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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 November, 2017 Term 4 Week 7

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Philosothon

An obviously able group of TAS students travelled to Bishop Druitt College last week to compete in the annual Northern NSW 'Philosothon' and I offer thanks to Catherine Boydell for leading the team once again and reporting on the results in TAS Talks this week. Beyond the competitive nature of the event, the rationale behind the Philosothon is that the deliberate teaching of reasoning skills in the school years enhances the development of other cognitive and academic skills and this feeds the learning process more generally. This teaching is done through the creation of a 'community of inquiry' that requires students to build on the perspectives and understandings of others as they grapple with philosophical matters in moral, metaphysical, epistemological and political fields. It is a fundamentally worthwhile pursuit and I am grateful to Bishop Druitt College and the facilitators for the invitation to take part again this year.

P&F Meeting Tonight

The final P&F meeting for 2017 will be held tonight in the Archdall Room at 7:00pm and all parents and friends of the School are warmly invited to attend. Beyond other discussions, this will be the chance to celebrate all that the P&F has been involved with this year and I am looking forward to the opportunity to offer our collective thanks to the P&F Executive and the many who have supported the efforts of the P&F across so many events. Being amongst such loyal and committed supporters of the School is a great privilege and their contributions to our wonderful community deserve to be celebrated.



Activities Week

Next week will see the culmination of our Activities program for all students from Year 6 through to Year 11 as they head into the field to put the skills they have learned through the year to the test. It is designed to challenge, but always with the expectation that every student will be prepared for the experiences and able to succeed. It is that process of setting high expectations and then preparing well to achieve them that brings real purpose to the program. The week promises to be a fitting finale to what has been a very full year of challenge at TAS in so many areas and I wish every student involved, and especially those carrying leadership responsibilities, well for a happy and successful time away.

For a good number of students the challenge will begin before they head away as they take part in the NSW Mountain Biking Championships at the University of New England over the weekend. Mountain biking has seen tremendous growth and significant success over recent years and I wish all riders well and thank Mrs Jo Benham again for her leadership and inspiration in the sport.

Gondwana Choir Representation

I am delighted to report that nine of our best vocalists from across Middle and Senior School have been selected to join the prestigious Gondwana Choirs after auditions in Armidale last week. As most will know, Gondwana Choirs is the leader in Australian choral performance and comprises the most accomplished young choral groups in the country. Auditions for selection at this elite level take place each year in capital cities and in Armidale, recognising the pride of place that our city holds in Australia's musical world. The experience ahead for those selected promises to be memorable and may even be life shaping and I congratulate each of them on the success they have achieved already.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7

Wednesday 22 November

Tri Schools Debating (NEGS)
P&F Meeting (7pm)

Week 8

Monday 27 November

Activities Week

Thursday 30 November

Seussical Jr Matinee (1.30pm)

Friday 1 December

Seussical Jr (6pm)

Saturday 2 December

Seussical Jr (6pm)

Week 9

Monday 4 December

MS/SS Carol Service
Junior School Carol Service
(2pm)

Tuesday 5 December

Cash Cup (1.30pm)

Wednesday 6 December

MS Family Luncheon &
Final Assembly
JS Speech Day

Thursday 7 December

Speech Day (9.30am)
Classes Conclude

Receptionist / Admin Assistant Middle School

The Armidale School is seeking a suitably qualified and enthusiastic person to provide reception and administrative support to the Middle School.

This position is a permanent part-time, term time only role from 8.30-3.30 weekdays to commence in Term 1, 2018.

TAS is the only regionally based co- educational GPS school in NSW and prides itself on the high quality of its academic, boarding and co-curricular programs.

Job description and application form are available at www.as.edu.au

Applications close Monday 4 December, 2017.

Applicants should be supportive of the Christian ethos of the school.



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Medical Centre

With Activities Week looming could parents of Day Students please drop medications for Cadets to the Health Centre if they need to be supervised.

Parents of students with asthma please check that your son/daughter has actually packed their puffers both Preventer & Reliever and a spacer.

Sr Jenny Murray

The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest requests the pleasure of your company at

Speech Day 2017

Thursday 7 December at 9.30am

TAS Sports Centre

Guest of Honour

Dr Tammie Matson

Zoologist and wildlife conservationist





CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

We still have a few of our famous Christmas Puddings left. These are \$25 each. Please contact Reception or go to the 'Whats On' tab on the TAS Website to order them online. At this stage it is highly likely we won't have any for sale on Speech Day so get in quick!!

WE NEED YOU!!!! NEW LIAISON PARENTS WANTED

Liaison Parents have an important role in being the 'first port of call' for people wanting to know what is going on in their year and at school. The P&F could not operate without them. So that we can hit the ground running next year and make sure all new families in 2018 feel the love and support right from day one, we would love to have all our Year Group LPs for 2018 sorted before the end of this term.

Being an LP is not an arduous job – primarily it is to be a conduit for P&F matters to parents and also to create a sense of community within your year, particularly when new families start at TAS. Some arranging of year group helpers for sports day cake stalls is also required as is finding someone (not necessarily yourself) to organise your year group stall at TAS@Dusk.

If you are interested in becoming a Year Group Liaison Parent for 2018 or would like to know more about the role please either contact myself (nicollfamily1@gmail.com) or your current Liaison Parent. You don't need to be an 'old hand' to take it on – you just need to be able to befriend your year group.

FINAL P&F MEETING FOR THE YEAR

Our final P&F meeting is on tonight Wednesday 22 November at 7pm in the Archdall Room (opposite the Dining Room doors, up the corridor past Reception). If you'd like to hear what we've been up to for the year, and share a bottle of bubbles or two to toast Christmas (albeit a bit early) and the wonderful work that everyone has done for the P&F please come along.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll

THANKS

Thanks to all of the wonderful gardeners who supported the plant stall. If you have planted out your tomatoes, roses and other goodies and are not re-using the pots could you please drop them back to the TAS garden shed. Greatly appreciated, as this is a large part of the expense of the plant stall.

