



News letter

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FRENSHAM

Join us on Saturday
3 March from noon

OPEN DAY

See a full programme included with this newsletter



Equestrian Training Day



Gib Gate Swimming Carnival (3-6)

At next week's Frensham Open Day the title of my Address is *'Boarding – The Next Decade...'* and I will highlight recent changes in Frensham's approach to residential education and offer my thoughts on how the next ten years will see another leap that will reflect exciting developments educationally for teenagers.

Frensham and Gib Gate teachers are constantly involved to some extent in the various phases of change management: 'explore, engage, experiment and embed' in our efforts to improve classroom practice and enhance the curriculum we offer. For House Staff and those responsible overall for boarding the expectations are the same. Those who have been close to the School as parents or those students who have siblings whose years at school span the most recent decade will know how so much of what they see today was at 'exploration or pilot' stage several years ago or that much of what we now take for granted (already embedded) was not in our thinking until relatively recently.

I urge all parents interested in hearing about what is ahead, to join me in Clubbe Hall for the 2.15pm presentation next weekend (Saturday 3 March).

Professional Learning – Teachers

In a recent McKinsey Report it was noted that 'The quality of the education system cannot exceed the quality of its teachers.' Steve Jobs was quoted as having said 'It's the user experience (that matters), stupid!' In my one-on-one conversations last week with some of Years 3, 4 and 5 it was possible to gain an extremely clear picture of how students see themselves as learners and how expert teachers facilitate learning for the 'users' of our School. I would love to be a member of all of the classes I visited last week – were it possible to return to life as a primary school student. In sharing with me 'what they like' the diversity of children's interests and a consistently expressed sense of accomplishment or keenness to meet new challenges were also evident; 'Book Club, Mathematics, Science, Sport, Art, Japanese, Music, HSIE research, Reading, Handwriting' were all mentioned by at least someone, as 'one of the subjects I want to talk about' and 'being read to' seems to be a highlight for most.

Communication

It was interesting also to note how easily communication can break down. Years 3, 4 and 5 students were advised by their class teacher prior to my visits that 'Ms Gillick will be meeting with you to see what you like.' Speaking with

a parent after my visit I learned that her child reported, 'Someone is coming into the classroom tomorrow to see what we're like.'

This is a perfect springboard to highlight my hopes for how you will feel as parents, when you are communicating with the School. Whilst we know that emails are very quick to reach the recipient of your communication, we are very cautious about their use, knowing that in order of effectiveness, emails are well down a list that sets out in order of what works best within our School setting:

1. Face-to-face
2. Small group
3. Telephone
4. Voice message
5. Email

For boarder parents, the challenge of getting the tone or intent of communication can be magnified at both ends unless we agree to pick up the phone, when face-to-face discussion is not possible. So, if there is a problem, I ask all to consider, as a first step, registering your need for a call (by email if easiest), rather than spending the time to compose a carefully-worded message. Our intention will be to give full, respectful attention to your feedback or concern and, if not able to clarify a matter immediately, to ask for time to investigate a matter further before initiating follow-up discussion. Please know we 'want to know' if you have matters to clarify or concerns to be resolved.

Father-Daughter Ball – DATE CHANGE & apologies
Having published the 2012 Father-Daughter Ball date as far ahead as possible (by Term 4, 2011) we now have confirmed that our major Snow Sports Inter-schools event is scheduled for that weekend (25 & 26 August) causing a clash for up to 30 girls representing the School.

After much consideration, we are therefore changing the date of the Father-Daughter Ball date to **Saturday 4 August** – the Year 11 Parent Weekend and Year 10 Senior Studies presentation weekend (and also the weekend following the Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations).

Please note that we have never changed a major event date like this as we respect parents' need to make plans for overseas business / long-distance country travel / accommodation etc - and that you also coordinate plans for your children's various schools...

However, I hope parents will support our change of date, given both the sense of community we try to generate for the Ball and the commitment our current parents are asked to support for Snow Sports.

Sturt Weekend

Please see the report this week on last weekend's events at Sturt in the School for Wood. Seminars were well attended and the incidental sharing of knowledge and enthusiasm for fine woodworking was in abundance. We

also enjoyed the sense of reunion with so many former Sturt graduates now in professional roles, returning to share their skills.

Acknowledgement to:

- Parents who assisted at the Gib Gate Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival;
- Friends of Sturt Executive, elected for 2012;
- The Frensham Community Service Team, who arranged the first fundraising event of the year with the St Valentine's mufti day, raising \$1,022.50 for charity (full details in the Community Service report);
- Year 6 students William Brittain, Andrea Conomos, Celia Battcock and Alice Battcock on being selected for the AIS Maths Challenge Camp;
- Year 5 student Chelsea Pernice on being selected for the CIS Girls' Tennis Team;
- Year 10 students Antonia Parker, Tara Stewart and Nicola Gorman, and Year 9 student Annika Sallie on their invitation to attend the University of Sydney's Gifted & Talented Discovery Programme;
- Mrs Barton (Olivia Year 7) for her role as a 'tutor' at the recent Frensham / Gib Gate Equestrian Training Day for Inter-schools competitors. The successful day also included instruction from outstanding equestrian and former student Annabel Armstrong (2003).

Ahead - Important Community Dates:

Saturday 3 March

Year 7 Parent Weekend & Frensham Open Day (12.30-4.00pm) - 'Welcome Dinner' for parents of students new to Gib Gate and Frensham (7.00-10.00pm), hosted by the Board of Governors of WWS, WWS Foundation Ltd, Parent Advisory Committee Members and staff of both Schools.

Sunday 4 March

Year 7 Parent Weekend Service (Years 7-12 to attend)
Picnic Lunch for Years 7 & 8 – hosted by Year 8 families (Games Field)

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March

Sturt Short Courses

Saturday 17 March & Sunday 18 March

Year 10 Parent Weekend

Year 10 Confirmation Service, St Stephen's Church, Mittagong

Year 10 Service and Concert (all Years 7-12 to attend)

I look forward to seeing parents and friends of the School at FRENHAM'S OPEN DAY and to meeting parents of NEW STUDENTS to Gib Gate and Frensham at the WELCOME DINNER.



