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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 7 February 2018 Term 1 Week 2

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### Coast Weekend

The hectic first school week of 2018 finished at the coast for our boarders and a good number of day students from Middle and Senior School. This first milestone in the annual calendar is a long standing tradition and an important time for our boarding houses. Our arrival at the coast coincided with much needed rain that was no doubt more appreciated by the local population than by our students, but the weekend was a great success all the same. The aim of the trip is to bring each house community together without the distractions of other elements of school life so that relationships can be developed and new students especially can feel comfortable and relaxed in their new school family. The rain may have dampened the enjoyment of the beach for some houses, but the purpose of setting the scene for a good year in every house was certainly achieved.

I am very much aware that heading away on that first weekend adds to the demands on our teaching staff especially and I offer them special thanks for the commitment that joining the trip highlighted.



### Extended School Day and Library Seminar Sessions

The new extended academic day described in TAS Talks last week commenced on Monday and I am pleased to hear the very positive comment that has flowed from it. The program will evolve through the year based on demand and feedback from students, but it has started very well, with over 120 students, both boarding and day, accessing different parts of the program on Monday, from Middle School students coming to work quietly after school and accessing the literacy and numeracy support available to senior students staying for extended time as they worked quietly before dinner and then attended the academic workshop presented by Dr Kate Bricknell who is an expert in the Stage 6 study area.

This first workshop, titled 'getting off to a good start', focused on how the brain works in terms of learning and remembering and how that should impact student study programs. Understanding of things like 'the forgetting curve', the good practice of regularly returning to concepts, awareness of the impact of negative stress as opposed to positive stress, the five point summary and the difference between what has been learnt about and what has been learnt were all focused on. Next week's academic workshop will build on Week 1 as Dr Bricknell returns to focus on different components of studying such as the daily refresh, creating study aids and the notion of 'useable minutes' that can be taken advantage of at times such as travel to sporting fixtures.

The extended school day program with its tutoring support and academic workshops complements the new staff support arrangements in the Year 12 study centre and is part of the larger focused approach to developing academic culture which is a central strategic objective for the school overall. I am delighted that it has begun so well in these first weeks of the school year and I thank our Director of Studies whose initiative this has been and all who are supporting it.

## **Safety and Ranger Presence Around the TAS School Bus Zone**

Parents will find information on parking and regulations at our school bus zone on Douglas Street in this edition of TAS Talks as well as comment on the importance of following parking and speed regulations for the safety of our students. We have been informed that Armidale Regional Council Rangers will have a heightened presence around the TAS bus stop in coming weeks and I encourage parents to keep this and the importance of safety in mind.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## WEEK 2

Wednesday 7 February	ID Photos (Years T-5) – formal uniform Years 1, 3 and 5 information evening (Junior School)
Thursday 8 February	ID Photos (Years 6-12) – formal uniform
Thursday 8-11 February	Year 11/12 Drama Excursion
Sunday 11 February	Cadet Leaders Course begins

## WEEK 3

Monday 12 February	Cadet Leaders Course
Thursday 15 February	Junior School Swimming Carnival Middle School Parent Information session and barbecue Tours of the new Boarding House War Cry Competition followed by MS/SS 200m F/S events
Friday 16 February	Middle and Senior School Swimming Championships
17-19 February	Cadet Leaders Course concludes
18/19 February	Encore Year 11/12 Music Excursion to Sydney

## Parking and Stopping in School Bus Zones

With so many new families joining us this year, parents and carers are reminded of the need to observe rules regarding parking and stopping in designated pedestrian crossing zones and bus areas, particularly in Douglas St.

Apart from jeopardising the safety of students and the smooth flow of traffic, there are penalties that may be enforced by Armidale Regional Council rangers.

Please take note of the regulations in the leaflet at the back of TAS Talks.

## Medical Centre

Year 7 vaccination consent forms have been sent out this week. Day Students were given theirs to take home, Boarders forms were posted. Could you please sign these & return them as soon as possible. If you have a student in Yr 7 & have not received a consent form please ring the Health Centre on 0428 152 291.

## Student Services

Locally-based professional photographers (MSP New England) will be taking individual and family portraits, including class groups for Transition to Year 6, over two days, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February. Students are required to wear formal school uniform on the day set aside for their year group.

**Transition to Year 6 - also Years 11/12 Drama students**  
Wednesday 7 February - Venue - Hoskins Centre Foyer

**Years 7 to 12**

Thursday 8 February - Venue - Big School - Main Building

**Monday 12 February**

8am - 10 am - Follow up for students absent in Week 2 (Formal uniform applies)

### Optional ordering of photographic products

If Parents/Carers wish to place an order with MSP New England, the photos are presented in a personalised folder and delivered to the school later in Term 1. For orders placed after Thursday 22 February, there is a \$20 'late fee' which covers separate postage from the processing lab. Therefore, please try to have your order lodged and paid for beforehand.

Payment is easy and secure with credit/debit card, or cheques (payable to MSP New England) delivered to the Main Reception Office. **Please do not send cash.**

### Family portraits / Siblings Presentation

Please contact Mrs Meg Sadler 6776 5805 or msadler@as.edu.au if you wish to have your children taken in a family group. Appointment times will be negotiated depending on student availability and access to the set. The ordering process is similar to individual portraits, via the MSP website, with different options and prices.

Please see the two back pages of this edition of TAS Talks for a guide.

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## P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

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### Meet our Liaison Parents

Each year group has Liaison Parents... These are people who 'know the ropes' around TAS and are the 'first port of call' for people wanting to know what is going on in your year and at school. They will be in contact with you from time to time with requests for help from the P&F and to organise year group functions.

