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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 30 August, 2017 Term 3 Week 7

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Da Vinci Decathlon and the Science and Engineering Challenge

I wrote last week from the opening morning of the three day Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon hosted at TAS and I am pleased to report that this fifth event was another great success. The opportunity to present this serious intellectual and teamwork challenge is a great privilege for TAS and the keen support that it has attracted from schools as far away as Dubbo highlights the appetite of students for testing themselves across the wide array of fields of endeavour that the decathlon covers.

I offer our considerable thanks and congratulations to Catherine Boydell whose initiative instigated the Northern NSW event and who has led it for the past five years.

'The Donald'

Congratulations to Year 10 student Michael Harrell for his pottery sculpture of Donald Trump which was selected as one of just 46 finalists from 675 entries in a high profile Sydney art competition that attracted works from professional artists across Australia and overseas. Michael began the work at the suggestion of Rick Hatch on the night of the U.S. election and, after six months in the making, it was serendipitous that the competition aligned with his completion of it. Michael has been studying pottery with Rick and Suzanne Hatch at TAS since Junior School and it is wonderful to see his work progress to this level and be recognised in the wider art world.



P&F Trivia Night

The P&F team put on a great show in organising the music and movies trivia night last Saturday and I congratulate them on making it such a success. Our attention at TAS is, quite rightly, on our students and presenting events that focus on them, but Saturday night highlighted that we are a social community too and that parents love the chance to have some fun together as much as their children do. Margie Roberts has reported on the evening in TAS Talks this week on behalf of the P&F and I am sure that reading it will inspire those who couldn't make it on Saturday to be all the keener to get to the next event.

Macquarie Marketing Group Survey

Thank you to all who have taken the time to complete the school satisfaction survey over the past fortnight and, in so doing, contributed to the future of the School. The response rate amongst parents, staff and students alike has been hugely encouraging and reflects the genuine interest our community has in wanting the very best for our school.

For those who may not have had the chance to complete the survey, we have decided to extend the closing date to the end of this week. I hope that opportunity to be a part of this big project will be taken up by any who have not yet been able to.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7

Wednesday 30 August	Passing Out Parade Practice
Thursday 31 August	NAIDOC Assembly NAIDOC Dinner (6pm-7.30pm)
Friday 1 September	Activities Day 5
Saturday 2 September	TAS v Downlands (at TAS) Grafton Night Paddle
Sunday 3 September	Rugby Dinner at Wicklow Hotel

Week 8

Monday 4 September	Passing Out Parade Practice Winter Group Photos
Tuesday 5 September	SS Public Speaking (No Assembly) Passing Out Parade Practice Fiji Meeting (6.30pm) Hockey Presentation Dinner (Hoskins)
Wednesday 6 September	NCIS Netball/Tennis (Grafton) MS Inter-house Public Speaking Passing Out Parade Practice (No sport) P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 7 September	Passing Out Parade Practice Year 5 PYP Exhibition
Friday 8 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Passing Out Parade (2pm) OAs v TAS Debate (Hoskins) Cadet Dining In Night
Saturday 9 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Bell Tower Society Brunch (10am) Rugby, Rugby 7s, Netball v Scots PGC & TACAPS
Sunday 10 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Old Armidaliens' Chapel Service (9.30am) OAU AGM (11.15am)



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**The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer Cadets,
LT (AAC) Angus Murray**

request the pleasure of your company
at

**The Annual Ceremonial
Passing Out Parade of
The Cadet Unit**

on Adamsfield

**Friday 8 September, 2017
at 2.00pm**

Reviewing Officer

**LTCOL (retired) James McTavish,
CSC, ESM**

Military personnel are invited to meet
in the Archdall Room at 1.30pm
Dress: Service Dress with medals

**followed by Afternoon Tea
in Big School**

P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

MUSIC AND MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT

Parents getting together just to have fun and socialise is a wonderful aspect of TAS life and we thank all of you who joined us for being so fabulous and getting into the spirit of the night. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers – although I think we were having too much fun to even notice who they were! As we wrap up this great event I would like to give special thanks to Margie Roberts for organising the entire night (she even wrote the report below!!)

Saturday night saw the TAS gym transformed into a wonderful party venue with fantastic lighting and decorations inspired by the movie and music theme. The crowd joined in the fun by dressing with enthusiasm and style, rock stars, icons from stage and screen and super heroes were in abundance. The Trivia was challenging, and singing, skits and musical riffs were also enjoyed. There was even time for dancing to funky DJ, Matt Meehan.

Thank you to all involved but especially my greatest helper Millie Graham who can do anything, the decorating and lighting team, Maree Puxty and Terry Bohlsen for writing some challenging rounds and marking, the music maestros, Andrew Close (the MC) and all the people who read the trivia rounds, sang substitutes and entertained us and the community service students who tried hard to keep the audience on the straight and narrow.

Also a very special thank you to those who donated to the wonderful raffle we ran on the night, Fiona and John Nash, Jo Neilson and Glen and Lisa Johnstone from Warren. Your generosity is so appreciated.

