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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 1 August 2018 Term 3 Week 2

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

United Nations Evatt and Voice Competitions

TAS had the privilege of hosting the final regional round of the United Nations Youth 'Evatt' and 'Voice' competitions last week and I offer particular thanks to the three members of the UN Youth Australia team who travelled to Armidale for a second time this year to make these events possible. The same group was with us to run a workshop earlier this year and their continued interest and support is much appreciated. Four schools competed last week, including one team that travelled from Griffith in the south of the State, and I am very pleased to see the competition gathering momentum in its second year in Armidale.

For the benefit of those unfamiliar with this organisation and their activities, UN Youth Australia is a national youth led organisation that engages with over 15,000 young Australians each year on international issues and the role of the UN. 'Evatt' is a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9 to 12, named after Herbert 'Doc' Evatt who was an Australian High Court Justice who became President of the UN General Assembly and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The competition takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council with teams of two students debating, amending and voting on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students who are judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round. The second activity, 'Voice', is a public speaking competition that offers students in Years 7 to 10 the opportunity to pitch their big ideas to solve issues in their community, country or the world. That combination of developing skills to influence the decisions of others and to really interact with challenging problems makes this public speaking competition unique and links it to the activities and aspirations of the United Nations.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The results of the competitions are not yet in, but the benefits of being a part of it have already been had. I hope that we will see both Evatt and Voice develop as regular events in the TAS calendar and I encourage parents and students to keep them in mind for next year.

Year 10 Parent Information Sessions

I encourage all Year 10 parents to do all they can to attend one of the two information sessions to be held tonight at 6:15 in the library and tomorrow at 11:45am in the Hoskins Centre. The HSC years present real challenges for every student, regardless of ability, and we believe that those challenges are best met through a team approach of student, family and school. Being able to approach these senior years with a common understanding of what lies ahead and what strategies are most likely to be successful is a good start and that is what these information sessions are all about. Those who are able to attend the session tonight will see the changes that have been made to the library recently and get a feel for the academic environment that our Year 10 students are preparing for.

Significant changes will be made to the Preliminary HSC in 2019 and the HSC in 2020 and coverage of these changes and what they mean for our students will be a focus of the presentation from our Director of Studies, Seonia Wark, so even those parents who have travelled the HSC journey before will hear important new information that will better equip them to assist their children in the coming years. For the majority of families who will be new to the HSC, Seonia's presentation will also cover the often challenging areas of subject selection, HSC rules, scaling and ATAR calculations. In addition, our Director of Pastoral Care, Barney Buntine will offer advice on how to approach the senior years from a personal and family perspective to best find the balance and motivation that will be needed.

Please note that the information session in the library tonight is for parents only as all students will attend the identical session tomorrow in Period 4.

Murray Guest





Uniform and Book Shop

Hours for the Uniform and Book Shop will be reduced over the following two weeks due to staffing issues.

The shop will open on Mon-Fri from 4pm-5pm and 1-145pm.

If you have any urgent enquires please contact Mrs Kate Lawrence in the Business Office on 6776 5800.

WEEK 2

Wednesday 1 August

2:00pm - Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
6:15pm - Year 10 Parent Information Session

Thursday 2 August

11:45am - Year 10 Parent Information Session
2:00pm - Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
National Schools Mountain Bike Challenge - Gold Coast

Friday 3 August

National Schools Mountain Bike Challenge - Gold Coast
Rugby departs for Sydney

Saturday 4 August

TAS v Sydney Grammar School (Sydney)
Nyngan Ag Expo

WEEK 3

Monday 6 August

Boarders Formal Dinner

Wednesday 8 August

Curtain Up
P&F Meeting (7pm)

Saturday 11 August

TAS v Kings (Sydney)

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY PARTY – SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Did you know the P&F turned 80 this year??!

To celebrate an amazing milestone and all the hard work people have put in over the years the Armidale School Parents and Friends Association request the pleasure of your company at our 80th Birthday Soiree on Saturday 1 September 2018 from 5pm to 8pm in Big School.

Please forward our warm invitation to attend to all current, past and future parents, friends and staff. Everyone is invited. We wish to celebrate all the amazing things the P&F has done over the years and the friendships we have made in a convivial environment with drinks and nibbles.

