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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 14 June, 2017 Term 2 Week 8

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Coonabarabran Horse Expo

As heralded earlier in TAS Talks, the major horse sports event for school students in NSW, the North West Equestrian Expo hosted by Coonabarabran High School, was held over five days earlier this month. TAS was well represented in this highlight of the equestrian calendar by a final team of 12 riders and the event was, for that reason, by all accounts a drier and more comfortable operation than it has been for some years. As our riding families know, equestrian sport at TAS is made possible by the generosity of parents who organise, accompany and variously support the school team. This year that parent support was led by Mrs Joanne Finlayson and Mr Nicholas Pearce and I offer special thanks on behalf of the whole school to them and their team of volunteers for their spirit in encouraging our riders.

As you will be able to read in the report later in this edition of TAS Talks, a number of competitors came away with significant success, some in multiple high profile events, and I will not repeat those here. It is appropriate though to offer special congratulations to Oliver Ledingham as the overall 12 years champion and Gus White as the overall 13 years champion. That represents special achievement in very good company and it is to be applauded.



P&F Meeting Tonight

As you will read in the P&F column in TAS Talks this week, the second P&F meeting for the term will take place tonight at 7:00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room. This is largely a 'single issue' meeting and will focus on the allocation of P&F funds to school projects for 2017. Over recent weeks TAS staff and students have compiled a good number of applications for funding and these have already been vetted and approved as being in line with P&F funding guidelines and the needs of various parts of the School. The applications will be discussed by the meeting and as there is no P&F 'funding committee' as such, decisions will be reached on the night by open vote from the meeting. The total funding being requested is well in excess of the (significant) funding available for allocation as the meeting so chooses and, as discussed at our staff briefing yesterday morning, it will be a competitive process.

To whet your appetite for debate (or spending), the requests to be discussed include, in no particular order:

- Materials for bike racks/safe storage at TAS and signs and materials for a TAS Mountain Bike Track at Doody Park (the trade training centre)
- A new cricket scoreboard on TAS Oval
- Additional water dispensers / bubblers to add to the three installed this year and funded by the P&F last year
- Hoskins seating replacement of 23 worn chairs on the balconies
- Purchase of staging panels for multiple uses across the school, including music and drama performances and outdoor events
- 8 training single sculls to be purchased from Shore
- Subsidising the mental health awareness work with our students with the Batyr organisation for the next 3 years (funding approval being sought for this year only)
- A new competition level 'acromat' trampoline to replace a rather dated trampoline currently in use by students in PDHPE
- Extension to the Malpas Rowing Shed that will allow for the increased demand for boat storage that we are now experiencing.
- A significant White House Courtyard redevelopment that will enable the space to be used for multiple student and parent purposes
- The provision of a subsidy for the Year 6 trip to Canberra in IDEALS Week, taking the place of subsidies for previous trips
- Co-contribution to the Year 12 gift to the school of formal House banners for use at special events.

Sydney Grammar 'One Sock' Weekend

This weekend TAS will host Sydney Grammar School in the second of our major home rugby fixtures for 2017. In a year when a number of Sydney schools have indicated that they are not prepared to travel to Armidale for their games, our rugby community is especially grateful to Grammar for their support. As some will remember, Grammar visited last year and on that basis TAS was facing the prospect of a dearth of home games in 2017. As a result of that, former Grammar Headmaster Dr Vallance suggested that they would like to visit again. Newly arrived Headmaster Dr Malpass has been keen to honour this and I thank both gentlemen for the generosity of their spirit of camaraderie with TAS. Whatever the outcome of games this weekend, this arrangement is a celebration of the spirit of our GPS organisation and should be hugely encouraging to all of us.

Beyond the rugby, the weekend will provide the opportunity for our teams in a range of sports to focus our collective attention on the wonderful work of the Batyr organisation in raising awareness of mental health issues. The day carries the Batyr adage 'One Sock, One Goal' and both our Director of Pastoral Care and Director of Co-Curricular activity have commented on elements of the program in TAS Talks this week. I am particularly pleased that the program, which involves some deliberate reflection by teams on the day and has been reinforced by a visit this week from TAS Old Boy and former Wallaby James Holbeck, is encompassing boys and girls playing netball, hockey, football and rugby this year. This is an area that we must all engage with to make a difference and I am very grateful that we have the support from friends like James Holbeck and the inspirational Batyr organisation.

Debating

As has been commented on several occasions in TAS Talks over recent times, debating is enjoying a renaissance at TAS that is inspiring great interest from junior and senior students alike. Our debating coordinator, Mr Tim Hughes, has reported on the latest round of the Tri-Schools' Shield in TAS Talks this week, but of course the experience has spread well beyond that traditional school rivalry this term with success in the national Virtual Debating Competition and, more importantly to some, the battle for House pride in the Middle School and Senior School Inter-house competition next week. I am sure that the acclaim for the growth and development of debating at TAS should be shared amongst many, but I particularly commend Tim Hughes as coordinator, our Captain of Debating Tom Wright and our House leaders for their collective inspiration. I have high expectations for the Senior inter-house final to be argued in front of the entire Middle and Senior School in the Memorial Hall next Tuesday and look forward to it very much.



Eisteddfod Gala Concert

After commenting on its progress in TAS Talks for several weeks, the Armidale Eisteddfod comes, finally, to a stop this Sunday with the Gala Concert that will feature a number of TAS items, including the Big Band, flamboyant Junior School performer Will Gilpin and an impressive representation of TAS vocalists in the New England Sings ensemble.

