



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

City to Surf

The spirit of our community was in full public view last Sunday as TAS fielded a record team in what is now the biggest fun run in the world. Our team of 272, including over 200 students, was by far and away the largest school presence in this massive event and it attracted a lot of comment all along the way. It also generated its own buzz amongst our runners and the mood and keenness from every runner to push themselves and do their best was impressive.

Every runner deserves to be congratulated on finishing the event, but special accolades must go to Disa Smart whose time of just over 60 minutes placed her 9th woman from 1,134 runners in the 16 to 19 years category and to Sam Jones who set a TAS record time of 56:12 to come in 38th from 1,217 runners in the men's 16 to 19 bracket and Emerson Browning who was not far behind and placed 14th from 1,136 boys in the 13 to 15 years category.

Special congratulations must also go to Mr Pennington who again led the TAS charge and managed to inspire such a huge number of our students. Even with these numbers the event ran like a well-oiled machine for our contingent and that is a great credit to him.

National History Win

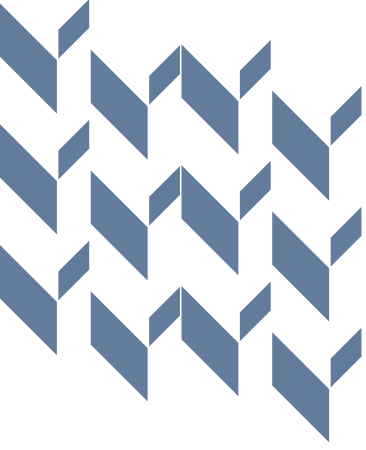
Readers of TAS Talks this week will see the report on the National History Competition from our HSIE Coordinator Mr Toakley and the news that Year 10 student Thomas Wu has taken first place nationally following his score of 100 percent in the competition held earlier this year. This is, of course, an exceptional result and I am sure all will want to join in offering our congratulations to Thomas.

Curtain Up

Our Year 12 Drama students were on show last Wednesday evening for the gala 'Curtain Up' production and the great show was appreciated by the capacity Hoskins Centre audience. Beyond the entertainment for a very appreciative audience, this was serious business for our students as their individual and group performances were presented for marking as part of their Trial HSC. Even some weeks before the external markers arrive for the final practical examination, the performances were polished and creative and highlighted the considerable talent and commitment in this group. I know that the Trial HSC markers were impressed and I wish all the performers well as they keep working through the coming weeks.

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Uniform and Book Shop

Hours for the Uniform and Book Shop will be reduced over the following weeks due to staffing issues.

The shop will open on Mon-Fri from 4pm-5pm and 1-145pm.

If you have any urgent enquires please contact Mrs Kate Lawrence in the Business Office on 6776 5800.

WEEK 4

Wednesday 15 August	Year 12 Trial Exams NCIS Athletics (Coffs Harbour)
Thursday 16 August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Friday 17 August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Saturday 18 August	TAS v SHORE (Sydney)

WEEK 5

Monday 20 August	Year 12 Trial Exams continue
Tuesday 21 August	Year 12 Trial Exams AgQuip
Wednesday 22 August	AgQuip Year 12 Trial Exams
Thursday 23 August	Year 12 Trial Exams AgQuip
Friday 24 August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Saturday 25 August	Rugby v Downlands (TAS) Tournament of the Minds Regional Final

NOTICE BOARD

Motor vehicle regulations

With students in senior years striving to achieve their L or P licences, students and parents are reminded that no L or P plater drivers (whether they be students at TAS or another school) are permitted to drive a vehicle into the school grounds at any time, including the beginning and end of term when boarders are departing/arriving at school. This is outlined in the School Rules and Regulations that can be found on the website, in both the Parents and Students Portals.

A day student may drive to school provided he/she and their parents have provided the 'Permission to Drive to School' form in duplicate, available from Reception or the school website. Students are to park in Douglas St or Mann St only. The vehicle is not to be used between the commencement of the school day and 3.30 pm (unless permission has been sought for Late Arrival/Early Leave in the case of Year 12 students). The vehicle is not to be brought on to school property.

Students are forbidden to drive other students in their cars without the written permission of parents of the passenger, which should then be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster.

Boarders are not to have the use of a motor vehicle in Armidale unless parents have presented a case for good cause and the Deputy Headmaster has approved. A separate Boarders Drivers form is available from Reception and the website.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



The Headmaster, Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer Cadets,
Major (AAC) Angus Murray

request the pleasure of your company
at

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

on Adamsfield

**Friday 14 September, 2018
at 2.00pm**

Reviewing Officer

Colonel Andrew Plant, CSM
Director of Training Australian
Army Cadets

followed by Afternoon Tea
in Big School



TAS STEM ACADEMY



TAS
THE ARMIDALE
SCHOOL

COME TO THE OPEN DAY

1 SEPTEMBER

12.30PM FREE BBQ LUNCH

1-4PM STEM ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

rsvp: Mrs Sandra Lasker junior@as.edu.au

Mrs Robyn Frost middle@as.edu.au

www.as.edu.au

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY SOIREE

Please RSVP

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association turns 80 this year and we are having a little soiree in Big School on Saturday 1 September 2018 from 5pm to 8pm to say thank you. We wish to celebrate all the amazing things the P&F has done over the years and the friendships we have made in a convivial environment with drinks and nibbles.