Mrs Tina Skipper

CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

Aprons

As many of you are aware our family (Newtons) spent half the year in Thailand working in an orphanage for children who are HIV positive. Part of what they are trying to do at the home is to equip their young people for life after they leave the safe confines of the home. One of the areas they are providing training in is sewing - as a way of supporting what they are doing, TAS has purchased material, and the children at the home have used their skills to sew aprons - some for adults and some for children. The aprons are for collecting eggs (as pictured), both children sizes and adult sizes are available; and, we have plain adult aprons. All children's aprons are \$20, and all adult aprons are \$30.

You can purchase these aprons from TAS Reception.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Richard Newton



DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, BARNEY BUNTINE

Wellbeing and Activities

It would be common for students, and families sometimes, to question the worth of our Activities Program so perhaps it is helpful if to explain a few things here.

The main reason we have such a program is to develop the following:

- Independence
- Resilience
- Leadership (both personal and leading others)
- Discipline
- Relationships – shared experiences are so powerful

We don't put people in the bush to develop campcraft, fire fighting, swimming, mapping skills and the like; rather, we fundamentally require them to leave their comfort zone, in whatever they do. In many cases, while the skills are important, they are a bonus.

We push them to do challenging things they wouldn't otherwise do in a safe and supportive environment, sometimes with friends, sometimes not. The relationships formed through the shared experiences are very important.

We want them to feel some discomfort, to cope with this, to achieve and to feel good about this. We want them to develop layers of resilience (the ability to cope with hardship and, better still, to look for challenge and opportunity) through these experiences. We want this resilience to help them deal with the inevitable challenges of life in school and beyond. These challenges may not resemble walking up a hill or canyoning but they might prompt a 25 or 50 year old former TAS student to think, "I've felt like this before and I got through it by doing..." It might then help them manage losing a job, struggling in a relationship, boredom etc

We want them to know their character strengths and draw on these in tough moments. We want our students to feel the natural ups and downs of life through activities that they will feel in life.

So it's no surprise that students feel some trepidation when key events - like the upcoming Activities Week - loom. They know they will be challenged and so it is okay to feel some anxiety. However, we want them to approach the challenges with excitement too and we want them always to have an 'opt in' attitude than the opposite.

Importantly, the Activities Program is not the only element of life at TAS that aims for this; it complements what we strive for in academics, sport and all aspects of the co-curricular world.



ACADEMIC

Chess

Last Monday our valiant Chess team represented the north west region at the state final of the NSW Junior Chess League. Angus Cornall playing Board 1, Yannick Tursan D'Espagnet playing Board 2, Sam Jeyakumar playing Board 3 and Rowan Hey playing Board 4. The competition was very tough. Then first round against Kandos High School saw us lose three boards to one. Our next round was against a very strong team from Smith Hill High School in Wollongong who did not even allow us a look in. The final two rounds against Merewether High School in Newcastle and Koorinal High School Wagga Wagga were a little better as Angus, Sam and Rowan each had a win. This was an excellent opportunity for our team to play some challenging chess and especially when they were called in at the last minute to fill the shoes of our departing Year 12 Chess players. They deserve a hearty congratulations.



Ms Catherine Boydell

Philosothon

Congratulations to our successful Philosothon team who were placed third overall at the competition held last Thursday and Friday at Bishop Druitt College Coffs Harbour. Our philosophers were prepared well for all topics and found that as they became more and more comfortable with the community of inquiry style of discussion, they found their confidence and voice. The trick to attaining points in a Community of Inquiry is to be able to listen and move the discussion further, keeping up with the position being suggested. Points are never gained by students who dominate discussions, over-talk others, or insist that everyone must adopt their ideas which they have been presenting for five minutes. Alexander Gibson was awarded second place in the junior division - Philosopher's Philosopher. Will Almond was runner-up in the most promising Philosopher's Award, as well as being one of five other students being awarded a Spirit of Philosothon Award. Owen Chandler was awarded the first prize for Philosopher's Philosopher in the senior division. Congratulations to all three students.



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

ANNUAL CAMP 2017

General

1. Annual Camp represents the culmination of the year's training for TAS Cadets, and an important opportunity for adventure and leadership in the wilderness. Annual Camp will be conducted over the period 25 November – 1 December at Nymboida and surrounding locales. Departure and return times are shown below (note the change to Y10 departure date):

A Company (Yr 10): Assemble at TAS on Sunday 26/11/17 front of School at 12.30pm

B Company (Yr 9): Assemble at TAS on Saturday 25/11/17 front of School at 12.30pm

C Company (Yr 8): Assemble at TAS on Sunday 26/11/17 front of School at 8.00am

Q Store and Signals Platoon: Assemble at TAS on Saturday 25/11/17 front of School at 12.30pm (unless directed otherwise for specific task allocations by cadet staff).

A detailed activity briefing will be held for students on Tuesday 21 November at 10.35am.

Outline of Activities

2. Activities to be conducted include:

Annual Camp	
Activities	Trekking Canoeing & Kayaking Ropes course River crossing Radio communication Search & rescue Orienteering Abseiling Mountain Biking (A Coy) Kayak Touring (A Coy) Solo over night camp (B Coy) Duo over night camp (C Coy) Canyoning (B Coy)
Location	Nymboida via Grafton (all); Sandon via Grafton (Y10 only).
Timings: Depart TAS	Saturday 25 Nov Advance Party - Q, Radio, volunteers (departs 0800 hrs) A & B Coy departs at 1300hrs Sunday 26 Nov C Coy depart at 0800hrs
Return to TAS	Friday 1 Dec Parade: 1500 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs

Attendance

3. Annual Camp is an essential component of the school's outdoor activity program and curriculum. As such, all students are required to attend and participate.

