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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 22 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 8

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

The Government Inspector

A number of staff and School Board members had the opportunity to see the final dress rehearsal of our major production for 2017 last night and it was a delight. For those unfamiliar with Russian playwright Nikolai Gogol's farcical comedy, 'The Government Inspector' tells a tale of greed, political corruption and mistaken identity through a cast of bizarre and buffoonish characters who rollick through the script from start to finish. It showcases some wonderful comedic talent amongst our students and is really a must-see.

The show takes to the stage in the Hoskins Centre this week with four shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening and a Saturday matinee. To get your tickets now visit the TAS website or follow the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=255135>

GPS Head of the River

The GPS Head of the River is amongst the most prestigious school rowing events in the country and the thousands of spectators it draws makes it one of the most exciting. This year TAS entered crews in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd IV championship events with all three crews performing significant personal bests and the 1st IV finishing 3rd in an exciting photo-finish. Unlike most school sports, our rowers compete away from the School and are unseen by their peers. Their commitment and the level of physical and mental strength needed are well known though and the school farewell to them last week and the resounding response to the assembly report from Captain of Boats Sebastian Scott yesterday showed that. The respect for the commitment of our rowers is well deserved every year and their success this year has been enjoyed by the School as a whole.



To get a taste of what it was like on the day at the Olympic course at Penrith, follow the link to the TAS Youtube channel to see the finishes of each of the three races and the TAS 1st IV on the podium. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmdZEOqZ7FrWxU5CxdgdfsQ>

Our girls' crew competes at the girls Head of the River this Saturday and I am sure all will join in wishing them every success.

Chess

The 2017 chess season gets underway next week as The Sydney Chess Academy comes to TAS to host a tournament for primary and secondary students in the Memorial Hall. With the success of 2016 fresh in the minds of our students TAS will have a big contingent of players taking part and I wish them well for their games. The growth in this wonderfully cerebral game at TAS is very encouraging and I thank Ms Boydell in particular for her support of it.

Triathlon Honours

The Triathlon season finished last Sunday with a big team from TAS competing in the short course and Jim Pennington has reported on the strong results and the season awards in TAS Talks this week. I join with him in offering congratulations to the number of TAS athletes who performed so well over the season and particularly mention Lachlan Knowles who was recognised for his efforts supporting the sport through the season with the Sarah Heagney Memorial Award. The spirit of service and encouragement to others that this award recognises is something to be admired.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Week 9

Monday 27 March	MS/SS Athletics Pre Events
Tuesday 28 March	Sydney Academy of Chess - Regional Competition (Y3-12)
Wednesday 29 March	MS/SS Athletics Carnival Cloisters Run
Friday 31 March	Activities Day 3 JS Athletics Carnival
Saturday 1 April	TAS Athletics Championships

Student Travel

Transport for NSW School Student Concession Cards

Students over 16 years are advised to apply for a Concession Card which entitles them to travel for child's fare on most forms of public transport. Students issued with a green card last year are advised that this card will be invalid after 31 March.

Please email travel@as.edu.au and you will be notified when to collect the 2017/18 blue card.

Mrs Meg Sadler



Uniform and Book Shop

Winter Uniform will be available from Wednesday 15 March.
No appointments necessary.

We will be open Saturday 1 April (Athletics Carnival day)
9.00 am to 5.00pm


The Clothing Shop Hours over the holidays and start of Term 2

Wednesday 19 April - 9 am to 5pm

Tuesday 25 April - 9 am to 5pm

Wednesday 26 April - Normal hours resume.


Mrs Vivienne Tearle



Flu shot for boarders

Parents and/or Carers of boarder are advised that influenza vaccinations are being offered by the Health Centre with a consent form being emailed or posted this week. If you have not received a form and wish to have your son/daughter vaccinated, then please download the [permission form](#) from and send it back to the Health Centre as soon as possible.

Sr Jenny Murray
School Nurse
0428 152 291



ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

Well last Friday, not sure if you were aware but it was St Patrick's Day.

St Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday. But even if we're not Irish, we can pretend to be Irish on St Patrick's Day by having a good time and sharing some food and drink.

But what are we celebrating on St Patrick's Day? The day celebrates St Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. But what on earth does Christianity have in common with being Irish? What is being Irish about? According to one Irish source it's "Our love of music, dance, poetry, and deep spiritual contemplation that keep us very human, sassy and yet still humble." Another says, it's "a love of hospitality and extended celebrating!" This is what being Irish is all about, music, dancing, celebrations.

Likewise, during his lifetime, Jesus was criticised for all these exact qualities that we love the Irish for - knowing how to have fun, showing a healthy disrespect for authority, sticking up for the common person, and never backing down from what he thought was right. Surely, on St Patrick's Day, the Irish would love to appropriate for themselves Jesus' description of himself: The Irish came eating and drinking, but in our passage Jesus says about himself:

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" (Luke 7:34)

Jesus enjoyed life, living a joyful and celebrated human existed, but he didn't just have a good time for the sake of a good time. He was celebrating the return of those who had been lost. Those who were far away had come back. Those who were "dead to God" were now alive. For Jesus, that was worth celebrating, for Jesus it was worth dying for.



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P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT

Week 8 already! Can you believe it?? Holidays will be here again before you know it – but in the meantime we have some big call outs to our parents and friends.

First cab off the rank are the Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships. Please give some thought to lending a hand to your P&F in whatever way you can – an hour or more spent baking, buying or selling goodies to students, teachers and parent/friends supporters. As you know, the Middle/Senior carnival will be held on Saturday 1 April, so we more than likely expect more spectators and more customers. Not only that, but this year the P&F will be running a Brekkie BBQ, so we are seeking BBQ Kings and Queens to cook up a storm – let us know if you can join us. To get you started, we have set up a roster as follows. Please give some thought to contacting your LP (or me) and putting your name down:

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ROSTER

Saturday 1 April 2017

8.30 – 9.30 Year 8 (Set up) and anyone who can help

9.30 – 10.30 Year 7

10.30 – 11.30 Year 12

11.30 – 12.30 Year 10

12.30 – 1.30 Year 11

1.30 – 2.30 Year 9

2.30 – 3.30 Year 6 (pack up)

As I have mentioned the last couple of weeks, to build on this weekend I know your LP's have started to get in touch about social events that weekend, and I encourage you all to make the most of this opportunity to meet up with your fellow parents.

TAS Rugby Carnival – just a week later

The annual TAS Rugby Carnival (TASRC) is the largest event hosted by TAS each year. It involves the whole TAS community and is a fantastic promotion for our school and also a great fundraiser for the P&F.

