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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20 June, 2018 Term 2 Week 8

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Eisteddfod Gala Concert

The invitation-only gala concert last Sunday heralded the end of the Eisteddfod season for 2018 and TAS was well represented again with a number of individual performances and a finale of 'Eye of the Tiger' performance from the TAS Big Band that wowed the audience. 2018 has been a big eisteddfod year for TAS students and staff alike and some of the most successful results from that have been listed in this edition of TAS Talks and I offer congratulations to all those mentioned. I also offer thanks and congratulations to our staff whose dedication has made those opportunities available. I know from the many comments I have heard from students, parents and other staff that those efforts are noticed, appreciated and admired.

Middle School Take to the Stage

The much anticipated production of Shrek opened last night in the Hoskins Centre with a preview for our boarding community that entertained with great energy and a lot of fun. With around 40 Middle School students on stage or in support and technical crews, it is a big production and one that has excited our Middle School as a whole.

Producing a really high quality show through hard work and commitment over a long rehearsal schedule, a willingness to release the creative flair within and the confidence to perform with real energy in front of big audiences is an education in itself and this explains why so much is put into it by our Creative Arts staff and many others in support at TAS. Putting a school show on stage to give students the experience of performing is a good thing, but really committing to a program that makes sure it is a professional level performance is a character shaping experience that alters expectations and the understanding of what can be achieved if a team really works together. I believe that is what is on show this week and I encourage everyone who has the opportunity to make sure they see it. Tickets remain on sale and can be found at: <https://www.trybooking.com/VLTD>

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

P&F Funding Meeting Next Week

The P&F meeting to be held on the last Wednesday evening of term (7:00pm in Lower Maxwell) will be the funding meeting for 2018. This is the meeting set aside for making decisions on how P&F funds raised over the past year will be allocated to school projects that will directly enhance the experience of our students. Applications for funds will continue to come in over the next week and both staff and students will make their pitches at the meeting, but we already have applications to create a 'funky' café space in the foyer of the sports centre, an environmental sustainability project for Junior School, hockey kit for our rapidly expanding program and improvements to the Hoskins foyer space. I encourage all parents who can possibly make to come a be a part of the decision making process.

Sydney Boys High School Weekend

Our final weekend for the term will be a big one for TAS sport and I know that many across Middle and Senior School are looking forward to it. Once again Sydney High will do us the much appreciated courtesy of travelling to Armidale en-masse to compete in tennis, basketball, football and rugby, staying two nights with us. This broad set of fixtures presents a gala day at home for us and it has become a real highlight of our sporting calendar. At a time when a number of our fellow GPS schools find it too difficult to travel to us for rugby once every two years, the commitment from Sydney High to come to us each year and bring players for multiple sports stands out as representative of a wonderfully collegial character. I am looking forward to welcoming them very much and offer our collective thanks to their players and coaches alike.

TAS Hockey Day

As Sydney High depart on Sunday morning the TAS Hockey Club will head to the Hockey New England fields at Sport UNE for a special hockey day. As most at TAS will know, hockey has enjoyed strong growth in recent years and is TAS is now the largest club in the New England competition. This is reason for celebration and that will be done through the game, with TAS playing matches on Turf 1 through the day and supporters will be able to drop in at any time to lend their support, enjoy the barbecue and enjoy the great feeling that hockey at TAS is enjoying.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

WEEK 8

Thursday 21 June	Year 10/11 Immunisation Shrek - Middle School Production - 7pm
Friday 22 June	Shrek - 2pm & 7pm Foundation AGM - 5.30pm
Saturday 23 June	TAS v Sydney Boys High School at TAS Shrek - 7pm

WEEK 9

Tuesday 26 June	Inter-House Debating finals
Wednesday 27 June	NSW Netball Schools Cup (Armidale Courts) NAIDOC Assembly and Dinner P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 28 June	Trinity Anglican School Year 6 Rugby VIsit MS Final Inter-House Debating Classes Conclude

PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE (PVC) AND SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY

Travel diaries for boarders are due at the end of Term 2. Please submit via email travel@as.edu.au or in hard copy to Reception.

If you have not applied, and you believe you could be eligible, please go to this site and check eligibility criteria. <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/schoolDriveSubsidy>.

Day students are also eligible if their home front gate is more than 1.6 km from the free transport pick-up point. You can claim multiple students from a family at the one address. To find out more please contact TAS Reception or Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

Mrs Meg Sadler
Student Services

TAS HOCKEY CLUB DAY

We are delighted to invite you to come along and support TAS Hockey through your participation as a supporter, player and or helper on

Sunday 24 June
at
HNE Hockey Fields, Sport UNE

Bring your friends and families to watch your child or family member play hockey on this day, and support Hockey in Armidale.

TAS Games will be playing all day on Turf 1. You don't need to be there all day just come as you can.

