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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 17 May, 2017 Term 2 Week 4

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Athletics Championships

It was very encouraging to see such a good crowd on hand to support our athletes on the main day of our 2017 Athletics Championships. With mild weather, a dry track and the usual excellent preparation from our grounds and housekeeping staff and wonderful support from our P&F and kitchen staff in their catering, the scene was perfect for our second major inter-house competition for the year. From the new competition for 'best mascot' (spoils shared by Tyrrell's cowboy and dairy cows and Croft's Chinese dragon) to the huge participation levels from athletes and strugglers alike, it was a celebration of house and school spirit that said much about the character of our students and the way they embrace the big events in our calendar.

The carnival this year was made all the more special by the presence of two special guests who travelled from Adelaide and Wollongong respectively to present the trophy for the senior boy champion. The Robert Horner Fletcher Challenge Cup was first presented in 1917 by Robert's father and in this 100th anniversary year it was presented by his grandson and great-grandson in a moving recognition of the continuity of our history. Robert Fletcher matriculated from TAS in 1914 as School Captain (Dux), rugby and cricket player, cadet leader, magazine writer and GPS Athletics representative and his is certainly a fitting name to front our senior boys' athletics trophy. At the time of the first presentation of the trophy, Robert Horner, serving with the 33rd battalion on the Western Front, wrote "TAS has the warmest of corners in my heart and I look forward greatly to the first June reunion when war is a thing of the past". Robert did return from the war, became a doctor and practised as an ENT specialist in Lismore until his death in 1935. I was particularly pleased that the 2017 recipient of the trophy, Thomas Goodfellow, was able to show our special guests around the School after the carnival, impressing them that much of what is good about our school has not changed in 100 years.



P&F

Last week our P&F met for their annual general meeting and I am delighted to report that the support at the meeting and the enthusiasm for the organisation were hugely encouraging. Our outgoing P&F Executive were appropriately applauded and thanked for their efforts over what has been a busy and very positive year that galvanized our parent body in impressive fashion and I echo those sentiments again here. In the changeover of positions Sue Cartwright stepped down as President after several years in the role and I offer her special thanks. Sue has been replaced by Rachael Nicoll as president, Dave Fenwicke has stepped into the role of vice-president, Melissa Jubb continues as treasurer supported by Sal Molesworth as deputy treasurer and Sophie Wright, Karen Morgan and Jo Nielson have agreed to share the role of secretary. Having all this in place ahead of time for the AGM is a reflection of the good state of our P&F and the plans they have in place already for the year ahead promises that this will continue. I hope that all who are actively involved in the work of our P&F know how much this support is valued by the School and how special it is. I know many school heads who would envy the level of involvement, commitment and positivity that we enjoy from our P&F and that should never be taken for granted.

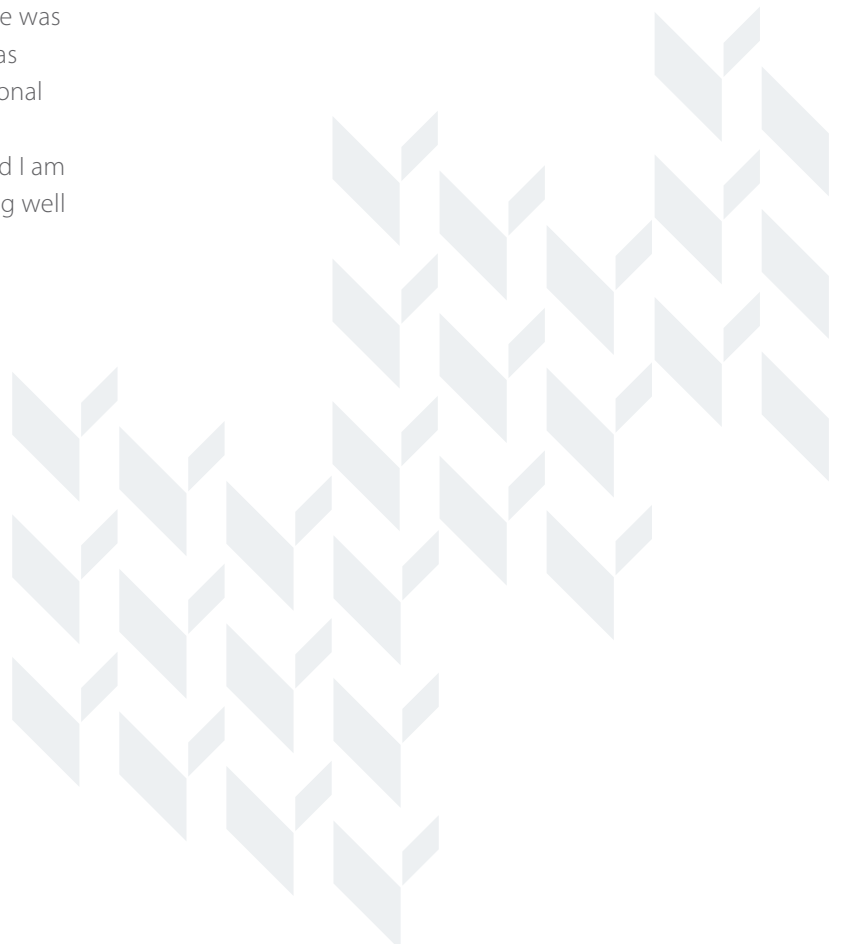
NSW Hockey

Congratulations are due to Sterling George who, on the back of last weekend's State Hockey Championships where he was one of five TAS boys in the Hockey New England side, has been selected for the NSW U18 team to play in the National Championships in early 2018. Rising to this elite level of competition is a significant and special achievement and I am sure that all across the School will join in wishing Sterling well for the representative hockey ahead.