For those not too sure what all the fuss is about, it is a unique Under 12s regional carnival for 11 & 12 year olds from Primary School, Club and Representative teams across NSW and Qld – some 950 – 1000 players and coaches descend upon our beautiful school to enjoy the weather, the grounds and the hospitality of the TAS community. To ensure our visitors have a wonderful time at the TASRC there will be coffee vans, the TAS Emporium, and loads of food and refreshments, coordinated by the TAS P&F.

The P&F need heaps of volunteers for various roles at the TASRC, and all help from parents and friends will be gratefully accepted. Please, please, please sign up to be a part of this truly exciting event. And for students, it is also an opportunity to gain Community Service hours.

Last year we ran out of both helpers and baking!!! And that puts an enormous strain on the smallish group of tireless workers who give their all to make this a better place for ALL of our children.

So please help and/or buy/bake up a storm if you can. Oh, and, given that it can be chilly in April, we also sell a lot of soup. Please deliver all food to the school on Friday afternoon OR first thing Saturday morning

If you would like to help please follow the links below and sign up. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662.

We are again using [Signup.com](http://signup.com) to co-ordinate the helpers. Once you've clicked on the link, just enter your email address (you do not need to register an account) and choose your spots. You will be sent an automated confirmation and reminders. Your email address will not be shared. If you have any problems please contact Rachael.

Community Service Helpers: <http://signup.com/go/cX2TUF>

Parent Helpers for Canteen and BBQ: <http://signup.com/go/RPeCdr>

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held TONIGHT Wednesday 22 March at 7pm. Come along to Big School and join us as we plan the finer details for the above events. We'd love to see you.

Save the date – Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 May. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and, under our Constitution, some of our Executive are unable to stand for re-election as they have served the maximum allowable tenure.

Please give some thought to putting yourself forward and becoming involved. It is a great group, very dynamic and friendly, and the present and future of TAS is always at the heart of everything we do.

Mrs Sue Cartwright

Year 6 & Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Year 6 & Year 7 will be held on Thursday and Friday this week.

These interviews will be held in Memorial Hall.

Times have now been scheduled and parents should log in to the Edval Scheduler site using the personal code used when making booking requests.

If you have any problems please contact Mrs Alison Evans in Middle School - 6776 5819 or middle@as.edu.au

HSC Tutoring

PLEASE NOTE: English tutoring resumes this week on Wednesday evening.

Year 11

- Tuesday 2U Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
- Wednesday Maths Ext (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
English - 8 - 9pm (F1-2)
- Thursday General Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)

Year 12

- Monday Biology (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
Chemistry (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
- Tuesday 2U Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
- Wednesday Maths Ext - (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
English 7 - 8pm (F1-2)
- Thursday General Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)



ACADEMIC

Chess

The Sydney Chess Academy will be hosting a Chess Tournament for Secondary and Primary students at TAS Memorial Hall on Tuesday 28 March. This is an Individual 'Swiss' competition with seven rounds, meaning that no-one is knocked out of the tournament. Chess clocks will be used in this event, with a time limit of 15 minutes per player per game. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament so there is no need to worry if you have no experience with this method. The cost to enter is \$14 per player. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in please see Ms Boydell to register your name. Registration of TAS players will close Wednesday 22 March.

Remember - Chess Club is Wednesday Mornings in F1-6 from 8:10am.

Ms Catherine Boydell





Thailand Service Trip Sunday 24 September - Tuesday 3 October, 2017



EXPLORE

All our schools are driven by a desire to genuinely and transparently reflect our Christian foundations. This service trip is designed to live out what we proclaim.

The nature and emphasis of the trip will be heavily on Christian service and all the institutions we will visit have strong Christian connections.

However, the whole trip will provide a rich cultural experience that will significantly inspire and stretch every student regardless of their own personal beliefs.

It will be an opportunity:

- To experience a new and diverse culture, with very unique customs, arts, crafts, music and language
- To learn about various missions and organisations who serve the needy daily
- To work without monetary reward, volunteering our time and labour to assist people less fortunate
- To meet new people
- To embrace and love Thai kids and young people who have been neglected by their own culture and families
- To volunteer our time and energy to work and play as a team to make a positive difference in other people's lives.

Information Evening

To find out more, we encourage you to attend the information evening on Wednesday 15 March at 7.15pm in Rev's room, top floor of Fisher Wing or visit the TAS website www.as.edu.au

Contacts: Cameron Patrick (TAS), Ms Jennifer Leahy (PLC)
NEGS: Reception

EXPERIENCE

During the past four years, the Thailand service trip has offered help and hope to those less fortunate, and a sense of purpose and meaning to those who have found it a privilege to attend.

There is no doubt that as a service trip, there will be plenty of giving at both the McKean Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre and the Agape AIDS Orphanage - physically, as we undertake important work to improve these places for their residents, and emotionally, as we build relationships and take time to offer friendship, understanding and support.

Our students often find the trip a transformative experience that energises them with a new sense of compassion, gratitude and perspective:

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Open to Year 10 and 11 Students

Accommodation

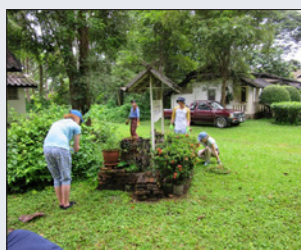
Chiang Mai – Green Lodge Hotel

Food

Apart from breakfast in Lampang which will be included in the hotel costs, we will eat local Thai food, this will be bought locally or cooked for us by locals – there will be no Western alternatives.

Cost

\$2500 (Approx) – the figure includes airfares, accommodation, food, transfers and outings.





FIJI SERVICE TRIP 2017



Fiji Service Trip Friday 22 September to Sunday 1 October

ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME

St Christopher's is a Home run by an Anglican Order of nuns – Community of the Sacred Name. The majority of the children at the Home are orphans and the other children are there because they have been abused, neglected or abandoned by their families. The Sisters are amazing women who are constantly giving and caring for these children. The staff from TAS, PLC and NEGS fully support the efforts of the students as they seek to make possible their involvement in this trip by raising funds towards their work at the Home.

Our intention is to offer ourselves in service to St Christopher's in any way we can while we are at the Home. Thus, we will participate in the upkeep and daily maintenance of the Home and offer friendship to the children. We hope to extend some love and kindness, through our presence. For ourselves, apart from this voluntary service, we look forward to experiencing a different cultural environment, gaining a better understanding of ourselves, and learning to consider the needs of others.

The aims of this service opportunity are:

- To give voluntary service
- To experience and participate in a culture different to our own
- To gain a better understanding of ourselves
- To live and work together, learning how to consider one another's needs
- To experience overseas travel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Open to Year 8 in 2017. Please complete the online application form located on the TAS website to express your interest in the Fiji Service Trip. You will be notified if your application is successful.

Cost

\$2750 (Approx) – Includes airmiles, ten nights accommodation and all meals at St Christopher's Home, travel insurance and departure tax, all activities and day trips.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 is required following acceptance of your application.

