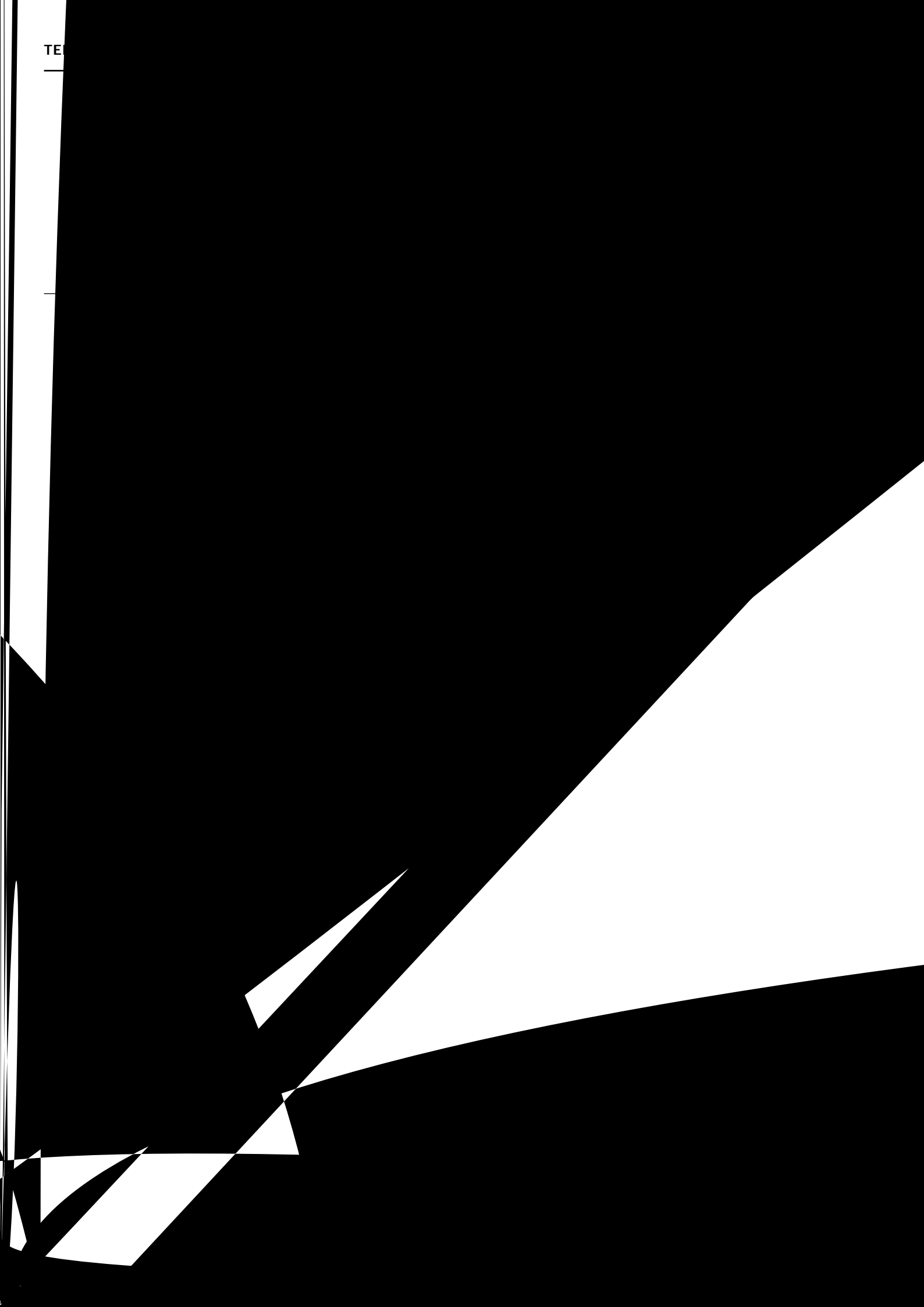


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# Unexpected Christmas

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Christmas is filled with many unexpected elements. The arrival of the expected Messiah was foretold by the prophet Isaiah more than 600 years before the birth of Jesus, with surprising circumstances of his arrival (Isaiah 7:14). This prophecy was fulfilled in an unexpected manner when a young woman Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel and told she would conceive by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26-35). Furthermore, this expected king was not born in a grand palace but in a humble manger (Luke 2:7).

The unexpected nature of Christmas continues with the announcement of Jesus' birth to lowly and unimportant shepherds in the fields (Luke 2:8-14). Just as we read later in Luke's gospel where Jesus interacts with many of low status, this angelic proclamation is made to unexpected shepherds, underscoring the upside down kingdom that Jesus brings. And is it an unexpected act

# Upcoming events

## WHOLE SCHOOL

	Friday 8 November to Saturday 7 December	Grace Cossington Smith Gallery
	Thursday 29 November 2-3.30 pm	Wheeldon House
	Wednesday 4 December 9-11 am	Judith Poole Sports Hall
	Wednesday 4 December 11 am-12.15 pm	Marian Clarke Plaza
	Wednesday 4 December 2-3.30 pm	Judith Poole Sports Hall
	Wednesday 4 December 3.30 pm	Marian Clarke Plaza
	Wednesday 4 December	
	Tuesday 28 January	
	Wednesday 29 January	
	Thursday 30 January	

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

<b>Year 2 sport training</b>	Saturday 29 November 8-9.30 am	Junior School
<b>IPSHA Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 29 November 8 am-12 noon	<b>See Parent app</b> for team sheets and venues
<b>Speech Day rehearsal #2: Symphony Orchestra</b>	Monday 2 December 7-8.30 am	Judith Poole Sports Hall
<b>Speech Day rehearsal #3</b>	Monday 2 December 8.30-10.30 am	Judith Poole Sports Hall
<b>Transition ACEE excursion</b>	Tuesday 3 December 10.15 am-2.30 pm	Abbotsleigh Centre for Environmental Education
<b>Years K-3 Variety Concert</b>	Tuesday 3 December 11-11.50 am	Everett Hall
<b>Years 4-6 Variety Concert</b>	Tuesday 3 December 12-12.50 pm	Everett Hall
<b>House Cup 2024 final</b>	Tuesday 3 December 1.30-2 pm	Infants Amphitheatre

## SENIOR SCHOOL

<b>Saturday sport</b>	Saturday 30 November 8 am-12 noon	<a href="#">Click here</a> for times and locations
<b>Cricket Round 7</b>	Saturday 30 November 1-5.30 pm	
<b>Australian All School Athletics Championships</b>	Sunday 1 December All day	
<b>Carols Service</b>	Sunday 1 December 7-8.30 pm	Chapel
<b>Lipman Student Engagement Session</b>	Monday 2 December 2.10-3.25 pm	
<b>Boarders' Christmas Banquet</b>	Monday 2 December 6-9 pm	
<b>Boarder travel day</b>	Wednesday 4 December	
<b>Hisory Tour departs</b>	Wednesday 4 December	