To help us organise catering numbers please RSVP by 24th August on trybooking.com. Drinks will be \$5 a glass and eftpos will be available.

If you have any enquiries please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662.

P&F MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 7PM

Our first P&F meeting for Term 3 is on next week. If you would like to attend please pop on in to Big School at 7pm. All are welcome.

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 and send it to Jo Neilson jneilson@as.edu.au. Forms can be filled in at any time, including if you pop in to a meeting.

Link to Voting Membership Form

goo.gl/PgatcN



Seemed Like a Good Idea At The Time - Romans 1:19-23

Allegedly, actually it depends which web site you believe, when NASA started sending astronauts into space, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside-down, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300 C.

The Russians used a pencil.

I guess it seemed like a good idea at the time. This term we are going to pick up this theme, things that seemed like such a good idea at a particular moment, but in hindsight, they proved to be less than they promised.

For example, do you know you can purchase a \$300 toothpaste tube squeezer? What a wonderful idea, time and effort preserving... this little baby should pay for itself exactly one day before the sun burns out.

Think of all the things in your household that that seemed like a good idea at the time – even revolutionary – the bread maker, the corn popper, the fairy flosser, the hand held electric fan – so many duds.... They seemed like a good idea at the time.

There are so many – Dennis Lillee's aluminium cricket bat, Mr Toakley's bubble wrap shower cap (ask him later).

Then we must acknowledge the useful products that we bought, use and love. Here is the problem, we love stuff, we think stuff will offer so much. The trouble is while many products seem like a good idea at the time, we give too much worth to them – we esteem them to the point of worship – where we wouldn't let them go for anything... this is not healthy, particularly when they take the place that God demands.

The word worship means, give worth to something, and it's what you give the most worth to, what you put the greatest value on is that which you worship.

They don't deliver on all that they promise. It's easy to think 'this is it', 'this is the thing that will make my life better, make me more popular, I'll have to do less work, I'll be safer, smarter, cooler'... but so very often we overestimate these things, we expect them to deliver more than they will ever do in reality.

It's easy to see why we end up in this predicament. If God has made everything for a reason, for our use and good pleasure, and in receiving these gifts we think too much of them, and we put them in a place that is higher and of greater importance than God himself, we find ourselves living in topsy-turvy land. We find ourselves never quite satisfied and perhaps even frustrated. Let's not fall into the trap of worshipping the creation over the creator – it will never work out as well.

Mr Richard Newton



Mr Richard Newton



Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held today and tomorrow (Thursday) in Memorial Hall. Two Parent Information presentations will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 6.15 in the Library (not Big School as previously advertised) and a repeat session on Thursday at 11.45am. All Year 10 students will also attend the presentation on Thursday. These presentation will focus on changes to the HSC and academic and pastoral support for students in the senior years.

Year 12 Trial exams

HSC Trial exams will be held on Weeks 4 and 5 (13 - 24 August). The timetable has been sent to students and parents along with a document outline the expectations for students during this exam period. Students who are unable to attend an exam must contact the school as soon as possible and an Appeals Form must be completed with supporting documentation e.g. Doctor's Certificate.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies



Mrs Seonia Wark



ACADEMIC

Term 3 Tutoring Timetable

Please see below the times that a subject specific tutor will be working in the library as part of the extended day program.

Years 9 & 10				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7pm – 8pm	Maths & Science			Maths & Science
8pm – 9pm				
7pm – 9pm		English		English
Years 11 & 12				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7pm – 8pm		Chemistry	Maths Advanced	Maths
8pm – 9pm	Maths	Biology	Maths Ext	Maths Standard Physics
7pm – 9pm		English		English

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 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 is 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.

The Plan for Year 12.

I sent an email to all Year 12 recently outlining the direction for Careers until the end of term. I have posted a copy of this on the school's webpage for the benefit of students and parents. Please have a look at the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/07/31/the-plan-for-year-12-to-the-end-of-term-3/>

Cocktails for female Medicine students – (Extract from and email I received from Laura Mallet)

"The event will be held on Saturday 11 August at 6pm at the 'Stro (UNE) and aims to celebrate women's successes, challenges and experiences in their medical training, careers and everyday life.