### Junior School

Transition	Penny Leary
Kindergarten	Kate Stephen
Year 1	Melanie Fillios and Suha Tazami
Year 2	Sarah Carruthers Caroline Coupland
Year 3	Dee Ford and Jacqui Thompson
Year 4	Jo Hopkins
Year 5	Emily Bookallil. Kasia Baker. Tara Shalk and Caroline Coupland

### Middle School

Year 6	Sharon Dundon and Kirsty White
Year 7	Sarah Peters and Jo Hopkins
Year 8	Jules Ditchfield and Bec Hunt

### Senior School

Year 9	Simone Pearce and Ciney Scifleet
Year 10	Sarah Nivison. Margie Roberts, Shona Eichorn and Katherine Braham
Year 11	Rachael Edmonds
Year 12	Millie Graham, Maree Puxty and Vicki Louis

Each Year Group now has a Facebook Page... These are closed groups for parents to catch up on what's happening... Please search for TAS Year 12 and then the year your class will graduate from Year 12. For example, this year's Year 12 Facebook page is TAS Year 12 2018.

### Junior and Senior Swim Carnivals next week

During the Swim Carnivals (Junior – Thursday 15 and Senior Friday 16) the P&F operate a Cake Stall. Our sport carnival cake stalls raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so if you could support this worthy cause by baking or buying some yummy food and helping on the stall it would be appreciated. Anything will be gratefully received and can be dropped off to the P&F stall near the swimming pool prior to the start of your swimming carnival. Remember this cake stall is mainly for the kids to buy things to munch on (so don't forget some pocket money) and a little bit for the adults.

Suggested baked/food items include cupcakes, biscuits, cake and slices (cut into single serve portions), jelly cups, savoury goodies, gluten-free and dairy-free items (with labelling and a list of ingredients). However, please remember all items should be nut free. If you bring in a container that you would like returned, please clearly mark it with your name and collect it after the carnival.

### Stall times are:

#### Junior school (Thursday 15)

8am – 9am	Set up Anyone who wishes to help
9am – 10am	Year 5
10am – 11am	Year 4
Morning Tea	10.45 – 11.15am approx
11am – 12pm	Year 3
12pm – 1pm	Year 2
Lunch 12.15 – 1.45 approx	
1pm – 2pm	Year 1
2pm pack up	Kindergarten

#### Middle and senior school (Friday 16)

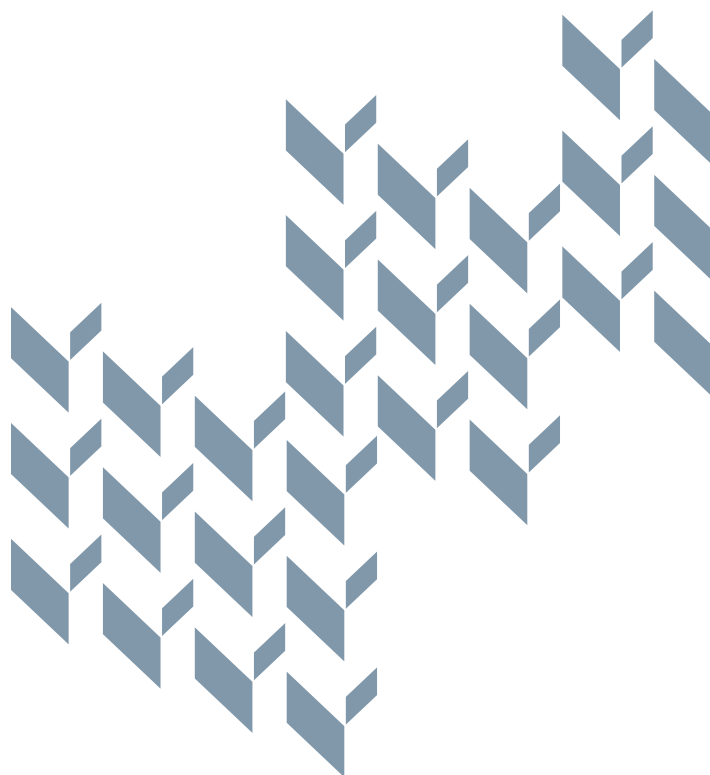
8.30– 9.30am Set up	Year 10
9.30 – 10.30am	Year 7
10.30 – 11.30am	Year 9
11.30am – 12.30pm	Year 8
12.30 – 1.30pm	Year 11
1.30 – 2.30pm	Year 12
2.30 pack up	Year 6

## Welcome Barbecue on War Cries Night – Thursday 15 February 5 – 7pm

On the night of the Middle/Senior School War Cries the P&F will be hosting a BBQ under the Junior School Covered Area from 5-7pm for all families that are not involved in the Middle School Introductory Evening. Sausage sandwiches will be \$2 and soft drinks and water will be available so that you don't starve during War Cries... Come and join us, meet some new people and prepare yourselves for the competition that is TAS War Cries...

P&F MEETING TONIGHT!

Our first P&F meeting will be on tonight Wednesday 7 February at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – all are welcome.



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## CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

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### ABSQUE DEO NIHIL

#### Job 38

There are many logos and mottos emblazoned on people's chests daily, such as:

"Dear Math, I am not a therapist – solve your own problems." Then one back for the mathematicians, "there is a fine line between numerator and denominator". Perhaps one for the English scholar, "rule of grammar #31 – double negatives are a no no". Or the T-shirt my wife wants to make – "hypochondriacs die too". For the carnivore – "vegetables are what food eats." Or if they're all a bit hard to get, "bacon makes everything better."

I have definitely bought T-shirts only to get home and discover what they really meant, and therefore never wear them. Some logos are easy to get, some are a little more obscure.

With so many new students at TAS I thought it was time to consider what is meant by the logo you wear almost everyday? "Absque Deo Nihil" or in English, "without God nothing". I hope that is not news for any of you – but I'm sure it is for some. Even if you know how the motto translates, have you ever taken the opportunity to consider what it means? For the rest of this term this will be our mission.