Eighty years is an incredible milestone and without all the wonderful enthusiasm, hard work, barbequing, events, cake baking and organisation undertaken in the past we would not be the where we are today. So, thank you to all the previous members of the P&F, thank you to the current members, thank you to staff both current and previous and thank you to everyone else who has helped over the years.

Please come and celebrate with us and please forward our warm invitation on to anyone whom you think might like to attend – current, past and future parents, friends and staff are all welcome – we would love to see you there.

To help us organise catering numbers please RSVP by 24 August on trybooking.com/XITX

This is a free event although there will be a cash bar. Drinks will be \$5 a glass and Eftpos will be available.

To assist with minding the kids we are looking at screening a supervised movie at TAS. However, in order for this to happen we need to know who is coming so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Please indicate on TryBooking whether you need the babysitting service and for how many and their ages. Alternatively please contact Fiona Nash P&F Treasurer jf.nash@bigpond.com or 0402 228 733

Finally, to make this a great night we are seeking people with their Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate to help serve drinks at the bar. If you have your RSA and would like to help for an hour or so please also contact Fiona.

SHOW YOUR TAS SPIRIT - TAS SUPPORTER JACKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The TAS Clothing Shop still have some TAS Supporter Jackets for friends and family of TAS available (in both mens and womens).

The jackets are \$120 each and there are a limited numbers left. You can pay cash, eftpos or put them on your school account. If you have any queries please contact the Clothing Shop.

SAVE THE DATES:

There are a few P&F events on the horizon so please mark these in your diary:

- Saturday 25 August - Home rugby game against Downlands
- Saturday 1 September – P&F 80th Soiree
- Saturday 8 September – Home rugby games against TACAPS & Scots PGC
- Wednesday 12 September - P&F meeting 2 for Term 3
- Saturday & Sunday 20-21 October - (TBC) - Puddings
- Wednesday 31 October - P&F meeting 1 for Term 4
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday 16-18 November – Art Show
- Saturday 17 November – TAS@Dusk



TAS
PARENTS
& FRIENDS

TAS P&F
80th Birthday
Soirée

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association request the pleasure of your company at our *80th Birthday Soirée* on Saturday 1 September, 2018 in Big School from 5pm to 8pm.

Enquiries: TAS P&F Treasurer
Fiona Nash
Ejf.nash@bigpond.com
M 0402 228 733

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/XITX
24 August (for catering purposes)
Drinks \$5/glass, Eftpos available

It is fitting that while our Year 12 students are in the midst of their Trial HSC Examinations, we commenced the delivery of study skills sessions specifically targeting Year 9 and 10 boarders last night. I was very pleased with the way the Abbott boys embraced the advice and engaged with the material and those I spoke with afterwards found some useful, practical tips that they can use in their preparation for assessments. While examinations might seem like a long way off for Year 9 and 10, the focus of the session is to develop good habits that will help each student achieve academic success. Croft House will have their session Tuesday night, Tyrrell Wednesday evening and Girls on Thursday night. Middle School will have a modified session later this term.

Essentially, through the study skills sessions, I am encouraging boarders to strike a good balance between co-curricular, social and academic pursuits and providing them with some practical tools to help them learn material. The main takeaway is that to learn information we need to engage with it. Simply reading is not enough. To really commit information to memory we need to organise and/or transform it. Hopefully we will start to see notebooks being filled with summaries, flow charts and diagrams.

While we recognise academic success will look different for each boarder, it is our firm belief that every student should be aiming for personal excellence. In order to achieve their best, they need to prioritise academic work and do it to the best of their ability. Boarding truly can be an academic advantage if boarders make the most of the opportunities presented to them.

Scheduled prep time is an obvious advantage but living in close proximity to other people studying the same courses makes collaborative learning a lot easier. The extended day opens up opportunities for day students to receive the same benefit but it is so much more convenient for boarders, many of whom are already taking advantage of the chance to complete group work or consult subject specialists for individual help.

I would strongly encourage any boarders who are experiencing academic challenges to reach out and seek assistance. They are, after all, surrounded by staff who want to see them do well.