The Armidale Eisteddfod begins – Choirs Night

The marathon that is the Armidale Eisteddfod began this week and TAS will have, as always, a significant presence right through the month of events. The first of the major public events, the choral championships, was held at Lazenby Hall last night and it was very encouraging to see such good support for our singers. TAS was represented by seven choirs through the night, from our 'young voices' to our chapel choir, senior choristers, boys' and girls' choirs, the massed senior choir and, for the first time, an enthusiastic, though perhaps a little underprepared, staff choir. It was, in all, a celebration of the vibrant state of music at TAS and our Director of Music, Leanne Roobol, along with her staff in Bekk Baumgartner, Rachel Butcher and Warwick Dunham, have much that they should be proud of. As they look ahead to the hectic Eisteddfod schedule I offer congratulations and all encouragement to them and our musicians and dramatists.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

Monday 15 May	Year 11 Mid Course Exams
Tuesday 16 May	Armidale Eisteddfod Choir Night (Lazenby Hall)
Thursday 18 May	NCIS Cross Country (Ballina)
Friday 19 May	Boarding Schools' Expo (Dubbo)

Week 5

Monday 22 May	Year 6-8 Semester Exams
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Saturday 27 May	Rugby v Riverview (Sydney)

Week 6

Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday 31 May	Tri-Schools' Debating (TAS)
Thursday 1 June	Year 11/12 Vaccinations
Friday 2 June	Coonabarabran Horse Expo Coffs Harbour Boarding Schools Expo Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>
Saturday 3 June	Rugby vs Scots (Sydney) Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>

Medical Centre

Consent forms for Year 11 & 12 Meningococcal Vaccinations are being sent out this week. Could parents please complete & return to Reception or the Medical Centre as soon as possible.

Vaccinations will occur at the Health Centre on Thursday 1 June.

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday 27 May is the Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. If you would like to volunteer it would entail being available from 9am until Midday on Sunday. You will be paired with another TAS student, who you will work with collecting money. A volunteer driver will take you to a specific area of Armidale. If any parents are available to act as drivers, the Salvation Army would be very glad to have you volunteer.

This equates to approximately 3-4 hours of Community Service. If you would like to volunteer for this event please email Ms Boydell.

STUDENT TRAVEL

Boarders' Travel Bookings

End of Term 2 and Start of Term 3. Classes conclude at 3.30 PM on Thursday 22 June.

Train and charter coaches depart in the morning of Friday 23 June. Boarding Houses are supervised until such times as every student has left the premises.

Dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday is provided for students overnighing.

Please note the deadline for booking for the upcoming winter vacation is Friday 26 May.

Cancellations may be notified any time up until the departure date of 23 June.

Air travel bookings are the responsibility of carers/parents and it is advised that they be made as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Inquiries should be directed to travel@as.edu.au

ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

Goodness

O my goodness! O my goodness! We say it when we are shocked, when we are surprised, when someone says something outrageous, when there is a car crash, when Farrer beats TAS. But what exactly is this goodness? Goodness seems to be a word we throw around yet don't stop to think about. It is one of the nine character traits which we call the fruits of the spirit. We have talked about peace, joy and patience now we are pausing to consider goodness. I wonder if we think it is a bit unnecessary to think about goodness, overall we are all good people right? We are loyal to our mates, friendly to our parents, pay our taxes, haven't hurt anyone too badly. Well I wonder by whose standard do we consider ourselves good?

When I was in school I was a good runner, not a superstar, just good enough. Absolutely terrible at shot put - couldn't even make the participation mark, but was good at 400m. One year I travelled down to Sydney to participate in the GPS championships. It was down at this carnival that I no longer viewed myself good at this event, as I chased the pack around the track. You see the standard had changed, the bar had been raised and I now compared myself to others who were a lot fitter and faster than I was.

It is similar when we come into contact and compare ourselves to the holy God described in the Bible. God is the supreme standard of goodness and when Jesus is asked the question of who is good, he gives a profoundly different answer, no one is good but God alone, (Luke 18:19).

The standard has changed, we might say we try our best, we are better than average, we aren't as bad as those people over there. Yet compared to God we as humans are not good. I'm not sure about you but I know I struggle to live the life I should, I struggle to live a good life.

Yet thanks to God who rescues those who know they need rescuing, who provides treatment to those who know they are sick and who has mercy on those who know they aren't good enough.



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

Well it has been a busy week in the P&F. We had our AGM on Wednesday night and then the Athletics Carnivals on Friday and Saturday. Phew!

A big thank you to all those who attended the meeting, put up their hands to be on the Executive or general Committee or lent a hand at the Cake Stalls by baking or donating food or barbecuing. Without our wonderful parents and friends of the TAS community we couldn't operate and we really appreciate any and every bit of help that is given.

New P&F Executive

At our AGM we said a huge thank you to Sue Cartwright (President) and Sal Molesworth (Secretary) as they had both completed their three year maximum tenures in these positions. We also said adieu to Janetta Matchett (Vice Treasurer) as her son completed Year 12 in 2016. Sue, Sal & Janetta have been wonderful at driving forward the P&F in a time of immense and exciting change at TAS and we appreciate all the man hours and effort they have put in creating a cohesive and fun P&F. Thank you so much!

However, we haven't said good bye to either Sue or Sal as they now have new roles - Sue as Immediate Past President and Sal as Vice Treasurer. Both myself (Rachael Nicoll), who has moved from Vice President to President, and Melissa Jubb, continuing as Treasurer, also remain on the Executive but excitingly we are welcoming four new people as well. The rest of the Executive is Dave Fenwick who takes on the role of Vice President and Karen Morgan, Jo Neilson and Sophie Wright who will share the roles of Secretary and Vice Secretary between them.