Margie Roberts (on behalf of the P&F executive and team).



RUGBY HOME GAME THIS WEEKEND

We have a home rugby fixture this Saturday 2 September. We're playing against Downlands College. 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. Set up will be from 8am on Backfield and we will wrap up at about 1pm.

NEXT P&F MEETING – TAS@DUSK

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7pm in The Lower Maxwell Room. This meeting starts the big push to organise TAS@Dusk and we would love to see Liaison Parents and anyone else interested in helping come along.

For the Plant Stall we urgently need

- 10 cm pots for potting tomatoes and herbs – please deliver to the TAS garden shed behind the tennis courts. Leave at gate if unattended.
- Parents to re-pot and prepare any plants that may be suitable for sale in November (weather permitting)
- A new convener or team for the Plant Stall for 2018 – Suzie Wright has been amazing but this will be her last TAS@Dusk and we'd love to show a new person the ropes before she leaves.

If you'd like to know more please contact either myself on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or Suzie on suziejwright@bigpond.com



CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

Have you ever lied to yourself?

1 John 1

Today we continue in our series inspired by The National Geographic article entitled; 'Why We Lie?'

Have you ever told such a comprehensive pork pie, such an elaborate story, sewn a web of deceit that in the end you even start to believe it? Like the muddled aged, average at best, past 'sportsman', AKA nearly every male TAS member of staff, whose distorted memory of his own exploits is so carved in his mind as glorious he has forgotten reality, this is encapsulated in the famous saying; "the older I am, the faster I was." We can be very easily deceived by ourselves.

Some the world's most famous thinkers agree:

"Lying to ourselves is more deeply ingrained than lying to others." *Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

"Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are our own fears." *Rudyard Kipling, The Collected Works*

"The visionary lies to himself, the liar only to others." *Friedrich Nietzsche*

"The best lies about me are the ones I told." *Patrick Rothfuss, The Name of the Wind*

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true." *Søren Kierkegaard*

According to the reading, the truth is we all sin. Now, we might debate this, you might, for instance think, "I'm not so bad... I don't do this or that" and it's all about comparisons with others. However, the Biblical definition of sin has less to do with comparisons and doing things that might be considered naughty or nice, as you may have when thinking of Santa. Rather it's far more about whether or not we have done what Jesus described as the summary of all of God's laws – have we loved God with all our being, and have we loved the people around us as much as I love myself? You see it's about relationships, not so much a list of achievements or demerits. The thing is, none of us perfectly love – not those around us, let alone God, thus, we all sin. As long as we say we don't sin, or put another way – "I'm not such a bad person – God will be happy with me," we make God out to be a liar. The great irony being, that we are lying to ourselves. Let's be honest, with ourselves and with God, let us seek His solution, and find forgiveness.



CONFIRMATION: Any students interested in Confirmation please contact me as soon as possible. Mr Richard Newton

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

Tutoring

Please note: There will be no English tutoring next week (Week 8 - 6 Sept) All other tutoring sessions will be held.

Year 11 End of Course Exams

Year 11 exams will be held in Week 9 (11 - 15 September)
The exam timetable has been sent to students and parents.



DAY	SUBJECT	TIME	VENUE
Monday	Biology (Year 12)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Chemistry (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Tuesday	2U Mathematics (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics & Science Year 9&10	7-8pm	Cash Building
	2U Mathematics (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Wednesday	Chemistry (Year 11)	8-9pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
	English (Year 11)	8-9pm	F1-2
Thursday	English (Year 12)	7-8pm	F1-2
	Mathematics General (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics General (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building

ACADEMIC

da Vinci Decathlon

Congratulations to all students who took part in the 2017 Northern NSW Regional da Vinci Decathlon held at TAS last week. All students put in a great effort working as a team through the extremely difficult ten challenges. Results from the event are Year 5 – 1st, Armidale City Public, 2nd Carinya Christian School, 3rd Ben Venue PS; Year 6 – 1st Armidale City Public, 2nd PLC Armidale, 3rd Ben Venue PS; Year 7 – 1st PLC Armidale, 2nd Carinya Christian School, 3rd Glen Innes High School; Year 8 - 1st PLC Armidale, 2nd Carinya Christian School, 3rd Armidale High School; Year 9 – 1st Armidale High, 2nd Bishop Druitt College, 3rd The Armidale School; Year 10 - 1st O'Connor Catholic College, 2nd PLC Armidale, 3rd Carinya Christian School. Congratulations to all our TAS students who were wonderful hosts over the three days. Da Vinci will be held again next year for Years 5-10, August 22, 23 and 24.

Ms Catherine Boydell



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Cadets: Activities Day 5 (1 September)

Activities Day 5 will be held on 1 September, Friday of Week 7. The process began with an activity briefing during Period 3 on Tuesday 29 August.

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 & 2 Platoons – 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.

3 Platoon – Echidna Gully & Trek/Navigation.

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. Cadets should ensure that they bring their issued cadet jumper in addition to equipment mentioned in the activity briefing.