Julie A Gillick
Head of Frensham
Head of Winifred West Schools

The Winifred West Schools Newsletter on the Website

The fortnightly WWS Newsletter is located at:
<http://www.frensham.nsw.edu.au/ch-wws-newsletter>
 and is published on that site and mailed on Wednesday.

Information Notices sent via Email

- Year 10 Work Experience Notice and Permission Slip
- Outdoor Education and Senior Studies Programme

Information Notices included with this Newsletter

- Frensham Open Day Programme
- Iris Country Fair flyer

AHEAD:

Th 23	F: 6.45-8.00pm Mathematics Club
F 24	
S 25	IGSSA Round 3
S 26	School Service
Week 5	Week A
M 27	GG: Outdoor Education (Year 3) GG: Year 5 Excursion, State Parliament, Sydney F: 8.25am-3.35pm Rose Valley and Werri Lagoon, Year 10 Geography F: 8.25am-3.35pm Australian War Memorial, Yr 10 History GG: 8.45am FOGG Meeting, Gib Gate Music Centre F: Southern Highlands Twilight Swimming Carnival, Bowral Pool
T 28	GG: Outdoor Education (Year 4) GG: 11.30am-2.30pm Gib Gate Swimming Carnival (K-2), Bowral Pool
W 29	GG: Outdoor Education (Years 5-6)
MARCH	
Th 1	<u>NSW Interschools Equestrian Event</u> GG: Outdoor Education (Years 5-6) F: 1.45-8.30pm Jamieson Programme, Year 9
F 2	<u>NSW Interschools Equestrian Event</u> GG: Outdoor Education (Years 5-6) GG: 2.00pm Clean-Up Australia Day at Gib Gate F: 2.00-4.00pm Frensham Advisory Committee Meeting
S 3	FRENHAM OPEN DAY Closed Weekend Year 7 Parent Weekend <u>NSW Interschools Equestrian Event</u> F: IGSSA Round 4 F: 30 & 50 Year Reunion F: 8.30am Year 7 Parent/Teacher discussions F: 7.00pm Welcome Dinner for Parents of New Students (Frensham Madrigals to attend)
S 4	Closed Weekend <u>NSW Interschools Equestrian Event</u> F: 30 & 50 Year Reunion F: 10.00-11.30pm School Service and Concert (all Years 7-12 to attend) F: Year 7 BBQ Lunch, hosted by Year 8 Families, Games Field

Week 6	Week B
M 5	GG: IPSHA Swimming Carnival, Homebush GG: Mathematics Challenge Camp, selected students F: 11am Immunisation for Years 7 & 10 <u>NB: this is a change of date from 20 February</u>
T 6	F: Outdoor Education and Senior Studies Seminars, Years 7-12 GG: Mathematics Challenge Camp, selected students
W 7	F: Outdoor Education and Senior Studies Seminars, Years 7-12 GG: Mathematics Challenge Camp, selected students GG: 6.00pm Hokuriku Gakuin Information Meeting, Gib Gate Hall
Th 8	F: Outdoor Education and Senior Studies Seminars, Years 7-12 F: 9.00am-6.00pm Art Express & Design Tech Exhibition, Year 12 VA & Design and Technology students F: 4.00-10.30pm Meet the Music, Yr 12 Music students
F 9	GG: Gib Gate Cross-Country F: IGSSA 87 th Swimming Carnival, F: Fellowship Cocktail Party, Sydney
S 10	F: IGSSA Round 5 S: Sturt Short Courses F: Show Cattle Team at Robertson Show F: Boarding Activity: 1.00-4.00pm Robertson Show
S 11	Church Service S: Sturt Short Courses F: Boarding Activity: Harry Potter Exhibition, Powerhouse

PARENT/COMMUNITY NEWS

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2012 TERM DATES ~ WEEKENDS

2012 Term Dates Gib Gate and Frensham

Term 1

Gib Gate: Tuesday 31 January-Wednesday 4 April

Frensham: Wednesday 1 February-Wednesday 4 April

Term 2

Gib Gate & Frensham: Tuesday 24 April-Thursday 21 June

NB: Frensham is working on ANZAC Day

Term 3

Gib Gate & Frensham: Tuesday 17 July-Thursday 20

September 3pm

Term 4

Gib Gate: Tuesday 9 October-Friday 7 December 3pm

Frensham: Tuesday 9 October-Sunday 9 December

2012 Frensham Parent Weekends Ahead

Year 7	Saturday 3-Sunday 4 March Frensham Open Day ~ Saturday 3 March
Year 10	Saturday 17-Sunday 18 March
Year 8	Saturday 12-Sunday 13 May
Year 12	Saturday 2-Sunday 3 June WWS Birthday Friday 1 June
Year 11	Saturday 4-Sunday 5 August Saturday 4 August – Year 10 Goal Setting (with parents)
Year 9	Saturday 25-Sunday 26 August

Ranier Uniform Shop

Mondays: 8.00am-1.00pm
Thursdays: 12noon-5.00pm

Shop Manager Mrs Cherie Heard

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GolfDay

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GIB GATE

Parental assistance at the Gib Gate Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival was greatly appreciated. The good weather conditions in the morning ensured many of the events were finished before the thunderstorms arrived. Students had a wonderful day and the addition of a hailstorm only added to the excitement. The Gib Gate IPSHA Swimming team is now looking forward to the Swimming Carnival at the Homebush Olympic Pool on Monday 5 March.

The feedback from parents who attended Parent Information evenings last week has been positive, with many commenting on how much they appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the curriculum and year/stage goals. Individual Parent/Teacher interviews are now being scheduled by classroom teachers and teachers will be sending home notes shortly so that parents can register an interview time.

Gib Gate's policy for the Acceptable Use of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) has been sent home to all families from Kindergarten to Year 6 today. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 have also been provided with a Student Agreement Form for the acceptable use of ICT which parents are requested to read and sign with their child. The safe use of the internet and other information communication technologies at Gib Gate is a high priority; the ICT policy, and your agreement with it, allow families and the School to work together to support students in using these technologies appropriately and safely.

