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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 3 May, 2017 Term 2 Week 2

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

ANZAC Service

Last Friday morning Old Boy Robbie Prowse returned to TAS as our special guest for our school ANZAC service. Robbie spoke of his combat experiences serving through tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and how the mateship, courage and respect he has seen in the field has shaped the ANZAC message for him. His encouragement to the School to 'never forget' the sacrifices that those who have gone before us have made was powerful and I thank him for connecting so well with our students in particular.

I also offer thanks to Alan Jones for officiating in my absence and to Rev. Gus Robinson from St Mark's Chapel UNE for stepping in take the communion service in Richard Newton's place.

Examination Term

Amongst the busyness of Term 2, examinations will occupy a good deal of attention for the great majority of our students. Year 12 are sitting their mid-course exams this week, highlighting the fact that they are now more than half way through their HSC year, and Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take NAPLAN tests next week. Year 11 will sit their corresponding exams in Week 4 and the half yearly exams for Middle School will be taken in Week 5 and in Week 6 for Years 9 and 10.

Whilst only the Year 12 exams will have a tangible outcome in terms of ultimate HSC results and future opportunities, there is serious purpose to examinations at every year level and it is important that students and parents understand what that purpose is. Exams may provide a means of assessing the learning that has taken place and enable teachers to rank students according to performance, but this is not why we have them. The real value of exams comes in the weeks and perhaps months before they are sat as students prepare for them.



It is the process of study; preparing material, developing understanding and producing practice answers, that is critical to academic development. This applies to every student at every level of academic ability and it is a central expectation that all students will be preparing for their exams in a deliberate and well organised fashion. Every time that this is done the skills required for success at the senior level will be improved and I wish all students well as they attempt to present their best efforts.

Thailand Service Trip

As most will be aware, our chaplain Richard Newton is on leave through first semester volunteering at the 'Agape Home' in Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. Agape is a Christian orphanage that is home to over 100 children living with HIV who would otherwise have bleak prospects for their future. Richard is providing leadership in establishing a new English Language Centre within the home that will provide skills to give these children a fresh advantage for their future and his generosity in this work is quite inspiring.

'Agape' is at the centre of our annual service trip to Thailand led by Richard Newton and expressions of interest from students in Years 10 and 11 to join the trip are now being taken. Having joined this service project several times I know that it is a powerful experience on many levels and has the capacity to shape values, faith and habits for the future. Any students interested in finding out more about this opportunity are invited to speak with our Acting Chaplain, Cameron Patrick.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 2

Monday 1-Friday 5 May	Year 12 Mid Course Exams
Friday 5 May	Goondiwindi Boarding Schools Expo SBHS Visit
Saturday 6 May	Rugby TAS v SBHS

Week 3

Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 10 May	Cloisters Run Athletics Carnival P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 11 May	Twilight Concert (5.30pm)
Friday 12 May	Rugby TAS v Farrer Junior School Athletics Carnival
Saturday 13 May	MS/SS Athletics Carnival

Week 4

Monday 15 May	Year 11 Mid Course Exams
Tuesday 16 May	Armidale Eisteddfod Choir Night (Lazenby Hall)
Thursday 18 May	NCIS Cross Country (Ballina)
Friday 19 May	Boarding Schools' Expo (Dubbo)

Week 5

Monday 22 May	Year 6-8 Semester Exams
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Saturday 27 May	Rugby v Riverview (Sydney)

Week 6

Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science Competition
Thursday 1 June	Year 11/12 Vaccinations
Friday 2 June	Coonabarabran Horse Expo Coffs Harbour Boarding Schools Expo Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>
Saturday 3 June	Rugby vs Scots (Sydney) Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>



STUDENT TRAVEL

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

Free travel for students between home and school

Students depart - Friday, 9 June 2017 AM

Students return - Monday, 12 June 2017 PM

The following deadlines apply for the June Long Weekend

Submit bookings by – Friday, 12 May 2017

Amendments by – Friday, 26 May 2017

To ensure the best chance of securing a seat on SSTS services, carers should make their bookings by the submission date. For late bookings please advise the school at the earliest convenience and not wait until the final amendment date.

SSTS will only accept late booking requests via email directly from the school. Please do not contact SSTS direct for bookings as it impacts on the process of booking coaches for the students who made their requests on time and meet deadlines delivering safe and efficient transport.