Without God nothing? Nothing we experience, observe, taste, feel, touch, smell, hear would be, without God.

In the reading, we're clobbered with the sobering response of God to Job. What we're exposed to is the most humbling of thoughts, as we stand close to God, we need to gain perspective regarding who it is that we are dealing with. As we so often turn around and get upside down our relationship with God, where God becomes the one we dictate to, the one we demand things from, we expect Him to give an account to us, as we turn God into something more like our fairy godmother who is at our disposal, or we so turn G-O-D around that it reads more like D-O-G, as if he is there purely for our pleasure and service, we need to step back and listen to the words of God in this passage as he speaks to us.

The questions come like a torrent, "Where were you?" In the end we must be left asking, do we come to God in humility, understanding that without Him – nothing?







## Round Square News

Welcome back to the new year and to a raft of opportunities available to your children, both regionally and internationally.

For those of you who are new to TAS, Round Square is an organisation that we have been a member of since 1998 and allows us to forge relationships with over 170 schools around the world and their students. We offer student exchange in Year 8 (in pairs if preferred) to schools within our Australasia and East Asia region for two-three weeks and then again in Year 10 for a period of around eight-ten weeks anywhere in the world. Mr Buntine and I facilitate exchanges and students should speak to either of them to explore the idea further.

## Exchange

Current Year 9 students, if considering the possibility of exchange in 2019, should make application as early as possible to allow the best chance to secure an exchange placement. For further details regarding exchange please see the TAS website: <http://www.as.edu.au/about/round-square-membership/international-and-national-exchange-program/>

We welcome this term Ben Clark from Gordonstoun, Scotland and Mariana Calp from Colombia into our community. Mariana is our first exchange student from South America and we are delighted to have her with us. The TAS/Gordonstoun exchange has been in place for many years and Will Benham is currently enjoying his time at Gordonstoun. John Moore left for the United States early in January and is now on exchange at Marvelwood School, Connecticut.



## Conferences 2018-2019

Round Square conferences also occur annually hosted by different schools and for differing age groups. You will see from the table below what is on offer in the next two years.

Conference delegations are around five-six students, with accompanying staff.

You will note that TAS is hosting a Round Square Conference for 10-12 year olds in the second week of the April holidays this year and planning is well underway. This is an exciting opportunity for our older students to take up leadership roles during the program and for our own students in that age group to apply to represent TAS as our delegation to the conference and offers an exciting few days with students from our region coming together to focus on the conference theme:

***“Humanity in Action – Remembering our past, appreciating our present, building our future.”***

### Applications are open for:

- TAS Conference for 10-12 year olds
- Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School for 15-17 year olds
- Appleby College, Canada for Year 11 students

The delegation to Keystone Academy, China, is already finalised and is being managed by Ms Hannah Lo and Mrs Anna Gayner. The delegation consists of: Oliver Cook, Jordyn Melville, Henry Mitchell, Flynn Newbery, James Phelps and Kade Stanley.

Please see Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine to apply – or you might download an application form from the TAS website:

<http://www.as.edu.au/about/round-square-membership/round-square-conferences/>

Should you like to learn more about Round Square, go to: <http://www.roundsquare.org>

**Mrs Anna Barnier**  
EA to the Headmaster and Round Square Representative

	10/12 Years Rgional Conference	13/15 years Regional Conference	15/18 years Regional Conference	Year 11 – International Round Square Conference
<b>2018</b>	The Armidale School, Australia – 22-26 April 2018	Keystone Academy, China 31 March to 4 April – this conference is for 13/14 years old	Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Australia Dates 14-18 April	Appleby College, Canada 30/9 – 7/10 2018
<b>2019</b>	British School Jakarta, Indonesia – 26 April – 1 May 2019	Woodleigh School, Australia dates 6 – 9 April 2019.	Shenzhen Concord College of Sino-Canada 4-8 March	The Emerald Heights International School, India

### RASF Vocational Education & Training (VET) Scholarships

RASF Vocational Education & Training (VET) Scholarships are closing soon!

The RAS Foundation is calling for applications for Vocational Education & Training (VET) Scholarships. VET Scholarships are available to students studying at registered training organisations including TAFE and local colleges and support individuals in NSW who demonstrate a commitment for a career that will ensure the future success of rural and regional NSW.

Perhaps you are planning to study a Certificate in Agriculture, Community Services or Wool Classing? If so, this scholarship could be for you.

Scholarships of up to \$6,000 for full-time study or up to \$3,000 for part-time study in 2018 are available.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/02/05/rasf-vocational-education-training-vet-scholarships/>

### Defence Force Recruiting

Jen Marshall from the Australian Defence Force recruitment will bring her team to TAS on Monday 12 February as part of their two-week recruitment information tour of the North Coast and New England.

It will be held in the McConville Centre from 3.45pm. I would encourage any student who has been thinking of a career with the defence forces to come along to listen and ask question about the many career opportunities offered in the defence forces.

In previous years, these talks have been well supported and extremely informative and interesting about the many career opportunities that the defence force offer and the entitlements that go with the jobs.





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# DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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## Connect with us!

Welcome to our many new families! As you will find, TAS is a diverse community of students, parents and friends, past, present and future. There are many ways to engage with the School and stay connected.

The TAS website [www.as.edu.au](http://www.as.edu.au) is the first place to go to for information about what's happening at TAS. Click on the Portals button at the top right of the home page to go to the Parent Portal, where you can find everything you need to know in one place - whether it be current news, forms and school policies, links to the Uniform and Book Shop and Medical Centre, the latest dining room menus - and so much more. Please familiarise yourself with the information available, and bookmark it for your convenience. Also on the menu bar is a shortcut to the School's photo gallery ([www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery](http://www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery)); simply click on the camera icon next to the Round Square logo.