If you have anything you would like to raise with the P&F please either contact your Year Group Liaison Person or any member of the Executive or send me an email on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

Funding Meeting 14 June

The P&F has our annual funding meeting on Wednesday 14 June. If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated please feel free. Meetings are open to all parents. Alternatively, if you wish to put forward a proposal for the use of funds please send these to Mr Guest – but get in quick - all proposals need to be evaluated and there is a holiday weekend just before hand.

Save the Dates

- Saturday 3 June Casual get together in Sydney after TAS vs Scots Rugby games. More info at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/
- Saturday 17 June Home Rugby Games vs Sydney Grammar at TAS and a 'Wallabies at TAS' function in Hoskins Centre afterwards. More info at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/
- 11-12 August Supporters trip to Sydney to attend TAS vs Kings games. More info at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/
- Saturday 26 August Trivia Night in the Gym – All welcome. Be prepared to out dress, outwit and outplay everyone else!!!

Mrs Rachael Nicoll President



Exams

Exams continue for Year 11 this week.

Years 6 - 8 exams will be held next week (Week 5).

Year 9 & 10 exams will be held 29 May - 2 June. (Week 6)

A copy of the exam timetable has been sent to Years 9 & 10 students and parents.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 7 June and Thursday 8 June. Information in regards to these interviews and booking times with your child's teachers will be emailed at the start of next week.

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held open Thursday 15 June and Friday 16 June. Information regarding these interviews will be sent home at the start of Week 6.



ACADEMIC

Year 8 Maths Day

On Friday 16 May a group of Year 8 students were chosen to represent TAS at the Year 8 Maths Competition organised by UNE. There were 60 teams in total from 40 schools around the region including high schools from Armidale, Tamworth, Inverell, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour. TAS had 2 teams of four: Alex Gibson, Jack Van Roy, Henry Mitchell and Piyumi Ekanayake; and Jack Hooke, Lachlan Galbraith, Nick O'Neil and Hannah Neilson. Throughout the day students completed various tasks and challenges that put their minds to the test. The first challenge consisted of difficult maths equations that were completed as a team. The second challenge was called the head to head challenge. The premise was that each team went head to head with other teams and competed to figure out rules and patterns of conversion before the others. This was an individual challenge for everyone involved as no one could communicate the rule otherwise the other team would figure it out. The third challenge was the clue challenge, where students had to give their teammates clues as to what the rule was so that they then could combine all the rules and get the answer. The 4th challenge was a "choose your question" section where teams could choose between questions worth 2 points, 3 points or 4 points. In the end TAS Team 2 (Alex, Jack, Henry and Piyumi) brought the trophy home! Thanks to Ms Robins for accompanying us to the UNE and to Mr Caldwell for making this whole thing possible.

Piyumi Ekanayake & Alexander Gibson



The TAS Team of Alexander Gibson, Jack Van Roy, Henry Mitchell and Piyumi Ekanayake won the UNE Maths Day trophy.

Debaters added to Farrer fixture

The range of sporting fixtures with Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School was broadened this year with the addition of debating to the program of competition for the Dick Hodgson Shield.

A Year 7 team comprising Will Jubb, Hugo Catterall, Frank Perrottet and Ethan Bellman were the Negative team debating the topic 'That the voting age should be lowered to 16 years'. Confident introductory matter from Farrer's first speaker for the Affirmative laid down the challenge, but the TAS team was quick to pick up errors in logic and had the upper hand in the quantity and quality of rebuttals. Despite some shortcomings in their method, TAS was awarded the debate with the Farrer adjudicator complimenting team members on finding a good balance between conversation and theatrics.

The Opens team of Tom Wright, Nicholas Bohlsen, Owen Chandler and Henry O'Neil argued for the case 'That the Olympics should only be hosted by countries with a good human rights record'. After some deficiency in fully defining the topic – with Farrer successfully countering that all countries have bad human rights records if one goes back far enough - the TAS team built a model for the case, proposing an international tribunal be tasked with judging the human rights records of countries and setting timeline parameters by which they could be assessed. In the end, the debate was given to TAS by a slim margin.

Both schools welcomed the opportunity to debate and thanks are extended to Farrer for hosting us with such warm hospitality.

In other debating news, a Year 9/10 team will this afternoon debate Cooloola Christian College, Gympie Qld, in the second round of the National Virtual Debating Competition, which has been a terrific addition to the debating and public speaking program this year.

Mr Tim Hughes

Debating Coordinator



Will Jubb was first speaker for TAS in the Year 7 debate



The TAS team (l-r) Henry O'Neil, Owen Chandler, Nicholas Bohlsen and Tim Wright listen to Farrer's third speaker.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Team TAS boosts the Blood Bank

Every blood donation can save three lives - and a prefects'-led focus on donating blood to the Armidale Red Cross Blood Bank got off to great start on Monday with Jim Orr, Treenie Osborne and Saxon Hughes rolling up their sleeves for the cause! Eighteen students from years 10-12 have signed up to become regular donors for Team TAS and they hope to inspire others by resurrecting the Vampire Cup, which was a competition between the schools of Armidale over who donated the most blood. It is something students can 'give' for the rest of their life and there is never an oversupply of donations. No matter what, all donors are saving lives. Students just need to be 16 years or over, and have parents permission. Any others wishing to register their interest to shughes1@as.edu.au



Jim Orr



Treenie Osborne



Saxon Hughes

CAREERS

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY - Engineering and Information Technologies Year 11 & 12 Information Evening

The Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies welcomes students to the Year 11 and 12 Information Evening on Tuesday 30 May to find out everything there is to know about studying engineering, computing, technology or project management at the University of Sydney.

