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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 February, 2017 Term 1 Week 4

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### Swimming and War Cries

As was hoped, the distance events and war cry competition last Thursday evening and the main swimming carnival on Friday drew big crowds and I was delighted to see them so well supported. Participation levels across the two days were quite extraordinary and I know that many of our new students and parents were quite taken by the passionate enthusiasm for the competition and the generous encouragement to even those who were clearly not natural swimmers. The visible sense of house and school spirit seen again this year is contagious and quite moving and I congratulate the house leaders in particular for their part in inspiring it. There is plenty more inter-house competition to come this year and I look forward to seeing that spirit replicated over and over.

### TAS Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival – 1 April

Our next opportunity to come together to celebrate House spirit in sporting competition will be the 2017 Athletics Carnival at the end of Week 9 on Saturday 1 April. This is the first time that we have held the carnival on a Saturday and that change has been made for the benefit of our academic calendar and to enable more parents to be with us. Like the swimming carnival, this is one of the feature school events of the year and very important to the maintenance of house spirit and the camaraderie that comes with it and I look forward to welcoming a big crowd of spectators on the day.

All students and parents should be aware that the day will be treated as a normal school day and all expectations, including attendance and punctuality will apply as usual.



## Rowing in Sydney

The rowing season continues to build momentum and I offer congratulations to all four crews as they rowed personal best times, grew in confidence and showed the strength of their teamwork. Their coach, Will Caldwell, has offered his congratulations and insight into their development in TAS Talks this week, but said nothing of his role. It is clear to all that have followed their development that his experience and knowledge of rowing is matched by the role model he presents to his crews and he deserves to share equally in their success.

## Junior School Excursion Week

Our Junior School students have been thrown into challenge and adventure early in the year as a revitalised excursion week has been brought forward to this week. While Transition to Year 2 are remaining local, Years 3, 4 and 5 are at Lake Keepit camping, bush cooking and facing challenges that they might not have been expected in Junior School. The reports coming back to the School have been very encouraging and all indicate that even at this age our students are hungry to test themselves in new situations. This is all part of the leadership and adventure curriculum in the Junior School and I am very pleased to see it being embraced so enthusiastically.

## Douglas Shield Cricket

As I write the TAS First XI are batting in their semi-final of the Douglas Shield competition on TAS Oval. Our senior cricketers are clearly in good form, coming from a clear win against the competitive Armidale Baa Baas on the weekend and previous wins in the Douglas Shield against Lindisfarne and Calrossy. The Douglas Shield is a 50 over knock-out competition for schools across NSW and this year 28 schools are vying for the title. A good crowd is assured during Advisor period today and I am sure all will join in congratulating our players on making it through to the final four and wishing them well today.

## Paul Jarman

It is a pleasure to welcome the widely acclaimed and internationally renowned composer Paul Jarman back to TAS as our 'composer in residence' for this week. Paul was our guest speaker at Junior School Speech Day in 2015 and that connection has inspired him to return to work with a number of our ensembles and gather material for a new piece inspired by the spirit of TAS Old Boys who were lost at war, including the Sandiland brothers and Michael Fussell. Paul has written over 100 commissioned works for ensembles, festivals and events and his compositions have featured at the White House and events such as the Rugby World Cup and the Australia Day Spectacular. It is certainly a great privilege to have him with us this week and a wonderful opportunity for our musicians to work with one of the world's best.

## Mr Murray Guest



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Week 4

Wednesday 22 February Cricket - Douglas Shield (TAS Oval)

Friday 24 February Junior School Excursion Week

## Week 5

Monday 27 February TAS Scholarship and Expo Day

Wednesday 1 March Headmaster's Country Tour (HMCT)  
Tamworth

Thursday 2 March HMCT - Scone

Friday 3 March Activities Day 1

## Week 6

Wednesday 8 March Year 9/10 Music Workshop  
Science and Engineering  
Challenge

Thursday 9 March Year 11/12 Music Workshop  
Summer Photos  
Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 10 March Year 11/12 Music Workshop  
Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Senior Social

## Week 7

Wednesday 15 March NCIS Football (TAS)

Friday 17 March Activities Day No. 2

Saturday 18 March GPS Head of the River (Sydney)

## Week 8

Thursday 23 Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher  
interviews  
BATYR (Years 10-12)

***The Government Inspector***  
Friday 24 March Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher  
interviews  
HMCT – Glen Innes  
***The Government Inspector***  
BATYR (Years 10-12)

Saturday 25 March ***The Government Inspector***  
Girls Head of the River (Sydney)

## Student Services

**It is the policy of The Armidale School not to participate in 'Mid-Term Breaks' in Terms 1, 3 and 4 due to the school's very busy academic and extra-curricular calendar.**

**Regarding the charter coaches employed for PLC on the weekend of Friday 3 March - Monday 6 March, the weekdays are normal teaching days for TAS and include Activities Day N° 1 on Friday 3 March. Any anticipated absence must be applied for in the normal manner by submission of the official form.**


**Mrs Meg Sadler**



## Medical Centre

Could parents/Carers of Year 7 students please return the vaccination consent forms to Mrs Evans at Middle School, Reception or Health Centre please. The first vaccinations will occur on Thursday 2 March at TAS Health Centre. Parents/Carers of Year 11-12 Students will receive information and consent forms soon for Meningococcal vaccination. This is a new vaccination being offered this year to all students in Years 11 & 12. This vaccination will occur on Thursday 1 June.

**Sister Jenny Murray**



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## P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT

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What an exciting couple of days was had by all - and on a personal note - great job and congratulations to Ross House for your War Cry win this year!

Our **Welcome BBQ and cake stalls** at the Junior & Senior Swimming Carnivals provided a wonderful chance to meet new families and catch up with those we have not seen for a while. From all of us we send out a huge thank you to all helpers and bakers/bringers of food. The weather was fantastic and a fun time was had by all. If you haven't collected your containers, we have taken them up to Big School Reception for collection.

But Term 1 is always busy, and our next call out is for the Junior School Athletics Championships on Friday 31 March, Middle and Senior School Athletics Championships which will be held this year on SATURDAY 1 April. Both events will have a cake stall and we again invite your contributions (home made or store bought goodies, and maybe some time on the sales team) - more information next week. And this year your P&F would like to start the Middle/Senior day with a Breakfast BBQ of bacon and egg rolls - so why not come in a little early for a protein and carb load up?

Also the P&F will be hosting a casual get together (place to be determined - watch this space) in the evening to meet new faces and reacquaint yourselves with existing friends. Also check with your LPs in case they are organising something for the Friday night.

### TAS Rugby Carnival

The Junior Rugby Carnival will be held this year on the first weekend of the School Holidays - 8 & 9 April - and this is one of the biggest events on the TAS calendar, both fundraising and also community engagement. Months of committed planning goes in to these two days and we ask for the assistance of the wider school community across the weekend. We will be selling drinks, cakes and other goodies, soup, BBQs and pies/sausage rolls, and we provide packed lunches to upwards of 1200 hungry players/team members on both days ... and we need your help.

Please put this event in your diary and if you cannot spare any time to work, we would really appreciate any soups/cakes/biscuits etc. More information to follow.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 March at 7pm

### Mrs Sue Cartwright



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## ACTING TAS CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

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Last year I had the daunting job of being a house sitter. Now there are plenty of good things about being a house sitter, but this job often involves not just hanging out in a house but taking care of pets.

