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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 8 November, 2017 Term 4 Week 5

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### TAS@Dusk

It was a big crowd that gathered on Saturday afternoon for our major community social gathering for the year and a lot of fun was had by all. There were games for younger folk in the gym, temptations for older patrons in the emporium in Hoskins foyer and the garden stall, rather unkind treatment for the chosen few at the less than salubrious dunking machine, and plenty of music, food and entertainment for all. Bringing the school family together in this way is a wonderful experience and reminds us that a school like ours is more a community than it is an institution and socialising together is important work for any community.

TAS@Dusk is also the P&F Association's major fundraiser for the year and the drive to generate funds that can be directed to important works that may not otherwise be on the school budget list is taken very seriously and demands considerable work. To all those who contributed to that, from the P&F Executive and organising team to house and class organisers and even cake bakers, I offer the considerable thanks of the School. Those efforts will evolve into real benefits for students across the School and for that we are very grateful.

### Year 10 Dinner

It was a pleasure to join our Year 10 students, their partners and parents at their end of year dinner at the Armidale Bowling Club last Friday evening and I offer special congratulations to Mrs Rachael Edmonds for her exceptional work in organising such an impressive event, Mr Cameron Patrick who entertained and inspired as the guest speaker and Nick Barnier who did a great job as the M.C. for the night. The annual Year 10 dinner had its origins in acting as a valedictory for students leaving school at the end of the year and with departures from school at this age now being a rarity, this obviously no longer applies. The transition from Year 10 to Year 11 remains a very significant one though and the Year 10 dinner is a marker of that noticeable shift from adolescent to young adult and a recognition of all the new opportunities, responsibilities and expectations that come with that. The evening certainly had a feel of hope and high aspirations for our students about it and it was a privilege to be a part of it.



## Summer Sport

As the Summer sporting season gathers momentum at the halfway point of the term, a few significant events are taking the attention of our Summer sportsmen and women. As I write the First XI cricket team is in Port Macquarie taking on St Columba in the first round of the knock-out competition for the Wiburd Shield and I wish them well for a good game. Looking ahead, the TAS Rowing Club will hold its season launch at Malpas Dam this Friday evening with the now traditional barbecue, rowing demonstration and presentation of caps and all are welcome to join the occasion. Finally, last weekend TAS students Isaac Gerdes and Eliza Ward represented Armidale Athletics in the NSW club championships in the 4x200m and 4x1500m relay events respectively and I congratulate them on their success which Jim Pennington has reported on in TAS Talks this week. Events like these are frequent in the TAS calendar, but it would be wrong to see them as everyday. Each one presents special opportunities for the students who are fortunate enough to be involved and the potential to see them go further in their field or simply recognise their commitment to their chosen activities and they should rightly be celebrated.

## Remembrance Day

This year Remembrance Day, 11 November, will fall on Saturday and for that reason we will recognise the event this Friday at the appropriate time around the flagpole. The legacy of the military service through many generations of TAS Old Boys is an important part of the history of this school and taking time to stop and consider the great sacrifices made for the benefits of the future is right and proper. Whilst the ceremony is not a long one, it is a formal and dignified event and parents and friends of the School are welcome to attend.

## Celebrating Year 11 Art and Music

This Thursday afternoon the potential of some of our incoming HSC Visual Arts and Music students for 2018 will be revealed as they showcase their Year 11 artworks and original musical compositions in the Hoskins Centre from 4:30pm. Like any performers, our artists and musicians gain encouragement and inspiration from their audiences and this opportunity may well serve as a launching pad for their HSC creative journey. For us as the audience, it is the chance to be inspired by the talent and creativity of our new senior students and I know that it will be an enjoyable afternoon.

## Murray Guest



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Week 5

Friday 10 November

Remembrance Day Service  
2017/18 Rowing Season Launch  
Remembrance Day  
Round Square Young  
Conference - Epsom College  
Malaysia

Saturday 11 November

Sunday 12 November

## Uniform and Book Shop

CLOSED Thursday 9 November and Friday 10 November

Apologies for any inconvenience cause.