As I have discussed with our Director of Music Ms Leanne Roobol on a number of occasions, I see the Armidale Eisteddfod more as a celebration of young music and dramatic performance than as a competition. Pleasing results and adjudicators' comments are to be savoured, but the real joy we see in the Eisteddfod is in the love of music, speech and drama that is seen on the faces of competitors from across Armidale and beyond. I am very confident to say that the many dozens of teachers of instrumental music, speech and drama who work with our school students in this special Armidale environment care far more about developing life-long passion for creativity and performance than they do in the places awarded in competition and this is a great credit to them. I was delighted to see so many TAS students involved right through the Eisteddfod, especially in the big community events of the choir and band nights, but even more impressed by seeing how obviously they enjoyed the experience.

The Gala Concert kicks off at 2:00pm at Old Teacher's College and all are invited to come along and enjoy the show.

Murray Guest

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 8

Thursday 15 June	Armidale Eisteddfod ICAS Writing Competition MS/SS Inter-House Debating
Friday 16 June	Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews MS/SS Inter-House Debating ICAS Writing Competition Armidale Eisteddfod
Saturday 17 June	Armidale Eisteddfod Rugby vs Sydney Grammar at TAS
Sunday 18 June	Armidale Eisteddfod Gala Concert (2pm) NSW All Schools XC Mountain Bike Championships

Week 9

Monday 19 June	Activities Day NAIDOC Dinner (6pm)
Tuesday 20 June	SS Inter-House Debating Final NAIDOC Assembly (11am)
Thursday 22 June	MS Inter-House Debating Final Classes conclude
Friday 23 June	School Holidays



Holiday Clothing & Book Shop Hours

Closed 23 June

Open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Wednesday 12 July

Open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday 17 July

Normal hours resume Tuesday 18 July

P&F Meeting TONIGHT Wednesday 14 June

Come and help us spend the money you've helped us raise at the Funding Meeting tonight (Wednesday 14 June) at 7pm in the Lower Maxwell Meeting Room. If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there. Meetings are open to all parents and wine and nibbles are provided.

Home Rugby Games this weekend

We have our second home rugby fixture for this season on this Saturday 17 June. We're playing against Sydney Grammar. If you would like to bake or bring something, whip up some soup or help on the P&F Canteen and BBQ please feel free. We will be setting up on Backfield from just before 7.30am.

The Rugby Committee of the P&F is also hosting a function afterwards in the Hoskins Centre from 2pm. 'Wallabies at TAS' including watching the Wallabies play Scotland on the big screen and legendary TAS Wallaby speaker James Holbeck. All are welcome.

NSW Parents Council Annual General Meeting this Friday

The TAS P&F is a member of the NSW Parents Council. This is our voice on the parents group for independent schools for NSW. They lobby the NSW Government on our behalf and are also a part of the main body that is involved with the Federal government as well. Sue Cartwright, who is based in Sydney, is our representative on the Council.

The AGM is being held this Friday 16 June, commencing at 6.30pm at the Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC), Boundary Street, Croydon. Aside from standard AGM fare, there will be a guest speaker - Dr Julie McGonigle.

Dr McGonigle comes to Australia with a wonderful record of success in lifting a struggling school, in industrial England to great academic success. Dr McGonigal has a BA[Hons] from Queens University, Belfast and D Phil, M.Sc. PGCE from Oxford. She has enjoyed great success through always encouraging students with her mantra "You are better than you think you are!"

RSVP is to executive_director@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



Wallabies at TAS Function *with special guest, James Holbeck*

TAS P&F Rugby Committee invite you to join them to watch the Wallabies v Scotland in the Hoskins Centre with special guest TAS Old Boy and former Wallaby James Holbeck.

Change your colours from TAS navy and white to Wallaby Green and Gold after the First XV play.

The P&F will run their barbecue until 1.45pm so grab some lunch. A bar will operate in Hoskins Foyer from 2pm. James will share his rugby story before kickoff.

Everyone welcome!

RSVP

<http://www.as.edu.au/pf/rugby-committee/rsvp-form/>

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TAS
PARENTS
& FRIENDS

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Memorial Hall on Thursday 15 June (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 16 June (2pm - 5.30pm).

A Parent Information Session is scheduled for Year 8 students moving into Year 9 at the end of Term 3 outlining elective choices for 2018.

Semester 2 Electives for Year 9 and Year 10 Students

Students in Year 9 & Year 10 should have already submitted their elective choices for Semester 2 through Web Choices with their personal login code.

If students have not done this please email Mrs O'Brien on vobrien@as.edu.au

Tutoring

Tutoring continues for students in Year 11 and Year 12.

Please note: There is no English Tutoring this week (14 June)

Year 11

- Tuesday 2U Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
- Wednesday Maths Ext (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
- Thursday General Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)

Year 12

- Monday Biology (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
Chemistry (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
- Tuesday 2U Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
- Wednesday Maths Ext - (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
- Thursday General Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)

A tutor is also available for Year 9 & 10 students in Maths & Science on Monday & Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm. This is held in Cash Building.

Students just need to attend if they require some extra help. This tutoring is free.

Please note: there will be no tutoring on Monday 19 June and Tuesday 20 June.



ACADEMIC

Debating term reaches its climax

There were plenty of big ideas being thrown around in Middle School on Wednesday afternoon when TAS hosted Round 2 of the Tri-Schools' Shield. As the host school for this round, TAS provided two teams from every year group, each debating either NEGS or PLC on topics including 'That there is too much pressure at school' (Year 6), 'That blood donation should be compulsory' (Year 7), 'That Australia should develop nuclear energy' (Year 8). TAS won one of its two debates in each year group, including a team of Year 6-ers debating for the very first time.