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: 1 & 2 Platoons only

Dress during the kayak touring 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.

Required equipment includes:

Back Pack (issued)

Compass*	Hootchie (issued)
Spray jacket* / raincoat*	10m hutchie cord/rope*
Kidney Cup*	Pegs x 8*
KFS set*	Ground sheet (issued)
Water bottles x 2 (issued)	Sleeping bag* & Mat*
Towel (small)	Olive Green thermal
undershirt	Notepad (in plastic bag)*
Jumper Camo (issued)	Torch + spare batteries*
Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)	
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*

LT (AAC) Angus Murray

Commanding Officer Cadets



TAS Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 5

Friday 1 September 2017

Travel

Depart Friday 1 September

- 6:30am Brown Street.
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am.
Return
- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 4.00pm

Staff

Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984; Mr M Ball, Mrs G Chick

Organisation

Friday 1/9

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am. Unpack bus.

- 9.30 am – 10.30 am Beach Session 1
- 10:30am – 12:00pm Beach Session 2
- 12.00pm-1:00pm Beach Session
- 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell
- 4.00pm Arrive Armidale

Requirements

Swimmers, goggles. Pens, Manual and Workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes.

Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

Dress

To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

Meals

Breakfast: Cereal/toast Spreads atTAS

Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit, water

Mr Jim Pennington

RFS

Students in RFS activities this week will be conducting a Hazard Reduction burn in the Lyndhurst area. The burn will consist of around 150ha of predominantly Grassland with some forested areas.

Students are to meet at the TAS Q-Store at 06:30 sharp for departure to the fireground. With an expected return of around 18:00 - although this may be later dependant on the progress of the burn.

With an unknown return time a barbecue dinner will be provided for all students at the Armidale Fire Control Centre on return.

If you would like further Information, please contact Mr Bevan Michel on 0411 051 489. On the day of the burn, mobile coverage will be limited, messages can be forwarded via the Armidale Fire Control Centre by calling 6771 2400.

Mr Bevan Michel



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

A message to Year 12 - Your Legacy

When you invest so much time in a single purpose, it is often hard to refocus once you have achieved your goal and even harder if you don't. To pick yourself up and continue the journey takes character.

For Year 12 students, this singular focus may have started at the beginning of your season, your year or your schooling. You are now being tested by final exams, grand finals and encore performances. When you have given so much of yourself to your school, are you able to rest on your laurels?

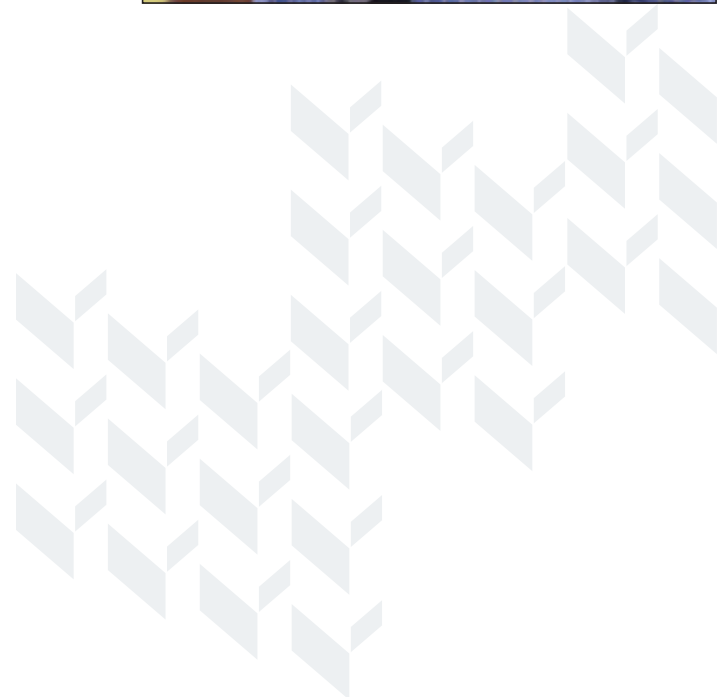
Perhaps the following story might guide you in your final weeks.....

As a builder Sam was held in the highest regard. After 50 years in the game he was without equal. Every house he built was completed to the highest standard of workmanship. Sam was proud of his work and loved seeing the joy on the faces of the homeowners when they arrived at their new house. Every angle was precise, every joint seamless. No detail was overlooked.

For years people asked Sam when he was going to hang up his tool belt. However, passion, commitment and love for his work kept him going. Finally, at the ripe old age of 70, Sam agreed to retire. He approached his boss and said: "Kate, I've decided to hang up my tool belt. My wife and I have planned a trip around Australia and it is time for me to go." Kate reluctantly accepted Sam's resignation but asked if he would build one last house. Sam hesitated. However, Kate was insistent and eventually Sam agreed.

He poured the slab. It wasn't quite level but nobody would notice. He constructed the frame. The angles were slightly out; nothing that the walls wouldn't hide. He lined the roof, well, almost, he ran out of insulation with 30cm to go. A short cut here, a patch up there; nothing major. Nothing you or I would notice. Finally, Sam was finished. He closed the door, went home and began packing for his trip.

