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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 9 May, 2018 Term 2 Week 2

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

ANZAC Service

Thank you to all who joined us last Thursday for our 2018 school Anzac Service. Whilst this service for our school community was held more than a week after Anzac Day, it was no less important than ever and the sharp performance of our Ceremonial Guard and the reading of the names of those Old Armidaliens and staff who were killed in service highlighted the solemn significance for us.

I offer congratulations again to the TAS Guard and particular thanks to our special guest, Max Tavener for joining us and delivering an excellent and thoroughly pertinent message on the meaning of ANZAC.

Examination Term

As I write, our Year 12 students are in the midst of an intensive week of mid-course exams, all of which will contribute to the formal assessment marks that will flow through to HSC results and ATARs, and I hope that all will have our senior students in their thoughts and prayers as they endeavour to present the fruits of their studies in the best light possible. Term 2 is an exam term for others from Year 6 to Year 11 as well and it also brings NAPLAN testing to Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, making the focus of the term very much an academic one. Supporting our students in their academic efforts, particularly as they are challenged with exams where their performance will be on show, is best achieved when parents, teachers and advisors are delivering the same encouragement regarding keeping the exams in an appropriate perspective, setting personal goals and planning then following a well structured revision program well ahead of time. Teachers will provide specific advice in their subjects, but the general messages of encouragement from us all are equally important.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Rugby Weekend

The rugby season is beginning at pace in this first fortnight of term. With a round of fixtures against a well-drilled and sportsmanlike Kinross Wolaroi behind us, TAS will remain in Armidale for the coming two weekends for much valued home games against Farrer and Sydney Grammar this Friday and Saturday and then Cranbrook School the following weekend. The season launch for TAS rugby has been timed to fit with this busy schedule between the departure of Farrer and the arrival of the Sydney Grammar teams on Friday evening. I am sure that a good number of parents will want to be with us for our first home game for the year and all are welcome to join us in the McConville Centre at 6:00pm to officially launch the season.

Thomas Kelly Foundation and the 'Stay Kind' Campaign

Many parents will remember the tragic death of 18 year old King's student Thomas Kelly who was killed in an unprovoked 'coward' punch attack in Kings Cross in July 2012. This spurred the creation of The Thomas Kelly Foundation and the creation of a powerful voice for social and behavioural change surrounding alcohol culture and harmful behaviour and the Foundation was a leading advocate for the creation of local alcohol accords and 'lock-out' laws. Some will also know that Stuart Kelly, Thomas' younger brother, who spoke out strongly and passionately advocating for these changes took his own life following a campaign of bullying, harassment and intimidation, mostly online.

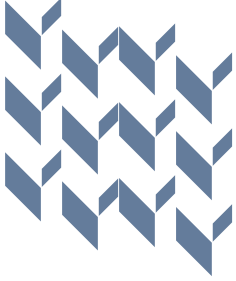
The 'Stay Kind' campaign, taking its initials from Stuart Kelly, is working to prevent self-harm and suicide by promoting better communication and changed behaviours and values for youth through educational and awareness campaigns. As part of this new initiative from The Thomas Kelly Foundation a raffle with a first prize of a new Mazda2 NEO (automatic) will be drawn on June 9. Tickets are \$10 or 7 for \$50 or 15 for \$100 and can be purchased online by following the link:

<https://rafflecreator.com/pages/21153/win-a-mazda2-neo---automatic>

Whilst I feel particularly close to this as a school friend of Thomas and Stuart's father, I know that it is an issue that will resonate with all of us who are parents of teenagers or who work with them and I encourage you to show your support for this excellent initiative.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

WEEK 2

Wednesday 9 May

P&F AGM Meeting 7pm

Friday 11 May

Rugby Season Launch (McConville
Centre) 6pm

Farrer Visit

Saturday 12 May

Rugby v Sydney Grammar

WEEK 3

Monday 14 May

Armidale Eisteddfod

Tuesday 15 May

NAPLAN Language Test

Armidale Eisteddfod Choir Night

Wednesday 15 May

NAPLAN Reading Test

Thursday 16 May

NAPLAN Numeracy Test

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 18 May

Boarding Schools Expo (Dubbo)

NCIS Cross Country (Ballina)

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Saturday 19 May

Rugby v Cranbrook



Queen's Birthday Weekend travel dates

Classes end Thursday 7 June 3.30 PM

Depart school Friday 8 June AM

Boarders return to school Monday 11 June PM

Classes resume Tuesday 8.45 AM (Timetable Day 7)

Parents/carers are asked to submit their bookings now so that the busiest weekend in the free coach/train calendar runs as smoothly as possible. Please note that boarding houses are closed on this weekend. Day students also enjoy an extra day off school on Friday 8 June as staff are involved in meetings, staff training and lesson preparation.



Health Centre

During the winter months we will have a visiting physiotherapist working from the Health Centre on Tuesday mornings. To make an appointment please phone the Health Centre 0428 152 291.

Home Rugby games on Saturday against Sydney Grammar

Our first home rugby fixture for the year is on this Saturday 17 June. We're playing against Sydney Grammar. If you would like to bake or bring something, whip up some soup or help on the P&F Canteen and BBQ please feel free.

The Rugby Committee of the P&F are also hosting a function to launch the 2018 rugby season on Friday night from 6pm in the McConville Centre. A guest speaker will be there and light refreshments will be served. A cash bar will also be operating. All are welcome - please rsvp to Rachael Edmonds redmonds@as.edu.au. If anyone has their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and would like to help serve drinks please also contact Rachael.

On an administrative note – if you have loaned us any containers or other items from sports events including the Rugby Carnival or home rugby games these can be collected from main Reception.

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT 7PM

Tonight's P&F meeting in Lower Maxwell Room at 7pm is our AGM. At this meeting all positions on the Committee and The Executive will be declared 'open' and we will vote on the new 2018/19 positions. If you interested in being involved a nomination form can be collected from Reception or downloaded from the P&F webpage. At the AGM we will also be seeking to ratify a new Constitution- the formal notice is below:

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association Incorporated (a NSW incorporated association number 9878454)

Notice is given that a Special Resolution will be proposed at the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2018. The terms of the resolution (which is intended to be passed as a Special Resolution) are as follows:

"That approval be given for the Constitution of The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association Inc. to be changed by adopting the new Constitution (as tabled at the meeting and initialled by the chair of the meeting for identification purposes), and with the new constitution to take effect on registration under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) following the necessary application."