We will have four dedicated women from different medical professions to share their insightful and inspirational stories with students studying at UNE and local schools as well as the Armidale community. This event provides a great opportunity for attendees of all genders, ages and backgrounds to network and gain insight into the medical profession and its community.

This event will be very beneficial for high school students looking to join the medical profession, whether that is as a doctor, nurse, psychologist or allied health worker, after completing high school.

Canapes, food platters and drinks will be provided and tickets will cost \$28.

Here is the booking link: <https://unione.unelife.com.au/Clubs/unemsa/Products/146>

[and Facebook event where speakers will be announced in the next few weeks:](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2075040082758586/>

Information from Wollongong University

Early Admission – Opens today 1 August.

Accommodation Bursary – UOW is pleased to offer a \$5,000 offer to Regional and Remote students through the Early Admission program.

OPEN DAY – Saturday 11 August

Registrations are now open here. This is a great day for students and their families to come and speak to academics, tour the facilities and get a feel for campus life and support services.

Southern Cross University is pleased to launch its STAR Early Offer program for 2019.

SCU has sent out information about how to apply for their Early Entry program which I have posted on the school's Careers Webpage on the school's website. If you were considering studying at one of their campuses I would highly recommend and look at this scheme.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/07/30/southern-cross-university-is-pleased-to-launch-our-star-early-offer-program-for-2019/>



GPS Shooting

Congratulations to all members of the TAS Rifle Team on their efforts at last week's AAGPS Rifle Shooting Championships. A special mention to Jack Waters who was selected in the Combined GPS team. The TAS team included boys and girls ranging from Year 8 to Year 12. Their shared sense of purpose and cohesion were a tribute to the coaching team of Mr David Lawrence (MIC), Mr Angus Murray, Mr Alasdair Hey and Mr Rob Bondfield. Their dedication and the calm and caring manner in which they instructed the team, were recognized and appreciated.

I extend my thanks also, to all the parents who contributed to the 10 days of preparation and competition.

It is a mammoth undertaking and their willingness to help contributed to the day-to-day running of the event as well as the sense of community within the team.

Managing Head Injuries

Why the sudden epidemic of head injuries?

Are adolescents so much clumsier these days?

Like many phenomena, it is our knowledge that has changed more than our environment. We are much more aware of both what constitutes a potential head injury and its potential to cause concussion or a more severe injury to the brain. Potential head injury or concussion must be considered possible whenever a player receives an injury to the head, either from a direct blow or indirectly.

Concussion Management

At TAS we apply the Australian Rugby Union Concussion Guidelines to all head injuries <http://www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/runningrugby/PolicyRegister/ConcussionProcedureManagement.aspx>.

The 8 step protocol prescribes a graduated return to play -

At time of Injury:

1. Recognise
2. Remove
3. Record
4. Refer

Before returning to play:

5. Rest
6. Recover
7. Record
8. Return

The alternative management plan is to abolish contact sport. However, life is full of risks. Sport teaches us to manage risks and to weigh them up against the physical, psychological, social and emotional benefits that sport offers.

Year 12 Co-Curricular Expectations

With Trials looming, it is understandable that Year 12 students will be evaluating the various commitments competing for their time. Whilst it is expected that their studies are top priority, it is important to remember the benefits of co-curricular activities and the power of exercise in stimulating the mind and managing stress.

Staff are respectful of the students' needs and I ask that students reciprocate by communicating with their coaches any planned absences from training and rehearsals. It is expected that students honour their commitment to games and performances.



Mr Will Caldwell

TAS V SYDNEY GRAMMAR 3-4 AUGUST

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school **Friday 3 August:**

- BUS 1 (Oxley-62) – 13s & 14s: 1.30pm (Dinner 5.00pm)
- BUS 2 (Edwards -57) – 15s & 16s: 2.00pm (Dinner 5.30pm)
- TAS Coaster – 16s: 2.00pm (Dinner 5.30pm)
- BUS 3 (Oxley-57) – Opens: 2.30pm (Dinner 6.00pm)

