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# TAS TALKS

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7 March, 2018 Term 1 Week 6

## FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

### Extended Academic Day Progress

As I hope all parents now know, the opportunity is now available for all students to take advantage of extended library opening hours in the morning and evening as well as focussed academic presentations, tutoring and evening meals for day students. The data now in for the month of February shows that this new offering has been hugely popular and that is very encouraging. In just 16 days (Monday to Thursday), over 500 students signed in for evening sessions, meaning that on average more than 30 students have elected to use this facility for their study each day.

Quite appropriately nearly half of these were students from Year 12 and two thirds from Year 11 and 12, but the numbers from Years 9 and 10 have been encouraging too. It is also pleasing to see that there have been equal numbers of day and boarding students.

Feedback from those students who have been using the extended academic day has highlighted the usefulness of the Monday academic presentations thus far and the popularity of studying together. Facilitating collaboration, especially for our senior students, is a key reason for creating this offering and it is clearly being taken advantage of well.

I hope that this will serve as encouragement to other senior students to join those who are showing such good purpose in their study program in this early part of the year. Finding the motivation and focus to study well in the evening after a full and often tiring day at school can be a real challenge and this group environment offers real assistance in meeting that.

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

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## Swimming, Triathlon and Rowing

Many of our very best athletes have been competing at elite level over the past week in the NSW All Schools Triathlon and the NSW Country Swimming Championships and Jim Pennington has reported in this edition of TAS Talks on what were impressive results. Competition at this level takes place at Olympic venues in Sydney and whilst that means that it is out of sight for the School as a whole, I know that all those students have had the backing of their peers and their efforts are being celebrated across TAS.

At the same time, the rowing season is coming to a conclusion as our girls' four competed in the School Girl Head of the River last weekend and our boys are preparing for the GPS Head of the River. All were 'sent off' by the School last Thursday and that spirit of support that encouraged the girls' crew to finish with a significant P.B. time in their final race for the year will carry into the huge event at the Regatta Centre on Saturday week and I wish all crews competing well for their final training sessions.

## Virtual Debating Competition

I am pleased to report that the 2018 national virtual debating competition has begun well for TAS, with our combined Year 9/10 team securing a win over St Luke's Anglican School from Bundaberg two weeks ago and our Year 11 team, debating together for the first time, defeating Scotch Oakburn College from Launceston, last night. Both now move into the second round of this competition to join our Year 12 team, who had a bye in the first round as a result of TAS' success in the competition in 2017.

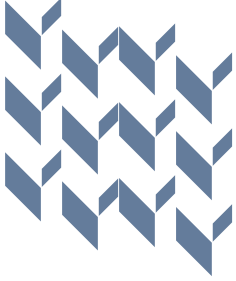
This competition presents a wonderful opportunity for our debaters and it comes at a time when debating at TAS is flourishing. Being able to debate with prominent schools from around the country without having to leave Armidale gives our debaters access to a level of competition they would simply not have otherwise and I am sure that this is contributing to the growth of the activity. Particular thanks are due to our debating coordinator, Tim Hughes, for his initiative in bringing the virtual competition to TAS and for his mentoring and coaching that is clearly having an impact.

## NSW Shakespeare Carnival

As the entertainment of our annual production, *The Addams Family Musical*, approaches, another opportunity for our aspiring thespians is now on offer. The call has been made to all interested in testing their dramatic skills, Shakespeare tragics and others alike, to join the 2018 Shakespeare Festival and I am delighted that there is already such good interest. TAS has been a keen participant in this excellent event since it restarted two years ago, often with significant success, and I look forward to seeing that again this year. Our Creative Arts Coordinator, Andrew O'Connell, is running sessions for those interested in lunch times through this week and I wish him and his actors well for them.

**Murray Guest**





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

## WEEK 6

Wednesday 7 March

NECOM Music Days ( Year 11 and Year 12)

Year 12 Geography Excursion ( Narrabri)

Friday 9 March

NECOM Year 10 Music Day

Saturday 10 March

Inverell 'Toughen Up Challenge'

## WEEK 7

Monday 12 March

TAS Scholarship and Open Day

Tuesday 13 March

NCIS Football

Thursday 15 March

Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 16 March

Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Middle School Information Session

Saturday 17 March

AAGPS Head of the River

Autumn Festival

## Attention Year 11 and 12 English Students

There is an opportunity to do a two-day writing and presenting masterclass next Thursday 15 and Friday 16 March with renowned Australian artist and performer William Yang. Students will have workshops on writing, storytelling and presenting and will then perform as part of the show Friday evening. The workshop experience is free for TAS students but places are extremely limited so you need to get in contact with Ms Flanagan by Friday recess at the latest to be involved.

## Young Regional Round Square Conference

TAS is excited to be hosting this conference commencing Sunday 22 April and finishing on Thursday 26 April, 2018. It is open to Year 5 and 6 students and has the theme 'Humanity in Action. Remembering our Past, Appreciating our Present, Building our Future.'

There will be students attending from other Round Square schools throughout Australia along with international students, so it will lead to a memorable experience for all involved. Students from TAS will be required to board with the visiting students. We have some interesting guest speakers lined up and activities that will stimulate the students to think about their place in our past, present and future.

All Year 5 and 6 parents and students were emailed the information and application form last Friday.

If you did not get the email please contact Mrs Brunson on [kbrunsdo@as.edu.au](mailto:kbrunsdo@as.edu.au).