One particular family had some fish. Some very old fish. This family had been known to keep their fish alive for 13 years and I was entrusted with taking care of them for a mere four weeks.

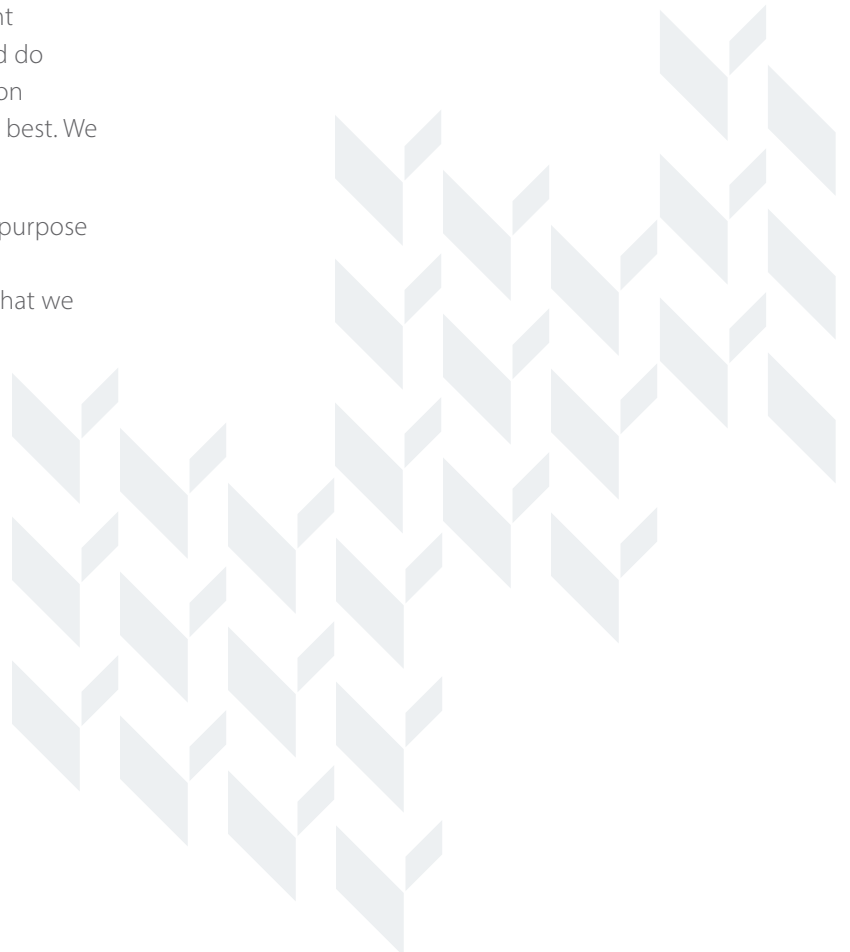
I was changing the water over and the fish (let's call him Bubbles) started to swim faster and faster and then faster - at first I thought Bubbles was excited about its new water. But then suddenly Bubbles started to bump his head against the glass, again and again.

Now I'm no expert in aquatic organisms but I thought 'this isn't quite right, the water must be too cold.' So I quickly poured hot water from the tap into the tank, trying not to burn Bubbles as I did. Bubbles soon came to a calm swim and survived the terrible ordeal.

The problem was that Bubbles was designed and purposed to live and thrive in certain conditions. He was content and happy to swim if the conditions are right; however, put Bubbles into conditions that he isn't suited and he will struggle - a lot.

We as people can be like this, struggling to find our right conditions. Confused as to who are and what we should do with our lives. Struggling to make sense of why we are on planet Earth as we search for conditions that suit us the best. We struggle to find our purpose.

Yet we see in the Bible that God has created us all for a purpose to live life in certain conditions. Those conditions are in relationship with Him and it is within these conditions that we thrive and find our purpose.



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## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

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### Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 9 March (3.30pm - 5.50pm) and Friday 10 March (1.50pm - 5.30pm). Parents have now received an email with the link and code to request interviews. This will be open until next Wednesday. Interview times will then be allocated and you will receive another email on Friday 3 March indicating that you can log on again to receive your times.

Two Information sessions will also be held - Thursday 9 March beginning at 6pm and Friday 10 March beginning at 11.45am. These session will be held in Big School (just outside Reception). Please email Mrs Vickey O'Brien to let her know which information session you will be attending. [vobrien@as.edu.au](mailto:vobrien@as.edu.au)

### Tutoring

A reminder that tutoring is available for all Year 11 and Year 12 students. Tutoring is currently available in English and Maths. Students wishing to attend just need to arrive on the night of their choice.



### Year 11

Tuesday	2U Maths 7 - 8pm - (Cash Block)
Wednesday	Maths Ext 7 - 8pm - (Cash Block)
	English - 8 - 9pm (Fisher classrooms)
Thursday	General Maths 7 - 8pm - (Cash Block)

### Year 12

Tuesday	2U Maths 8 - 9pm - (Cash Block)
Wednesday	Maths Ext 8 - 9pm - (Cash Block)
	English 7 - 8pm (Fisher Classrooms)
Thursday	General Maths 8-9pm - (Cash Block)

### MedEntry 2017

MedEntry is a registered training educational institution that offers programs to assist students with their UMAT entry. Please see the flyer on the careers page of the school's website for more details.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/02/20/medentry-2017/>

### Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Calendar Dates

Each of the universities and colleges generally send out a list of calendar events for the upcoming year at their campuses. These are generally available online but if you were considering a course at QUT, it may be in your interest to have a quick look on the careers page of the school's website for details.

I might also mention that the Tertiary institutions send out an enormous amount of information promoting their course information. I have created an area in a quiet corner of the Year 12 common-room, where this information has been stored. The Year 12 cohort have free access to this area and hopefully will use it find the information they require.

### LetzLive/Tutors Worldwide Gap Tutorship Recruitment 2018

LetzLiveTutors Worldwide is an organisation that specialises in the placement of students into UK schools in GAP positions. It is a fee for service organisation who will complete most of the organisation and administration requirement for working in the UK. I have posted a letter on the Careers page of the school website, from LetzLive explaining their services and some of their cost structure. Many TAS Old Boys have used their services in the past as if you are successful during the interview process you are almost guaranteed a position the following year.

### Professional Cadetship Australia – Business and Engineering & Technology

I have posted on the school's website (Careers page) a letter sent to me from Professional Cadetships Australia which describes their organisation and the services they offer to exiting Year 12 students. If you were considering further study in any of the areas above or are simply interested in the idea of a cadetship, then their website might worth a look.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/02/20/professional-cadetship-australia-business-and-engineering-technology/>

### Macquarie University – Key Dates

Similar to the QUT calendar, Macquarie University has published a list of key dates for perspective students. The document also includes link to the various programs that Macquarie are running on each of the key dates. As with all the universities there is a large amount of information available for perspective students and I would encourage all students thinking about further study to investigate the university websites that hold some interest for them.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/02/20/macquarie-university-key-dates/>

**Mr Mark Taylor**



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## DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE , BARNEY BUNTINE

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With a few weeks of 2017 down now, and with the raucous chaos of swimming carnival behind us, there's a chance to reflect for a moment.

And, if any measurement of a School's culture can be gleaned from key, collective events, then we are in a pretty good space. Foregrounded in the war cries most appreciably, it was the spirit of students that spoke volumes of where we stand in culture and mood. From the parochial tribalism of Houses to the collective voice of all students in the final all-School war cry, to the claps in support of struggling swimmers in the carnival and then to subtler things like the huge participation rates in the pool, it was testament to the buoyancy we are all feeling here. Well done to Tyrrell for their aquatic domination – again – and a particular congratulations to Ross House who, with their musical verve, won the war cry competition and sent a message to the boarding community that this night is no longer one for boarders and a few straggler day students whose parents forgot to pick them up from School!