Return to TAS front of school **Saturday 4 August:** Updates via Team App

TAS	Grammar	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	SGS 1 st XV	Weigall 1	1.00pm
TAS 2 nd XV	SGS 2 nd XV	Weigall 1	12.00pm
TAS 16A	SGS 16A	Weigall 1	10.00am
TAS 16B	SGS 16B	Weigall 1	9.00am
TAS 15A	SGS 15A	Weigall 1	11.00am
TAS 15B	SGS 15B	Rushcutters Bay	10.00am
TAS 14A	SGS 14A	Rushcutters Bay	12.00pm
TAS 14B	SGS 14B	Rushcutters Bay	11.00am
TAS 13A	SGS 13A	Weigall 2	11.30am
TAS 13B	SGS 13B	Weigall 2	10.30am

Game Locations: Weigall Fields 1 & 2 off Neild Avenue
 Rushcutters Bay- off New South head Rd (adjacent to CYCA)

Bedding/Accommodation: 13s & 14s: **Swags** -Newington College (Breakfast provided)
 15s: **Swags**- Grammar Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)
 16s: Sleeping Bags & Pillows Only– Shore Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)
 Opens: Sleeping Bag & Pillow - SBHS Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)

*** Boys without swags should collect a mattress from Sandilands room upon departure & take their own sleeping bag & pillow**

Meals: Friday Dinner Belmore in Scone
 Breakfast as shown above
 Lunch Saturday for all teams on Main Campus of Grammar
 Dinner Saturday en route home

Dress: Year 7-8: Full TAS Tracksuit (**to be worn to school**)
 Year 9-12: **TAS formals**, to be worn for all travel and on game day.

Cost: All students \$110 charged to school accounts.

Winter Sports Staff Allocation 2018

Term 3 Update

Football	Richard Newton (MIC)
Opens Manager	Luke Polson (Co-ordinator)
Fitness	Julie Flanagan Michael Keenan Christian Nexo/Thomas Hyatt Cameron Patrick Christian Gill Rami Bahnas Alan Shortt Patrick O'Connor/Daniel Bailey Liam Treavors Jacob Hunt/Matt Rankmore Hannah Lo Michael Baumgartner Kirsty Brunson Tania Hardin Veronica Waters Stephen Thompson/Nick Jackson Thomas Powell/Lana Hawkesford David Drain Emerson Browning/Keanu Rhoades Gill Downes/ Millie Bonnici Emerson Browning Millie Bonnici, Nicholas Jackson
1st XI	
2nd XI	
3rd XI	
4th XI	
16A	
16B	
14A	
14B	
Juniors Manager	
12 (Year 6)	
12 (Year 5)	
10 (Year 4 Blue)	
10 (Year 4 White)	
10 (Year 3)	
8s	
7s	
6s	
Student Assistants	
Shooting	David Lawrence (MIC)
	Alisdair Hey Angus Murray Mark Morton Lewis Wilde

Hockey	Tania & Michael Ball (MIC)
OPENS	Caleb Dobos/Suzie Wright Mgr
A Grade Mens	Michael Ball, Heather Williams Mgr.
B Grade Blue Mens	Sebastian Etheridge, Rachael Nicoll Mgr
C Grade White Mens	Annabel Sheehan/Alex Alker
2nd Div. Womens	Alex Portell, Anthony Hillard, Jo Neilson Mgr.
3rd Div. Womens	Catey Curtin/Tania Ball Manager
Fitness	Michael Keenan
U16s Mixed	Barney Buntine
Year 10	Michelle Jackson/David Toakley Mgr
Year 9	Jaime Curran/Pip Malone
Year 8	Fiona Porter
U16s Girls	Alexandra Murray
U13s Mixed	Elaine McKellar
Year 7	Phoebe Wood/Barney Buntine Mgr
Year 6	Tania Ball, Norm Cowan
U13s Girls	Donella Tutt
U11s Mixed	Lily Neilson,
U9s	Georgia Kaynes, Belle Perrottet Georgina Watson, Sam Behrend
Student Assistants	
Netball	Rachel Harrison (MIC)
TAS #1	Alice Hudson (Admin.)
TAS #2	Dakota Scott
TAS #3	Zach Hocking
TAS #4	Emma Channon
TAS #5	Kaitlin Staniforth, Charlotte Hunt
JS Netball	Alex Pollitt
Student Assistants	Anna Frost Harriet Wickman, Georgie Orman Ellen Coote, Amelia Griffiths