Mr Michael Holland



ACADEMIC

Australian History Competition

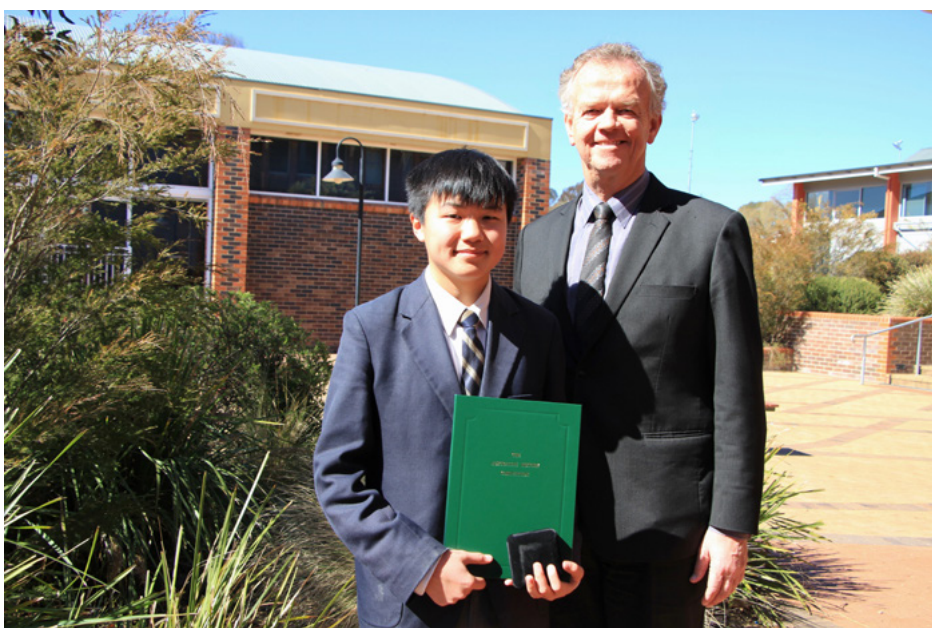
Many congratulations to History student Thomas Wu, who has achieved the incredible feat of being the Year 10 Australian History national and NSW state champion for 2018. Thomas achieved an extraordinary mark of 100 per cent in this year's competition, which really is an amazing accomplishment given the complexity of the test. One of the more challenging aspects of the competition is that students are required to analyse unseen sources, and in order for Thomas to do well in this part of the paper he would have had to draw on all of the skills that he has learned in History classes over the last few years. Thomas has received a medallion for being the state champion, a leather-bound certificate for being the national champion, and also a monetary prize of \$250. It is wonderful to see that our History students continue to perform so capably in this national competition, as this result builds on the success of Thomas Price in 2017, who was the NSW state champion. It might be difficult to improve further from here, but there are some very capable students in Year 9, so we look forward to watching their progress.

A number of other students also achieved some outstanding results this year. They include:

Andrew Kirk – High Distinction
Cotter Litchfield – High Distinction
Jack Nivison – High Distinction
Lachlan Reiss-Wears – High Distinction
Lucy Ball – High Distinction
Matthew Wark – High Distinction
Colby Hanes – Distinction
Marcus Braham – Distinction
Raghav Kapur – Distinction
Sancia Ridgeway – Distinction

Congratulations to all of the above students, most particularly Thomas Wu. The HSIE Department very much hopes to see you all choosing History as a Stage 6 subject in 2019.

Mr David Toakley
PDHPE Coordinator



Thomas Wu with Headmaster, Murray Guest

Everingham and Solomons Solicitor Bursary

Below is an extract of a letter I received from Everingham and Solomon's about a bursary they are offering for students interested in studying law. If this is an area of interest for you please have a look.

"Everingham Solomons Solicitors is a progressive law firm located in Tamworth employing 12 lawyers in a range of specialist areas, and support staff with a total workforce of 35.

Everingham Solomons is committed to the growth of the region and the success of its youth.

For many years we have offered a bursary to Year 12 students wishing to pursue university qualifications in law.

For the 2018 year, we have decided to substantially re-structure our bursary program to increase its visibility among prospective applicants and increase the assistance provided to talented students and dedicated schools.

For 2018, the benefits of our bursary program will be delivered in two parts:

1. Firstly, the successful Applicant will receive an immediate cash prize of \$1,500 and will be guaranteed a paid, annual clerkship in our firm for the duration of their degree;
2. Secondly, the successful Applicant's School will receive an immediate cash donation of \$1,000 and a plaque commemorating the student's success in the bursary program."

For more Details please download the application form from the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/08/07/everingham-and-solomons-solicitor-bursary/>

University Open Days

We are coming to the silly season in terms of University Open Days. I highly recommend a visit to the university of your choice to get the best information about application processes, residential options and course information and a generally feel of the campus.

I have posted a list of University Open Days on the school website for your convenience. Please take a look and see if it is possible to have a visit.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/08/07/nsw-universities-open-days/>

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT
Passing Out Parade
Friday 14 September 2018

Passing out Parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above shall be held on Adamsfield on Friday 14 September (Week 8) commencing at 2.00pm. **The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.**

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

Week 5

- 21 August (Tuesday) – Activities Briefing 10.35am. **All 1 & 2 Platoon uniforms to be collected for laundry.**
- 23 August (Thursday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 6

- 27 August (Monday) – Activities Day No. 5. **All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade. DPCU Uniform to be inspected on parade.**
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **B & C COY only** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 7

- 4 September (Tuesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs
- 5 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)

Week 8

- 10 September (Monday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** – Adamsfield
- 11 September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 12 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 13 September (Thursday) - Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no Pd 6&7 or sport training**)

14 September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade--- Cadet Unit – 11. 40am – 3.30pm
(cadets required from 11.40am P4/5 for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
Parade commences at 2.00pm.

