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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 23 August, 2017 Term 3 Week 6

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

HSC Performances – Master Stroke and Final Note

The final public showings from our Year 12 Visual Arts and Music students prior to their performances for the HSC markers were held over the last two nights in the Memorial Hall and Hoskins Centre and they were impressive events by any measure. Both music and visual arts classes are larger this year than has been seen for very many years, but there has been no diminution of quality. I am confident to say that, right across the board, our students were well prepared and obviously enjoying the way that their work has come together.

As always, I am very conscious that those students undertaking major works in addition to their exams in those subjects have chosen a pathway with an additional layer of workload and pressure. The presenting of creative expression, whether on stage or in the gallery, is an intense experience as it lays bare what has generally been a deeply personal engagement with the work. That is a wonderful experience in itself though and will no doubt be remembered by those students as one of the highlights of Year 12. I congratulate both students and teachers on the quality of the work in 2017 and wish them well as they make the final adjustments before the HSC markers arrive.

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

As I write, Day 1 of the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon is in full swing in the Memorial Hall as Year 7 and Year 8 teams from schools across the region wrap their collective intellectual abilities around tasks that range across disciplines as widely as Leonardo da Vinci's own interests did. Whilst this is a competition and all teams will be keenly aware of that, it is also a wonderful opportunity for some of the most agile and able minds from our schools to come together for a special day of challenge and it is that attraction that motivates us to host this big event.



The da Vinci Decathlon is an initiative of Knox Grammar School and TAS hosts the Northern NSW version of the event with their permission and support and I again thank them for that. Within TAS it comes at the instigation and under the leadership of Catherine Boydell who has led it for all of its five years of operation here. I offer thanks to all the staff who have actively supported da Vinci this year, but especially to Catherine as it is her drive that makes it possible.

Tomorrow it will be Year 5 and 6's turn to compete and they will be followed by Years 9 and 10 on Friday. I wish all students well for their day of challenge and thank their teachers for taking the time out to travel to TAS to provide their students with this opportunity.

School Survey

The Macquarie Marketing Group school survey, about which I have written regularly over recent weeks, closes on Friday of this week and I encourage all parents who have not yet completed it to take the time to do so. With just a few days remaining we are still well behind the final parent take-up achieved when the survey was last conducted in 2010. I am hopeful of a flurry of activity before the close of business on Friday and of a strong overall parent response rate that will make the survey truly valuable to us. Those parents who have not yet completed the survey should have received notification of that from MMG and I encourage those families to act on that reminder.

P&F Trivia Night

Parents will see a final notice in this edition of TAS Talks for the P&F Music and Movies Trivia Night this Saturday. There is still time for late-comers to join a table and the fun of the night and I hope that as many as can will do so. There is no agenda other than to enjoy some fun and dancing on the night and that in itself is quite special in a school with a program as full as ours.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 6

Wednesday 23 August	AgQuip Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon
Thursday 24 August	Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon AgQuip Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 25 August	Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews Year 8 Parent Information Session in Big School at 5.15pm
Saturday 26 August	P&F Trivia Night
Sunday 27 August	Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Training

Week 7

Monday 28 August	Passing Out Parade Practice
Tuesday 29 August	Passing Out Parade Practice (No Sport) 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 30 August	Passing Out Parade Practice
Thursday 31 August	NAIDOC Assembly NAIDOC Dinner (6pm-7.30pm)
Friday 1 September	Activities Day 5
Saturday 2 September	TAS v Downlands (at TAS) Grafton Night Paddle
Sunday 3 September	Rugby Dinner at Wicklow Hotel



City 2 Surf

In last week's City 2 Surf report, an incorrect time was listed for runner Disa Smart. Disa, the first girl home for TAS, crossed the line in 1:08:44, and was the 12th fastest runner overall in the womens 13-15 year category.

UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP


Summer Uniform available from 1 September 2017

Opening hours over the holidays -

Friday 29 September - Open 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY 8 October - Open 9 am to 5 pm

Please note children return to school Monday 9 October in Summer uniform.



IMPORTANT – change to beginning of Term 4 Arrangements

Boarder families – please note that the Train Link transport will be running boarding students back to school on Sunday 8 October, with classes commencing on Monday 9 October. This is contrary to the school calendar which has now been adjusted to reflect the change.

Day students will also resume classes on Monday 9 October as there will not be a staff day as previously calendared.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.


Mr Alan Jones
Deputy Headmaster

MMG Survey

Parent and Staff - Please complete the MMG Survey.

Cut off date is Sunday 27 August.

Students will be given the opportunity to complete the survey with a unique link being sent to them soon.



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT – LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!!!