Ms Sally Robson, Head of Gib Gate

Curriculum Insights

Competitions 2012 - This week parents of students from Years 3 to 6 will receive a letter inviting their children to participate in any of the ICAS Competitions available at Gib Gate this year, to be taken throughout Terms 2 and 3. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). EAA is a not-for-profit organisation owned by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

The ICAS tests provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation against other students who demonstrate a high level of ability in a variety of disciplines. They provide teachers and parents with comprehensive reporting of results in English, Mathematics, Science and Writing. Parents are advised that students wishing to challenge themselves by participating in these competitions should note that a high level of literacy, including highly developed comprehension skills in a 'limited time' situation, is needed for success in all tests, including the Mathematics and Science tests. Parents should also be aware that the ICAS tests are not based on

the syllabus, nor are they designed to test the syllabus. They are quite different in nature to the NAPLAN papers which are designed to test basic literacy and numeracy skills in Years 3 and 5.

To support the participation by interested children, examination conditions and supervision will be provided at Gib Gate on each advertised national testing day. Students who wish to participate will be given assistance to prepare, including opportunities to practise past papers at School prior to the competition date.

During Terms 2 and 3 selected students in Years 5 and 6 participate in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. The Olympiads consist of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop creative mathematical problem-solving skills in an enjoyable and supportive environment. Gib Gate organises regular advanced problem-solving sessions within the weekly Mathematics timetabled lessons prior to and during the Olympiad period, during which students are taught the skills and techniques required to 'have a go' at finding solutions to the challenging contest problems. As each of the formal contests are one month apart, there is plenty of time for participating students to practise and improve throughout the year and for Year 6 students who participated in 2011 to consolidate and continue to develop the skills acquired when they were in Year 5.

Gib Gate has been invited to send four 2012 Year 6 students to the annual AIS Maths Challenge Camp which is being held at the Elanora Conference Centre from Monday 5 March to Wednesday 7 March 2012. William Brittain, Andrea Conomos, Celia Battcock and Alice Battcock are congratulated on being selected to attend in 2012. Mr Greg Hannah will also attend the Camp and will work collaboratively with other teachers from independent schools to facilitate the activities which include advanced problem solving, with plenty of time also allocated for sports, bushwalking and evening cultural activities.

Further information is available from Mrs Chauncy at any time about either the ICAS or Maths Olympiad Programmes 2012 at Gib Gate.

Mrs Kate Chauncy
Director of Teaching and Learning P-12

Clean Up Australia Day - Mrs Venish has organised for Gib Gate to participate in the annual Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 2 March. Each class will be allocated an area of the School grounds to clean up.

Hokuriku Gakuin/ Japan Trip 2012 - Parents of students from Years 5 and 6 are invited to an Information Session about the Japan Trip on Wednesday 7 March at 6pm in the Hall.

Exploring Art - Places are available in the Exploring Art class on Thursday afternoons with Ms Julie Pennington in the Japanese Room. This class provides students with the opportunity to experiment with a range of art materials and interesting techniques through projects such as painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture. For further information please contact Mrs Graham.

Super Scientists Club – Gib Gate is offering an experiment-based Science Club on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Venish will organise some fun experiments each week. Classes are open to students from Years 3 to 6 and commence on Thursday 8 March. The cost is \$100 for Term 1. For further information please contact Mrs Graham.

OEG Family Day at Womberoo - Students in Years 3 to 6 have been given a flyer inviting their families to participate in sharing in the outstanding Outdoor Education. This family day will be held on Sunday 1 April, 9:00am–3:30pm with Challenge By Choice. Activities include the Giant Swing, High Ropes Course, Canoeing, Guided Bushwalking and a camp cookout lunch. The cost is \$100 per person. For further information please contact Mrs Graham or Ms Robson.

Mrs Anne Graham
Gib Gate Coordinator of Administration

Gib Gate Sport

Tennis - Following an outstanding performance at the IPSHA Tennis trials two weeks ago, Chelsea Pernice (Year 5) has been selected for the CIS Girls' Tennis Team to compete in a tournament at Pymble Ladies College in March. Chelsea is wished every success as she prepares for that tournament.

Swimming - The Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival was held at Bowral Pool last Friday. Unfortunately, heavy storms at midday brought about an early conclusion, with both McCutcheon and Wilson finishing on equal points.

A dedicated team of up to 30 children from Years 2 to 6 has been training each Tuesday and Thursday morning at Bowral Pool since November last year and, following the carnival, a strong team has been selected for both the SHIPS (Southern Highlands Independent Schools) and IPSHA carnivals taking place over the coming weeks.

Winter Sports - Notes were sent to all Gib Gate families last week asking children to nominate for their winter sports team selections. Hockey, Netball and Soccer are offered as the winter team choices. Selections need to be finalised over the next two weeks with trainings in all these sports to begin before the end of Term 1. Netball and Soccer teams will begin competitive rounds at the start of Term 2.

Mr Michael Standen, Coordinator of PE and Sport

STURT



FRIENDS OF STURT

Ann Schavemaker (President), Joan Dinning (Secretary), Julie Musgrave, Chris Topp, Denise Sumner, Robyn Golledge, Nadine Harvey, Bill Dinning.

Special News

New Friends of Sturt Committee elected for 2012 - At the Annual General Meeting on 12 February the following were elected to the Friends of Sturt Committee for 2012: President - Ann Schavemaker, Secretary - Joan Dinning, Committee members - Julie Musgrave, Chris Topp, Denise Sumner, Robyn Golledge, Bill Dinning, Nadine Harvey.

Tools & Techniques weekend at Sturt Wood School - On 18 and 19 February, over 1,000 people attended the two-day woodwork event. It was a great success, with hand-made tools on display from some of Australia's best tool producers, as well as woodwork demonstrations throughout the day. Visitors came from as far afield as Albury and the north NSW coast.