Term 2 is the school's big debating term and over the next fortnight the inter-house competition will be held at both Middle School and Senior School level at lunchtimes this week, culminating in the grand final in front of the whole school at Assembly next Tuesday (Senior School), or in Hoskins with the whole of Middle School as an audience (next Thursday). By then, our senior team will also have competed in the semi-final of the National Virtual Debating competition against Canberra Girls' Grammar. Best of luck to all those putting their logic and wit to the test!

Mr Tim Hughes
Debating Coordinator





Tired of not being heard? Now is your chance to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world through UN Youth's Voice competition. Voice is a national competition for students in Years 7-10. This will take place in Term 3 Week 1 (19 July) at TAS. It will be announced again on Friday at Prefect's Assembly - so in the meantime, have a look below and if you are interested - please email Mrs Boydell on cboydell@as.edu.au

Voice is a unique public speaking competition for students in Year 7-10, running throughout Term 3. Voice invites you to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world. From homelessness to climate change we want to hear you pitch your big ideas.

WHY COMPETE IN VOICE?

- Develop skills in public speaking and research!
- Hone your ability to think on your feet, assisting you in leadership positions or debating competition in the future
- Build an increased knowledge about areas pertinent to you as students
- A chance to meet likeminded and engaged young people.

VOICE: AN OVERVIEW

Voice is UN Youth Australia's flagship, public speaking event for students in Years 7–10, which now runs at a national level. Unlike any other public speaking competition, Voice asks contestants to present their innovative solutions to some of the world's most prominent and pressing issues. The competition encourages initiative and creativity, rewarding substance in speeches as well as speaking manner and structure.

A list of five topics of global national concerns are provided and students are invited to choose the issue about which they are most passionate. They then must develop a feasible solution to the problem at hand, taking into consideration relevant factors such as a strategy for implementation and potential complications that may arise.

This completed product is formulated into a three or five-minute prepared speech which is presented at each voice round alongside a brief impromptu interview component. By emphasising a mix of impromptu answers, prepared speaking, the substance of the solution, manner of delivery, as well as a global perspective, Voice presents students a truly unique opportunity to engage with the challenges faced by world leaders today.

Past topics have included have included questions such as what can Australia do to reduce global poverty?; how can we ensure that leaders listen to the opinions of young people? and; what can Australia do to improve its education system?

HOW VOICE WORKS

Speech Format

The competition is split into two parts — the Pitch and Question Time.

1. The Pitch: This is where participants outline a solution to a given world problem. Students may present new solutions to long-standing problems, or new solutions to largely untouched issues. In this section adjudicators will be judging based on participants' ability to provide tangible solutions rather than just identifying their chosen issue in the abstract

Speaking Time

Your pitch; a prepared speech outlining your innovative solution to your chosen topic.

Junior Division (Year 7 and 8): 4 minutes | Senior Division (Year 9 and 10): 5 minutes

2. Question Time:

Here participants answer two questions, lasting for approximately one minute each, on the solution they presented in The Pitch by the judging panel.

Question Time

One of the judges will have the chance to ask a couple of questions based on your pitch.

Junior Division (Year 7 and 8): 1 minutes

Senior Division (Year 9 and 10): 2 minutes

Topics

You will be emailed a range of questions on current issues. You choose one of these questions to present a solution, based on the division you are competing in. Some sample topics can be found [here](#).

When & Where

TAS, 19 July 2017 - 10am -1:30pm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ can be found [here](#) and further information about the judging criteria can be found [here](#).





Ever wondered what it would be like to be on the UN Security Council? If you are interested in debating, diplomacy and of course World Peace, please register your interest in taking part in EVATT - a national competition for students in Years 9-12. This will take place in Term 3 Week 1 (19 July) at TAS. It will be announced again on Friday at Prefect's Assembly - so in the meantime, have a look below and if you are interested - please email Ms Boydell on cboydell@as.edu.au

Evatt is Australia's largest debating and diplomacy competition and works to engage students with very real and global issues, whilst teaching teamwork, public speaking, diplomacy and advocacy.

WHY COMPETE IN EVATT?

- Develop skills in public speaking, debating and research!
- Hone your ability to think on your feet, assisting you in leadership positions or debating competition in the future
- Build an increased knowledge about areas pertinent to you as students
- A chance to meet likeminded and engaged young people

EVATT: AN OVERVIEW

Evatt is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9-12. More than 2,000 students compete in Evatt each year. It aims to educate young people about Australia's place in the world and empower them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills.

The competition takes the form of a mock session of the United Nations Security Council. Teams of two students debate, amend, and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

HOW EVATT DEBATE WORKS

Evatt is a simulation of the UN Security Council (UNSC), one of the principal organs of the United Nations and the body with the maintenance of international peace and security. Its powers, exercised through UN Security Council resolutions, include the establishment of peacekeeping operations, the establishment of international sanctions, and the authorization of military action. It also plays a central role in admitting new Member States and appointing the UN Secretary General. It sits in "permanent session" which means meetings can be held at a moment's notice to respond to a global crisis.

Members of the UNSC

The Council is composed of 15 Member States:

- five permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States
- and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly: Bolivia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine and Uruguay.

UNSC Procedure

The Security Council's procedure is based on the premise that representatives do this full time (which is fair, since it's their job). Sadly, we don't have that luxury, and so an Evatt Security Council simulation runs on [rules of procedure](#) developed specifically for the competition.

We realise that these rules are complicated, and so you can find on this page a more detailed [Guide to Procedure](#) and a [Procedure Cheat Sheet](#). Amendments (changes to the resolution you write yourself) are the heart of Evatt, and you can find a useful [Amendment Form](#) for printing (which is completely optional), as well as tips on how to figure out which amendments to propose, at our Research site.