The completed application forms are due back to school this Friday, 2 March. If there are any concerns with completing this form by the due date please let Mrs Brunson, Mr Lloyd or Mr Harrison know.

## TAS P&F Rugby Committee

We are very excited about the TAS Rugby season in 2018.

### Highlights

- TAS Rugby Carnival – 14 and 15 April – U12s playing/TAS Community support
- Season Launch – Friday 11 May – Hoskins Centre – 6pm to 6pm. All of TAS Community Welcome
- Wallabies at TAS Function – Saturday 23 June - Hoskins Centre - after Sydney High Games, Guest Speaker TBC. Note Wallabies v Ireland play that evening in Sydney.
- Away Game Social Gathering – Saturday 4 August - Grammar Fixture - The Royal Oak, Double Bay  
A great informal opportunity to gather post match.

### 2018 Merchandise – TAS Supporter

A limited number of TAS Supporter jackets will be available in 2018 from the TAS Clothing Pool. Jackets should arrive around the first week of May and can be purchased directly from the Clothing Pool for \$120.00. Please note, these are a generic TAS Supporter jackets and can be used by all supporters.

### Rugby Refereeing/Coaching Courses

If your child is interested in undertaking the rugby refs or coaches course, there will be one held at TAS on 25 March. Go to the following link for all the details.

<http://www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/rugbycourses.aspx?state=NSW>

*Ms Kim McConville*

*President, P&F Rugby Committee*

## General Notices

Rowan Croft's sports bag was left in the gym foyer and it had his school clothing and black shoes including his orthotics. Please advise if you have seen the bag but, more importantly, return the orthotics to Main Reception.

## Medical Centre

The first round of Year 7 vaccinations will occur this Thursday 8 March at the Health Centre. The second and last round will occur on Thursday 1 November, 2018.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVALS ARE ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY

Our sport carnival cake stalls raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so if you could support this worthy cause by baking or buying some yummy food and helping on the stall it would be appreciated. The dates are:

**Junior School – Cake Stall - Friday 23 March**

**Middle School/Senior School – Cake Stall - Wednesday 28 March**

Anything will be gratefully received and can be dropped off to the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield prior to the start of your athletic carnival. Remember this cake stall is mainly for the kids to buy things to munch on (so don't forget some pocket money) and a little bit for the adults.

Suggested baked/food items include cupcakes, biscuits, cake and slices (cut into single serve portions), jelly cups, savory goodies, gluten-free and dairy-free items (with labelling and a list of ingredients). However, please remember all items should be nut free. If you bring in a container that you would like returned, please clearly mark it with your name and collect it after the carnival.

Stall times are:

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL (Friday 23 March)

8am – 9am Set up	Anyone who wishes to help
9am – 10am	Year 5
10am – 11am	Year 4
11am – 12pm	Year 3
12pm – 1pm	Year 2
1pm – 2pm	Year 1
2pm onwards and pack up	Kindergarten

#### MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL (Wednesday 28 March)

8.30– 9.30am Set up	Year 10
9.30 – 10.30am	Year 7
10.30 – 11.30am	Year 9
11.30am – 12.30pm	Year 8
12.30 – 1.30pm	Year 11
1.30 – 2.30pm	Year 12
2.30 onwards and pack up	Year 6

#### NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – all are welcome.

*Mrs Rachael Nicoll*

### BREAKFAST BBQ SATURDAY

#### 24 MARCH - CLOISTERS RUN & SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

For 2018 the Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival will be spread over two days – the morning of Saturday 24 March and all day Wednesday 28 March.

To feed hungry tummies the P&F will be hosting a breakfast *Bacon & Egg Roll BBQ on Saturday 24* (the cake stall will not be operating on the Saturday). The BBQ will be under the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield from 8.30am – 12 noon. B&E rolls will be \$5 and soft drinks and water will be available so that you don't starve during the morning. We will also have a coffee van to make sure you get your morning caffeine fix!

If you'd like to help please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

### SAVE THE DATE – TAS RUGBY CARNIVAL

The TAS Rugby Carnival is coming up on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 of April. This is the biggest event of the year for TAS and the P&F and showcases TAS far and wide – we have approximately 1250 kids, coaches and managers to feed each day – plus their families ... phew!!!

If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. More information will be sent out through TAS Talks, emails and Facebook in the next few weeks. We will also be having planning meetings so if you would like to be a part of the core team please give me a call on 0418 980 662 or email nicollfamily1@gmail.com

## Absque Deo Nihil

### John 10:10

So if our motto says “Without God Nothing”, it’s probably fair to say “with God, something – actually, better to say, with God everything.”

Many believe that with God comes guilt, burden, a stifled existence, a lack of reason, intelligence left at the door and a lack of autonomy.

