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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

13 November 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.

Farewell

With only one week to go before our senior students depart from Aviation High, it is an appropriate time to wish all senior school leavers the very best for their future endeavours. The events for next week for our Year 12's are as follows:

- Tuesday 18th November final whole school assembly to farewell 2014 Seniors
- Wednesday 19th Pre-formal at the school from 5.00pm-6.15pm for families and pictures and then off to the school formal at Riverside Receptions at New Farm. (students may depart in their hire vehicles or be dropped off at the venue by their parents)
- Friday 21st November - Kedron Wavell Services Club for the final farewell and Graduation Breakfast (7.30am to 9.30am)

I look forward to celebrating the end of the year with our senior students of 2014.

Looking after Schoolies

With Schoolies fast approaching it's a good idea to talk to your son or daughter before they leave about travel and accommodation, keeping in touch while they're away and about responsible decision-making. Information is available on the [Schoolies website: www.schoolies.qld.gov.au](http://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au).

Attendance

Thank you to all of those parents/caregivers who ensure their students attend school every day. Attending every class, every day is the best way to ensure your student:

- keeps up with all of the class work/assessment
- establishes and maintains a daily learning routine
- and has on-going access to the guidance and direction that their teachers can provide

Students who miss classes do struggle to catch up on the work and often do not realise they have missed something until they see it in the examination. I would ask all parents/caregivers to ensure their students attend school on time, ready for work right up until the last day.

Public Holiday

A final reminder that the school is closed tomorrow 14 November due to the G20 conference in Brisbane. The school will re-open as normal on Monday 17th November.

Public Transport Disruption During G20

Travel into and across the city will not be as easy as usual over the G20 long weekend from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November and in the lead up to the event.

- The South Brisbane train station will be closed from Monday 10 November to Sunday 16 November. Students can use South Bank station as an alternative.
- There will be major bus disruptions from 7pm Thursday 13 November to Sunday 16 November, including the closure of busway stations between Royal CH Herston and Woolloongabba stations and many CBD bus stops. If your child commutes to and from the city and surrounding suburbs by bus, he/she should aim to leave the city before 6pm Thursday 13 November to avoid disruptions.

Translink is working to ensure Brisbane's traffic and public transport network will be operational for the morning peak on Monday 17 November; however, disruptions should be expected as services return to normal after the summit. Buses will operate as normal following their regular routes, however delays and congestion in and around the city should be expected. Students should allow extra time for their journey.

Visit translink.com.au for further details of the public transport changes or visit www.g20.org/community_information/brisbane_locals/traffic_and_transport for more general information on traffic, parking and road closures.

Remembrance Day Tradition

Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from

a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

I should like to thank Jarrod J for the flag ceremony and Nathan R for his rendition of the 'last post', and to all staff and students for observing a minutes silence.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Junior Secondary

The Adolescent Brain

On Wednesday 3rd December we are holding our annual Orientation Day for our new Year 7 and 8 students in 2015. We are very fortunate to have engaged Mr Scott Shorten who is the Principal Advisory Officer for Junior Secondary. Scott has agreed to run a 30 minute session on the Adolescent Brain. I would like to invite all parents to hear Scott speak about how the brain's development affects adolescent behaviour and what to expect from your child as they make the transition from primary to secondary school. This talk will be aimed at parents of children from 12 to 15 years of age.

Scott's talk will be held in the school's library from 9.00 to 9.45 on Wednesday 3rd December. The school will provide light refreshments afterward.

If you would like to join us for Scott's talk, please RSVP by November 28, 2014.

Email:- admin@aviationhigh.eq.edu.au

Telephone: 3637 0111

Enrolments

Please be aware that if you intend to enrol your student for 2015 you will need to do so before the end of November. Any student intending to attend Aviation High School in 2015 must have attended an enrolment interview. Numbers are filling fast. So please organise your enrolment interview with us as soon as possible.

Rock and Water

As part of the Welfare Program, on the 4th and 5th of December Mrs Kitson (Year 7 and 8 Welfare Leader 2015) and Mrs Gough (Welfare Leader Year 9 2015) will be taking our Year 8 girls through a program called "Rock and Water".

This is a program designed at enhancing our girls' social and emotional wellbeing. It addresses Self-Control, Self-Reflection and Self-Confidence. The course will be held here at school and we are confident our Year 8 girls will benefit from the course.