Dates

Friday 22 September to Sunday 1 October, 2017.

Information Evening

An information evening will be scheduled after all successful applicants have been notified.

For more information about this service project please contact:

Middle School
Mrs Alison Evans
Tel: 02 6776 5819
Email: middle@as.edu.au
Web: www.as.edu.au





Upcoming Key Round Square Opportunities for Students to Engage in

Round Square is now in its 50th year and with a network of 180 international schools in 50 countries on six continents, Round Square provides a catalyst and framework for more than 200,000 students each year to engage in a holistic programme of self-discovery. Built around six [IDEALS](#) of learning (Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service), the Round Square approach inspires and draws out from every child their capacity for achievement and excellence, recognising that learning is most effective when it is practical, cross-cultural and collaborative.

Through the Round Square network, students are able to access a range of practical activities and programs that build character, global awareness and confidence, instilling values for positive and active citizenship, whilst also developing exceptional leadership skills.

RSIS Big Build Projects

Students aged 16 or over from Round Square Global Member or Candidate schools are welcome to register for any of the Round Square Big Build Projects. Participation in a Round Square International Service Project is a great way for young adults to learn about global citizenship, community engagement, develop a deeper understanding of the world's problems and experience a new culture. Packed with challenging adventure and cultural awareness opportunities, the project programmes are designed to ensure that students have an exciting, experiential and holistic learning experience that is second-to-none.

RSIS Big Build Project Vietnam

Dates: 9 – 22 December, 2017

Price: participation fee £980, plus flights

Under the banner of 'The Round Square Big Build', this International Service Project will see 50 students working with the local community in Na Mon, Vietnam to build a water dam. This work will help improve the local farming infrastructure and will help to store water in the dry season and drain water during monsoon season.

Na Mon's current water dam is inefficient. The dam, which provides water to five hectares of fields is built out of compounded dirt and after decades of use has started to erode. The village renovates the current structure twice a year to maintain it, however this sometimes fails and fields and their valuable crops are spoiled.

Na Mon, is one of the poorest villages in the area with an average family income of 20-30 US dollars per month. The construction of this new, more permanent dam will significantly improve the farming infrastructure.

During this project student's will help design the most effective and economical drainage for the village and help construct the dam.

<https://www.roundsquare.org/rsis-vietnam/>

RSIS Big Build Project Ecuador

Dates: 9 – 22 July 2018

Price: participation fee £1080, plus flights

Students will spend most of their time in a small community near the Ruta de Spondylus supporting in the construction of an Early Childhood Centre, which will provide much needed day care for the growing population.

The community has approximately 600 inhabitants. Most of the men work in the fishing industry and frequently leave for up to 21 days at a time. Those women who work are often employed as domestic workers or in some of the local farming areas. Their need to work outside the home, with the fathers absent, makes the centre a vital community resource.

The aim is to construct a purpose built Early Childhood Centre that provides a safe space for young children and babies. The centre will have its own toilets, a kitchen, a vegetable garden, greenhouse and a playground for all ages.

<https://www.roundsquare.org/rsis-big-build-ecuador/>

Round Square International Conference

Round Square International Conferences bring together over 1000 students from 40 countries to meet, mix, share in each other's culture, and learn together through discussing and exchanging their views and aspirations around a range of topics. All Round Square conferences are student-designed and student-led, and feature a range of keynote speakers whose presentations provide stimulus for workshop discussions.

From the start of a Round Square Conference, students are placed into mixed-nationality groups, and the programme content is designed to develop cross-cultural understanding, mutual respect, tolerance and co-operation.

Over the course of the conference week, lasting friendships are forged, motivation and aspirations are increased, horizons are broadened, self-confidence, independence and maturity are developed and students are better able to benchmark their personal expectations against an international peer-group. Round Square International Conferences offer students a fantastic opportunity for learning and personal development in preparation for an internationally mobile future.

RSIC2017

Host Schools: St Georges's Grammar School, Bridge House School and St Cyprian's School

Country: Cape Town, South Africa

With the theme of 'Unite to Ignite the Fire Within', RSIC2017 aims to embrace diversity and ignite global change to excite the fire within.

[Cape Town](#) is fondly known as the 'Mother City'. From jaw-dropping scenery to centuries-old architecture mingling with minimalist modern design, this scenic South African city encompasses it all.

Discover its buzzing harbour and streets and storefronts. Cape Town's beaches and mountainous surroundings bursting with flora and fauna will ignite your sense of adventure. The city is set against the backdrop of the iconic Table Mountain plateau and sapphire blue Table Bay, famous for its seal population and great white sharks.

Cape Town's rich history, modern culture, and incredible attractions make it a true metropolis on the coast and the perfect location to host Round Square's International Conference in 2017.

www.rsic2017.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Katie Di Felicianantonio, Digital Communications Manager: katie@roundsquare.org

For more information, please visit www.roundsquare.org

Information on Service Projects: <https://www.roundsquare.org/international-service-projects/>

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Information on Kurt Hahn: <https://www.roundsquare.org/about-us/who-we-are/kurt-hahn/>

Information on our history: <https://www.roundsquare.org/about-us/who-we-are/history/>



DIRECTOR OF BOARDING , MICHAEL HOLLAND

Sunday Lunch

At our most recent Heads of House meeting we discussed the amount of wastage that occurs each Sunday when quite a lot of the meat sent down for the BBQ lunch is not eaten and needs to be disposed of.

While the boarders seem to still enjoy the casual nature of the breakfast cook up down at the Houses, it appears that BBQ fatigue has set in and many are dodging the lunch and going to town instead to purchase something to eat.

In response to feedback from students and after lengthy discussion with Heads of House, we have decided to trial ordering food in on a Sunday for lunch. Last weekend we had Red Rooster cater our lunch and it was very well received by our boarders. We are still finalising suppliers but the intention is to ensure there is at least one healthy option on offer each week and individual dietary needs will be catered for.

REACH

Thank you to those parents who are regularly using REACH to submit or approve leave requests. REACH is a very useful tool for collecting and storing information about leave we are obliged by law to keep.

Like any new system, there is a period of adjustment while people become accustomed to a new way of doing things. We first began using REACH about this time last year and it is important that we have all boarders and parents making use of the system from now on. If you are still experiencing any difficulty with accessing or using the system can you please make it a priority to contact me for assistance. Moving forward, leave will only be approved if the correct protocols have been followed.

One of the most important jobs for parents was to add hosts so your son/daughter can then submit a leave request nominating those hosts. In response to feedback from Heads of House who have noted some parents are having trouble with this, I have spoken with REACH about adding a function whereby the students can create a new host within a leave request, approval by parents then adds this host to the host list permanently. This will both make life easier for parents and ensure that students have ownership over their leave arrangements, with parent approval of course. This function will be released in the very near future.