Meanwhile Kate inspected Sam's work. She rang Sam and asked him if he would mind showing her around the house. Sam protested. "Sorry Kate, I am finished" he said. "It will only take a moment" said Kate. So, Sam begrudgingly drove over to the house to meet Kate.



Kate was waiting at the gate. She had a small box in her hand; the size of a match box, wrapped in gold paper with a navy-blue ribbon. She handed it to Sam. Curious, Sam opened the box. Inside was a key; the key to the house. He looked up at Kate. "Its yours" said Kate. "The house is for you. You have given me 50 years of your life. This is your reward; your legacy.

Dear Year 12, Whilst you have accomplished so much during your time at TAS, this is merely a fork in the road. Will you look back with pride on all the things you have done and, more importantly, the manner in which you did them? As you continue on your way you will be measured less by what you have achieved and more by who you are. Stay true to yourself, always.

Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Ashini Ekanayake and Nicholas Bohlsen who represented TAS at the Rotary Public Speaking Competition. Whilst neither were selected to progress to the next round they were wonderful ambassadors for the School and are richer for the experience.

The art of persuasive language; to influence, to lead, to share something of yourself, is a valuable life skill. Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the inter-house public speaking will be held. There will be one speaker per house in both Middle and Senior School. Best wishes to all students representing their House.



Ashini Ekanayake and Nicholas Bohlsen represented TAS in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Sporting Semis

Many TAS Hockey, Football and Netball teams will compete in semi-finals this weekend. I would encourage students who have completed their season to get out and cheer on these teams. I know your support is greatly appreciated and is often the difference on the day.

Best wishes also to those students competing in the Goondiwindi Prize Shoot on Sunday, some of whom will be backing up after games on Saturday.

Mr Will Caldwell

Hockey New England Semi Final Series - Start This Week

The 2017 honey season has proven to be successful for the TAS Hockey Club. We entered the most teams ever and many of this teams have now successfully made it to the Semi Finals series.

Friday 1 Sept

Under 11's play normal round

Under 13's TAS 1 play minor semi at 5:00pm

Under 16's TAS 2 play Under 16's TAS 3 at 6:00pm

Saturday 2 Sept

Under 16's Girls play minor semi at 10:15am

3 Division Women play minor semi at 3:15pm

Sunday 3 Sept

TAS C Blue play major semi at 10:45am

TAS B Play minor semi at 12:15pm

All support would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Michael and Mrs Tania Ball
MICs Hockey

WINTER PHOTOS- Dress Requirements

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September 2017

CADETS: Anzac Guard: Olive Guard with hat and clean boots
Officers & NCO's: DPCU, no hat, clean boots

RUGBY: Full rugby uniform including boots

FOOTBALL: Full soccer uniform including boots

HOCKEY: Full hockey uniform including boots

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: Full FORMAL School Uniform

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos
- Only TAS sports uniform-no other brands or labels
- No 'Skins' are to be worn under sports uniforms for photographs
- Please ensure school shoes are clean and polished



PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2017

Monday 4 September

DAY	TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
Monday 4.9.17	10:20 AM	Equestrian Team	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	10:25 AM	Senior Debating / Public Speaking	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	11:20 AM	Chess 1st IV	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	11:25 AM	SRC	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:00 PM	Hockey: 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:10 PM	Netball TAS 1	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:15 PM	MS/SS Cross Country NCIS & CIS	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:25 PM	JS/MS/SS -GPS/CIS Representatives	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:30 PM	Tennis 1st IV	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:35 PM	MS/SS Athletics: GPS Team	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:40 PM	NSW All Schools Triathlon Reps	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:45 PM	Shooting: 1st VIII	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	1:55 PM	Shooting: 2nd VIII	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	2:00 PM	Swimming: MS & SS Age Champions	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	2:05 PM	Triathlon Team	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	3:35 PM	TAS Big Band	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	3:40 PM	TAS Snr Jazz	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	3:45 PM	TAS Singers	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	3:50 PM	TAS Camerata	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	3:55 PM	TAS Cantique	Memorial Hall
Monday 4.9.17	4:05 PM	TAS Pipes & Drums	Memorial Hall

PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2017

Tuesday 5 September

Tuesday 5.9.17	7:00 AM	Abbott House	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:15 AM	Abbott House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:20 AM	Croft House	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:30 AM	Croft House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:35 AM	Tyrrell House	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:50 AM	Tyrrell House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	7:55 AM	Middle School Boarding	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	8:10 AM	Year 12	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	8:25 AM	Dangar House	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	8:50 AM	Junior School	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	9:20 AM	JS Athletics: PSSA & NCIS Team	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	9:30 AM	Cross Country: PSSA Team	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	9:40 AM	Junior School Athletics Champions	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	9:50 AM	Junior School Swimming Champions	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	10:00 AM	TAS Trebles	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	10:05 AM	FanTASTics	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	10:15 AM	Descendants of Old Boys	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	11:20 AM	Anzac Day Guard	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	11:30 AM	Cadets: Officers & NCOs	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	12:25 PM	Middle School	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	12:55 PM	MS Debating	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:00 PM	MS Monitors	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:10 PM	Prefects	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:20 PM	Co-Curricular Captains	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:30 PM	Football: 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:40 PM	House Captains & Vice Captains	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	1:50 PM	Rugby: 1st XV	Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5.9.17	2:00 PM	Rugby: 2nd XV	Memorial Hall