**Mrs Vivienne Tearle**

## Week 6

Thursday 16 November

Philosothon - Bishop Druitt  
College

Friday 17 November

Year 5 Information Session  
Transition/Kindergarten  
Orientation morning

## Week 7

Monday 20 November

Year 9 NAPLAN Writing trial test  
Year 9 NAPLAN Reading trial test  
Year 9 NAPLAN Numeracy trial test  
Tri Schools Debating (NEGS)  
P&F Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday 21 November

Wednesday 22 November

## Week 8

Monday 27 November

Activities Week

Thursday 30 November

Seussical Jr Matinee (1.30pm)

Friday 1 December

Seussical Jr (6pm)

Saturday 2 December

Seussical Jr (6pm)

## Week 9

Monday 4 December

MS/SS Carol Service  
Junior School Carol Service (2pm)

Tuesday 5 December

Cash Cup (1.30pm)

Wednesday 6 December

MS Family Luncheon &  
Final Assembly  
JS Speech Day

Thursday 7 December

Speech Day ( 9.30am)  
Classes Conclude



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## P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

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### TAS@DUSK

TAS@Dusk is our premier P&F showcase to the Armidale community and wow!! The weather came to the party and it was great to see so many families both from TAS and the wider community enjoying the vibe and atmosphere. The piggies raced, Mr Jones dunked Mr Guest at the dunk tank, nerf guns were shot in Sideshow Alley, wonderful music was heard, amazing food waste munched on and everyone seemed to be having a great time. We hope to have some photos in the next TAS Talks.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. I can't say enough thank yous to all the people that helped make TAS@Dusk a wonderful afternoon but know that all your endeavours are deeply appreciated. I won't list everyone here – it would take the whole of TAS Talks! However, special thanks must go to all our sponsors, the Organising Committee, House Captains and Year 11s, TAS staff, stall organisers, and all the Liaison Parents – these people really do give a lot.

We are in the process of collating the funds raised by each house to see who wins the Pig Trophy (and the Mars Bars) and will let you know next week. Watch this space...

The Plant stall was a huge success and we have had requests from people for further plants so in a one off event we are selling the remaining plants on Thursday afternoon this week from 4.30-5.00 pm at the TAS garden shed near the Junior School tennis courts. Purchasers will need to have correct money (cash) and maybe bring a box or bag if possible

Items for sale:

- Approx. 60 mixed tomato, capsicum and chilli seedlings \$2.00 each
- Hedging abelia; pink escalonia; English box, rosemary \$5.00 each
- Roses - small quantity of white icebergs; pink and red carpet roses; Queen Elizabeth and various \$ 10.00 each
- Pink and blue flower sage \$5.00
- Potato vine \$2.00
- Natives-grevillia and corea \$5.00;
- Boobialla=\$2.00
- Plus a few mixed plants

Finally, we are having a debrief about TAS@Dusk at 7pm next Wednesday 14 November. If you would like to come and give us your feedback please feel free. We are also looking for a fabulous new event to replace the Pig Races so if you have any ideas we'd love to hear them... just remember we are in Armidale...

### CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS



We still have a few of our famous Christmas Puddings left. These are \$25 each. Please contact Reception or go to the Whats On tab on the TAS Website to order them online or click [HERE](#). At this stage it is unlikely that we will have any for sale on Speech Day so get in quick!!



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## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

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### Tutoring

The tutoring timetable for Weeks 5-8 is below. There will be no tutoring during Activities Week and no tutoring in the final week of term.

**Tuesday**            2U Mathematics  
7-8pm Cash Building  
General Maths  
8-9pm Cash Building  
Years 9/10 English  
7pm - 8:30pm F1-2 (Mr Marshall Ross)

**Wednesday**      Years 9/10 Maths  
7-8pm Cash Building  
English  
7pm - 8pm F1-2 (Mrs Fiona Robb)  
Maths Extension  
8-9pm Cash Building



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## ACADEMIC

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### Chess

The NSW Junior Chess League Grand Final for NSW regional schools will be held on Monday 13 November in Sydney. TAS Chess Team won this years' New England North West competition playing their last game to make it to the final against Narrabri High School. This year, unfortunately our team of four Year 12 boys is unable to make it back to represent the school, (HSC finishes the Friday before) and so the baton has been handed to Year 11 students Yannick Tursan D'Espagnat, Angus Cornall, Sambavan Jeyakumar and Year 7 student Rowan Hey. We wish them luck.

### Philosothon

TAS will once again take four teams to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Northern NSW Philosothon, where students battle it out through careful thinking, intellectual humility and definitive logic. This year we are taking a large contingent of Year 8 students which is a wonderful opportunity for them to be introduced to Philosophy who will have the chance to continue their study during 2018 through the Stage 5 electives, if they so choose. Topics this year include: Sayings by Anonymous – superficial clichés or valid aphorisms. Discuss with reference to (Epistemology) -The best things in life are free and Laughter is the best medicine. Do we have a moral responsibility to help people living in poverty in other countries? (Ethics) and Why does music move us? (Human Nature) The Philosothon takes place on Thursday and Friday 16 -17 November. TAS Team members are: Will Almond, Owen Chandler, Ellen Coote, Kieran Dennis, Harry Mason, Henry O'Neil, Tom Price, Liam Smith, Alexander Gibson, Lachlan Hey, Rowan Hey, Will Jubb, Jack Hook, Henry Moore, Hudson McAllister and Frank Perrottet.