MAJ (AAC) Angus Murray
Commanding Officer

City 2 Surf

Congratulations to the 272 TAS students, staff and parents who participated in the City 2 Surf over the weekend. It was an amazing team effort with a wonderful sense of community. Like all good teams, there was an inspirational leader and I join many others in extending my thanks and praise to Jim Pennington for his unbelievable organisation and encouragement.

Sydney Grammar School Support

The weekend before last, our Rugby teams played against Sydney Grammar School in Sydney. Prior to the fixture I was contacted by their Director of Rugby to inform me that their Fathers' Association and Women's Association would be donating all takings from the BBQ and Canteen that weekend towards "Buy a Bale". The fact that they raised over \$5000 was fantastic and the genuine empathy extended to our families greatly appreciated.

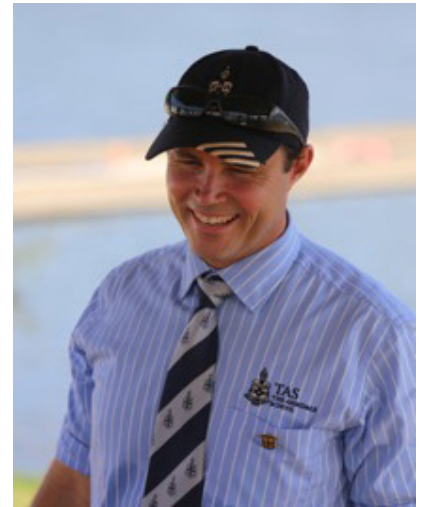
Summer Sports Choices

Students will be asked to choose their summer sport by the end of next week. All students are expected to choose from the following main sports:

- Basketball
- Cricket
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Rowing (Years 10-11)
- Shooting
- Squash (Years 9-11)
- Tennis
- Triathlon

A summary of each sport will be emailed to students early next week and a copy will appear in TAS Talks. Parents are encouraged to discuss this decision with their son / daughter. Please contact the MIC of the sport if you have any specific questions.

Mr Will Caldwell



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

TAS a might force in City to Surf

A top ten result for the first girl home and a new record for the fastest TAS student were highlights of Sunday's City to Surf fun run for the 272 strong team from The Armidale School.

The largest school team in the world's largest fun run by a country mile, the northern students certainly made their presence felt along the 14km route.

First home for TAS was Samuel Jones in 56:12, knocking more than 30 seconds off the previous record for a TAS runner and improving his time of last year by more than four minutes. Maintaining an average pace of four minutes for each of the 14km and finishing in the top one per cent, Samuel, in Year 10, was 38th of 1, 217 in the male 16-19 category, and 671st overall of more than 67,000 finishers.

Not far behind was Emerson Browning in 57:33, 14th home of the 1,136 males aged 13-15 years.

In a stunning race, Disa Smart, the first girl finisher for TAS in 1:00:35, was ninth of 1,134 girls in the female 16-19 category, an improvement of three places from last year. The bulk of the TAS team finished inside 1:45:00, a sterling effort by all.

However it wasn't just the fast runners that were the star performers, but all students, staff and parents who put their hands up to be part of the event. The sense of school spirit and community pride was evident from the time the four coaches left Armidale, until they returned. If there was any doubt what how engaged our students are in something bigger than themselves was the way that, despite sore muscles and aching limbs, they so enthusiastically danced along to the tunes played by Sincopa Trio where the school's base was, encouraging hundreds of other racegoers as they headed towards the finish line.

An event involving so many students can only run smoothly with the support and assistance of a large number of staff, and I am most grateful to them for coming on board this year. Despite having almost 100 more students running in 2018, we were on the buses home an hour earlier than last year.

While many runners took part in the event as part of their pursuit of the Triple Crown, it mustn't be forgotten that everyone ran with Batyr on their singlet, a #doitfordolly cattle tag, and a willingness to continue talking about the issue of mental health.