Mandy Forbes

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Senior Schooling

Year 10 and 11

These students now have two weeks of schooling remaining this year. During that time, they will complete their final assessments and return all school resources and outstanding fees. Their final day of attendance at school for 2014 is 28 November.

All Year 10 students have normal scheduled classes until they complete Friday 28 November. During this time, they will sit several examinations. Two of these, their English and Mathematics examinations, will be held in the school hall to allow students to experience more of the Senior Secondary processes. To further enhance their transition to Year 11 and 12, their final week of year 10 will also incorporate some important school wide assessment to support them as they prepare for the Queensland Core Skills testing in Year 12.

Year 11 students will have an Examination Block from Wednesday 19 November to Wednesday 26 November. During this time, students may choose to stay at home for home study, coming to school for scheduled examinations only – as long as they have completed all outstanding assessment, returned absence letters, paid outstanding fees and returned all school resources (recorded on their Clearance Form). When attending school, all students will be in full formal uniform. No leave passes will be issued, so if students have two scheduled examinations, they must remain at school until the second examination is completed. Students will not be allowed to leave school to access food and drink between examinations, as our school canteen will be open for them.

Year 12

Year 12 students are now completing their Block Examinations, and return to school from next Tuesday 18 November. On this day, we are holding our normal Whole School Assembly. In a change from previous years, this is not a graduation parade, as their graduation will occur at the Kedron Wavell Services Club on their final day for Year 12, Friday 21 November. On that day, all students are to be in full formal uniform, and any parents who have accepted the invitation and paid for their tickets will also be in attendance. Students will be dismissed from there and have no need to return to school. We look forward to celebrating the conclusion of their secondary schooling with our students on this occasion.

I take this opportunity to congratulate our graduating class of 2014 and express my appreciation of their co-operation over their Year 12 year. I respect them and wish them all the very best in their future careers. I look forward to hearing of their progress.

Susan Smith
Senior Schooling Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 8

Year 8 students are well into the preparation and presentation of final assessment pieces for the year. They must keep in mind the various study and exam techniques which they have been working through in Welfare lessons recently.

'Freezing' and 'forgetting everything' during tests or exams is often caused by:

- Lack of preparation
- Poor understanding and not connecting with the subject material
- A lack of effort and purpose
- A revision that is not well organised or thorough
- Not storing the information systematically in your brain
- Revising with distractions such as TV's and computer screens
- Not understanding the test/exam question.

When sitting tests/exams

- Read the question carefully; what are you being asked to do? Think about it in your own words

- Begin with the ones that you can do immediately; this will give you confidence
- Divide the number of marks into time so that you know how long to spend on each question
- Always be positive with a 'can do' attitude; it will stimulate your memory
- Never leave a test/exam early; use all the time available
- Breathe slowly and deeply; "Square Breathing" works well in exams. Refer back to early Welfare lessons to review this technique.

Albert Einstein once said; "Difficulties are stepping stones to success". Keep this in mind when preparing for these final tests and assessment.

School concludes on Friday 12 December for Year 8 students.

Jan Gough

Year 8 Welfare Leader

Year 9

This week the Year 9 students were urged to start thinking about uniforms for next year, particularly with families that have tight budgets that they adhere to. The uniform expectations will change slightly as students move into Year 10 and are in the senior school. Boys will be required to wear ties and girls to wear scarves every day. The senior shirts and blouses are also different, they are mainly white and are now available from the Uniform Shop.

We have also had discussions about ensuring that students are meeting all their assessment deadlines. This is vital in ensuring that people are not putting themselves under any unnecessary pressure, stress and anxiety. To assist in this matter please double check that your son or daughter is writing all their homework and assessment dates in their student planners. Thank-you to those parents that have been diligent in checking and signing student planners each week this only further enhances the organisations skills that some have already acquired.

Mrs Mara Kitson

Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Year 10 students have been working diligently towards their final assessment and examinations for Term 4. I wish to congratulate students and parents/carers for their continued support of our cohort's behaviour, uniform and adherence to school rules and policies. We have a busy year ahead as we plan for the Year 11 Maranatha Recreation Camp at Yandina. If you wish your student to attend

please complete permission forms and pay \$50 deposit to the office by Friday 21st November so we may finalise bookings. The remainder of the camp cost of \$250 will be due at the end of March 2015.