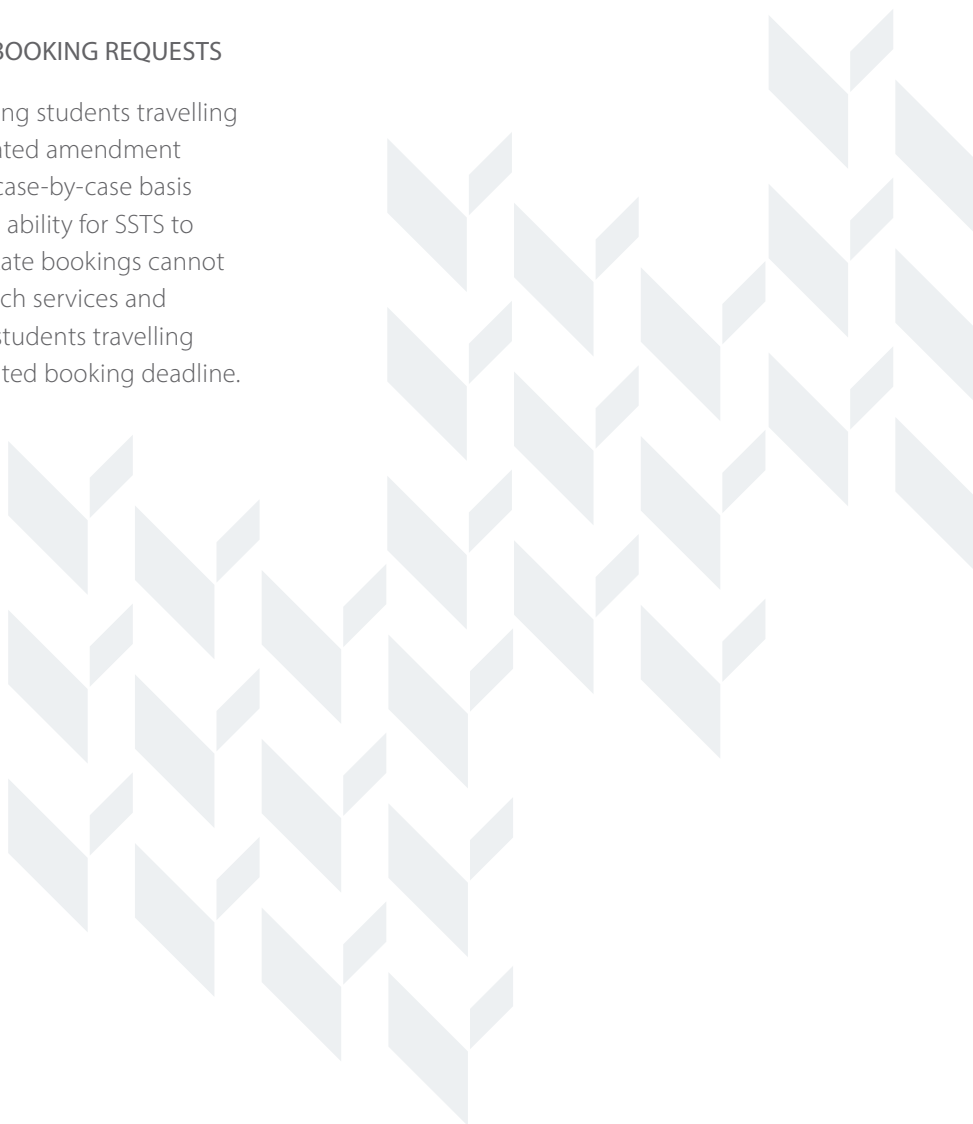
Re: Monday 12 June

During the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (School is closed) parents are requested to contact the NSW TrainLink Call Centre 132 232 to advise if their child is not travelling back to school on SSTS coaches or the Sydney train.

Enquires may be submitted to Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

IMPORTANT NOTICES REGARDING LATE BOOKING REQUESTS

Late bookings may be accepted for boarding students travelling to their home address up until the nominated amendment date. Late bookings will be assessed on a case-by-case basis based on train / coach occupancy and the ability for SSTS to safely complete the additional bookings. Late bookings cannot be guaranteed patronage on the SSTS coach services and preference will remain with the boarding students travelling home who made bookings by the nominated booking deadline.



ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

Philippians 4

Well done we have all made it to Week 2, four days of school down and I hope that we are all still happy.

I am happy that the mighty Seconds football won 7-2 on the weekend, I am happy that Guardians of the Galaxy 2 is out and I am happy that the rest of Mr Newton's pets are still living.

Well an eloquent poet once said these inspiring and stirring words about happiness

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof,

Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth,

Clap along if you know what happiness is to you,

Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do

It's as easy as that, if you are feeling like a room without a roof, in other words, if you are feeling like four walls, clap along and feel happy. Clap along if you know what happiness is, clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do. However is it that easy? Is it that simple just to clap along? I don't know about you but sometimes I don't feel like clapping along.

How can an emotion be commanded in such a way? Emotions aren't on tap are they?

Well in Philippians we have an emotion that is commanded, Philippians 4:4 says 'rejoice in the Lord always, I'll say it again rejoice'. So important is the emotion that if you missed it the first time it is repeated for you. So non negotiable is this emotion that it is commanded twice. Christians are commanded to rejoice and to be joyful. Yet often we don't see this, German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said:

"I might believe in the Redeemer if his followers looked more redeemed".

Nietzsche is saying that the way the Christians acted seemed more like Jesus was still dead and buried in Israel rather than the risen son of God. Yet this is the description of the Christian life, coming to Christ will give you a joy that will never end, an inexpressible and glorious joy. It is a fascinating Christian emotion tied to the salvation of Jesus Christ. A deep thankful attitude that God has awesomely saved you. Unlike happiness, which is partly attitude plus circumstance, joy isn't based on circumstances, moods, experiences, it can't be stolen or taken from you, because it is based on the work of Jesus. Only when an emotion is based on something sure can it be commanded.