Mr Jim Pennington

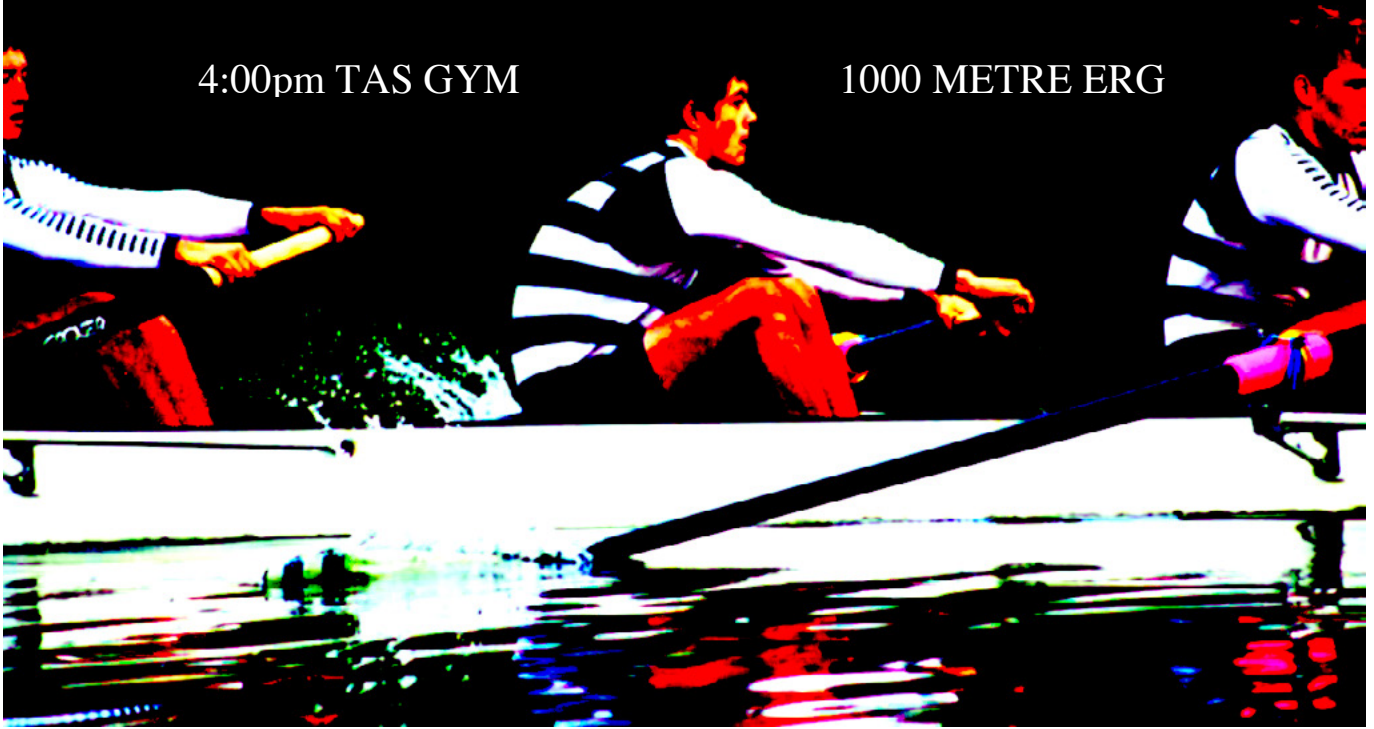


YEAR 10 & 11 ROWING TRIALS

WEDNESDAY 22nd or THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST

4:00pm TAS GYM

1000 METRE ERG



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

TAS V SHORE 17-18 AUGUST

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school **Friday 17 August:**

- BUS 1 (Oxley-48) – **Opens:** 1.30pm (Dinner Singleton)
- BUS 2 (Edwards-57) – **13s & 14s:** 1.30pm (Dinner Scone)
- BUS 3 (Oxley-62) – **15s & 16s:** 2.00pm (Dinner Scone)

Return to TAS front of school **Saturday 18 August:** Updates via Team App

- BUS 1 (Oxley-48) – **Opens:** ETA 8.30pm (Dinner en route)
- BUS 2 (Edwards-57) – **13s & 15s:** ETA 6.30pm (Dinner at TAS/home)
- BUS 3 (Oxley-62) – **14s & 16s:** ETA 9.00pm (Dinner en route)

TAS	Shore	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	3 rd XV	Northbridge A	11.00am
TAS 2 nd XV	5 th XV	Northbridge A	10.00am
TAS 16A	16B	Northbridge B	12.00pm
TAS 16B	16D	Northbridge B	11.00am
TAS 15A	15C	Northbridge B	10.00am
TAS 15B	15D	Northbridge B	9.00am
TAS 14A	14B	Northbridge C	11.00am
TAS 14B	14D	Northbridge C	12.00pm
TAS 13A	13B	Northbridge C	9.00am
TAS 13B	13D	Northbridge C	10.00am

Game Locations: Northbridge Ovals- Off Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge

Bedding/Accommodation: 13s & 14s: **Swags** -Newington College (Breakfast provided)
15s: Swags- Grammar Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)
16s: Sleeping Bags & Pillows Only– Shore Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)
Opens: Sleeping Bag & Pillow - SBHS Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)

*** Boys without swags should collect a mattress from Sandilands room upon departure & take their own sleeping bag & pillow**

Meals: Friday Dinner Belmore in Scone(13-16s)/Singleton (Opens)
Breakfast as shown above
Lunch provided by Shore
Dinner Saturday as shown above

Dress: Year 7-8: Full TAS Tracksuit (**to be worn to school**)

Year 9-12: **TAS formals**, to be worn for all travel and on game day.

Cost: All students \$110 charged to school accounts.

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

Thanks to the incredible support and generosity of the TAS P&F we have a brand-new setup in the Hoskins Centre foyer. With new couches, bar tables and stools, and a cafe-style seating area, the foyer is a renewed space for people to gather and classes to employ as a revitalised breakout space. What was already one of the feature pieces of the school looks even better now and I know it will continue to impress community members and visitors alike. On behalf of the students and staff who keep the space in constant use I want to again express our gratitude to the P&F for making this possible, as well as the tireless Stewart McRae for his careful eye for design.