I normally try to speak to all new students about one of our core philosophies here – that you give every thing a go; even if you're no good at it, perhaps especially when you are no good at it – but I didn't need to this year because somehow that message exists anyway.

With that in mind, may I take this chance to remind all families of the shifting format of the Athletics Carnival later this term. For the first time, it will be held on a Saturday and, while we understand this is unusual, attendance by all students is expected, just as in a normal School day.

Thanks to all the families and friends who supported us last week. That, too, is such an important dimension to the experience of all of us at TAS.

**Mr Barney Buntine**





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## DIRECTOR OF BOARDING , MICHAEL HOLLAND

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### War Cry Night

Those in attendance on Thursday evening were treated to a spectacle of spirit. It was clear all of the Houses had worked very hard on their performances and the tension was palpable after Mr Guest announced the standings after round 1. At the end of the night, Ross House were named deserved winners and this has certainly put the Boarding Houses on notice that they do not have a monopoly on House Spirit.

Apart from the competitive aspect of the night, it was, as always, fantastic to see such a display of camaraderie as Houses supported their own swimmers and those from opposing Houses.

There were plenty of swimmers happy to put their hands up to earn points for their Houses and for the eventual winner, I have no doubt sheer weight of numbers participating was a deciding factor.

It was also great to see so many boarding families in attendance catching up with their sons and daughters after three busy weeks and making connections with other families.

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations must go to Tyrrell House who were runners up in the War Cry Competition by the narrowest of margins but showed up in force to dominate the pool on Friday.

I must congratulate all swimmers and supporters though. As usual, this carnival was conducted in a very positive manner and all swimmers were enthusiastically supported.

### REACH

Thank you to all of those who have been successfully using REACH to submit leave requests. If you are experiencing difficulties logging on, please email me at [dob@as.edu.au](mailto:dob@as.edu.au) or contact your Head of House for assistance.

If you are able to log in but you are experiencing difficulties using the system we are happy to help but the REACH support team are an excellent resource. They can be contacted at [support@touchline.com.au](mailto:support@touchline.com.au).

When adding hosts for your son or daughter, please remember it is crucial to enter their email address accurately as this is how they will receive notification emails, which are an important part of the leave approval process.



Please also be careful to designate them as “Host/Guardian”.

Please also be careful to request the correct type of leave. Below is a quick guide:

**Town Leave** – Requested by the boarder to visit the shops on designated afternoons and weekends.

**Day Leave With Host** – Any time a boarder is leaving campus in the care of an adult, including parents, but returning the same day/night. It can be requested by boarders or parents but requires approval.

**Overnight Leave** – Any time a boarder is leaving in the care of an adult, including parents, and is staying away from TAS for one or more nights. It can be requested by boarders or parents but requires approval.

**Outside Sport** – When a boarder is attending training or games for sport that is not under the direct control of a TAS staff member as part of a TAS team. It can be requested by a boarder or parents and requires approval. It is important that the person providing transport is nominated as a host. This leave can be set as a recurring leave type.

## Headmaster’s Country Tour

The first instalment of the HMCT kicks off next week in Tamworth on March 1 and Scone March 2. I will be accompanying the Headmaster and Director of Enrolments and we are very much looking forward to meeting prospective TAS families during the day and catching up with members of our community at the evening functions.

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



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# ACTIVITIES DAY 1 , CADETS

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## Activities Day 1 (2-3 March Week 5)

Activities Day 1 commences with a back brief by the SUO and Coy Commanders to the CO 2LT Angus Murray on Thursday 23 February at 1.30pm. A heat management instruction and briefing will be delivered to all cadets on Tuesday 28 February during Period 3 (normally Assembly).

All students in Year 8 (C Company) will have their uniforms and equipment issued on Monday 27 February in Periods 1, 2 and 3. Q-Store will be available during lunchtimes of Week 5 for cadets to replace clothing or boots that they have outgrown.

All cadets are issued with one full set of equipment on enrolling in TASCUC, including clothing, boots, hat, field equipment, pack and webbing. This equipment should be swapped for replacement if a cadet grows out of that issued equipment. Students wishing to replace items that are lost or damaged should visit the TAS Clothing Store, and can obtain a range of suitable items at their own cost including hats, tent pegs, compass, torch, hootchie cord, socks, drinkbottles, kidney cups and hexi stoves. In the near future, suitable sleeping mats and sleeping bags will also be available for purchase.

4 Platoon and 7 Platoon will conduct an overnight bivouac on Thursday night 2 March. All platoons will be dismissed on Friday at 3.30pm.

## A Company

### 1 Platoon – Barrington

Mountain biking

Bikes to be provided but cadets may provide their own.

### 2 Platoon - Malpas Dam

Flat water kayaking

Touring

### 3 Platoon - Gara Gorge

Advanced abseil

## B Company

### 4 Platoon - Peatfields Overflow (Little Mt Duval)

Over night bivouac

Navigation / Trekking

Fieldcraft Harbour

### 5 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam

Kayaking

Raft Construction

RATEL

### 6 Platoon - Gara Gorge

Abseiling/Prussic

Rope Activity

Field Lesson

## C Company

### 7 Platoon - Peatfields Overflow (Little Mt Duval)

Over night bivouac

Platoon Harbour

Ration Cooking & Hygiene

TASCUC/Customs

Navigation / Trekking

### 8 Platoon - UNE Property 'Kirby'

Navigation \ Training

Team Building & Initiative Exercises

Engineering Task

### 9 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam

Canoeing – C2

First Aid / RATEL

Bush cooking

## Rangers (Year 7)

TAS Introduction to Rangers

Clothing/Gear issue & Prep

Campcraft – hootchies

Intro to Drill Section Comp (Teamwork/Init)

## Rolls

Rolls will be posted on the cadet noticeboard and webpage.

Leadership appointments will be communicated on Wednesday 21 February.

## Mr Angus Murray

Commanding Officer Cadets



## Round Square International Service 'Big Build' in Nepal

Two of our students, Sam Ruba and Yannick Tursan d'Espaignet applied for and were successful in gaining a place in the first 'big build' service project run by Round Square International at Kathmandu in December. Fifty students from around the world participated in a re-build of a school that was destroyed in the devastating earthquake in 2015. With a focus on development of skills and competencies for leadership, the Big Build brought together a truly international team of 50 students from schools across the five regions that make up the Round Square global network. For a full report on the project click [HERE](#) or visit the [Round Square website](#).



There is to be another 'Big Build' in Tanzania in July and 'Big Build' in Vietnam from 7-22 December 2017. If you are interested in finding out more, please see Mrs Barnier or go to <https://www.roundsquare.org/rsis-vietnam/>



## Exchange

Welcome to Findlay Rose-Bristow and Adam Wordie who have joined Year 10 for the term from Gordonstoun, Scotland. It is unusual that we take two exchange students from a school at the one time, but on this occasion we made it work.

Both these boys would love the opportunity to experience as much as possible during their time here so please don't hesitate to take them out on leave over a weekend.

Michael Paul and Lachie Oates left Australia in January to make their way to Gordonstoun where they are both, I believe, enjoying being two of around 20 exchange students there at this time and braving the Scottish winter.