Our P&F Movies and Music Trivia Night complete with a DJ for a little dancing at the end, will be held this Saturday 26 August at 6.30pm (for a 7pm start) in the Gym.

Tickets for the Trivia Night are \$30 pp and can be booked at <https://www.Trybooking.com.au/RAVX>

Please choose a table number and then let everyone in your team know so they can book on the same table. If you don't have a table or enough people on your table please contact your year group Liaison Parents – they'll set you up with some new friends.

Please get dressed up!!! There will be prizes for the best dressed table and also for the winning table of Trivia Gurus.

We will also be running a raffle on the night – Tickets will be \$5... Prizes are:

- a weekend at the lovely Northcott B and B in Armidale (2 queen rooms self contained accommodation) – great for visiting family or friends or boarder families
- 3 months membership to Bikram Yoga – just in time to shape up for Christmas, and
- lamb meat trays - yum!

This is an adult only event and you will need to BYO food and drink, however tea and coffee will be provided, as will plates and glasses.

BRANDY NEEDED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings get made in October. If you would like to make a donation of a bottle of brandy to help the cause please drop it into Big School reception.

NEXT P&F MEETING - TAS @ DUSK

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7pm in The Lower Maxwell Room. This meeting starts the big push to organise TAS@Dusk and we would love to see Liaison Parents and anyone else interested in helping come along.

We are also seeking a new convener for the Plant Stall – Suzie Wright has been stellar in this role for many years but this will be her last TAS@Dusk and we'd love to show a new person the ropes before she leaves. If you're interested in plants and gardening this would be the perfect role for you. If you'd like to know more please contact either myself on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or Suzie on suziejwright@bigpond.com

SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THING AND ENJOY A LITTLE QUIZ SHOW!



CALLING ALL LOVERS OF MUSIC & MOVIES!

IT'S TIME FOR THE PARENTS TO HAVE SOME FUN, SO COME ONE AND ALL TO THE 2ND ANNUAL P&F TRIVIA NIGHT.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS MUSIC & MOVIES – COMPLETE WITH A DANCE PARTY!

DETAILS:

Saturday 26 August, 2017
6.30pm, TAS GYM

Gather your best brains into tables of 8-10 and come dressed as your favourite band, rock star or movie character.

BOOKINGS:

Tickets are \$30 / <https://www.trybooking.com/RAVX>

BYO Food and Drinks

Contact: Mrs Margie Roberts
E: mg.r@bigpond.com



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CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

Scandalous Ephesians 2:1-10

There have been plenty of scandals in sport, of all the scandals, Lance Armstrong the former professional road racing cyclist, ranks a highly prized number one. Armstrong is the 1993 professional world champion, and won the Tour de France a record seven consecutive times from 1999 to 2005. However, in 2012, he was banned from sanctioned Olympic sports for life as a result of long-term doping offenses. As part of those sanctions, all results going back to August 1998, including his seven Tour wins, were deleted. In the aftermath of his fall from grace, a CNN article wrote that "The epic downfall of cycling's star, once an idolised icon of millions around the globe, stands out in the history of professional sports."

He lied, and he lied repeatedly – he lied to win, to gain an unfair advantage, to win although he didn't deserve it.

As much as this scandal has been discussed, there is another that has been discussed far more and for longer than any other. That is, in Christianity there is something completely unfair, too many people are 'winning' while they have no right to. People are receiving something they do not deserve; the only difference is no one is lying about it. No one is trying to cover this scandal up.

The scandal is this: while we do not deserve to be either included in the family of God nor to receive the impassable riches promised in His eternal reward – many will receive them. This is grace! Grace is precisely that – getting what you do not deserve. However, we must recognise it is still performance based, but not our performance. Our hope, reward, inclusion, salvation rests on the performance of another – namely Jesus. While the drug scandals in cycling and other sports are stained with injustice, the grace of God comes to us and satisfies His justice, Jesus' performance is sufficient, while it is completely unfair that we receive any gift from God, it is entirely just. Yes, thank God, God is unfair.



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

Year 8 Parent Information

A parent information presentation will be held this Friday 25 August beginning at 5.15pm in Big School for Year 8 parents. The presentation will outline Year 9 at TAS, the opportunities available to students, our pastoral care system, the academic program and the process for your child to choose electives for 2018. A separate session during the school day in the coming weeks will be conducted for all students in Year 8.

If you are attending this presentation please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held this week on Thursday 24 August (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 25 August (2pm - 5.30pm).

If you have not yet booked times with your child's teacher and would still like to do so please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or vobrien@as.edu.au

Please note interviews will be held in the Hoskins Foyer and there is no parent information session for this year group.

Tutoring

Tutoring continues to be available for students in Years 11 and 12 and 9 & 10 in Maths & Science.