MUSIC MATTERS

Congratulations to our Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music students who performed a selection of their pieces from their HSC performance programs over two nights for Final Note. The performances were of a very high standard and was a vital part of their preparation for their upcoming HSC performance exams in Week 9. I am sure everyone would agree that the HSC Music showcase was amazing. Congratulations to our TAS HSC Music students, for your polished and entertaining performances.

With the HSC performance examinations coming up in Week 9, the event last night was a fantastic performance opportunity for our Year 12 Music students. Special thank you to our HSC accompanists: Mr Warwick Dunham (Piano), Mrs Deidre Rickards (Piano), Mrs Bekk Baumgartner (Voice), Mr Will Smidt (Voice), Mr Matt Nolan (Guitar), Mr Denis Arakaki (Guitar), Mrs Joanna Fairs-Wu (Violin), Ms Laura Curotta (Viola), Mr Robert Jackson (Cello), Ms Wendy Griffiths (Double Bass), Ms Arlene Fletcher (Double Bass) and Mr David Van Tongeren (Drums). We would like to thank our student accompanists: Imogen Gifford (Violin), Ziggy Harris (Violin), Dominique Holley (Violin), Emily Hempel (Viola), Disa Smart (Cello). We'd also like to thank our student accompanists from PLC - Jessica Hughes (Violin), Sophia Mackson (Viola) and Sarah Miron (Organ Registrant).

Lastly, it is hard to believe that these wonderful students will be leaving TAS soon, their presence in the Music Centre will be sorely missed!

The TAS Music Department team wishes all of them the best in the upcoming exams. Best wishes to our Year 12 students: Kaliya Alldridge, Madison Alldridge, Jacqueline Barrett, Jonathon Chamberlain, Reuben Charley-Briggs, Matthew Giakoumi, Imogen Gifford, Kobi Hall, Ziggy Harris, James Hartog-Smith, Daniel Jackson, Dominick Jackson, Sebastian Scott and Samuel Thatcher.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



Jonathon Chamberlain and Daniel Jackson



Reuben Charley-Briggs



Madison Alldridge



Samuel Thatcher

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Cold and Flu in Armidale – No Assembly Wednesday August 30

It seems as though the whole of Armidale has been suffering terribly with the ravages of cold and flu this winter. There has been significant numbers of staff and students suffering in recent weeks and this has particularly been the case in Junior School. This week has been especially challenging and I am therefore very grateful that we have had the support and assistance from a number of staff from other departments of the school and several casual teachers. Given the dislocation caused, the decision has been made to cancel this week's Gymnastics Assembly which was to be held in the Sports Centre, as the number of children and staff absent for the last two weeks has prevented adequate preparation. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Friday 1 September – Book Week Activities Day and Fathers' Day Sausage Sizzle

Considering the above circumstances, we have decided to proceed with our plans for this Friday's Activities Day, with some modifications. Friday 1 September will be dedicated to holding our Book Week Parade with the theme 'Escape to Everywhere'.

Students are encouraged to come along dressed as their favourite book character and we will hold a book parade from 10:15am under the Covered Area in Junior School. Anyone unable to dress up may wear their sports uniform. A Fathers' Day Sausage Sizzle will be held at lunchtime (12:25 – 1:15 pm) and this will coincide with fun activities including the Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off'. As tradition has it, we will also conduct a Tug of War against the Dads and other Meaningful Males that are able to make it for lunch on the day. We hope that we will again draw a large crowd to see who will win the crown this year.....



MMG Survey – Extension to Friday 1 September

This important survey is now in its last days, the deadline for its completion having been extended to this Friday. The information from the survey is vital for providing the information that guides the School in its Strategic Planning for the future. As such, we ask that everyone take the time to carefully complete the survey before Friday to ensure the data is valid and gives a full picture of parental feedback. Everyone will have received a family specific login and password and if you have any questions please contact the school. We greatly appreciate the time and effort already given by those who have completed the survey and encourage others to do so by the end of the week.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Aamer Alazizi, Levi Broadfoot and Sinclair Little who are all celebrating birthdays this week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest brochure from Scholastic (no. 6) has now been distributed to Junior School classrooms. Orders from this catalogue should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by Friday, 8 September. Please follow the instructions on the order page in the brochure, or follow the prompts on the LOOP 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. Please note that cash is not accepted. Should you need any assistance, please contact me on nramazan@as.edu.au.