Explanatory Note

The P&F was incorporated as an association in September 2002.

The Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) is now the legislation governing and regulating the P&F and it took effect on 1 July 2010. Further amendments were made to that Act in September 2016.

That Act requires the Constitution to address 17 certain matters (eg membership qualifications, sources of funds, financial year, etc.) as referred to in Schedule 1 of the Act and it is appropriate to update the Rules to better conform to provisions in the new Act (eg financial reporting).

A new Constitution has been prepared and endorsed by the P&F Committee. The new Constitution is an extensive re-write and modernisation of the constitution. In most areas the wording of the Act's model constitution is being adopted due to its clearer and modern drafting style. The Objects of the P&F will not be changed.

Copies of the new Constitution document as proposed to be adopted by special resolution are able to be downloaded from the P&F page on the School's website www.as.edu.au or can be obtained by emailing Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or telephoning her on 0418 980 662.

Click [HERE](#) for copy of the new Constitution

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
President

Rebellion Luke 9

"I'm raising my daughter to bend and even break some rules. I want her to stand up, push back, and ask questions. I'm raising a little rebel, risk-taker, a strong and brave girl, who I hope will bend and break some of the rules. What rules am I referring to? I'm talking about the ones our culture has set as a norm for us, especially for women and girls. I can't even think of the number of times I've pushed back on things when society told me I should just sit tight and be quiet." So said the author if this article found on the SMH website. She is raising her daughter to question, to rebel, to stand up to cultural norms. Good for her! Mind you, her daughter is only 2 years old and perhaps she will amend how she parents as her daughter gets older.

Essentially, she wants her daughter to grow up with an "I've got this", "go girl" attitude. At one level that's commendable, we want to build confidence in young people, we want people to feel like they can achieve things, so that they do actually achieve things. However, I don't think it's that radical. I think most days in any given media source you would find similar messages. This is common place.

What was radical, and what remains radical. What continues to go against the grain of polite society is the person and teaching of Jesus.

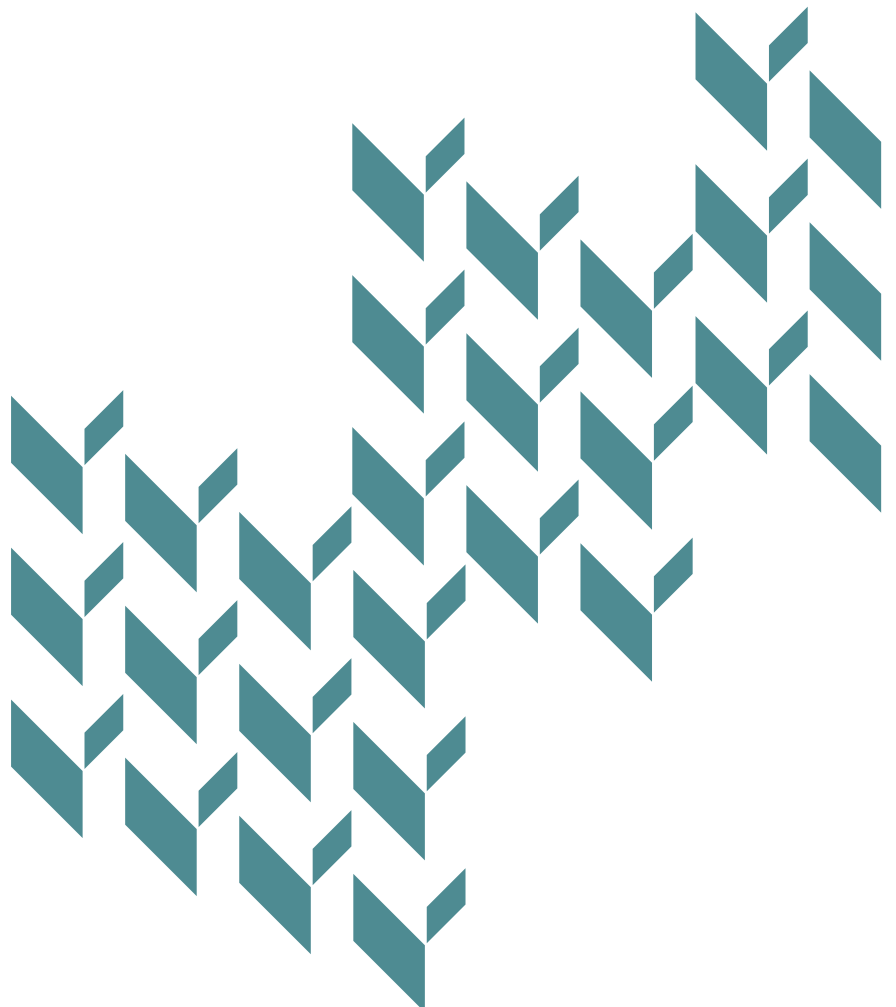
In the reading, we saw that Jesus did things like dine with societies outcasts, give time to the marginalised, care for the downtrodden. Jesus was a rebel, it cost him his life.

However, the great irony is that his willingness to continue on that trajectory, to remain a rebel, was for our sake. It was to deal with our rebellion towards God, because in our desire to be accepted by all those around us, by our culture, we push God aside, we down play the importance of that relationship. Jesus died, was killed, so that our rebellion could be dealt with. Now he calls us, who have put our faith in the rebel Jesus, to join him in culturally uncommon love for others, rebellious living that doesn't just seek the good of ourselves, but the good of those around us. He calls us to do the most rebellious thing of all, to seek the will and glory of God above all else, how rebellious are you?

Mr Richard Newton



Mr Richard Newton



Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to the Rugby fixture being held in Sydney at the end of Week 5 the dates for Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews have been changed to Wednesday 30 May (3.30pm - 6pm) and Thursday 31 May (2pm - 5.30pm). Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this may cause. Two Parent Information Sessions will also be held at this time - Wednesday 30 May beginning at 6.15pm and Thursday 31 May beginning at 11.45am. An email will be sent to parents contacting the link and personal webcode for you to book interview times with teachers.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5 7 & 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests next week (15 - 17 May). If you have any questions in regards to these tests please contact the NAPLAN Co-ordinator Mrs Catherine Boydell.