This is a valuable free service offered to TAS students.



DAY	SUBJECT	TIME	VENUE
Monday	Biology (Year 12)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Chemistry (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Tuesday	2U Mathematics (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics & Science Year 9&10	7-8pm	Cash Building
	2U Mathematics (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Wednesday	Chemistry (Year 11)	8-9pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
	English (Year 11)	8-9pm	F1-2
Thursday	English (Year 12)	7-8pm	F1-2
	Mathematics General (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics General (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building

ACADEMIC

Da Vinci Decathlon

The da Vinci Decathlon regional challenge celebrates its fifth year this year, welcoming students from across the region to test their academic prowess through teamwork and fun.

This year the theme is 'imagination' which while trying to prepare has lead us from the fantasy and wild imaginings of Lewis Carroll to the great minds who dared to imagine the world differently, through Science, Cartography or Engineering. Imagine announcing the possibility that the world was actually not flat, and space travel was achievable? One of the greatest creative and imaginative minds of course belonging to Leonardo Da Vinci, the name sake of our competition. Students will compete across 10 disciplines with the addition this year of Ideation replacing Philosophy, where a real world problem will be posed which students must solve, explaining their solution through design, logic and application. Our practice question has been, 'Imagine you could change the school or working week, ensuring a better work to life balance. What would you recommend? I am excited to report that if any of our students have the opportunity to implement their plans, as future leaders of the world, we look set for more holidays!

We look forward to welcoming students from Narrabri, Tamworth, Moree, Inverell, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Armidale, with Year 7 and 8 competitors on Wednesday 23, Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 24 and Years 9 and 10 on Friday 25 August.

Each day starts at 8:30am and concludes by 3pm. Parents are welcome to watch from the balcony area in the Memorial Hall.

Ms Catherine Boydell

Japan Study Tour 2018

I am pleased to announce the plans for the 2018 Japan Study Tour. The trip is a combined Japanese/HSIE Study Tour and will involve a three day stay in China before travelling around Japan for 10 days.

Students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to participate on this Study Tour. It is estimated that 15 students will participate and at this stage the Study Tour will take place from Friday, 28 September to Friday, 12 October 2018. This trip will take place after the completion of next year's course 'Traveling in Japan' in Semester 1 for Year 9/10 students.

The Study Tour will allow the students to use their language skills in an authentic environment and experience the history, culture and lifestyle of two fascinating Asian countries. The previous trip in 2016 was very successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At this stage we will be visiting Beijing, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, our Sister School Meitoku Gijuku, a two day homestay and many other interesting places.

We will be having an information evening early Term 4 outlining more details and answering any questions you may wish to ask. If you would like your son or daughter to participate on the Japan Study Tour could you indicate your interest by emailing Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting me. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mr Allan Moore



Living Lessons: French/HSIE Study Tour 2018

The study tour is open to current French/HSIE students in Years 8, 9 and 10 interested in enhancing their understanding of French culture, history and language in 2018.

The study tour will complement topics studied within the Stage 5 Year 9/10 electives Travelling in France and Living in France and the Stage 6 French Continuers course, together with topics studied in both Stage 5 and 6 History curriculums.

The study tour will include a homestay experience and students will travel by métro in Paris and by TGV, the high-speed train, as they explore beyond the capital. The tour will also include a two-day visit to the Somme battlefields of World War I and day trips to Geneva (Switzerland) and Monte Carlo (Monaco) by rail.

Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday 28 September 2018 – Friday 12 October 2018 (Term 3 school holidays)

Paris, Amiens, Naours, Beaumont-Hamel, Arras, Pozières, Corbie, Villers-Bretonneux

Lyon, Geneva, Marseille, Monte Carlo, Nice

The estimated base cost is \$3500 for the 12-day study tour, understanding that currency changes over the next 12 months may change. This figure does not include food, entrance to some museums and sights, or spending money. A more accurate figure will be determined at a later date.

An information evening will be held in Term 4, 2017.

Enquiries and expressions of interest to Mr David Toakley (HSIE Coordinator) dtoakley@as.edu.au and Ms Majella Christensen (French) mchrste@as.edu.au

Ms Majella Christensen



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Cadets: Activities Day 5 (1 September)

Activities Day 5 will be held on 1 September, Friday of Week 7. The process will begin with an activity briefing during Period 3 on Tuesday 29 August. All students must attend this briefing to receive detailed information about their activity.

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 & 2 Platoons – Kayak touring on Clarence River near Copmanhurst; 3 Platoon will meet for roll call and depart at 3:30pm on Sunday 18 June. An overnight bivouac will be conducted, and students will require overnight gear as specified below.