Scholastic encourages parents to register for LOOP, their online ordering system, as this gives you the opportunity to earn bonus books with your book club order for the remainder of the school year. Register at www.mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx

Mrs Natalie Ramazani

Looking Ahead

Week 7 School Spirit – Persistence

Friday 1 September	No Assembly Activities Day No. 5 Father's Day Sausage Sizzle 12.25 - 1.15pm Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off day
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Week 8 School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 6 September	Assembly 2.45pm Hoskins Centre - Kindergarten
Thursday 7 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 6pm
Friday 8 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 9 –11am

Week 9 School Spirit – Co-Operation

Wednesday 13 September	Assembly – Transition (Including Dance Club performance)
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Week 10 School Spirit - Resilience

Tuesday 19 September	Parent Teacher Interviews (Details TBA)
Wednesday 20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews (Details TBA)

PYP PROGRAMME, MRS VERONICA WATERS

Year 3 have just complete a Unit of Inquiry (UOI) based on ideas explored in the transdisciplinary descriptor 'How we Express Ourselves'.

The central idea for this unit was 'People tell stories, express themselves and entertain through performance.'

The students were given opportunities to explore what makes a performance and explored some common examples of performances, focusing mainly on some varied forms of puppetry.

They were involved in class discussions about the various reasons people perform and what some of the emotions, feelings and reactions to performances may be from both the perspective of the performer and the audience.

Time was spent investigating what makes a performance successful, which formed the basis for a list of five key criteria that informed the students' planning, reflection and evaluation of their own performances conducted at the Week 5 Year 2 Junior School Assembly.

The unit was transdisciplinary with elements of Science being explored, namely light, English as scripts were planned, drafted, published and performed and French. As part of French, students performed the rhyme 'Le Petit Marionette' with Madame Perrin-Baker. They also performed a selection of Gyre & Gimble paper puppet movements, requiring three students per puppet; sock puppet monologues 'How I became odd'; shadow puppet animals; and a presentation of some modern interpretations of Indonesian Weyang Puppetry, made by the students.

Mr Alex Portell and Mrs Veronica Waters (PYPC)



William Cooper-Filios inspired by the Year 2 Puppetry Performance decided to make each one of his Kindergarten classmates a Killer Whale puppet.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

NCIS Athletics

Once again a huge congratulations to all our competitors for their efforts in the recent NCIS Athletics carnival in Coffs Harbour. Well done to the following children who made it through to CIS in their event.

Max Rogers – Boys 200m and 800m

Mohammed Almokhtar – Boys 8 yrs 100m

Sam Ford – Boys 8 yrs 100m

Charlie Ward – Junior Girls Discus

Caleb Baumgartner – 11 yrs Boys Shot

Hanna Shield – Swimming Carnival – Tuesday, 22 August

Congratulations to all those who participated in the annual Hanna Shield last week.



Jump Rope for Heart – Friday, 1 September

We were very fortunate to have a team from Grafton at TAS last Thursday morning to demonstrate some skipping skills for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. The team of school children from Grafton dazzled us with their skipping skills and encouraged us to continue to work on our skipping skills. So, remember to keep skipping and working hard to raise as much money as possible ready for this Friday's Jump Rope for Heart Skip Off!

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>

Armidale Park Run – Saturday 9 September

Year 3 would love to invite anyone interested in joining us at the Armidale Park Run on Saturday, 9 September. This particular park run is a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer and we would love to support this for our friend Lucy Holland.

Children Under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Please get your friends together and join us for this great cause.

It is free to register at: www.parkrun.com.au/register

Please see flyer below.

Summer sports choices

Please see the summer sports choices below for consideration this week.

General Information about Summer Sports (available to Junior School students for Summer 2017/2018)

Junior School students will be choosing their summer sport this week. With this in mind, a description of the various options appears below.

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in one summer sport in Terms 4 and Term 1, 2018. Students in Year 2 and below do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. If students in Year 2 or below do participate they will commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the duration of that season. Training times and sessions vary depending on the chosen sport.

Description of Sports

Cricket:

To make cricket enjoyable and fun, different age groups play according to different rules. All games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration and insurance fees apply. See separate cricket groups for costings.

The different competitions are:

Milo In 2 Cricket/'Kanga' for U6s:

'Milo In 2 Cricket' (skills development) will be conducted up until Christmas. This will be played on TAS Cricket Oval between 9:15am and 10:15am. It will mainly be for 5 and 6 year olds with the option of 7 year olds playing if they wish. Term 4 is usually working on skills and Term 1, 2018 will be starting games. Kanga Cricket is played between two teams on two adjacent 'fields' (still on TAS Cricket Oval) so that both innings go on at the same time. Games start at 9:00am and finish around 10:30am. Teams consist of 12 players (24 over game). At any one time there should be 2 batting on Field 1, 8 fielding on Field 2 and 2 preparing to bat. Players bat in pairs for 4 overs. Children turning 7 and 8 years of age are encouraged to play U9s cricket, rather than Kanga, if they have the desire and ability. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

'Average Cricket' for U9s:

(players must be under 9 on 1 September 2017) Teams consist of 8 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 11:10am (2 hour games). Each team faces 16 overs. The team's score is determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost, plus one. The higher average score wins the match. Each player must bowl two overs. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

'One-day matches' for U11s:

(players must be under 10 or under 11 on 1 September 2017) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. The first innings is limited to 25 six-ball overs per team. No more than 50 overs shall be bowled in a match. Each player must bowl a minimum of two overs with a maximum of three overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 20. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

'Two-day matches' for 12s:

(players must be under 12 on 1 September 2017) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. A team's innings consists of 50 overs, with each team batting and bowling for 25 overs on each of the two days. Each player must bowl a minimum of one over with a maximum of four overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 50. Trainings will be Monday and Wednesdays. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

Swimming: This is not for beginners.