Organisation

4. Cadets will work in platoon groups of up to thirty, guided by their cadet leaders and supervised by members of staff and Nymboida Canoe Centre guides.
5. Cadets will camp in pairs in military style hootchies with their platoon, and amenities blocks will facilitate showering and washing at Camp HQ – Nymboida Canoe Centre.
6. Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally at the Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

Dress and Equipment

7. Dress: All cadets - Camo uniform. See list below:

	School Issue	Cadet Provided
Annual Camp	<p>Webbing (see diagram below) web belt x 1 water bottles x 2 bum pack x 1 ammo pouches x 2</p> <p>Back Pack Hootchie x 1 Camo Trousers x 1 Camo Shirt x 1 Camo Bush Hat x 1* Camo Jumper x 1 Boots Bush x 1 Ground Sheet*</p> <p>*available at TAS Clothing Store</p>	<p>Sleeping bag*</p> <p>Foam ground mat (if desired)*</p> <p>Knife, fork and spoon set*</p> <p>Kidney Cup*</p> <p>Mug</p> <p>Torch*</p> <p>Thermal shirt*</p> <p>Swimmers*</p> <p>Towel (small)</p> <p>Socks x 3*</p> <p>Raincoat (poncho)*</p> <p>Toiletries (incl. sun cream, repellent)</p> <p>Change of underwear x 5</p> <p>Pegs x 8 (for hootchie)*</p> <p>Rope/Cord x 10m (for hootchie)*</p> <p>Compass*</p> <p>Notebook in plastic bag*</p> <p>Pens*</p> <p>Plastic Bag for dirty/wet clothes & waterproofing</p> <p>Long sleeve shirt x 1</p> <p>Jeans trousers x 1</p> <p>Gym shoes old (Dunlop Volleys or similar for canoeing & canyoning)</p> <p>Shorts x 2</p> <p>T Shirts x 2</p> <p>Kit Bag</p> <p>2 x Plastic Garbage Bags (for waterproofing back pack and dirty laundry)</p> <p>Basic Sewing Repair Kit</p>

N.B. 1 Pocket knives must not be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders (LCPL or ranks above) can bring their own small pocket knife.

2. An additional set of DPCU/greens will be available at camp on a one for one basis.

3. Proper footwear is mandatory for water activities – Dunlop Volleys or similar should be purchased.

All cadets are responsible for their own equipment. If clothing or equipment is outgrown or worn through normal wear and tear, it can be replaced through the School Q Store by appointment with the Quartermaster Sergeant Simon Ball. Any issued equipment that is damaged through fault of the student must be replaced at his or her own cost through the school clothing shop. The clothing shop also stocks a range of items for purchase at reasonable prices; these items are marked on the list above with an asterisk.

It is the responsibility of the individual student to return issued cadet equipment upon their finalisation of the TAS Cadet Program. Cadet equipment is issued to students on a loan arrangement, and if not returned when cadets finish at the conclusion of Year 10, a charge will be levied to account for costs. Equipment being returned must be personally signed off by the Quartermaster SGT Simon Ball, and not left unaccompanied at Q Store.

What not to Take

8. Cadets are **not to bring** the following:

- **Aerosol Cans**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Matches/Lighters (except leaders)**
- **Other Electronic items (i.e Ipods, laptop, etc)**
- **Anything valuable (cash is not required).**
- **Lollies or soft drink**

Medical

9. First Aid Kits will be carried by each section and trained staff will have access to more sophisticated medical kits. Serious cases of injury or illness will be evacuated to Grafton.

10. Sister Murray will be attending Annual Camp again this year and will provide the valuable medical support that she has in past years. Please be sure to notify Sister Murray of any medical problems or medications that are not already known to the School.

Other

11. **Discipline:** Normal School discipline policy applies, particularly with respect to contraband and behaviour.

12. **Haircut:** Students are to ensure they parade with appropriately kept hair. Boys' hair must be above the collar and ears, and cropped on top and fringe. Girls' hair should be tied back and away from the face. This will significantly aid hygiene in the field. Please note, this is a requirement of the Australian Army Cadets and is a school expectation.

13. **Jewellery:** Cadets will be operating in a bush environment. Girls should not bring jewellery of any sort. Earrings or necklaces are not permitted as they pose a safety risk when removing packs or webbing.

14. **Laundry at Annual Camp:** Laundry tubs are available at Camp. Cadets are expected to wash their own clothing where necessary.

15. **Weather:** November is usually hot and humid. Cadets must be prepared for this and carry an adequate supply of sun cream and insect repellent. Spring thunderstorms are also prevalent and cadets should bring an army style rain coat or can purchase a poncho from the TAS Clothing Store.

Meals and Water

16. All cadets must carry 2 L of town or purified water and maintain a high daily fluid intake.

17. Food will be supplied via School catering and commercially purchased cadet ration packs. Please note:

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child's best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.

Conclusion

18. This document is designed to give parents and students early warning, in order to provide time for planning and preparation for Annual Camp. Further details will be issued to cadets during briefings prior to each event, and any enquiries should be directed to CO Cadets, Lieutenant Angus Murray, Platoon Commanders or the Quartermaster, Sergeant Simon Ball.

Angus Murray

Lieutenant (AAC)

Commanding Officer

Rangers - Year 7

Year 7 will be heading to Camp Cooby for activities week. With the long distance to travel, we kindly ask that students be at school by 6.15am on Monday 27 November. This means that students get to spend more time at Camp on activities, making the most out of their week. We will return by 3.30pm on the Friday, so students can make their way home as usual.

For students who live Guyra way, we can arrange for a pick up in Guyra at around 6.50am - please email me at rharriso@as.edu.au if you would like your son/daughter to catch the bus in Guyra on the way to Camp. More information will go out in next weeks TAS Talks with regards to what students need to pack.