**Ms Catherine Boydell**





## ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

### Round Square International Conference – Capetown, South Africa (September holidays)

A very successful trip to South Africa where we were treated to some close up viewing of African game, some challenge and adventure as well as the history of Apartheid and how that has shaped South Africa. Both pre-conference and conference offered the opportunity to make new friends from around the world and view things through new eyes.



### Australasia & East Asia Round Square Regional Conference – 10 – 12 year olds – Epsom College, Malaysia – 10-13 November 2018

Ms Brus and Mrs Hawksford will be accompanying six student delegates to the above conference from 10-13 November. They are Campbell Aitken, Lilly Bea Bradshaw, Gane Harbutt, Jack Hopkins, William Nash and Wylie Wright. Our best wishes go to them for a wonderful conference experience in Malaysia.

### Australasia & East Asia Round Square Regional Conference – 13 – 14 year olds – Keystone Academy, Beijing, China – 31 March to 4 April, 2018

This conference is being led by Mrs Anna Gayner and Ms Hannah Lo and they are currently taking applications for this conference. The delegation size is six so please don't miss out! The theme is 'Dare to be a Force of Nature' – focussing on effecting change on the most pressing environment issues facing the A&EA region.

### Australasia & East Asia Round Square Regional Conference – 10-12 year olds – The Armidale School – 22-26 April 2018

The Armidale School will be hosting a conference for 10-12 year olds in the second week of the April school holidays. The theme is 'Humanity in Action' – 'Remembering our Past – Appreciating our Present – Building our Future'. We have invited all schools in our RS region and hope to have a good sized conference. We will be asking for application from Year 10-12 year olds from TAS before the end of term. Please see Mr Lloyd for forms and any further information.

We will also be looking for senior TAS students (Year 10/11) to help run activities and discussion groups, technology assistance – take photos and video etc. If you are interested in helping with our conference in these roles, please see Mr Buntine.

### Round Square International Conference – East Canada – first week of Sept/Oct holidays 2018

The RSIC will be hosted in Canada this year with a choice of three schools over different time slots. We are yet to hear which conference we will be attending. This will be open to Year 11 students. I will forward information as it comes to hand.

## Exchange Students

### Incoming:

Thomas Mayes from Stanford Lake College, South Africa (Year 10)  
Lucas Poirier, Appleby College, Canada (Year 10)  
Ellie Herbert, St. Philip's College, Alice Springs (Year 8)

### Outgoing:

Henry O'Neil – returned from Hackley College, New York  
Will Forsythe – returned from Appleby College, Canada  
Ben McElroy – Athenian School, California  
Erin Page – King William's College, Isle of Man  
Chloe Lawson – Lakefield College, Canada

Most current Year 9 students interested in exchange in 2018 have already made their application and have found host schools for next year. Applications may still be considered for exchange in Term 3 or 4, 2018 but the likelihood of placement is limited.

Year 8 into 9 for 2018 should be considering now if they would like to go on exchange in Year 10 and where that might be. Please see Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine for advice.

**Mrs Barnier**

**Round Square Representative**





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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

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### Look at the big picture

( Guest columnist, Mrs Rachael Edmonds)

Things might not have gone your way today but that doesn't mean it won't tomorrow.

An exam result, the game end score, a place on the team you hoped to be on, the relationship that might have been, the ticket to the concert you really want to go to, the detention from your teacher. Some days they just don't work out. Don't worry- it doesn't only happen to you it happens to all of us. How you react to those deflated days is how you will master them next time.