The Dean, key academic staff, current students and an industry representative will be on-hand to answer questions about the unparalleled choice and flexibility of degrees, and why Sydney University is one of the top three universities in Australia for Engineering and technology*, and number one in Australia for graduate employability**

You will also find out important information about scholarship opportunities and get some tips on how to prepare a standout scholarship application from the Deputy Dean (Education).

Places are limited so please ensure that students register to attend.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday 30 May

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Sydney Nanoscience Hub, the University of Sydney, NSW 2006

RSVP: Register by Wednesday 24 May

Event Program

6:00pm: Arrival & Registration

6:15pm: Formal proceedings commence

7:30pm: Networking & refreshments with academic staff and current students

8:00pm: Event concludes

There will be a Q&A panel with our Heads of School and a current student and scholarship recipient.

EA SKIING

EA Ski and Snowboard instructor internship positions for 2017 and 2018 are now open for applications at all locations in Canada and Japan.

These instructor internships provide full training, accommodation, exam, lift passes and a guaranteed job offer.

Students considering a career in the snow industry should get in touch with EA's experienced training consultants to discuss their training, visa and working options. The courses with Educating Adventures have been in operation at over 24 resorts around the world for 10 years, and with a 99 percent pass rate maintained each season AND the guaranteed job offer, it is a great career pathway program.

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- Intermediate to advanced skier or snowboarder ability
- Genuine interest in snow sports
- Positive attitude and decent work ethic
- Ability to work as part of a team

For more information please contact:

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UMAT

A quick reminder that the UMAT application process is currently underway. Registrations close 5.00pm AEST on 2 June 2017. The exam is Saturday on the 26 July 2017 at prearranged venues. Results are released in September.

Practice UMAT papers are available for purchase at the website below or alternatively there are several companies that offer tuition for the exam.

I have downloaded the UMAT information booklet and put it on the school's website on the Careers page. Or it can be downloaded from the link below.

<https://umat.acer.edu.au>

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

A Busy Weekend

Last Friday evening, after nine games of rugby, three games of football, tennis, chess, clay target shooting and basketball the tally read eight fixtures a piece. However, this year, thanks to the initiative of Mr Hughes, we included a senior and junior debating fixture; on the back of a resurgence in debating at TAS. It was apt that these fixtures would break the deadlock with TAS victorious in both debates – regaining the Dick Hodgson Shield. The First XV were also successful in retaining the 1st XV Challenge Shield, with a decisive victory.

Finally the sun shone on our 2017 Athletics Championships with a full day of events conducted on Saturday. Whilst the change in dates presented some challenges, in typical TAS fashion, students, staff and parents rose above them and ensured that the day was a success. Congratulations to all those who participated and in particular the Age Champions listed below.

Choral Night

Once again it was a privilege to attend the Armidale Eisteddfod Choral Night. It has the magical power to make time stand still; to escape the chaos of our lives, to share the passion and joy of voices young and old. It is wonderful to see the growth in Choirs at TAS and the Eisteddfod is just one of the many opportunities to hear them sing. I thank all the students and staff for their dedication and sharing their gifts with us.

Mr Will Caldwell



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS 2017

RUNNER UP U/12 BOYS - Jonathon Phelps

U/12 BOYS CHAMPION (Braund Cup) – Will Blackwell

RUNNER UP U/13 BOYS – Liam Hunt

U/13 BOYS CHAMPION (A.C. Hall Cup) - Ben Rowe

RUNNER UP U/14 BOYS - Josiah Alcorn

U/14 BOYS CHAMPION (J.B. Sandilands Cup) - Albertus Hattingh

RUNNER UP U/15 BOYS - James O'Brien

U/15 BOYS CHAMPION (UI5 Championship Cup) – Will Ellis

RUNNER UP U/16 BOYS - Nicholas Barnier - Merzliakov

U/16 BOYS CHAMPION (Belfield Cup) - Emerson Browning

RUNNER UP U/17 BOYS – Lachlan Knowles

U/17 BOYS CHAMPION (R.J. Magoffin Cup) - Nicholas Makeham

RUNNER UP OPEN BOYS - Liam Donaldson

OPEN BOYS CHAMPION (Robert Horner Fletcher Challenge Cup) - Thomas Goodfellow

OPEN 100m (Warren Pengilley Cup) - Thomas Goodfellow

OPEN 1500 METRES (Swinton Cup) - Harry Forsythe

3000 METRES (J.C. Bucknell Trophy) - Nick Makeham

RUNNER UP U/12 GIRLS - Eliza Crawford

U/12 GIRLS CHAMPION– Ruby Straker

RUNNER UP U/13 GIRLS – Emily Palfreyman

U/13 GIRLS CHAMPION – Lydie Taylor

RUNNER UP U/14 GIRLS - Lily Etheridge

U/14 GIRLS CHAMPION - Eliza Ward

RUNNER UP U/15 GIRLS - Disa Smart

U/15 GIRLS CHAMPION – Lily Neilson

RUNNER UP U/16 GIRLS - Lucy Fenwicke

U/16 GIRLS CHAMPION - Emma Ward

RUNNER UP U/17 GIRLS – Kitty McPhie

U/17 GIRLS CHAMPION – Charlotte George

RUNNER UP OPEN GIRLS - Olivia Fenwicke

OPEN GIRLS CHAMPION - Treenie Osborne



Netball

A huge congratulations to TAS 1 for their nail-biting game on Saturday, it was an extremely close game against the Duval Dragons, however, our girls won by three points in the end.