Sturt School for Wood - Enrolments now open for one-year Wood School in 2013. Applicants are invited to enrol in the Sturt Wood School's one-year accredited fine-furniture-making course for 2013. A full prospectus can be found on the Sturt website, which details application and enrolment procedures.

Three places remain for the second 10-week wood course for 2012 - The tutor, James Carr, is a graduate of the Sturt Wood School and has since established his own business in the local area, specialising in commissions for a wide range of clientele. James is a regular and highly popular teacher at Sturt. This course begins on 23 April.

Term Classes – Enrolments are being taken for term classes - New teachers this year include Tracy Hopkirk, Jewellery, (Monday nights); Kwirak Choung, Ceramics (Thursdays); and Phoebe Everill, Woodwork (Monday nights). Daryl Ingate will also be teaching a new daytime Woodwork class on Tuesdays.

Short Courses - The first weekend of Short Courses for 2012 is scheduled for 10-11 March. Courses include Woodwork – tuning and sharpening your tools with Daryl Ingate, and Ceramics - creative wheel-forming with Kwirak Choung. Full details can be found on the Sturt website and places are filling fast.

Special 'Easy Start' one-day introductory workshops on 22 and 23 March - Absolute beginners can try Ceramics, Woodwork, Jewellery or Textiles for the special price of \$58.

Winter School 2012 - The full programme for Winter School 2012 is now available on the website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au. Courses for 2012 include: Book Binding, Botanical Art, Clay – Kilns and Raku, 3D Felting, Fresco Painting, Wild Knitting, Calligraphy, Painting Acrylics, and much more.

Sturt Gallery

Meroogal Women's Arts Prize 2011

12 February to 25 March 2012

This is a touring exhibition from the Historic Houses Trust. The Meroogal Women's Arts Prize for 2011 asked entrants to respond to the theme "Made by Hand" through visual arts, crafts and design. The resulting exhibition showcases winning, commended and selected works from the 2011 competition.

A Common Thread – textiles by Kay Faulkner

1 April to 13 May

Australian master weaver Kay Faulkner returns to Sturt in 2012 for an extended residency. This exhibition will showcase new work developed over the last two years.

Events

Friends of Sturt Gallery Excursion - The Friends of Sturt have organised a trip to Sydney for Thursday 22 March. The itinerary for the day will include three galleries:

1. Object Gallery – Australia Centre for Craft and Design – St Margaret's Precinct Bourke Street Surry Hills – the exhibition planned for March is "Storied in Form" – the work of five designers.
2. Sabbia Gallery – 120 Glenmore Road, Paddington – March exhibition of "Tutti" glass by Ben Edols and Kathy Elliott – this is likely to be stunning!
3. Kerrie Lowe Gallery – this gallery specialises in ceramics but also shows paintings, prints and jewellery.

In addition to the gallery visits, lunch will be in the Danks Street area where you can buy lunch at Sopra or one of the many other cafés, shop at Fratelli Fresh or stroll through the other galleries in the area. The Coach will leave Sturt at 9.00am, returning at approximately 5.30pm. The cost for the day trip is \$25.00 for FOS members or \$50 for non-members and bookings can be made through Sturt Shop. All bookings should be received by 1 March, please. We do hope you will be able to join us as it promises to be a great day.

Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programmes and events can be found on our website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 0248 602083 or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Mr Mark Viner, Head of Sturt

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Deputy Head

Outdoor Education Week and Senior Studies Seminars - Preparation for Outdoor Education Week and Senior Studies Seminars has now been completed. Parents of girls in Years 7-10 should have already completed the Medical Form and an outline of the programme will be emailed. OEG has briefed students about each camp and girls should be in the process of collecting the equipment and clothing they need for the week. Parents of girls in Years 11 and 12 should have completed the permission slip. Staff members have been briefed and are preparing for their camps or seminar programmes. On Thursday 8 March, Day Boarders in Years 7, 9, 10, 12 will return at approximately 3.30pm and can be collected from their Houses. Year 8 will return to their Houses at 4.00pm and Year 11 will finish their programme at 8.00pm. Normal classes will resume on Friday 9 March.

Prep Guidelines - 'Prep' is the preparation of homework completed by students outside class time to help them learn. It can take several different forms:

- Review and confirmation of the day's class work
- Short-term reading and exercises to help them prepare for their next class
- Long-term assignments and the research which goes with them
- Regular, ongoing revision and practice which help place knowledge and skills in their long-term memory
- Specific revision of knowledge and skills for a special task.

During term, Prep is a regular and important part of each student's overall learning programme. Boarders in Years 7, 8 and 9 work in a fully supervised environment with access to computers and teachers on hand to assist them. Many day boarders also take advantage of these facilities on an occasional or regular basis. Working within set time parameters, students learn to be efficient and organised with their Prep under the guidance of their teachers. As students move into the senior years, more autonomy and independence are expected, with students undertaking Prep within the boarding houses, supervised by boarding staff.

Mr Geoff Marsh, Deputy Head / Director of Studies

Director of Boarding

There was great anticipation for the St Valentine's Day Crack Dinner. The Year 12 girls organised the dining room into a banquet style of long tables trimmed with table cloths, pink napkins and balloons. Students were encouraged to dress up as pairs; outfits included the monsters from Monsters Ink, a group of pears and Hansel and Gretel. Girls were able to dedicate songs to one another and the evening culminated in a disco.

On Saturday afternoon, in preparation for the Iris Country Fair, girls made a range of brightly coloured bracelets, experimenting with different weaves and beads. Next week, they will be looking at designing bags and experimenting with different media.

The Sunday morning Breakfast Service, delivered by Year 12, was a thought-provoking look at the life and work of Mother Teresa. It was especially significant to think about peace as this day marked the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin in 1942, with the loss of 250 lives. The following quote is attributed to Mother Teresa and is said to be written on the wall of her home for children in Calcutta, India.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

After the service, 44 girls headed to Jamberoo to spend the day playing and relaxing at the Water Park. Next week there will be an opportunity for various year groups to participate in ten-pin bowling or in swimming at Mittagong Pool.