Every Wednesday the School's weekly newsletter TAS Talks is produced, full of information of relevance to current families. A link to TAS Talks is emailed to those who subscribe; for details how to add your email address to the distribution list, [click here](#)

Current families and Old Armidalians (our former students) receive the quarterly publication Binghi, which is also available in digital form [here](#)

TAS is also a recognised leader in social media, utilising various platforms.

On Facebook, 'Like' us at [www.facebook.com/TASarmidale](http://www.facebook.com/TASarmidale) - as more than 3,200 other members of our community have done.

We also post images to the School's Instagram account @tasarmidale which offers snapshots of #taslife; for those on Twitter, follow us @TASarmidale.

Join our network at LinkedIn by searching for 'TAS The Armidale School'.

Many sports and co-curricular Music also use Team App, a handy way of getting out urgent information about practices, team lists and results. To see if your sport offers Team App (and to subscribe, go to <http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/tas-sport/team-apps/>)

Welcome aboard!

**Tim Hughes**  
Media Manager

## Skoolbag app for Iphone and Android

TAS Skoolbag App is now available for both iPhone and Android phones. Families are encouraged to download this extremely useful app which allows the school to send reminders to families when the newsletter is available to view online (and you can view it from the app), upcoming dates and lots of other exciting things. It is a great way to notify families of last minute cancellation of events or arrival times of buses from school excursions etc! To install Skoolbag on your Smartphone:

iPhone Users: Search The Armidale School in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Android Users: Search The Armidale School in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Once you have installed the app on your phone, you can chose to receive notifications relevant to your child/ren's school year by tapping More at the bottom of the screen then select 'My Subscription Groups' and turning on the relevant school years.

If you have any questions please contact TAS Reception.

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## DIRECTOR OF BOARDING, MICHAEL HOLLAND

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As always, the first week of Term 1 was hectic. I am pleased to report new students are settling well. Understandably, some found the first few nights away from home a bit challenging but the 'experienced' boarders and the staff have done a great job supporting them as they transition into boarding life. I was impressed to observe a Year 12 boy visit White House of his own volition to spend time with a new boarder he knew was struggling. These small acts of kindness make a big difference.

Coast Weekend was a roaring success despite the weather. I managed to get around to each of the Houses at various locations and the rain did not dampen their enthusiasm. Everyone I spoke to was very positive about the weekend. I would like to publicly acknowledge the work Heads of House and their staff put into the planning and running of the weekend to ensure boarders were engaged in opportunities to bond.

The extended academic day kicked off on Monday evening and it was very well attended. In particular, the workshop focussing on 'Getting Off To A Good Start' was popular with many boarders attending along with some keen day students. This workshop explained some of the science behind how we learn and the importance of regular revision. These concepts will be built upon in feature sessions which will also feature more practical advice on how to approach study.

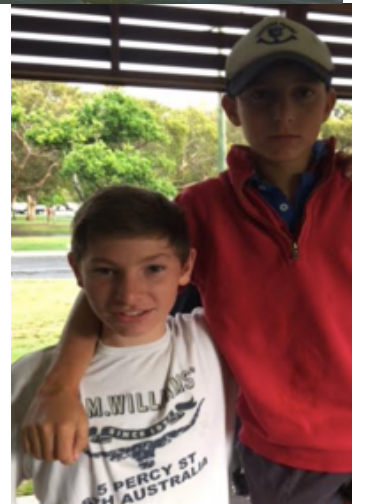
I have enjoyed spending time in the various Boarding Houses and catching up with students at Coast Weekend. There is a real sense of positivity about the place and I am looking forward to a great 2018.

**Mr Michael Holland**  
**Director of Boarding**





# COAST WEEKEND









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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, MR WILL CALDWELL

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### Middle/Senior School Swimming Championships

The following information relates to the TAS Swimming Championships to be held on Friday 16 February 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the TAS pool. Note that 200m IM events and 50m Butterfly events will be swum from 6:45pm on Tuesday 13 February 2018 and the 200m freestyle events, Open Medley Relay and the House War Cry Competition will be on Thursday 15 February from 6:45pm.

Students are encouraged to swim in as many events as possible. They need to be able to swim at least 50m to swim in the various events. Most students should be able to compete in the 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. The 50m butterfly, 200m freestyle and 200m individual medley are all more 'specialist' events and only those students who are reasonably capable of doing these events should compete in them.

There will be 160 seats on pool deck on Thursday night for the war cries. Forty of these seats will be reserved for parents (not siblings) of Year 12 students until the first race starts, at which time they will be open to all spectators. Remaining spectators can view the events from the doors on the Western side of the pool or the south western corner.

On Friday 16 February, competitors for the first event of the day (Girls 50m freestyle) are to report to the marshalling area (southeast corner of the gym) by 8:45am. All remaining competitors and House members are to be seated by 8:50am.

**Starts** will be 'over the top'. ie the swimmer in the pool at the end of the previous race remains in the water (and holds onto the lane rope) until the next race has begun whereupon the swimmer immediately exits.

There are a huge number of heats to get through so **no false starts are allowed**. If you 'false start' you will still be allowed to swim for a 'time' but will not gain any points for your House or age championships in that event.

**BBQ Lunch** will be provided for all parents & students.

**Dress** will be House polo shirts, blue shorts, TAS tracksuits (optional) and gym shoes or thongs. Day students may travel to and from TAS in the above clothing. Note that if you're catching a bus to School you must wear gym shoes. **All competitors must swim in TAS swimmers.**

**All competitors will wear a House swim cap.** These will be provided to all students to keep. A charge of \$5 will be added to your TAS account. This will make it much easier for spectators to identify which house each competitor is in.