Paul says clap along with joy because of what Jesus has done for you.



Sydney High Weekend

Terms 2 and 3 see TAS host number of home games and this weekend is the first of those. But it's BIGGER because it also includes a number of additional events with lots of students across the school competing in a traditional friendly competition against Sydney Boys' High. Our Rugby Opens families have responsibility for manning the P&F canteen this weekend, but we again call on all our wonderful families to provide any assistance with baking/buying sweet treats and soup to sell to hungry bodies. Please bring your donations on Saturday morning to the P&F canteen adjacent to Backfield. It's always a fun weekend, so why not come along and enjoy the sportsmanship.

Next Meeting – Annual General Meeting

Our AGM, followed by a General Meeting 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. **Nominations will be accepted on the night.**

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.

The Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships are just around the corner and they take place Friday 12 May (Junior School) and SATURDAY 13 May (Middle and Senior School). I do hope you are giving thought to lending a hand to your P&F in whatever way you can – baking, buying or selling goodies to students, teachers and parent/friend supporters – particularly as the Middle/Senior Carnival is on a Saturday, and we can probably expect more spectators. This year we are also putting on a Brekkie BBQ for the Middle/Senior Carnival and this means we could use some self-proclaimed experts on the BBQ as well!

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 13 May

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)

Mrs Sue Cartwright



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

HSC Tutoring

Please note: Year 11&12 English tutoring is cancelled for Week 2, resuming in Week 3.

All other HSC tutoring continues as normal this week.

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)

Exams

Mid-course exams continue this week for Year 12 students.

Exams in Term 2

NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 - Week 3

Year 11 Week 4
Years 6-8 Week 5
Years 9 & 10 Week 6

A copy of the Year 11 Exam Timetable and Student Expectations during exams has been emailed to students and parents.



ACADEMIC

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3,5,7 and 9 will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 3.

Tuesday 9 May Period 1,2 and 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS, WRITING.

Wednesday 10 May Period 1 and 2 READING

Thursday 11 May Period 1 and 2 NUMERACY CALCULATOR, NUMERACY NON-CALCULATOR.

During the tests each student is required to bring the following materials:

- 2B or HB pencils (or black or blue ballpoint pens)
- an eraser
- a sharpener
- a calculator for the Numeracy Calculator Allowed test.

Students who are unable to attend these sessions will be able to complete catch up tests during the week.



CAREERS

Rotary Youth Expo

Rotary is conducting a webinar for students, parents and teachers to hear more about some of the careers based events they offer for the year. These include agriculture and science programs in areas such as marine science, dairy, beef, sheep, equine enterprises, engineering, astronomy and related sciences; and, overseas exchange programs of 3-12 month duration and public speaking. The activities are targeted at Years 9-11 students.

People wishing to participate simply register by emailing their interest and name to <youth@armidaleamrotary.org>. Instructions for joining will be provided by return email.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday 10 May commencing at 7.30pm and will run for one hour for participants.

Rotary is looking for the support of the school community to ensure that the event is a success.

University of Sydney Term 2 Newsletter

Most universities send out regular newsletters indicating programs and initiatives that they offer for existing and future students. Below is the link to the Term 2 newsletter for University of Sydney on the school website. If you are considering a future at USyd, then it would be worth your while to have a quick look at what they offer.

In this newsletter they are looking at:

- Sydney's graduates rated most employable in Australia.
- 2018 course guides
- Top five things to know about the Sydney Undergraduate Experience
- Teaching and research excellence recognised in QS rankings.
- Architecture students learn 'real life' lessons from Yarrabah
- What is a career in maths really like?.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/04/28/university-of-sydney-term-2-newsletter/>

Melbourne University Prospectus 2017

Melbourne University has sent out its prospectus which outlines the various courses they have on offer for 2018.

I have put the hard copy of this in the Careers section of the Year 12 common room. Or alternatively the attached letter has a link to a website for you to look at these online.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/01/melbourne-university-prospectus-2017/>

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2017

I have posted a copy of the program for the Western Sydney Careers Expo planned for Homebush at the end of this term on the school Careers website.

We are taking a group to the Sydney Careers Expo (Moore Park) but places are limited and filling fast. If you are unable to attend the Sydney Expo then the timing on the Western Sydney one may suit you better. The two programs are very similar.

Sydney HSC and Careers Expo 1-4 June at Moore Park

Western Sydney HSC and Careers Expo 22-25 June at Homebush.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/01/western-sydney-careers-expo-2017/>

PCA - Professional Cadetship Australia

I have posted a letter I received from PCA about cadetship programs they offer students graduating in 2017. It lists details of Technology cadetships they offer and gives a website for more details. If you were thinking of a career in Technology then this would be worth a quick look.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/01/pca-professional-cadetship-australia/>

CBL - International Oxford and Cambridge Summer Academy

CBL is offering the opportunity for a two week summer academy which gives high school students the opportunity to experience what it would be like to study at these prestigious universities.