Extended Academic Day Program - Library

A reminder of TAS' Extended Academic Day Program and the opening hours of the Library.

Early Morning Program (7:30am – 8:45am Monday to Friday for Years 6 to 12)

The Library will open from 7.30am for students who are at school for early commitments or just want to work quietly or read before the school day starts.

Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 6 to 8)

Literacy and Numeracy sessions are available. Charges apply for Day students at \$15 per afternoon.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien vobrien@as.edu.au if you wish to book your child in for one of these sessions. Day students must be collected by 6pm.

Evening Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9 to 12)

The library is also open for all students in Years 9 to 12 to work quietly.

Friday Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 5.30pm for Years 6 to 12)

The library will be open for all students in Years 6 to 12 to work quietly until 5.30pm. There is no specific academic support available during this time.

The library will be supervised at all times by Mrs Bremner or Mrs Polson. They are available to give general guidance but not specific tutoring in areas of concern. Day students are able to access the Dining Hall at breakfast or dinner by swiping their Student Card at the door. Costs associated with meals will be added to their TAS account.

Tutor Timetable - Library

Tutoring and support continues to be available for students in the school Library. Below is a copy of the tutoring times for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Please note that there are no Academic Workshops on Monday nights at this stage but students will be advised when they begin again.

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
Years 9 - 12	Years 9 - 12		Years 9 - 12		Years 9 - 12	
Library	Library		Library		Library	
7 – 8pm Maths Yr 11/12 (Laura)	7 – 8pm Chemistry Yr 11/12 (Laura)	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10 (Belinda)	7 – 8pm Advanced Maths Yr 11/12 (Julian)	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10 (Belinda)	7 – 8pm Maths Standard Yr 11/12 (Julian)	7 – 8pm Maths/Science Yr 9/10 (Liam)
8 – 9pm Science/Maths Yr 9/10 (Laura)	8 – 9pm Biology Yr 11/12 (Laura)	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12 (Belinda)	8 – 9pm Maths Ext Yr 11/12 (Julian)	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12 (Belinda)	8 – 9pm Maths (all levels) Yr 11/12 (Julian)	8 – 9pm Physics Yr 11/12 (Liam)



Mrs Seonia Wark



ACADEMIC

Japan Study Tour Information Evening

An Information Evening will be held in the Japanese room on Thursday, 17 May from 6:00pm. This meeting will outline the goals of the trip and provide information on the itinerary for the Study Tour in April 2019. It will also provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the trip.

The Trip is open to students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 and intend to study Japanese next year. Other students who intend to study Japanese next year are also invited to participate.

This is the third TAS trip to Japan and we will be visiting Tokyo, Takayama, Kyoto, Himeji, Hiroshima, and our exchange school at Meitoku on the island of Shikoku. Students will also have the opportunity to have a three night homestay in Mitoyo.

Bookings are to be made soon so don't miss out on participating on this amazing trip. Please contact Allan Moore at amoore@as.edu.au to confirm your attendance and if you require more details.



Chess

Wonderful things happening in chess this term. This Friday 11 May sees the Chess team play Farrer in the Dick Hodgson Cup. We have requested Farrer bring extra chess players, so that hopefully students from all ages and abilities may be able to take part and experience a competitive game. Chess vs Farrer starts at 3pm in the Library and sectors are welcome.

Monday 14 May is the second round of the NSW Junior Chess League where TAS is scheduled to play Moree Secondary College in Moree. We wish the First IV all the very best.

We have the advantage of having Nick Brown visit us during Day 8 in both lunchtimes. Nick is a coach from the Sydney Chess Academy currently studying medicine at UNE and able to come and assist our players. All players are encouraged to come along each Day 8 lunchtime as the Chess knowledge Nick has is phenomenal.

Ms Catherine Boydell

HSC and Careers Expo – Moore Park – 31 May - 1 June

We have been attending the HSC and Careers Expo at Moore Park for the past four years and have incorporated a visit to University of Sydney for a campus tour as well as tours of the St. Andrews, Women's and St. Paul's residential colleges. I have indications from a large section of the Year 12 cohort that they would like to attend this year. We will be leaving at 1.45pm on 31 May and returning at approximately 10.00pm Friday 1 June. We will be staying at Sydney High Boat Shed. The major cost for the day will be the hire of the coach but approx. cost will be around \$100 - \$120.

There is a scheduled game against Scots that weekend in Sydney, so the rugby players will stay in Sydney with me and catch up with the rest of the team at the SBHS Boat Shed.

I have found that this trip has been a very good motivating factor for the students as they get the opportunity to research, discuss and clarify ideas about their future endeavours as well as see what the major universities have to offer. I have posted the program on the school's career webpage as well.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at mtaylor@as.edu.au

UNE Open Day – 11 May

UNE is holding its Open Day for the local schools this Friday 11 May.

I will be taking all of Year 11 for the morning for the following activities.

9.00 – Campus tour

10.00 – Tour of residential colleges

11.00 – Tour of academic schools

12.00 – Lunch provided by UNE

1.00 – Arrive back at TAS. (Farrer visit that afternoon)

Students will need formal uniform. We will leave from the school flagpole at 8.45am.

UNSW CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS

"The Co-Op program is the Career Development program for high potential undergraduate students. It offers industry training, leadership, and professional development, leadership networking, mentoring and financial support of upto \$18,200 tax free for four years"

The UNSW Co-Op Scholarship program is one of the more lucrative and generous scholarships being offered by NSW universities but as such it has a very stringent application criteria. If you are considering further study at UNSW, please go to the link below for more details.

https://www.coop.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/download/2019%20brochure_FA%20WEB.pdf

Entry to Medical School Workshop

On the following page is a copy of a flyer that I received from Ian Woodley promoting a workshop that the UONDRH is running for prospective Medicine students. Having attended workshops at this facility I highly recommend this to parents and students. Year 11 and 12 have also been sent a copy of the email.

