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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 8 August 2018 Term 3 Week 3

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

HSC Trial Exams

Our Year 12 students are rapidly approaching the sharp end of their senior year and all will be preoccupied now with the HSC trial exams to be held over the next two weeks. This is a time of considerable pressure for the year group as a whole and I have been very impressed with the way they have managed that thus far. For the great majority there is good work being done whilst perspective is being maintained and other responsibilities met and this is very pleasing to see. The reality for all in Year 12 though is that this is a very busy time for them and much will be achieved by those who are able to maintain the momentum of their study through the trials and beyond. I am sure that all will want to join me in offering our encouragement and best wishes to all our HSC students.

HSC Music and Drama

For a good number of our Year 12 students the pressures of HSC study are overlaid right now with the preparations for major works and for those who are well organised the process will now be close to complete. Tonight our HSC drama class will present their efforts to an audience of students, parents and staff in the Hoskins Centre and I wish them all well for that. For the students, tonight is an assessment task and serious business, but for the audience it promises entertainment and the chance to see some real talent on stage. The majority of our musicians have already had the opportunity to present some of their work, either in assemblies this term or at the very impressive twilight concert last Thursday and they will bring it all together later in the month at our 'Final Note' showcase.

Undertaking major works in the Creative Arts, particularly in multiple subjects, is not just about expressing creative flair or natural talent. It demands high levels of personal organisation, motivation and commitment and requires students to put their work on show in a way that other subjects do not. Beyond the effort and dedication required, the challenge of major works also creates memories of the senior year of school that may well last a lifetime and I hope that all our creative students are already feeling a sense of pride in their work.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Mountain Bike Championships

Last weekend the elite of the TAS mountain bike team had the privilege of competing at the schools national championships on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and our MiC of the sport, Jo Benham, has reported on the collection of very fine results from the competition in TAS Talks this week. Mountain Biking is a relatively recent addition to the TAS sporting program but it has managed to build a high profile in that short time and the performance of our riders over the weekend will only serve to strengthen that further. Beyond the number of impressive individual results, TAS finished seventh overall from 66 schools and that is a great credit to both the riders themselves and Mrs Benham as an inspiration to them.

NIAS Athlete of the Year

Friends of the TAS Facebook page will have seen the good news that Lily Neilson (Year 10) was named 'Female Athlete of the Year for Hockey' at the NIAS awards in Tamworth over the weekend. This is wonderful and well deserved recognition for one of our most talented and dedicated athletes and I am sure that all will join in offering our congratulations to her.

City To Surf

This weekend TAS will send its biggest ever team to the City to Surf fun run in Sydney and I wish every runner the very best of luck. Around 200 students along with dozens of staff and parents have entered and this means that TAS will be, again, the largest school presence in this massive community event. I particularly congratulate Jim Pennington on his leadership and wish him well for his run too.

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 3

Wednesday 8 August

Curtain Up

P&F Meeting (7pm)

Saturday 11 August

TAS v Kings (FIRST XV ONLY) (Sydney)

Sunday 12 August

City to Surf

WEEK 4

Monday 13 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Tuesday 14 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Wednesday 15 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

NCIS Athletics (Coffs Harbour)

Thursday 16 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Friday 17 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Saturday 18 August

TAS v SHORE (Sydney)

WEEK 5

Monday 20 August

Year 12 Trial Exams continue

Tuesday 21 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

AgQuip

Wednesday 22 August

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Year 12 Trial Exams

Thursday 23 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

AgQuip

Friday 24 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

Saturday 25 August

Rugby v Downlands (TAS)

Tournament of the Minds Regional Final

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY SOIREE

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association turns 80 this year and we are having a little soiree in Big School on Saturday 1 September 2018 from 5pm to 8pm to say thank you. 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.

Eighty years is an incredible milestone and without all the wonderful enthusiasm, hard work, barbequing, events, cake baking and organisation undertaken in the past we would not be the where we are today. So, thank you to all the previous members of the P&F, thank you to the current members, thank you to staff both current and previous and thank you to everyone else who has helped over the years.

Please come and celebrate with us and please forward our warm invitation on to anyone whom you think might like to attend – current, past and future parents, friends and staff are all welcome – we would love to see you there.

To help us organise catering numbers please RSVP by 24 August on trybooking.com/XITX

This is a free event although there will be a cash bar. Drinks will be \$5 a glass and Eftpos will be available.