Ms Rachel Harrison

OIC Rangers

SURF LIFE

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:00	Depart TAS (be at school by 6am)	Run/Swim with Club	Run/Swim with Club	Run/Swim with Club	EXAMINATION 6:30AM
7:00-7:30		Breakfast Clean Showers, Sleeping Area, Prepare Patrol	Breakfast Clean Showers, Sleeping Area, Prepare Patrol	Breakfast Clean Showers, Sleeping Area, Prepare Patrol	Run/Swim/Run (timed)
7:30-8:00	TRAVEL TIME (~2.5hrs)				Board/TubeRescues and Scenarios w
8:00-8:30					Showers, Sleeping Area, Verandah, Vacuum Pack trailer- ALL
9:00-11:00	WELCOME BY CLUB (~10am start) SIGNALS	SWIM/BOARD TUBE IRB AWARENESS RADIO/SIGNALS SCENARIOS	JETTY/BOARDS/RESC UES	SWIM/SIGNALS/CARR IES RESCUES/SCENARIOS/ FIRST AID ALL ON THE BEACH 3 HOURS	
11:00-11:30	SWIM/BOARD TUBEBOARD/CARRIE S				
11:30-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Depart Sawtell ~11:30 Arrive TAS ~2:30pm
1:00-2:00	FIRST AID	LOCAL BEACHES TOUR Coffs,	FIRST AID DEFIB/OXYGEN	FIRST AID 2-3PM QUESTION TIME	
2:00-4:00					
4:00-5:00		Downtime			
5:30-6:30	Girlfit	Girlfit (4:15- 5:15pm)	Girlfit	Water Tower Sprints Fish'n'Chips	Dismiss @3:15pm
7:30	BBQ Steak Burgers	Dinner at RSL @6:00pm	BBQ Chicken Wraps	Theory EXAM	
9:00	Bed	Bed	Movie	Pack bag	
9:30	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out@11	Bed + Lights out	

GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR COOKING AND CLEANING DUTIES.

#COOK THE FOOD, SERVE OTHERS FIRST, THEN YOURSELF. THEN CLEAN U # BE ON TIME SO YOU DONT LET EACH OTHER DOWN.

PATROL 1-YELLOW	PATROL 2- RED	PATROL 3- BLUE
Bailey Bourke	Tim Finlayson	Sterling George
Bonnie Bremner	Charlotte George	Paige Jackson
Lucy Fenwicke	Georgie O'Brien	Annika Rhoades
Henry Hughes	Daniel Lai	Finn Ruming
Molly Pinock	Dan Lethbridge	James Wicks
Nicholas Makeham	Ben Louis	Dom Holley
Kathleen McPhie	Emma Hazelton	Sam Wright

STAFF

Mr Pennington 0419250984
Miss Chick
0458006829
Mr Ball 0428427417

REQUIREMENTS

Swimmers, goggles.
Casual clothes including covered shoes
Sunscren, toiletries

DRESS

To travel - School sports uniform - Full **school** tracksuit if
necessary, white polo shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes,

- # Days are long and demanding and will require each squad member to work together to achieve their Bronze Medallion.
- # Jobs are allocated to each person so stick to the roster to make things run smoothly.
- # You will be tired so ensure you get sleep in the allocated times. Pay attention to your own hygiene.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Onwards and upwards

New boarding house the latest project in \$28 million campus development over past decade

On the eve of the completion of the new boarding house for girls, which is still on schedule to open for the start of Term 1 2018, we thought we should reflect on just how far the TAS campus has come in the past 10 years. Over \$28 million has been spent since 2007 on developing our beautiful campus. This has included refurbishing academic buildings, building the creative arts and trade training centres, new change rooms, completely replacing every bathroom, and extending two boys' boarding houses. Frontfield was laser-levelled to create Adamsfield; Memorial Hall has been restored; the gymnasium extended with new classrooms and an expanded fitness room; solar panels and pool covers have increased our energy efficiency, and Year 12 have been given a room of their own.

It is easy to forget how much has happened as we wander around the grounds, but it is a perfect time to be grateful to all those who make this possible by sheer hard work and determination.

Have a look at the photos below and - if you have been here long enough - you will see how much change has taken place.

There is lots of exciting change to look forward to in the coming year and we welcome all to the opening of the new boarding house which will coincide with War Cries next year when we have lots of parents here for the evening. The next project to look forward to is the refurbishment of the Library ... coming your way in 2018. This will be funded in a large part by the Foundation Building Trust - which is primarily made up of the voluntary contributions that you, our parents, so generously give!

Ms Cressida Mort
Director of Development



The Deakin Wing, White House, under construction



Abbott House being extended to improve residential life



Over the past decade every single bathroom at TAS has been replaced at a cost of almost \$750,000



Refitting the top of Cash Building



Creating the laser-levelled Adamsfield



Hoskins Centre theatre under construction



Pride of workmanship in the Backfield rugby changerooms



The former YCW being transformed into the Trades Training Centre



Eastern extensions to the gymnasium



More space for Junior School



Creating the new Science lab



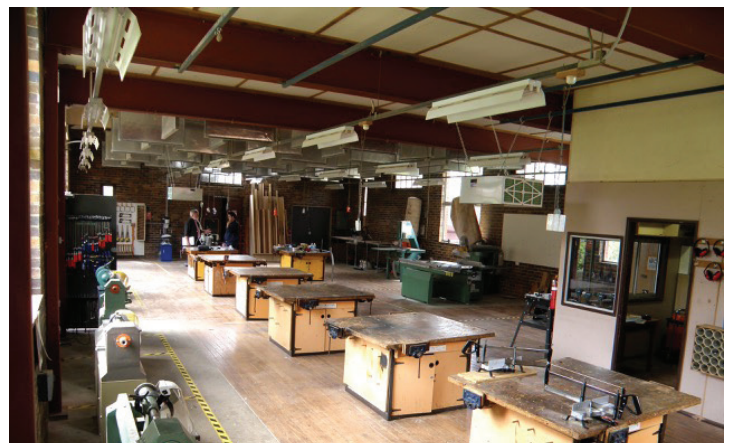
Creating new girls' changeooms in the eastern side of the gym



Top Moyes becomes senior girls' boarding



The production studio takes shape in the basement of the Hoskins Centre



The old technology room before being transformed into the Year 12 Common Room and Study Centre

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Advice from a Classic Wallaby

If your mission is to promote and foster the game you love you need to look after the players before, during and after the game. Stephen Hoiles joined students last Friday to share his experiences of playing for his club, his state and his country. Amidst this were two take-home messages relevant to all students:

1. Enjoy the game and all it brings but don't make it your life. Ensure that you maintain a balanced life. Make time for your family and friends, for work and study, your health and wellbeing. This way, no matter what the game throws at you, you will have a sure foundation.
2. Persevere – never give up. It doesn't matter if you are in the B-Team. Many Wallabies did not make their school's First XV. We all develop at different rates and it is those who continue to strive that make it to the top.