Headmaster's Country Tour

I will be travelling with the Headmaster and Director of Enrolments to Inverell and Glen Innes on Thursday and Friday this week and we will visit Gunnedah, Narrabri, Walgett and Moree next week. As always, I am very much looking forward to meeting people interested in joining our community and catching up with current families.

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

The tougher the climb the greater the satisfaction

Edmund Hillary said, "I will come again and conquer you because as a mountain you can't grow, but as a human, I can."

It is always exhilarating to stand atop a giant peak and survey the view beneath. However, the degree of satisfaction is determined by the effort that goes into accomplishing this goal. Over the past six months, 21 rowers and their support crew of coaches, staff, family, friends and Old Boys, have worked tirelessly to reach the Head of the River.

The race was the final hurdle and their greatest test. The crowd were fewer in number – due to the torrential rain – but as vocal as ever. The TAS crews relished the contest and added to the excitement of the event; none more so than the First IV.

Less than one second separated 2nd and 4th place for the majority of the race and the three crews traded positions continuously. With 250m to go the TAS crew looked to be out of medal contention, dropping back by half a length as Joeys and Riverview fought it out for 2nd and 3rd place. Then to the surprise of the commentator and the delight of the crowd, the TAS crew lifted and surged towards the finish line. In a photo finish the TAS crew were awarded 3rd place 0.44 seconds behind Joeys and 0.21 seconds in front of Riverview.

Each crew was not racing for personal glory but for each other; not just those in their crew but all who have supported them and all who have rowed before them. So when the First IV stood on the podium last Saturday, the whole squad celebrated. There was a wonderful sense that everyone who had walked this track with them was standing alongside them.

Results

AAGPS Head of the River:

First IV - 3rd in a time of 6:55.72

Second IV – 5th in a time of 7:09.78

Third IV – 6th in a time of 7:32.41

NSW Schoolboy Head of the River:

Tom Wright (Div 1 Schoolboys Single Scull) - in a time of 8:37.14

On Saturday, history will be made when the TAS girls' quad scull competes in the NSW Schoolgirl Head of the River. The event is open to all schools and the competition will be fierce. The girls continue to show steady improvement in training and will be giving there all over 2000m on the Olympic course.



The Government Inspector

It is not too late to get your tickets to the TAS performance of Nikolai Gogol's satirical play *The Government Inspector*. There will be zany and grotesque characters, colourful sets and costumes and a bit of song and dance thrown in for good measure.

Performances

Thursday 23 March @ 7pm

Friday 24 March @ 7pm

Saturday 25 March @ 2pm and 7pm

To purchase your ticket go to <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/event/the-government-inspector/>

Athletics

Preliminary Events commenced yesterday with 14, 15 and 16 y.o. Boys High Jump. The preliminary High Jump will be completed tomorrow for the 12, 13, 17 and 18 y.o. Boys. The 800m for boys and girls of all age groups that was to be run today, has been postponed to next Tuesday 28 March. A full schedule can be found at <http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/tas-sport/> (directly above "General Information")

Chess

The Sydney Chess Academy will be hosting a Chess Tournament for Secondary and Primary students at TAS Memorial Hall on Tuesday 28 March. Our teams will be looking to emulate the success of recent years and we wish them all the best.

Campus to City Canter

Congratulations to all who participated in the 'Campus to City Canter' on the weekend.

Despite the conditions we had a wonderful number of participants.

Mr Pennington has more details in his report.

Cricket

Good luck to our First XI Cricket team who will battle in the grand final of the Second Grade of the ADCA competition this weekend. The team has had a solid season and should be congratulated on their efforts. We hope a great crowd will go along to cheer them on at Lambert Park at 12.45pm this Saturday.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Mountain Biking

Despite the wet weekend and a shower just before last night's race, round 6 of the Monday evening Summer Series Races went ahead on a well-drained track. The number of TAS students in attendance indicated the desire of some to finally 'get some riding in' after a fortnight of cancelled trainings and races due to wet weather, while for those students who had returned from the national championships on the Gold Coast only hours before Monday night's race - it was with tired legs they pedalled around the course. Whether it was with freshness or exhaustion, all TAS students from the novice to the experienced riders, put in a solid effort during the race and should be very pleased with their performance. All results can be found here: http://my2.raceresult.com/69886/?lang=en#0_9710F7

In other news, Angus Apps, Harry Graham, Duncan Chalmers, Joseph Sewell, Samuel King and Hamish Chalmers competed at the National XCO Championships (the absolute top level of cross country mountain biking in Australia) over the weekend. The race was held at Canungra, in the Gold Coast Hinterland, and the track there was reported to be the toughest to be raced on out of all the national events leading up to the championships. The rain, extreme heat and humidity only added to the difficulty of the course, which contained such frequent and steep climbs - one of which only a handful of elite competitors could ride up. From all reports, the six TAS students lifted to the challenge, and rode in a way that matched their competitors and the enduring conditions. In the results Angus Apps finished 17th and Harry Graham 32nd in the junior men division, Duncan Chalmers placed 30th and Joe Sewell 35th in the very strongly contested under 17 men division (unfortunately Sam King had to retire mid race due to a migraine), while in the under 15 men Hamish Chalmers placed 20th. Full results can be found here: <https://www.mtba.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2017-MTBA-National-Championships-Official-Results-XCO.pdf> A huge congratulations to you all not only on these fantastic results, but on your commitment to training and racing at this level for the past four months.

It was remarkable to have such a large group of riders from Armidale (and TAS) to compete at the championships as well as the national series races leading up to this event. It goes to show the popularity of mountain biking in our region, the depth of talent we have within our student population, the students' enduring commitment to their training program for the past 12 months along with their families' tireless and unyielding support over the national series season. Again, congratulations and may you all be able to enjoy a well deserved break from racing and travelling over the coming weeks.

Mrs Jo Benham

The GPS Head of the River in pictures

Rowing is a sport that is widely supported by the TAS community, however few people get to see the elegance, power and excitement of our rowers as they compete at regattas whether that be in Grafton, Taree or Sydney.

The pinnacle of the season for the boys crews was the GPS Head of the River on Saturday and for single sculler Tom Wright, in the NSW Schoolboys Head of the River on Sunday. This coming weekend it will be the turn of our inaugural girls' crew who will row a quad scull in the NSW Schoolgirls Head of the River, also at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.

Strong performances at this year's Head of the River including two crews setting new benchmarks for the school and the First IV making the podium, have prompted requests for race footage. Amateur vision of the finish of each race and the podium presentation for the First IV has been compiled into a single movie which can be viewed on Youtube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGKBrAFaRtl&feature=youtu.be>

A video of the TAS rowing season by Tom Wright which was shown at Assembly yesterday, can be viewed (without audio) here:

<https://youtu.be/WoEQOXnJHpl>

The mood of the day - from quiet preparation to race action and celebration of a great season, can also be gleaned from these photos.