To assist with minding the kids we are looking at screening a supervised movie at TAS. However, in order for this to happen we need to know who is coming so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Please indicate on TryBooking whether you need the babysitting service and for how many and their ages. Alternatively please contact Fiona Nash P&F Treasurer jf.nash@bigpond.com or 0402 228 733

Finally, to make this a great night we are seeking people with their Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate to help serve drinks at the bar. If you have your RSA and would like to help for an hour or so please also contact Fiona.

P&F MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 7PM

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

SHOW YOUR TAS SPIRIT - TAS SUPPORTER JACKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The TAS Clothing Shop still have some TAS Supporter Jackets for friends and family of TAS available (in both mens and womens).

The jackets are \$120 each and there are a limited numbers left. You can pay cash, eftpos or put them on your school account. If you have any queries please contact the Clothing Shop.

SAVE THE DATES:

There are a few P&F events on the horizon so please mark these in your diary:

- Saturday 25 August - Home rugby game against Downlands
- Saturday 1 September – P&F 80th Soiree
- Saturday 8 September – Home rugby games against TACAPS & Scots PGC
- Wednesday 12 September 12 - P&F meeting 2 for Term 3
- Saturday & Sunday 20-21 October - (TBC) - Puddings
- Wednesday 31 October - P&F meeting 1 for Term 4
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday 16-18th November – Art Show
- Saturday 17 November – TAS@Dusk



TAS
PARENTS
& FRIENDS

TAS P&F
80th Birthday
Soirée

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association request the pleasure of your company at our *80th Birthday Soirée* on Saturday 1 September, 2018 in Big School from 5pm to 8pm.

Enquiries: TAS P&F Treasurer
Fiona Nash
Ejf.nash@bigpond.com
M 0402 228 733

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/XITX
24 August (for catering purposes)
Drinks \$5/glass, Eftpos available

Seemed Like God Idea

At the Time #2

Genesis 3

The Family road trip: offers so much, delivers... a lot of effort. It seemed like a good idea at the time, and it was. I loved the family road trip.

However, if I was to offer one tip, one piece of advice it would be listen to people's advice.

As you know I like to ride a mountain bike, and in my mind (deluded as I may be) more is more. So, we set out with all our stuff to camp for seven weeks, school books and eight push bikes, I knew there would some good riding somewhere along the way, seemed like a good idea at the time.

Now the piece of advice I received was from the trusted NRMA Open Road, (a magazine for motorists, not cyclists), 'never put a bike rack on the back of your caravan', I thought to myself, that's right, but I will do it right. I went to the metal fabricator, together we came up with what seemed to be a clever design at the time. After all, when you have eight bikes, they have to go somewhere. Sadly, for me, they went flying down a major arterial road in Canberra as the whole device snapped off.

I read another piece of advice, if you are thinking of taking bikes on a road trip – don't! Walk or drive, but don't think having your bikes will be a good idea. Again, in my mind I thought, these people aren't riders, otherwise they would take their bikes. To take eight bikes seemed like a good idea at the time. In hindsight, there was only one occasion when we needed all the bikes, it was a great day. Was it worth it, to go to all the effort to have the bikes there? Debatable.

Our attitude to God is just like this. We think to ourselves, it seems like a good idea to trust myself, after all, we often hear that encouragement, 'trust yourself', and it's true when you want someone to let go of their breaks a little as they descend MTB track or in front of goal when people just won't shoot, or answering an essay question. However, when it comes to God's instructions to us, we find ourselves hearing the same deceitful voice, causing us to doubt God's trustworthy word, and urging us to think my idea seems like a good idea, actually a better idea.

Sometimes, in God's mercy we find out almost straight away that it only seemed like a good idea, but, ultimately we will all find out that it only seemed like a good idea to trust ourselves over trusting God. Remember, without God nothing, let's not get ahead of ourselves like Adam and Eve and think we know better that God and his instructions for our lives.

Mr Richard Newton



Mr Richard Newton



TAS, Tour de Rocks and Wellness Presentations

TAS has enjoyed a long and strong relationship with the Tour de Rocks, the annual bike ride from Armidale to South West Rocks. This ride engages and inspires communities to raise awareness in relation to wellness and cancer prevention, assisting those battling the disease, and raising funds for cancer research. Over \$1.5 million has been raised through its history.

This year's event attracted one of our largest contingents in years and it is with great excitement that we have the chance to help promote the latest Tour de Rocks Wellness Series.