Mr Mark Taylor



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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL HEALTH



ENTRY TO MEDICAL SCHOOL WORKSHOP:

Hear from:

- Senior Medicine and Critical Care lecturers
- Medical students on Rural Clinical Placements

Topics covered:

- Medical school entry processes & programs

Includes a hands-on critical care simulation

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2018

5:30-7:00PM

114-148 JOHNSTON STREET, NORTH TAMWORTH

RSVP to your school Careers Advisor or

Contact: 6755 3507 or beth.lang@newcastle.edu.au

Development Office

Proudly announcing the launch here in TAS Talks of our new TAS Videos. Click on the links below to see the 4 new videos for the digital campaign we will be running this term.

These videos will appear on Facebook, the TAS website, on our You Tube channel and will be promoted throughout websites for a couple of weeks.

Happy viewing !!



Farrer and Sydney Grammar

Please see below Fixture Information for Farrer and NEGS in a variety of sports on Friday afternoon and Sydney Grammar in Rugby on Saturday morning. We appreciate the efforts of all three schools to make these games possible and look forward to the healthy competition.

TAS v Farrer Fixtures - Friday 11 May Dick Hodgson Shield

Time	Team	Venue	Staff in Charge
BASKETBALL			
3:30pm	1 st VIII	Gym	P.Wood
CHESS			
3:00pm	Snr IV	Library	C Boydell
3:00pm	Jnr IV	Library	
DEBATING			
3:30pm	Snr IV	C 1-1	T Hughes
3:30pm	Jnr IV	C 1-4	T Hughes
FOOTBALL			
4:00pm	Opens	Adamsfield	C Nexo
3:00pm	15s/16s	Adamsfield	A Shortt
2:00pm	13s	Adamsfield	L Treavors
NETBALL			
3:45pm	Yr 11/12	Middle School	R Harrison
2:45pm	Yr 9/10	Middle School	R Harrison
2:00pm	Yr 7/8	Middle School	R Harrison
RUGBY			
4:00pm	1 st XV	Backfield	A Whalley
3:00pm	2 nd XV	Backfield	C Moran
2:00pm	16A	Backfield	M Holland, S Bremner
3:00pm	16B	Wakefield North	M Holland, S Bremner
2:00pm	15A	Wakefield North	M Crosby
3:00pm	14A	Wakefield South	J Brauer
2:00pm	13A	Wakefield South	M Taylor
SHOOTING			
1:00pm	Opens	Guyra	D Lawrence
TENNIS			
3:00pm	Snr IV	Croft Courts	J Flanagan
3:00pm	Jnr IV	Park Courts	J Flanagan



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Netball

What a fantastic start to the season, with four wins from four games! TAS 2 and TAS 6 both had very convincing wins, even though TAS 2 has one less player on the court. TAS 3 and TAS 5 both played very competitive games with a close score at the end of the game. Our TAS 1 and TAS 4 team each had a bye and we are looking forward to seeing their first game this week. As always, we greatly appreciate the support on the sidelines from coaches, family and friends and we encourage everyone to maintain a positive attitude towards the umpires and opposing teams. We are excited for what will hopefully be a fun and successful season for all.

*Ms Rachel Harrison and
Ms Alice Hudson*

Dinner:

Farrer staff and students : 4:30 – 5:30 in the dining room

TAS Boarders: as normal



TAS v SYDNEY GRAMMAR

'The BATYR Round'

11 – 12 May, 2018

Friday 11 May

Grammar arrive 9:00pm

Accommodation:

Opens Rugby (x34) – Moyes (+ 2 staff)
16s Rugby (x45) – PE classrooms (+ 2 staff)
15s Rugby (x32) – Greenroom (+ 2 staff)
13s & 14s Rugby (x45+32) – Gymnasium/Sports Centre (+ 3 staff)

Saturday 12 May

Rugby Program:

TAS	SGS	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	1 st XV	Backfield	11:30am (2 x 30-minute halves)
TAS 2 nd XV	2 nd XV	Backfield	10:30am
TAS 16A	16A	Backfield	9:30am
TAS 16B	16B	Backfield	8:30am (3 x 17-minute thirds)
TAS 15A	15A	Wakefield South	10:30am
TAS 15B	15B	Wakefield South	9:30am
TAS 14A	14A	Wakefield South	8:30am
TAS 14B	14B	Wakefield North	9:30am
TAS 13A	13A	Wakefield North	10:30am
TAS 13B	13B	Wakefield North	8:30am (3 x 17-minute thirds)

* All other games 25 min/half

Change rooms for SGS: Teams playing on Backfield to use the McConville Centre.
 Teams playing on Wakefield to use The Sports Centre change rooms.

BREAKFAST: in TAS Dining Hall
 7:00am TAS and SGS Rugby 13s 14s and 16s
 7:30am TAS and SGS Rugby 15s
 8:00am TAS and SGS Rugby Opens

LUNCH: 10:30am to 12:30pm walk through in TAS dining room

A canteen run by the TAS P & F will be selling hot food and drinks throughout the day at the McConville Centre (Including BBQ). All players and supporters are invited to attend the **after-match function** in the McConville Centre at the conclusion of the 1st XV fixture.

Embedded Technology Club Years 6 -12 - Expressions of Interest

TAS wants to design and build portable GPS units to be used by Cadets as a fail-safe option when they undertake demanding navigation exercises.

There is an opportunity for ten students to be involved in designing and building the devices before Bivouac 2018.

If you are interested in electronics, microprocessors (Arduino etc), the Internet of Things (IoT), designing, laser cutting, soldering, building, coding, working in a team and problem solving, this club is for you!

The club will meet in the Library on Monday mornings 7:45 - 8:30 am.

Please email Mr Caldwell with your expression of interest and talk to Mr Scott if you want to know more about what will be involved.

FROM THE

CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

As always we are a busy place full of cocurricular Creative Arts action. Preparations for the NSW Shakespeare Carnival are starting to step up with the Regional Carnival happening in just a couple of weeks. TAS Art Attack! is on every Monday and Thursday afternoons 3:30pm - 5pm for students in Years 6 - 12. It is absolutely free and a great opportunity for our passionate Visual Arts students to learn some new skills, participate in competitions or have assistance with their own artmaking. And both the Middle School and Senior School Technical Production Clubs will be happening on Thursday during the respective lunch times in the Hoskins Centre with Mr Cornford.