Rugby	Todd Currell (Co-ordinator)
1st XV	Alan Jones / AJ Whalley
2nd XV	Clarrie Moran/Mick Barry
16s Manager	Todd Currell
16s Coaches	Michael Holland/Scott Bremner Jordan Lucas Ben MacDougall Ben Hamparsum Jen Goldsworthy Matt Crosby Ben Spence Angus Roxborough Harriet Symons Jamie Brauer Will Bourke/ Craig Norrie Nick Murphy
Student Assistants	Max Qorovarua, Bailey Simmons Amanda Robins Mark Taylor Ardene Ruhone
13 Manager	John Goudge
13 Coaches	Nick Flannery Rachael Edmonds Chloe Prado Karen Hutton
Student Assistant	
Rugby Travel Staff	
JS Sports Co-ordinator	Christine Wright

Extra Sports

Cross Country	Jim Pennington
Dance	Jane Chivers
Equestrian	Gen Geyle-Chick

Girls 7s Rugby	Alix Goudge
Student Assistant	Sophie Tongue
Water Polo	Todd Currell

Weights Room	Chris Doherty Ben Buckland
Hawkesbury CC	Alasdair Hey

Middle School/Senior School Winter Sports Training Schedule- Term 3 2018

J FULL SPORTS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
FOOTBALL Opens		Doody Park 4.30-6.00pm	Doody Park 3.45-5.00pm	1 st XI - Doody Park 4.30-6pm		
16s		Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm		Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm		
14s		Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm		Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm		
12s - Year 6		Dangar Field 3.45-5.00pm	Dangar Field 3.45-5.00pm			Game SATURDAY
12s - Year 5	Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm					
10s	Wakefield Nth 3.45-5pm					
8s & 9s	Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm					
6s & 7s	Dangarfield 3.45-5.00pm					
HOCKEY Opens		UNE Turf 5.00-6.00pm	UNE Turf 5-6pm (1sts Only)			
13s,16s		UNE Turf 3.45-5.00pm				
9s, 11s			UNE Turf 3.45-5.00pm			
Games (all)	For all Games please refer to draw for game days and times					
NETBALL Teams 1 & 2		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm		MS Courts 4.30-5.30pm		Games SATURDAY
Teams 3,4,5		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm		
Netta	MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm					
RUGBY Opens		Doody Park 4.45-6.00pm	Backfield 3.45-5.00pm	Doody Park 4.45-6.00pm		
16s		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		
15s	Backfield 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm			Game SATURDAY
14s	Wakefield Sth 3.45-5pm		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm			
13s		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm		
SQUASH		Smith House 3.45-5.15pm		Smith House 3.45-5.15pm		
SHOOTING	Small Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm		Small Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm			Full Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm

Extra Sports	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
CROSS COUNTRY		TBC	3.45pm-5.15pm Moran Oval	TBC		TBC Comps
DANCE			3.45pm-5.00pm McConville			
GIRLS RUGBY 7s			Training 3.45pm-5.00pm Cricket Oval		Games	
SWIMMING		TAS Pool 6.15am		TAS Pool 6.15am		

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

The first of the HSC showcase events will be CurtainUP next Wednesday 8 August, a showcase of the HSC Drama Individual Projects (IPs) and Group Performances (GPs) as works-in-progress. The evening is divided into two programs, with Program 1 (PG-rated pieces) 6pm - 7:10pm and Program 2 (M15+ pieces) 7:20pm - 9pm. The whole TAS community is invited to come and enjoy the hard work and talent of our senior Drama students as they prepare for their HSC Performance Examinations in Week 7 and so it would be wonderful to a large, supportive audience in attendance.

Auditions for Junior School's *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* will be taking place in Week 3 and 4. Information has been sent out by Mrs Cleaver and so best of luck to our excited Year 3, 4 and 5 students vying for the lead roles.

Congratulations to Wad Udompitisup in Year 10, who received a Commendation in her section at the University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize. Her work, and the other TAS pieces, are still on display at NERAM as part of the Let's Hang It exhibition and I strongly encourage everyone to go and enjoy the exemplary pieces of art submitted by students from across the region.

During Middle and Senior lunches Thursday the Technical Production Crews will again be having sessions with Mr Cornford. New faces are welcome to come along and with a busy plan for this term make sure you get to the Hoskins Centre promptly. The Visual Arts Club with Mrs Xeros is Running every Monday and Thursday afternoons for all Middle and Senior students. And Junior School Drama Club continues every Tuesday 3:45pm - 4:45pm Mrs Cleaver and Ms Brus.