Our other games were deferred due to the athletics carnival and will be held this week, the times are listed below and minibuses will take the teams to the games - this information has been posted on TeamApp, please ensure you have downloaded the app to get the most up to date information. All games are scheduled as normal for this weekend.

TAS 2 v NEGS 4 - Thursday 18 May at 4pm at NEGS

ACSC Pegasus v TAS 3 - Saturday 20 May at 2:40 at Lynches Road courts

TAS 4 v PLC 6 - Wednesday 17 May at 4pm at DKC

VIP Hunters v TAS 5 - Wednesday 17 May at 4pm at Lynches Road courts

Ms Rachel Harrison

TAS players in State Hockey titles

Five TAS boys - Sterling George, Sam Behrend, Sebastian Etheridge, Sam Wright and Henry Perrottet (pictured below, left to right) were members of the Hockey New England team which won Division 2 at the u18 NSW State Championships in Newcastle at the weekend, defeating Grafton 4-2 in the grand final. As a result of their efforts, three members of the Hockey New England team including Sterling George have been selected for the NSW u18 team to play in the National Championships in early 2018.



CREATIVE ARTS

With Felt Tip taking a final curtain call on Saturday the Hoskins Centre is now preparing itself in earnest for the bump-in of Middle School and *Into the Woods JR*. Afternoons and weekends have seen the cast stepping up their rehearsals to refine scenes, tighten choreography and perfect their songs. It is also a time when props and set properly come together and as part of that there will be set building day this coming Saturday from 10am. Everyone is invited to come along and grab a paint brush or tools to give us a hand and make sure that the set can come close to the brilliance of our young performers.

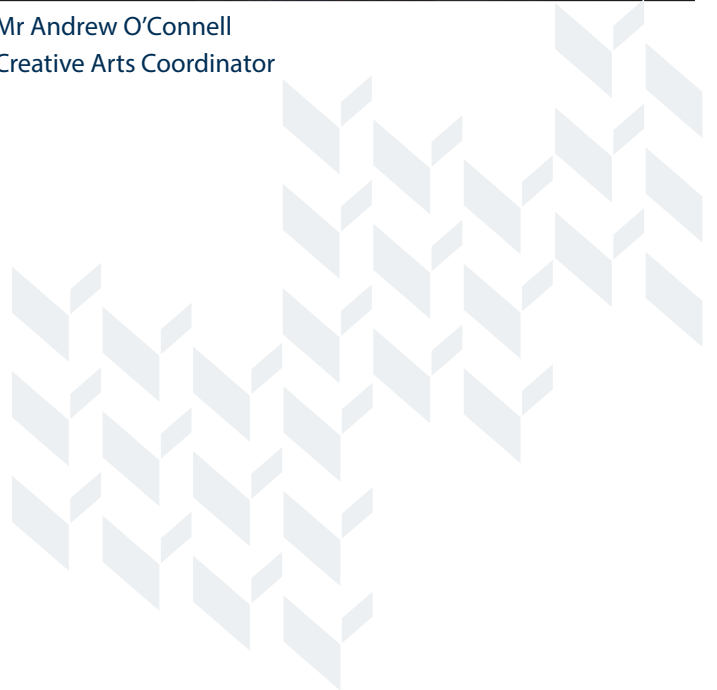
It is at this time of year that our HSC students really kick into gear on their major projects, with submission and performance dates in the middle of Term 3 feeling a little more real this side of the mid course exams. I encourage them all to value the investment of time and effort now to avoid the stress and panic of next term and hope they will take full advantage of the help offered by the staff. And for the Year 11 students completing their mid course exams this week there will be a good time of reflection afterwards to evaluate how they are going in their commencement of Senior studies and set personal academic goals.

The Eisteddfod has commenced with the Choirs day and evening and the next month will see a huge number of TAS students participating in a wide range of categories to showcase their skills as singers, musicians, public speakers and performers. Visual Arts Club continues on Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons in the downstairs art room for any interested students and the June submissions for the UNESAP Let's Hang It! competition should be a goal to work towards. We've also got the afternoon Junior School Drama club seeing our youngest actors practising their craft and developing performance skills through fun activities.

Finally, this Friday we are hosting the Cyclone Pam fundraiser presented by SEIA and BackTrack. The evening will involve the fan-favourite dog jumping of BackTrack, raffles, a choir of singers from Vanuatu and the international release of the film *The Storm that Time Forgot*, a documentary on the first project trip. Tickets are available at the Hoskins Centre website and all proceeds go to this fantastic cause.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Farrer, Athletics, Maths - Week 3

By 1:40pm last Friday, after a frenetic 'feed and water' station atmosphere in the dining hall at only 1:00pm, students cattle-fed into coaches to spend the late afternoon and early evening at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in Tamworth. football, rugby, chess, shooting, tennis, basketball and debating teams, (you name it and there's every likelihood there was a team playing or doing it) all boarded coaches and, within minutes, the only things left at School were the Year 12s, a handful of others and eerie silence really. From reports I've heard, all went well in whatever activity was undertaken. This kind of activity is, again, a great recommendation of the School: if you look around for it ('it' translates as just about anything you choose in relation to an activity) you're pretty sure to find it here at TAS.

While I know that another report on debating appears herein, I spoke to Mr Tim Hughes after students returned and it's appropriate I think to give an abridged report of his complimentary remarks about Middle School students. On the whole our debaters were impressive with rebuttals and another observation was TAS Middle School team members distinguished themselves in terms of manner - voice modulation, eye contact, use of palm cards. In their combination, these points augur well for debating fixtures and commitments later in the year.