State Mountain Biking Championships

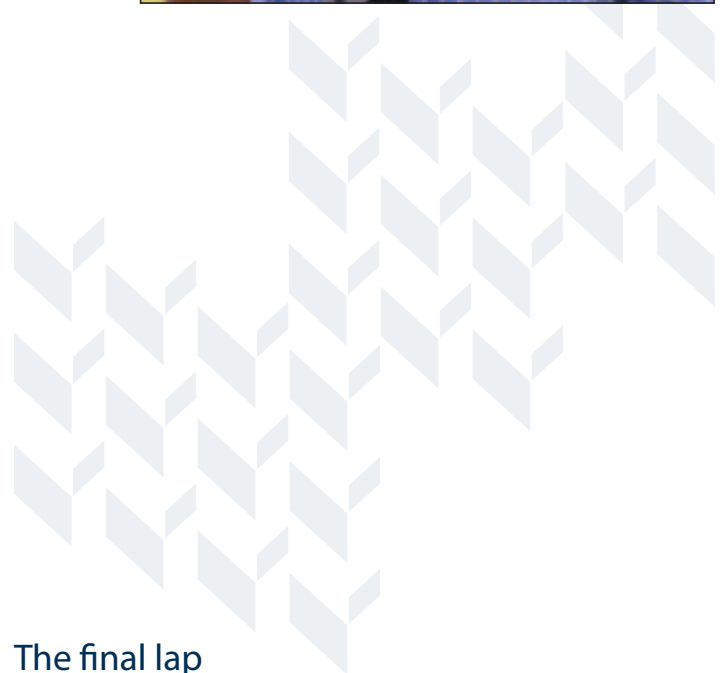
Before donning their greens and packing for cadet camp, a swag of TAS students will be competing in the State Mountain Biking Championships hosted by New England Mountain Biking Club at SportUNE, this weekend. Mrs Jo Benham and her team of coaches continue to raise the bar and to have so many riders competing at this level is a tribute to the program.

Gondwana

Congratulations to Chloe Davison, Felix Hruby, Hannah Neilson, Molly Dooner, Alexander Gibson, Will Nash, Erin Page, Will Mackson and Disa Smart, who have recently been selected in Gondwana Choirs. It is testament to the calibre of the TAS Choral Program that such a large proportion of the voices in these national choirs come from Armidale and we wish them the best.

Tri Schools Debating

Best wishes to our Middle School debaters who will compete in the Tri Schools Debating at NEGS this afternoon. It is pleasing to see that the momentum continues to build in debating at TAS and I thank Mr Tim Hughes for his continued commitment and enthusiasm.



The final lap

With the end of term fast approaching, training schedules and games may be affected by annual camp and changes to end of term routine. These changes will be communicated by the MIC of each sport to students via email. Please contact your coach or MIC if you are unsure.

Armidale Schools Challenge

The annual Armidale Schools Teams Triathlon Challenge was held last Sunday under cloudy skies with a cool breeze. This event sees all schools in Armidale vie for trophies in both Juniors and Seniors alike.

TAS had two teams entered in the Junior section and the combination of Tom Ball, Toby Inglis and Max Rogers proved to be an all too powerful force, winning the overall. With a lead following on from Tom's swim, Toby rode the bike hard, extending the gap, before handing off to the flying Max Rogers who ripped through the run leg. The team of Sam Hynes and Harry Pennington shared the load across the three tiers to finish in a solid fourth place.

In the High School section, TAS had eight teams undertaking the event. The open male team of Hamish Cannington, Joshua Jones and Sam Jones dominated the race, and in the process, set the second fastest time on record. Second across the line was the team consisting of Clancy Roberts, Jack Sewell and Albertus Hattingh with Sam Ball, Heath Whibley and Bailey Bourke in third. In the women's, Eliza Ward, Emma Ward and Disa Smart took second place, with Lucy Ball, Katie Allen and Remy Taylor winning the mixed race.

Mr James Pennington



TAS JUNIOR SCHOOL
Production of



**Seussical
JR.**

Music by
STEPHEN FLANNERY

Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Based on the works of DR. SEUSS

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Matinee
30 November 1:30pm

Evening Performance
1 & 2 December 6:00pm



\$15 Adults \$10 Children

For bookings visit hoskins.as.edu.au
or get them from:
www.trybooking.com/SLTO

MUSIC MATTERS

TAS Students selected for Gondwana National Choirs

"Gondwana Choirs is the leader in Australian choral performance, shaping the Australian sound through the creation and presentation of innovative new work, and providing opportunities to all talented young Australians through world-class training by leading artists. Gondwana Choirs comprises the most accomplished choral groups of young people in Australia. Founded by Artistic Director Lyn Williams OAM as Sydney Children's Choir in 1989." <http://gondwana.org.au>

Congratulations to the following TAS students who successfully auditioned for Gondwana Choirs. They will be attending a two-week Choral Camp in Sydney in January 2018.