Mr Andrew O'Connell



New England Sings! 2018

The New England Conservatorium of Music will again present the mass choral project New England Sings! in 2018 featuring schools across New England supported by the Armidale Music Teachers Association. This year New England Sings! will be held on the weekend of 15-16 October at Lazenby Hall, UNE, Armidale. New England Sings! was last held in 2016 and featured over 800 students from local schools around the New England and North West region.

The 2018 project will include:

The commissioning of two works from leading Australian composers – Dan Walker for the primary choir and Felix Riebl from The Cat Empire for the secondary choir. Both composers will be attending workshops throughout the year and the final weekend of New England Sings! to assist with rehearsals and attend the concerts.

In the first hour of announcing the ticket sales for New England Sings! almost 100 tickets of the 1100 available (between the two concerts) have been sold online. I encourage you all to get in early before missing out on good seats....or any seats at all!

Tickets can be purchased directly from Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/WXRS

Term 3 Twilight Concert!

Our first Twilight Concert for Term 3 is being held this Thursday 2 August in the Hoskins Theatre from 6pm. Twilight concerts are held each term to provide performance opportunities for Music students at TAS.

The TAS Twilight Concerts are

entertaining and intimate performance evenings featuring musicians with a range of skills and experience - from beginner to advanced students. This term's concert will feature students who will be sitting for their AMEB exams in coming weeks, along with many of our Year 12 Music students.

The students would love your support. We hope to see you there.

AMEB Examinations

A reminder to students sitting AMEB exams over the next few weeks to let the School know you will be absent from class for your exam. Also - best of luck! We like to celebrate the achievements of music students so please let us know the outcome of your AMEB examinations. If you would like us to publish AMEB results in TAS Talks please email Mrs Edmonds at music@as.edu.au

GONDWANA Choirs & NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP

Each January, the Gondwana National Choral School brings together talented singers, composers and conductors from all over the country for an unforgettable, intensive, two-week Sydney season.

This amazing choral experience marks the beginning of a year of National Choral Projects which which take in Invitation to Berlin, Gondwana World Choral Festival, the annual Voices of Angels concert, Gondwana Chorale UK and Eastern European tour, and Gondwana Composer School and Conducting Academy. National Choral School is hosted at the University of New South Wales where choristers enjoy excellent rehearsal spaces, performing venues and campus accommodation.

The summer School culminates in

Festival of Summer Voices - four days of public performances. The Festival runs concurrently with the NCS Symposium - three days of professional development activities for music educators along with workshops that offer the public a taste of NCS.

Established by Lyn Williams OAM in 1997, Gondwana Choirs is the leader in Australian choral performance for talented young choristers. Its annual National Choral School offers an intensive residential two week camp for choristers aged 10-26 years to participate in rehearsals, performances and workshops with leading choral conductors, composers and singers.

A number of TAS students have been selected for the Gondwana Choirs National Music Camp and have found it to be a wonderful experience. We highly recommend auditioning for this exciting opportunity.

The National Choral School will be held on 7-20 January 2019 at the University of NSW, Sydney with all choristers in residence at Kensington Colleges. All information and audition applications must be completed by parents on <https://www.gondwana.org.au/choirs/ncs-2019/>

NECOM will also be providing a 4-week preparation course for students preparing for the aural/sight singing skills component of the National Choral School auditions.

Second Semester

We are fortunate that formal exams begin at Year 6 level at TAS. Students have ample opportunity to learn: about study techniques that are specific to their learning needs and styles; about the best methods of seeking further feedback in areas where it is most needed; about the fact that improvements, where necessary, can be made; about optimizing their potential to perform to advantage under timed conditions. I've already spoken to students in our Town Meetings and have had some enquiry from parents about how best to optimize time and resources this term – the goal is to get the best possible outcomes from the term and the next exam block that 'falls' reasonably early next term.

As I've indicated, long-gone, thankfully, are the days where a result, disappointing for whatever reason, was the 'end of the line' till the next exam block and the interim period was a 'wait and see' game causing anxiety or, worse, increasing fear. To reinforce, one of our primary jobs is to help these younger boys and girls develop individual techniques necessary to the realization of a situation where best personal success is the outcome. Best performance under timed conditions is something that is hard and is rarely achieved by simply doing exams, in the old days, generally at the senior school level. We need to encourage individuals to think about and, considering their relative youth, experiment with scenarios that result in the best methods, times for revision that enable 'best performance'.