Cakes appreciated, BBQ slots available. For more information please contact Mrs Jo Neilson on jneilson@as.edu.au

CLOTHING SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday 20 July - 9 am to 5 pm

Monday 23 July - 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday 24 July normal hours resume

THIS SATURDAY - HOME RUGBY GAMES AND OTHER SPORTS AGAINST SYDNEY BOYS HIGH

We have home rugby and football games against Sydney Boys High School on Saturday. Come along and watch and lend a hand at the BBQ if you would like. U15s Rugby is the team on duty.

TAS HOCKEY CLUB DAY – UNE HOCKEY FIELDS

TAS Hockey is also having a 'Club Day' out at the UNE Hockey fields on Sunday 24 June. A BBQ and canteen will be running for the day. All our senior Men's and Women's Teams are playing throughout the day and they would love to have your support. So come out and watch some great hockey, have a snag or a bacon & egg burger and support TAS. Some TAS hockey and supporters gear will also be for sale, including TAS Supporters jackets.

P&F CANTEENS AND BBQs FOR EVENTS

If you are thinking of holding a BBQ or canteen for any TAS sporting group, event or co-curricular activity the P&F may be able to help with organising this. For more information please contact any of the P&F Executive.

BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE P&F

In line with our new Constitution if you wish to be on the Committee or Executive or vote at our meetings you must now become a Voting Member.

To be a Voting Member you just need to fill in a form (use link below) and send it to Jo Neilson jneilson@as.edu.au . [CLICK HERE](#).

Forms can be filled in at any time, including if you pop in to a meeting. This form is also available on the TAS website.

P&F MEETING WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE – ANNUAL FUNDING MEETING

Come and help us spend the money you've helped us raise at the Funding Meeting on Wednesday 27 June at 7pm in the Maxwell Meeting Room.

If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there. Meetings are open to all parents... but to vote you need to be a Voting Member – just fill in that form!

If you have any queries about the funding process please contact me on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
P&F President



City to Surf

A challenge to parents – have you got what it takes?

On 12 August TAS students and staff are heading down for this year's City to Surf, a 14km fun run. At last count, we have 217 students from Years 7-12 entered, almost double the number of last year. It forms part of the TAS Triple Crown and expresses so much we believe to be important about looking for challenges.

Led by Mr Pennington and the TAS Batyr Chapter (senior students who guide many wellbeing initiatives in the School), our involvement in the run this year is being devoted to having positive conversations about mental health. The particular focus is to extend this conversation to adults and, as part of this, the TAS student body is issuing a challenge to parents to see if they have it in them to complete the run.

Parents are invited to run as part of the TAS contingent, with our singlet and the Batyr sock. Cattle tags supporting the 'Do it for Dolly' mental health campaign will be worn, and we are hoping as many parents can run/trot/walk the course with us.

Transport and accommodation is up to you but Mr Pennington (jpenning@as.edu.au) is very happy to coordinate registration and kit.

We'd love to have as many of you along as possible and, with a couple of months to go, there can be no excuses about time for training. If anything, you could even start tapering.

Please join us.

Mr Barney Buntine



'Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum'

1 Corinthians 13

As we come to the end of this term and thus, the end of our short series on the House mottos we must decide which house motto to concentrate on?

I would like to talk about Green House's motto, but I feel Green's not only been allocated the incorrect colour, but also the incorrect motto, it should really be 'the last shall be first'.

Or perhaps we could talk about Broughton House, but as you gaze upon the banner in the Dining Hall it would appear, they don't have a motto, I guess they couldn't continue to rest on the notion that they would keep winning swimming carnivals, it just doesn't sit right to have a motto that reads "we are the house that used to win swimming carnivals" – most mottos look forward not backward.

So, it falls to Tyrell to save the day with their interesting motto. I assume that all belonging to Tyrell know and love their motto. It is of course:

'Nil Magnum Nisi Bonum' meaning, 'nothing is great unless it is good'

Our five-year-old, Rupert, is an enthusiast. When you ask him how his day was he will often reply with 'it was great'. Or how was band this morning? 'it was great', or how was that cheese sandwich on dry, stale bread? 'it was great'.

I'm pleased he's enthusiastic about everything, but the word 'great' tends to lose its meaning when used to describe every experience. What makes something great? It's a subjective thing isn't it. You might look at a 2-1 loss in a game of football and describe it as a great performance, or a tragic defeat. It's hard to pin down.

However, according to the Tyrell House motto, what we can say is, what greatness is not. It's not great unless it has been good. Perhaps, this also gives a clue into what greatness is, it is driven by goodness.

This is, of course, the idea picked up on in our School Reading. You can achieve all sorts of things that look great, but unless they have been done with 'good' in mind, they cannot be great. I want to extend this for explanations sake, unless you do those things with the good of others in mind, they are not great. In other words, if you only ever do, achieve, strive for your own sake, I think we can question whether you will ever be doing good. Therefore, have you ever done anything great?

The way the school lesson puts it, unless you do things out of selfless concern for others – love, you will never achieve greatness.