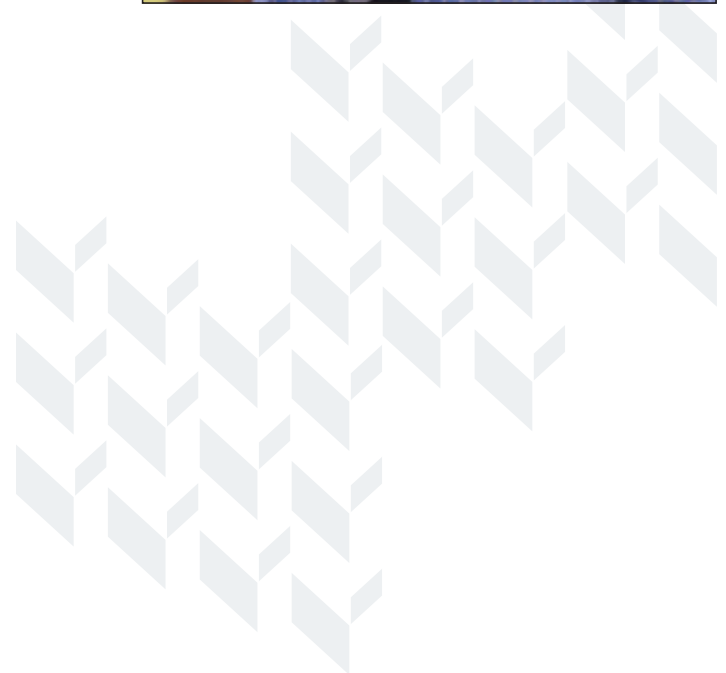
You may not like the result, but the way you walk away from it shows the mark of your true personality. A wise old man, my old man, would say to me "The better man always walks away". As a father of daughters only, he still said it to us the same way his father said it to him. But it is true. I have plenty of times, walked away. I've always fought for what was right, but I've also picked my battles. You will have more respect for yourself and others will of you when you do walk away. I learnt from the losses how I can improve or manage them better the next time.

Pick your battles. Don't poke the bear you know will growl at you. You keep pushing that bear and they will come back at you harder every time. Show you can be the better man; take the loss, handle the punishment. It will show more respect in the eyes of those around you to do this, than to keep poking the bear. Keep poking, the bear gets angrier. As the bear gets angrier- I assure you he will not walk away. He will come at you stronger & harder.

There will always be another exam for you to prepare better for, another game to train harder for, another relationship to build stronger, another concert you can make it to and another chance to prove yourself to that teacher. Today was only one day. Learn from it, work with it, and walk away.

Try to look at the big picture. Don't poke the bear. Pick your battles. Every day is not going to go your way so look at what you've got rather than what you haven't. You will be far richer in life in doing so.

**Mrs Rachael Edmonds**  
**Assistant to Director of Co-curricular**



## Athletics

Last weekend the Athletics NSW Club Relay Championships were held at SOPAC. Isaac Gerdes, Eliza Ward and Piyumi Ekanayake competed with the Armidale Athletics Club. Isaac's team (U14) took the Bronze in the final of the 4 x 200m, whilst Eliza's (U18) team claimed the Gold in the 4x800m and Silver in the 4x1500m.

### Mr James Pennington



Piymi Ekanakaye, Isaac Gerdes and Eliza Ward competed at the Athletics NSW Club Relay Championships in Sydney last weekend



## CREATIVE ARTS

### Art & Sound Exhibition

This Thursday 9 November Hoskins will be hosting an Art & Sound Exhibition showcasing artworks from Senior and Middle School and original compositions by Year 11 Music 1 students.

### What's On At Hoskins?

#### Seussical Jr.

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favourite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Who's. Horton must protect the Who's from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Thursday 30 November 2017 1:30 PM

Friday 1 December 2017 6:00 PM

Saturday 2 December 2017 6:00 PM

Adults \$15

Concession \$10

Contact [hoskins@as.edu.au](mailto:hoskins@as.edu.au)



Mrs Leasa Cleaver  
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator

You are cordially invited to the




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**ART & SOUND '17  
EXHIBITION**

Exhibiting:

- Year 11 art panel pieces
- Original year 11 music compositions
- Year 8 TASibald portraits
- A selection of artwork from Middle School
- A selection of work from Visual Arts elective programs

Thursday 9 November | 4.30pm Hoskins Centre



**TAS JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
Production of



**Seussical  
JR.**

Music by  
**STEPHEN FLANNERY**

Lyrics by  
**LYNN AHRENS**

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY  
Based on the works of DR. SEUSS

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Matinee  
30 November 1:30pm  
  
Evening Performance  
1 & 2 December 6:00pm



\$15 Adults \$10 Children

For bookings visit [hoskins.as.edu.au](http://hoskins.as.edu.au)  
or get them from:  
[www.trybooking.com/SLTO](http://www.trybooking.com/SLTO)

# MUSIC MATTERS



Images from St Peters Gardens performance

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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### Exams and Reports...

While staff members are working on both looking after your children on bivouac and their final marks and reports, it's appropriate that I write something about outcomes as they relate to both. Examinations, assessments and class tests are necessary. Far more than their actual marks value at this Middle School stage, they are valuable as tools and benchmarks in the process of your children's school 'careers'. Their completion indicates to all and sundry the level of effectiveness of revision, ability to perform under time conditions and familiarity with specific technique. With respectful apology to, and reverence for, that very small and select number of students who don't quite fit the mold, if all students performed brilliantly, then there'd be a good argument for shortening the school year, not to mention the whole, impliedly laborious, academic experience. Accordingly it is the process that we should concentrate on, more so than the product when, as teachers and parents, we discuss outcomes with students.