3 Platoon – Echidna Gully & Trek/Navigation.

B Company

4, 5 & 6 Platoons – Firearms safety training (TAS Rifle Club activity), navigation, first aid and bush cooking to be conducted at 'Loch Abba' property. Cadets should ensure that they bring their issued cadet jumper in addition to equipment mentioned in the activity briefing.

C Company

7, 8, 9 & 10 Platoons – Navigation, fieldcraft, bush cooking and abseiling to be conducted at 'Newholme' property and Baker's Creek Gorge.

Cadet equipment for kayak tour: 1 & 2 Platoons only

Dress during the kayak touring exercise is DPCU uniform with equipment to live in the field. Note that all equipment must be able to be carried in pack only – no webbing will be carried on the kayak trek. Sleeping bag may be carried externally to pack.

Required equipment includes:

Back Pack (issued)

Compass*	Hootchie (issued)
Spray jacket* / raincoat*	10m hutchie cord/rope*
Kidney Cup*	Pegs x 8*
KFS set*	Ground sheet (issued)
Water bottles x 2 (issued)	Sleeping bag* & Mat*
Towel (small)	Olive Green thermal
undershirt	Notepad (in plastic bag)*
Jumper Camo (issued)	Torch + spare batteries*
Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)	
Plastic bag for wet gear	

Sun screen & insect repellent (tube or roll-on only)

Change of dry clothes, underwear & socks

Toilet bag (comb, soap, toothbrush + paste)

**Available for purchase from TAS Clothing Shop*

LT (AAC) Angus Murray

Commanding Officer Cadets

IDEALS WEEK 2017

ROUND
SQUARE

This year the inaugural Round Square IDEALS Week took the place of Excursion Week and offered an exciting opportunity for enrichment and challenge for our students from Year 6-11. The purpose of the week is to bring the Round Square IDEALS to life through a range of real and genuine experiences for our students. Below you will find an overview of the week that we hope students found to be a valuable addition to their TAS life.



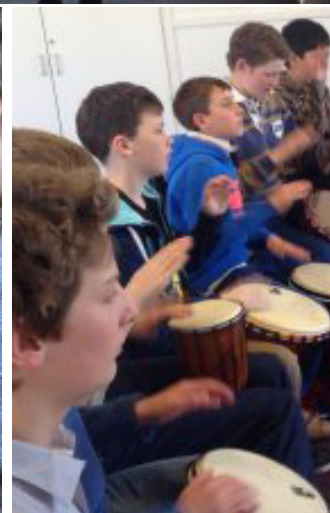
Prelude to Democracy - Year 6

Year 6 students' understanding of Democracy and Australian history was greatly enhanced by our visit to Canberra as part of IDEALS Week. As a Prelude to Democracy, Year 6 visited a number of iconic Canberra landmarks, including New and Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Film and Sound Archives, the National Museum, Royal Australian Mint as well as a guided tour of Reconciliation Place. At these places, the students experienced guides, displays and programs that will greatly enrich our studies of Democracy and Australian history in the classroom. In addition to this, the students enjoyed the hands-on nature of both Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport.



Internationalism - Year 7

The week finished as it began: characterised by difference and classified as worthwhile. There's nothing like the feeling of doing something for the first time - you're always on your mettle, and this applied as much to Year 7 students as it did to all members of staff whose job it was to initiate, develop and complete Internationalism activities in Week 4. In characteristic Round Square fashion, collaboration was the lynchpin that enabled the connection of such varied activities over the five days. Students sang (after a fashion) Peace Songs and constructed Peace banners that their grandparents would be proud to see. They made many different kinds of food in the context of cultural studies; embarked on several successful Skype interviews in the wider Indian region; viewed programs, the overarching intention of which was to broaden personal horizons, encourage religious understanding; develop empathic attitudes to fundamental political and cultural differences in our global community. There was, in addition, plenty of opportunity to ask questions, construct arguments and also develop that wonderful capacity adults possess, being the ability to listen carefully and think critically. One major activity in relation to this last activity was the introduction of students to Socratic circles in relation to listening and speaking – these activities worked well, too. What do you have here? A snapshot of our activities. Proof's in the pudding, isn't it: if you want to see what your children did, then look at this: <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/int2017/>



Democracy - Year 10

It was delightful to spend a week with Year 10 in the pursuit of knowledge about the underlying principles and practices of Democracy. The week was structured in a way to develop a greater understanding of what democracy is and - just as importantly - is not. We are so fortunate to be citizens of a nation that adheres closely to democratic principles and as we heard from the students' group research into other nations' systems of government, there are many more populations in the world where rights and freedoms we take for granted are abused or non-existent.