Because of the chlorine in the pool water, **competitors are strongly advised to wear goggles.**



**You may not colour your hair, nor write on your body with a texta pen** (except on the House War Cry Competition night). Except for water, **no food or drink may be consumed in the pool area**. Students may not leave The Sports Centre area without permission from their respective Heads of House.

Times swum in these Championships will be used to determine which students will be selected in TAS teams to compete at NCIS carnival (plus PSSA for Year 6 students).

Tea and coffee is available all day at the P&F cake stall.

### Active Kids

Students will soon be required to register for their winter sports and parents are encouraged to apply for their Active Kids Voucher now. To register for your Active Kids Voucher you will require a MyServiceNSW account & Medicare card details.

Please go to [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids) for more information or Service NSW help line - 13 77 88.

## CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

### TAS 16s Cricket

We are already straight back into cricket season, and I just want to let you know the staff you may need to be in contact with in regards to cricket matters:

MIC Cricket – Mr Mark Taylor – [mtaylor@as.edu.au](mailto:mtaylor@as.edu.au)

Cricket Administrator – Ms Rachel Harrison – [rharriso@as.edu.au](mailto:rharriso@as.edu.au)

U10 Manger – Ms Donella Tutt – [dtutt@as.edu.au](mailto:dtutt@as.edu.au)

U12 Coach/Manager – Mr Jacob Hunt – [jhunt1@as.edu.au](mailto:jhunt1@as.edu.au)

U14 Manger – Mr Matthew Rankmore – [mrankmor@as.edu.au](mailto:mrankmor@as.edu.au)

U14 White Coach – Mr Liam Treavors – [ltreavor@as.edu.au](mailto:ltreavor@as.edu.au)

U14 Blue Coach – Mr Christian Gill – [cgill@as.edu.au](mailto:cgill@as.edu.au)

U16 Manager – Ms Rachael Edmonds – [redmonds@as.edu.au](mailto:redmonds@as.edu.au)

U16 White Coach – please contact Ms Rachael Edmonds regarding games.

U16 Blue Coach – Mr Jordan Lucas – [jlucas@as.edu.au](mailto:jlucas@as.edu.au)

Opens Cricket Manager – Ms Amanda Robins – [arobins@as.edu.au](mailto:arobins@as.edu.au)

2nd XI Cricket – please contact Ms Amanda Robins regarding games.

1st XI Cricket Coach – Mr Cameron Patrick – [cpatrick@as.edu.au](mailto:cpatrick@as.edu.au)

All information regarding games can be found on Team App, so we kindly ask that all cricketers and their parents to download and use this as the primary source of information. Information regarding how to download this can be found below.

All Junior Cricket games (U10, U12, U14 and U16) commence at 9am sharp, so it is important to arrive by 8.40am ready to warm up.

If for any case you cant make it to a game, in advance notice, please contact your managers. In the case of a last minute emergency (i.e. Sickness on a Saturday morning), then please contact your coach to let them know that you will be unable to attend.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents to 'like' the Armidale District Cricket Association Facebook page, which is where any Wet Weather announcements are made. Wet weather announcements will also be on Team App, once we are notified. Please presume in wet weather that a game is on, until you hear otherwise.

Full fixtures can be found on the MyCricket website, along with results and player statistics.

I hope that this information is helpful for you, and if you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to be in touch.

### Junior Cricket Training (3.45pm – 5pm)

U10s - Mondays on Wakefield

U12s – Mondays at the Cricket Nets

U14s – Tuesdays at the Cricket Nets and Thursday on Wakefield

U16s – Tuesday on Wakefield and Wednesday in the Cricket Nets

**Ms Rachael Harrison**  
**Cricket Administrator**

### CRICKET - THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL


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Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

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1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.
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2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
  3. Log into the App and search for "Cricket - The Armidale School".
  4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
  5. If you don't have a smartphone go to [thearmidaleschoolcricket.teamapp.com](http://thearmidaleschoolcricket.teamapp.com) to sign up and view this App online.

#### Need help?

Contact: Amanda Robins  
Email: [arobins@as.edu.au](mailto:arobins@as.edu.au)  
Phone: 0267765800





## Mountain Biking

The first round of the New England Mountain Bikers' summer series was well attended by TAS students on Monday evening. The series consists of two races every Monday evening for Term 1, with the first race mainly aimed at junior riders (and adults who can't make the later time). The second race attracts senior riders, often with much fiercer competition. Every round is held at Kookaburra Crest on Armidale's North Hill. The track, which was originally built as a four-cross track and has had single track added on, offers a wonderful view over Armidale. It is one of the best tracks in the region for spectators, not only due to the great view, but also because they can see most of the riders for the entire race. So it was an impressive sight after the start of the first race to see the many white and blue jerseys of TAS students flying down the track, taking on the berms and jumps superbly! The delightful downhill was soon met though with the leg-burning grind of the up hills! Most students who had time off the bike over the holidays were regretting it! However, it won't take them long to regain their fitness on this track! Well done to everyone who raced on Monday. Your race results can be found here: [http://my6.raceresult.com/90464/#0\\_9710F7](http://my6.raceresult.com/90464/#0_9710F7)

In other news, there were five TAS senior students who didn't take a break from the bike over the school holidays: Angus Apps, Harry Graham, Duncan Chalmers, Archie Chick and Hamish Chalmers were all competing in the National XC Mountain Bike Series. These young men have raced between two and six rounds of the national series held between Orange NSW and Nerang QLD with Angus Apps also making the trip to Pemberton WA to compete! This has been an enormous commitment on the students and their parents part, so a huge congratulations to everyone involved. We look forward to watching you race at the National XC Championships at SportUNE on 24 and 25 February!