### Context - Grades

Good revision techniques depend on the individual who undertakes them. They don't miraculously appear out of the ether, either. Generally, they develop over a period of trial and error and again, depending on the individual, such development takes time. As adults we need to be aware of this fact and, above all else, be sure to bite our tongues before commencing any vitriolic communication about laziness, 'wasted school fees', or 'selfishness'. Unless we're absolutely 'sure of our ground' we could be doing some damage that could frustrate the process of future success.

### Time Conditions

Practice makes perfect: it is only through nail-biting practice that we learn to drive. Likewise, performance under time conditions takes time to effect good work practices and technique. Rather than vent at the unfinished product we should reflect first on what's been recorded and then enquire about what's absent from an unfinished response to a topic. This is just one of the reasons why post exam periods at the end of the year are crucial to the overall learning experience – students need this time to reflect on enquire about and listen to advice about their learning and exam experiences. For example, we need to advise about the wisdom of completing timed practice responses to revision materials so that a better future performance can occur. Time can be a 'killer' and it is only through working to it that it can be turned to advantage. Also, remember that we're working with young people who so often benefit from repetition of advice, especially at that specific time when they reflect on and assess their examination performances.



## Technique

Characteristically, technique takes time to perfect and as an examination skill this is where 'trial and error' comes into play again. There are so many techniques that attach to different types of exams and while there are 'models' we follow, it's not until students develop specifically those that 'fit' them, can they then confidently approach exams. Again, we need to remind ourselves that 'one size fits all' is not the ideal 'look' because we're all different. It only through continued practice that young adolescents will arrive at the reassuring conclusion that they've modified a model that suits them.

## Forget the rose-coloured glasses

What were we like when we (without computers, visuals or instant connections) were their age – really? Did we struggle? I did. Did we 'waste' time? I'm not too bad at doing this now, as a matter of fact. Did we believe we were invincible? Did we crawl before we walked? You know the answers here. The old saying 'you can win more people with honey than vinegar' is instructive: they're young; their learning is two or three stages away from Stage 6; they can 'feel bad'. In almost all cases I think there's a better argument for sensitivity than there is for censure. These are people who are growing up and it's our job to assist the process. For so many exams can be unpleasant experiences but they are, as indicated, as necessary as occasional bad days – you don't appreciate the full quality of a good day unless there's a point of reference, a comparison with its opposite. Similarly, as a general rule, you don't know how to improve grades, perform effectively under time conditions, or perfect technique unless there's a 'start point'.

Aren't the Middle School students lucky that they undertake two batteries of exams each year! As young adolescents, they have the facility to fix things before they find themselves in situations where results (admittedly in this age, a far less paralysing injunction than they can be later on, thank goodness) can inexorably determine long-term futures. Ultimately, you know your children rather better than we do. If they've underperformed because of uncertain method, or because they had a bad day, or they just 'didn't get it' then you'll know what to do about it.

Still, if your child has underperformed because of laziness, I guess you'll know what the best action is here as well. Above all else, it's our collective brief to encourage these people to learn positively from the experience of examinations. I've been speaking to Mr Junge about the issues of technique and application to study as he manages these with boarders. I want to acknowledge a number of Middle School staff whose comments have been included herein.

## Bivouac

Okay, so they're back and I expect they are really tired. We'll keep an eye on them here and will do our best to help them to the end of the week when they can rest. I advise you to do this as well. Including the whole of this week, there are five to go and they will be challenging but, at the end of year especially, when are they not challenging? We need to continue to work together and we'll get to the end, be able to look back, perhaps even with an exceptional though acceptable shade of 'rose' through our glasses and say: "that was a good one, that year".

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



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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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### Class Numbers to increase in 2018

With a significant growth in inquiries in most Junior School classes for 2018, it is with great pleasure that we can announce that we will have an additional Year 4 class in 2018. With this expansion comes the significant benefits in many areas in terms of dynamics, resourcing and staffing and we look forward to announcing further details in the next few weeks when the process of appointing new staff and teaching allocation is finalised.

### TAS @ Dusk

This is just a short note to thank all involved in another, highly successful School fete. Over the years, many formats have been used to raise important funds for the P & F, entertain the troops but ultimately bring our School community together. Last Saturday was another great demonstration of this as the P&F Executive, Liaison Parents and a huge support network brought together another wonderful event. As our end of year production *Seussical Jr.* looms, there are still parents and friends assisting with costumes and props, with sewing machines and scissors still at hand. Without such a supportive community, this would not be possible and we thank all those who are so regularly involved in supporting the students.