I have attached a copy of a letter I received, on the school's Careers webpage, that gives details and a website for your convenience.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/01/cbl-international-oxford-and-cambridge-summer-academy/>

A test of Character

A trial game is a test of a team's skill and synergy; an indication of the strengths on which they will build their season and the weaknesses that they must rectify in order to perform at their best. For many of the TAS sporting teams last weekend was a first hit-out. I was encouraged to hear the post-game reflections of lessons learned and things to work on in training, amidst a generally positive vibe.

To learn and grow from our mistakes is a critical element of sport - and life. All athletes will aim to minimise their errors but even the greatest players are fallible. What is worth noting is how individuals deal with their mistakes. It is common to see in professional sport, players expressing their frustration by swearing and lashing out at other players, officials or spectators. Sure, there is perhaps more riding on the outcome than the average U10s Football match, however, does this make it acceptable or constructive?

Such expressive displays of frustration surely distract an athlete from their game and give the opposition a psychological advantage. More notably, they demonstrate a lack of respect and sportsmanship. Champions remain in control of their emotions. They process the error internally and then immediately refocus on the game. In so doing, they become better athletes and better people.

Every game is a test of skill; a measure of the effectiveness of your training over the past week. More importantly, it assesses how you respond under pressure; it is a test of your Character!

Sydney Boys' High School + Gostwyck

This weekend we welcome Sydney Boys' High to TAS for our annual inter school sporting fixtures. A full program can be found [HERE](#). All members of the broader TAS community are invited to be a part of what is traditionally a highlight of our sporting calendar starting with tennis and basketball on Friday evening followed by shooting, football and rugby on Saturday culminating with the First XV commencing at 1:30pm.



An extra attraction this year will be a free performance by 'Gostwyck' from Sydney in the Hoskins Centre Theatre from 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Friday afternoon. Gostwyck are returning home to TAS and Armidale as part of their 'Riverstone Tour' and we welcome TAS Old Boys, Angus Trenerry and Matt Wynkiet back along with their fellow band members. We hope to see a large audience in attendance!

NCIS Touch Football

Congratulations to our squad of 42 players who attended the NCIS Touch Football in Lismore this week. All players performed admirably and congratulations to Niall Moore and Will Ellis on their selection in the NCIS Junior Touch team. Thanks to Ms Curtin, Mr Holland, Mr Nott and Ms Nicole Goldsworthy for accompanying our players.

12 Hour in Piney

Whilst the majority of our school were hitting the fields this past weekend a loyal and adventurous group of TAS Mountain Bikers participated in the '12 Hour in the Piney'. A full report can be found below. Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Mrs Jo Benham for her tireless efforts and support.

TAS Athletics Championships and Cloisters Run

Next week sees another full and exciting week here at TAS with our full Athletics Championships taking place commencing with the Cloisters Run at 1.15pm on Wednesday 10 May. The Cloisters Run is an exciting event and we invite all to come along to witness the spectacle.

The Run will be followed by an afternoon of track and field events on Wakefield.

The main day of Athletics competition will then follow on Saturday 13 May commencing at 8.45am for all students.

A full program can be found on the TAS Sports page. [HERE](#)

Farrer

Our annual Farrer sporting fixtures will be held in Tamworth on the Friday afternoon and evening preceding the main day of Athletics, Friday 12 May. A full program of sports, including shooting, football, and rugby will be published as soon as it is available.

Team App

Another reminder for parents, students and supporters to sign up to Team App for their chosen sport. It is an excellent way to keep up to date with fixtures information, team selections, results, etc.

Please contact the appropriate MIC should you require assistance.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Netball

We had beautiful autumn weather for our first games of netball for the term, all the students were enthusiastic and played some great netball. It was fantastic to see the start of NetSetGo for our younger students with plenty of fun had. A huge congratulations to TAS 3 who had a convincing win, to TAS 1 who played a closely contested match which resulted in a draw and our other teams showing positive signs of improvement. We had plenty of parents supporting our teams which was great to see.

Good luck to all playing this weekend.

Ms Rachel Harrison

Mountain Biking

Over the weekend of the 29-30 April, The Armidale School Mountain Biking Team participated in the annual 12 Hours In the Piney. This event was held at the Armidale State Pine Forest, just outside of town. This was the rescheduled date after the event was postponed earlier in the month due to wet weather.

The day kicked off at 10:00 am where the first contingent of riders headed out to complete the 13 km lap. The track consisted of steep climbs, large rocks gardens and flowy single track to top off a really fun course. The first rider, TAS Old Armidalian Michael Harris made it back to the event village with a flying time of 35 minutes and 21 seconds. This would set the standard for the entire day. Riders who were in teams of four had a good break between laps to get their energy back, ready to punch out more fast laps. TAS had teams entered in the under 13 short course 4-hour event, the under 16 8-hour race as well as in the full 12-hour race. Wylie Wright and Louis Ross rode consistently with their team placing 3rd in the 4-hour race, while in the 8-hour race, TAS students made up a large number of riders with students riding for the NIAS team and for TAS. These students included: Hamish Chalmers, Riley Simmons, Josh Armstrong, Archie Chick, Joe Kermod, Jack Sewell, Jack Armstrong, Archi Lawrence, Fletcher Jackson, Harry Chandler and Toby Inglis. All these riders put in a fantastic effort for their respective teams and placed well in this popular event for the junior riders.