Not only did we take a global view of democracy however, we also included in our ambit the notion that in fact, 'democracy begins in the home' - an individual's responsibility to him/herself is to ensure that they are independent and can look after themselves in the world and by doing so, will be able to then play an active role as a citizen of the community they live in. With this in mind, we embarked on the 'Steps to Adulthood Program' every afternoon that covered sessions on the following topics; the art of cooking, simple clothing repairs, financial management, mental fitness, basic car maintenance and essential communication skills.

While the week's highlights included UN Youth's Model UN and workshops on alternative forms of voice, the popular multi-sport World Cup, the team trivia contest and the final creative presentations in Hoskins on the issue of '16 year old's being conscripted to a UN Peacekeeping Force', (to see the winning presentation click <https://youtu.be/GcTpA7gcV5o>) the real pleasure was seeing the level of engagement and interest of Year 10 students. We hope that for a week out of usual classes, they can reflect on the principles of Democracy as one of the foundation tenets of Round Square.



Year 10 'England' got into the spirit of things when they presented an overview of their political system of government in their study of Democracy



Environmentalism - Year 9

Sow, Nurture, Grow

The Year 9 – Environmentalism experience aimed to develop a respect for the environment, to challenge any practices that impact negatively on the environment and to seek solutions to how things can be improved.

The week got off to a fine start with a stop-off at Dorrigo National Park to study Gondwana Rainforests that have been millions of the years in the making. Students examined how rainforests are affected by climate change and human interactions.

Then at Coffs Coast, students rotated through a range of group activities including exploring the ecology of mangrove ecosystems, gained understanding of marine taxonomy and classification systems, waded over rocky foreshores to examine the varying characteristics and adaptations that these life forms possess, and studied the effects of waves, wind and current in shaping beaches. Students also explored Muttonbird Island from the Indigenous perspective, tried bush tucker at Bongil Bongil National Park, and learnt about conservation at Dolphin Marine Centre.

Ultimately, we want environmental considerations to be second nature to our students. Whilst this is a work in progress, the seed has been sown. The feedback so far from students is encouraging and demonstrates a heightened awareness of the impact we have on our environment.

The challenge now is to nurture these ideas, to continually remind ourselves of the fragility of our ecosystems and our responsibility to the planet and all its inhabitants.



Adventure - already a rich component of our Activities program, so not focused upon during IDEALS Week.

Leadership - Year 11

The Year 11 IDEALS Week focussed on Leadership and Careers and was, among a few highs and lows, overall a successful week. Students were challenged to consider what leadership means – in all its nuanced forms – and to develop both community and personal skills in considering their own leadership, at School and beyond. This was facilitated by, among other things, a day and a half programme with JUMP!, an external group who aimed to promote an understanding of self-awareness, defining leadership and leadership in action, and the concept of community leadership and collaboration. Students also heard from Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce, and through other speakers and videos were able to appreciate that leadership goes well beyond titled offices, badges and ties (Drew Dudley's Ted Talk on 'Everyday Leadership' was especially well received - https://www.ted.com/talks/drew_dudley_everyday_leadership#t-358770). We also explored the concept of personal leadership, of making good decisions based on a strong moral framework, and so the Road Realities driver awareness course and Brent Sanders presentation on issues of consent, alcohol and the law, and choice and consequence challenged students in engaging and confronting ways.

The second half of the week was devoted to Careers, with a trip to the UNE and a very successful job scenario process, where students honed their resume, applied for a job and were interviewed by a range of town professionals. These ranged from the military to hospitality, university residential colleges to GAP year positions in schools, and many things in between, and it was a fitting culmination to the week. The feedback from this session was perhaps the most positive and we could not have been happier with the maturity the students showed in approaching this task. While there are changes already afoot for next year, and things we would not do again, the week was a good one and affirmed my belief that TAS is well positioned in terms of leadership in 2018 – Year 11 are a positive, diverse and tolerant group. It was also encouraging to observe feedback through the post-programme survey indicating that students felt their understanding of leadership and knowledge of their peers had both increased considerably.



Deputy Prime Minister The Hon Barnaby Joyce spoke to Year 11 students about the general qualities of good Leadership

Service - Year 8

What a week we had in Year 8 for IDEALS week! It was actioned packed and involved our students serving in our community as well as learning more about social issues affecting people locally and globally. We had students helping in gardens, chatting with and playing for the elderly, sewing teddy bears for children, packing dignity bags for people in need, cooking for families and the homeless. Year 8s also got to do a range of activities with our Junior School students as well as children from Minimbah, extending our theme of UBUNTU- we are who we are through others.