In choosing this sport, children should be able to competently swim at least two laps of the TAS pool (preferably in all four strokes). (Parents wanting 'Learn to Swim' lessons for their children are encouraged to contact the TAS Sports Centre on 6776 5866, to arrange lessons). All swimmers will train in the TAS pool on Thursdays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. The instructor concentrates on stroke correction and improving fitness. Additionally, students are expected to join the TAS based 'Alligators Swim Club' (approx. \$75 for the season) which holds Club nights every Wednesday night at the TAS pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. These are not only good opportunities to improve fitness and speed but are good social occasions as well. Costs will be \$10 per week and the Alligators membership.

Gymnastics: K-3

Held at the Armidale Gymnasium. The sessions will be on Mondays from 3:50 – 4:50pm run by qualified Level 1 coaches provided by Armidale Gymnastics Club. The cost is approximately \$190 for the season (Term 4 and Term 1, 2018). Children will travel by TAS minibus to and from the gym with staff members supervising all sessions and travel.

Tennis: Years K- 5

Hot Shots Tennis program.

Students will participate in the MLC Tennis Hot Shots, led by Mr Justin Sheriff. There will be two levels of the program offered. 'Hot Shots Red Ball' will be for beginners, and suited to students aged 5-8. (T-Yr 2) This will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:00pm - 4.45pm. Students in the Red stage play on a smaller court, use a larger ball, which doesn't bounce as high.

Students in Years 3 and above will participate in '3-5 Red and Orange Ball'. Training will also be held on Monday afternoons from 4:00pm - 4.45pm. The Orange stage of the program is also on a reduced court size and the ball has less compression.

These small group lessons are for four players @ \$128 for eight weeks. Each small group will have their own tennis coach for these sessions.

More information on the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program, is available at: <http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/>

Ball Skills: Transition – Year 2

This training session is for T-2 only and will be based around the ball skills required for games such as tennis, cricket, basketball and netball. Children will participate in the Monday afternoon training session at TAS.

Basketball: Years 3-5

It is anticipated that Armidale Basketball Association will run two competitions: one for combined Yr 5/6 teams and one for combined Yr 3/4 teams. Games will be held at the Armidale High School Den from 4:00pm for Years 3/4 and from 5pm for Years 5/6 on Mondays. (Times yet to be confirmed) Trainings will be on Wednesdays at TAS. Registration fees are approximately \$110 per season.

Indoor Hockey

Indoor Hockey games will occur on Friday afternoons between the hours of 4-7pm. Training sessions will occur on Monday afternoons at TAS. Costs are yet to be advised.

Note that students who move into Year 6 at TAS in 2018, will continue to play the chosen sport from Term 4, 2017.

Sport Reports

Football

Last Saturday, the team played in a must-win clash against East Armidale Green. In the first few minutes, both teams made strong runs to try and take the lead. Caleb Baumgartner made an attacking run from half way and after beating a few defenders took a shot from outside the box and scored. Tom Ball nearly extended the lead with a header but it hit the cross bar and was cleared by the defenders. Before halftime Easts managed to score a goal to level the match at 1-1 at the break.

Blair Eichorn, who was captain on the day, lead by example and scored a goal to take back the lead. Alistair Newton also got on the score board with a great goal. Hamish Lambert played brilliantly and was aided by the rest of the boys to stop any attack from Easts. The highlight of the match though was a solo run and goal by Kieran Sutton as he beat four defenders and the keeper to secure a 4-1 victory for TAS.

Mr Mike Baumgartner

Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms had a tough game on the weekend eventually losing to a strong Souths team who played good positional football. Sam had a great game at goalie, with an impressive save of a penalty shot. Hugo, Ty and Nick were once again a strong defensive lineup and Theo and Austin showed some good hassling and tackling skills. Flinders, Iles and Kyuseo were great in attack, ensuring they were in a good position to receive passes from the mid field. Thank you as always to the parents for coming out to cheer on the team!

Mrs Donella Tutt

Hockey New England Semi Final Series - Start This Week

The 2017 honey season has proven to be successful for the TAS Hockey Club. We entered the most teams ever and many of this teams have now successfully made it to the Semi Finals series.