The race took on a whole other atmosphere when the clock hit 6pm as temperatures plummeted and the night set in. The forest was littered with the lights of riders completing their night laps. There were many awesome results from TAS riders with Angus Apps and his team placing first in one of the largest categories (team of four men), Duncan Chalmers and Sam Kings' team came in 6th place, while Harry Graham, Nick Taylor, Sovann Penn (gap student) and Mr Matt Benham (last minute replacement) placed 12th in this category. In the teams of two category Angus Cornall rode exceptionally (despite a flat tyre incident) in a team with his dad. Full results and photos can be found on the [une12hoursinthepiney](#) Facebook page. Overall the 12 Hours in The Piney did not disappoint as a challenging and fun event for everyone involved. Congratulations to all TAS students who participated and thank you to parents who were able to support the TAS team throughout the day.

Harry Graham (Year 11) and Mrs Jo Benham



Football

Fixtures for Saturday 6 May

All football games commence this Saturday, 6 May. Please see below the draw for all teams for this Saturday. Please be aware that after this weekend, no draws will be published regularly through TAS Talks. All parents and students need to be checking TeamApp or the Armidale Football Website http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-8387-0-0-0&a=COMPS.

Please ensure you don't print a draw for the entire season, as these are subject to change. Please see the Junior School Sport section for draws related to Junior School.

16s

TAS 1 plays East Armidale Green – 8:30am Doody Park 2

TAS 2 plays Armidale City Jaguars – 8:30am Jack Vallance Oval
(*This field has changed since the online draws were uploaded)

14As

TAS 14As play South Spiders – 10:00am TAS Adamsfield

14Bs

TAS 14Bs play Armidale City Rebels – 10:00am Jack Vallance Oval

12As

TAS 12As play DK Kings – 11:10am Rologas 2

12Bs

TAS 1 (Year 6 team) play DK Camelots 10:00am Rologas 12
TAS 2 (Year 5 team) play DK Diamonds 11:10am Rologas 12

First XI

TAS play Armidale City Westside 3:00pm Jack Vallance Oval

Second XI

TAS play Armidale City Westside 1:00pm Jack Vallance Oval

Third Division

TAS Blue play TAS White 1:00pm TAS Adamsfield

TAS Dads have the bye

Best of luck for your fixtures this weekend.

Mr Luke Polson MIC Football



CREATIVE ARTS

The temperature may be dropping but the buzz of activity with rehearsals and classes and performances is keeping the Hoskins Centre nice and warm. In fact, if you could bottle the energy and enthusiasm of our Middle School cast who are preparing for *Into the Woods JR* you could solve your winter blues in an instant. But failing that you could still get yourself a ticket to the show from the Hoskins Centre website to come and bask in the glow of their passion and talent.

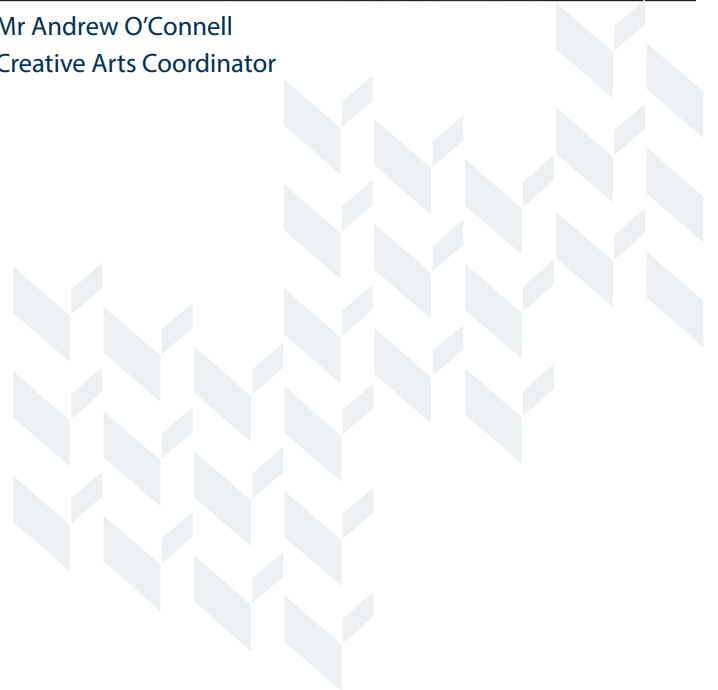
And speaking of *Into the Woods JR*, we will be calling for assistance with set construction and painting in the coming weeks. During production week we'll also definitely need some help with hair and make-up. So if you have even a modicum of skill or experience and are keen to help out please look for those appeals in TAS Talks (we will appeal loudly!) or contact Mrs Leasa Cleaver.

Next week Felt Tip Theatre Company's swansong *Twelfth Night* takes the stage with what promises to be another amazing show of talented young performers and familiar company faces. There will be opportunities to go and see the show of an evening or at the matinees and if students need help booking a ticket they can pop down to the Hoskins Centre office.