The students heard from amazing speakers such as Calvin from the Thankyou Water Organisation. He held the audience captive for an hour as he shared their incredible story of taking action to make a difference for the poorest of the poor in our world. They responded thoughtfully to poverty simulations and the speakers who came from Carevan, Pathfinders, and the Salvation Army to help them understand more about homelessness. They listened attentively to Dr Jones who shared stories of working in refugee camps and why its so important to open our hearts and our country to those seeking asylum.



I was so impressed with our students and how they embraced the week. They took up the random acts of kindness challenge and responded positively to new ideas and showed compassion and maturity. One of the challenging parts of the week was the poverty lunch, where students were confronted by the inequalities of across our world. There was outrage; there were cries of 'not fair.' All of which was intended and while some students were hungry, they certainly had a tiny view into the reality for the vast majority of the world's poor.

We look forward to building on the program and making it an even richer experience next year.



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Take a look inside

Is this really the final round? Whilst some teams will progress through to semi-finals and finals, others will finish their season this weekend. Is that the end? Do we evaluate our season; weigh our worth or do we see this as part of a much longer journey?

If sport is just about the competition; merely a series of games, then this is the end. However, if we view it as a means to grow and develop then it is but a momentary pause for reflection to assess how far we have come, look forward to what lies ahead and, most importantly, look at who we are inside. You may not realise now how much your character has grown. However, as you face trials and tribulations in the future it will shine through.

Students will naturally want to move onto the next adventure. However, it is important to check with your coach / MIC of your sport, to confirm when training will cease, as this will vary from sport-to-sport and team-to-team. Summer sport will not commence officially until Term 4. However, I would encourage students (and staff) to take the opportunity to catch their breath then start setting goals for the next challenge.



Years 10,11 & 12 - Pierre de Coubertin Award

Please see selection Criteria for the Pierre de Coubertin Award

<http://aoc-cdn.s3.amazonaws.com/education/live/files/dmfile/PdC-selection-Criteria-20175.pdf>

Only one nomination will be accepted from any one school in any year.

If you wish to nominate, could you please submit your Literary, Artistic or Digital presentation to wcaldwel@as.edu.au by Friday 8 September.



WINTER PHOTOS- Dress Requirements

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September 2017

CADETS: Anzac Guard: Olive Guard with hat and clean boots
Officers & NCO's: DPCU, no hat, clean boots

RUGBY: Full rugby uniform including boots

FOOTBALL: Full soccer uniform including boots

HOCKEY: Full hockey uniform including boots

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: Full FORMAL School Uniform

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos
- Only TAS sports uniform-no other brands or labels
- No 'Skins' are to be worn under sports uniforms for photographs
- Please ensure school shoes are clean and polished



Football

As the football season nears semi-finals, the annual Passing Out Parade is also not far away. Please see below for how this impacts on training and field allocations. If your training session is not noted below, assume there is no impact on that session.

Week 7

- 12s football training on Monday 28 August to move to Dangarfield.
- There will be no 14s/16s/Opens training on Tuesday 29 August due to POP rehearsal.
- 12s football training on Wednesday 30 August to move to Dangarfield.

Week 8

- 12s football training on Monday 4 September to move to Dangarfield.
- There will be no Opens training on Tuesday 5 September due to POP rehearsal. 14s/16s to move to either Dangarfield, Wakefield or Cricket Oval. Your coach will let you know.
- 12s football training on Wednesday 6 September to move to Dangarfield.
- There will be no football training for any team on Thursday 7 September.

Mr Luke Polson

MIC Football



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The Armidale School Director of Co-Curricular

has much pleasure in inviting you to the

2017 Open's Football Dinner

in the TAS Hoskins Centre, Sunday 17 September at 6.30pm

RSVP: 8 September to Luke Polson

Phone: 0403 779 711

email: lpolson@as.edu.au

Cost: \$35 (2 course dinner plus tea/coffee)

Drinks: BYO (alcohol - parents only)

Dress: Coat and tie Students: Formals

MUSIC MATTERS

Passing Out Parade Cadet Band rehearsals

Each year TAS Big Band becomes the TAS Cadet Band to play at the Passing Out Parade (POP).

Following is the schedule for the rehearsals coming up for the TAS Cadet Band in preparation for the Passing Out Parade on Adamsfield on 8 September (Week 8).

Week 6

Wednesday 23 August — 3.30-5.00pm *Bring instruments.

Full Cadet Band rehearsal in Music Centre basement (no sport training)

Week 7

Monday 28 August— 3.30-5.00pm

Normal TAS Big Band rehearsal including POP practice, in Music Centre basement

Tuesday 29 August

Full Cadet Unit rehearsal in Music Centre Basement 3.30-4.15pm

4.15-5.00pm Full Cadet Unit rehearsal on Adamsfield (no sport training)

Friday 1 September – (Activities Day No.5)

All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade.