Mr Tim Hughes



Campus City Canter

Overcast, rain, wind, just the way we like it!

Whilst the conditions for the annual Campus City Canter were not ideal for spectators, for runners, it's beautiful. With over 600 competitors, the pace was on from the gun. The TAS team spread itself out along the course, with Harry Forsythe, Lachlan Knowles, Tom Goodfellow, Harry Mason, Remy Taylor, Disa Smart and Emma Ward setting a cracking pace.

The 5km distance is a perfect hit-out, allowing the athlete to combine speed and endurance. Amongst the ladies TAS shined, with a flying Disa Smart crossing the line in 2nd place, with a fast finishing Emma Ward in 3rd. Given that both of these fine athletes are only in Year 10, we can look forward to great things in the coming years. In the men's, Harry Forsythe finished in 8th place, narrowly in front of Lachlan Knowles in his sixth consecutive Canter.

It was terrific to see Olivia Fenwicke, James O'Brien, Heath Whibley and Ziggy Harris chase down personal bests on the day. A total squad of 47 TAS students competed this year, which was a wonderful tally.

Mr James Pennington



Armidale Triathlon Round 6

The final race of the Armidale Triathlon Series was held last Sunday in surprisingly sensational conditions.

A strong squad of 28 contested the day, all competing in the short course event 200m swim/10km ride/2km run. The Open men's race was won by Triathlon Captain Lachlan Knowles in his last event in Armidale. Lachlan has been a magnificent member of the Triathlon Team for the past six seasons and was recognised by the Armidale Triathlon Club this year in receiving the Sarah Heagney Memorial Award. The Award recognises not only a tremendous club person, but also one who actively supports the juniors. Not many notice Lachlan helping set up every race, pump up tyres for younger students or ensure that their seat height is appropriate. That he does this without fanfare is a testament to this terrific young man.

Not far behind Lachlan was Remy Taylor, who has started to show his ability following a solid season's training. James O'Brien chimed in for 3rd, just in front of John Moore (another massive improver this year). James O'Brien won the Junior Male Athlete of the Year Award, for his sensational racing throughout what has clearly been, his greatest Triathlon season so far. Henry Perrottet, also in his sixth consecutive year of Triathlon finished his final event. Henry has been one of the most consistent athletes that we have had the pleasure of as part of our squad. Charlie Kerr, Finn Daugherty and Alexander Zuber all raced with zeal throughout the day.

In the ladies, we have seen the unearthing of talent in Emma Ward. An enormous seven-minute improvement from her race four weeks ago, Emma won the women's event with no weaknesses in any of the three legs. Hannah Neilson displayed a great run leg as she continues to develop her skills in Triathlon, with Lettie Kerr and Paige Jackson smashing out the teams race.

Mr James Pennington



James O'Brien - Jr Male Triathlete of the Year



Cricket

Coming to the end of a season

Congratulations to TAS White U16 who were runners up the Armidale Cricket U16 division. Unfortunately due to wet weather, their Grand Final didn't take place, so we unable to fight for the title, with winners being based off the MyCricket Ladder. A special thank you to all junior players and families involved in TAS cricket. Your commitment to cricket is inspiring, with lots of talent in our junior cricketers, we have some exciting years ahead of us. Thank you for all the help parents have offered at games throughout the season, you really are a big help, and we appreciate your efforts so so much.

More special mentions must go to Cotter Litchfield, Sam Marshall, Henry Smith and Liam Smith – who all won individual awards at the Junior Armidale Cricket Presentation on the weekend.

The cricket season is not quite over yet though with our TOAD Cup team (Year7-9 players) playing on Friday night at 6.30pm under lights at the Sportsground in the final against O'Connor Catholic College, after having a convincing win against Duval on Friday 10 March. I am sure they would appreciate any supporters down there cheering them on.

Also, this weekend is the Grand Finals in the senior cricket divisions. TAS First XI will compete against Hillgrove at Lambert Park with a 12.45pm start time. Once again, these players would appreciate any support, after having a great season, with them currently in their best form. GOOD LUCK TO ALL INVOLVED!!

Finally, I would like to welcome all cricket player and their families to our TAS cricket presentation. This will be held on Sunday 2 April, with presentations starting at 4.30pm for all juniors, and senior (opens) players and families then invited onto the cricket dinner. Please see attached invite, and RSVP as soon as possible.

Ms Rachel Harrison
MIC Cricket

Netball

The start of Netball Season

I can't believe it is time for Winter Sports already, how time flies!

Just a gentle reminder that games have now commenced for all of TAS netball (with our first game being a wash out on the weekend). For netball to run as smoothly as possible, we ask that all netballers (and their parents), register for Team App. This can be accessed via a website, or on a smartphone for more convenience. Any information will be given out through Team App with regards to training and games. Please see the flyer below, instructing how to access Team App.

Ms Rachel Harrison
MIC Netball



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The Director of Co-curricular, Mr Will Caldwell

has much pleasure in inviting you to the

TAS Cricket Dinner

Sunday 2 April

4.30pm - Drinks and canapés for all players and families - Junior School undercover area

5.00pm - Juniors presentation commences (JS undercover area)

6.00pm - Seniors/Opens dinner commences - Hoskins Centre (Opens Dinner - \$40pp - BYO)

7.00pm - Seniors/Opens presentation

RSVP: 27 March to Rachel Harrison

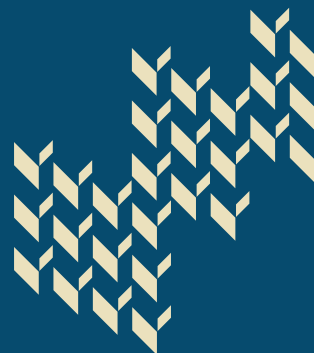
Phone: 0474 152 065

Email: rharriso@as.edu.au - *please indicate if you are only attending the Junior drinks and canapés*

DRESS CODE

Opens: formals for players, coat and tie for families

Juniors: smart casual (players and families)



CREATIVE ARTS

Last night the cast of *The Government Inspector* took the stage for their final rehearsal in front of a small preview audience that dauntingly featured members of the school board as well as the Deputy Headmaster and Mr Guest himself! They did a tremendous job, lifting the energy far beyond anything we have yet seen and dealing with all the little quirks that happen with live theatre with great confidence. Tonight they get a rest to recharge the batteries (or dedicate themselves to their studies) before Opening Night on Thursday. Last night reminded me of how huge an undertaking this has been and the incredible work done by the students so if you haven't yet grabbed a ticket head to the Hoskins Centre website (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/event/the-government-inspector/>) as you would be a buffoon to miss it!