Up-and-coming events

10 March - Robertson Agricultural Show

11 March - Harry Potter Exhibition at the Powerhouse museum (approximate cost \$22)

Sign-up sheets will be placed outside White Cottage.

Travel

Countrylink has notified the School that it requires end-of-Term 1 and beginning-of-Term 2 travel arrangement information by Thursday 1 March 2012. In order for the information to be collated and checked, Mrs Barrie will require travel details by Thursday 23 February.

Students who require transport to the airport should complete the Airport Transport Sheet in the Boarding Houses by Wednesday 21 March.

Please discuss with your daughter her proposed travel requirements and ask her to complete the end-of-Term 1 travel document available in the Boarding House.

If you have any questions about travel, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Amanda Barrie (abarrie@frensham.nsw.edu.au).

Mrs Amanda Barrie, Director of Boarding

Director of Teaching and Learning

In November 2011, students in Years 8 and 9 were given the opportunity to participate in the University of Sydney, Faculty of Science, Gifted & Talented Discovery Programme Qualifying Examination which was facilitated by the Frensham Science Faculty. The examination was challenging, requiring students to draw on their knowledge of science as well as to think creatively. Students competed from across New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia. Students who were placed in the top 10% of candidates have received a first-round offer to participate in three-day workshops at the University held during the school vacation periods in April and July. Students will experience one full day each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

All students who participated in the examination with such enthusiasm are commended for the standard achieved. Certificates of Participation will be posted to parents with Semester 1 reports.

The School has been advised that Year 10 students Antonia Parker, Tara Stewart and Nicola Gorman, and Year 9 student Annika Sallie have received letters containing an offer to participate in either of the vacation programmes as their individual scores ranked them in the top 10% of all candidates. Students are urged to consider this opportunity carefully in consultation with their parents and apply as soon as possible as places are limited and fill quickly. In 2011, four Frensham students participated in the three-day programme: Jessica Burns, Emma McCrabb and Jasmine Talbot (Year 11 2012) and Year 9 student; Miranda Hyles (Year 10 2012) and described their experience as 'inspirational, challenging and fun!'

Parents are welcome to speak to Mrs Kate Chauncy or Mrs Alison Andrew for more information and can visit the website <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/gifted/>

Mrs Kate Chauncy,
Director of Teaching and Learning K-12
Coordinator of Gifted & Talented Programmes

Community Service

The fundraising for the year commenced on Tuesday 14 February with the annual St Valentine's Day mufti day organised by the new Community Service team. The colour theme was red, pink and white and the scene in Morning Prayers of the whole School (including teachers) in these colours was wonderful. It certainly gave a joyous feeling to the start of the day.

The focus for the charity was the School's sponsorship of a young 7-year-old girl, Joyce Kanzase, who is a pupil at Katuuso School in Uganda, co-founded by Old Girl Annabelle Chauncy. The school has just started its second year of operation and now has 120 pupils. The Community Service team of Sophia Macken (Head), Sara Attard (Vice Head) and team members Georgina Alison, Harriet Cadell, Olivia Luff and Clare Ward gave an inspiring presentation at Morning Prayers on Friday 10 February. Sophia and Sara informed the School about Joyce's sponsorship and gave some information about her, as well as showing short excerpts from a video about Katuuso School, Olivia and Georgina read the prayers and Clare and Harriet discussed fundraising activities planned for the rest of the term. The mufti day was a great success with students and staff donating just on \$1,022.50.

There will be a cake stall on the Games Field on Saturday 17 March (Year 10 Parent Weekend), a charity meal during the term and a 'Loose Change Box' at the coffee shop each Saturday morning for anyone who would like to empty their purses or pockets of those annoying 5¢ and 10¢ pieces. This term, the money raised from this will go towards our support of the Guide Dogs Association. Some of the boarders will be cooking on the evening before the cake stall and would welcome any cakes or slices from day boarders.

Ms Liz Stephenson, Community Service Coordinator

English and Drama

English - "Learning takes place in individual brains" and "If you don't think, you won't learn" are two of many interesting statements staff have been asked to consider in refining pedagogy to enable students to learn more effectively. In Year 10, as part of the Macbeth unit, some students are embarking on an individual learning project. The task requires each student to choose an area of interest connected to English, document her thinking, consider how she will present her research to the class, devise her own marking criteria and evaluate the process. Students have chosen a diverse range of subjects including: "The evolution of the English language", "Every photograph has a story", "Representing the beach through poetry" and "Is Beatrix Potter still relevant to a modern audience?" Ms McGuinness' class also had a guest IT expert model podcasting and other techniques to enhance PowerPoint presentations as part of enrichment within the classroom.

Drama - On the evening of 7 February, senior Drama students attended the annual OnStage exhibition at the

Seymour Centre in Sydney. OnStage is an opportunity for students to view exemplary works from the HSC Drama students of 2011. The showcase included outstanding design projects of sets and costumes displayed in the foyer, as well as group-devised and solo performances on stage. This year, the senior Drama students were impressed by the high quality of work which highlighted the importance of creativity, collaboration, technique and audience connection.

Year 7 students are preparing dramatic pieces for the Year 7 Parent Weekend, with both classes performing an item on Sunday 4 March. This is an important event as it will showcase some of the theatrical skills the students are learning in class and give them excellent practical experience. On Open Day, in two different time-slots, the girls will be working in the Drama Studio, demonstrating to parents and visitors some of the dramatic techniques and games that are part of the Year 7 course. The girls are working with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

Public Speaking - The Public Speaking programme for 2012 begins with a showcase on Open Day led by the Heads of Public Speaking and Debating, Zoë Price and Madeleine Bowdern.

The School has just received requests for entries in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition and the Legacy Junior Speaking Competition to be held later in the year, with specific dates to be advised. Two students from Years 8 and 9 and two from Years 10, 11 or 12 will be entered in each of these competitions. Girls interested in Speaking should register this interest with their classroom teacher, Ms McGuinness, Mrs Symons or the Heads of Public Speaking and Debating. Note that these are both competitions requiring an erudite prepared speech inspired by a current issue and an impromptu speech presented after only five-minutes' preparation.