The Wellbeing Focus for this week is on part-time jobs. Students who work part-time jobs to gain some financial independence to spend on things of their own choice. Also, they provide an excellent opportunity for students to experience firsthand what certain jobs entail. In combination with formal work experience programs, part-time jobs enable students to learn to work collaboratively and interdependently with others; essential habits for life.

Students' part-time employment will occur at a variety of times throughout the week and as such it is essential that they incorporate these times into their study and home learning timetables. There are aspects of part-time jobs which can seriously impact on students' progress at school and life balance. Firstly, any more than 10 to 12 hours per week is going to put pressure on the time available for students to do the things they have to do; study, exercise and quality family and leisure time which young people thrive on. Secondly, working can be extremely fatiguing, adversely affect their health and make effective study very difficult.

Guidance from a student's team will enable a common sensed and balanced approach to part-time employment. The teenage years are a formative period to be enjoyed and lived to their fullest and as such it is essential that any one aspect of students' lives not be allowed to negatively impact on other important areas; we want them to flourish with positive growth mindsets. Sometimes, the short term irresistible lure of money will cause students (and us) to lose perspective on their goals. This is when their team must step up and ask students to refocus on their priorities and goals; "what's more important, your health, education and leisure or your part-time job?"

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop." Dorothy Height

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader

Year 11

End of year preparations

The Year 11's are currently preparing for their end of year exams and completing their final assignments. After this time they can enjoy a well-deserved break and reflect on the excellent work many have committed to 2014.

The school leaders have been busy over the past weeks planning and organising the many different activities. The seniors will be involved with assisting with the organisation of the Pre Formal for the Year 12 leaving students. This will be held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday 19th November before

the formal. The leadership team are responsible for organising teams to decorate, serve food and drink and to ensure all who attend have a memorable and relaxing experience.

The leadership team have also been appointed to mentoring roles for 2015. The year levels they will be paired are as follows: Mohammad S will mentor the Years 7 and 8, Matthew R with the Year 9's, Callan J with the Year 10's and Shanaaz F will mentor the Year 11 cohort. This is an excellent opportunity for our leadership team to guide and assist the students at Aviation High school.

Mr Steven Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

The Year 12's are currently undertaking their final exams of their secondary schooling careers. Could I please ask that all students wear full formal uniform every exam day they attend and leave school quietly and respectfully once their exams have been completed. Exam block finishes on Monday the 17th and every student is expected to attend school on Tuesday the 18th. Looking forward to an enjoyable last couple of weeks!

Robyn Taylor

Year 12 Welfare Leader

Interact

We wish to thank the Rotary Club of Brisbane Airport for having us as guests on Tuesday 31st October. Our 2015 School Captains Juliette A. and Joshua S. spoke to the group about our recent activities and our 6th Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Club in donating many items for our hampers. The school community is asked to contribute any non-perishable food items, toiletries, gifts or books to assist people in need in our local community by the 28th November.

Interact also hosted a Pink Ribbon Fundraiser for the Cancer Council Queensland with a bake sale that raised \$228.45 last Monday. This was a wonderful effort and we thank the school community for donating and purchasing baked goods and merchandise on the day.

Interact members Chelsea B, Arshia S, Stan M, Jarrin H and Jarrod J were invited to attend a Chappy's Day at Burleigh Heads last week. Fun, friendship and conversations with other students were enjoyed by the students. Thank you to our School Chaplain Matt Govan and our Guidance Officer Mrs McFarlane for organising a truly memorable day!

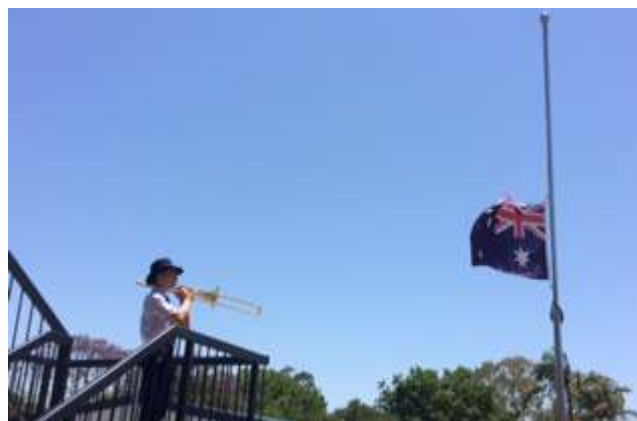
We are seeking assistance from Interact Club members to attend the Rotary Club Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Stafford on Saturday 6th December from 9am-11am. If you are able to attend to support Rotary's global fight to end Polio please see Ms Coman in E6.