### Farwell To Tamara Milojkevic and Georgie Macdiarmid

We have been very fortunate to have benefitted from the talents of these two wonderful teachers both of whom have been completing their Internships with us over the last few months. Both Georgie and Tamara have contributed a great deal to our school and in turn, we hope they have enjoyed the TAS experience. Personally, I have been very impressed with what they have been able to bring to the school and I know that I speak for us all when we wish them well for the future.

### Malaysia

Mrs Lana Hawksford (and Ms Colette Brus) having been busy arranging the travel details for a group of young students to attend a Junior Round Square Conference in Malaysia. Hosted by Epsom College, they will spend time in Kuala Lumpur before travelling with 12 other schools to an Adventure Camp to take up a 'Challenge by Choice'. Becoming involved in Service and Leadership activities, especially when placed outside one's comfort zone creates a fantastic learning opportunity. They depart this week and I look forward to hearing from them and seeing the reports from the students in our assemblies as we wish them safe travels.





## Camp Australia - After School Care

We don't often talk about the After School Care program at TAS so I take this opportunity to highlight the wonderful work of Ms Jacinta Coates and her team. Each day, they operate this excellent service for our families, providing first class care, afternoon tea and activities for those who need to stay at school before being collected by parents. These activities are often linked to the classroom program with Jacinta also assisting in our Transition classroom. More information can be found at the following site (<https://www.campastralia.com.au/Parents/New/>), or you can contact the school to discuss your needs with either myself or Jacinta.



## Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to Mitchell Evans and Eunseo Lee who celebrate their birthdays this week.

## End of 2017 Highlights

And finally, another reminder of the upcoming events for your diaries....

The End of Year highlights will be noted each week in TAS Talks as they approach but I take this opportunity to alert you to these special occasions at this very busy time of the term. I hope you will be able to join us and celebrate what has been another busy and wonderful year.

Orientation Day	Friday 17 November
Bike Safety and Triathlon Day	Friday 24 November
Year 5 Dinner	Friday 24 November
Final JS Assembly	Wednesday 29 November
Seussical Jr	Thursday 30 November, Friday 1 & Saturday 2 December
Junior School BBQ	Saturday 2 December (after the final Seussical performance)
Carols Service	Monday 4 December 2.30 pm in the Hoskins Centre
Junior School Speech Day	Wednesday 6 December 5.00 pm - Memorial Hall

## Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - Friday 24 November

Our annual TAS Junior School Triathlon and Bike Day are fast approaching so get your bikes out and start thinking about your team for our triathlon. Please ensure your bike is in good working order for the day. We have limited resources to fix bikes that are not in good working order, so be prepared to ensure no-one misses out on the fun! Bike Day will commence at 9.00 am with activities involving obstacle courses, long distance rides and bike safety sessions.

We are very fortunate to have Mitch Bullen join us again this year to help with the bike activities during the morning. Mitch has been heavily involved in riding for many years. He is a 6 x National Champion, 10 x State Champion and was an Australian team representative from 2013-2016. A Youth Olympics Medalist in 2010, World Cup Medalist at World Titles representative and Olympic Reserve. Mitch was an AIS scholarship holder from 2013-2016 and we are very fortunate to have him dedicate so much time and effort to this occasion.

## Orientation Day Friday November 17

Getting to know what it is like in your new classroom with your new teacher is a very exciting prospect. On Friday, Week 6, our students will experience what it will be like with their new teacher, in their new room for 2018. We will be welcoming many new students on campus, particularly into our younger years and we will conclude the session with morning tea under the Junior School covered area before heading back to normal classes at 11.40am. Morning tea will be from 11.20 for returning parents and we would love to see you if you can come along at that time to join in.

**Mr Ian Lloyd**  
**Head of Junior School**

## Looking Ahead

Week 5 School Spirit – Resilience

Week 6 School Spirit – Confidence

Week 7 School Spirit – Persistence

Week 8 School Spirit - Organisation

## Year 3- A Transdisciplinary Approach to Learning

### Central Idea:

The design of buildings and structures is dependent on the environment and available materials.

### Lines of Inquiry:

Different building materials and their properties  
 Considerations to take into account when building a structure  
 Comparisons of structures in different communities

### Overview:

Year 3 have been having a wonderful time investigating the properties of various materials, exploring how they influence the designs of buildings and structures.