Chloe Davison (Year 6) – Junior Gondwana
Felix Hruby (Year 6) – Junior Gondwana
Hannah Neilson (Year 8) – Gondwana Novus
Molly Dooner (Year 9) – Gondwana Singers
Alexander Gibson (Year 8) – Gondwana Singers
Will Nash (Year 6) – Gondwana Singers
Erin Page (Year 10) – Gondwana Singers
Will Mackson (Year 7) – Gondwana Voices
Disa Smart (Year 10) – Gondwana Voices
Andrew Knight (Old Armidalian 2016) – Gondwana Chorale

TAS Trebles Carol Tour

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Year 9&10 Elective Music Evening

Music students from Mrs Rebekkah Baumgartner's Year 9&10 elective classes, Music Styles & Performance and iPerform took to the stage in the Hoskins Foyer for an entertaining night of fabulous performances on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to all the performers and thank you to all the parents and friends for being a wonderful audience!

REMINDER: Instrument Recall 23 November

Tomorrow Thursday 23 before Activities Week (27 Nov – 1 Dec) we will again be collecting all the TAS hire instruments that are currently being borrowed by students.

While you are away on Activities Week these instruments will be serviced and repairs will be carried out if required. Middle and Senior students will then be able to pick up their hire instruments again when they return from their week away. TAS Junior School students will also need to hand in their TAS hire instruments on the Thursday for servicing and can pick them up once they are ready.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music





HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

What a difference two weeks will make

As the term gallops towards its final chapter, so too does the activity that accompanies it. By the time this arrives on your computer all Year 7 and 8 students will have made final preparations for Toowoomba and Nymboida respectively for our end of year Activities Week and the Year 6 students and staff will be ready to travel to Buccarumbi for their Exodus Outdoor Adventure activities. Again, I'm lucky enough to be able to spend some time with students during the week. I'm also hoping for excellent weather, but am aware that "what will be, will be".

In addition, we have begun our preparations for the Middle School Final Assembly, the Christmas Service, musical performances and Year 8 Leavers' Certificate presentations in Memorial Hall. I am hopeful that as many boarder parents as is practically possible can travel to Armidale to be with day parents and families for the Assembly and our final Middle School gathering at McConville on the last Wednesday. I know that Mrs Alison Evans sent an invitation to you the week before last and has indicated that there is no necessity to send in and RSVP. The School Speech Day will be held on the final Thursday in the Gymnasium, beginning at 9:30 am. I'm looking forward to seeing you on these days – and I know that your children likewise are looking forward to being at home with you for the summer break. If it's a wet Christmas I'm fairly confident most won't give a damn.

Year 5 into 6 again

As you know, last Friday welcomed our future recruits from Year 5 into the Middle School for an Experience Day. Since that time there has not been one report that indicated anything other than success in relation to all activities. And such success is largely attributable to our Year 6 teachers Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon and Mr Luke Polson who, in addition to their normal daily activity, managed the transition morning with ease. The parents of our new students attended an information afternoon in the Year 12 Study Centre and I believe that was as productive for us as I'm hoping it was for them. One point Kirsty (Brunsdon) and I emphasized was the wisdom, indeed necessity, of communication between home and school. It's timely that such a reminder about productive, mutually beneficial communication is given to you, as well. Clearly, this publication is advised as your 'first port of call', but we've supplemented this 'method' with person emails, outlining relevant information to specific year groups.



The occasion also gave our new MYP Co-ordinator, Ms Rachel Harrison, the opportunity to speak about International Baccalaureate curriculum management, options, changes and routines for Year 6, in particular, in 2018. Rachel's talk was well prepared, well received and most informative.

Round Square - Malaysia

Our intrepid Round Square people are back, as are those wonderful staff who accompanied them. Both Ms Colette Brus and Mrs Lana Hawkesford wax lyrical about the 'Challenge by Choice' conference hosted by Epsom College, Malaysia. The conference took place about four hours from Epsom campus itself and involved three days and nights of intensive outdoor challenge and teamwork where TAS Junior and Middle School students had opportunity to meet others from schools in Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and China. Needless to say, perhaps, but all had a very productive and worthwhile time as this kind of experience of meeting others is not presented to all and sundry on a daily basis.

Again, I'm looking forward to seeing you over the next several weeks.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

End of Year Invitation

You will have received an invitation to all of the End of Year celebrations and festivities by email recently. Many of the details and timings have been included in this TAS Talks and I encourage you to read these carefully and contact the School if in doubt. We all hope you can join us for the various activities as we approach the end of the year.

TAS Trebles singing for our Community

One of the important aspects of our very successful choral program is to take it to the Community. We will always look for opportunities that allow our singers the chance to perform; it is an important component of their learning. I was very pleased then, to hear such wonderful reports from their recent outing to the Ken Thompson Lodge and Autumn Lodge where they performed. Congratulations to them all and thanks to Mrs Butcher for making this opportunity available to them. As the term draws to a close, we will hear from all our choirs and, as commented upon by Paul Jarman recently, our program is alive and well.

'Backflip barspin to tailwhip'- Speech Day Presenter and Guest - Mr Cameron White

As you know from last week, our special guest for Speech Day will be Mr Cameron White, a highly ranked champion of BMX on the world stage. Cameron may not be known to many, but I can assure you his story will excite us all. He will be with us throughout the day workshoping with our students and present our awards and prizes at our Speech Day evening and you are welcome to come along and join in if you can.

Cam is a professional BMX Dirt jumper that has been travelling and competing around the world since 2003. Growing up in the country community of Wamboin NSW Australia, Cam has built some of the biggest BMX dirt jumps on his parents' property and holds an annual charity event called the Hillside Dirt Jam which raises money for local charities around Canberra. Some charities include Snowy Hydro SouthCare, Canberra Hospital Paediatrics Ward, Camp Quality and the Children's Hospital Foundation Australia. While Cam is abroad he is based in Las Vegas USA where he rides and some of Cam's achievements are: two time BMX Games Champion, Red Bull Elevation Champion and the Dew Action Sports Tour BMX Dirt Champion. Cam was the first rider ever to do a backflip barspin to tailwhip and I know that he is just hanging out to come to TAS and speak to us about setting you sights and flying high.....