Term 3: work and sport

It's TAS and as I indicated last week we're already busy. This term is no exception: in fact it will be very busy in terms of academic pursuit and sports. Being slightly longer than Term 2, assessments will be on-going and it is important that all parents keep abreast of assessment requirements, due dates and the necessity of 'pacing' work output so that students aren't overwhelmed by requirements of all subjects studied.

The new timetables, of course, mean new Homework Schedules. It's a very good idea to ask your children about their work, to encourage them and, where appropriate and practicable, to assist them. For boarders there is the facility of tutorial attendance in Core areas that reflects as far as possible the 'home help' situation. Above all else, we need to encourage them to pace themselves and the best way this can be done is to know what's due and when. This is especially important because of weekend sporting commitments. As you are aware there is a good number of away games over the first month of term.

As you are no doubt aware, it is important that students, especially Middle School ones, are busy but the general theme of this inclusion is that, in order to enjoy themselves, they must be organized as well. Your support of us in this regard is appreciated. Overall, the term has begun well: as valuable and insightful contributions made by homeroom teachers our last Middle School Meeting attest, staff seem well rested – in fact, all in this section of the school are happy enough to negotiate the second half of the academic year



Mr Mark Harrison

Last weekend I was in Sydney watching the Middle School 13s and 14s at St Joseph's College – their rugby skills enabled them to acquit themselves very well and we had some real wins, too.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



It is really pleasing to see our new students settling quickly into their classes and all our students getting back into the groove so quickly. We welcome all our newcomers and look forward to a busy term which contains a number of events needing to be highlighted. Please read TAS Talks carefully for announcements of upcoming events and activities including: PSSA Athletics in Week 4, the Junior School 'Spirit of Service' Activities Day (and Book Week Parade) and Regional daVinci Decathlon in Week 6, Yr 5 PYP Exhibition in Week 8 and our Jump Rope for Heart Jump off in Week 10 with the dates for the Hanna Shield yet to be confirmed.

Congratulations – ICAS Science Competition

I am very pleased to announce that we had some great success in the recent ICAS Science competition and I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following for their achievements.

Year 5 Credit – Austin Pease, Millie Coupland.

Year 4 Distinction – Felix Winslett.

Year 4 Credit – Euan Billingsley, Katie Hynes, Archer Starr.

Year 4 Merit – Mosie Wright.

Year 3 Distinction – Lucas Hu, Peter Thompson.

Year 4 Merit – Sam Ford

New England Sings!

Tickets are now on sale.....

New England Sings! the region's biggest choral showcase will present over 800 students from over 30 schools in two concerts at Lazenby Hall, UNE on Sunday 21 October. Each concert has only 550 seats available so now is the time to book your seats early to avoid missing out. Ticket prices are Adults \$25, FT students \$15. A concert DVD is available at a cost of \$25.00.

We have had notice that the concert tickets for the NE Sings concerts are on sale and selling fast. We have been reliably informed that in the first hour of announcing the ticket sales for New England Sings! almost 100 tickets of the 1100 available (between the two concerts) have been sold online. I encourage you all to get in early before missing out on good seats...or any seats at all! TAS Junior School will be performing with the Primary Choir 1 at 11.00 am on Sunday 21 October, and I have included all details below, for your information.

Tickets can be purchased directly from Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/WXRS

Primary schools are DIVIDED between two concerts: Primary Choir 1 will sing at the 11am concert and Primary Choir 2 at the 2:30pm concert:



Mr Ian Lloyd

Primary Choir 1 @ 11am	Primary Choir 2 @ 2:30pm
Armidale City PS	Ashford Central School
Glen Innes PS	Ben Venue PS
NEGS Junior School	Bonshaw PS
Newling PS	Carinya Christian School
Sandon PS	Dorrigo PS
St. Joseph's Glen Innes	Drummond Memorial PS
St. Patrick's Walcha	Martin's Gully PS
St. Mary's Primary School, Armidale	Minimbah Primary School
The Armidale School	PLC Armidale
	Ross Hill PS, Inverell
NECOM Cantilena Singers	NECOM Catilenta Singers