Also congratulations to our Year 10 Interact Club Members Nathan R who played the Last Post and Jarrod J who performed Flag Duty to mark Remembrance Day on Tuesday. The dedication of our students to their role is testament to Aviation High School's students upholding the tradition and respect to the fallen.

Our guest speaker this week was RAAF Officer Cadet Daniel Dare. Daniel was School Captain at Aviation High in 2011 and has just completed his 3 year Arts Degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra and graduates next month. He will undertake his RAAF pilot training at Tamworth as a Pilot Officer next April. He was able to answer our members questions about flying as he is also a gliding instructor in Canberra. We thank Daniel for sharing his experiences with us and wish him every success in his career in the RAAF.

Ms L Coman

Interact Club Coordinator





From the Guidance Officer

Talking To Your Kids To Keep Them Drug Free

While drugs can take their toll on both physical and mental health for young and old, teenagers are particularly vulnerable to the effects that these addictive substances have on their developing brain. As a result, this may lead to long-term problems for their mental function and place them at increased risk of mental illness. Young people should also be aware of the wider issues related to drug taking, such as the impact this can have on their performance at school. As drug taking among young people remains an important issue, this is a topic parents need to tackle with their kids long before they are even offered drugs.

The Early Years

Even though you may not think to bring up the subject of drugs before your child starts school, at this age you can begin to prepare them for the choices they will need to make in their later years by giving them opportunities to start using their decision-making skills, and this is an appropriate stage to focus on dangers at home such as pill bottles. By the time they are in Year 3 of primary school, your discussion needs to have moved on to introduce the concept of drugs as substances that can harm

their body and lead to an addictive habit. During these years it is also important to discuss and encourage healthy behaviours, such as eating well and staying active, as these can help to protect against drug taking later. As they progress through primary school, make sure that you are armed with the facts about the dangers of drug misuse so that you can educate your kids on these and answer their questions. You may also want to try role playing scenarios where they are offered drugs so that your kids feel confident to turn these down. While your children will start to become more independent at this age, it is essential you show an interest in what your kids do and their friends, as knowing this information can alert you to any problems early on.

High School

Around the time they enter high school your children will be going through lots of changes and this is a time when many are tempted to try drugs for the first time. Your support has never been more important than now and discussions you have now about substance abuse should concentrate on the immediate impact drug taking can have on factors such as their appearance, emotions, school work and social life, as this keeps it highly relevant to them. By Year 10 a teen may have turned down drugs plenty of times already, but it doesn't hurt to keep on talking to your kids about their dangers. Again, keeping the conversation pertinent to their life is essential, so you may want to focus on how substance misuse could impact on their further studies or future career. It is also useful to remember that praising achievements and healthy choices when at high school can help teens to make positive choices and stay clean from drugs.

Adapted from Generation Next

From QUT – Your School and QUT– A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP

A message to parents and teachers from QUT.

Together, your school and the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) have been working to broaden students' understanding of the jobs, careers and study opportunities available after they leave school.

Your school is one of only 33 partnering with QUT to help students make informed choices in the future.

Thank you for providing us with such interested and engaged students – we have thoroughly enjoyed working with your school and your students this year.

In 2014, QUT provided funding from a special government grant which allowed your school to participate in a range of fun, curriculum-connected activities.

We look forward to working with your school again in 2015, when there will be even more exciting in-school and on-campus opportunities for students to explore.

We'll be in touch in 2015 via your school's newsletter – keep an eye out for photos of your kids on campus!

For more information visit: www.qut.edu.au/about/equity/widening-participation

Footnote from GO: Year 11 students will be visiting on Wednesday 26 November, 2014. There are still a number of students who have not returned their forms. If they do not attend the QUT visit they must attend school for a regular day of classes. Please return forms immediately.

Year 12 students:

EAS - It's not too late to apply for the EAS. The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) assists students who may have experienced difficult circumstances which impacted their ability to study to their full potential. See GO for further information and EAS categories.

QTAC Applications – if you have not collected your QTAC prompt sheet with information and reminder dates on it please collect one ASAP. It is very important to be aware of closing dates as well as course offer dates. (Yellow sheet outside of GO room).

Chappy Day Out - Burleigh

Last Friday, our chaplain, Matt, organised for 5 lucky students to attend "Chappy Day Out" - a free day of water-based activities hosted by outdoor education and camping facility 'CYC Burleigh'.