Let me finish by suggesting something that didn't look great, but it was so driven by love – by 'good', it made it great.

Jesus died for you and me, he died in a selfless act of sacrifice, this was love in action, this was good. Dying isn't always described as great, particularly the humiliating, degrading design of crucifixion, but it was the greatest act of good the world has ever seen.



Mr Richard Newton

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KOKODA 2018

Are you looking for an adventure of a life time? Walking on an incredibly historic track that diggers before us walked? Through the heartland of Papua New Guinea? Applications for Kokoda 2018 are now open!

Departing Brisbane 30 September, returning 10 October - this 10 day, 130km track is filled with rich history you will never forget. TAS students, parents and their friends are all welcome to join this experience.

Lodge your application at <https://www.ourspirit.com.au/> for dates 30 September - 10 October or email expressions of interest and any questions to Miss Emma Channon on echannon@as.edu.au

Miss Emma Channon



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 - Years 9 - 12

Tutoring is available for students in Years 9 -12 in English, Maths, Science, Biology and Physics. See timetable below.



Mrs Seonia Wark

Mrs Seonia Wark

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	7 – 8pm Chemistry Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10	7 – 8pm Advanced Maths Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10	7 – 8pm Maths Standard Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm Maths/Science Yr 9/10
8 – 9pm Science/Maths Yr 9/10	8 – 9pm Biology Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Maths Ext Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Maths (all levels) Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Physics Yr 11/12

SMH HSC Study Guide

2017 was the last year that the SMH HSC Study Guide was available in hard copy. This year the guide is available online for all to use.

It contains valuable information about the HSC and how to navigate through the study vacations and exam periods. It also contains information and tips from of the KLA's and subjects.

I highly recommend that all HSC candidates and their parents have a read of the guide.

<https://hsc-study-guide-2018.smh.com.au>

Career Plans

I am currently interviewing the Year 12 cohort about their mid-year exam results, upcoming Trials and their plans post HSC. We have been developing a plan which will enable them to identify weaknesses and areas for improvement in their subject results. We have also looked at strategies designed to achieve their goals and the actions needed for post HSC options. After each interview, I am sending a copy of the plan to the student and their parent/guardian for discussion.

As you can imagine, this process can be fairly lengthy and it will take some time to get every Year 12 student. I am aiming to have the majority done before the end of term.

I hope this will be useful in family discussions and setting direction for future plans.

Mr Mark Taylor



ACADEMIC



UN Youth - Evatt and Voice

What is UN Youth? UN Youth Australia is a national youth-led organisation that aims to educate and empower young Australians on global issues.

Registration is now open for any students interested in taking part in either Evatt and/or Voice. 25-26 July is the only opportunity for students in regional northern NSW to take part in this event, and we are extremely excited to once again act as host.

Evatt: The competition is named after the notable Herbert 'Doc' Evatt, who was an Australian High Court Justice and a leading Federal politician who became President of the UN General Assembly and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To find out more about the Evatt event please visit - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/evatt-nsw/>

Voice is a unique public speaking competition for students in Years 7-10, running throughout Term 3. Voice invites you to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world. From homelessness to climate change we want to hear you pitch your big ideas. To find out more about Voice, please visit - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/voice-nsw/>

To register visit the TAS website. [CLICK HERE](#)

Ms Catherine Boydell
Academic Support Coordinator
Learning Support, Extension & Enrichment



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

This Friday Sydney Boys High School will travel to Armidale for the Harris and Hannon Cup. Fixtures will be played in tennis, basketball, football and rugby. Please see the schedule below for game times and locations. I encourage all parents, students and supporters to attend as many games as possible to cheer on our TAS teams and to make SBHS students welcome. The TAS P&F will run a BBQ and cake stall near McConville Centre for morning tea and lunch. The Hannon and Harris Cup presentation will be held at 3.00pm in the Hoskins Centre Foyer- All are welcome!

Mrs Rachael Edmonds
Co-curricular Assistant

HARRIS AND HANNON CUP - 22/23 JUNE

Friday 22 June

SBHS arrive	4.30pm	
Accommodation (SBHS):	1st XV, 2nd XV – Moyes (32 Students+ 2 staff)	
	16s - Green Room	
	15s, Footballers, Snr Tennis, Snr Basketball - PE classrooms	
	All others - Gymnasium (Sports Centre)	
	Staff - Old PE Office x4 and Dangar House x 10	
Welcome by TAS	5:15pm	All SBHS assemble in gymnasium
Dinner: (TAS Dining Room, for boys & staff)		
	5:15pm	TAS MS boarders (SBHS and TAS Tennis team)
	5:30pm	TAS SS boarders (SBHS and TAS Jnr Basketball)
	5:45pm	SBHS Yrs 7 & 8
	6:00pm	SBHS Yrs 9 & 10
	6:15pm	SBHS Yrs 11 & 12
Tennis:	6:15pm	Junior IV (yrs 7-10) team on MS courts
	6:15pm	Senior IV (yrs 11-12) team on Park Courts
Basketball Program:	6:30pm	Yr9/10 VIII TAS V SBHS
	7:30pm	TAS 1 st VIII V SBHS 1st VIII
Staff Function:	9:30pm	Year 12 Common Room (for SBHS & TAS coaches)