Ms Lee McGuinness English & Drama Acting Coordinator

Japanese

This year Mrs Tomoko Sasai and Mrs Yukari Aboud, who both live locally, will continue in their roles as Japanese Native Speaker assistants. Ms Akino Tohi has also returned this year and will continue to work at both Frensham and Gib Gate as an assistant teacher until the end of Term 1; all students in Years 8 to 11 have already done calligraphy with Ms Tohi this year.

Miss Stephanie French has been awarded a grant through the AIS to complete a language-immersion course in Japan in the Term 1 vacation. The course is being held in Fukuoka in Kyushu, an island in the south-west of Japan, and comprises 20 language lessons and three culture lessons each week. A homestay is part of the programme which runs for two weeks from 9 to 20 April.

Stephanie French, Japanese Teacher

Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)

Year 12 Geography students travelled to the estuary of the Minnamurra River to investigate an ecosystem at risk – the intertidal wetlands. This fieldwork reinforced concepts covered in class and allowed students the opportunity to collect detailed information about the site.

Year 12 Business Studies students have begun a unit on 'Marketing', focusing on marketing plans and strategies, and students in Year 12 Economics have just completed an assessment relating to the impacts of globalisation on the Chinese economy.

The ASX Share Market game begins on Thursday 1 March and is open to students in Years 10 to 12, with up to four people in each syndicate.

Year 12 Modern History students have commenced their National Study: Soviet Union and Leon Trotsky as the personality associated with that study.

Year 11 students in the Mock Trial Team have had their first meeting with Ms Bradley and Mr Chris Jowett. Mr Jowett is a local solicitor who volunteers his time to act as a mentor for the team and offers his expertise in legal matters and in being able to judge other Mock Trials. The team's first practice round (non-scoring) will be against Chevalier College in the first week of March.

Year 10 History students will visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Monday 27 February. This will enable them to obtain source material for their assessment task on the Vietnam War. On the same day, Year 10 Geography students will travel to Rose Valley, via Gerringong, to obtain first-hand information for their assessment task on Land and Water Management.

Mrs Jacqueline McCarroll, HSIE Coordinator

Jamieson Programme

'Exposure to challenges, in a secure environment, can awaken in young people a belief in themselves which will stay with them throughout their lives...'

Year 7 Frensham Studies: The girls have begun learning about the history and philosophy of the School.

Year 8 Farm Management: This term girls will have the opportunity to be involved in farm management which includes assisting in the general management of the school farm. Ms Harris will be in contact with them to develop a roster for first term.

Year 8 Riding for the Disabled began last week. The first group of girls had the opportunity to assist for a morning session at the local RDA Club. The girls reported that they enjoyed the experience.

Year 9 Jamieson Programme: Last week the girls reviewed the ten components of fitness by looking at the pamphlets which each group composed. They then used the information to set their fitness goals for the semester. In the evening, Dr Kathleen Bokey talked to the girls about their physical, social and mental wellbeing and the importance of eating well to maintain overall health.

Year 10: The students have started their programme of study on Financial Literacy. This term they are learning about budgeting and Mrs Webb has asked them to keep a spending journal which they will analyse in class.

Ms Sharyn Stafford, Jamieson Programme Coordinator

Mathematics

This term, girls in Years 7 and 8 have been working in smaller groups with Ms Radin to develop problem-solving strategies in preparation for the Mathematics Challenge. The groups have been investigating and discussing the best ways to approach a series of problems.

All girls have been issued with a login for the Maths Online website for 2012. This is an interactive site that provides students with an opportunity to revise and learn material independently and at their own pace.

Three Year 10 girls, Nicola Gorman, Antonia Parker and Julia Herbert, have volunteered to act as Maths Mentors for Year 7 and 8 girls at Prep. These girls have been dedicating some of their Prep time every week to help younger mathematicians improve their basic skills.

The first meeting of the Mathematics Club is on Thursday night in Week 4. All girls are welcome; activities will include making Maths fun and interesting, informal proofs and the chance to find a Maths buddy if extra help is needed.

Pi, Greek letter (π), is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on 14 March. $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$

With the use of computers, Pi has been calculated to over 1 trillion digits past the decimal. Pi is an irrational and transcendental number meaning it will continue infinitely without repeating. The symbol for Pi was first used in 1706 by William Jones, but became popular after it was adopted by the Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler in 1737.

1. Mathematics is the language of nature. 2. Everything around us can be represented and understood through numbers. 3. If you graph these numbers, patterns emerge. Therefore: There are patterns everywhere in nature. Maximillian Cohen from Pi

Ms Sue Wymer, Mathematics Coordinator

Music

Mozart's *The Magic Flute* has been the focus of learning in all Elective Music classes as students prepared to see Opera Australia's interpretation of the world's most popular opera. Over 40 students attended the pre-show lecture which gave them further insight into the history of the current production.

The value of the experience was inherent not only in the beauty of the music but also in the fact that students were able to critique the performances by comparing them with the exemplars they had studied in their preparation for the event. The ability to critique and evaluate others' performances as well as one's own performance is core to the senior Music course at Frensham.

Parents of choristers should note that there are a couple of special performances approaching this term: Madrigals will be singing *Grace* for the New Parent Dinner on Saturday 3 March and the entire Senior Choir are to support the Confirmation Service on Saturday 17 March, arriving to rehearse from 1.45pm at St Stephen's Church, Mittagong

Mr Michael Spencer, Music Coordinator

Science

Frensham Science students in the senior years have started the year with enthusiasm and are studying a range of theoretical concepts and conducting experiments. The Preliminary Chemistry class is studying the Chemical Earth topic. Girls are currently revising the fundamental concepts of Chemistry such as the particle model, elements, compounds and mixtures and have begun to learn about gravimetric analysis. The quantitative nature of their experiments means they are developing their understanding of the importance of accuracy, reliability and validity in first-hand investigations. The Preliminary Biology class has begun the study of patterns in structure and function of living organisms. Whilst observing cells using the light microscopes to view similarities and differences between plants and animals, the students have improved their ability to draw scientific diagrams. The girls have also been investigating the history of the development of the microscope to develop their research skills. Further investigations will include identifying the substances in cells and demonstrating the need for chlorophyll and light in photosynthesis. Year 11 Physics students have begun their first unit on motion. Over the next two weeks they will investigate the motion of falling objects using Newton's Laws and develop an understanding of the forces acting during collisions.