However, there is absolutely no substitute for actually doing an Evatt to learn the procedure! Likewise we would recommend that advanced and experienced students review the [official rules of procedure](#), since there are lots of hidden goodies in there for the high performing team.

Topics

Country allocations and prepared resolutions will be emailed to students prior to the round to allow time for preparation. Country Briefs can be found [here](#).

When & Where

TAS Memorial Hall, 19 July 2017 - 10am -1:30pm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Check out our [National Evatt](#) page for more details on how debate works, resources and tips and download this [Fact Sheet](#) for more information on the NSW competition.



DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, BARNEY BUNTINE

One Sock One Goal – sporting fixtures this weekend

This weekend's sporting fixtures mark an important moment in the TAS mental health calendar as we welcome Sydney Grammar School to Armidale. Like last year, this occasion marks the Batyr 'One Sock One Goal' round, where all TAS students from Years 6-12 will don one Batyr sock to show their support for all things mental health related. And, while these socks might be most visible on the rugby fields at TAS on Saturday, you will also see them worn in all our sports, girls and boys, netball, football and hockey, and including games against town teams.

Before each game, teams will gather to reflect on the importance on wellbeing, with the core message for this occasion being to celebrate the relationship between physical and mental health.

As part of this, James Holbeck (Old Boy and former Wallaby) will be speaking with different groups through the School on Thursday and Friday, attending some sports trainings and then handing out the First XV jerseys before the Sydney Grammar School game.

Hopefully, we see plenty of families and friends on Saturday and, if you're lucky, you even might score a hug from Mac Metcalfe (Year 10) as part of his goal to share the love.



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Activities Day 4 (19 June)

Activities Day 4 will be held on 19 June, Monday of Week 9. The process will begin with an activity briefing during period 3 on Tuesday 13 June. All students must attend this briefing to receive detailed information about their activity.

Parents of students or student leaders in A & B Company will have been emailed a permission form for school firearms safety training (Year 9) or school paintball activity (Year 10). It is important that these forms are returned to the school either by mail/fax or by email to me at amurray3@as.edu.au by Friday 16 June in order for your child to participate in these school activities.

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 & 2 Platoons – Echidna Gully & Trek/Navigation

3 Platoon – Kayak touring on Clarence River near Copmanhurst; 3 Platoon will meet for roll call and depart at 3:30pm on Sunday 18 June. An overnight bivouac will be conducted, and students will require overnight gear as specified below.

B Company

4, 5 & 6 Platoons – Firearms safety training (TAS Rifle Club activity), navigation, first aid and bush cooking to be conducted at 'Loch Abba' property.

C Company

7, 8, 9 & 10 Platoons – Navigation, fieldcraft, bush cooking and abseiling to be conducted at 'Newholme' property and Baker's Creek Gorge.

Cadet equipment for kayak tour: 3 Platoon only

Dress during the kayak tour exercise is DPCU uniform with equipment to live in the field. Note that all equipment must be able to be carried in pack only – no webbing will be carried on the kayak trek. Sleeping bag may be carried externally to pack.

Rangers

Year 7 will be based at school for the next activities day (Monday 19th June), with the main activity focusing on Abseiling and Survival Skills in water.

Students will be required to wear their usual Rangers gear (jeans, green shirt, green hat and joggers), and will also be required to pack swimmers, long sleeve top and pants to swim in, a towel and a notebook and pen.

Please can Year 7 meet at middle school at 8.45am.

Ms Rachel Harrison

Required equipment includes:

Back Pack (issued)

Compass*

Spray jacket* / raincoat*

Kidney Cup*

KFS set*

Water bottles x 2 (issued)

Towel (small)

Notepad (in plastic bag)*

Torch + spare batteries*

Plastic bag for wet gear

Sun screen & insect repellent (tube or roll-on only)

Change of dry clothes, underwear & socks

Toilet bag (comb, soap, toothbrush + paste)

**Available for purchase from TAS Clothing Shop*

Hootchie (issued)

10m hutchie cord/rope*

Pegs x 8*

Ground sheet (issued)

Sleeping bag* & Mat*

Olive Green thermal undershirt*

Jumper Camo (issued)

Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)

LT Angus Murray

Commanding Officer Cadets

CAREERS, MARK TAYLOR

UNSW Law and Business Information Evening - June 22

UNSW Law and Business invite high school Students in Years 11 and 12 along with their parents, to attend its combined Information Evening.

There will be two separate Faculty presentations on the night. After the presentations, students will have the opportunity to speak first-hand to current students and staff, who will provide detailed information on degrees offered, opportunities available and what life's like on campus at UNSW.

Presentation schedule for the night:

- 6:30pm - 6:50pm Presentation by UNSW Law
- 7:00pm - 7:30pm Presentation by UNSW Business School

Students can register via whatson.unsw.edu.au.

For more information go to the link below:

https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/law-business-information-evening?mc_cid=d9857d13d6&mc_eid=934c2b0c94

Macquarie University Technology Taster Day

On Wednesday 5 July, Macquarie is opening its doors to Year 11 and 12 students for a [Technology Taster Day](#). The day is all about students getting a taste of what it's like to study in the field of engineering and information technology at Macquarie.

They will be able to:

- participate in hands-on activities
- learn how to solve real-world problems using engineering and IT
- plan which activities they would like to attend
- ask lecturers and students all their burning questions about uni life at Macquarie.

Lectures, practicals and tutorials will be run in the following exciting areas:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronic Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Information Technology
- Games Design
- Data Science

Of course, lunch and some freebies are included. For more information go to:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/technology-taster-day/event-summary-c6499cf8391e4994b06f6275aac0e10f.aspx>

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Batyr 'One Sock One Goal'

This week teams will be participating in the Batyr 'One Sock One Goal' campaign' (1S1G). Batyr aims to engage, educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues by fostering an environment where talking about these issues and getting help is not only accepted, but is encouraged and supported.