Saturday 23 June

Breakfast:	7:00 - 8:30am	(TAS Dining Room, for boys & staff)
Football:	9:00am	TAS 1st XI v SBHS 3 rd XI (Adamsfield)
	10:30 am	TAS U15 VS SBHS U15 (Adamsfield)
Lunch:	11:00am to 1:00pm	Dining Room Walk through

Canteen: A Canteen run by the TAS P&F will be selling hot food and drinks throughout the day adjacent to Backfield (Including BBQ).

Rugby Program:

Change rooms (SBHS): Opens use the change rooms under the McConville Centre. U13-U16 use the change rooms in the Sports Centre.

Rugby Draw:

Team	v	Venue	Time
1st XV	1st XV	Backfield	1:30
<i>Relay (5 x 100m, 13-Opens)</i>		<i>Backfield</i>	<i>1:00</i>
3rd XV	3rd XV	Backfield (10-a-side)	12:30
2nd XV	2nd XV	Backfield	11:30
16A	16A	Backfield	10:30
15A	15A	Backfield	9:30
14A	14A	Cricket West	10:30
13A	13A	Cricket West	9:30

Game lengths : 15-a-side games: 25 minute halves
10-a-side games: 10 minute halves

Hannon and Harris Cup Presentation at 3:00pm in Hoskins Centre

Dinner: SBHS BBQ (JS playground) 5:30 – 6:30pm

Sunday 24 June

7:15am SBHS boys clean up and put mattresses away.

Breakfast: Continental Breakfast provided in the Gym.

First Aid St John's First Aid is available on Backfield & Adamsfield

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Whipcracking

Last weekend Henry Pitman ventured north to Boonah for the Queensland Junior Whipcracking Championships. In a strong field of 8 competitors. Henry performed with style and flair, impressing the judges to such an extent that he has retained his Title of Qld Junior Whipcracking Champion. This now sits alongside his National title won earlier in the year at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.



Henry Pitman - Qld Whipcracking Champion

Motorcross

Whilst many of our students are busy with trips to Sydney for rugby, the North West for football and withstanding the biting cold of Consett Davis Oval for hockey, Liam McIntyre has found perhaps the only rain in NSW whilst contesting the State Motocross Championships. In atrocious conditions over the weekend, Liam recovered from falls and crashes to place 10th in NSW in the 15 years 250 4-stroke category. This is a wonderful result, testament to his commitment to this incredibly demanding sport.



Liam McIntyre (10th State Motocross)

NSW CIS Cross Country

Eastern Creek was once again the venue for the NSW CIS Cross Country Championships. TAS fielded a strong team of athletes all prepared to yet again jump on the bus and head to Sydney chasing their sporting dreams. Sam Jones, John Moore and Yann Garrivet were the first TAS students to toe the line in the 16 years. The CIS course is a tough one, as all runners must commence with a 1.2km climb, designed to test even the strongest. Sam stretched himself out early, staying within sight of the leaders, as Yann and John held strong in the middle.

The second lap was a tough one as the pace was unrelenting. Sam held his position to finish a pleasing 25th, with Yann in 46th and John 68th. In the 14 years Mac Orr was contesting his first CIS Cross Country.

Racing sensibly and making the most of the occasion Mac crossed the line in an even 50th place. In the 12 years, our tear-away man James Barton, full of life and enthusiasm, had a terrific race. Setting out just behind the main pack, James held strong throughout the race to finish in 17th position. In the 12 years Primary Max Rogers had the performance of the day. Racing in a hot field Max showed his tenacity in never giving an inch, racing all the way and crossing the line 5th. This sensational result means that Max will now contest the NSW All School Cross Country in July next term. The 11 years saw Theo Munsie putting it all out there. Racing with the zest that emanates from his family tree, Theo charged all day, finishing in 55th spot.

Mr Jim Pennington



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Another full weekend of hockey has been completed. With some wins and some losses across all the teams it seems like a usual sport weekend for TAS. I would however like to draw special mention to the TAS C-Grade Men's team who gained their first points of the season with a 3-all draw with Guyra C whom are at the top of the competition.

This C-Grade team is made up of many players that have never played the game before, yet have turned up each week with a never give up attitude and their commitment to training and playing cannot be questioned. It was great to see their efforts rewarded this weekend. It is this attitude that typifies TAS hockey and TAS students in general.

It is with no surprise, but congratulations to Sam Wright (Year 12) our Co-Captain of TAS Hockey 2018 who has made the NSW STATE Under 21 Team. This is a massive achievement and well deserved for a player that has put so much effort into his game.