## Exchange opportunities are available to:

- Year 8 students in pairs within our region which extends well into East Asia and New Zealand.
- Year 9 students should be considering destinations for their exchange if they are thinking about the possibility to do so in Year 10.
- Year 10 students should have already applied for exchange but we are taking applications until the end of February for possible exchange later in the year (no promises)!

## Upcoming Round Square Opportunities

Year 8 – Fiji Service trip in September holidays

Year 10/11 – Thailand Service trip in September holidays

13-15 year olds – Regional Conference in Mongolia (23-26 September)

16-17 year olds – International Round Square Conference in Capetown, South Africa. Applications are now open and will close on Monday 6 March 2017.

Unfortunately there will not be a Young Round Square Conference within our region this year as a host school was unable to be secured. This is unfortunate as the Young Round Square Conference at Epsom College, Malaysia last year was a highlight for a Junior School delegates.

Application forms are available from Mrs Barnier, Mr Buntine or on the [Round Square website](#) of [CLICK HERE](#).

**Mrs Anna Barnier**  
Round Square Representative

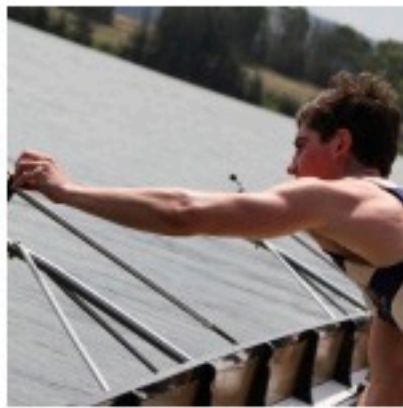
Cadet Leaders, War Cries, Swimming Championships, Rowing Regattas, Pink Stump Day - our photo gallery has been updated. To view images (and videos of some of the war cries), go to the Photo Gallery on the School website. This can be found by clicking on the camera icon in the grey menu bar at the top of the landing page, or going to [www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery](http://www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery)

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# Photo Gallery



Cadet Leadership 2017



King's/PLC Regatta 2017



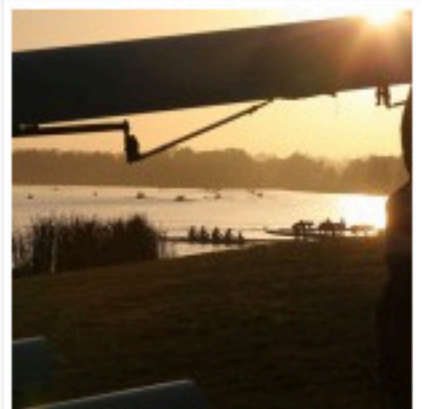
War Cries 2017 videos



Swimming Carnival 2017



Pink Stumps Day



Rowing NSW titles 2017

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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

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### The secret ingredient

It is no secret that success requires a plan that is built on a thorough analysis of the situation; where the various stakeholders are consulted and previous performances evaluated. The outcome should be desirable and achievable. All parties must commit to the plan and be united in its execution. The plan must be fluid enough to accommodate change but rigid enough to maintain its purpose.

I have seen many teams follow this process and fail. So what are they missing? What is the secret ingredient?

I was thrilled to witness the success of all rowing crews at the Kings/PLC Regatta on Saturday; every one of them achieving a personal best. As I reflect on their preparation leading into the Regatta I recognise all elements outlined above. However, they added one other essential ingredient; that which is intangible, immeasurable, un-coachable. This secret ingredient is Belief. Each individual believed in themselves and trusted their crew. The outcome to them was almost inevitable.

It is one of the wonders of youth; no dream is too big, no goal is unachievable and as parents and teachers we should nurture this mindset - and perhaps even take a leaf out of their book.



### Swimming Wrap-up

The success of a carnival can be measured by many criteria. However, at TAS, we place the level of participation above all others. I congratulate all those that broke records, were awarded age or division champions, or swam a personal best and applaud everyone that had a go.

A full list of results is provided below. Whilst Tyrrell House members feature in these results, their title of '2017 House Swimming Champions' was on the back of unprecedented levels of participation. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and passion from all Houses and to witness Ross becoming the first Day House to win the war cry competition.

The success of the day is testament to the motivation and commitment from House Leaders and the support and dedication from TAS staff and the wider TAS community. I thank all for their efforts both on the day and in its preparation.

### Athletics Carnival

It is hard to replicate the hype and colour of the swimming carnival but that is what we are going to do when we hold our TAS Athletics Carnival on Saturday 1 April. The day will be preceded by some preliminary events during lunch and after school on Wednesday 22 March and official events, commencing with the cloisters run at 1:15pm, on Wednesday 29 March. Once again, this is a mass participation event and all students are expected to attend.

**Mr Will Caldwell**  
**Director of Co-curricular**



## Swimming

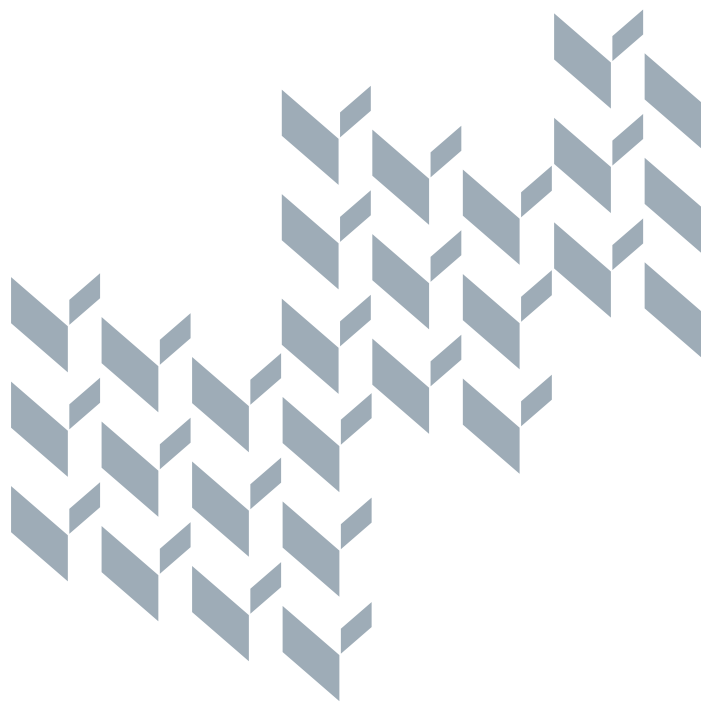
The TAS Swim Centre was bursting at the seams on Thursday night with surely must have been more students and parents than ever before, soaking in the atmosphere of War Cries Night and 200m events - something that carried forward to the main carnival day on Friday. The TAS Swimming Championships have always been a mass-participation event and this year was no exception.

Sixteen records were broken as girls took to the pool with gusto in unprecedented numbers; broken, too, was the drought for the day Houses in the war cry competition, with Ross House taking the honours. Tyrrell maintained its competitive edge to take out both trophies for the overall House Points and Champion House, while Broughton won the trophy for the Tooth 'N' Nail Relay, which comprises of one swimmer from every age group.

Below are the new records and age champions. More photos and videos of the carnival can be found on the photo gallery on the school website.

### SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

CHAMPIONSHIP	BOY	GIRL
12 & under Runner-up	William Nash	Lettie Kerr
12 & under Champion	Toby Inglis	Ruby Straker
13 years Runner-up	Noah Moore	Lydie Taylor
13 years Champion	Samuel Ball	Karen Baker
14 years Runner-up	Rocco Louis	Lily Etheridge
14 years Champion	Lucas Cotterell	Eliza Ward
15 years Runner-up	James O'Brien	Lily Neilson
15 years Champion	Hilton Jackson	Lucy Ball
16 years Runner-up	Sebastian Etheridge	Emma Ward
16 years Champion	Hamish Cannington	Lucy Fenwicke
17 years Runner-up	Ben Louis	Kitty McPhie
17 years Champion	Sam Wright	Jessie Digby
18 & over Runner-up	Saxon Hughes	Treenie Osborne
18 & over Champion	Liam Donaldson	Olivia Fenwicke
Sub-junior Runner-up	Toby Inglis	Ruby Straker
Sub-junior Champion	Sam Ball	Karen Baker
Junior Runner-up	Hilton Jackson	Lucy Ball
Junior Champion	Lucas Cotterell	Eliza Ward
Senior Runner-up	Hamish Cannington	Olivia Fenwicke & Jessie Digby
Senior Champion	Liam Donaldson	Lucy Fenwicke



FOR A FULL LIST OF NEW RECORD HOLDERS PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)

Tyrrell House won both the overall House Points trophy (for total swimming championship points) and the Champion House (the most number of points per student in that House). Pictured with Mrs Mandy Fenwicke and Mrs Sandra Kaynes, the mothers of our swimming captains, are Tyrrell house leaders Bill Whitney (vice captain), Liam Donaldson (captain), Jessie Digby (captain of Tyrrell girls) and Lukas Cook (vice captain).



Ross House broke the drought for the Day Houses, winning the war cries competition.





Broughton House won the trophy for the Tooth 'n' Nail Relay, an event comprising one swimmer from each age group: Saxon Hughes, Eliza Ward, Emma Ward, Sam Wright, Jacob Fernandez, Ruby Straker and Karen Baker.



## Netball

We are looking forward to a great netball season this year and the season is starting early this year on Saturday 18th March (week 7 this term) so we need to get the registration process and teams sorted as soon as possible.

### Registration

Registrations need to be completed this week no later than Thursday 23 February and must be completed online using the following link.

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you played last year for TAS or another school and have MyNetball login details you will need to use these, if you have forgotten your details you can use the 'Forgotten login details' link in the 'Return user' section.

If you have not used this system before you will need to set up your account, if you click on the link above there is a section called 'First time participant' so just follow the prompts to set this up.

The registration process is relatively easy, however, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact Ms Alice Hudson on 0410 168 646 or [ahudson@as.edu.au](mailto:ahudson@as.edu.au).

## Trials

Our second trial will be held Wednesday 22 February, starting at 3:45pm at the netball courts near Middle School.

These trials are to place the top two teams so if you are in middle school or you want to play in a social competition you do not need to attend, however, you must register before Thursday 23 February.

If you have any questions about the trial process, please contact Ms Harrison at [rharriso@as.edu.au](mailto:rharriso@as.edu.au).

### Ms Alice Hudson



## Summer Photos

Summer group photos will be taken at school on 9 March. All other group photos will be taken in the Winter session during Term 3.

Students should wear full FORMAL UNIFORM for all photos except for the 1st XI Cricket team who should wear the whites with their blazers and Caps.

A draft schedule is available [HERE](#).

## Winter Sports Information

Please click on the link below to find more information about the Winter Sports offering at TAS, including the costings for each sport. Every student must select ONE full sport, and an extra sport may also be chosen. More information can be found on the Sports page on the TAS website. [CLICK HERE](#) to view document.

## Mountain Biking

TAS mountain bikers took to Kookaburra Crest, or “Kooka” for the initiated, with some relief this week due to the dramatic drop in temperature. The Monday Summer Series has been living up to its name in recent weeks, however this week brought welcome relief and with it the opportunity for riders to get a more realistic impression of their fitness levels out on the track. Fewer scrapes and better times was the name of the game and TAS mountain bikers did not disappoint. Angus Apps took fastest in the U19 category, while Joseph Sewell and Samuel King pulled off some impressive times in the U17’s. Hamish Chalmers characteristically punched above his weight to come second in the U15’s. A complete list of times can be accessed at <http://my1.raceresult.com/>. A big thank you must go to Mr Allan Moore for gracefully agreeing to drive the bus at short notice. We look forward to hearing more about the National Series results in the coming weeks.

### Ms Colette Brus



Start of first race



First Lap

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## CREATIVE ARTS

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By the time you read this the cast for Middle School's *Into the Woods Jnr* will have been announced to an army of incredibly excited young performers. (*List on following page*) With huge numbers of keen and talented students signing up it was an incredibly difficult task for Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Baumgartner and Ms Brus and I thank them for the afternoons and weekends they have already invested in auditions and call-backs and call-back-backs. Rehearsals will commence immediately with the Term 2, Week 6 performances surely to sneak up on us very quickly and so - if possible - it seems the Hoskins Centre becomes a busier space after school. My final word to our Middle School cast is, whether you're elated at getting the role you went for or you're disappointed at missing out this time, I encourage everyone to see the involvement in the project as an amazing experience with your enjoyment determined only by how much you give to the show.

While we're on school productions I should mention the ever-approaching TAS Production *The Government Inspector*, which will take the stage in front of audiences 23 - 26 March. Rehearsals are ramping up, the set is starting to emerge and our costume team is about to launch fully into their work. Tickets are available now from the Hoskins Centre website and I urge you to get in now before they sell out! And if anyone happens to have a stuffed and mounted boar's head that we could lend for the show please let me know (not kidding)!!!

Last week our visit from the Spooky Men's Chorale was a spectacular one with a packed crowd having a wildly entertaining evening that was a mix of wacky humour and incredible vocal talent. Earlier that day a huge contingent of students from TAS and O'Connor attended a workshop with members of the Chorale and had a fascinating time working on different vocal techniques. And I should mention another highlight of the night, which was our TAS Singers performing songs in the foyer to great applause from the audience before the show. Audiences left raving about the entire experience and hopefully it won't be too long before we get the Spookies back at Hoskins. Until then bookmark on your calendars that we have guitar virtuosos The Grigoryan Brothers returning this term on Thursday 6 April and tickets are available on the Hoskins Centre website.



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

Last week was capped off by the 2017 Season launch in the Hoskins Centre. There were a number of presenters in attendance from shows in our venue and around town and it was encouraging to see the Arts community coming together to share work with each other. This year in addition to three full school productions (my we've grown!) we will have two productions from Armidale Dramatic and Musical Society (ADMS), two from newly-created Veracity Theatre Company and two from Felt Tip Theatre Company. Watch this space throughout the year as you have the opportunity to see some engaging theatre, fun musicals, unpredictable comics and talented musicians all from the comfort of our campus.

[And can you put the poster for *The Government Inspector* in too?]