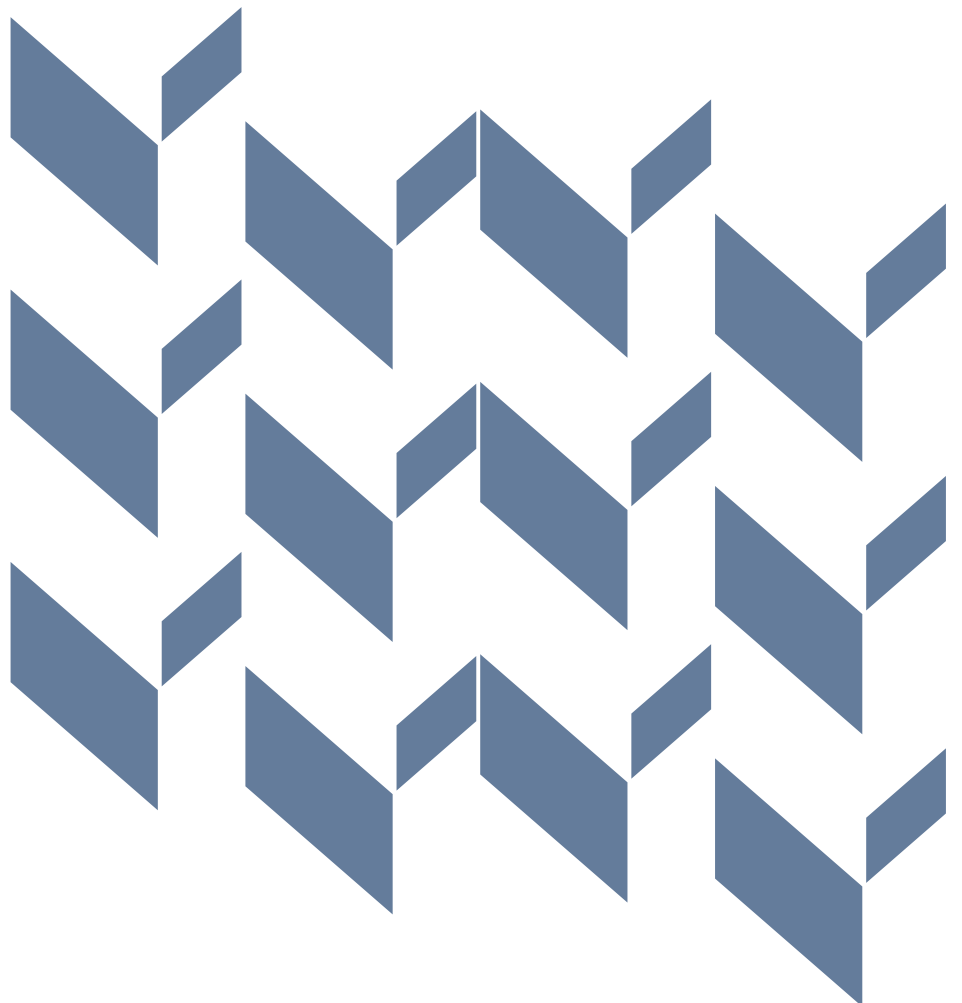
But I want to say that is not the picture as Jesus paints, actually he would say and has been saying when we arrive at the reading we had at Assembly, that is what may characterise the religious life. Not the life with God. Jesus says, he has not brought those things, in fact he specifically says, he has come to bring a burden that is light, to remove guilt, to think and reason carefully about who he is and whether he is to be followed, and rather than a lack of autonomy – we receive community, relationship, joy, peace, love, forgiveness, family, identity, purpose, security, comfort, confidence, mercy, hope, revelation, enlightenment, justice, truth, he feeds us, he quenches our thirst, he brings life and life to the full.

With God everything!

**Mr Richard Newton**



Mr Richard Newton



## Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held for Year 6 & 7 students on Thursday 15 March, 3.30pm - 6pm and Friday 16 March, 2pm - 5.30pm. Interviews with teachers will be held in the Memorial Hall.

Parents have been sent an email containing a personal code and information on how to book times with your child's teachers. Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien if you have any problems with the booking system - [vobrien@as.edu.au](mailto:vobrien@as.edu.au) or 6776 5806.

## Academic Workshops

A reminder that a couple of repeat Academic Workshops will be held on Monday evening 12 March and Monday 19 March. These Academic Workshops will be condensed versions of what has already been done in the previous weeks workshops. So if your child was unable to attend in the first half of the term - this is their chance to attend these valuable workshops.



Mrs Seonia Wark

Monday Years 9-10		Tuesday Years 9-12		Wednesday Years 9-12		Thursday Years 9-12	
Library		Library		Library		Library	
7- 8 pm Workshop Yr 9-10	7-8pm Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm Chemistry Years 11/12	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm Advanced Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm English Years 9/10	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm English Years 11/12
				8-9pm Maths Ext Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 11/12	8-9pm Mathematics Standard Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 9/10
8-9pm Workshop Years 11/12	8-9pm Science/Maths Years 9/10	8-9pm Biology Years 11/12	8-9pm Physics Years 11/12				

# LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

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## **KOKODA 2018**

The Kokoda Trek is an incredible physical and emotional experience for senior students at TAS. This amazing opportunity will be running again in 2018, bigger and better than ever.

Aidan Grimes, 'Our Spirit' founder and trek leader, will be coming to TAS on Tuesday March 13 to give a presentation on the track.

It will be held in the Memorial Hall for all students in Years 9-12 during Advisor. Following later on Tuesday night, will be a meeting for interested students and their families at 7:30pm in Upper Maxwell.

Expressions of Interest please see Miss Channon.

## ***Miss Emma Channon***





## A visit from Stephen Foley Head of College and Chief Executive at St Leo's University of Queensland

A quick reminder that Mr Stephen Foley will be with us on 15 March between 1.30-2.00pm in the Maxwell Room to speak to any Year 11 or 12 students who are considering studying and attending a residential college in Queensland. He gives a very good overview of all the colleges at UQ and is available for any questions after his presentation.

If you are thinking of further study north of the border in Queensland I would encourage you to come and listen to Stephen's presentation.