As we lead into the holidays our final round of games sees TAS Hockey having their HNE club day next Sunday 24th June at the HNE fields. We would love to see as many of the TAS community as possible to support this. This is not just about TAS hockey but the unity of how the TAS community works within our town and the broader area. We will be running a BBQ, cake stall and raffle all day with proceeds going to the Year 12's chosen charity, Childhood Cancer Support.

Buses will run throughout the day for boarders to support the Hockey teams. Parents, family and friends are strongly urged to come and support this day. You don't have to be there all day just come and enjoy some good hockey. Boarders wanting to support the teams can catch any of the buses heading out.

TAS games for the day will all be held on Turf 1 and times are as follows:

TAS HOCKEY CLUB DAY (24 June)

3rd Division Women- 9.15am TAS vs Guyra

*Bus leaves Q stores at 8.40am

C grade Men- 10.40am TAS vs City

*Bus leaves Q stores at 10am.

2nd Division Women- 12.05pm TAS vs NEGS

*Bus leaves Q stores at 11.20am.

B Grade Men- 1.30pm TAS White vs City

*Bus leaves Q stores at 12.45pm.

B Grade Men- 2.55pm TAS Blue vs ESC

*Bus leaves Q stores at 2.30pm.

A Grade Men- 4.20pm TAS vs City

*Bus leaves Q stores at 3.30pm

We sincerely hope to see you there for your support.

Mrs Tania and Mr Mike Ball

This is the big week for Middle School with *Shrek the Musical Jr.* taking the stage in front of audiences Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tuesday night's preview for the boarders was a huge success, a very tight run of the show with tremendous energy and great enthusiasm, which guarantees it will be an unmissable experience. It is not too late to grab tickets from the Hoskins Centre website (hoskins.as.edu.au) and I urge you all to get there as the character work is superb, the ensemble looks amazing in their songs and dances and Mrs Cleaver and her team (along with some fantastic support from the TAS community) have made this production look stunning. Break a leg, Middle School!

We managed to fit one more touring performance into this already packed term with Zeal Theatre Company bringing their amazing production *The Stones* back to the Hoskins Centre. The work was last performed at the venue in 2013 and once again it proved to be an incredibly power piece of physical theatre acted by two consummate professionals. Not only were our Year 12, 11 and Stage 5 Drama students able to enjoy the production but our HSC students were able to spend several hours after the show working with Tom Lycos and Stefo Nantsou on their Group Performances. I know the students were inspired by the work and their time with the actors and I encourage all TAS students to take advantage of all the performances that the Hoskins Centre brings right to their doorsteps.

This last week sees a number of Stage 5 classes sharing their work with audiences to exhibit all they have achieved this semester and I wish everyone the very best for those showcases. There are also some excellent artworks on display from different classes in the Hoskins Centre foyer and I strongly encourage you get along and see them, some remarkable work has been completed already this year. As we near the end of this incredibly busy Term I am struck by the enthusiasm and involvement of so many TAS students across the Arts and I congratulate all on their many achievements.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



TAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
of

 **SHREK**
THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

TAS Hoskins Centre

Thursday 21 June 7pm
Friday 22 June 2pm & 7pm
Saturday 23 June 7pm

Tickets

\$15 adults \$10 students

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/VLTD>

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford

"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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TAS THE ARMIDALE
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Armidale Eisteddfod

The Armidale Eisteddfod officially concluded on Sunday with the Gala Concert at the Old Teachers' College. The Eisteddfod consisted of over 300 events, in three locations, performed over four weeks, involving all genres of music, choirs, instruments, and speech and drama.

The Gala Concert was a highlight with each of the performances selected by the Adjudicators from all sections of the Eisteddfod. The Gala concert was opened by New England Singers, featuring talented vocalist Alexander Gibson as a soloist. TAS was well represented with outstanding individual performances by Jasper O'Neil (Voice) and Mila Downes (Speech and Drama). TAS Big Band, directed by their talented Director Mrs Bekk Baumgartner, closed the concert with their energetic and very tight performance of 'Eye of the Tiger'.

Congratulations to all TAS students involved in both individual and Ensemble events at the Eisteddfod.

Our sincere thanks to all involved in the organisation, performance and support of the Armidale Eisteddfod: Music staff, peripatetic teachers, students and parents. We are also grateful for the patience and understanding from all TAS Staff who dealt with the interruptions to student's schedules each week.

Our heart felt thanks go to the following talented Ensemble Directors - Mrs Rebekkah Baumgartner, Mrs Nicole Mackson, Miss Arlene Fletcher, Mr Warwick Dunham, Mr Phil Oxley, Mr Patrick O'Connor, Mr Dave Van Tongeren, Mr Denis Arakaki and Mrs Rachel Butcher. Many thanks to our NECOM tutors and ensemble Directors Mr Paul Marshall, Ms Joanna Fairs-Wu, Mr Robert Jackson, Ms April Kelson and Miss Camilla Tafrá. Special thanks to Mrs Robyn Bradley (OAM) who accompanied our Choirs and an incredible number of soloists at the Eisteddfod.