Lost Property

At this time of the year, we do what we can to return as much lost property to its owners. However, lost property found off school grounds is generally returned to main Reception. We do our utmost to have Junior School lost property returned/ located in the Junior School however sometimes this does not happen. The final resting place for all clothing and other items is located at the TAS Laundry and this is also worth a look. Please check with the main reception on 6776 5800 for lost property if we in the Junior School have been unable to locate it for you.

End of 2017 Highlights

The End of Year highlights will be noted each week in TAS Talks as they approach but I take this opportunity to alert you to these special occasions at this very busy time of the term. I hope you will be able to join us and celebrate what has been another busy and wonderful year.

Bike Safety and Triathlon Day	Friday 24 November
Year 5 Dinner	Friday 24 November
Final JS Assembly	Wednesday 29 November - Memorial Hall T-2 from 2.00pm 3- 5 from 2.30pm with presentations at 2.20 pm
Seussical Jr	Thursday 30 November, Friday 1 & Saturday 2 December
Junior School BBQ	Saturday 2 December (after the final Seussical performance)
Carols Service	Monday 4 December 2.30 pm - Memorial Hall
Junior School Speech Day	Wednesday 6 December 5.00 pm - Memorial Hall
Senior School Speech Day	Thursday 7 December - 9.30 am

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Happy Birthday

Only one Junior School student is celebrating his special day this week; Happy Birthday to Kyuseo Lee.

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Mrs Rachel Butcher



Looking Ahead

Week 7 School Spirit Persistence

Friday 24 November	Bike Safety (9.30am)
	Triathlon Day (1.30pm)

Week 8 School Spirit - Organisation (Activities Week)

Wednesday 29 November	Final Junior School Assembly - Awards and Certificates (T - 2 from 2.00 pm 3- 5 from 2.30 pm with presentations at 2.20 pm)
Thursday 30 November	Seussical The Musical Matinee (1.30 pm) - Hoskins Centre
Friday 1 December	Seussical The Musical (6.00 pm) - Hoskins Centre
Saturday 2 December	Seussical The Musical & End of Year BBQ (6.00 pm) - Hoskins Centre

Week 9

	No Sports Training
Monday 4 December	Junior School Carol Service - 2.30 pm - Memorial Hall
Tuesday 5 December	Town Swimming Pool Party - 10.00 - 11.00am
Wednesday 6 December	Junior School Speech Day - Memorial Hall 5.00 - 6.00 pm
Thursday 7 December	MS & SS Speech Day

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The final brochure for the year from Scholastic (no. 8) has now been distributed to Junior School classrooms. Orders from this catalogue should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by **Friday, 24 November, 2017**. 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.

When ordering online, use the Gift Function to tag Book Club orders on LOOP that are intended as a surprise gift. Your gift order will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for me to set aside for collection by you from the Junior School office. You'll find a handy Gift Function 'How-to' guide at scholastic.com.au/loopresources.

Thank you to all who have purchased from Book Club throughout the year. Once again, you have enabled the library to redeem points to purchase some wonderful resources and books for our Junior School.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Hutchinson and Harlow Schools Triathlon – last Sunday

Congratulations to both Sam Hynes and Harry Pennington who competed in the recent schools challenge held at TAS on Sunday. The boys came fourth overall with only two members in their team. A mammoth effort. Well done boys!



Junior School Bike Day and Triathlon – Friday, 24 November

Our annual Bike Day and Triathlon is fast approaching. Now is the time to dust off the bikes and complete a safety check before our Bike Day on Friday. Each child will require a bike to take part in bike activities throughout the morning. Bikes need to be delivered to school on Friday morning and left in designated areas in our Junior School playground.

This is also a great time to think about the up and coming Triathlon. Children may compete individually (Year 2 and above) or in teams of 3. (One swimmer, runner, bike rider) Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 complete the following:

Pool – 1 lap

Bike – half lap (Wakefield)

Run – half lap

Years 3-4 children complete the following:

Pool – 2 laps

Bike – 1 lap (Wakefield)

Run – 1 lap

Year 5 children:

Pool – 3 laps

Bike – 1 lap (Wakefield)

Run – 1 lap

Children will be asked whether they will be competing individually or in teams this week.

Sport for remainder of Term 4

As our year draws to a close please note the following dates for sports training for the remainder of the term.

Week 7 – training and games as normal

Week 8 – training and games as normal (some alternate coaches due to Activities Week)

Week 9 – No training. Players will be informed if games are on this week.

TAS Primary 1 Indoor Hockey

On Friday 17 the TAS Primary Division 1 team played their final game for 2017, given the upcoming Year 5 Dinner and Seussical performances. The team, consisting of Henry Kirton, Kieren Sutton, Harry Hopkins, Thomas Dundon, Sam Hynes, Lennox Neilson, Caleb Baumgartner and Tom Ball, have played solidly throughout the season and dominated Friday's game against PLC. It has been really impressive to see the levels of team work the boys are displaying as they transition from seeking individual goals in past seasons through to now, where cunning deflections and cooperative set plays are the order of the day. Mrs Ball certainly set the team up well at the start of Term 4, having Hockey NSW coach Greg Doolan come in for a number of Indoor Hockey specific trainings. The players have responded really well as a result and their skills and knowledge of this short form of the game have increased out of sight. A big thanks to Lily Neilson who has done a stellar job as assistant coach throughout the term. With such a strong group of players, I certainly look forward to next year's games and seeing the continual development of the players in preparation for the 2018 outdoor season.

Mr Alex Portell



Basketball

I honestly think basketball is going to turn my hair grey! The Year 5 game was SOOOO exciting last night. One of the wonderful town players, Little John, stepped in to help us and once again the game had me sitting on the edge of my seat. The team are practising their skills and layups and, each week, they impress me more and more. At the end of the game it was a frustratingly close score of 23/24 to the town team. I know a win is within our sights! Great game, everyone!