Matt, and Guidance Officer Alison, took the Year 10 students from the schools Interact Club. A clear sunny day, tubing in the morning, lunch, stand up paddle boarding in the afternoon, afternoon tea, and a maccas run on the drive home saw everyone have a fantastic day, with every student reporting it was on the best "school" day they'd had all year.





Senior Schooling

Work Experience – Three Day Experience Course in Graphic and Sign Design

Recently, Lachlan completed a Graphic and Sign Design program at South Bank Institute of Technology. The program was aimed at showing Year 10-12 students what the graphic and sign writing industry requires and possible career pathways.

The students designed t-shirts with graphics of their choice. Lachlan is pictured below wearing his t-shirt design with pride. Well done Lachlan!

Hopefully this will lead to further work experience in this industry and hopefully a career in the future.

Denise Dunn

Head of Department – Senior Schooling





Western Front Tour 2016

Thank you to the families and students who attended our Information Evening for our tour of the Battlefields of World War One in France and Belgium from 26th March to 6th April 2016. The guided tour by a historian with Mat McLachlan Battlefields Tours was held for the first time in April this year and was a unique and significant event as we commemorate the Centennial of WW1 1914-1918.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2014 (Yrs 10, 11 and 12 in 2016) may still apply for a position on the tour as we will be booking and confirming places for successful applicants next Friday 21st November. The deposit of \$500 will be due Friday 28th November with the full cost of \$6600 due on Friday 29th January 2016.

Please contact me if you require further information for your student.

Ms Louise Coman

Tour Coordinator



Office News

Student Resource Hire 2014/2015

Clearance Forms, Textbooks Lists and Account Statements are currently being sent home with students.

All outstanding accounts must be finalised by:

- Year 10 & 11 Monday 17 November, 2014
- Year 8 & 9 Students Monday November 24, 2014

In the event that you have paid all amounts owing or have a credit (negative) amount on your statement please contact Mrs Linda Walker, Accounts Receivable on 3637 0111.

Thank you to those who have organised a payment plan at the beginning of the year and continue to make payments on a regular basis.

In 2015 the following will be required before textbooks are allocated for your students:

- ALL previous years fees/levies etc. must be paid in full
- ALL previous years text/library books must be returned
- 2015 Student Resource Scheme Agreement form must be completed and received at the office
- Full payment of 2015 Student Resource Scheme/Levies etc.

OR

- A deposit of \$100 plus ongoing term payments (minimum \$50/term)

OR

- A deposit of \$50 with a payment plan in place (minimum \$20/fortnight) of which the first instalment must be received before resources are released (including Student ID) – Centrepay or direct deposit to school account are available.

Prompt payment of accounts ensures that your students have access to all required resources to assist in positive education outcomes.

If you choose not to participate in the scheme there is a non-participation fee, all textbooks must be supplied and subject levies/extra-curricular fees etc. are payable.

Cash, Credit Card (no AMEX) and EFT payments can be made through the Cashier between the hours of 8.00am-3.00pm or by calling the office on 3637 0111 during the above hours. Bank Deposit is also available BSB 064 120 Account No. 00906948 Reference Student Surname + Invoice No.

Centrepay Deductions can be set up through the school or via Centrelink. If you choose to make deposits to the school bank account please email lwalk12@eq.edu.au when the payment has been set up stating the amount, frequency and reference.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Year 10, 11 Priority Class Time	Wednesday 5 November to Monday 17 November
Final Day Year 11 Assignments	Monday 17 November
Year 12 Examination Catch Up	Monday 17 November
Year 11 Exam Block	Tuesday 18 November to Tuesday 25 November
Year 12 In Class for Results	Tuesday 18 November
Aeroskills Excursion to Eagle Farm	Tuesday 18 November
Year 12 Formal	Wednesday 19 November
Final Day for Year 12 - Graduation Breakfast at Kedron Wavell RSL - 7.30am	Friday 21 November
Year 8 & 9 Priority Class Time	Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December
National Young Leaders Day - Year 11	Monday 24 November
Year 11 Examination Catch Up	Wednesday 26 November

Year 11 Explore Uni QUT	Wednesday 26 November
Final Day for Year 10 & 11	Friday 28 November
Orientation Day - Year 7 & 8 2015	Wednesday 3 December
Electricity & Lightning Show Excursion	Wednesday 10 December
Final Day for Year 8 & 9	Friday 12 December

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