Friday 1 Sept

Under 11's play normal round

Under 13's TAS 1 play minor semi at 5:00pm

Under 16's TAS 2 play Under 16's TAS 3 at 6:00pm

Saturday 2 Sept

Under 16's Girls play minor semi at 10:15am

3 Division Women play minor semi at 3:15pm

Sunday 3 Sept

TAS C Blue play major semi at 10:45am

TAS B Play minor semi at 12:15pm

All support would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Michael and Mrs Tania Ball

MICs Hockey

Netball

There is little more pleasing for a coach (albeit a fairly inexperienced one) to see the progress and skill development that their team has made as the season comes to an end. Saturday was testament to the dedication the children have put into their training this season. With so many of our Set players away or ill we called upon our Netters, Evelyn Junge and Marvelous Abgasale to step up and play with the 'big girls'! I remember well the first training session when these girls could barely catch a netball without it hurting their little fingers, let alone have a go at shooting into a hoop that was three times higher than their own bodies. To see them have a go on the court and help the TAS team gain a 6 - 3 victory was just FANTASTIC! Thank you also to our regular players who were able to be there. Katie Hynes and Paige Sutton continue to dominate the court and Ruyuf Almaki's defence was second to none! Well done team!



TAS Tigers VS Dk Saxons

The flu season has certainly hit our Junior School. It also impacted on our soccer game last Saturday. We had three players to play against DK Saxons. The opposition team had a number of extras. This did not dampen our spirit. Mila Nexo was sensational at tackling the ball and saving us from many goals at the last minute. George Drain was our excellent defender on the field and Layla Abu Assab was our goal shooter. It was a great game that kept us on our toes throughout. Although a close game the Tigers unfortunately lost.

Mrs Lana Hawsford

TAS Tigers Vs TAS Trucks

It was exciting to finally have a game against our class rivals the TAS Trucks. We were keen to show off some of the skills that we have developed over the season. Mila Nexo once again turned her body to come between the opposition and the ball. This was a very successful strategy. Eunseo Lee and Layla Abu Assab were strong forwards who were keen to score goals. George Drain displayed excellent tackling skills and made great choices by kicking the ball out if it was close to the opposition's goal. All tactics helped us win our game. Well done to all players.
Mrs Hawksford.

Mrs Lana Hawsford



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MICs Mr Michael Ball and Mrs Tania Ball

would like to invite you to attend the

2017 Junior Hockey Barbecue

Junior School covered area, Tuesday 12 September at 5pm

RSVP: 8 September to Tania Ball
email: tball@as.edu.au

Cost: \$5 for Steak Sandwiches
\$2 for Sausage Sandwich
BYO: Parents to bring salads and nibbles

COMMUNITY

During the September school holidays, our School Counsellor, Ms Alix Goudge, is participating in the Postie Bike Challenge. This event will see her riding a Postie Bike from Brisbane to Melbourne via White Cliffs. This is no luxurious travel; 10 days of riding a postie bike, with a top speed of 75km/hr, averaging 300km per day, daily servicing of her own bike and sleeping in a tent at night. It must be said, she had to get her motor bike licence to participate in this event and will be doing so with L plates!

Alix is using this opportunity to fulfill a personal goal of raising money for Childhood Cancer Support (CCS) which have so generously supported the Holland family with emotional support and a comfortable and safe place to stay while their daughter Lucy receives treatment in Brisbane.

Childhood Cancer Support (CCS) is a not-for-profit organisation which, for the past 40 years, has been dedicated to providing families affected by childhood cancer with a place to live that looks and feels like home. Childhood Cancer Support is a family focused charity, founded by a dedicated group of parents who realised there was an urgent need to provide a safe and family-focused environment for regional families whilst their child undergoes life-saving cancer treatment in Brisbane. Childhood Cancer Support primarily supports regional families who find it difficult to access affordable accommodation while their child is undergoing treatment. The average stay for our families is approximately a demanding and challenging 6-10 months.

As many of you will know, the Holland family are quite a large part of the School with Lucy a much loved student in Year 3, Julie in the Medical Centre and Michael the Director of Boarding.

Lucy was diagnosed in November 2016 and they have been staying in CCS units since November, 2016 and are not likely to leave until December 2017. It costs CCS \$1,000 per month to support a family, so that will be close to \$14,000 to provide accommodation and support during their stay.

We are asking the TAS community to dig deep and support the organisation who is supporting one of our own.

How to donate:

Click on the link <https://www.ccs.org.au>

In the top right hand corner click on MAKE A DONATION

Fill out your personal details

In the section which requires you to put in the amount you wish to donate there is a CONTRIBUTE TO option on the right. Click on this drop down box and click on 'The Armidale School Community'.

Upon making a donation you will receive a tax receipt from Childhood Cancer Support.

If you are interested, you can find out more about the Postie Bike Challenge here <http://www.postiebikechallenge.org>

Ms Alix Goudge
School Counsellor



SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

This event will be supported by Armidale parkrun on



**Saturday 9th September 2017 at 7:45am at
SportsUNE**



**Wear something GOLD to
show your support**

On the day there will be opportunity for
anyone wishing to make a donation to a Child
Cancer Trial through

Braver Stronger Smarter

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