**Mrs Jo Benham**



TAS students negotiating the berms and jumps during race one of the NEMTB Summer Series.



After round six, Angus Apps is currently placed an impressive 10th out of 42 riders in the junior men category of the National XC Series.

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## CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR, MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

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### The Addams Family

After a wildly successful Production Camp held the weekend before school started our major school production *The Addams Family* is brimming with spooky talent and monstrous excitement. Rehearsals have our undeadly cast busily working every week and the costumes, sets and props are starting to emerge from the grave. There are two really important pieces of information for the whole school community to know:

1. Tickets are now on sale and likely to disappear faster than a wolf in the dead of the night! Head to the Hoskins Centre website (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/event/the-addams-family-musical/>) to grab one before they are all spirited away.
2. A working bee is being planned for the weekend of Week 5 and we would love all the spare arms, heads and limbs out there to assist with the making of props, dressing and painting of set, and any other busy work we can think of. If you're not directly involved in the show but would love to get a small bite of the action keep your eye's peeled for more information in TAS Talks.

### Middle School Production

We are on the verge of announcing the Middle School Production and distributing audition information so students in Years 6, 7 and 8 should pay particular attention to their emails in the coming days. Students will receive an email directing them to the show information, the audition booklet and the audition booking procedure so I hope that has the anticipation levels nice and high in Middle School.

### The Hoskins Centre Season 2018

As well as being the beating heart of school performances and the Creative Arts at TAS the Hoskins Centre also plays host to a number of professional touring productions throughout the year. While we will always send out posters and marketing materials through emails and TAS Talks you can also check out the Hoskins Centre website (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins>) to know what amazing events are coming up. With plays, concerts, spoken word performances, standup comedy galas and even a visit from Melbourne City Ballet it promises to be one of our grandest seasons in many years so check there regularly for information and updates.

**Mr Andrew O'Connell**  
Creative Arts Coordinator



Mr Andrew O'Connell





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# MUSIC MATTERS

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## TAS Ensemble Rehearsal Times

All TAS Ensemble rehearsals have begun this week and it has been wonderful to hear the ensembles rehearsing.

Any students interested in joining a TAS instrumental or vocal ensemble should talk to Ms Roobol in the Music Centre. There are opportunities for all ages and skill levels.

The ensemble rehearsal times for this term are below. Please check them carefully as there have been a couple of changes. TAS Camerata (TAS String Ensemble) will be rehearsing in the Hoskins Centre Foyer starting this Thursday morning from 7:30am with Mr Robert Jackson and Mr Warwick Dunham.



## TAS MUSIC ENSEMBLES

### Rehearsal Times

<b>ENSEMBLE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
TAS Piano Trio	<b>Monday</b>	7:45am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Big Band		3:45pm – 5:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Senior Jazz Combo		3:45pm – 5:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Rock Band - RJB		5:00pm – 6:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Pipes and Drums		6:00pm – 7:00pm	With Armidale Pipe Band
TAS Singers	<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Cantique		7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Young Voices		7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Trebles		8:00am – 8:45am	Music Centre M2
TAS K-2 Choir		9:30am – 10:15am	Music Centre basement
TAS A Capella		1:30pm – 2:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS 3-5 Choir		2:00pm – 2:45pm	Music Centre basement
The FanTAStics	<b>Wednesday</b>	7.40am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Drummers		8:00am – 8:40am	Music Centre M1
TAS Rock Band - DVT		1:30pm – 2:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Camerata	<b>Thursday</b>	7:30am – 8:30am	Hoskins Centre Foyer
TAS Junior Strings		TBC	
TAS Senior String Quartet	<b>Friday</b>	7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Chapel Choir		3:45pm – 5:00pm	TAS Memorial Hall/Chapel

## Instrumental Tuition


Many of the Instrumental tutors have commenced lessons for the year. If you are not sure of your tuition time please contact your tutor. Students please put a reminder on your school calendar, in your diary, on your phone or on your watch. You need to attend your own lesson time each week because the Peripatetic tutors at TAS are heavily booked and do not have many extra times in a week to fit in make up lessons.

Remember that tuition is available at TAS for Voice and also a wide range of other instruments including Double Bass, Clarinet, Trumpet, Flute, Piano, Trombone, Organ, Violin, Cello, Guitar, Electric Bass, Drums, French Horn, etc. Tuition Enrolment Forms are available on the TAS website <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music/>

## Boarders' Practice

TAS boarders will be able to access the Music Centre during practice sessions in the evenings during the term and on the weekend, to practice their instrument. A Boarders' Practice Supervisor will be in the Music Centre for each evening and weekend session to oversee and assist students with their work. Times are below:

The times are as follows:



### **BOARDERS' PRACTICE TIMES**

**Term 1 2018**

The TAS Music Centre will be open to students for instrumental practice at the following times during school term:

**MORNINGS: Monday - Friday**

**All Boarders**  
8.00am – 8.30am

**EVENINGS: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

**All Boarders**  
6.30pm – 9.00pm

**WEEKENDS: Saturday & Sunday**

**All Boarders**  
3.00pm – 5.00pm

Please see the Boarders' Practice Supervisor to sign the roll when you arrive for your session.

## TAS Minibus to Necom

A reminder for all our New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) students that the TAS minibus is available on both Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to take students to NECOM. The minibus pulls up at the lower turning circle near the Music Centre at 3.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and departs at 3.40pm. It is provided by TAS to assist our students to meet their NECOM commitments on these days.

Please make any enquiries about the bus to NECOM by phoning the Music Centre on 6776 5890.