TAS Middle School Presents

INTO THE WOODS JR

Narrator ..... Jasper O'Neil Yr 6  
Cinderella ..... Nichola Clarkson Yr 8  
Jack ..... Felix Hruby Yr 7  
Baker ..... Will Mackson Yr 7  
Baker's Wife ..... Hannah Neilson Yr 8  
Cinderella's Stepmother ..... Haley Whitehill Yr 8  
Florinda ..... Hede Sharpe Yr 8  
Lucinda ..... Emma Bennham Yr 7  
Little Red Ridinghood ..... Chloe Davison Yr 6  
Jack's Mother ..... Essie Lindeman Yr 6  
Witch ..... Harriet Oates Yr 8  
Cinderella's Father ..... Aiden Swick Yr 7  
Cinderella's Mother ..... Piyumi Ekanayake Yr 8  
Mysterious Man ..... Kade Stanley Yr 8  
Wolf ..... Tim Lindeman Yr 8  
Rapunzel ..... Ruby Straker Yr 7  
Rapunzel's Prince ..... Alexander Gibson Yr 8  
Granny ..... Jessica Langley Yr 7  
Cinderella's Prince ..... Will Nash Yr 6  
Steward ..... Ethan Irvine Yr 8

ENSEMBLE

Alexander Fulloon Yr 8  
Fletcher Lyons Yr 8  
Lochlan Nicoll Yr 8  
Stewart Williams Yr 8  
Cassidy Williams Yr 8  
Ethan Bellman Yr 7  
Lettie Kerr Yr 7  
Jordyn Melville Yr 7  
Lydie Taylor Yr 7  
Karen Baker Yr 7  
Emily Palfreyman Yr 7  
Alexandra Reed Yr 7  
Eliza Crawford Yr 6  
Lara Crosby Yr 6  
Lachlan Thomas Yr 6  
Toby Inglis Yr 6  
Nawaf Alenazi Yr 6  
Lachlan Hunt Yr 6  
Conal Nicoll Yr 6  
Charlie Repin Yr 6  
Wylie Wright Yr 6  
Flynn Broadfoot Yr 6  
Alexis Langlois-Peters Yr 6

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

MAR 23

MAR 24

7pm

MAR 25

2pm, 7pm



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/>  
<https://www.tybooking.com/255135>

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## MUSIC MATTERS

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### Composer in Residence - Paul Jarman

Internationally renowned composer and conductor Paul Jarman is spending the week at TAS as composer in residence. Paul has been commissioned by TAS to compose a new piece inspired by the Old Boys who served our country. During the week Paul will be working with classes and ensembles on performance and composition skills.

Paul is a widely acclaimed Australian composer, performer, musical director and educator. Paul is most well known as a lyricist and composer of choral music, a world music multi instrumentalist, and a facilitator of community inspired collaborations. As a cultural ambassador he has performed extensively throughout Australia, Europe, Asia, North America, the Middle East and the Pacific with theatre productions, dance ensembles, Aboriginal-Anglo Celtic performance groups, choirs and orchestras; in festivals, special events, schools and towns as a conductor and musical director, and a member of Australia's iconic first 'world music' ensemble Sirocco since 1996 representing Australia in Pakistan, India, Taiwan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Laos, Vietnam, Singapore and the Philippines for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Musica Viva. Paul plays western instruments including the piano, clarinet, harmonica and saxophone but specialises in ethnic wind instruments including Irish whistle, bagpipes, zurna, Chinese flutes, jaws harps and harmonic singing.

### Bravissimo 2017!

Last Wednesday a group of TAS Elective Music students travelled with Mrs Bekk Baumgartner to Port Macquarie to attend the annual Bravissimo Concert at The Glasshouse. The concert showcased some of the best 2016 HSC Music performances chosen from around 35 schools in North West NSW. We were delighted that Andrew Knight and Sophie Watson (NEGS), from last year's Year 12 TAS Music cohort, were selected to perform in this year's event.

Sophie Watson, who achieved a Band 6 in Music, performed the entertaining song "Alto's Lament" by Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich. Her performance was very polished and beautifully sung. Sophie received many laughs from the audience as she sang about the trials and tribulations of being an Alto. Congratulations to Sophie for her outstanding performance!

Andrew Knight, who was also nominated for Encore, performed two songs from his Extension Music program for which he received 100% in the HSC. He performed "The Vagabond" and 'Bright is the Ring of Words' from 'Songs of Travel' by Vaughan Williams, accompanied by Mrs Deidre Rickards. Andrew has recently returned from touring the United States with Gondwana Chorale and has been awarded a scholarship to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Congratulations to Andrew for his superb performance!

### Twilight Concerts

There will be two Twilight Concerts in Term 1:

Thursday 2 March (Week 5) in Memorial Hall: now 5.30pm start

Thursday 30 March (Week 9) in Hoskins Theatre

Please note that both these dates are immediately prior to two TAS Activities Days. Some students may be involved in cadet preparations the night of one Twilight Concert, but should be available for the other concert. The number of performers will be limited to 20, to keep the concerts to a manageable length.

Music tutors have been asked to register any students who are ready to perform for the first concert and to notify parents to confirm their availability. For those students needing piano accompaniment, rehearsals will be held the afternoon of the concert. A schedule will be sent out during the week of the concert, notifying those students of their rehearsal time.

### Activities Days affecting music lessons for Years 6-12

Please be aware that there are three TAS Activities Days coming up.

If a student in Years 6-12 has private voice or instrumental lessons on a Friday they will not be at school for the following dates:

- Friday 3 March
- Friday 17 March
- Friday 31 March

Please communicate with the private music tutor to arrange catch-up lessons.

# NECOM Music Days for elective Music students in Years 9-12

Wed 8 March: Years 9 and 10

NECOM's annual Year 9 & 10 Music Workshop is designed to bring together music students from around the New England/North West region for a day of fun syllabus-based practical activities to complement their elective classroom work. Renowned choral conductor and educator Paul Jarman will be special guest.

Thurs 9 March and Fri 10 March: Years 11 & 12

NECOM's annual Music workshop is designed to prepare students for the written exam, performance exam and submitted works for HSC Music. It is presented by leading music teachers and educators with up-to-date HSC examination experience and offers music teachers and students an invaluable opportunity to receive the best advice and strategies to maximise their HSC preparation and results.

Permission notes will be sent out this week. Details are in the attached flyers.

## NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC



### YEARS 9 & 10 MUSIC DAY 2017 with special guest Paul Jarman

NECOM's annual Year 10 Music Workshop is designed to bring together Year 10 Music students from around the New England/North West region for a day of fun syllabus-based practical activities to complement their elective classroom work. This year we will again be joined by renowned choral conductor and educator Paul Jarman.

**When:** Wednesday 8 March, 2017; 9.15am-3.30pm

**Where:** New England Conservatorium of Music  
Cnr Mossman & Faulkner Streets, Armidale NSW 2350

**Cost:** \$30 per student

**Content:** **Session 1 (9.15am) Performance A + B**  
Students are split into two groups to participate in two activities in Sessions 1 and 2:  
Performance A - Movement, singing and improvisation  
Performance B - Choral activities with Paul Jarman

**Session 2 (10.30am) Performance A + B**  
As above, but the groups will swap over.

**Session 3 (12.40pm) Ethnomusicology**  
Students will be placed in small groups to rotate through 5 workshops. Students will participate actively in:

- *African Drumming & Dance*
- *Hawaiian Ukelele Choir*
- *Gypsy Arabic Folk Music*
- *Indonesian Gamelan*
- *Salsa rhythm & dancing*

**Catering:** Students are to bring their own lunch and morning tea.



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## HSC (Years 11 & 12) MUSIC WORKSHOP 2017 Music 1 and Music 2

NECOM's annual HSC Music workshop is presented by the New England Conservatorium and has been specially designed to prepare students for the written exam, performance exam and submitted works for HSC Music.

It is presented by leading music teachers and educators with up-to-date HSC examination experience and offers music teachers and students an invaluable opportunity to receive the best advice and strategies to maximise their HSC preparation and results.