The Year 12 Physics students have started the Motors and Generators topic. They are building their own DC motors and will then apply their new knowledge of the motor effect and electromagnetic induction to convert them into AC generators. This work will also be included as part of their next assessment task. Year 12 Chemistry students have

just finished learning about electrochemistry and the reactions which power batteries, and have started the Acidic Environment topic. They have produced a natural indicator from red cabbage and evaluated it in comparison of commercial pH indicators. This will lead on to the concept of chemical equilibrium and how it relates to atmospheric chemistry and problems such as global warming and acid rain. The Year 12 Biology class has finished studying kidneys as part of the Maintaining a Balance unit and have started the study of Search for Better Health. This topic begins with a look at the difficulties of defining health and disease, how cleanliness in food, water and personal hygiene practices assists in control of disease and an introduction to the main groups of pathogens. In the next few weeks, girls will examine the microbes in food and water as they develop their skills in the sterile techniques required to set up agar plates and grow bacterial colonies. They will complete their assessment task on malaria and quarantine in Week 4.

Lauren Sullivan, Year 12, represented Frensham at the National Youth Science Forum in January and spoke at Friday Prayers to share her experiences and inspire others with her enthusiasm for Science. She also spoke at a local Rotary Club meeting to thank them for their sponsorship. The opportunity to apply for this experience in 2013 will be offered to Year 11 Science students in the coming weeks.

After completing the University of Sydney Gifted & Talented Discovery Programme Qualifying Examination in 2011, four Science students have been offered the chance to attend workshops during the school vacation to discover more about Science. For further information, please see the report from the Director of Teaching and Learning.

During 2011, two students completed the CSIRO's Silver CREST programme as part of Year 8 extension work. CSIRO's CREST (CREativity in Science and Technology) Awards encourages and supports students to choose, organise and undertake their own open-ended science or technology project. CREST is not a competition but a programme which focuses on the individual, and encourages success and the development of skills as students pursue a topic of interest to them. Students undertake a creative and original project which involves experimentation. Their project must have an application to the everyday world. The Silver CREST award follows on from the Bronze award and the students must undertake at least 30 hours on their project. Olivia Battcock completed a project on Battery Cost and Efficiency and Georgina Quinn completed one on Whitening Toothpastes and Denture Colour.

Mrs Alison Andrew, Science Coordinator

Sport

Wet Weather arrangements for Saturday Sport

Owing to the short season for all IGSSA sports, every attempt is made to play the inter-school matches and 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://igssa.ahigs.nsw.edu.au>

SMS Weather Information: Using your mobile phone, SMS your keyword to 19922767. Messages cost 55c per message sent. Your keyword is the name of the sport and the first initial of the venue; for example, playing Softball at Frensham, TEXT 'softballf'. A return SMS will be sent to your phone which gives you the status of your venue - open or closed.

Softball and Tennis

Due to the wet weather, there has been a slow start to the Softball and Tennis seasons this term. Round One saw all Tennis matches being abandoned and six Softball games being played. In Round Two, girls were able to play all scheduled games for the day with some fine results; however, the rain in the lead-up to the weekend was too much for our grounds, with all Softball matches being cancelled. Despite the poor weather, all girls have demonstrated high spirits on the Games Field both at training and in matches played.

Ella Purvis attended the IGSSA Tennis trials on Friday 11 February at Pymble Ladies College. The standard is at a high level and she performed well on the day.

On Sunday 11 February, Lilli Jephcott, Jemima Purvis, Anna Ronald, Jessica Southwell and Amber Woods travelled to Nowra to compete in the Junior Development Series Competition. All girls played well but it was called off early due to rain. Jemima Purvis advanced to the Final. All girls are commended for their efforts on the day.

Tildesley Tennis

After weeks of trials, the Tildesley team for 2012 has been selected. The team is as follows:

Singles: Ella Purvis, Jemima Purvis, Lucinda Crichton, Harriet Cadell.

Doubles: Elizabeth Lamond/Annabelle King, Bonnie Robertson/Lilli Jephcott.

Reserves: Molly Macqueen, Olivia Luff.

The Tildesley team will be competing at Pennant Hills from 21-23 March.

Swimming

The Swimming squad has been training well this term with the IGSSA Carnival approaching quickly. Trials will be held at training sessions over the next few weeks for the team to be selected for the Southern Highlands Carnival and the

IGSSA Carnival. Please note that Swimming will not be cancelled due to rain.

Cricket

On Friday 17 February, Elizabeth Bruce, Emily Ives and Arabella McKenzie attended the NSW Combined Independent Schools Cricket trials. The trials were held at the Sydney Cricket Ground and the girls were able to be in the nets with Australian Cricketer Ellyse Perry. One of the selectors was Lisa Sthalekar (Australian Women's Cricket team) and the girls were able to watch Ricky Ponting and Xavier Doherty warm up for the One Day Match against Sri Lanka. These were great experiences for all. An Open team was selected on the day and although none of the girls was selected in the team, they all played well and are commended for their efforts.

Mrs Jane Crellen, Coordinator of Sport

Equestrian News

On Sunday 19 February at Wallaby Hill Farm, 26 members of the Frensham and Gib Gate Equestrian teams attended a Training Day in Dressage and Show Jumping, in preparation for the Interschools' Equestrian event on 1 March at the Sydney Olympic Equestrian venue. While the weather was extremely favourable on the day of the training, the rain in the preceding week precluded the use of the Cross Country course. The instructors provided private and small-group lessons throughout the day: Mark Kiddle and Jade Findlay in Dressage, and Annabel Armstrong (2003) and Carlene Barton (mother of Olivia Year 7) in Show Jumping.