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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### Coast weekend last weekend

Excerpt from Mr James Brauer's letter to parents:

*Coast weekend was a success with all the boys wholeheartedly immersing themselves in beach and other recreational activities. All the boys were mixed up in different sleeping cabins which gave everyone the opportunity to meet someone new. The weather wasn't fantastic, however, we were able to swim under some sunshine after ten pin bowling on Saturday afternoon. Upon our return on Sunday afternoon there were some very tired boys. All in all, a wonderful weekend was had by all. I would like to personally thank all White House Staff, TAS service staff, Sr. Jenny Murray, Mark Harrison and Michael Holland for contributing towards a successful weekend.*



### This week in Middle School

- **Year 6 and year 7 photos:**  
Formal Uniform is to be worn by all students
- Homeroom classes have been House Meeting to get ready for Swimming Carnival next week 16 February probably more importantly for the students the War Cries on Thursday 15
- Students in Year 7 underwent PAT Test on Tuesday 6
- Mr Harrison has been around all the classes and is getting to know students as quickly as possible
- **Next week is the Parent Information Sessions on Thursday 15** - Parents are strongly advised to attend, to meet Homeroom staff and, indeed, one another prior to Attending War Cries
- Administrative Assistant's Robyn Frost hours are now 8:30 to 4:00pm
- **Town Meeting:** Topics discussed  
Basketball times discussed; sensible mobile phone use (never in a classroom); Hats (need to be worn in the grounds, or you can't play, have games etc): McConville (out of bounds); Boundaries; Fire Doors (not to be used, except in emergency); no hard cricket balls (tennis balls are to be used for cricket and lunch)

Wow, this is amazing.

**Mr Mark Harrison**  
**Head of Middle School**



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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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### Junior School BBQ

It was really unfortunate that the weather dictated that we postpone our BBQ again this year. As suggested by one of parents however, we will not be offering our rainmaking services! Instead, we will be searching for another suitable date and will advertise this as soon as possible for planning purposes. It is a significant social occasion for us and one that has developed into an integral part of Term 1 in Junior School.

### Parent/Teacher information evenings

These evenings provide a great opportunity to meet with your children's teacher and gain an idea about the year's program and the classroom procedures for 2018. As I discussed last week, developing good lines of communication with your classroom teacher is an important aspect of a successful year and we value your feedback and involvement more than ever. Please contact the school if you have questions or any concerns either by email, phone or in person by ringing Mrs Sandra Lasker on 6776 5817 and arranging a convenient time.

### Queen's Baton Relay

We were very proud and pleased to have been able to support the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay last week, supporting what was a really well organised community venture. Adding to the day and high on the list for me, was being able to catch up with both Greg Blanch and Will Brunson, both of whom had addressed our Junior School students prior to meeting Katie Kelly at the end of 2016 when she represented Disabled Athletes from around the globe as our Guest Speech Day Presenter. Greg and Will have done so much to contribute to their various causes and of course, achieved so much personal success along the way. They inspired our children with their wonderful presentation then, and we were privileged to see them and many other great Armidalians carry the baton into Armidale.





## Junior School Assemblies

Each week, a class hosts the weekly Junior School Assembly, an opportunity to join as a school to recognise and celebrate achievements in and around our School. We welcome all our parents and friends along to these assemblies but especially when your child's class is hosting. The structure of our assemblies this year will encourage performances and the active sharing of our classroom work in a lively and exciting way. We hope you will be able to join us from time to time.

## Happy Birthday

Ava Watts is the only Junior School student celebrating her birthday this week, so a big Happy Birthday wish to you Ava.

## Naming Belongings

As we begin the year, we remind all parents to name all their children's belongings. We endeavour to return all lost property, but this is not possible if items are not named. A lost property box is in Junior School and parents are encouraged to check here in the first instance if items are lost. Items returned to the school are often left at the main TAS Reception. Please ensure all second-hand clothing is marked with the correct name.

## Absences from School

Parents are asked to advise the School if their child is absent by 9.00am on the day and a note from the parent explaining the absence is required to be sent to the teacher upon the child's return to school. If a child is ill at school, parents will be contacted to discuss the most appropriate care. If the School has not had notification of a child's absence by 9.30am on the day, the School will contact the family to check on the child's whereabouts.

## After School Care in 2018

### Camp Australia – After School Care

Camp Australia will host our after school care program again in 2018. If you would like to use the service throughout the year, you will need to register first with Camp Australia.

To register go to:

1. [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)
2. On the home page go to 'new parent' and type in The Armidale School.
3. On the right-hand side of the page 'registration'
4. After you have registered you can start making bookings online.

If you need more information or help, please contact the customer service team on 1300 105 343

## Looking Ahead

### Week 2

- Tues 6 Feb Parent Information Night 6 -7 pm  
Years. K, 2, & 4 in JS classrooms
- Wed 7 Feb Year 5 Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45 pm
- Thurs 8 Feb Parent Information Night 6 -7 pm  
Years. 1, 3, & 5 in JS classrooms

### Week 3

- Wed 14 Feb Year 4VW & 4AF Assembly –  
Hoskins Centre 2.45 pm
- Thurs 15 Feb Junior School Swimming Carnival

### Week 4

- Wed 21 Feb Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45pm

### A Transdisciplinary Approach to Learning

Transdisciplinary learning provides an authentic learning experience that has relevance to the real world and a student's place in it. Learning is coherent and connected to a range of subject areas and encourages a high level of student engagement.

A transdisciplinary approach aims to help students develop a broader and deeper understanding of complex issues by connecting with contexts investigated and ones, which have global relevance.

It is an approach to teaching and learning that goes beyond connecting different subject areas. The framework requires the learning be relevant to students understanding of their world. The different subject areas must complement and support one another with the learning being enriched by the separate subject areas to connect what is real and authentic in the world.

At the core of transdisciplinary learning are the five essential elements identified in the PYP framework (knowledge, concept, skills, attitudes and action). This approach provides the perfect platform for learning to be engaging, challenging, significant and relevant.