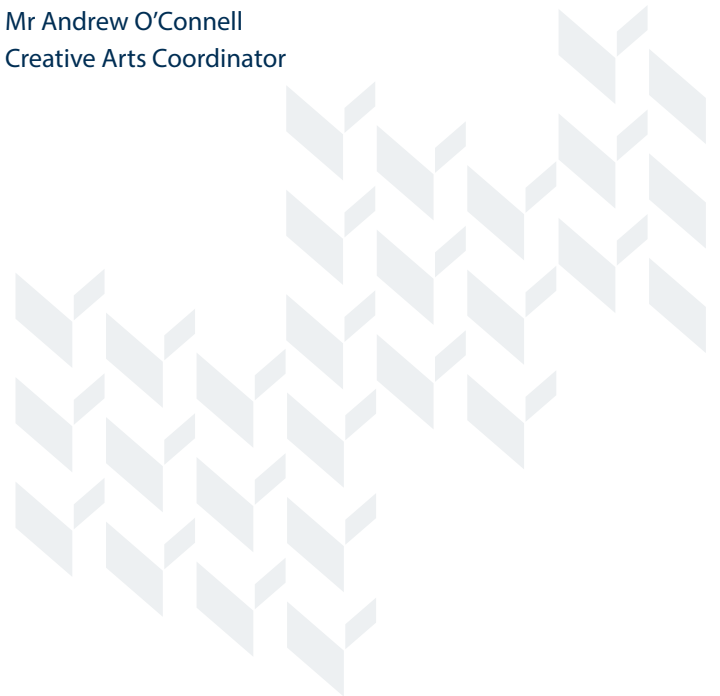
Budding filmmakers should look out for an email from me about the REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival (www.recyashorts.com.au). It is an exciting submission-based film festival and competition for young people that fosters creativity, originality and actively promotes and addresses the importance of positive mental health. As part of the competition there will be free filmmaking workshops on the craft of writing, shooting, and editing their own films. Students can then enter their completed films into the competition, and the finalists' films are selected by a panel of industry judges and screened during a regional screening tour event for the community in September. Prizes include courses at Australia's most prestigious film school, AFTRS (Australian Film, Television & Radio School) in Sydney. Keep your eyes out for that email and let me know if you would like to be involved in the program workshops that will be held in June at the end of Term 2.

And again I mention the return of *The Grigoryan Brothers* to the Hoskins Centre to perform works from their forthcoming album. For students of the guitar there would be no better learning experience for you this year than to see these two masters in action. Last year audiences walked away stunned and those who had a chance to meet with them were inspired. The performance is on Thursday 6 April at 7:30pm and tickets can be booked online through the Hoskins Centre website or by calling 6776 5800.

Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



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Creative Arts Coordinator



THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

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MAR 23

MAR 24

7pm

MAR 25

2pm, 7pm



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<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/>
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MUSIC MATTERS

Twilight Concert number 2

TAS will be holding its second Twilight Concert for the term on Thursday 30 March in the TAS Hoskins Centre.

Please come along and show your support, whilst enjoying some wonderful musical performances.

Tea & coffee will be served from 5.30pm. The concert will be held from 6-7pm.

Parents are asked to please bring a plate of supper for everyone to share at the conclusion of the concert.

The following students will be performing:

Thomas Rowe	Year 2	Voice
Andi Li	Year 2	Violin
Max Junge	Year 2	Voice
William Nash	Year 6	Voice
Jasper O'Neil	Year 6	Voice
Ruby Straker	Year 7	Violin
Felix Hruby	Year 7	Piano
Hayley Whitehill	Year 8	Flute
Cassidy Williams	Year 8	Piano
Alexander Gibson	Year 8	Violin
Hattie Oates	Year 8	Voice and guitar
Hannah Neilson	Year 8	Voice
Molly Dooner	Year 9	Voice
Emma Ward	Year 10	Flute
Disa Smart	Year 10	cello
Matthew Giakoumi	Year 12	Violin
Reuben Charley-Briggs	Year 12	Trumpet
Ziggy Harris	Year 12	Violin
Daniel Jackson	Year 12	Guitar
Jonno Chamberlain	Year 12	Guitar

Ensemble Commitments

The success of any group depends on the dedication of each person to the group goals. Enjoyment and achievement of the group depends on both commitment and preparation by all members. Just like sport at TAS - bands and ensembles at TAS have 'training' sessions. This is so that when you go to play or perform, you are fit and ready to work with your 'team'. It is difficult for a team to perform if some members have not been committed members of that ensemble, because they have not rehearsed and therefore are unprepared to play.

For example, Monday afternoon is the Big Band and Senior Jazz 'training session'. To perform at peak standard at the important performances each term, all members of the band are required to be at every training session/rehearsal.

If you are a member of a TAS ensemble you are marked off the roll each week. If you are unable to attend your ensemble rehearsal time, we need to know.

TAS is using TeamApp to publish ensemble rehearsal schedules, give handy reminders and allows you to communicate with your ensemble conductor. Once you have registered on TeamApp to access the relevant ensemble, you can simply RSVP to each rehearsal. There are groups set up for parents (as well as students), so everyone can keep up to date. Please advise your conductor in advance if you are unable to attend your rehearsal.

Please contact the music office on dduarte@as.edu.au if you are having trouble with TeamApp. The instructions can be found [here](#).

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music

Grigoryan Brothers concert

7.30pm Thursday 6 April at TAS Hoskins Centre

A fantastic opportunity is coming up to see the Grigoryan Brothers play in Armidale. It is highly recommended for all guitar students. Bookings can be made through Trybooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/OMJX>

Although regarded as Australia's finest guitar duo performing much of the instrument's standard classical repertoire, the Grigoryan Brothers' passion is to expand their horizons through new arrangements, their own compositions and commissions. This ambition can be heard as the brothers take the guitar into genres such as jazz, folk and contemporary music. There are no boundaries, only new frontiers to cross. In concert, mix it all together and you have a dimension to guitar-playing rarely seen in the musical world.

For this performance The Grigoryan Brothers will be performing works from their forthcoming release, which sees a return to classical repertoire. The album will include songs by composers such as Bach, Elgar, Dvorak, Rachmaninoff, Faure, De Falla and Ponce all masterfully arranged for them by their father Edward. This familial collaboration is not new, with Grigoryan senior arranging the music of Tchaikovsky's suite for piano 'The Seasons', for his sons' critically acclaimed 2012 release.

The program will also include other works highlighting the Slava and Leonard's diverse skills: their deep appreciation of a broad spectrum of musical styles has resulted in many collaborations involving music, both written and improvised. Combine this with their classical training and the result is a unique sound incorporating all these influences. It is not classical, not jazz, not world...it is the Grigoryan Brothers.



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Are we there yet? Not quite.