### A Transdisciplinary Approach

The PYP allows for a transdisciplinary approach, meaning many subjects are covered within a unit of inquiry. Year 3 are currently covering a range of subjects in the following ways:

**English:** Reading the novel *Stuart Little* and completing relevant comprehension and writing tasks.

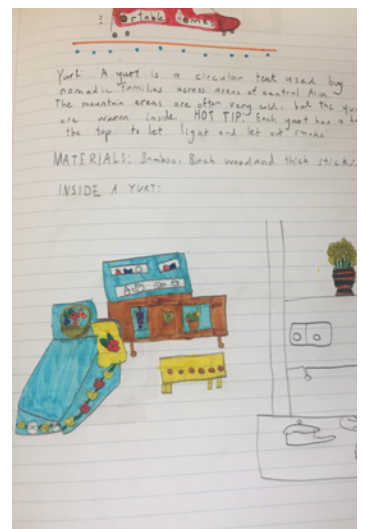
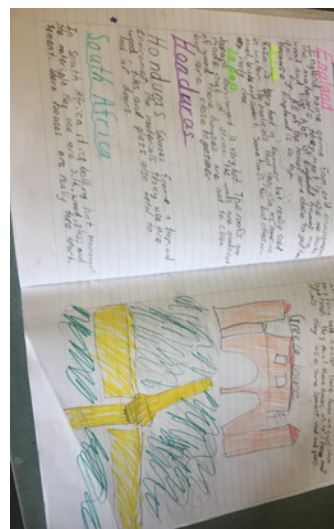
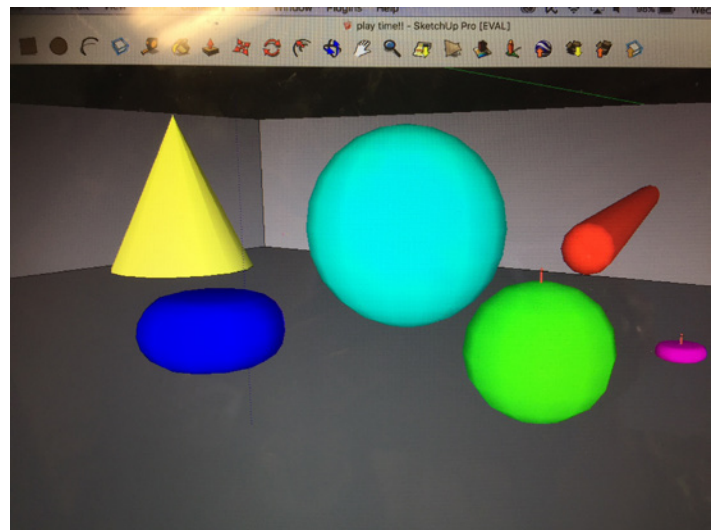
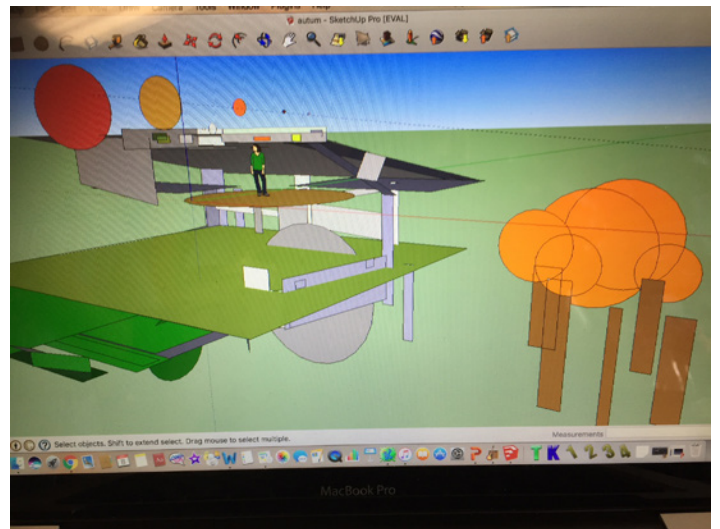
**Maths:** Learning about area and perimeter as they design a house suitable for a mouse.

**Science and Technology:** Bridge construction and testing strength by using a variety of shapes and reaching conclusions based on their observations.

**Visual Arts:** Creative skills have been explored as designs were drawn for a 'Mouse House' and then created as part of a homework task.

Group work has been a major focus as students have practised the attitudes of cooperation, commitment and appreciation.

**Mrs Veronica Waters**  
 PYP Coordinator



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## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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### Cricket U12s

TAS U12s faced a journey to Uralla for their third game of the season, and were met by a gutsy and unified Uralla team. TAS won the toss and batted first, but struggled to get off the mark thanks to some tight Uralla fielding. Openers Jack McCook and Will Glover remained steadfast, both retiring to earn some hard-fought runs, but they were difficult to come by, and despite good batting displays late on from Lochie Gerdes and Blair Eichorn, TAS had to push hard for every run. They posted a very hard-earned total of 58 off their 25 overs.