**Mrs Veronica Waters**  
**PYP Coordinator**



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## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS, MRS CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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Welcome back to our summer sports season. As we continue on from last year, most of you will be aware of what team or sports group you are in. Most coaches remain the same as last year and will be in contact with you this week in regard to sports training and games for Term 1.

If you are new to our Junior School and are interested in joining a team or playing a sport this term please contact Mrs Christine Wright at [cwright@as.edu.au](mailto:cwright@as.edu.au) so she can arrange this for you.

Information about all summer sports can be found on the TAS website.

Training for all sports has commenced this week.

### **Under 10's TAS White Cricket**

It was a misty and cold morning for our first game back for Cricket. A last-minute change of field didn't phase our young players as they faced the Ex-Servies team and managed to come away with the win. A huge welcome to Andy and Oli who both played amazing first games and looked like they were having lots of fun out on the oval. And once again, thank you to the parents who came and supported, score and umpired! A reminder that notifications of any cancelled games are automatically sent on Saturday morning through Team App, or if you are a Facebook user, cancellations are also posted on the Armidale Junior cricket Facebook page around 7am.

**Mrs Donella Tutt**

### **Junior School Swimming Carnival**

Please ensure all nomination forms have been returned to your class teacher. Mrs Wright is in the process of entering all children in their nominated races and needs to complete this task this week.

If you are willing to help at our Swimming Carnival with timekeeping please let Mrs Wright know before the day by emailing her on: [cwright@as.edu.au](mailto:cwright@as.edu.au)

**Mrs Christine Wright**



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## COMMUNITY

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### Pottery with Rick Hatch

I trust that you have all had a refreshing holiday and are inspired and enthusiastic to work with clay. As you know, the goal of our classes is to make great work in clay while developing our visual and manual skills and HAVING LOTS OF FUN!

I got lots of ideas from last year's students and have based our first project on their ideas. I will explain it all when we start in two weeks. The info is as follows:

**Where:** Classes are held in Art Room 1 of the Hoskins Centre at TAS. This is the ground floor room on the left as you enter.

**Who:** Years K-5 are on Tuesdays from 4- 5 pm

**When:** Years 5 and up are on Thursdays from 4 - 5 pm

These age divisions are a guide only. If you need your child to come on a different day that these guidelines, it is not a problem, just talk to me about it.

Also, please note that children are welcome to arrive straight after school ends, We have great fun setting up for the class together.

**Commencement:**

Tuesday 6 February

Thursday 8 February

We will have five lessons, then a one week break for firing (Tuesday 15 March, Thursday 17 March), Then a party and exhibition on Tuesday 20 March and Thursday 22 March.

Cost is \$135. This includes instruction, material and firing costs.

To enrol or for further information please email on [weemalapot@yahoo.com.au](mailto:weemalapot@yahoo.com.au) or ring me on 6772 5371

Please include your child's name and age and your contact phone number.

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### Instrumental Lessons

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# Sam Naismith Cup

AFL Entry Form 2018

Open Boys

Under 15 Boys

Open Youth Girls



We would like to invite your school to participate in the 2018 Sam Naismith Cup & AFL Gala Days. The Sam Naismith Cup is an AFL NSW/ACT Secondary School competition and is conducted in three divisions for both Boys & Youth Girls.

**Boys – Open; Under 15's (born 2002 or later); & Open Youth Girls**

**12 – 15 a side** (Schools with small numbers may combine sides.)

Schools may enter more than 1 team in each division

## Gala Days

**Armidale** Thursday 15th March at Sports UNE

**Inverell** Tuesday 13th March at Sports Complex

**Tamworth** Friday 23rd March at Gipps St Oval

The best performing teams from each Gala Day will be invited to participate in the

**Finals at Inverell on Thursday 17th May**

If your school is short on numbers – let us know & we will help you to form a combined school teams.

Schools are asked to provide an adult volunteer to help for the day.

**AFL staff and volunteers are available to help with skills & coaching sessions at your school. Please contact us early to arrange these sessions if desired.**

**Please remind students to be sun smart, drink plenty of water. The wearing of mouth guards is optional but advisable.**

## *Full Canteen Operating*

If you have any questions regarding the Sam Naismith Cup, please contact AFL Development Officers:

Sonia Martin on 0417 139 557 [sonia@riversleagroup.com.au](mailto:sonia@riversleagroup.com.au)

OR Jamie Moore on 0458 646 184 [mork77@live.com.au](mailto:mork77@live.com.au)



# Sam Naismith Cup Entry Form 2017

Please indicate the number of teams you would like to enter, and your preferred Gala Day.

School name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teams Entered:

Open Boys       Under 15 boys       Open Youth Girls

Preferred Gala Days:

Armidale – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March       Inverell – Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March       Tamworth – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**NOTE: The best performing teams will be invited to participate in the  
Sam Naismith Cup finals  
at Inverell on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Email your entry to [sonia@riversleagroup.com.au](mailto:sonia@riversleagroup.com.au)**

## No Parking

Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.

The driver **MUST** remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times. The vehicle must not be left unattended.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

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**Penalty: \$183**

**Demerit Points: YES (2)**

## No Stopping

Stopping is not permitted at any time.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

**Penalty: \$330**

**Demerit Points: YES (2)**

## Bus Zones

Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

**Penalty: \$330**

**Demerit Points: YES (2)**

## Stopping on or near a children's crossing

A driver must not stop on a children's crossing or on the road within 20 metres before the crossing, and 10 metres after the crossing.

**Penalty: \$439**

**Demerit Points: YES (2)**

## Road safety around your child's school Your child's safety depends on you

- Drop off and pick up by car
- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
- Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated
- Drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.
- Walking together to and from school
- Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
- Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** for traffic to your right left and right again.

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

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