Our resident potter Rick Hatch had an unfortunate accident last week and while he is now fine he will be unable to teach pottery classes this term. He is incredibly apologetic as he knows how enthusiastic and dedicated his students are but he rightly wants to focus on his recovery and I am sure the school community will join me in wishing him a speedy and full recovery.

Congratulations go to Year 8 artist Ben Duarte, who was the winner of the Year 7-9 category in the UNE Discovery Boilerhouse postcard competition for his linoprint titled 'Skeletal frame'. As the competition winner he received a \$100 prize and 100 copies of his postcard, a wonderful bonus on top of the accolades. This is also a good reminder that Visual Arts Club operates every Monday and Thursday 3:30pm - 5:00pm for students in Year 6 - 12, which is a great time to learn new skills or enter competitions like this one.

Last week a number of TAS students featured in the Opera Australia performance *Madame Butterfly* out at Lazenby Hall. Once more we got to see the incredible talent in our Music program on show next to Arts professionals. My congratulations to all who were involved and the exemplary standard they set as ambassadors for the school.

With the Technical Production Club working on a huge project this term affectionately titled 'T-Rex' they will now be meeting Thursday afternoons 3:30pm - 5:00pm. I know how excited that dedicated group is to work on the project and learn from the master Mr Cornford so keep your eyes out for more information about their showcase at the end of the term.

And finally, auditions for Junior School's *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* have commenced and already there is a tremendous amount of talent on show. All the best for students in Years 3, 4 and 5 vying for the lead roles but know that no matter what role you receive it is sure to be another fantastic experience in the masterful hands of Mrs Cleaver and her team.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell



Opera Australia - Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly'

Congratulations to Essie Lindeman (Year 7), Jasper O'Neil (Year 7), Will Mackson (Year 8) and Piyumi Ekanayake (Year 9) who were selected to sing as part of the children's chorus in Opera Australia's touring performance of Puccini's Madame Butterfly (directed by John Bell). This was a wonderful opportunity for these students to perform in a professional production and to sing with some of Australia's finest Operatic singers. Audiences were wowed by the performance which was brought to Armidale by the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM).

New England Sings! Tickets Update

Tickets are selling FAST with over 350 tickets sold in the morning concert and about 250 tickets sold for the afternoon concert! Please book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. TAS Primary Choir (Years 3-5) will be performing in Concert 1 and the TAS Senior Choir (Years 6-12) will perform in both concerts. Tickets can be purchased directly from Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/WXRS

New England Sings! 2018 Second Primary rehearsal

The second combined Primary choir rehearsal will be held at NECTOM on Thursday 23 August 11:00am – 12:30pm
Venue: Auditorium, CB Newling Building (Old Teachers College) Cnr. Mossman & Faulkner Sts. Armidale

This rehearsal will be conducted by renowned Australian Composer and Conductor, Dan Walker, who will be revisiting the commissioned work, plus the remaining repertoire.

What to wear at New England Sings - Primary Choirs

As in previous years we will have a dress code for all students in the Primary choir for the concerts on the final weekend.

Coloured t-shirt (no logos)

Black pants (no leggings)

Black socks

Black school shoes

New England Sings! 2018 - Secondary Choir Rehearsal

The first combined choir rehearsal will be held at NECTOM on Friday 24 August 12:30 - 3:00pm. We will be breaking into parts for much of the rehearsal to assist with rapid learning and polishing of the repertoire.

Date: Friday 24 August

Time: 12:30 - 3:00pm

Staff: Soprano & Alto Conductors: Leanne Roobol & Inge Brasche

Accompanist: Robyn Bradley

Tenor & Bass: Conductors Phil Oxley & Bruce Myers

Accompanist: Matthew Minter

Venue: Auditorium, CB Newling Building (Old Teachers College) Cnr. Mossman & Faulkner Sts. Armidale

Vocal soloists needed for New England Sings!

For one of the works, we will need some fabulous soloists - 'How Can I Keep from Singing' by Gilpin (two secondary soloists needed, one for each concert) and the commissioned work 'Angel' by Felix Riebl (two soprano soloists needed, one for each concert). The auditions will be held on the day of the Secondary choir rehearsal on Friday 24 August. Students wishing to audition need to learn the solo and perform for a panel of two adjudicators. An accompanist will be provided on the day.

Students who are interested in auditioning please contact Ms Roobol by this Friday - lroobol@as.edu.au

AMEB Examinations

A reminder to students sitting AMEB exams over the next few weeks to let the School know you will be absent from class for your exam.

We like to celebrate the achievements of Music students so please let us know the outcome of your AMEB examinations. If you would like us to publish AMEB results in TAS Talks please email Mrs Edmonds - music@as.edu.au

Save the Date for the 'Final Note' Concert on Monday 27 August: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

A reminder to save the date for the 'Final Note' HSC Music showcase in the TAS Hoskins Centre, which is coming up soon. This event is not to be missed so be sure to put this date in your diary.



Some exciting dates to ponder!

We have many events and activities on the horizon and I would like to flag them again now....