On Saturday 19 May at 10am we have the first Costume & Props Working Bee for *Skrek the Musical Jr.* with parents, students and friends of the show all invited to come help out. If you have some sewing skills or are handy with craft supplies we'd love your help as the show has a lot of colourful and elaborate costumes and props needed for all our fairytale folk. And I encourage all our Middle School cast members to really step up their preparations for the show - I know Mrs Cleaver has high expectations for this show and if you put in the hours now you will feel so much more confident and prepared when the performance dates arrive.

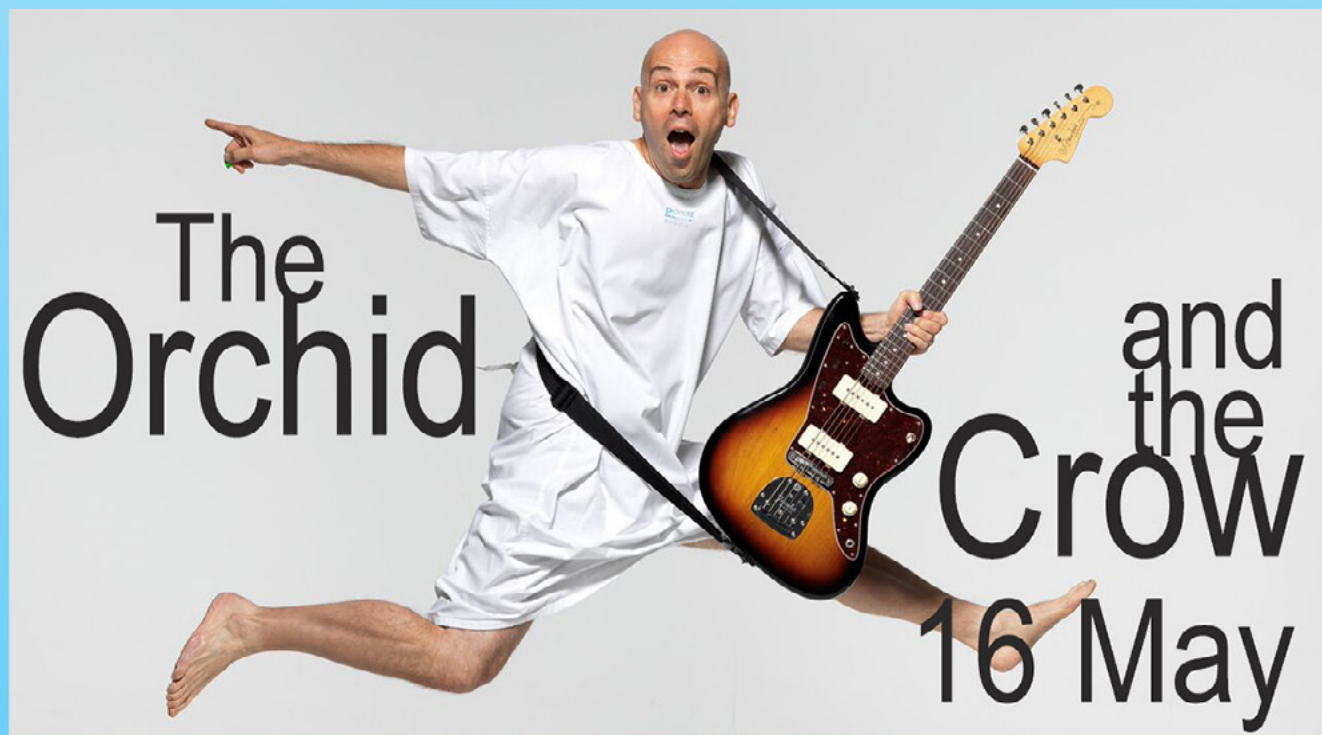
For students interested in filmmaking the REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival will be holding a workshop on Tuesday 5 June 1pm - 3pm. This is a chance for students in Years 6 - 11 to learn filmmaking skills and hear more about the national youth short film competition (as well as the fabulous prizes that go with the fame of being in the festival). Interested students should email Mr O'Connell or swing by the Hoskins Centre for more information.

In the Hoskins Centre *Cosi* comes to a close this week with just two more shows on Friday and Saturday - there has been some wonderful feedback about the production so if you can get along and see it you are in for a wonderful evening of Australian theatre. Then next Wednesday we have the professional touring production *The Orchid and the Crow*, a cabaret and storytelling-style show full of comedy, heart, original music and a wry treatment of coming face-to-face with cancer. The show has toured internationally to great acclaim and I am sure its themes will touch many members of our community for a profound experience. Tickets for both are available through the Hoskins Centre website - hoskins.as.edu.au.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



COMING SOON TO TAS HOSKINS CENTRE



MCD
MELBOURNE CITY THEATRE

CARMEN

‘AN OPERATIC DANCE
INFUSION OF LUST, POWER
AND HEARTBREAK’

1 JUNE 7:30PM

12 JUNE
7:30PM



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IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO GET CREATIVE, MAKE SOMETHING,
PAINT A PORTRAIT, COLOUR IN, ENTER AN ART COMPETITION,
DOODLE OR JUST CHANGE THE COLOUR OF YOUR DAY
THEN TAS ART ATTACK IS FOR YOU

Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in H11
Available to students in years 6 to 12

The Next few weeks

I am aware of the significance of the Confucian saying: "All journeys begin with the single step".

Despite the pace of any given term at TAS, and after our staff meeting on Tuesday, you will notice students and staff settling into the steady period of those pre-exam weeks so necessary to the establishment of a sense of calm and increasing confidence in order that the approach to them is serious, though not stressful.

Please be assured that students will begin to receive Study Packages containing information about examinable topics, 'styles' of questions, including, where relevant, marks values attaching to each of the 'above'. I'm about to speak to a number of students about the wisdom of 'Study Groups'. Those I've already discussed this with are receptive to the idea, too.