The key features include the following:

- Tuesday 14 August: a free screening in the Hoskins Theatre of 'The Connection - Mind Your Body', a documentary featuring world experts on mind/body medicine.
- Thursday 23 August: a free presentation from Dr Craig Hassad where he talks on his ground-breaking insights on the application of integrative and mind-body medicine.
- Saturday 25 August: a free half-day workshop run by Dr Craig Hassad on mindfulness-based stress management.

Dr Craig Hassad is coordinator of mindfulness programs at Monash University and teaches mindfulness nationally and internationally in health, educational, community and corporate settings.

Further details can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/tour-de-rocks-wellness-series-17509559915> and the following Youtube links provide further insight into Dr Craig Hassad's work:

The Connection - <https://youtu.be/r-CWLxf-j-A>

Smiling Mind - https://youtu.be/lsXxvPWd_k4

It would be great to see the TAS community embrace any or all of these opportunities and thanks very much to Liz Egan for extending this Tour de Rocks invitation.

Mr Barney Buntine



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE (CONT..)

Specific Gender Programs at TAS and the return of Brent Sanders

This week heralds the first gender-specific programs for TAS students since the introduction of co-education. On Wednesday, the Year 10 boys and girls, as well as the Year 11 girls, will participate in a half-day session with Enlighten Education ('Butterfly Effect' for girls and 'Tomorrow Man' for boys). Headed by Dannielle Miller, the students will hear key messages about positive gender behaviour and dealing with unhealthy social pressures.

The following day, we welcome back Brent Sanders. A long-time presenter at TAS, Brent will speak to all Year 10 and 11 about, among other things, respectful relationships, sexual harassment and assault and matters of consent. He has proven very popular in the past and we are very excited about his return. Particularly in the light of recent reviews of consent (<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/enthusiastic-yes-nsw-announces-review-of-sexual-consent-laws-20180508-p4zdyn.html>), his message is more important than ever.

I would also like to take this opportunity to promote the 'Raising Amazing Girls' presentation at PLC on Wednesday night. I encourage any parents of girls to have a look at the flyer attached and do their best to attend. I will certainly be there.



The flyer features a black and white photograph of Dannielle Miller, a woman with blonde hair, smiling and resting her head on her hand. The background is a light blue gradient. In the top right corner is the PLC Armidale logo, which includes a crest with a lion and the text 'PLC PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE ARMIDALE 1887'. Below the logo, it says 'Proudly presents'. The main title 'Raising Amazing Girls' is written in a mix of white serif and blue sans-serif fonts. Below the title, it says 'with Dannielle Miller' in a large blue font, followed by 'Co-Founder and CEO of Enlighten Education' in a smaller blue font. At the bottom of the flyer, it says 'A presentation for ALL PARENTS in the New England North West community.'

Wednesday 8th August 2018

5:30pm for 6pm start
ASTRA ARTS CENTRE
PLC ARMIDALE

TICKETS \$5.00 pp Including a light supper provided by the PLC Armidale P&F

RSVP Purchase tickets online www.try.booking//WLRH

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Educating successful women of tomorrow
in a Christian environment

Dannielle is Australia's leading provider of empowering workshops for girls and parents. Author of five books, including the best selling *The Butterfly Effect: A Positive New Approach to Raising Happy, Confident Teen Girls*, and also regularly writes for leading Australian print and online publications.

She has also been named as the NSW/ACT Small Business Champion Entrepreneur and was one of four finalists this year for the NSW Premier's Woman of the Year Award.

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Round Square Exchange

We welcome this term four exchange students into our boarding houses and the broader school community.

Enrica Gelaso joins us from Lakefield College, Ontario, Canada, Harrison Shaw from Athenian School, San Francisco, USA, Tommy Larson from Hackley School, New York and James Simpson from Woodridge College, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. They are all involving themselves in the busyness of TAS and I would encourage our TAS community to reach out and offer any of these students a special taste of our Australian hospitality, for a day or a weekend – the depth of such experiences leaving a lasting impression. If you are interested, please contact me by email: abarnier@as.edu.au or 6776 5811.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Heads of House for all they do for our international visitors each year and also to the boarder and day student community being so welcoming.

Currently, Toby Smith (Year 10) is at Stanford Lake College, South Africa and will return in early October. Later this month and early September Will Braham (Felted College, UK), Niall Moore (Woodridge College, SA), Lily Neilson (Hackley School, NY) and Cooper Gerdes (Birklehof, Germany) leave for their own individual experiences.