Book Week Parade – Monday August 27

Monday 27 August is our Activities Day, which includes our Book Parade. As you may be aware, the theme this year is 'Find Your Treasure'...which opens up a world of possibilities?! As a staff, we have been discussing the structure of the day as it falls on our Activities Day no 5 which, coincidentally is also our 'Spirit of Service' day. So, there are BIG plans afoot.....(not all of which are finalised so stay tuned!)

Suffice to say, please mark this day in your diaries and give some thought to what character your child might like to dress as for the day. There will be further details about the day soon, including the arrangements for our excursions on Activities Day.

Some great resources for ideas can be found at:

https://idtl.net.au/book-week/view-resource.php?bw_resyear=2018

and

<https://www.tristanbanks.com/2018/02/book-week-2018.html>

Fathers' Day Sausage Sizzle – 31 August

We will be celebrating Father's Day on Friday 31 August at lunchtime in the Junior School covered area. We welcome all those meaningful males in the lives of our students to come along and join us for lunch and a handful of games and activities. We hope you can be with us at lunchtime (from 12.25 – 1.15 pm) and please, don't forget your runners (and to stretch before you become involved in any strenuous exercise!)

Special Year 1 Assembly in the Gymnasium - Wednesday September 5

After a good deal of planning and hard work, Mrs Hardin has joined forces with a number of staff to create a very special assembly in the School Gymnasium involving most of our students in exhibitions of gymnastics and martial arts, along with other Assembly items. We expect it to be very exciting and we hope many parents and friends can attend.

Student Reflections – "Time with parents" – Wednesday September 12

In line with our developments with the International Baccalaureate PYP, Junior School is moving towards changing the manner in which we hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews. Parents of students in Years 3 and 4 will have received a letter that outlines this change as they will be the first group to travel this path. (If you have not, please contact us at junior@as.edu.au for this information.) The collaborative approach on which the PYP is based involves the whole learning community at TAS. Encouraging student agency prompts us to allow our students to lead this reflection, thus encouraging their understanding and engagement in the process. Parents will join their students in the classroom in small groups where they will have the chance to look at individual and class work samples before joining a lesson where possible. After these sessions, there will be ample opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss the reflections, which will be included goal setting in a number of areas. At the conclusion of the term, I will be asking for feedback from all parents involved, providing valuable information to determine how we will proceed with other classes. This term, Parent/Teacher interviews will continue as usual for Year 2 classes and below. The PYP Exhibition held in Week 8 will provide this opportunity for all those in Year 5.



Mr Ian Lloyd



Chapel St Turning Circle

Particularly on Mondays, the Turning Circle can be very busy both before and after sport has concluded. The teachers on duty are always concerned with the volume of traffic, and while it is hectic, it is a good system that works well most of the time. We understand the busyness of the afternoons but we do request that all vehicles take time to observe the signage and drop off/pick up in the correct areas. When passengers are not ready to be collected, it is important to repeat the circuit so that others are not held up behind parked cars. While there can be room to move past other stationary cars, it must be done very carefully knowing that young children do not comprehend the dangers in these situations. Your care is, as always, greatly appreciated and any feedback or observations are much appreciated.

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 2

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly:

Dominic Leary, Tommy Blanch, MJ Blanch, Nawaf Binmahfod, Sophie Brett, Ruby Ogilvie, Oliver Goudge, Lachlan Brett, Mila Nexo, James Leahy

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 4

WED 15 AUG

KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY - HOSKINS
CENTRE 2.45PM

FRI 17 AUG

PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL –
ARMIDALE HIGH SCHOOL

WEEK 5

TUE 21 AUG

NCIS ATHLETICS – COFFS HARBOUR

WED 22 AUG

YR 2 ASSEMBLY – HOSKINS CENTRE
2.45PM

THU 23 AUG

NE SINGS REHEARSAL

WEEK 6

MON 27 AUG

ACTIVITIES DAY – “SPIRIT OF SERVICE”
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS – JUNIOR
SCHOOL BOOK PARADE – FIND YOUR
TREASURE

WED 29 AUG

TRANSITION ASSEMBLY – HOSKINS CENTRE
2.45PM

THU 30 AUG

DA VINCI DECATHLON – MEMORIAL HALL

FRI 31 AUG

DA VINCI DECATHLON – MEMORIAL HALL

DA VINCI DECATHLON – MEMORIAL HALL

WEEK 7

WED 5 SEP

YEAR 1 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY - GYMNASIUM

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The children registered for the PRC have been busy over the holidays doing lots of reading which is wonderful to see!

Please be aware that there are only three more weeks left of the PRC. I would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the library by Friday 31 August.

If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library lesson and give it to Mrs Allan or myself. Children are allowed to return and borrow new library books throughout the week before and after school and during lunchtime with their teacher's permission. I congratulate the number of students who have completed the challenge for this year already. For those of you who have almost finished, please keep reading. If you have any questions or worries, please come and see us in the library.

Mrs Ramazani
PRC Coordinator

Happy Birthday

Junior School has someone celebrating their Birthday every day for the next six days so best wishes go out to Henry Taylor, Rebecca Billingsley, Grace Ryan, Abud Alshammari, Ellen Adams and James Taylor.