Clearly someone I've recently spoken to is counting the days: not quite three weeks of actual classes left before the Term break. Well, life continues busily here and there's something (more) I want you to do for me: tell your version of your children's settling, the challenges (indeed difficulties, in some cases) they have encountered and, most importantly those aspects of school life that they are enjoying in their relatively short time with us this semester.

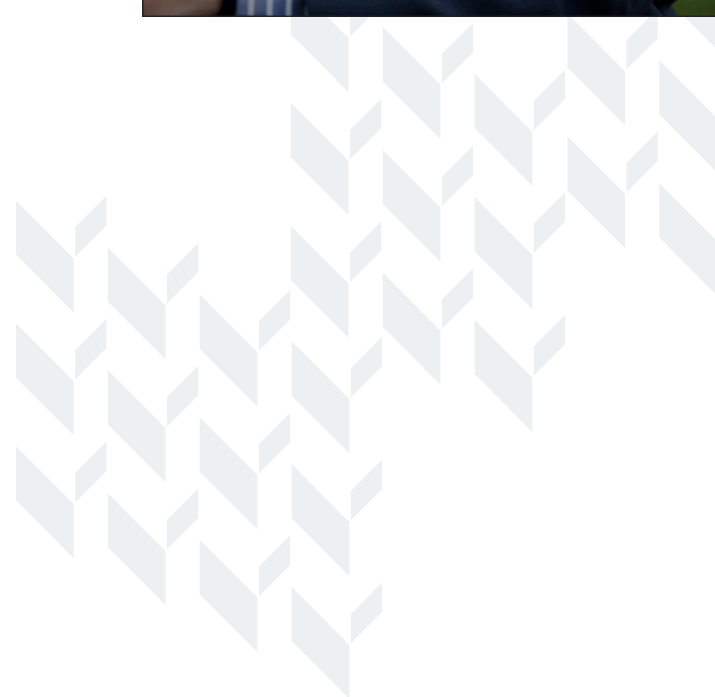
To be fair, some of you are calling, responding via email or calling in and these contacts are good. With luck, by the end of Term, fast approaching now, I'll have had the opportunity to speak to you, too. I'd prefer to speak as this affords me the further opportunity to get to know you a little better.

Athletics

The full day Athletics Carnival is to be held on Saturday 1 April this year and, like the Swimming Carnival in Week 3, again I encourage you, wherever possible, to travel to Armidale to see your children's events. The day promises to be as well attended as the Swimming Carnival day and I know for a fact that Middle School people love to have their families at such major calendar events. We enjoy having you here as well. Armidale weather is predictable in its unpredictability I know, but, suffice it to say that, at this time of year it is generally pleasant. (mind you, it is raining heavily as I write) What I know is that you'll enjoy the events of the day: always entertaining; real competition; amazing House spirit and there is always something to do and many people to talk to. I'm looking forward to catching up with you.

Parent and Teacher Interviews

I'm happy so many of you have organised to attend interviews this week with Year 6 and 7 Homeroom teachers. As the term is nearing its end. I'm not sure whether the following comment distinguishes me as 'Old' or 'New' school, but that doesn't matter really because it's what I feel, and I've always felt this way in relation to interviews about academic performance: the ten minute sessions concern your children and the manner in which they've conducted themselves in class over the school's longest term. I encourage students to attend these sessions wherever possible. It's important that students attend an interview that concerns their welfare and academic wellbeing. In a productive way, it's appropriate they are given some time to address issues that arise and since these (issues) concern them directly, having them present to make comment and answer questions is an integral part of the learning process.



'Lines' of Communication

Now that the dust has settled considerably, I'm finding it relatively easy to speak to students on a one-to-one basis and I'm enjoying the experience, not so much in my office as a matter of fact, but outside at the appropriately named round table or in the grounds. They're generally relaxed enough now to speak honestly, too. With the majority, these talks are as informal as they are brief. Sometimes they're discussions about food, boarding, schoolwork, skateboards and home. They all love the latter topic. I'm even getting to know the names of some students wider family members, too. So, all in all, life here is becoming 'normal' for all, challenging for most, in the best possible way of course, and increasingly easy for some. In short, they're continuing to settle well and, apart from the food wrappers and paper planes (from the upstairs rooms) quite a few leave around the grounds, I'm happy with their progress here.

Now, I want to revisit an earlier point: being a mere mortal, I don't always 'get it right' so, if there's something you're aware of that could assist me to address concerns you have about your child's wellbeing, then I want you to call me rather than wait for me to call you. Mr Andrew Junge and I talk at least once every morning, so our awareness of boarders' needs is, in my view, excellent, and our management of them is good. But day students have needs as well and I urge you to avail yourselves of the opportunity to speak to me if and when you want or need to do so. The lines are always open.

In fact, it's essential that we communicate because, as indicated in past TAS Talks segments, it's so much easier to manage issues than it is to address problems. The people we deal with are too young to be burdened by many problems anyway and the more we adults talk, the less likely is the situation where they may arise. Problems have the capacity to impinge on the enjoyment of skateboarding, sitting under trees (sometimes with a good book), careering around ovals and other life-necessities of early adolescents.

I wish you well and look forward to catching up before term ends, in 'not quite three weeks'.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Parent/Teacher interviews – Booking for April 3 & 4 appointments

On Wednesday 24 March please look for an email containing a code for booking your interview with your child's teacher. Parent/Teacher interviews are a wonderful opportunity to discuss first hand, your child's progress and development for the term. It is the first step of our formal reporting for the year, following the pattern of Interviews at the end of Terms 1 & 3 and a written report at the end of each semester. As a parent, I found the chance to talk about academic, social and other issues very informing and I hope you will find it likewise. Please contact us if you have any problems with the process at all, including whether you have been receiving mail outs from us recently both by SMS text and email.

The Athletics Season is upon us

As the end of another sporting season is upon us, it is time to reflect on a great summer of highs and lows and the progress so many of our students have shown in many sporting arenas. From the swimming pool to the gymnastic pit to the tennis and basketball courts and cricket fields, it has been a busy time.

We take the opportunity to thank all our coaches who put a great deal of time and effort into ensuring that the sporting experience at TAS has been a positive one. As we turn to Athletics, it is timely to note that the nature of many of the events become more individual and require a different approach in so many ways. I would like to congratulate our Indoor Hockey players on the very successful season they completed last Friday, with both teams winning their respective finals. This is a great result for Hockey at TAS and I congratulate the organisers, coaches and supported and particularly the players for their efforts and achievements. What a great season they had!