Week 8

Monday 4 September—3.30-5.00pm Cadet Band POP rehearsal

Normal TAS Big Band rehearsal from 4.30-5pm including POP practice, in Music Centre basement

Wednesday 6 September—3.30 - 5.00pm

Full Cadet Band – Adamsfield (no sport training)

Thursday 7 September 1.30-5.00pm

TBC Meet in Music Centre Basement at 1.30pm

Full Cadet Band – Adamsfield (no P6&7 or sport training)

Friday 8 September

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

AMEB examination results

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



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Passing Out Parade

It's coming soon and all students have been made aware of the practice times. Please be aware of the schedule as missing times can cause frustration for students, staff and everyone really. The concept behind the parade is to farewell not only our Year 12 cadets, but all students really.

Da Vinci Decathlon

The tests will be enjoyable and challenging and I know staff have put so much work into the week. Each year seems to host more students than its predecessor and yet everything seems to run smoothly nevertheless.

Our best wishes go to all our Middle School teams who will compete in the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon here at TAS. The number of students is strong and we look forward to hearing of these students' management of the various challenges ahead. In the past our people have acquitted themselves well.

Needless to say, perhaps, but these events don't appear miraculously out of the ether. Ms Catherine Boydell, Mrs Regina Pollard, Mrs Alison Evans deserve thanks from all quarters: they have spent many hours preparing, copying, organising and revising in the lead up to the event being hosted at TAS this week.

Survey

The survey conducted by the MMG is 'open' and all students will be given time to complete the survey (about 40 minutes will be required to do this). It is important for the school to have results from all stakeholders, being parents, staff and students. The student 'voice' of course is vital as this group help to determine the future course of TAS academically and socially.

This is a brief one – there will be more information next week.



Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

This morning, we farewelled Tezukayama Gakuin for another year. It was evident from the outset that this group of students were in Armidale to make the most of all the opportunities presented. Both at school and with their host families, our students mixed closely together and formed some meaningful friendships.

I would like to thank those families who opened their doors to our guests – I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did. I would also like to acknowledge our staff who accommodated the program, particularly Mr Allan Moore who volunteered much of his time to ensure the staff enjoyed their down time as well.

I look forward to this exchange continuing for many years – I have no doubt that the benefits are enormous and definitely worth pursuing.



Da Vinci Decathlon

I congratulate the Junior School team announced recently for the da Vinci Decathlon, a day of intellectual challenge based on team work through Problem Solving. Much of the success of this group comes from the skills of collaboration and cooperation and on the day, watching the dynamic is something special. The team is: William Gilpin, Sam Hynes, Harry Pennington, Jack McCook, Abbott White, Lennox Neilson, Tom Ball and Henry Kirton, and we wish them well.

And lastly, I would like to give next week's assembly a major plug. It will be a novel experience for us all, held in the TAS Gym so that Mr Jim Pennington can run through various gymnastic demonstrations from each of our age groups. I know our students have been working hard preparing for this and I would encourage you to come along and join us if you can.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

Week 6 School Spirit – Confidence

Thursday 24 August Da Vinci Decathlon at TAS

Week 7 School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 30 August Assembly 2.45pm Gym
for Gymnastics
Demonstration

Friday 1 September Activities Day No. 5

Father's Day Sausage
Sizzle

Jump Rope for Heart –
Jump Off day

Week 8 School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 6 September Assembly 2.45pm
Hoskins Centre -
Kindergarten

Thursday 7 September Year 5 PYP Exhibition
6pm

Friday 8 September Year 5 PYP Exhibition
9 – 11am

Week 9 School Spirit – Co-operation

Wednesday 13 September Assembly – Transition

Happy Birthday

Great big birthday wishes go out to the following five boys: Hamish Leahy, Harry Hopkins, Henry Kirton, Hamish Lambert and Lucas Hu.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

The conclusion of the 2017 PRC is here. This is the FINAL WEEK of the PRC.

We would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the Library by Friday 25 August. This will allow us to enter your books and have your reading logs validated by Friday next week - 1st Sept – as no entries will be accepted after this date. If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library as soon as possible and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

Good luck in finishing off the PRC everyone.

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator



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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

NCIS Athletics

Congratulations to all athletes who competed in the Athletics carnival last Wednesday. It was a very successful day. All Junior School children competed with determination and good sportsmanship.

Unfortunately, due to a computer problem results have still not been sent to schools.