Last but certainly not least - thank you TAS parents for your ongoing support of our music programs, the rehearsals and our events. Without you, we could not do it!

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards at the Eisteddfod Gala Concert on Sunday night.

Armidale Choral Society

Encouragement Award for Voice (Junior Male) Tom Rowe

Astrid Knirsh and Eric Baker

Encouragement Award for Piano (Junior Male) Sorena Nafari

West Armidale Medical Centre

Encouragement Award for Piano (Senior Male) Benjamin Simmonds

Warwick Dunham

Encouragement Award for Organ Ethan Bellman



EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Josiah Alcorn	Speech & Drama- Senior Championship (highest Combined Points in 3 events)	1 st
	Speech & Drama – Verse Speaking Solo 15 years	1 st
	Speech & Drama- Public Speaking Prepared Speech 15 Years	2 nd
	Speech & Drama – Character Sketch Solo 15 Years	2 nd
Will Almond	Composition- Year 12	3 rd
Ani Anderson	Guitar- Guitar Solo K-4	1 st
	Speech & Drama- Prose Recital Solo 9 Years & Under	2 nd
Toby Bauer	Adjudicators Award for Overall Best Composition	1st
	Composition- Year 9	1 st
Ethan Bellman	Organ- 14years Solo Organ	2 nd
Lachlan Cameron	Composition- Electronic Music	3 rd
Flynn Charley-Briggs	Composition- Electronic Music	2 nd
Ellen Coote	Composition- Popular Song	2 nd
Kira Dooner	Voice- 18yrs & Under Solo	1 st
Mila Downes	Speech & Drama – Verse Speaking Under 10 Years	1 st
	Speech & Drama- Prose Recital Under 10 Years	1 st
Piyumi Ekanayake	Speech & Drama- Public Speaking 14 Years	2 nd
Miah Lupica	Vocal- Solo Popular Song Opens	1 st
William Mackson	Composition- Year 8	2 nd
Joshua Miron	Alto Saxophone- Reed Solo, Novice Years 7-12	1 st
Ricky Nutt	Vocal- Duet Musical Theatre Open w. Erin Page	1 st
Jasper O’Neil	Voice- New England Championship 12yrs & Under	1st
	Voice- Australian Composition Solo 12yrs & Under	1 st
	Voice – Folk Song or Ballad Solo 12yrs & Under	1st
Hattie Oates	Composition- Popular Song	3 rd
William Ogilvie	Speech & Drama- Verse Speaking Solo 9yrs & Under	1 st
Erin Page	Vocal- Duet Musical Theatre Open w. Ricky Nutt	1 st
	Vocal- Solo 16 year & under	1 st
	Vocal- Musica Theatre 18 Years & under	3 rd
Lachlan Reiss-Wears	Double Bass- 16 years & under Solo	1 st
Disa Smart	New England String Championship 13-15 Years	1st
	Cello- Solo 20 th /21 st Century 16 Years & under	1 st
	Cello- Solo 16 years & Under	1st
	Cello- Baroque 16 Years & Under	2 nd
Aiden Swick	New England String Age Championship 13-15 Years	2nd
	Violin – Solo 14 Years & under	1 st
	Violin- Duet on any Bowed Instrument 14 years & Under (w. Oscar Gates ACPS)	1 st
	Violin- Romantic Solo 14 years & Under	1 st
	Violin – Baroque Solo 14 years & Under	1 st
Lucian Tsang	Piano- New England Piano Age Championship 13-15 Years	2nd
	Piano- Solo Baroque AMEB Grade 7 & Above	1 st
	Piano- Solo 20 th /21 st Century AMEB Grade 7 & 8 Standard	2 nd
Matthew Turnbull	Composition- Electronic Music	1 st
Hamish Tydd	Piano Solo Popular or Jazz Under 16	3 rd
Hayley Whitehill	Flute- Flute Duet 14yrs & Under (w. Emilie Gates from AHS)	1 st
	Organ – 14 years Solo Organ	1 st
	Flute- Wind Solo, 20 th /21 st Century (AMEB Grade 5 & under)	3 rd
Kindergarten	Choral Speaking K-3	HC
TAS Contemporary Band	Years 7-12 Folk or Popular Ensemble	2 nd
TAS Senior Choir	Choir 19 years & Under	1 st
TAS Senior Jazz	Jazz Ensemble Years 7-12	1 st
The Gees	Years 7-12 Folk or Popular Ensemble	HC
The Rolling Oates	Folk or Popular Ensemble Open	1 st
	Years 7-12 Folk or Popular Ensemble	1 st
TAS 3-5 Choir	Years K-6 Choir Unison (Division 2)	1 st