PSSA Athletics Carnival – Friday, 17 August (Armidale High)

Mr Alex Portell will be accompanying our PSSA team this Friday to Armidale High School. Please ensure you inform Mrs Wright before Friday if you are travelling to AHS on the TAS Minibus, leaving at 8:15am or meeting the team at the venue. Please refer to the program attached for events which will start at approx. 8:30am. The carnival should conclude by 3pm, with children returning to TAS by minibus. You may also collect your child from the carnival on completion of the day, ensuring you inform Mr Portell that you are collecting your child.

We wish the PSSA team well as they compete at this local level on Friday.

NCIS Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 21 August at Coffs Harbour International Stadium

Our annual NCIS carnival takes place on Tuesday, 21 August in Coffs Harbour. Mrs Christine Wright will be accompanying the team to Coffs Harbour, leaving TAS promptly at 6am. You will need to arrive at the Memorial Hall at 5:45am for a 6am departure. It is imperative that you are at TAS by this time so we can arrive at the carnival in time for the first event. We will leave Coffs Harbour at the conclusion of the carnival, stopping at McDonalds for dinner on the way home. The cost of this trip will include lunch and dinner for all students. We will arrive back at TAS at approx. 8:30pm. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle and snacks for the day, along with hat, sunscreen and the TAS sports uniform.

FOOTBALL TAS Blue U7

Coming off consecutive byes TAS Blue were keen to get their season back on track with a strong performance against the Guyra Skittles at Rologas No 7.

From the warm up there was a sense of renewed enthusiasm and intensity with a focused George Drain and Mila Nexo practising putting the ball in the back of the net. Some defensive drills followed with the introduction of Rebecca Billingsley and Cecilia Price enabling the starting four to be well prepared.

TAS Blue once again started well against a similar sized team with all players looking fresh from the two week break. Rebecca Billingsley was safe in defence, nullifying many Guyra attacking raids with clearing kicks into touch. Rebecca was well supported by Cecilia Price who grew in confidence throughout the game. Cecilia's awareness of the space around goal is to be applauded with many kicks on goal by Guyra, toward the end of the game, being deflected.

Andrian Zhang enjoyed positioning himself at the back and communicated well to his teammates. Andrian bravely put his body on the line at any opportunity and has a unique ability to read the game nullifying many Guyra attacking raids. Bonnie Blanch linked well in the middle with many soft touches in attack allowing TAS to get on the front foot. Bonnie is growing in confidence every week with her ability to put her teammates into space. George Drain was busy in attack with his deft left foot troubling the Guyra defence. George's game awareness allowed Layla Abu Assab space up front which Layla capitalised on scoring three great goals.

Layla is to be commended on her ability to take the defence on, maintain control and shoot for goal. Mila Nexo was once again strong in both attack and defence with her aggression in defence a highlight. Mila is enjoying her role as a link player in attack and can always be relied on in defence close to goal.

Both Rebecca Billingsley and Andrian Zhang were awarded the coach's award for their tireless work in both attack and defence and their sportsmanship shown throughout the game. Congratulations to both Rebecca and Andrian!

Mr David Drain

TAS White U8

Last Saturday we had an exciting, challenging match against DK Waldorf. The strong predominately girl team had some talented players. Arthur White and Connor Ryan were our fabulous goalies, who demonstrated some amazing diving techniques. Although the positions were rotated during the game, we saw Xavier Stephen, Jack Wood, Oliver Robb, Ruby Ogilvie and Cameron Carruthers play our forwards. Their positioning and good forward work were key to holding back our opponents.

Our strong backs were Hamish Leahy, Lucy Taylor, and Aziz Binmahfod. We were neck to neck at half time, however, unfortunately it was not to be, after a goal in the last ten minutes.

Great work team.

Mrs Lana Hawksford

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

TAS BLUE U10

On TAS blue played in Walcha against the Walcha Strikers. It was a lovely day for a drive in the country and a game of soccer. All players played extremely well, sticking to their positions and supporting each other beautifully. We were two players down this week, so a huge thank you to Angus Goudge for stepping in and playing for us. Despite the other team playing with one extra (and subs) we were able to hold our own with a pleasing final score of 6-3 to us. The team has discussed their preferred positions and look forward to playing in these positions in the weeks to come. It continues to be an absolute pleasure to coach this fabulous, happy and enthusiastic team!

Mrs Tania Hardin

TAS White U10

The TAS White team played a shortened, however, energetic game of soccer on Saturday morning. We were down four players and were most thankful to the generosity of our North opponents who agreed to play a 6 aside game with two 15-minute halves.

Charlie Ward and Mila Downes were solid in the backs and kept a careful eye on the ball. Mitchell Evans was a focused goal-keeper in the first half, and it is evident that he has been working on developing his skills. Archer Starr and Blake Whitehill played well, and their passing skills were impressive.

The mateship and dedication of two players who were unable to play due to injury took action and came along to watch and support from the sideline. This was a generous gesture by the boy's families and the boys themselves.

Special thanks to Mrs Kelly Ward who coached from the sideline and gave helpful advice at halftime.

Mrs Veronica Waters



PSSA AND NCIS PROGRAMS

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