'One Sock One Goal' is an awareness raising campaign that has sporting teams, schools and universities donning a bright Batyr sock on one leg and your team sock on the other to start conversations around mental health.

All TAS students, from years 6-12, will be issued one sock in House groups on Thursday. Members of the TAS Batyr Chapter will hand out the socks and start the conversation...

Debating

Today marked the beginning of the Inter-House Debating with preliminary rounds continuing during lunchtime on Thursday and Friday. Finals for Senior School will be held during Assembly next Tuesday 20 June and for Middle School during Period 5B on Thursday 22 June. This is a great opportunity to develop the art of public speaking and I wish all competitors every success.

Futsal

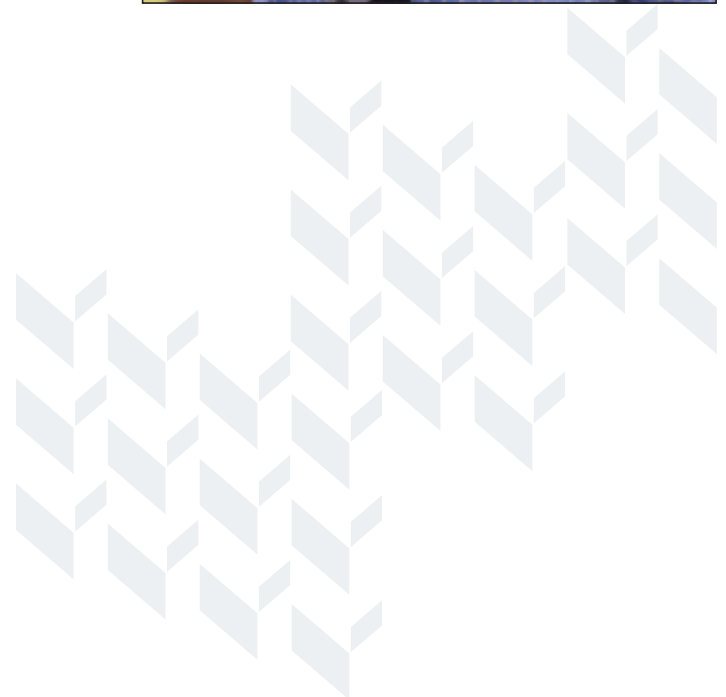
The spirit of house competition continues next Wednesday afternoon with Inter-House Futsal in the Gym at 3:45. Each house will field one team. With the Football Captain and Vice-Captain both in Croft House, they will be strong favourites. However, it is a fickle game and any team can win on the day. Best of luck to all!

Kokoda registration

If you have decided to embark on this amazing experience could you please click on this link to register <https://www.ourspirit.com.au/2017-kokoda-trek-11-day-trip> (select 23 September to 3 October trek)

Please register by Friday 14 July. Our training schedule will be emailed to all registered participants at the start of Term 3.

If you would like further information please click here (<http://www.as.edu.au/expeditions/kokoda/>) or contact wcaldwel@as.edu.au



Equestrian

The Coona Horse Expo was held over five days during the first week of June. TAS had a mixed team of 15 riders from Year 7 through to Year 12. Three riders had to withdraw from competition due to horse injury at the last minute, so the remaining 12 took on Coona and competed exceptionally well.

The weather was perfect for the first time in many years, no rain! Students competed with schools from all NSW and interstate, and although a smaller team than some, TAS were very competitive. Oliver Ledingham was the star of the show, getting enough ribbons to furnish a small house. Well done to all the riders and their families for being so supportive. A huge thank you to our Team Leaders Mrs Joanne Finlayson and Mr Nicholas Pearce, who ensured everyone knew what they were up to and helped out where ever and when ever they could, organising riders and ensuring TAS was well represented with volunteering for duty across all courses.

Ms Genevieve Chick

Results as follows:

Oliver Ledingham

Overall 12 Year age champion
Sporting age champion
Overall reserve age champion
1st in CT 6
3rd/5th Jumping
3rd Hacking
10th in Team 6 Bar

Gus White

Overall 13 Year age champion
5th Working Horse

Hamish Pearce

4th Working Horse
4th CT
1st C grade Polocrosse

Harry Davidson

5th 60cm ODE
6th in 60cm 13yr showjumping.

Jack Davidson

Jack 4th in 80cm ODE
9th in Team Penning
10th Team 6 Bar

Michael Paull

Sporting age champion
Reserve overall 16 Year age champion
3rd D grade ODE

Tom Hamilton

4th A grade Polocrosse
5th time trial

Tim Finlayson

4th A grade Polocrosse
4th time trial
9th Warrumbungle Way

Sophie Barr

7th B grade ODE

James Hartog-Smith

2nd Pentathlon
10th Team 6 Bar

Treenie Osborne

Champion Prelim Dressage
2nd B grade ODE
3rd Hacking
2nd C grade Polocrosse
10th Team 6 Bar

Sam Osborne

2nd - combined training
9th - team penning

C grade Polocrosse 1st

Hamish Pearce, Michael Paull

A grade Polocrosse team 4th

Gus White, Tim Finlayson, Tom Hamilton

Team 6 Bar 10th

Oliver Ledingham, Jack Davidson, James Hartog-Smith; Katrina Osborne







TAS v SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

'The BATYR Round'

16 - 17 June 2017

Friday 16 June

Grammar arrive 9:00pm

Accommodation:

- Opens Rugby** (x34) – Cash classrooms (+ 1 staff)
- 16's Rugby** (x32) – PE classrooms (+ 2 staff)
- 15s's Rugby** (x45) – Greenroom (+2 staff)
- 13's & 14's Rugby** (x32+45) – Gymnasium/Sports Centre (+ 4 staff)

Saturday 17 June

Rugby Program:

TAS	SGS	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	1 st XV	Backfield	11:30am
TAS 2 nd XV	2 nd XV	Backfield	10:30am
TAS 16A	16A	Backfield	9:30am
TAS 16B	16B	Backfield	8:30am
TAS 15A	15A	Wakefield South	10:30am
TAS 15B	15B (10-a-side)	Wakefield South	9:30am
TAS 15C	15C (10-a-side)	Wakefield South	8:30am
TAS 14A	14A	Wakefield North	10:30am
TAS 14B	14B (3x20mins) *	Wakefield North	9:00am
TAS 13A	13A	Cricket Oval East	10:30am
TAS 13B	13B	Cricket Oval East	9:30am

* All other games 25 min/half

Change rooms for SGS: Teams playing on Backfield to use The McConville Centre. Teams playing on Wakefield and Cricket Oval to use The Sports Centre change rooms.

BREAKFAST: in TAS Dining Hall

- 7:00am TAS and SGS Rugby 15s and 16s
- 7:30am TAS and SGS Rugby 13s and 14s
- 8:00am TAS and SGS Rugby Opens
- 8:20am All other TAS boarders

LUNCH: 10:30am to 12:30pm walk through in TAS dining room

A canteen run by the TAS P & F will be selling hot food and drinks throughout the day at the McConville Centre (Including BBQ). All players and supporters are invited to attend the **after match function** in the McConville Centre at the conclusion of the 1st XV fixture.

CREATIVE ARTS

There's only one more weekend left in the term but we don't miss an opportunity in the Creative Arts - we have two groups heading down to the NSW Shakespeare Carnival in Sydney. TAS will be participating in the Group Mashup and Music Composition sections alongside top performers, composers and designers from across the state and so we wish those students the very best. And Sunday will see many TAS students participating in the final celebration that is the Eisteddfod Gala Concert. We also wish all the individuals and groups who get to showcase standout pieces from the gargantuan experience that is the Eisteddfod the very best and I again acknowledge the hard work and tireless effort of all our Music staff and peripatetic teachers.

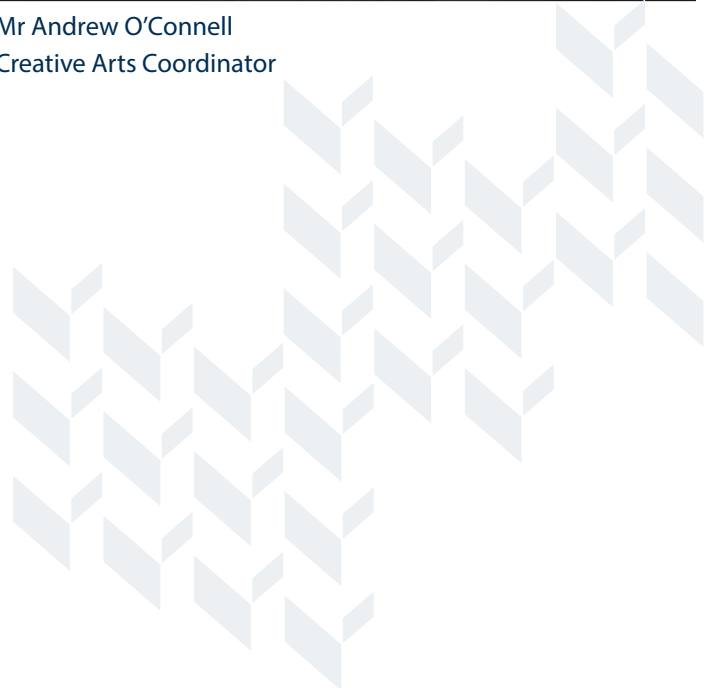
We're also already getting prepared for Junior School's *Seussical JR* with Junior School Drama Club having a look at some pieces, Junior School Music classes exploring some of the songs and audition materials soon to be released. An announcement is being made at Junior School assembly today and expect an email in the final week of term. With so many passionate and talented performers in the Junior School I know it is going to be an incredibly difficult job for Mrs Cleaver and the team to cast the show and I expect the holidays will involve plenty of preparation by excited young actors.

Finally, ADMS had a very productive long weekend for an initial bump-in and a lot of the silliness that is *Spamalot* is starting to take shape in the theatre. Performances will be held in the TAS school holidays and I strongly encourage everyone from Python diehards to casual theatregoers to jump online and secure a ticket as it is sure to be a lot of fun.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

The light at the end of it all

We've also completed another round of the Tri-Schools Debating, are well into Winter Sports and their attendant trips - I've told you about Scots already, and this weekend we'll be hosting Sydney Grammar. Further, we've continued to prepare students for the Fiji Service Trip in September. We're also preparing for Inter-House Debating and Middle School classes are looking forward to listening to Old Armidalian James Holbeck's mental health presentations. Next Thursday there'll be another mass exodus for the school year's second longest holiday. Next week notwithstanding, overall, the term has been productive and Middle School people (adults included) continue to acquit themselves well, if wearily. These last few weeks are cold, wet and windy and unless you're related to a duck, you just need to be away from here. Still, considering the fact that we are this close to the last week of term, students continue happily enough, are prepared to 'help out' and are still able to complete their work with a measure of good grace. But, as indicated, we're all tired and ready for the mid-year break.