They're necessary components of school life: exams. While people don't look to them with the kind of enthusiasm that attends a sporting fixture or a cultural pursuit, the 'new' attitude that attaches to them is healthy challenge, or at least calm resignation. But it isn't a kind of resignation that carries a negative charge; rather, it's a resignation that academic testing is part of normal life at this school and, as such, something that isn't to be feared.

I will speak to students at our Town Meeting Assembly last week, indicating the necessity of utilizing the Study Packages that will be received over the next weeks. I'm sure that they'll give the exercise their 'best shot' and will advise again that we're here to assist them – but

that the day before an exam may not be the best time to do this. In other words, I'll tell us them to determine problem areas as soon as possible, being proactive and alerting us to issues of concern over the next week.

ANZAC Service Week 1 and Book Club

We had the School commemoration and remembrance service early last Thursday and it was really pleasing to note so many in attendance from Years 6 and 7. The Year 8s, as you probably know, were part of the Cadet Corps and they performed their role with characteristic ease. It was good also to catch up with a number of parents just prior to the Chapel Service. Also good was the weather – well, it was amazing really because, in spite of the month, it was cold in the least. Considering the light showers of rain over the last few days, I think the warmth will decrease at a reasonably rapid rate.

Rugby

The winter season sports program has begun with the usual exodus on Saturday of rugby teams travelling to Coonabarabran. I believe those who went were excited and know that all felt the competition against Kinross was challenging. Regardless of final scores, it's always encouraging to know that improvements can be made on both individual and team levels. The looming Farrer fixtures are ones that Mr Will Caldwell spoke about at this week's Town Meeting.



Mr Mark Harrison

Book Club

Mrs Alex Murray spoke this week about Book Club for Term 2. There's an unashamed 'push' in the school that promotes numeracy and, here, literacy levels. If your children mentions the Book Club as a possible 'extra' activity, please encourage them to pursue this opportunity to speak about their reading to others. I appad this initiative and want to be involved in some of the activities with students, Mrs Murray and any other interested member of staff. The venue for this week's meeting is the Year 6 area.

Week 3

A reminder about next week: for our Year 7 cohort NAPLAN will take place and the New England Eisteddfod for all students will begin, too.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Winter sport

As I enjoyed getting around to watch many of our teams playing sport last Saturday, I realised how lucky we are to have so many dedicated staff coaching our students through the winter. There was a great feeling on the sideline and I look forward to seeing many more parents in the future. It was noticeable that the games were played in good spirit and it was very pleasing to see that sportsmanship was clearly at the forefront of our attitude towards being competitive. We all know that younger children need our support to make thoughtful decisions while playing and we see this regularly in the playground at school. Being on the same page in terms of promoting good sportsmanship is therefore important. I urge all of us to be aware of and follow the various codes of conducts for players, coaches and supporters throughout the season. I hope you enjoy some of the photos that will come your way in the next few months.



Mr Ian Lloyd



If you haven't already done so (and we know it will be a busy lunchtime!) please contact the school to assist our preparations. (Please note that we will be holding a combined Chapel Service in the Hoskins Theatre immediately after lunch and we hope you can join us.)

Eisteddfod 2018

I am really impressed with the breadth of entry into this year's Eisteddfod, both with most of our classes and particularly, those individuals who have taken up the challenge. The standard of entry in many of the categories in Armidale is high and it is a great indication of the growing capacity (and maturity) of those who have chosen to enter. We wish them well and I look forward to reporting their results (along with many others), to you in future editions of TAS Talks.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Six Year 5 students are with Mr Portell today at the GRIP Leadership conference in Armidale. I look forward to talking with them on their return to map out a plan for the year in terms of Service and Leadership and hear their reports of the day. Congratulations Millie Coupland, Flinders Ward (Broughton House); Lachie Litchfield, Ty Schalk-O'Brien (Green House); Sam Strelitz and Paige Sutton (Ross House).

Lovely Ladies' Luncheon.....

(Mother's Day) Friday 11 May – Hoskins Centre

All families should have received an invitation for the Mother's Day Gathering, to be held this Friday 11 May. To avoid any complications with the weather, all activities and lunch will be provided in the Hoskins Centre Foyer from 12.25 pm concluding at the end of lunch. All our classes have been busily preparing and students are quite excited about hosting some of the Wonderful Women at their Lovely Ladies Luncheon.

No Assembly – Term 2 Week 3

With a very busy week next week, there will not be an assembly due to other commitments that will impact on our schedule including the NAPLAN Assessments, Eisteddfod and the first combined New England Sings rehearsal.

Junior School Clubs at TAS

I have included a list of Clubs and Activities that are available to our students below. We are always happy for new students to join in and if you need further information, please contact us at School. There are some costs involved and limits do apply to some clubs. Please contact Junior School Reception if you have any queries or wish to register your child.

Tuesday:

Chess Club 7.45 am
TAS Trebles 8.00 am
Drama Club 3.45 – 4.45 pm
Pottery Club 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Wednesday:

Coding Club 8.00 am
FanTAStics 8.00 am
Dance Club 12.25 – 1.10 pm

Thursday:

Engineering Club 8.00 am
Martial Arts 3.45 – 4.45 pm



School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 1

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

Joshua Bourke, Hamish Leahy, Will Ogilvie, Sinclair Little, MJ Blanch, Gus Sevil, Daniel Bayne, Sophie Brett and Maitha Alshammari.

Mr Ian Lloyd

Head of Junior School

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 2

WEEK 2

Wed 9 May

Fri 11 May

Yr 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Mother's Day lunch and activities –
12.25 pm Hoskins Centre

WEEK 3

Tue 15 May

Wed 16 May

NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing

No Assembly

NAPLAN Reading

NE Sings Choral Workshop 1.00 – 2.30

Thurs 17 May

NAPLAN Numeracy

Life Education Van

Fri 18 May

Life Education Van

WEEK 4

Wed 23 May

2.45pm

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre

Fri 25 May

Camp Quality Puppet Show 9.00

PSSA Cross Country

WEEK 5

Tue 29 May

Wed 30 May

ICAS Science Exam

Yr 5 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 3 of the Book Club is now available, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Friday 18 May, 2018. If you would like to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in the red letter box at Junior School reception. Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

Scholastic will again offer an incentive to parents to build up their home library and to keep the reading moment rolling among students. Parents who are registered with the Scholastic online ordering system (LOOP) and spend at least \$10.00 on three issues will then be entitled to receive bonus books.