My final point is for those students currently sitting exams (in Year 12), preparing to sit exams (Year 11) or receiving notifications for exams coming up later in the term (Years 6 - 10). Term 2 is a time when organisation is of the utmost importance. With many activities in the co-curricular Creative Arts like the Eisteddfod and the Shakespeare Carnival sure to eat up a lot of your time you want to manage your studies well in advance to ensure you can give every task your best effort. If you're ever worried about being overburdened or under pressure make sure you chat to the Creative Arts staff, we're always keen to offer advice and support to ensure you can get the very best out of your time at the school.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



MUSIC MATTERS

Armidale Eisteddfod

The Armidale Eisteddfod begins on Tuesday 16 May with Choirs!

It is hard to believe that the 2017 Eisteddfod is nearly upon us. In the coming weeks, the team in the Music Centre will be working in earnest to prepare TAS ensembles to perform.

It is extremely important that students attend every scheduled rehearsal in the weeks leading up to the Eisteddfod - as there is limited time to prepare before the event and we need everyone to know their parts.

If you wish to attend the Eisteddfod to watch TAS ensembles perform you will need to purchase tickets.

For more information on the Eisteddfod 2017, the program and ticket purchases, please refer to <http://armidale-eisteddfod.org.au>

Arcadia Winds concert at Armidale Town Hall on Thursday 4 May at 7pm

This award-winning ensemble performs in Armidale for the first time, in classic wind quintets by Debussy, Nielsen and Ligeti, and works by Australian composers Natalie Williams and Lachlan Skipworth, written especially for the group.

TAS Music has a small number of specially-priced student tickets available at \$20 each. Please email music@as.edu.au to secure your place. Other tickets can be purchased through www.trybooking.com/OJYI or by phoning NECOM on 6788 2137.

Blow-In Workshop at NECOM on Friday 5 May

NECOM conductor Paul Marshall and Arcadia Winds, five of Australia's most inspiring musicians will host a once-only workshop open to woodwind and brass players on Friday 5 May from 9.15-11.30am. Funded by NECOM, this free workshop includes a big ensemble play-a-thon for aspiring players.

The Workshop is free and open to students in Years 3-12 who can read music and have at least 12 months experience playing one of the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba.

Email music@as.edu.au to confirm you would like your child to attend. A TAS bus will transport students from TAS to NECOM leaving from Brown St at 9am on Friday and returning to school by 12 noon. Please bring recess and your instrument. Dress is normal winter uniform.

For more information on the content of the workshop email marketing@necom.org.au or phone 6788 2137.

NAPLAN testing & private music lessons in Week 3

Please be aware that any private music lessons scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will need to be re-scheduled in Week 3 for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9.

NAPLAN Tests:

Tuesday 9 May: Years 7 & 9 at 8.45-10.55am

Wednesday 10 May: Years 7 & 9 at 8.45-10.05am

Thursday 11 May: Years 7 & 9 at 8.45-10am

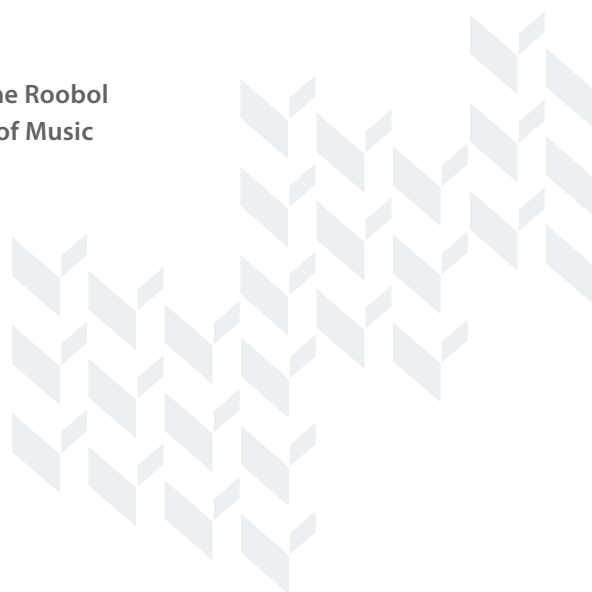
Twilight Concert for ensembles on Thursday 11 May at 6pm in Memorial Hall

The Term 2 Twilight Concert will focus on ensembles. In the lead up to Eisteddfod, this is a wonderful opportunity for our ensembles to perform and for the TAS community to see the results of the hard work put in by all members and staff. We hope to see you there. Performers please wear formal uniform.

TeamApp for Music

Keep up-to-date with rehearsal schedules through TeamApp group 'Music-The Armidale School'. Select the relevant access groups (ensembles) and you can receive reminders on your phone or by email.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

So far, so good

Well, we're one week shy of our Athletics Carnival, winter sports have well and truly left the port, boys and girls, on the whole are happy, staff are busy gearing up for various school assessments. I was really happy to see so many of you at Coonabarabran last Saturday. The 13s and 14s games being back-to-back were tough (and, for some, continuous) but boys acquitted themselves admirably. It's a long trip, but everyone came back happily and Monday began normally. I'm aware that Netball has begun and look forward to seeing this played in the near future.