As a result of discussion at a Middle School planning meeting at the beginning of the long weekend, I want to let you know that we, as Middle School Homeroom teachers who are preparing for the next stage of the IB Middle Years Programme, want your children to begin to 'take the initiative' in terms of communication in a more active way during their time in our part of the school. As indicated to staff at that meeting and also the one this week, I'm happy about the prospect of working more closely with all people for whom I'm directly responsible. Something that should make our time together universally worthwhile is a work place that encourages the collaborative efforts of boys, girls and staff. The only realistic and sensible way to ensure such an atmosphere is to invite their comments in a place that encourages the level of confidence necessary for each student to be resourceful and to have a 'voice'. It's your job to encourage your child to 'speak up' in a respectful manner; ours is to ensure that the level of respect is 'followed through' and reciprocated. Yes, I know that this style of environment is the ideal and am very aware that we're dealing with young adolescents for whom school life, in particular, can be characteristically challenging, indeed, daunting. I also know that if we don't continue to try to effect such an environment here in Middle School, then we're not doing the right thing by these young people as it's our collective brief, as teachers and families, to ensure that they're happy and, as such, resilient enough to meet the greater challenges, independence and responsibilities of their future in the Senior School.

As a Chinese proverb indicates, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" and this is one of ours – as a result of our recent meetings, you'll find below some comments by two of our student leaders, Mac Orr and Emily Palfreyman.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Mac Orr:

The Middle School monitors are a group of Year Eight students who make up the leadership team for Years 6-8. Together, our common goal is to make Middle School a better place for everyone, students and staff. To do this we have weekly meetings with Mr Harrison where we discuss any issues and problems that are occurring around Middle School as well as in our Middle School boarding areas. Together we have been discussing how we can make Middle School a place where everyone enjoys. We have already made an impact between Middle School boys and girls by making us more interactive and less divided. We did this by having a boarders movie night when White House hosted the girls and watched 'Central Intelligence'. This is something that we should continue to work on and we hope to resolve more issues to make Middle School an awesome, fun and interactive place where everyone wants to be.



Mr Mark Harrison

Emily Palfreyman:

The role of the monitors in Middle School is to support students needs in their everyday school life. Recently we have been working on ways to help students stay warm in winter. This winter is already turning out to be freezing, so we have been focusing on ways to overcome problems, including all the students being extremely cold throughout the winter season.

Another issue we have discussed is students being late to classes. We are trying to fix this by ringing the bell 5 minutes early, giving the students enough time to leave the playground and arrive at class on time. We are also trying to make sure that all students in Middle School have the best experience.

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Eisteddfod Gala Concert

There is no doubting the amount of time and effort given to this fantastic community event. In past years, there has been some question to its value, especially with fluctuating numbers of participants and the time given to enable our children to contribute. However, and without a doubt, as you watch those who perform, the benefits are obvious. "Arts provide students with a wide range of opportunities and means to respond to their experience and engage with historical, social and cultural perspectives." (Making the PYP Happen p 125). Congratulations to Tom Rowe and Mila Downes for their inclusion in the Gala Concert last Sunday – what a fantastic acknowledge of their talents.

Activities Day No 4 – Spirit of Internationalism

I hope you have all received an email about our Activities Day organisation today, Wednesday June 20. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful array of countries and cultures represented in a range of activities throughout the day. I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation and invite all our parents to come along and join in the program in our Junior School classrooms and the Hoskins Centre. From cooking to dancing, Nepal to Bangladesh, the day looks to be one of action-packed and fun-filled experiences!

Happy Birthday

Celebrating their birthdays this week are Raseel Alazizi, William Ogilvie and Ty Schalk-O'Brien.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 2

WEEK 8

Wed 20 June

No Assembly
Activities Day No 4

WEEK 9

Wed 27 June

Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

Thu 28 June

Classes Conclude

Fri 29 June

Staff Day - Pupil Free Day

TERM 3

WEEK 1

Mon 23 Jul

Staff Day – Pupil Free Day

Tue 24 Jul

Classes Resume

Wed 25 Jul

Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

WEEK 2

Tue 31 Jul

ICAS English Exam

Wed 1 Aug

Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Lost Property

With Winter upon us I take this opportunity to remind everyone to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have already received multiple requests to look out for lost jumpers, jackets and hats. While some have turned up because they are well named, many have turned up with no identification at all so may not make it back to their owners.

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 7

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

Dominic Leary, Andy Hardin, Mitchell Evans, Edwina Newton, Andrew Alkhoury, Cameron Carruthers, Josiah Baumgartner, Evan Kwan & Bonnie Blanch.

Mr Ian Lloyd

Head of Junior School

Holiday borrowing from the library

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading. Please note that children are able to borrow their usual two books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow three to six books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter and hand it in to the library or email the library at library@as.edu.au

-----Please return signed note to Library -----

Permission to borrow library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child

in Year to borrow 3 to 6 books from the TAS library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2018.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

Signed Date

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

MRS CHRISTINE WRIGHT

TAS Blue U7 Football

TAS Blue returned to Rologas after a week off enjoying the long weekend. The renewed energy, from the break, was evident from the warm up with William Cooper-Fillios, Mila Nexo and George Drain tirelessly working on their passing and link plays up until kick off. With numbers strong for the fixture, TAS Blue were able to regularly rotate players to ensure our high tempo game plan was maintained throughout the game.