What I've enjoyed most about the term is its activity. For example, this week is distinguished by the combined facts of preparation for our annual Inter-House Debates. But, as indicated, everyone's weary. Still, I'm sure the students are 'best' when they're busy. I can say with a degree of confidence that they're settled now and I am enjoying my interactions with them. One of the healthiest aspects of TAS life is the breadth of activity: there really is something for everyone and Middle School students, half way through the year, are now confident enough to pursue opportunities that suit their needs and interests. Still, having 'said' this, I want you to ask your children how they've managed the second term and, if there's anything you think we need to do to make their time with us better, please contact the relevant Homeroom teacher or me so that we can attend to matters.

Cyber Education

Mr Ken Secker is our ICT Service Delivery Manager and is the person responsible for our new ICT monitoring system, Cyber Hound. While he has already spoken to individuals and staff members about the logistics of this new and effective system, Ken is going to visit us this week to address the whole Middle School. It's right and reasonable that all students know from Ken Secker about responsible computer use. His talk will involve advice about sensible screen time each day, playing and downloading of games and general management of laptops at home and at school.



Exam feedback

Now that they've been completed, I ask that you speak to your children about their 'whole experience' of examinations. The reports for the semester will be posted to you over the holiday break. If results, for example, are not what the students were expecting them to be, then the best thing to do is speak about them, about study routines undertaken, about working under time conditions and so on. Now, while issues are fresh in the students' minds, is the time to work towards a more personally satisfying experience of exams. Please, if your children tell you something about the exams that you think we should know, contact Homeroom teachers so that these issues can be discussed by us in meetings. This is not intended as a patronizing comment, but we're much more likely to succeed by dealing with issues, rather than problems. Exams are important and students must be aware that we are genuinely interested in their performance and also that it is our job to assist them in their improvement of it.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Perhaps the weather was not entirely kind to us all but I do hope that you were all able to enjoy the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. With two (shortened) weeks left this term, there is still a good deal to accomplish.

End of Semester reports

As is customary, all Junior School reports will be posted out during the holidays at the completion of this term. These reports are the second step of our formal reporting process (along with the Parent/Teacher Interviews held at the end of Terms 1 and 3) and are written to provide a hard copy of the feedback from the School informing you of your child's progress. If you have any questions or comments for your child's teacher, please contact them at school.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Will Gilpin for being invited to perform at the Gala Concert for this year's Eisteddfod on Sunday. Will gained first place in both the prepared Speech and the Solo Prose Recital Divisions, as reported last week. To be invited to perform here is apt recognition of his outstanding talents. On his return last week to our assembly, (from having played his trumpet in another concert) without preparation (or hesitation), he took to the stage and delivered an excerpt from Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made by Stephen Pastis. It was hilarious and we were all duly entertained. He is a marvelous talent and he (and his support team) are to be well and truly congratulated.

Parent Session for the IB PYP Exhibition

Tonight, all Year 5 parents have been invited to attend a session which will inform them of the Exhibition that will take place before the end of the year. This is the first time we have held an PYP Exhibition such as this and it is designed to be a showcase of work for each Year 5 student.



The teaching and learning process is driven by curriculum that is taught, written and assessed. The assessment process involves gathering and analyzing information about student performance. This can be done in many ways in our classrooms and it promotes and provides information about student learning and contributes to the successful implementation of the IB program itself. In the final year of the PYP, all students are involved in an in-depth, collaborative project known as the PYP Exhibition. It is intended to provide a vehicle for each student to contribute to an authentic and significant inquiry into real life issues or problems. It is an exciting time for our students and I look forward to reporting further about this as the preparations continue.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ty Schalk-O'Brien is the sole recipient of the Birthday wishes this week so a big Happy Birthday to you Ty.

Canteen

From time to time the Canteen Price List on the TAS Website changes according to availability and wholesale purchase price. For this reason, we ask that the list not be printed and that it be checked on the website every time a lunch order is being placed to ensure the correct money is being given and that the requested item is still available.

If you have any queries in relation to the canteen please call the Ben Lawry on 6776 5804.

Lost Property

With Winter upon us I take this opportunity to remind you to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have already received multiple requests to look out for lost jumpers and jackets and, while some have turned up because they are well named, many have turned up with no identification at all so may not make it back to their owners.

Uniform

Uniform for Terms 2 and 3 is the winter uniform and we ask for your help in making sure your child is wearing the uniform and wearing it correctly. Shirts tucked in, ties and shoelaces done up, shoes polished. We have noticed many Chappell hats that need to be replaced, jumpers with holes in the elbows, school pants with knees missing and hems too short. Each child needs to take pride in their presentation and know how to wear the uniform correctly and we ask you to help us with this.

Looking Ahead

Week 8 – School Spirit – Resilience

Wednesday 14 June	Assembly 2.45 in Hoskins Centre – Transition ICAS Spelling Exam IB Primary Years' Programme Exhibition Session (Year 5 parents) – 5.30 pm in Year 5 classroom
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Week 9 – School Spirit – Confidence

Monday 19 June	Activities Day – Round Square IDEALS - Internationalism
Wednesday 21 June	Assembly 2.45 in Hoskins Centre – Kindergarten TAS 12's Football and Soccer v Trinity Grammar School, Sydney
Thursday 22 June	Classes conclude 3.30 pm
Friday 23 June	Pupil Free Day - Staff PD Day

TERM 3

Week 1

Monday 17 July	Staff Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 18 July	School Resumes
Wednesday 19 July	Assembly 2.45 pm - tba

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

We have registered 17 students to complete the 2017 PRC.

I encourage the students participating, to bring their reading logs into the Library during their weekly library lessons, so we can register the books you have already read. If you need any help finding books that are in the challenge, please just ask Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself and we will be able to guide you in the right direction.