The term has begun well in another sense, as well: I'm receiving calls from a number indicating various 'states of being' of students from your holiday perspective. Overall, his kind of communication can only be a good thing. Most importantly, the issue of staff and parent feedback it's an affirmation to all Middle School people that their concerns are important to us.

There'll be opportunity for us to talk again of course – at the Athletics Carnival next Saturday. The occasion will present itself as another for you to catch up with one another as well. For those who've not been here before, the occasion is always a good one and all involved in it in the past have thoroughly enjoyed it.



The term ahead

As indicated last week, it's a short one and characteristically full. It's a formal assessment one too, which culminates in a battery of exams, I've already spoken to some parents about the exams and would be happy to field enquiries about them. I want each student's experience of them to be as palatable as possible, meaning that questions and concerns must be addressed before the exam week. So, don't be hesitant to call or send an email to us, especially if you do have concerns. It's our job, as far as possible, to allay your concerns about them as well. The students, of course, will be receiving information that relates directly to their management and completion of these assessments. The best advice anyone can give to all is 'work well and do your best'. Don't worry, between us, we've considerable experience dealing with preparation, management of time and execution - of examinations, of course!

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

TAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

INTO THE WOODS JR.

JUNE PERFORMANCES

1ST 7.00 PM
2ND 2.00 PM & 7.00 PM
3RD 7.00 PM

TAS Hoskins Centre

TICKETS

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HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Attending the TAS ANZAC Day Service has always been one of “those” experiences for me over the years and last week was certainly no exception. Having Corporal Robert Prowse as the guest speaker, someone who attended our Junior School, sitting in our classrooms and running around in our playgrounds as a youngster, made it even more poignant. Thank you to all those who supported the School by attending and I hope you gained as much as I did from his words. His focus on looking after your mates and doing what you do to the best of your ability was both meaningful and so relevant.

This week, I was also visited by an old friend whose children went through Junior School a century ago, and from his book I quote some of his own verse (without his permission). The ANZAC spirit lives on today and his words are a most relevant reminder...

“Bequeathing us endless inspiration and winning endless fame,

With honest, entire, enthusiastic effort – and we could do the same.”

Lest we forget.

Year 4 Fundraiser

Congratulations to Ty Schalk-O'Brien and his class mates for the fantastic initiative and enthusiasm they displayed recently to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House in Sydney. It was an exercise in real service and their selflessness and enthusiasm inspired many. As you can see in the photo, their efforts (clearly) did not go unnoticed and I commend them and Ms Wood. Not only did the class dig deep with the planning, organising and commitment they showed for the cause, they managed to raise \$465.25 as well.



Winter Sport

Last weekend I was able to drop in and see our netballers in their first games and skills session of the season. It was impressive, particularly the enthusiasm and enjoyment they all seemed to be getting from getting stuck in! I look forward to seeing more of this and highlighted this week the importance of being great sports and enjoying helping others to be the same.

I take this opportunity also to congratulate Charlie Ward in Year 3, for her fantastic efforts recently in gaining U9 & 11 Girl Champion at the Uralla Pony Club ANZAC Gymkhana.



Charlie Ward - U9 & 11 Girl Champion

Leadership in Junior School

This week our House leaders, Broughton House – Caleb Baumgartner, Max Rogers, Lennox Nielson; Green House – William Brett, Harry Pennington, Sam Hynes; Ross House – William Gulping, Lochlan Gerdes, Tom Ball; are attending the GRIP Leadership course in Armidale with many others from schools in Armidale. The course focuses on leadership strategies and activities, many of which will be utilised in and around Junior School. I look forward to hearing all about their experience and look forward to them being able to contribute some of the ideas back into our community.

Looking Ahead

Week 2 – School Spirit - Cooperation

Wednesday 3 May Assembly 2.45 pm in The Hoskins Centre – Year 4

Week 3 – School Spirit - Resilience

Tuesday 9 May NAPLAN – Language Conventions, Writing

Wednesday 10 May NAPLAN – Reading
Assembly in Hoskins Centre at 2.45 pm – Year 5

Thursday 11 May NAPLAN – Numeracy
Mothers' Day Luncheon – Junior School playground

Friday 12 May Junior School Athletics Championships

Week 4 – School Spirit – Confidence

Wednesday 17 May Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 3

NAPLAN Assessments

Next week, our Year 3 & 5 students (along with those in Year 7 & 9) are completing their NAPLAN Assessments, some for the first time. There has been plenty of discussion about the purpose and value of these assessments and no doubt, this will be on-going.

There is a letter doing the rounds which helps us keep the whole conversation in proportion and I include an excerpt here. "This test does not assess all of what makes you exceptional and unique. The people that score these tests don't know that you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use an App. They have not seen you dance or kick a ball and they have not seen how your friends depend on you when they are sad. They do not know that you are a caring and thoughtful and that every day you do your best to please - because these things cannot be tested. These scores tell you how you did on the day, but they do not tell you everything. So be ready to do your best for the NAPLAN tests, and remember there is no way to test "all" the wonderful things that make you the special person you are."