Mrs Ramazani

TAS Library

Happy Birthday

Wishing Cameron Carruthers and Levi Watts a very happy birthday for their special days this week.

Due to nature of the Transdisciplinary Themes and units of inquiry being taught for approximately six weeks, there is often a cross-over of units and terms. This is currently the case. We commenced Term 2 with two weeks remaining of our second units of inquiry. This cross-over provides an opportunity for teachers to reflect upon where the students are up to in relation to their understanding of key concepts.

This cross-over also provides students with the opportunity to reflect upon new knowledge acquired and to recall what was covered in Term 1, rather than those learning experience being 'left behind'.

It is often the case that through guided inquiry the students develop questions along the way and these questions provide the perfect means to ending a unit. This is because, in the PYP model, students can be given the opportunity to explore their wonderings and take an investigation further. The unit ending becomes responsive to student wonderings.

As the term commences, take the time to listen to your child's wonderings, celebrate their learning with them and please do remember that you are always welcome to come and have a look at the learning taking place in all our classrooms.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



TAS Blue Under 10 Football

This week, TAS Blue played on Field 11 at the Rologas fields against DK Magic. It was a sunny and warm day and it was great to see so many parent supporters. The Demon Knight team had three Syrian refugees playing for them. These kids are living in Armidale for a little while and even though they couldn't speak English they were good football players.

I would like to welcome Lachie Hunter to the TAS soccer team. Lachie played well for his first ever game for TAS. Congratulations to Charlie Ryan for scoring all five of our goals. One of the best things about playing for TAS BLUES is that we all like different positions on the field so we all work well as a team. At training, I think we should work on running up the field, passing to a partner and shooting from different angles.

Thank you to Sam from Demon Knights who offered to play on our team as we were a player short. It was great because he was helping us and trying as hard for us as he would for his team. I would like Sam to come to TAS! Thank you also to Mr Ryan for umpiring our game.

Mr Andy Hardin



TAS Blue Under 10

TAS White Under 10s Football

What a glorious day to commence the 2018 Football season. TAS White team members were certainly pumped and ready for their first game of the season and managed exceptionally well with new rules and regulations that this age groups brings. They were playing on a larger field, had to adhere closely to rules when throwing the ball in, had corner kicks and a goalie who could only roll or kick the ball from the ground! The Under 10's are able to field 9 a side, leaving us with no subs this week. Despite this, the level of energy and overall fitness was impressive.

Our forwards, varied between both halves, however, they did a commendable job to attack our opposition and tried hard to pass the ball and keep the ball in our half of play. The midfield players worked really hard to support the forwards and in the second half managed to push forward with more determination. Our backs were very strong throughout and of fabulous support to Archer Starr who was in goals. Thank you to Mr Hynes who refereed the game and to Blake's family for supplying the oranges at half time.

Mrs Veronica Waters

TAS U9 Football

The day was warm with perfect conditions for the first game of the season.

The two U8 teams from last year had merged to become the formidable U9s. From the outset, TAS had DK Castles on the defensive with Hugo Broun, Joe Fenwicke and Sam Ford all making repeated, quick pushes up the centre.

Cormac Downes took some solid strikes at goal with Andrew Alkhouri, Harry Brownlie and Andi Li strong in the mid field. MJ Blanch along with his brother Tommy and Peter Thompson as defenders shut down the majority of the opposition attempts at goal however Josiah Baumgartner and Marcus Robb both shone with multiple saves each as goalies. After a close game, Sam Ford made the winning goal late in the second half with an impressive strike past the opposition goalie.

With a commendable win, it was a very positive start to the season for the boys.

Mr Stephen Thompson



TAS U6 Football

Both TAS U6s teams ran out for their highly anticipated first games of the 2018 season on Saturday. TAS Blue played against DK Swords and TAS White faced Guyra Gators.

TAS Blue got off to a flying start straight from the kick off. Energy and movement was high as they attacked the DK Swords' goal. TAS Blue took an early lead thanks to a goal from Baxter and TAS managed to pin back DK Swords with some strong defence from Alexander and Ethan. However, with the clock ticking down to half time, DK Swords nosed back into the game with a couple of quick counter attack goals.

After a welcome half time break, DK Swords continued with good attacking football eventually winning 5-3 at the final whistle.

This was a buoyant performance by TAS Blue for the first game of the season with some strong kicks from Rudra and Evelyn and a great effort from the whole team. TAS White also had an exciting start to the season playing Guyra. The opposition were a well-oiled machine and kept our team on its toes. Maya and Grace took some exciting shots at goal and persevered with their defence and attack throughout the game. Jock was our centre kicker and continually moved the ball towards Guyra's end; Dom was especially reliable at taking the sideline kick ins. The first game marked a great start to the season and the enthusiasm spilled over into Monday afternoon's training.

Our combined training session saw both teams focusing on building confidence in basic skills such as dribbling, kicking and passing - skills that will no doubt be used as we hit the green turf of Rologas Fields again this Saturday. We look forward to seeing you then! Here is a photo from Monday's solid training session.

Mrs Gill Downes and Millie Bonnici

TAS White - Year 5

TAS White had a wonderful game against Guyra Ravens on Saturday. After a mad scramble to get ourselves organised after originally having a BYE for our first round and then being notified on Friday that we had a game, it was exciting to see how well the team came together without any training at all. The players played a fantastic game of passing and positional play and everyone was involved in moving the ball around. The team was 4-0 up at half time and finished the game on 8-1 with Guyra scoring in the last minute of the game.

There was good talk among the players to guide the passing of the ball and the moral was excellent.

The players learnt the hard way about offside, as they hadn't experienced that rule in the 10's division, so it was a baptism by fire as they learnt at half time why the whistle had been blown so often in the first half!

Well done team and thanks to the Wards for the half time oranges.

Next week we play in Guyra at 9am.