'Time stops for' no one

We've approaching the half term mark – already. We've only five weeks remaining and there's another, longer break on the horizon. But there's much to be done before we reach it. As well you know, there's a battery of exams. You also know that our Middle School students have their Study Schedules. What you need to know is that these things are little more than unappealing adornments, in the first instance, and, ultimately, millstones unless or until they are opened and used! Boarders are easy to help as boarding and teaching staff are in the habit of referring everyone to their use on a daily basis. Parents of day students need to be aware that the schedules are out and I ask that you speak to your children about them and ask also how 'best' they are being 'managed' over the next week. I stressed again at our Town Meeting Assembly on Monday, the wisdom of seeking clarification of any issue that causes concern.



In this amazingly (on a good day; frighteningly, on a stressful one) competitive world, we can ill afford a situation where boys and girls 'run blind' into an exam room. In a sense, no study renders an exam of little use, not to mention a waste of time. Surely, some of the major functions of an exam result are to indicate to staff and students the effectiveness of a study program as well as (being) a highlighter of areas of 'difficulty'. Simply, we need to know how students are faring academically: students should be given the opportunity to know what they need to do in order to fare better in the future. Success does not exclusively refer to a mark or a grade, either – this is product – only. Process, I believe, is as important and, in some situations, it can be seen to be more important. As well as pinpointing areas of expertise, of weakness, of the effectiveness of a study regime, an exam performance gives everyone a reasonably accurate measure of how someone performs under time conditions. Regardless of our line of work, we adults all have time frames to work within and deadlines to meet. A Middle School exam experience is one that allows students to find out for themselves not only how they are managing their work, but also begins to equip them with the skills necessary to perform as well as they are able to in the future – at times when exam results can expand or limit future tertiary or job prospects.

We need your assistance here. If, in the lead up to the exam week, your children express concern, feel uncomfortable or make comments on issues that we should be aware of, please let us know. Similarly, as implied by my comments about process, this advice applies to the post exam reactions and experience(s).

Mr Mark Harrison
Middle School



TAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

INTO THE WOODS JR.

JUNE PERFORMANCES

1ST 7.00 PM
2ND 2.00 PM & 7.00 PM
3RD 7.00 PM

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HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Armidale Eisteddfod

I was privileged to be able to watch our choristers perform at the Eisteddfod in Lazenby Hall yesterday and there is no doubting the quality of their singing. I knew from their rehearsals that they had been singing well and duly they performed wonderfully. I hope they enjoyed the experience as much as their teachers (and adjudicators) did. They certainly deserve the praise they were afforded and thanks and congratulations must go to our fantastic Music Department, especially Mrs Rachel Butcher, along with Ms Leanne Roobol and Mrs Bekk Baumgartner for their expertise and dedication. I look forward to our classes performing in the Speech and Drama section, and a good number of our more senior students who have entered individually. It is a challenging pursuit (I know it was way out of my comfort zone) and I applaud their efforts.

Athletics Carnival

We were again fortunate to have another brilliant autumn day for our Athletics Championships and the occasion, thanks to the thoroughness of the organisation and the efficiency of our officials, ran so smoothly. To all our parents, those that helped on the track and in the P&F tent, thank you. We cannot hold these occasions without your help. It was really pleasing to see the number of students involved in all the events and this reflects the importance we place on 'having a go'. As it is for singing, running and jumping is not everyone's 'forte' but it is important to contribute and to do our best. You will read the results from the Championships below, but I commend everyone for being so positive throughout the day.



Mother's Day

I would like to thank all of you for supporting our Mother's Day luncheon last week. What a fantastic occasion it was. It was so much fun and I know from the many emails received, that it was a major success for both our students and all the wonderful women associated with our Junior School. Again, congratulations to Hayley and Blake Whitehill for their fundraising efforts – it was a major success! I am sure there will be some cracking photos to share and we will look to post these soon.



Mothers Day



Blake and Hayley Whitehill with their mum

Looking Ahead

Week 4 – School Spirit – Confidence

Monday 15 May	Travelling Art Show on Display – Hoskins Centre
Tuesday 16 May	Eisteddfod (Choirs) begins
Wednesday 17 May	Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 3 in Hoskins Centre

Week 5 – School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 24 May	Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 2 daVinci Excursion departs to Knox Grammar – 1.00 pm
Thursday 25 May	daVinci Excursion returns from Knox Grammar – 10.00 pm

Week 6 – School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 31 May	Assembly 2.45 – Year 1 – in Hoskins Centre Dance Club begins – Lunch time in Hoskins Centre Classrooms
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Clubs and Activities in Junior School

Martial Arts and Dance Club have been very popular, and it is not too late to join the fun. While the Dance Club will not begin until 31 May because of Eisteddfod commitments, the Martial Arts Club is on fire! It has been very popular, and this has allowed us to divide the session into two groups to cater for age and ability. If you are interested in these clubs, please contact us at School.



Martial Arts Club - Thursday afternoons

IPSHA Travelling Art Show

If you have time to visit the Hoskins Centre, please drop in and take in the fantastic artworks displayed. Along with works from TAS, Lakes Grammar, Central Coast Grammar, William Clarke College and The Hills Grammar School have all continued and it is a fantastic array of artworks. It will be on view until Thursday 26 May, after which it will travel to another school.



Happy Birthday

Happy birthday wishes go out to Archie Douglas-Menzies and Lucy Taylor this week.