We have familiarised our students with the nature of these NAPLAN in preparation for the tests, but still maintain that learning, with an emphasis on the individual's needs and abilities, remains the primary focus of our attention throughout the year. We wish them all well.

Mothers' Day Lunch - Thursday May 11 at 12.25 pm

We would like to invite our mums, grandmothers, aunts and all others who look after our kids, to a celebration of fun and activity at lunchtime on Thursday, May 11 from 12.25 pm in the Junior School playground. With some fantastic lunchtime surprises, this is destined to be a time for sharing, happiness and laughter. TAS will provide lunch for you all but it is really important please, to let us know if you are coming for catering purposes. We know you'll love what we have in store.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Influenza and illness

With the flu season beginning, it is important for the School community to be aware that when children develop the flu, we encourage parents to err on the side of caution and keep the germs away from school for five days. Children who have vomiting or diarrhoea during the evening or night should not come to school for at least 24 hours from the last symptom. It is very difficult to manage sick children at school and we feel the best place for children who feel unwell is at home until they feel well enough with the demands of school. We thank you for your assistance and support with this.

Uniform and Hair

School uniform is flexible for the next two weeks in the Junior School as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to School in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From Week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform. Additionally, sports uniform is only to be worn on the days students have a TAS sport (not those days when they have PE which has become the practice for some). Travel to and from School in PE gear is also not necessary and is not acceptable. Please ensure all students wear the correct uniform, in a tidy and presentable manner. There has also been a number of haircuts that do not fall into the more conservative category expected by the school. All hair should be tidy and well kept, not cut to make a statement of become ostentatious. For boys, it should be off the collar and ears and for girls, if longer than shoulder length, tied with blue or white ribbon. It should always be of natural colour. Please work with us if your child has been asked to tidy up their hair and contact me should this become a problem.

Absentee advice

If your child is unwell and can't come to school, please notify the Junior School via email junior@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5817 before 9.00am.

If your child will be away for any other reason (except medical appointments), please complete the Exemption from School form which can be found on the School website link attached:

<http://www.as.edu.au/parent-forms/>

It is a Board of Studies requirement that we have correct information on Students whereabouts.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Winter Sports

Congratulations to all those children who commenced their Winter sports last week so enthusiastically. It was great to hear of several reports of excited and interested children participating in their first games last weekend.

All Footballers are now ready to commence their games this Saturday. Please refer to the Armidale Football Association Website for game times and venues. You should also hear from your team coach this week with any extra information. The direct link is below:

[CLICK HERE](#)

For convenience, this week I have listed all games, however, for future reference please refer to this site.

Games for Saturday, 6 May: (Please refer to the website for Map/field allocations)

6 Joeys competition:

Tigers v DK Saxons at 10am on Rologas 4

Trucks v DK Vikings at 10am on Rologas 6

7 Joeys competition:

Terriers v East Rhinos at 10:40am on Rologas 6

Tarantulas have a BYE this week

Junior 8s

Tornadoes v DK Squires at 10:40am on R14

Taipans v DK Castles at 9:50am on R16

9 Joeys

Thunderbolts v Guyra Geckos at 9am on R16

Terriers v South Squirrels at 9:50am on R16

Junior 10

TAS v DK Magic at 9:30 on R13

12 Bs

TAS 2 v DK Diamonds at 11:10am on R12.

If your child is going to be absent for any training sessions or games, please inform your coach as soon as possible.

Winter sports coaches:

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Netball

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Junior School Athletics

Don't forget our JS Athletics Carnival is next week! Friday, 12 April. All details for this carnival will be in next week's TAS Talks and the program will be available on the JS TAS website.

Looking forward to a great Winter sports season.

Mrs Christine Wright
cwright@as.edu.au



RICK HATCH - POTTERY CLASSES

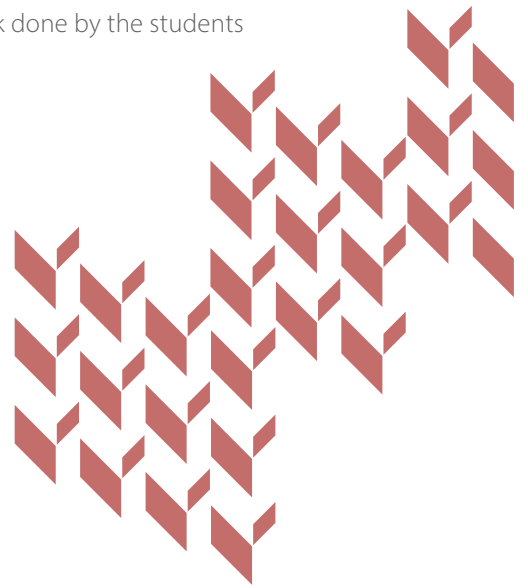
Suzanne Hatch and I are again offering after-school classes in clay work . I have been preparing for weeks and have two great projects ready to go. the goal of our teaching is for the children to have heaps of fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative 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 2 May and Thursday 4 May. There will be no class on 16 & 18 May this Term.
- 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

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



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