The team would like to thank Mrs Barton for the donation of her expertise and time and Alex Townsend and Derek Pascoe, owners of Wallaby Hill, for making their facilities available on the day.

Alice Scamps-Goodman and Elizabeth Hoy
Equestrian Captain and Vice-Captain

Agriculture

2012 Year of the Farmer

In the continuing series of stories from Frensham farming families, Year 11 student Annabel Locke describes life with her family: mother Diane, father Ian and older brother Henry.

"We live on 'Spring Valley' with our grandparents, about 6 kms south of Holbrook. Our family stud is called Wirruna Poll Hereford Stud and was established in 1949.

"The property covers 1400 hectares and we have 1400 registered cows and bulls, plus another 550 calves. We have two bull sales every year, selling over 50 bulls at each, along with some cows and heifers. We also have around 4000 ewes for meat and wool production.

"Holbrook is known as 'the Submarine Town' and is home to the decommissioned Australian submarine HMAS Otway. The town was named Holbrook in 1914 in honour of Lieutenant N D Holbrook of the Royal Navy, who was the first submariner to receive the Victoria Cross in World War I. The Holbrook district's main enterprises are beef cattle, sheep and cropping.

"The best thing about living on the land is running the property together as a family and the feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day."



The Locke Family of Holbrook

Ms Leonie Harris, Coordinator Show Cattle Team

Visual Arts / Design & Technology

Year 11 students of Visual Arts have been made aware that relevant information and forms for the 2012 HSC Intensive Studio Practice courses at the National Art School (NAS) in Sydney have been published on the NAS website. The courses provide opportunities for Year 11 Visual Arts students to develop skills in specific media in a stimulating creative environment.

Last year, Emily Marsh, Brooke Martin-Smith and Madeleine Quinn joined a number of girls over recent years who have successfully applied for and completed courses.

Students have been asked to inform Mr Alldis of preliminary interest in applying for courses. Application forms, signed by the student, parents/guardians, Ms Gillick and Mr Alldis, together with specific examples of the student's artmaking practice, must be handed in to the School no later than Monday 2 April (Week 10). Successful applications will be forwarded to the NAS during Week 10 to meet the due date of Friday 13 April (Friday of the first week of the vacation). Please note, in line with the National Art School's application process, students must be achieving at an excellent standard in the practical component of Year 11 Visual Arts for an application form to be supported and signed by the School.

Students will be assisted in preparing their applications, which will include examples of work (in most cases photographic images of work).

For more detailed information, follow the links below to the HSC Intensive Studio Practice Brochure and Application Forms.

HSC Intensive Studio Practice: Overview

<http://www.nas.edu.au/shortcourses/Senior-School-Programs/HSC-Intensive>

HSC Intensive Studio Practice: Brochure

<http://www.nas.edu.au/downloads/files/NAS%20HSC%20012%20brochure.pdf>

HSC Intensive Studio Practice: Application Form

[http://www.nas.edu.au/downloads/files/NAS%20HSC%20012%20form\(1\).pdf](http://www.nas.edu.au/downloads/files/NAS%20HSC%20012%20form(1).pdf)

From Ms Piper, Teacher of Design & Technology: At the end of Term 4, 2011, Year 12 students of Design & Technology began to explore the opportunities for their Major Design Projects, with some girls learning new techniques in designing prototypes in wood and different uses for a range of machinery. This term, students are continuing to refine their concepts and have begun to produce tangible evidence of their innovative designs.

During this term, Design & Technology students in Years 11 and 12 have enhanced and refined their technical drawing skills in two separate workshops under the guidance of Stuart Faulkner (Head of Sturt School for Wood). They have explored redesigning, sketching and colouring an original photocopy of a hot glue gun. As part of their Graphic Design unit, Year 11 students have been presented with a brief to design a Centenary Stamp Collection for Winifred West Schools. Last week, the students spent time photographing Frensham, Gib Gate and Sturt campuses to provide imagery for their designs.

Mr Phil Alldis, Coordinator of Visual Arts / Design & Technology

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Councillor Juliet Arkwright, Chair of Wingecarribee Arts & Culture Board (left) opened the exhibition on Sunday 12 February; followed by a speech from Barbara Konkolowicz, Curator of Meroogal (right).



At the well-attended Opening



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Newsletter – Term 1, Week 4

This sheet is dedicated to all the news of the Fair and will be included with each newsletter.
The contact details for the Coordinators of each area can be found overleaf.

- **Jobs vacant**

Organisation for the Fair is well underway but we are still looking for Committee members to take charge of the following areas:

Produce Stall

Craft Stall

Raffle

Parcel pick up

If anyone would like more information about what is required to run any of these areas please contact Michele Scamps.

The Committee will meet once a term with the first meeting scheduled for Friday, 16 March at 10am – venue to be confirmed.

- **Equestrian Activities**

Coordinator: Alison Lalak

The Second Hand Equestrian Stall needs clean pre-loved gear for both horse and rider. Please contact Alison if you have anything to contribute.

- **Garden Stall**

Coordinators: Jono Purvis & Jane Osborne

Jono and Jane are asking all those with green thumbs to start potting up plants for the Garden Stall - always a favourite with Fair visitors.

They also need pots of any type – plastic or otherwise – and, if you have any garden equipment that you think might be useful or saleable please let them know.

- **Trash 'n Treasure**

Coordinator: Ros Buick

Ros Buick will, once again, run our Trash 'n Treasure. We are still in the process of organising a drop-off point but in the meantime you can let Ros know if you have anything for her.

So, start cleaning out your cupboards and ask friends and family to do the same. Please keep books, clothing and furniture separate as there will be separate stalls for these.

- **Second hand books**

Coordinator: Penny van Blommestein

Contact Penny if you have anything to contribute – all books welcome

- **Vintage furniture & clothing**

Coordinator: Susie Martin

Contact Susie if you have anything to contribute – anything you have can be used.

- **Produce**

If you are planning to make something but need jars, please contact Michele Scamps

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Parcel pick-up	TBA		