## St Andrew's College, University of Sydney – Scholar's Program

Once again St Andrew's College, USyd, is offering very generous scholarship and bursaries for students intending to study at the University of Sydney and considering a residential college in 2019.

I have posted the full letter on the school Careers webpage for more details. It could be well worth your time to have a look.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/02/26/st-andrews-college-university-of-sydney-scholars-program/>

## Sydney University work experience

Below is an excerpt from a flyer I received from University of Sydney.

"We are delighted to announce the opening of Year 10 Work Experience program in 2018, hosted by the [School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering](#) at the University of Sydney.

This program provides unique opportunities for high school students to experience how fundamental concepts of physics, chemistry and mathematics are utilized to create innovative engineering solutions for some of the current technological problems".

For more details go to the following <http://theuniversityofsydney.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/A39DB01C092CD2C42540EF23F30FEDED/80DC44EB377539F705263A35EB2CBB57>

If you are interested in this program you need to speak to myself or Mrs Wark about how the school operates its work experience program.

## 2018 IFRS National Security Careers Night - 22 March 2018

Attending this information night is not viable as it will be held in Weston Creek ACT, but I have posted (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/02/27/2018-ifrs-national-security-careers-night-22-march-2018/>) the letter that I received as it may be of interest to some students as a future career choice. The information evening is directed at university graduates or young professionals but it could be used to gather information about the possible careers with the following organisations. The website is:

<https://www.regionalsecurity.org.au>

## LetzLive (Tutors Worldwide) – Information evening at NEGS

Carl Palmer from LetzLive will be holding an information evening at NEGS on 15 March and has kindly invited any Year 11 or 12 students who were thinking of a GAP year and having difficulty finding a position to come listen to the services they offer. I have posted the flyer for the event on the school's careers webpage.

Carl does share very interesting news with regards to visa to the UK for prospective GAP students. He says that visas will not be issued to students who are not 18 on the date of travel to the UK. This severely affects the UK GAP prospects of those students who do not turn 18 until 2019. I will attempt to find out more information but he says they can offer GAPs to other destination such as Thailand.

The flyer for the evening can be found on the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/03/05/letzlive-tutors-worldwide-information-evening-at-negs/>

*Mr Mark Taylor*

## TASRC

On 14-15 April (first weekend of school holidays), 48 visiting primary rugby teams will descend on TAS for the Annual TAS Rugby Carnival. All members of the TAS community are encouraged to get involved in what is an amazing team effort. I guarantee that you will walk away feeling uplifted. If you are willing and able to help could you please contact Rachael Nicoll at nicollfamily1@gmail.com

## MS/SS Athletics Championships 2018

The Athletics Championships is a mass participation event and all students are expected to attend. Preliminary Events will be held during lunchtimes on the 20-22 March. On Saturday 24 March, the school will cheer on the Cloisters Run from 8:30am followed by a morning of Athletics events on Wakefield. The main day of events will be held on Wednesday 28 March. A full program of events will be published next week.

## NSW Schoolgirl Head of the River

Rowing is a unique sport in that you can see the crews behind you. Being in front provides a significant psychological advantage. To overtake crews takes great determination and will power.

On Saturday, the TAS Girls Quad of Georgie O'Brien, Harriet Wickman, Emily Peddle and Kim Bange, coxed by Annika Rhoades, competed in the Schoolgirl First Quad event. They achieved a 16 second PB, completing the 2000m course in a time of 8.20. Tayla Frahm, competing in the Schoolgirl Single Scull over the same distance, achieved a 32 second PB, in a time of 9.28.

Whilst their times were pleasing, it was their never-give-up attitude that was most inspiring. Both crews rowed through other boats with the Quad sneaking into the Final and Tayla placing a very respectable 11th out of the 15 scullers.

The AAGPS regatta will be held on Saturday 17 March at the Sydney International Regatta Centre with TAS crews competing in the First, Second and Third Fours.

*Mr Will Caldwell*



Mr Will Caldwell

## 2018 NSW Country Swimming Championships

The weekend of 23-25 February saw the annual NSW Country Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park. This meet is not simply open to anyone, as the athletes must attain qualifying times in order to compete. This requires great dedication to training, almost inevitably early mornings whilst everyone else sleeps. Lucy Fenwicke, Jesse Streeting, Toby Michell-Smith and Iles Baker, on the back thousands of laps during training, made the trip to Sydney, some chasing PB's, other National qualifiers.

Lucy was outstanding, winning the 16 years 200m breaststroke, 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 50m. In the 100m and 200m, Lucy achieved her goal of National times.

Jesse placed 2nd in the 17 years 50m freestyle, 3rd in the 100m backstroke and was 4th in both the 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly. Jesse scored three National times in the 50m and 100m freestyle and the 100m butterfly.

Toby raced the full deck across the three days of competition. He placed 3rd in the 12yrs medley relay, 4th in the 400m freestyle, 5th in the 200m freestyle, 6th in the 100m breaststroke, 6th in the 100m freestyle, 7th in the freestyle relay, 9th in the 100m butterfly and 12th in the 200m breaststroke.

Iles Baker, the youngest TAS competitor, raced in his pet event, the 100m Breaststroke. With great determination he placed a resolute 15th.

### *Mr James Pennington*

## NSW All Schools Triathlon

The annual NSW All Schools Triathlon was held last Wednesday at the outstanding Penrith Regatta Centre. Home to the Sydney Olympics for Rowing, the venue is perfectly suited to the fast and exciting sport of Triathlon.