Students are encouraged to come to the Library during their lunch break to return books and borrow more with their teacher's permission – you don't have to wait until your weekly Library lesson to change your books over.

As we are at the end of term, don't forget that you have the opportunity to borrow six books from the library over the three week holiday period with your parents permission. We have plenty of PRC books in the library and this will be a great opportunity to get 6 books onto your reading logs. Don't forget the town library also has plenty of PRC books.

Just a reminder about the 'series rule' in the PRC, please be aware of it as it does catch students out – this is the rule:

In an approved series, any two (2) books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five (5) other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator

Holiday borrowing from the library

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading.

Please note that children are able to borrow their usual two books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow three to six books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter and hand it in to the library or email the library at library@as.edu.au

-----Please return signed note to Library -----

Permission to borrow library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child

in Year to borrow three to six books from the TAS library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 3, 2017.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

Signed Date

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering from the Scholastic Book Club brochures. The response has been fantastic, and has earned us a number of rewards to purchase new books and resources.

Orders from the latest brochure (no. 4) should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by Friday, 16 June, 2017. Please follow the instructions on the order page in the brochure, or follow the prompts on the website. Should you wish to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in an envelope in the red letter box at the Junior School office. Should you need any assistance, please contact me on nramazan@as.edu.au.

Scholastic have also let me know of a special offer they are currently running; the details are below.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani

Help your students keep the reading momentum rolling

We're offering parents whose school is opted in to LOOP the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a Keep it Rolling special offer.

All they need to do is place a \$10 minimum order off three consecutive Book Club Issues via LOOP and they could be eligible for a Bonus Book on their third order, and every consecutive Book Club order thereafter—for the remainder of the school year! If they miss an issue, it just takes two consecutive issues to get rolling again! This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students—PLUS, it will help keep the Rewards rolling in to the school all year!

**KEEP THE READING
MOMENTUM ROLLING...**

and your students
could get up to
SIX
Bonus Books
for the year!

COMMUNITY



Golf Links Road, Armidale; 0417 957 982

June/July 2017 Fun Tennis Camps & Tennis/Golf Camps

Come and meet our new tennis coach, Dave Bunn. Dave is a Tennis Australia Club Professional and was the Senior Tennis Development Coach for The Scots College in Sydney, before opting for a "tree change".

Week 1: Spend the morning at tennis and the afternoon at golf, or just spend the whole day at tennis. Cost includes lunch and transport to golf club for those staying all day. Children under 8 must choose the "tennis only" option.

Dates	Full week – tennis (9am-12 noon) Golf (1-3pm) including lunch		Daily cost – full day	Daily cost – ½ day
Week 1: (5 days) Mon 26 th -Fri 30 th June Tennis & golf week	Tennis Only \$187	Golf \$121	\$83 Includes lunch	\$44
<u>Tennis Only Camp</u>				
Week 2: (5 days) Mon 3 rd -Fri 7 th July	Full Week – all day \$242	Full week – ½ day \$187	Daily cost – full day \$55	Daily cost – ½ day \$44

Camps will be on rain, hail or shine

9:00am – 3:00pm for 8+ 9:00am - 12:00noon for 5-7 year olds

- Improve your tennis/golf game
- Loads of fun games with tennis/golf
- A tournament/point play session is held every day after lunch.
- **Lunches (sandwiches) are provided, fresh each day for those staying all day**

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle something for morning tea and a racquet if you have one. Racquets can be borrowed free of charge. **Contact 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au**

1. Childs name..... Age..... Whole/Half Days
2. Childs name..... Age..... Whole/Half Days
3. Childs name..... Age..... Whole/Half Days

Mobile Phone:email:.....

(Private school Holidays) Week 26th – 30th June Days: M T W T F

Week...3rd - 7th July..... Days: Tennis Only M T W T F

CAMP WALLABY IS COMING TO TAS

Camp Wallaby is excited to announce their first rugby camp in Armidale during the school holidays 10-12 July with current Wallaby Lock, **Will Skelton** to attend!

This is a chance for boys & girls aged 5-14 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 (5-14 years) as well as a residential option (10-14 years) with players staying in the school's boarding facilities, so they can live and breath rugby.

Camp Wallaby Armidale

Date: 10-12 July

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Location: The Armidale School – Wake Field

Address: 87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW, 2350

Day Option (5-14 years): \$250

Residential Option (10-14 years) : \$350

REGISTER HERE:

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

For further information about the camp please contact Andrew

Mobile: 0407 860 650

Email: andrew@campwallaby.com.au





CAMP WALLABY ARMIDALE

Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby

- Wallabies participate in Q&A and autograph sessions
- 3 day camp filled with great rugby skills and drills
- For boys and girls aged 5-14 years old
- All coaches are ARU accredited

Players can join us just during the day or stay overnight, giving them the chance to live and breath rugby!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PROGRAM STREAMS

- **Beginner:** for all age groups aimed at developing fundamental rugby skills and a passion for the game.
- **Advanced:** tackling, clear-out and set piece strategies for Under 10s - Under 14s with rugby experience and representative aspirations.



Both programs include fun games and time out to train with and meet the Wallabies.

Venue: The Armidale School
87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW 2350

Duration: 3-days
Date: 10-12 July 2017

Day Option	Residential Option
Drop off at 9am and pick up at 3pm each day. Lunch will be provided.	Drop off – 10 July at 9am and pick up 3pm – 12 July. 2 nights' accommodation and food (BYO linen).
Early Bird price \$225 (ends 28 May)	Early Bird price \$315 (ends 28 May)
Price \$250	Price \$350

Register online: www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps

Contact us: info@campwallaby.com.au • 0407 860 650 • 0407 023 949



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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