saturday evening, there was also a presentation dinner with entertainment in the arena. Much of this had been the inspiration and planning of Mrs Charlotte Inglis, a current parent at both Gib Gate and Frensham.

Following are the major championships awarded over the four days:

Olivia Barton (Year 10) - Secondary Eventing Champion; Elizabeth Taylor (Year 3) - Primary Showhorse Champion; Emily Baldwin (Year 7) - Secondary Reserve Champion Show Jumping; Frensham - Champion Secondary School in Eventing, Gib Gate - Reserve Champion Primary School in Showhorse and Frensham was Overall Champion School (1<sup>st</sup> place) in Equestrian. Also of note: India Shead (Year 8) - 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Elementary Dressage. Gib Gate was also awarded Champion School in Stall Aisle Presentation.



The team was managed by the Captain and Vice Captains of Equestrian, Madeleine Prell, Isabella Lalak and Julia McGrath who organised a buddy support system for the team and the volunteer roster required for each participating school. They are congratulated for their calm leadership during the competition. Parents are also thanked for their support throughout the competition, the organisation of a dinner on the Thursday and in the decoration and maintenance of the aisles in the stables

*Left: Gib Gate's award-winning Stall Aisle Presentation*

**Mrs Trish Symons, Equestrian Coordinator**

## Snowsports

Frensham placed first in the **Interschools Snowsports Championships Northern NSW and Queensland Category Two** (teams under 25 students in size) Secondary Female Overall point score. The following teams were entered and those skiers/snowboarders marked with an asterisk\* have qualified for the NSW State Championships. The top five teams (in most cases) and the top 10 ranked 'individual' combined results (noted in parentheses) automatically qualified for the State competition:

### 2015 Northern Team Results

#### SnowboardGS

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div2A - Daisy Latimer\*, Jessica Latimer\*

#### BoarderX

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Div2A - Jessica Latimer\*(8), Daisy Latimer\*(9)

#### Moguls

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div1A - Georgina Quinn\* (4)\*

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Div2A - Catherine Talbot\* (3), Madison Moore\*(4<sup>th</sup>), Madeleine Johnston\* (7)

4<sup>th</sup> place: Div3A - Emily Gubbins\* (5 and highest Frensham mogul score), Dimity Crowe, Daisy Latimer

#### Skiercross

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div1A - Tika Robinson\* (8), Phoebe Crowe\*, Georgina Quinn\*

Div1B - Cassandra Phillips, Mathilda Penton, Isobelle Fox

Div1C - Zali Steiner, Phoebe Latimer

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div2A - Rosie O'Neil\* (7 and fastest Frensham SX), Catherine Talbot\*, Tara Penton\*

4<sup>th</sup> place: Div2B - Amelia Douglass\*, Sasha Lavender\*, Maddison Moore

10<sup>th</sup> place: Div2C - Madeleine Johnston\*, Arabella Jones, Ellie Fox, Gabrielle Steiner  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Div3A - Dimity Crowe\* (7), Daisy Latimer\*, Emily Gubbins\*, Charlotte Dulhunty  
Alpine

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div1A - Tika Robinson\* (10), Phoebe Crowe\*, Georgina Quinn\*, Cassandra Phillips

11<sup>th</sup> place: Div1B - Mathilda Penton\*, Zali Steiner, Isobelle Fox

5<sup>th</sup> place: Div2A - Rosie O'Neil\* (fastest Frensham Alpine), Arabella Jones\*, Ellie Fox, Madeleine Johnston\*

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Div2B - Sasha Lavender\*, Amelia Douglass\*, Catherine Talbot\*, Tara Penton\*

Div2C - Madison Moore\*, Gabrielle Steiner

4<sup>th</sup> place: Div3A - Dimity Crowe\* (7), Daisy Latimer\*, Emily Gubbins\*, Charlotte Dulhunty\*

We had a total of 16 complete teams competing in the four disciplines (Snowboard, Moguls, Skiercross and Alpine) and 12 of those teams qualified to compete in the State Championships in late August. Many girls skied 'out of their comfort zone' to support this wonderful team achievement and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the parents and the girls who maintained a very positive outlook despite the limited amount of natural snow. As always, parental support was essential and we are grateful to those in the roles of Team Managers and Course Volunteers.

The Snowsports team has continued to excel in competition and, most importantly, were gracious winners.

**Ms Joanne Allison, Snowsports Coordinator**

### Visual Arts/Design & Technology

As noted last term, artist and old girl, Zoe Young (1995), conducted a three-session workshop for interested Year 10 students, focusing on the production of a portrait of a person who is special and significant to each student. At the end of the workshop, students were invited to enter their completed portraits in the **Young Archies** competition, open to primary and secondary students, and run in conjunction with the Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW. Sixteen students chose to enter their works, with Zoe delivering them personally to the gallery.



On Thursday 9 July, the finalists for the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes were announced. Additionally, finalists for the *Young Archies* were also announced, and the School was thrilled to receive news that Ellie Arnott's portrait of her sister, Tempe (Year 2) was one of the five selected finalists in the 13-15 year old category. Ellie's portrait can be viewed on the AGNSW website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/young-archie/2015/>

There are four age categories as part of the *Young Archies*: 5-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds, 13-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds. The competition was judged by artist, Del Kathryn Barton, 2008 and 2013 Archibald Prize, and Victoria Collings, the Gallery's senior coordinator of education and family programmes, based on merit and originality. Five finalists from each category will be exhibited at the Gallery and on the Gallery website. One winner will be chosen in each category. Winners will be announced on 22 August.

Congratulations to Ellie for being selected as a finalist and we look forward to viewing the portrait of Tempe in the Art Gallery of NSW.

I take this opportunity to thank Zoe Young, Artist-in-Residence for creating this exciting and enriching opportunity and for sharing her skills and expertise with students at Frensham.

**Mr Phil Alldis, Head of Visual Arts and Design**