A strong TAS contingent arrived keen and well prepared for the State Titles. Racing against numerous students in the National Talent ID program, the competition is always of the highest standards, however many of the students have been training exceptionally well over the past few months.

A deep-water start is always a challenge, the flurry of arms and legs in a tight space can unsettle many. For Sam King, Hamish Cannington, Hamish Tydd and Emma Ward this is just par for the course as the commenced their 750m swim amongst 97 fellow competitors. Hamish exited the swim in 17th place, a huge result. After a quick transition, it was onto the bike course with four laps of the 5km circuit awaiting their attack. Sam hammered throughout the ride, moving through the field, whilst Emma held her own within some fantastic competition. Onto the 5km run and Sam continued his charge, striding out to a wonderful 18th place. Not far behind was Hamish Cannington, whose solid performance across all three legs resulted in a 24th place finish. Hamish Tydd had easily his best ever Championships, with an outstanding run taking him through the field to finish 35th. Amongst the women, Emma showed great tenacity to cross the line in 21st overall.

The intermediate distance was 600/15/4 and again the deep-water start set the tone for the race. James O'Brien flashed through the water and was onto the bike in the blink of an eye. Sam Jones, off the back of some great recent performances, had a solid swim and then unleashed on the ride. Lucas Cotterell and Clancy Roberts showed their swimming skills with a great aquatic performance and they then followed this with a strong ride. Albertus Hattingh and Katie Allen, worked their way through the swim and once onto dry land, their confidence soared, as did their speed. Sam was pinged with a drafting call, resulting in a 3m time penalty and his dream of a top 10 finish over. He did not let that end his race, rather Sam held strong and raced across the line in 33rd position. Not far behind was James O'Brien, whose summer training paid off handsomely with a 35th finish. Lucas, always a powerhouse on the run placed 91st, Clancy with an enormous Pb 100th, Albertus 115th and Katie, in her first major race, was a great 76th.

### *Mr James Pennington*



# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

## Coffs Harbour Triathlon

An energetic group of 32 TAS triathletes took on the Enticer Triathlon at Coffs Harbour last Saturday. Covering a distance of 300m swim, /seven km ride and two kilometre run, it's a great introduction the sport in a terrifically run event. For many of the students this was their first open water swim and they showed great enthusiasm in taking on this event with such zest.

Sam King, James O'Brien, Emma Ward and Katie Allen all scored top 10 overall places, a sensational result and a testament to their ongoing training. Lettie Kerr, Jordyn Melville, Grace Pennington, Alexandra Reed, Emily Palfreyman and Sophie Osmond, all Year 8, all contesting their first 'big' triathlon and all, finished! A great result.

Mac Metcalf, Samuel Ball and Lucas Cotterell were outstanding and the support of Triathlons Co-Captains, Bailey Bourke and Heath Whibley were greatly appreciated.

### *Mr James Pennington*



## Netball

Welcome to the start of our netball season, we will be kicking off the season at the start of Term 2 but before that we need to register!

Before registering parents must logon to their ServiceNSW account to download their Active Kids voucher, there is then an option to redeem this when registering - please note that you will only be able to redeem the voucher when registering - not at a later date.

Registration is now open and must be completed online using the following link.

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?misc=Q71ULju/0AMvybgLuy4UZGs2IKGEQGli7Wt/V8pbUq8=&entityid=69621&fl=1&id=30707>

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

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

The registration process is relatively easy, however, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note, you do not have to enter payment details as the fee will be charged to your TAS account.

Please do not hesitate to ask either myself or Ms Harrison if you have any queries at all. We are looking forward to another great netball season this year.

### *Ms Alice Hudson*

# FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

Next Friday evening is the professional touring show *The Story Only I Can Tell* in TAS Memorial Hall. It promises to be a lovely, intimate performance with renowned Australian artist William Yang as he shares his experiences of diversity, difference and a varied international career. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoskins Centre website or at the door on the night and for our senior students I particularly encourage you to come and watch a master storyteller and presenter at work.

The countdown for *The Addams Family* is well and truly on and rehearsals are hitting fever pitch. This Saturday we have another working bee to hopefully finalise most of our set painting and props and after a fabulous turn-out last weekend (my huge appreciation to everyone who came along) if we could get another big crew here from 10:30am - 1:30pm I think we will be able to have almost all parts of the show completed. Don't forget to grab your tickets from the Hoskins Centre website or the school's Facebook page!

We had a number of interested students come to be involved in the 2018 NSW Shakespeare Carnival at yesterday's meeting but it is not too late to be a part of this wonderful acting, music and dance opportunity. Contact Mr O'Connell at [aoconnel@as.edu.au](mailto:aoconnel@as.edu.au) to be sent an information booklet as groups and practise times will start to be organised this week.

And finally, I am pleased to announce the cast for Middle School's *Shrek the Musical Jr.* My congratulations to all who auditioned, the level of commitment was amazing, and I can't wait to see you all at our first read-through this Thursday at 3:30pm in the Hoskins Centre.