A huge shout out to Ted Chick who was an absolute shining star in last night's game, scoring 18 of the total 38 points! Well done Ted! As we all know - points are not possible without good teamwork! Isles baker mastered the long throw down the court and Millie, Sam and Flinders moved like lightening the entire game. Thank you everyone, for displaying such great sportsmanship last night. It was wonderful to see you focus more on passing and skills in the second half of the game. A well-deserved win!

Mrs Tania Hardin

Gymnastics

Next Monday is our final gymnastics lesson for the year. It will be a fun lesson that will include exciting things such as tissue swings, clowns on a beam, tumble tramp and work on the super wedge. Last Monday the children were delighted to have an opportunity to swing on long ropes into a padded hole, complete turns on the beam, static hangs on the parallel bar and locomotion floor routines. Mrs O'Halloran had the children put a number of movement routines together that clearly demonstrated each child's growth over the season. I must admit that the growth has been wonderful.

Mrs Lana Hawksford

Below is a photo of Oliver Goudge swinging on a rope and then propelling himself through the padded hole. This was not as easy as it looks.



ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS - AO SERIES

WEEK 1: 10 DEC - 14 DEC 2017*
WEEK 2: 17 DEC - 21 DEC 2017
WEEK 3: 08 JAN - 12 JAN 2018

*Week 1 is a half day camp open to all ages

Grab your enrolment form -

<http://armidaletennisclub.weebly.com/coaching.html>

9.00am - 12pm HALF DAY (kids 5 to 7yrs)
\$50.00 per day OR \$225.00 for the week

9.00am - 3.00pm FULL DAY (kids 8+)
\$65.00 per day OR \$300.00 for the week

dave@armidaletennisacademy.com.au
Golf Links Road Armidale 2350



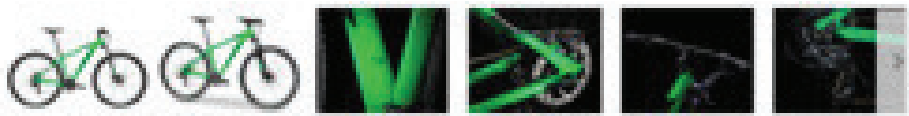
Last year, the TAS Music Department was presented with a Trek Mountain Bike as first prize for the School's winning entry in the 'That Sugar Film' song competition. It was a lovely thing to win - but very hard to utilise as part of our Music programs! So the bike is being raffled to raise funds for instruments that will be valuable additions to the department. Please support if you can.

TAS Music Dept. Raffle

Tickets 3 for \$5, or \$2 each

Trek Mountain Bike, Marlin 5, 15.5"
All money raised to purchase new music
equipment

**Tickets available at TAS
Reception (cash only)**



TAS KIOSK PRICE LIST

Hot Food

Pies	Plain	3.60
	Curry Beef	4.00
	Chicken Mornay	4.20
	Cheese and Bacon	4.00
Sausage Roll		3.00
Mini Pizza		2.90
Roundas (Pizza)		3.00
Mini Pie		2.00
Chicken and Corn Roll		2.00
Tomato Sauce		0.20
Cup of Noodles (Chicken or Beef)		2.50

Snacks

Jelly in a Cup	1.00
Jelly with Ice Cream	1.50

Confectionery *(only served after 1.20pm)*

Sun Fruits	1.00
Curly Wurly	1.00
Ovalteenies	1.00
Grain Wave Chips (28g)	1.00
Red Rock Honey Soy (28g)	1.00
Milky Ways	1.20
Icy Pole (Lemonade)	1.10
Paddle Pop Shaky Shake	2.00
Calippo	2.00
Gaytime	3.30
Freddo	0.70
Chomp	2.20

Paddle Pops	1.50
Icy Fruit Sticks	0.50
Mony's Milk (chocolate, caramel, strawberry)	0.60
Wobblies	0.60

Bread Rolls

Cheese	2.50
Vegemite	2.00
Jam	2.00
Ham	3.00
Tomato	.60
Lettuce	.60
Cheese	.60
Cucumber	.60

Sandwich

Cheese	2.00
Vegemite	1.50
Jam	1.50
Ham	2.50
Tomato	0.50
Lettuce	0.50
Cheese	0.50
Cucumber	0.50

Drinks

Milkshakes	4.50
Water (500ml)	1.50
Water (1litre)	3.00
Bundy Juice (500ml) (orange, passionfruit, orange/mango, orange)	3.50
Juice Popper (200ml)	1.50
Norco FM Milk (300ml)	1.80
Norco FM Milk (500ml) (strawberry,chocolate)	3.50
Norco Real (500ml) (iced coffee, mocha)	3.60
Norco Real (300ml)	2.50



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WEEKLY SPECIALS

Morning Specials

Warm banana bread or muffin	\$3.00
Nutella croissant	\$3.00
Bacon and egg roll	\$6.00
Ham, cheese and tomato croissant	\$5.00
Small coffee or hot chocolate with bacon and egg roll	\$9.00
with large coffee	\$10.00

Lunch Specials

Tuesday

Chicken tenders in a fresh bread roll with crunchy lettuce and creamy mayonnaise	\$6.00
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Wednesday

Fresh sushi - Choose from terriyaki chicken, tuna and corn, vegetarian or smoked salmon	\$4.00
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Thursday

Barbecue chicken roll with gravy	\$6.00
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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPECIALS

Monday

Mini ham and cheese croissant

\$3.80

Tuesday

Penne Bolognese

\$4.50

Wednesday

Fresh sushi- Choose from terriyaki chicken, tuna or smoked salmon

\$4.00

Thursday

Chicken tenders with crunchy lettuce and mayonnaise on a fresh roll

\$4.00

Friday

Honey and soy marinated chicken pieces

\$4.50

All orders can be placed using the current lunch order system or by email to blawry@as.edu.au before 9am. **NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THIS TIME.**



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