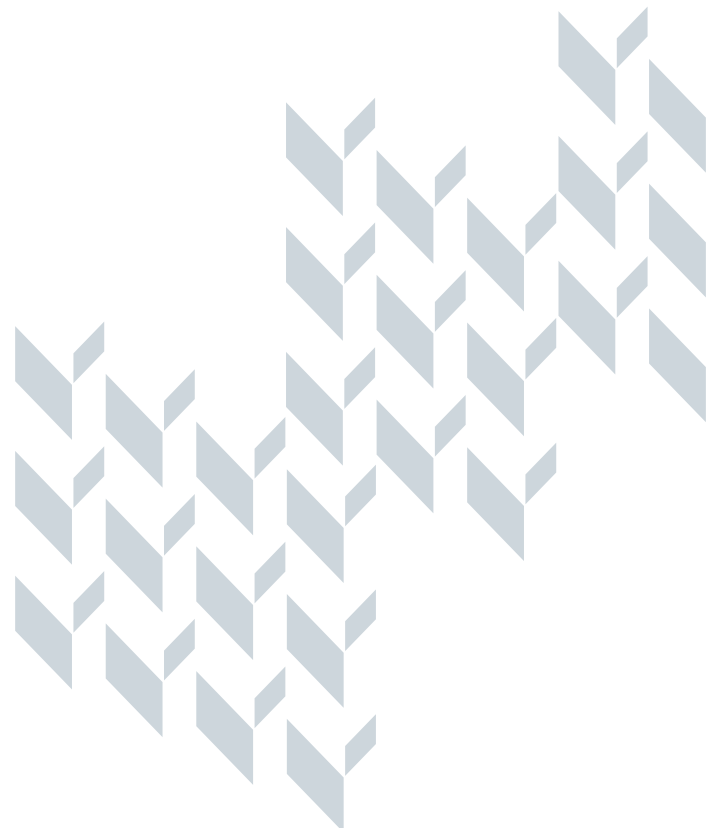
Lost Property

To have your children's property returned to them quickly, please ensure their name is clearly marked on each and every item. If the item is second hand, please ensure you have removed the previous owners name and have the correct name on it.

And Finally, Mel at the Markets....

One of our quiet achievers at TAS and a huge supporter of our kids in Junior School, is one of our chefs, Mel, who is setting up shop at the local markets. Her renowned soups, Butternut Pumpkin, Creamy Potato and Leek and Pea and Ham will be on offer and it would be great to support her. She has big plans to expand into other lines of baking as well so keep an eye out for her at both the Armidale Markets in the Mall and the Armidale Farmer's markets.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten is finally wrapping up their Unit of Inquiry – ‘Family history allows us to celebrate who we are and where we have come from.’

We have had a wonderful journey inside and outside our classroom, with grandparents and parents visiting our classroom to discuss changes that they have experienced over time and to show us items from their past.

Mr Drain explained how we used Encyclopedias to access information. These days, we can access more up to date information quickly on our computers. We Skyped Mrs Fillios from Idaho, America. She showed us important items from her past and told us significant stories that went with it. The items that she showed us will one day be passed down to William in Kindergarten. Mr Dubois explained how we used to navigate ships and how we navigate now. He explained that a lot of people (like himself) still use the old way of navigating by using a map and the sun.

Mr Hawksford took us on a journey of what people used to wear and then brought out an amazing array of cameras, boot hooks and other interesting old artefacts.

We have explored old images of the children’s families and have brought in items to create a classroom museum of interesting memorabilia.

Mrs Lana Hawksford

Below is a photo of our guest speaker and our fabulous excursions to ‘The Museum of Education’ and ‘The Old Folk Museum’.

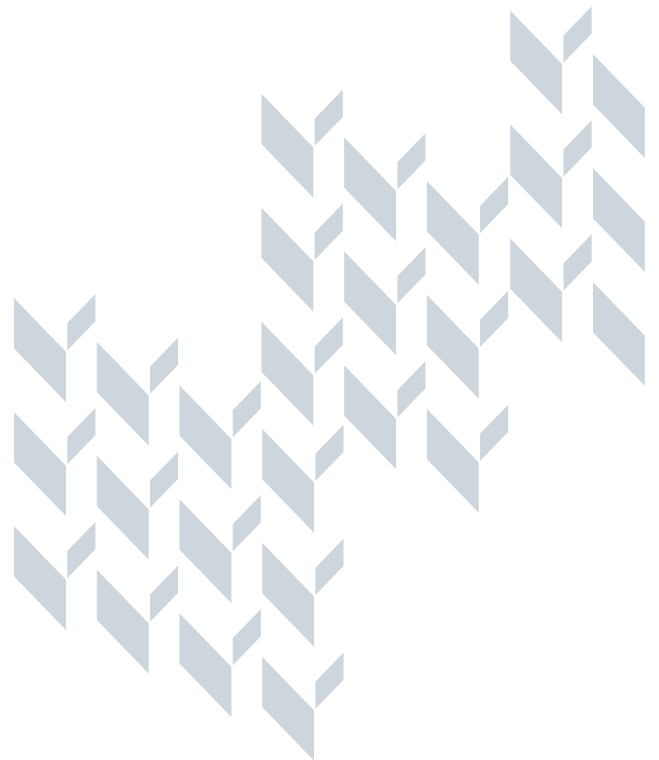


PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

This week all classes will commence their third Unit of Inquiry. Our specialist teachers will support our UOI through further exploration of the key concepts and central ideas. In collaborative planning meetings, teachers have been working towards improving the central idea of each unit to ensure they allow for transdisciplinary learning, that they are concept (as opposed to content) based and contain no bias.

The table below outlines what each class will be inquiring into over the next six weeks.

YEAR GROUP	UNIT OF INQUIRY
Transition	How We Express Ourselves Senses are used to explore the environment
Kindergarten	How We Express Ourselves Stories express feelings and ideas
Year 1	How We Organise Ourselves Communities provide services designed to meet people's needs
Year 2	Who We Are Life today is influenced by the objects and practices of the past
Year 3	Where We Are In Place and Time Many people have contributed to a community and have influenced how the community has developed
Year 4	Sharing The Planet Water is essential to life, and is a limited resource for many people
Year 5	How The World Works Understanding of scientific knowledge is constantly evolving and has an impact on people's lives.