Mrs Brunson

TAS Blue Under 7 Football

TAS Blue came up against a well organised and highly skilled Guyra outfit on Saturday.

It was a pleasure to witness the positive attitude and unselfish play from all five team members and their ability to adapt to different roles within the team.

Special mention to Layla Abu Assab for her positional play, ability to play the ball off both feet and eagerness to find the back of the net. Layla was well supported in the midfield by Pippi Goudge whose willingness in defence nullified many of Guyra's attacking raids. Rebecca Billingsley was ever present across the field and is to be commended for her accurate re-starts. George Drain defended strongly and linked well with his teammates in attack. William Cooper-Fillios was ever present at the back continually closing down Guyra's attacking raids and providing accurate passes to Pippi, Rebecca, George and Layla.

I would like to thank Emerson Browning and Keanu Rhoades, both members of the TAS Firsts Football team, for their insightful words at halftime and encouragement from the sideline.

Mr David Drain



Layla driving the ball forward...



Ruby with another determined run...

Under 8s Football

The season kicked off to a positive start, with the Under 8's taking to the field with enthusiasm for their first game of the year. Unfazed by the hot conditions, Aziz Binmahfod was virtually unstoppable in open play down the wing, while Jack Wood was consistently reliable in goal. Edwina Newton and Oliver Robb presented the opposition with a formidable line of last defence. After a strong training session on Monday, the team is looking forward to another opportunity to test their skills in competition this weekend.

Mr Thomas Powell



Xavier and Arthur combine....

Hockey Under 9s

Lots of smiling faces were to be seen on Saturday morning at the UNE hockey fields as our Under 9 boys and girls Hockey teams had their first outing. While there were some returning players, many of our players are new to hockey this year. We are very fortunate to have some wonderful Year 11 girls helping the teams out this season - thank you Georgia Kaynes and Belle Perrottet!

Yellow Team

Thank you to Mrs Ball for helping the boys on the field and giving them some fabulous tips on defending opposition players and looking for teammates to pass the ball to. No goals scored by either team but lots of fun was had during the game! Congratulations to Levi, Lachie, Josh, Azoz, Lucas, Xavier, Ryan and Henry for a great first game of the season.



Levi and Lachie have it covered.....



Mrs Ball giving a little attention to detail....

Pink Team

After conceding two early goals the girls found their rhythm and started to defend beautifully. They also practised looking for other players to pass to and spreading out across the field. Well done Minnie, Harriet, Sophie, Izzie, Grace, Ava and Maitha on the first game of the year. Thank you so much to our Year 11 Helpers Georgia and Belle for your coaching during the game.

Next week's game for Yellow (boys) is 9:30 and Pink (girls) is 10:20. Please meet 10 minutes before your game for warm up.

Mrs Donella Tutt



New England Conservatorium of Music



JUNIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP Wed 4 & Thurs 5 July 2018

The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-9 who can read music and have at least 12 months experience playing one of the following instruments:

Violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp

Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba

Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone

Orchestral percussion (pianists may apply)

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Welcome

Motion Fitness is ecstatic to present the first HSC Retreat this September 30th-3rd October. All Retreat attendees will stay onsite with the Motion Fitness Team for the 3 nights as we will be staying at a premier holiday home on Sydney's Northern Beaches (final location yet to be confirmed).

This retreat is like no other. Not only do we supply an environment where the individual attendees can broaden their intellectual knowledge in preparation for their HSC, but we also provide a supportive environment where they can grow as young adults.

Through out the three days, Retreat attendees will have access and immersion to a number of benefits which make this retreat unique.

We understand an active mind is a mind ready to learn and take on new content, so a solid foundation of activity and fitness is incorporated throughout the entire Retreat. This give the attendees a break from the books but inevitably, puts them in the right mind frame to study.

The camp Includes:

- Key presentations from a range of speakers including professional athletes and multi business owners.
- Five meals a day provided and cooked by an in house chef
- Multiple fitness/strength sessions daily



- Access to in house facilities
- Daily study

Still wondering if the retreat is for you?

That is fair but let me convince you slightly. The ideal participant for the Motion Fitness Study Retreat is a student who finds it hard to study alone, loves the outdoors and physical activity but, also a student who strives when in a supportive and positive environment. That is what this retreat is about.

Guest Speakers

Not only are we presenting in a beautiful environment situated on Sydney's Northern Beaches, but we are providing a range of guest speakers over the course of the stay. We have Parisa Haeri former Australian Female Weightlifting Champion coming in to speak about how she manages running a successful business with multiple clients whilst being a professional athlete.

In addition to Parisa, we have Mathew Clarke who is a multiple business owner here in Sydney. He knows about the ups and downs of life, knows how adversity can influence a person to do great things and how to develop and maintain thorough routines each day.

Price

The Motion Fitness Retreat costs \$600 and that includes everything once you arrive. The only thing you need to do is get to Retreat on Day One and we look after the rest.

If you are interested or need to ask a few more questions please email or call Sam Hutton (owner) on the details below.

See you there!

Contact Details

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pottery Classes

Dear Pottery Families,
I trust that you have all enjoyed a nice break and are ready to have lots of fun making pots with us this term. I have worked out some nifty projects that will be great to make and very useful in day to day life. I have really enjoyed making them myself so I am sure the students will too.

The details of the classes are as follows.

Where: Classes are held in Art Room 1 of the Hoskins Centre at TAS. This is the ground floor room on the left as you enter.

Who and When: Years K to 4 are on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm
Years 5 and up are on Thursdays from 4-5 pm

These age divisions are a guide only. If you need your child to come on a different day than these guidelines, it is not a problem. Just talk to me about it.

Also, please note that children are welcome to arrive straight after school. We have great fun setting up for the class together.

Commencement:

Tuesday 8 May
Thursday 10 May

Each group will have six lessons, then one week off, then a party and exhibition.

Cost: The cost is \$150. This includes Instruction, materials, and firing of the work.

To enrol please contact me via email (weemalpot@yahoo.com.au) or telephone (6772 5371) . When enrolling ,please include your child's name, age and your contact phone number.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Also, if your child came to Term 1 but is not coming for Term 2, I would love to know, so I can make their space available to another child that may wish to come.

Kind regards,
Rick Hatch