With all players eager to be in the starting four, I sensed a willingness not seen for a number of weeks and an unlikely upset against a formidable looking DK Axes. Unfortunately, the size, power and well drilled attack of the opposition was a challenge too big for TAS but credit for the effort displayed by all nine players. Layla Abu Assab controlled the ball well and attacked the goal at any opportunity. Layla's ability to consistently beat the first defender is to be commended. Mila Nexo was busy in attack and defence bringing a controlled aggression to her game not witnessed before.

Mila is the team's biggest improver and is providing much needed support for Layla up front. Rebecca Billingsley and Cecilia Price's defence is to be commended and their willingness to re-start stoppages as quickly as possible helps maintain a fast-flowing game. Andrian Zhang and William Copper-Fillios were a wall in defence at the back and are working on moving forward more regularly in attack. George Drain and Bonnie Blanch were both team players in attack, happy to pass to players in better positions and were tireless in defence. Pippi Goudge was her usual busy self and is to be applauded for her willingness to pressure the opposition into mistakes.

All players deserve thanks for the way they accepted being subbed throughout the game to ensure all received sufficient game time and Layla Abu Assab is to be congratulated for receiving the coaches award for her tireless work in attack. Well done Layla!

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Uralla next Saturday at 11am.

Mr David Drain

TAS U8 Football

After a break from competition over the long weekend, the Under 8's were raring to play last Saturday. The goal was confidently protected by both Ruby Ogilvie in the first half and then by Cam Carruthers in the second half. This was our second game against the Armidale East Bears and so each team knew what to expect from their opposition. Even so, the Under 8's had a strong game, with Edwina Newton showing some wonderful attacking skills and Arthur White demonstrating an all-rounder effort both attacking and defending. It was pleasing to see Connor Ryan calling for and passing the ball during the game, as these are skills we have been developing at training. It is a delight to see the team play as one entity, with many goals eventuating from many team members' efforts.

Mrs Prudence Woods

TAS BLUE U10 Football

This week TAS Blues played Armidale City Bears on a cold and windy day at Harris Park. We had some parents come and support us and cheer us on.

I thought Mohammad played really well in the field and in goal. Mohammad is a good team player because he congratulates people when they do something well. Lachie played really well in goal too! This was only his second time in goal and he saved quite a few attempts from the other team and he also played well in the field. Braith also played really well - he always sticks in his position and always has a go.

TAS won the game 5 - 2 with Oli scoring 3 and Charlie scoring 2. But we always say in our team "It's not the individuals who score the goals, it takes the whole team to score!" So well done everyone!

Our greatest strength this week was our talking and passing to each other. One thing I really enjoy about our team is that Mrs Hardin gets us to play in different positions every game. I like this because this means we aren't always stuck in a position and we get to play in every position to see which one we like best.

When we were asked at the end of the game what we should work on, Will suggested "shooting", I think he means shooting goals! At our next training I think we need to keep working on staying in our positions because sometimes we can bunch up around the ball and leave gaps for the other team to play through.

I would like to thank our coach, Mrs Hardin for coaching us and Mr Ryan for umpiring our Saturday game. I'd also like to thank our whole team because each of you makes it fun and more exciting to play.

Oliver Goudge (Year 4)

TAS White U12 Football

The TAS White players came up against North Pirates on Saturday and had a great game overall. Although they lost the game with a score of 4 - 2 it was a very close game and the last two goals were only scored in the last 10 minutes. We had some outstanding play from Evan Kwan showing some fancy footwork as he moved up the field outsmarting the opposition; Millie Coupland holding her new position as a winger and getting really involved in the play; Nick Thomas for his best defensive game this season and Finders Ward for his enthusiasm toward both defensive and attacking play. A special shout out to Ty who had a fall and may have broken his wrist. We hope you recover quickly so you can rejoin us on the field.

This weekend sees us playing at Rologas 2 against DK Kings. It would be great if everyone could get to the field at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the game to assist with warm up and player positions.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon





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The Aboriginal Culture Centre and Keeping Place (ACCKP) is once again running a Holiday Program for primary school Children from Monday 9th July to Friday 13th July. The program will run from 9.00am to 12 noon. This program is open to all children of primary school age. The theme for the July Holiday Program is “**NAIDOC Week**”. Children will have the opportunity to learn and carry out activities surrounding this theme.

The cost for the morning tea, supervision, materials and activities will be covered by the ACCKP. This holiday program is being funded by the Department of Education. Please pick up and complete a registration form from the ACCKP by the 2nd July 2018 to ensure your child/children’s place is confirmed.