## CAST LIST:

Storyteller 1 - Conal Nicoll

Storyteller 2 - Lettie Kerr

Storyteller 3 - Josh Miron

Mama Ogre - Emma Benham

Papa Ogre - Will Mackson

Little Ogre - Lennox Neilson

Shrek - Will Nash

Captain of Guards - Louis Ross

Pinocchio - Felix Hruby

Big Bad Wolf - Charlie Carter

Pig 1 - Alex Reed

Pig 2 - Jordyn Melville

Pig 3 - Sophie Osman

Wicked Witch - Emma Benham

Peter Pan - Lachlan Hunt

Ugly Duckling - Karen Baker

Mama Bear - Ruby Straker

Papa Bear - Wylie Wright

Baby Bear - Emily Palfreyman

Donkey - Lily-Beatrice Holmes-Bradshaw

Lord Farquaad - Jack Hoppe

Gingy - Jasper O'Neil

Young Fiona - Eliza Crawford

Teen Fiona - Emily Palfreyman



Mr Andrew O'Connell

Princess Fiona - Emily Buntine

Knight 1 - Henry Kirton

Knight 2 - Harry Pennington

Knight 3 - William Gilpin

Knight 4 - Caleb Baumgartner

Dragon - Essie Lindeman

Puss in Boots - Lachlan Thomas

Pied Piper - Sorena Barzegar

Bishop - Lachlan Thomas

Dwarf - Lachlan Carter

Fairy God Mother - Isabel Newton

Elf - Latifa Nedianu

Sugar Plum Fairy - Grace Pennington

Guard 1 - Jack McCook

Guard 2 - Oliver Morse

Guard 3 - Charlie Blanch

Guard 4 - Alec Campbell

Blind Mice 1 - Lara Crosby

Blind Mice 2 - Alexandra Donoghue

Blind Mice 3 - Sarskia Clark

Mr Andrew O'Connell

# THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

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**Tues 6 March** Nundle Memorial Hall, Nundle

**Wed 7 March** Smithurst Theatre, Gunnedah

**Sat 10 March** The Playhouse Hotel, Barraba

**Sun 11 March** School of Arts, Tenterfield

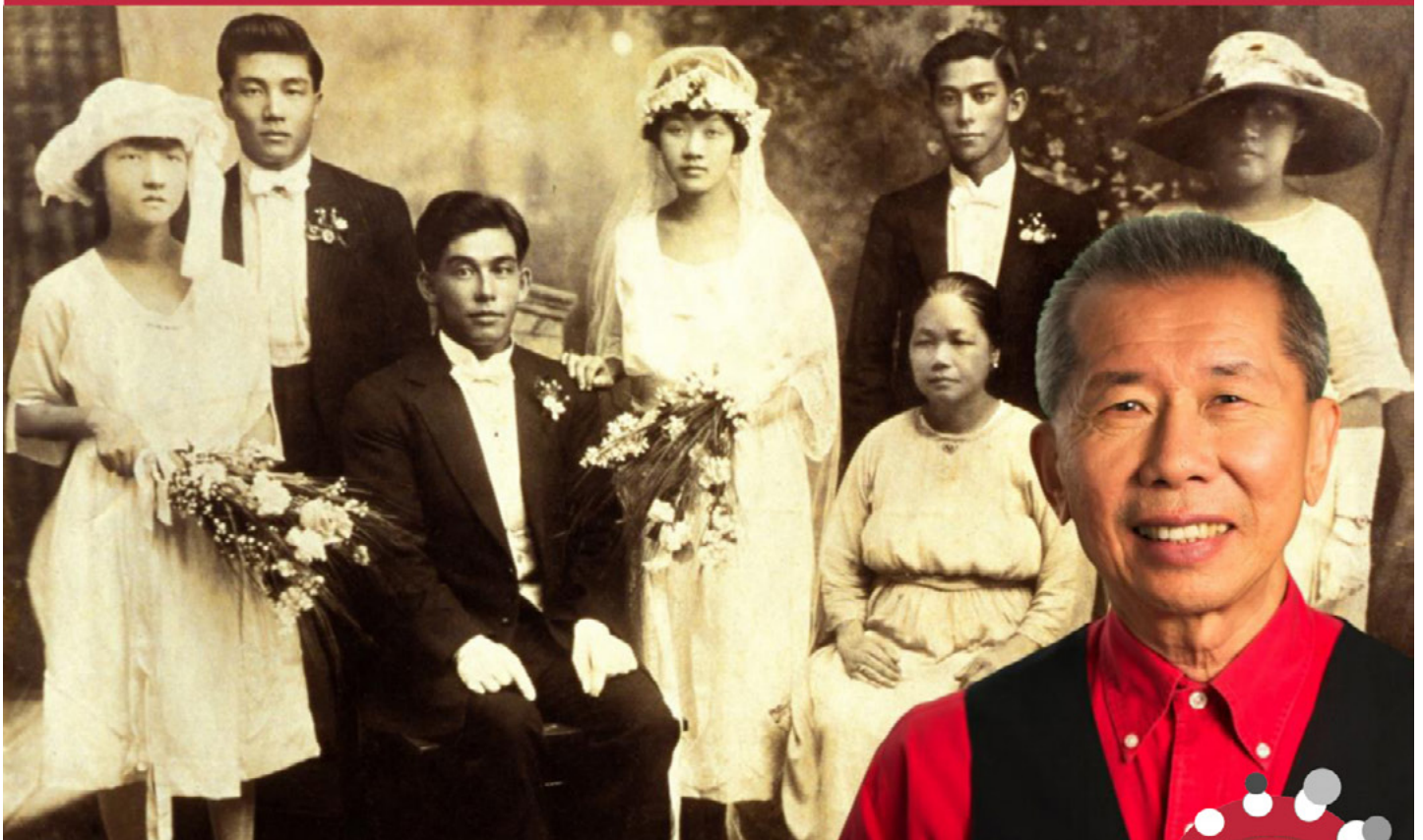
**Tues 13 March** Chapel Theatre, Glen Innes

**Fri 16 March** TAS Memorial Hall, Armidale

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

**[artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour](http://artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour)**

**Suitable for ages 15+**



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# MUSIC MATTERS

## NECOM Year 11 & 12 Music Workshop and Year 9 & 10 Music Day Final Details

The annual NECOM Music Workshops for Music students in the New England/ North West region, are being held this week. Year 9 - 12 Music students attending these events are reminded to check details and to ensure they bring their instruments to workshop sessions.