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Secondary choirs will sing at BOTH the 11am and the 2:30pm concerts:

Secondary Choir @ 11am & 2:30pm	
Armidale HS	Glen Innes HS
Armidale Waldorf School	McCarthy Catholic College, Tamworth
Ashford Central School	New England Girls School (NEGS)
Bellingen HS	O'Connor Catholic College
Calrossy Anglican School, Tamworth	PLC, Armidale
Carinya Christian School, Tamworth	St. Joseph's College, Port Macquarie
Duval HS	The Armidale School (TAS)
	Walcha Central School
NECOM New England Singers	

Happy Birthday

Many happy returns this week to Layla Abu Assab, Harriet Coupland, Ethan Downes and Liam Hoad for your very special days.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 3

Wed 8 Aug

Year 4AF Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

WEEK 4

Tues 14 Aug

ICAS Maths Exam

Wed 15 Aug

Kindergarten Assembly - Hoskins
Centre 2.45pm

Fri 17 Aug

PSSA Athletics

WEEK 5

Wed 22 Aug

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

The start of Term 3 has seen all classes commence new Units Of Inquiry. For Year 5 this will be an especially exciting term as they prepare to culminate their PYP journey with The PYP Exhibition, which will be held on Monday evening 10 September and Tuesday morning 11 September, 2018. If you feel you can add to the units outlined below please contact your class teacher.

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea	Key Concepts
Transition	How The World Works	Light comes from different sources and has different properties	Different sources of light What light can do and how we use it Light as a resource
Kindergarten	How The World Works	Objects movements are determined by a variety of factors	Objects move differently Objects are designed to move on land, water and/or in the air The way objects move depends on a variety of factors
Year 1	How We Express Ourselves	Stories are vessels for timeless cultural and personal expression	The different purposes and structures of stories Do authors 'paint a picture' with words How stories can be shared in many ways
Year 2	How We Express Ourselves	People express themselves and entertain through performance	The history of performance How puppets are used to tell stories and express feelings The use of light and sound to convey information
Year 3	How We Express Ourselves	Indigenous peoples understanding of the world is heard through art and stories.	The traditional Aboriginal way of life Different cultures express themselves through the creative arts Ways we respond to and interpret artistic expression
Year 4	How We Express Ourselves	People use The Arts to Communicate	An inquiry into artistic forms of communication Meaning from artworks How people tell their stories through The Arts
Year 5	Sharing The Planet	Management of the earth's resources requires fair, sustainable and innovative approaches.	Will vary between Exhibition groups



Types of force: push and pull.

Kindergarten provocation- whipping egg whites to change their form.



Year 1 provocation.

Year 1 joined with Year 8 music students who had written their own Nursery rhymes. Such a fabulous time of sharing between the ages.

Football

TAS Blues U10s

What a fabulous first game back we had on Saturday. The weather was very warm! "Phew!" This was much better than some of the freezing days we had last term. We played against the Armidale Twisters and ended up with a loss of 2 - 4 to the Twisters. We were one player down this week! We all want to say a big thanks to Hamish Leahy for stepping up and for being such a great defender for TAS Blue.

Oliver Goudge scored two goals in the first two minutes! Well done, Oli. In the second half Sonny Blanch was goalkeeper, he was TREMENDOUS and saved three goals. The game was a little difficult to win because there were 12 and 11-year-old girls on the other team and we are all under 10 in our team and they had six subs, whereas we had none.

It didn't really matter though because the whole team played really well, with great strength and correct passing of the ball. I do think we need to come back to the goal to have more defenders to avoid any goals in games like this. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support and for Mrs Hardin for coaching us! An extra special thank you to Mr Ogilvie for refereeing this week's game.

By Mohammed Almokhtar

Below: Sonny Blanch





AFL JUNIOR GALA DAY

When: Sunday 12th August, 10.00am

Where: Bellevue Oval, Meredith Street, Armidale.

Ages: Auskick Boys and Girls 5 to 12 Years

Under 17's Boys

Under 14's mixed boys and girls

(10 to 13 years)

Youth Girls (years born 01, 02, 03, 04)

The Gala Day is a FREE event for all who wish to come and try AFL

For more information please contact:

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