Football

TAS Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms had another great game on the weekend against Walcha. A closer game meant it was the defenders turn to impress this week, with some great defensive play from Ty, Sam, Nicholas and Austin. Both Ted and Archie did an amazing job when goalie, with many great saves of the oppositions strikes on goal. It's great to see everyone in the team working so hard together all the way to the final whistle. Well done, Thunderstorms!

Mrs Donella Tutt

TAS Trucks

The enthusiasm to the game by all players was fabulous, even if it was only the second soccer game for some players. In those two games, everyone improved their skills very well.

Today we won the game because everyone played very well together as a team. Everyone participated very well, especially our two girls Cecilia and Bonnie who developed very good ball handling skills. William played well too. We played a strong game from the beginning so the TAS Trucks were scoring goals from the first half on, and kept the pressure on during the whole game. What a great team.

Mr Julius Jensen

TAS Tigers v TAS Trucks

We were delighted to play another game of super Saturday soccer and who better to play against than our class rivals, the TAS Trucks.

The game started off evenly. From the start, it was clear that we are still learning to have one person on the ball at a time. A flurry of legs and arms saw a number of students land on their bottoms as they strived to kick the ball.

Mila Nexo was an excellent defender, George Drain had some impressive long shots and Andrian Zhang tackled well. Layla Abu Assab was tenacious in her approach to scoring goals. However, at the end of the day it was the mighty TAS Trucks that won the game.

Mrs Lana Hawksford



SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

2017 WINTER HOLIDAYS

NORTHERN TABLELANDS



INCLUSIONS

All participants receive a quality soccer ball to take home with them.

BOOKINGS CLOSE

Bookings close on Thursday 29th June 2017.

AGE GROUPS

- Juniors 5 to 8 years (born 2012 to 2009)
- Youth 9 to 12 years (born 2008 to 2005)

The Northern Inland Football Zone, will run a number of Soccer Development Clinics for boys and girls during the 2017 winter school holidays.

Delivered by FFA qualified coaches, each clinic helps participants develop and/or enhance their:

- Ball skills
- Offensive and defensive skills
- Positional skills
- Game knowledge.

AGES	LOCATION	DATE/S	TIME	COST
Juniors	Tenterfield Shirley Park	3 July	8:30am to 11:30am	\$50
Youth	Tenterfield Shirley Park	3 July	8:30am to 11:30am	\$50
Juniors	Glen Innes Wilson Park	3 July	1:30pm to 4:30pm	\$50
Youth	Glen Innes Wilson Park	3 July	1:30pm to 4:30pm	\$50
Juniors	Armidale Rologas Fields	4 & 5 July	9am to 12 noon (both days)	\$90
Youth	Armidale Rologas Fields	4 & 5 July	1pm to 4pm (both days)	\$90
Juniors	Tamworth Gipps Street	6 & 7 July	9am to 12 noon (both days)	\$90
Youth	Tamworth Gipps Street	6 & 7 July	1pm to 4pm (both days)	\$90

Book Now! Places are limited
Enroll online at:
www.northerninlandfootball.com.au

CAMP WALLABY IS COMING TO TAS

Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby!

Camp Wallaby is excited to announce their first rugby camp in Armidale during the school holidays 10-12 July. This is a chance for boys & girls aged 6-14 years old to meet and train with a Wallaby.

Camp Wallaby is affiliated with the ARU's Pathways program meaning all players receive the best coaching and tuition with two program streams to cater for children of all skill levels.

To make this great opportunity available for all children, Camp Wallaby is offering a day option (6-14 years) as well as a residential option (10-14 years) with players staying in the school's boarding facilities, so they can live and breathe rugby.

The camp runs 9am – 3pm each day with all curriculums including fun games and time to meet the Wallabies.

Participation Stream - for all 6 – 14 year olds aimed at developing fundamental rugby skills and a passion for the game.

Excellence Stream – tackling, clear-out and set piece strategies for 9 to 14 years olds with rugby experience and representative aspirations.

Camp Wallaby Armidale	Day option (6-14 years)	3-days 10-12 July	\$225 (Save \$25)
Camp Wallaby Armidale	Residential option (10-14 years)	3-days 10-12 July	\$ 315 (Save \$35)

REGISTER HERE:

<http://www.campwallaby.com.au/camps/camp-wallaby-armidale-july-2017/>



YOUTH SPORT LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP CAMP

21 to 23 June 2017

Dates: Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June 2017

Ages: Between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp

Venue: Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

Scholarships in: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football (soccer), Hockey, Golf, Netball and Rugby Union

Applications close: Friday 26 May 2017

Scholarships awarded: Friday 2 June 2017



Are you a young person living in the Western Region?

Have you got a strong interest in Sport?

Do you wish to develop your leadership skills?

If yes, then you should apply for a place at the Office of Sport's Youth Sport Leaders Scholarship Camp.

At the camp, State Sporting Organisations will deliver sports specific training courses, and the Office of Sport will deliver careers, leadership and team building sessions, including challenging outdoor activities.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply if they meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp.
- Reside in the area encircled by the towns of Lithgow, Boorowa, Young, Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge, Tenterfield, Armidale, Kandos.
- Must be endorsed by a non-related community member.
- Parental permission required for under 18's.



For further information please contact Darrin Yates on 02 6362 6623 or darrin.yates@sport.nsw.gov.au. Apply online at:

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/ysls



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