Results which were finalised before the error include:

Charlie Ward – 3rd in girls Junior Discus
Evan Kwan – 4th in boys Junior 800m
Sam Hynes – 6th in boys 11 years Long jump
Banjo Lawrence – 8th boys Junior Shot put
Junior Girls relay – 2nd in their heat
Junior Boys relay – 2nd in their heat
Senior Boys relay – 2nd in their heat

A big thank you to our parent supporters and especially Mrs Kelly Ward who was on hand to support and help our kids out on the day.

Hanna Shield – Swimming Carnival

Our Junior & Senior primary boys' swimming relay teams have once again won the combined boys Hanna Shield trophy for the 6th consecutive year! TAS was very proud of the effort of our Junior girls team on the day (especially as illness forced the withdrawal of our Senior primary girls team). With the UNE pool currently closed, this year's annual event was held at TAS. The combined junior and senior girls trophy was jointly won by PLC and St Mary's, while the enrolment cup was won by Martins Gully. Thanks to the organisers from Sport UNE and well done to Peter E, Jonathon P, Tom B, Charlie R, Toby I, Abbott W, Iles B, Joel B, Mitchell E and Paige S, Mila D, Katie H and Charlie W!



Jump Rope for Heart

We were very fortunate to have a team from Grafton at TAS last Thursday morning to demonstrate some skipping skills for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. The team of school children from Grafton dazzled us with their skipping skills and encouraged us to continue to work on our skipping skills.

Thank you to those children who have already registered. Please have a look at the Jump Rope for Heart website for information on this important fundraiser and join us today!

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>

Summer sports choices

Next week, children will be asked to select their summer sports choices. A full selection will be in next weeks TAS talks.

Football Year 5

The Year 5 Soccer team have had a challenging few weeks with the full range of results in their matches.

Our match against a strong DK Diamonds team was a close encounter with both teams pushing hard for the victory. The Diamonds pulled out to a healthy lead in the first half before goals from Sam Hynes and Caleb Baumgartner brought the game close again. In the end though DK managed to come away with the win.

It was a short turn around with our next match the following Wednesday against the Armidale City Bobcats. In a game which saw lots of powerful kicking and long passes, the boys were trailing 1-0 with only 10 minutes remaining. But a quick break and an accurate strike saw Lochie Gerdes secure the draw for the team.

The boys found their form again in our next match against the TAS Year 6 boys with a dominant score line. Alistair Newton and Blair Eichorn and Caleb were all on the score sheet while Lochie netted 3 and Sam added 5 goals to his tally. Will Gilpin was rock solid on defence and lead the team brilliantly.

Illness, injury and regional representative football commitments saw a depleted team take on the ladder leaders, North Arrows this past Saturday in blustery conditions. But despite the odds, the character and determination of the team shone through with a hard fought 0-0 draw. Harry Hopkins pulled off some stunning saves in goals while Tom Ball shifted the pressure with some great counter attacks. A fantastic team effort from the boys!

Mr Mike Baumgartner

TAS Terriers

The Terriers took a while to warm up on Saturday morning (both with approach to game and body temperature). Towards the end of the first half the team were playing a much more focused and cohesive game. At half time we spoke about the importance of kicking and chasing the ball with the aim of kicks being followed through. I am pleased to report that the second half was so much stronger with the Terriers tackling more confidently and passing the ball amongst team members.

All players appeared to enjoy the game, despite a few tears resulting from injuries, and came off with smiles on faces. All enjoyed a sweet treat for their efforts.

Mrs Veronica Waters

TAS Tornados

This week the mighty TAS Tornados took on the North Red Rockets on home turf at the Rologas Sporting Fields in Armidale. Icy winds presented the players with tough conditions, but they held their resolve and played a spectacular match. Joe Fenwicke began in goals and made some incredible saves. Sam Ford and Henry Brownlie kept up a frightening momentum of attack, Sam getting a little unlucky with four fantastic strikes saved by the North Red Rockets keeper. Blanch brothers Tommy and MJ were impressive in midfield. Andi Li, Lucas Hu and Christopher Post were almost flawless in defense. Half time saw the score line at nil, nil. The TAS Tornadoes unfortunately conceded two goals in the second half, but their resilience, determination and improved communication made them the highlight of the match! Thank you as always to the parents for coming down to cheer us on in the cold!

Mr Marshall Ross

Netball

Another great game was played by the netballers on Saturday morning, despite the windy and cold conditions. The girls have gained so much confidence in knowing their positions and are really beginning to look like true netballers. The skill development has been vast and to say that I am proud of the girls (and Henry of course) is an understatement. Last Saturday, we did play against a stronger team which gave the girls the opportunity to really see the value of the defence positions. I am very much looking forward to our last game this Saturday before the round robin and medal presentation on 2 September.

Mrs Tania Hardin





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