### Year 11 & 12 Music Workshop

When: Wed 7 March & Thurs 8 March, 2018, 8.45am - 3.15pm

Venue: NECOM, corner Mossman and Faulkner Streets Armidale

Dress: Neat Casuals (no thongs, midriiffs or short shorts, please)

Bring: Your instrument, pen, pencil, notebook

Day students will need to bring a packed morning tea and lunch

Transport: students catch TAS bus from outside TAS Music Department at 8:30am to NECOM,

Day students may elect to meet at NECOM at 8:45am

### Year 9 & 10 Music Day

When: Friday 9 March, 2018, 8.45am - 3.15pm

Venue: NECOM, corner Mossman and Faulkner Streets Armidale

Dress: Neat Casuals (no thongs, midriiffs or short shorts, please)

Bring: Your instrument

Day students will need to bring a packed morning tea and lunch

Transport: students catch TAS bus from outside TAS Music Department at 8:30am to NECOM,

Day students may elect to meet at NECOM at 8:45am

## Twilight Concert

The first Twilight Concert for the year was held in the Music Centre Basement on Thursday 1 March. Congratulations to all our performers! The performances were polished and entertaining and showcased students from Years 4 to 12 performing a wide variety of genres. Thank you to Sam Wright, Dom Holley and Kira Dooner for compering the evening and thank you to our tech support, Ethan Bellman.

**Ms Leanne Roobol**  
*Director of Music*





## First Activities Day Wednesday 28 February

Students were fully engaged and staff were equally engaged looking after them. The best thing for me? Being the first Activities Day for 2018, all students were within walking distance for me, so I was able to see most of our people. They appeared to enjoy themselves very much – staff and students. The first term is full – we have three Activities days and each successive one is a little more challenging than its predecessor. Not challenging in terms of potential impossibility – rather, increasingly engaging.

## Cast named for MS production of Shrek

It's a large one too. Our Music and Drama people have chosen well and we have some very excited budding thespians walking around the Middle School.

## Town Meeting

- Mrs Murray spoke about Book Club to meet Thursday Lunch Week A. All welcome! I endorse this one as our school is on its way to International Baccalaureate accreditation and our learners need to be increasingly engaged as global thinkers. We would appreciate your encouragement of your children.

- Year 6 will be getting their new furniture this week

- Boys and Girls socks

They know what to wear and patience is scarce at the moment in relation to this issue. If they're wearing the wrong gear they'll know about it. Please support us here as there's no sense in having uniforms if they're not worn correctly.

- Winter Sport choices this week, students to select ONE sport only

- Year 8 Monitors voting completed last week. Mr Harrison will announce the Monitors soon

- Prep – This is compulsory activity

If, for whatever reason, prep is not completed, a student or parent is to contact relevant staff to explain why work has not been completed.



Mr Mark Harrison

## Middle School Information Night

A detailed session on the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme into TAS Middle School will be held on Friday 16 March at the conclusion of the Year 6 and 7 parent teacher interviews. This will be the chance for Rachel Harrison, our IB coordinator to explain what the IB is and how we will be implementing it into Middle School. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time.

## Autumn Festival

Middle School will again be participating en masse in this year's Autumn Festival, along with other representatives from across the Junior and Senior School. We are encouraging as many students as we can to participate, ensuring we have healthy numbers to enjoy the fun of the parade (and share the pizza and ice creams before the event). As in previous years we, we will meet in Beardy St (opposite TAFE) at 11.45 am. All students should dress in their TAS sports uniform, blue shorts and white socks (and track suits if appropriate).

## Activities Day and the Armidale Show

Last Wednesday, Junior School had our first Activities Day – a great opportunity for our students to work together and explore various modes of art-making, within House groups and working across Years K – 2 and 3 – 5 as we do on some occasions. It is a great way to build House and School spirit and serves to promote student collegiality and leadership through communication and cooperation. It was a great day and no doubt you have heard (and perhaps seen) some of the outcomes of the time so productively spent. The added bonus was that much of the students' work was submitted into the Armidale Show with some fantastic successes (which you may have seen on the School Facebook site). My thanks go to our teaching staff who planned the day and my congratulations to all our students who contributed collectively and individually to the show – coming away as the Overall Champion School.



Yr K - 2 - Overall Champion School



Mr Ian Lloyd



## Autumn Festival – Saturday 17 March, 2018

Junior School will again be participating en masse in this year's Autumn Festival, along with other representatives from across the Middle and Senior School. We are encouraging as many students as we can to participate, ensuring we have healthy numbers to enjoy the fun of the parade (and share the pizza and ice creams before the event).