**When:** Thursday 9 & Friday 10 March, 2017, 9am-3.30pm

**Where:** New England Conservatorium of Music  
Cnr Mossman & Faulkner Streets, Armidale NSW 2350

**Cost:** \$90 per student for the two days: \$55 for one day. Teachers free.

**Content:** **Aural/Musicology sessions**

- Review the concepts of music
- Techniques on answering questions for the HSC written examination
- Practice HSC concept questions for Music 1 candidates
- Melodic dictation and sight singing practice for Music 2 candidates
- Score reading exercises for Music 2 candidates
- Individual tutorials for Musicology essays (Music 2)/Musicology Vivas (Music 1)

**Composition sessions**

- Composition guidelines – what the examiners are looking for
- Composition techniques
- Individual tutorials for works in progress

**Performance sessions**

- Performance guidelines – what the examiners are looking for
- Workshop pieces in front of experienced senior examiners (all Year 12 students are invited to perform one work)
- Accompanists are provided but only by prior arrangement (contact NECOM Office)

**Catering:** Students are to bring their own lunch and morning tea.



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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### TAS Middle School

The brief of 'looking out' for the needs and interests of the 11 – 14 age group is something I refer to when you are around the school: the brief is a challenging one, and it is so, regularly. As I indicated before, 'fast and furious' would seem to be the best adjectives to characterize the pace and variety of Middle School activities. But, colourless this place is not – being young adolescents, these people don't fully realize the significance of moderation and arguably it won't become significant till later on in their lives. To be honest, it shouldn't be immediately significant either because students, especially younger ones, need to be profitably employed and such employment needs to be varied, especially during 2017's longest term. They'll be weary by the end of term because they've tried so much that is new, but I guess this is one of the justifications for holiday and family time. All people were busy last week, regardless of age.

### The one constant is change

The next two weeks are important and they mark further change: getting closer to the half way mark of the first term, summer sports, as will be indicated in an upcoming full school assembly, will be making way for early winter options: Athletics schedules, for example, will begin for us during Week 7, lunch time cricket and tennis sessions will be fewer for some because debating season is about to begin, Year 7 lunches with the Headmaster and Mrs Guest are finishing and very soon we will be considering the extent of our involvement in the Autumn Festival and the 'Campus to City Canter'. And, all the while, boarding and day house activities continue as do classes, prep work, assessment task preparation and more meaningful engagement in academic activity. Further, the fact that next Monday we will welcome to our TAS Scholarship and Expo Day prospective students for 2018 is sure proof that that the term is 'flying'.

The following is included as a general response to some specific enquiries regarding work and homework schedules from our recent Middle School Families Afternoon. If your children have some difficulty completing tasks in the allotted time for prep sessions, be thankful that their awareness of this issue comes at Year 6, 7 or 8 level. What these people need to do is let their Homeroom teacher know and we'll do our best to employ the strategies necessary to the students' easier management of same.



Under this Homework scheme, it is important that we're aware of the fact that the boys and girls are actually doing their prep over a number of nights, rather than at the 'last minute' as students in the past were wont to do. As those to whom I spoke last Thursday night are aware, we're much better at dealing with issues before they progress to the 'problem' stage. As teachers and parents our job is to 'be aware', assist where appropriate and monitor progress so that all students can gain greatest benefit from utilizing time available to them. I believe strongly that this clearly articulated Homework and Assessment Schedule is beneficial for all, productive for most, and even daunting for some at times, but I know that without it our students' awareness of their strengths, their capacity to manage challenge and gain knowledge of individual strategies to overcome such challenge just wouldn't factor into their school lives until the senior years. I've been teaching long enough also to know that the onset of academic self-awareness for a sixteen year old can be far more a problem than it is an issue. I've indicated the importance of being aware of Middle School students' work schedules and of encouraging them to do as well as they can to meet their commitments in all areas of school activity. I'm reasonably sure that Homeroom staff communicated this message to you before Swimming Carnival War Cries last Thursday.

## Student Leadership

After the completion of voting by boarding and day students, I'm pleased to announce leadership positions for 2017: Head Monitor Day: Lachlan Galbraith; Head Monitor Boarding: Rocco Louis (these positions will continue till the end of 2017). Day and Boarding Monitors: Eliza Ward, Harry Litchfield, Kade Stanley, Jack van Roy, Hannah Neilson, Hattie Oates, Tom Forsythe, Tom Scifleet (these latter positions will continue till the end of Semester 1).

I'm looking forward to working with these boys and girls over 2017, in particular to listening to and discussing issues that concern all students in the Middle School. As part of our restructuring, we will have reasonably regular meetings to discuss ideas important to them and they, in turn, will have some meetings with the School's Prefect body and also the Junior School's new leadership group. Clearly, it will be their intention to effect a smoother connection between the sub schools. I support this 'connected nature' of this initiative as we all 'belong to' the one school after all.

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



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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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### Excursion Week

I am currently overlooking Lake Keepit this morning. After camping out last night in rather challenging conditions I might add. Ants, rocky ground and the odd prickly pear have all kept us on our toes (and can I say the students are doing extremely well.) No doubt, while it has been taxing for some, it has been a tremendous beginning to what will be a week of immense growth through challenge and adventure. This is a challenging week of activity normally reserved for much older students and I have been impressed with the flexibility of the Sport & Rec program and the engagement our students have already displayed.

This year Junior School is again actioning some of the ideas borne from our Strategic Planning sessions. Aware of our desire to provide outstanding experiences for our students, Years 3, 4 and 5 have descended on Lake Keepit, to benefit from the chance of being together as an exercise of Leadership and Adventure. The IDEALS of the Round Square lend themselves beautifully to an environment such as this. Stepping up to look after one's self and then one's mates doesn't come easily to some. Around the campfire this morning, our Sport & Rec leader commented how impressed he was that he saw young people prepared to have a go at something new (camp cooking and washing up!) and being prepared to make some mistakes. As he pointed out the obvious about not making mistakes repetitively, it was already apparent that the team was emerging and the cooperation and initiative was kicking in.

We wish Transition to Year 2 well in their adventures on local excursion this week in Armidale and look forward to their stories as well. I cannot wait to see where this week leads.....



**You can lead a canoe to water (but can you make it go straight?)**



Has Spag Bol ever tasted so good? - Just ask Mrs Waters.



It's a long way from home.....



Henry and Caleb discover that there's nothing better than a bush toaster.....

## Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank all the parents and friends who so enthusiastically assisted during our Championships last week. There was a great sense of excitement through the day and the community feel was tangible. I would like to note that Mrs Lisa Rowe was also able to highlight her fundraising on the day and we feel pleased to have been able to assist her. It may have been the red and white bikini, but the \$3607.95 raised towards purchasing the Lymphoedema Detection machine was such a worthwhile cause and we congratulate Lisa on her courage and resourcefulness.



## STEAM in Junior School

AS you may have read last week, Mr Tim Scott is offering two new clubs in Junior School this year. Both clubs will be focussing on elements of STEAM education. STEAM education explores the synergies between STEM subjects (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the Arts. The explicit teaching of these areas acknowledges the importance of the need for our future thinkers to be creative and innovative, principled, courageous and reflective. The interdisciplinary approach of our IB program and the Learner Profile reflects and reinforces this. We are very fortunate then, to have Mr Scott in our school and be able to utilise his broad range of skills and expertise to benefit our children. Please register your children's interest in joining these clubs through [junior@as.edu.au](mailto:junior@as.edu.au) There will be a nominal cost for these clubs as explained below and should it be necessary, participation will be limited to those students who are most committed and interested in these activities.