Chasing 59 to win, Uralla were just as slow to get started, with early wickets falling to Blair Eichorn, Campbell Draney and Lochie Gerdes with the ball. Joel Blackburn set a magnificent field, with great displays from Banjo Lawrence, Nicholas Thomas and Alistair Newton, and it looked for a while like TAS had a real upper hand. It came down to the last over, with Uralla needing 4 runs to win, and the batsmen resorted to running off every ball. Despite a run out, and some valiant fielding efforts in the hot sun, Uralla snatched victory with only 2 balls to spare.

Congratulations to TAS U12s on another impressive and hard-fought display. It's never easy to lose games and hold your head high, but this team is showing fantastic potential, sportsmanship and determination in their game, and this is certainly a great example of the old coach's adage - "performance is better than result".

**Mr Jacob Hunt**

### Under 10 White

TAS U10s White had a fantastic game on the weekend. Well done to Tom and Archer on some impressive boundaries with the bat and welcome to Charlie on his first game for the season with the team. It was great to see the skills learnt at training being put into use in the game, including fielding and bowling from Lachie, Ryan, Will, Sinclair. Many thanks again to the parents for the help with umpiring and scoring. Next week's game is once again at Rologas at 9am.

**Mrs Donella Tutt**

### Junior Basketball Week 4

All three teams were back on fire last night and it was exciting to walk away with three convincing wins! The skill development and improvement from week to week is literally fantastic. I was very impressed with focus and determination displayed by all the TAS players.

Special congratulations to Thomas Dundon for absolutely nailing those long shots, Theo Munsie for playing defence so capably and Ty Shalk-O'Brien, our star shooter for this week. Well done and keep up the great work.

### Week 5

Last night was another great night of basketball at The Den despite a rather large hail storm that threatened to leave the complex a little battered and bruised. The children arrived ready and keen to play .... and play they did. The Year 4 teams worked hard to pass to each other and I was impressed with their focus in getting that ball through the hoop. I am looking forward to next week as the two Year 4 teams are rostered to play against each other!!!

The Year 5 boys also had a smashing first half and are playing some very impressive basketball. Whilst they were overtaken in the second half they too are learning the art of thinking clearly as they play. There are some very skilled players in our opposing teams but we are certainly giving them a good game. A special thank you to Sharon Dundon who continues to support the team each week.

**Mrs Tania Hardin**



## Tennis

Tennis training was enjoyed by all on Monday afternoon. We managed to fit some training in before the rain began, which also created much excitement!

The students' skills are continuing to develop with considerable growth in confidence being displayed.

With the younger students there has been a major focus on hand-eye coordination.

Students rotate through a series of stations and the improvement in coordination is very encouraging.

Please remember to pack some afternoon for a snack prior to training, chapel hat and a drink bottle.

**Mrs Veronica Waters**



Hand-eye coordination drills



## Gymnastics

Our warm up included swings on the high bar, low bars, parallels and some warm up stretches.

We then branched into our four rotations. This included swings on the high bar, forward rolls, mini tramp spring landing and beam locomotion.

Below is a photo of Aamer Alazizi warming up on the low bars.

**Mrs Lana Hawksford**



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## COMMUNITY

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*NIAS is a not-for-profit community based organization*

The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) has great pleasure in inviting you to the 2018 **National Football Camp (NFC).**

The NFC is an inclusive football camp catering for athletes of all standards for Primary and Secondary School students **aged U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17 in 2018.**

The NFC will be held over the week **20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of January** and will be hosted in the beautiful city Armidale is the thriving hub of the New England Region of NSW and is renowned for its amazing scenery and first class education facilities.

Headlining the NFC will be Head Coach **Brian McCarthy** and we're thrilled to be welcoming **Stephen McCarthy, a UEFA qualified coach** and **Manchester United First Team Scout** for the entire duration of the camp. Whilst in Armidale for the National Football Camp Stephen will be providing information session for parents and coaches on "what it takes to be scouted by Manchester United", individual player analysis, report and feedback, match analysis, Evening video sessions for participants providing advice to all participants

The NFC offers a **stay with us** and **stay out** option for all athletes. The stay with us option will feature accommodation hosted at **St Alberts College** and includes all meals. The stay out option includes lunch and daytime snacks.

Costs for the NFC are:

**STAY IN – \$495 gst inc**

**STAY OUT – \$375 gst inc**

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact the NIAS team on 6766 2526 or you can contact NFC Director James Cooper directly on 0488 152 092 or via email:

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