As in previous years we, we will meet in Beardy St (opposite TAFE) at 11.45 am. All students should dress in their TAS sports uniform, including their coloured House Shirts, blue shorts and white socks (and track suits if appropriate). As it is a local event, Permission Notes are not required BUT we are asking for the forms to be returned so that we can create a list of attendees for safety reasons. Please let us know if you did not receive this form by email. (A minibus will be available for younger students and our senior students and staff will be supervising as before.)

## Young Round Square Conference

Junior School is excited to be a part of the Junior Round Square Conference from April 22 – 26, to be held at TAS. This conference is open to 11 and 12 year olds (Years 5 & 6) and has already had registrations from China, Bangladesh and around Australia. The theme being focused upon is 'Humanity in Action' - Remembering our Past, appreciating our Present, Building our Future and our Year 5 parents have already received information about this. The Round Square Association of Schools has links with the International Baccalaureate and both promote intercultural understanding and respect. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I look forward to being involved and reporting back to our Junior School community once it has been completed.

## Arrival and Departure of Students at TAS

We all have heard of terrible situations where accidents have occurred involving young children and cars. This is an issue we take very seriously here at TAS and we ask all drivers to take special care when on campus. The Chapel St Turning Circle system of pick up and drop off is not a complex one but at times of high usage, it requires care and patience. Please follow the instructions on the signs and ask if it is unclear. After school and sport, a teacher is on duty but this is not the case before school. If you have concerns because of any issue that occurs, please contact us immediately with the details and it will be followed up.

In addition, it is school policy that students are collected from school by an adult who has the written authority to do so. At times, if this is not to be the case, contact must be made to inform us of changed arrangements. Staff will not proceed with any arrangement if they are not certain that it has been sanctioned by the School. Please help us avoid confusion and delay by ensuring the School has your intentions in writing if you are not collecting your son or daughter in person.

## School Spirit Award Recipients - Week 5

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly:

Marvelous Agbasale, Tom Crowley, Mila Downes, Mitchell Evans, Grace Harkness, Lachie Wood, Charlotte Coupland, Ella Crosby, Hamish Leahy, Layla Abu Assab, Dominic Leary, Izzie Glover, Lachlan Hunter, Ella Crosby.

**Mr Ian Lloyd**

# LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 1

### WEEK 6

Monday to Friday

Excursion Week (No Assembly)

### WEEK 7

Wed 14 March

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45pm

Sat 17 March

Armidale Autumn Festival

### WEEK 8

Wed 21 March

Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45pm

Fri 23 March

Junior School Athletics Carnival

### WEEK 9

Wed 28 March

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins  
Centre 2.45pm

Thur 29 March

Staff Day – No school for students

Fri 30 March

Good Friday – School Closed

### WEEK 10

Mon 2 April

Easter Monday – School Closed  
Classes Resume

Tue 3 April

Wed 4 April

Transition Assembly – Hoskins  
Centre 2.45pm

### WEEK 11

Wed 11 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 12 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 13 April

Classes Conclude for Term 1

Staff Day - No Students

### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Millie Coupland and Blake Whitehill who both celebrate their special days this week.

# EXCURSION WEEK

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## Lake Keepit Report

As you read this, I have to admit that I am not sure exactly where your children are.... perhaps on the abseil wall, the monkey climb, the Keepit Kommando course or paddling to their next night location but if last night was anything to go by, I know they are having fun and enjoying all Keepit has to offer. Watching the students with their teachers, in such a challenging environment reminds me of how important it is to allow young people the chance to prove themselves. Ask children to rise to the challenge and they usually do - and they learn so much in the process of doing so. Not once have I heard a complaint or a negative.

With Year 5 camping out tonight (and tomorrow night, having paddled to their new camp site) and Year 4 playing cooperative games with students from another school, it is another chance for our kids to challenge themselves. I am very appreciative of the kind and thoughtful words our staff offer to the whole process as well and so I thank them for making this possible. We will do what we can to get some photos to you all - but be assured, I am certain you will hear some fantastic stories when we all return. Until then.....



It's Junior School Excursion Week, and some of our Year 4 girls and their teacher have already completed the Keepit Kommando Course without a problem! Katie H, Sophia W, Ms Anna Frost, Mosie W, Charlie W and Ani A clearly are getting into the spirit of things.



## Algernon Henry Belfield's Weather Records: a community seminar

One of the early Board Directors of TAS whose family has a long history with the School, Algernon Henry Belfield (1838-1922) was a pastoralist, a citizen astronomer and meteorologist. In this latter role, he recorded in meticulous detail his weather observations for over 45 years at his Eversleigh Station in the New England district. His weather diaries have been digitised and are now available for future climate research.

On 12 March, from 9.30am to 12 noon at Saumarez Homestead, Bill Oates (UNE), Dr Linden Ashcroft (Bureau of Meteorology), Ass. Professor Howard Bridgman (Newcastle Uni), and Dr Ken Thornton (Newcastle Uni) will present an update on Belfield's personal history, the digitization of his handwritten records, and their significance to research into the weather and climate both in the New England and on a global stage.

For more details, click on the links below.

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## Calling all GIRLS RUGBY enthusiasts March 14th, 21st & 28th



Come and Try women's Rugby Union  
Wednesday, 14 March 2018 3:45pm

**Ages:** 6-17

**What to bring:** Water bottle and mouth guard

**What to wear:** Suitable exercise clothes and shoes / boots & hat

**Location:** Rologas Sports Fields, Taylor Street, Armidale

**Cost:** FREE



**Register Online:** <http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/sport-and-recreation/get-active-armidale/register->