**Mr Ian Lloyd**  
Head of Junior School



## Cars in and Around our School

It is very important to emphasise the importance of not driving and parking in areas other than our designated roads and carparks for parents. TAS is a very open school and we are acutely aware of the need to maintain a safe environment free from cars as our students move around. Please do not take your vehicles into areas not designated for parents. Brown St carpark is for staff only and while the boom gate is under repair, please do not drive down to either the Clothing Shop or to drop off or collect students from the turning circle. Most parents find the Chapel St and Memorial Hall carparks are the most convenient and we appreciate our parents not risking accidents sticking to these at all times. Please contact the School if there is an urgent or special requirement that may involve consideration.

## Junior School Birthdays

This week we wish Maya Slade in Transition a very happy birthday for Tuesday.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL BOOK CLUBS

Welcome to those families who have just started at TAS, and welcome back to those returning for another year of school – a year which we hope will be full of lots of reading! Our world is certainly changing in the area of communication, but the place of books and the ability to read fluently is still essential to a person's independence, success and personal fulfilment. Once again, our school will be participating in two book clubs this year: Scholastic Book Club and Carnival Club.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic brochures are sent home with students twice a term. Scholastic will continue to issue only one catalogue that will contain a different selection of books spanning a wide range of children's reading and interests, as well as a wide range of prices.

Ordering and payment for Scholastic can be done in two ways. Firstly you can order and pay for your books via the Scholastic LOOP system. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app. Payment for your order can then be made by credit card. The books are delivered to school and then sent home with your child. Ordering and payment can also be made by filling out the order form that can be found at the back of the brochure, enclosing the form and your cheque in an envelope and placing it in the red letter box which can be found in the Junior School reception.

The Scholastic Book Club platform also contains a gift function which allows you to tag items on your Book Club LOOP order that are intended as a surprise gift. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school with all other Book Club orders, however will be marked accordingly so that Library staff can set them aside and arrange collection with you.

Looking Ahead	
Wednesday 15 February	Year 4 Assembly-Memorial Hall
Monday 20 – 24 February	JS Excursion Week
Thursday 23 February	PSSA Swimming Championships
Friday 3 March	Activities Day

Orders from the current Scholastic brochure should be placed by Friday 24 February, 2017.

## CARNIVAL CLUB BOOK CLUB

We will also supply brochures from Carnival, an Australian-owned company. Their first brochure will be available in Term 2, with further brochures in each of Terms 3 and 4. Carnival also supplies one catalogue that will cover a wide range of ages, interests and prices.

Ordering and payment from Carnival is similar to Scholastic, in that parents can fill in the order form and enclose a cheque, or obtain a receipt number from the online payment portal. This order form is then returned to the red letter box in Junior School. It is also very easy to order and pay through the Carnival website. Parents can also opt for home delivery if they wish to purchase items as presents with a small delivery charge.

Please remember that we are unable to accept cash as payment for any book club orders. Notices will appear in TAS Talks regarding the closing dates for orders. Our school will also receive 20 per cent in rewards from both Scholastic and Carnival that we can redeem for books and teaching materials for use in the Library and Junior School, however there is never any obligation to order.

Should you require any assistance, please call into the Library, or contact by email is [nramazan@as.edu.au](mailto:nramazan@as.edu.au).

**Mrs Natalie Ramazani**  
**Library Assistant & Book Club Co-ordinator**

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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## Junior School Swimming Carnival

What a fabulous day was had in the TAS pool yesterday for our Junior School Swimming Carnival. The children had a wonderful day and must be commended on their sportsmanship, participation and enthusiasm.

**The winning house for 2017 was Green on 603 points.**

### Records broken this year were:

Abbott White – Broughton

50m 11yrs boys Breaststroke

Old record: Jack Parker, 2009 47.94

New record: 44.68

### Individual results

#### Age Champions

5 year girl: Cecilia Price

6 year girl: Evelyn Junge

6 year boy: Oliver Robb

7 year girl: Minnie Chick

7 year boy: Henry Taylor

8 year girl: Katie Hynes

8 year boy: Sam Ford

9 year girl: Charlie Ward

9 year boy: Charlie Ryan

10 year girl: Charlize Broadfoot

10 year boy: Iles Baker

11 year boy: Tom Ball

### Division Results

Sub Junior Girl: Minnie Chick

Sub Junior Boy: Oliver Robb

Junior Girl: Charlie Ward

Junior Boy: Iles Baker

Senior Boy: Tom Ball

### Rofeta Cup Winner (Highest Pointscore girl)

Charlie Ward (70)

### Macready Cup Winner (Highest Pointscore boy)

Tom Ball (76)



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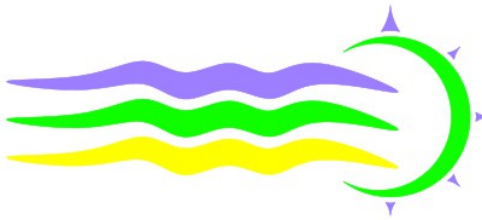
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# ORIENTEERING COACHING WEEKEND

Bush 'n' Beach  
Orienteering Club



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Visiting Finnish orienteer, Atte Lahtinen, will be providing individual and group coaching for all levels of experience

## **Saturday:**

- An orienteering event at the Blue Hole in the morning, with coaching provided before and after you participate.
- Preview coaching 8:30 am – 11:00 am: book at Registration on arrival.
- Starts: 9:30 am – 11:30 am (course closure 1:00 pm)
- Post-event coaching from 1:00 pm: join the group review of your course as you relax with your BYO picnic lunch
- Training activity: after a swim in the Blue Hole, join the training activity at 3.00 pm
- Social evening from 5:00 pm: BYO “pot luck” dinner to share at the Armidale Showground (stove & dishwasher available) group dining facility. “Armchair” orienteering for all, and a mini-night-O (BYO torch) for kids.

## **Sunday:**

- An orienteering event at Oakview (20 km on Bundarra Road) in the morning (starts from 8.30am – 10.30am), so you can put into practice all that you have learned.

**Members of an orienteering club can register at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au>**

**Alternatively you can book at <https://www.trybooking.com/OUNY>**

**For more information phone Maurice on 02 6772 9604 or Helen on 0478 226 601**



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## RICK HATCH - POTTERY CLASSES

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Rick and Suzanne Hatch are again offering after-school classes in clay work. We have been preparing for weeks and have 2 great projects ready to go. The goal of our teaching is for the children to have heaps of fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative flair.

- **Where:** Classes are held in Art Room 1 of the Hoskins Centre at The Armidale School
- **Who and When:** Years K to 4 are on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm  
Years 5 and up are on Thursdays from 4 pm to 5 pm
- Children may arrive any time after 3:20 pm
- Classes begin on Tuesday 7 February and Thursday 9 February. There will be no class on 21 & 23 February as this is Excursion week for TAS Junior School
- Classes run for six weeks, followed by a Party and Exhibition celebrating the work done by the students
- Cost : \$ 150. This includes the cost of materials and firing of the work

For enrolment and further information:

Contact Rick Hatch on 6772 5371 or email [weemalapot@yahoo.com.au](mailto:weemalapot@yahoo.com.au)

Please include your child's age and name, and your name and phone number

Kind regards,

Rick Hatch