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Looking Ahead

Week 8 – Confidence

Wednesday 22 March Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Athletics Training - Wakefield Oval

Week 9 – Persistence

Wednesday 29 March Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Athletics Training - Wakefield Oval for Basketball and Cricket

Friday 31 March Junior School Athletics Championships

Sunday 2 April End of Daylight Saving (2am)

Week 10

Monday 3 April Parent/Teacher Interviews (Memorial Hall)

Tuesday 4 April Parent/Teacher Interviews (Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 5 April Junior School Cross Country

Thursday 6 April Last day of classes for Term 1

Friday 7 April Staff Day – Student free day

Term 2

Week 1

Tuesday 25 April ANZAC DAY – Central Park in Armidale

Wednesday 26 April Classes Resume

Thursday 27 April TAS Anzac Day Service – 7.00 am Front of School.

Chess

The Sydney Academy of Chess is coming to TAS on Tuesday, March 28. Students from all across the region will be competing in the tournament. TAS Students are busy fine tuning their moves in Chess Club. Primary students meet on Tuesday before school in Mme Hine's room and Middle/Senior meet on Wednesday before school in Ms Boydell's room. A fun-filled day is anticipated by all!

Mrs Anne Hine



Book Club

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering from the Scholastic brochures. The response has been fantastic, and has earned us a number of rewards to purchase new books and resources.

Orders from the latest brochure (no. 2) should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by this Friday 24 March. Please follow the instructions on the order page in the brochure, or follow the prompts on the website. Should you wish to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in an envelope in the red letter box at the Junior School office. Should you need any assistance, please contact me on nramazan@as.edu.au.

Mrs Ramazani

IB - PYP PROGRAMME, MRS VERONICA WATERS

Year 3 PYP

Year 3 have just completed their first Unit of Inquiry under the trans disciplinary theme 'Sharing The Planet'. They explored elements of this descriptor through the Big Idea 'Living Things Need to Adapt in Order to Survive'.

The lines of inquiry that defined the scope of the inquiry into the central idea have been listed below:

LOI 2 – Living things can adapt to diverse environments? (change)

LOI 2 – The influence of habitats on nature? (connection)

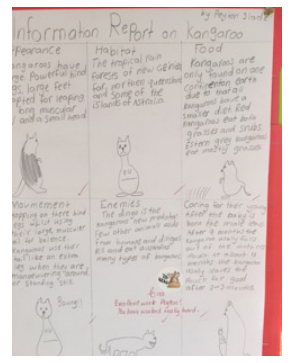
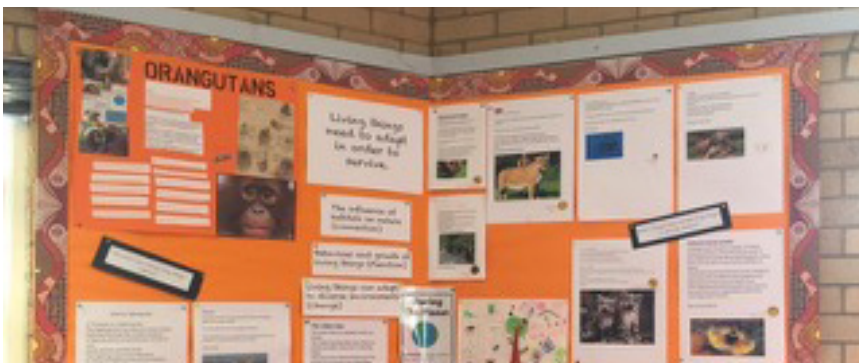
LOI 3 – Behaviour and growth of living things? (form)

As a result of activities undertaken including: research in class, class discussions and investigations, viewing of film and documentaries, the students in Year 3 became more familiar with the Central Idea. The depth of understanding was evident in the final presentations of work during the 'Going Further' week of investigation and reflection. The students became more able to recognise examples of adaptation through resource information, media and incidental observations. Incidental references to animals that adapted to survive occurred throughout the unit. Students were then able to make connections between their independent learning and the whole class discussions and reflections that had taken place.

Year 3 students have seen a restructure to their time spent in the Library. They now have a weekly double lesson, which they use for inquiry. This has been a wonderful opportunity to use not only the books available in the Library but to also have extra support from the library staff.

All classes will commence their new Units of Inquiry this week.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Athletics Training – Weeks 8 and 9

All children from Basketball, Cricket, Swimming and Indoor Hockey will be participating in Athletics training for the next two Wednesday afternoons.

Athletics training sessions will be provided in Long Jump, Discus and track events. Shot put is being covered in our weekly PE lessons this term.

Children from Gymnastics and Tennis, will be continuing with their games and sessions are welcome to join with the Athletics training on Wednesday afternoons.

Collection of children after Athletics training will be from either the Undercover area or the turning circle.

Athletics Carnival – Friday 31 March

The planning for our annual Athletics carnival is well underway. This year, we will only be having one day of Athletics events, unlike previous years where we have been able to use an Activities Day to complete some events. All events will be completed on the carnival day, bar shotput, which is being covered in PE lessons this year.

Please let Mrs Wright know if you are available to help with timekeeping or event running. We will be a little short of helpers this year, with our gap students and senior staff out on Activities Day this year.

Gymnastics

It has been wonderful watching each child grow in skills this term.

This week's rotations consisted of beam work, tissue swings and trampoline jumps.

In the final rotations, the children enjoyed being challenged with the animal walks, which proved to be harder than they thought. They also completed backward rolls and L shape swings on the beam.

Please note that next week is our final session for the term. Gymnastics will be offered again in Term 4.

Mrs Hawksford

Indoor Hockey

TAS 1 rounded off a fantastic year of hard work and learning with a well fought 4 -1 victory in the grand final on Friday afternoon. Caleb Baumgartner was at his usual best causing havoc for the opposition and scoring two early goals. Caleb was well supported by Banjo Lawrence who managed two goals of his own. Kieran Sutton had his best game of the season working well with Henry Kirton who worked tirelessly in defence. Harry Pennington and Max Rogers have shown tremendous development all year and provided quality ball from the mid field. Will Brett was also a handful for the opposition threatening the goal with every possession.

It has been a pleasure to work with this group of boys who have certainly enjoyed themselves throughout the year. They have played the game with tremendous spirit and I look forward to working with them next year.



TAS Indoor Hockey Team Div B - Grand final Winners
(L to R) Max Rogers, Banjo Lawrence, Henry Kirton, Harry Pennington, Caleb Baumgartner, Will Brett, Kieren Sutton.

In Division A TAS played Ben Venue Harkies in a very close match. Players included Conal Nicoll, Sam Hynes, Tom Ball, Lennox Neilson, Thomas Dundon, Essie Lindeman, Tom Gellie (absent- Lara Crosby). Spectators were kept on the edge of their seats as the game was played from one end of the field to the other at a very fast pace. TAS showed determination in their continual attack and strong defence, eventually wearing down the opposition to win the game 2-1.

This was a wonderful way to end the enjoyable indoor hockey season. Well done to all players and supporters especially those that helped each week.

Mrs Tania Ball

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