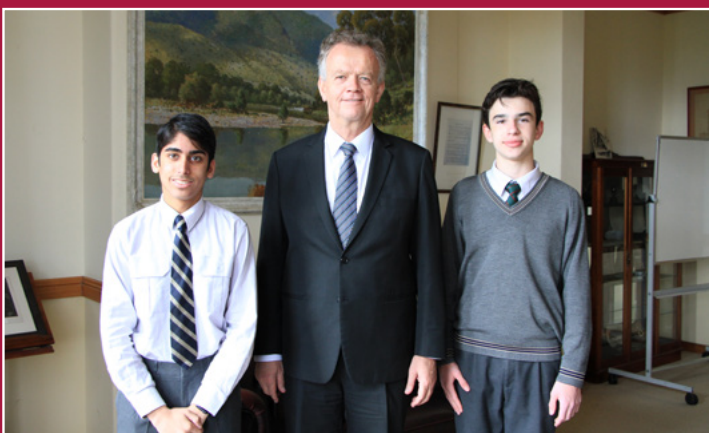
Exchange applications for Year 10 (2019) are in place for the early part of the year. Should any current Year 9 students like to consider an exchange, please see Mrs Barnier sooner rather than later.

International Round Square Conference 2018

The delegation of Year 11 students - Henry O'Neil, Harriet Wickman, Dahlia Glennie, Kim Bange and Harry Mason are in the midst of preparing for their trip to Canada from 25 September until 8 October to attend the International Round Square Conference at Appleby College, Toronto. The first three days will be spent in the Alberta Rockies, commencing in Calgary, hiking up to the Lake Louise glacier and spending time with Jasper National Park Rangers learning about the wildlife and plants in the park. The group will fly on to Toronto for the RSIC Conference which promises a program of focus on the RS IDEALS and experiencing the Canadian life and landscape with hundreds of other students from across the world.

Round Square Regional Conference for 10-12 year olds – British School, Jakarta, Indonesia

In Term 4 we will be calling for applications for the above conference, being hosted from 26 April to 1 May 2019 at the British School.



Pictured above: Raghav Kapur (Doon School, India) and Paul Prindiville-Porto (Lakefield College, Canada) who were with us during Term 2.



For more information regarding any of the above, please contact Mrs Anna Barnier.

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 outlining 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



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.

Everingham and Solomons Solicitor Bursary

Below is an extract of a letter I received from Everingham and Solomon's about a bursary they are offering for students interested in studying law. If this is an area of interest for you please have a look.

"Everingham Solomons Solicitors is a progressive law firm located in Tamworth employing 12 lawyers in a range of specialist areas, and support staff with a total workforce of 35.

Everingham Solomons is committed to the growth of the region and the success of its youth.

For many years we have offered a bursary to Year 12 students wishing to pursue university qualifications in law.

For the 2018 year, we have decided to substantially re-structure our bursary program to increase its visibility among prospective applicants and increase the assistance provided to talented students and dedicated schools.

For 2018, the benefits of our bursary program will be delivered in two parts:

TAS Library 1. Firstly, the successful Applicant will receive an immediate cash prize of \$1,500 and will be guaranteed a paid, annual clerkship in our firm for the duration of their degree;

2. Secondly, the successful Applicant's School will receive an immediate cash donation of \$1,000 and a plaque commemorating the student's success in the bursary program."

For more Details please download the application form from the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/08/07/everingham-and-solomons-solicitor-bursary/>

University Open Days

We are coming to the silly season in terms of University Open Days. I highly recommend a visit to the university of your choice to get the best information about application processes, residential options and course information and a generally feel of the campus.

I have posted a list of University Open Days on the school website for your convenience. Please take a look and see if it is possible to have a visit.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/08/07/nsw-universities-open-days/>

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT
Passing Out Parade
Friday 14 September 2018

Passing out Parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above shall be held on Adamsfield on Friday 14 September (Week 8) commencing at 2.00pm. **The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.**

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

Week 5

- 21 August (Tuesday) – Activities Briefing 10.35am. **All 1 & 2 Platoon uniforms to be collected for laundry.**
- 23 August (Thursday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 6

- 27 August (Monday) – Activities Day No. 5. **All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade. DPCU Uniform to be inspected on parade.**
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **B & C COY only** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 7

- 4 September (Tuesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs
- 5 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)

Week 8

- 10 September (Monday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** – Adamsfield
- 11 September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 12 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 13 September (Thursday) - Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no Pd 6&7 or sport training**)

14 September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade --- Cadet Unit – 11.40am – 3.30pm
(cadets required from 11.40am P4/5 for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
Parade commences at 2.00pm.

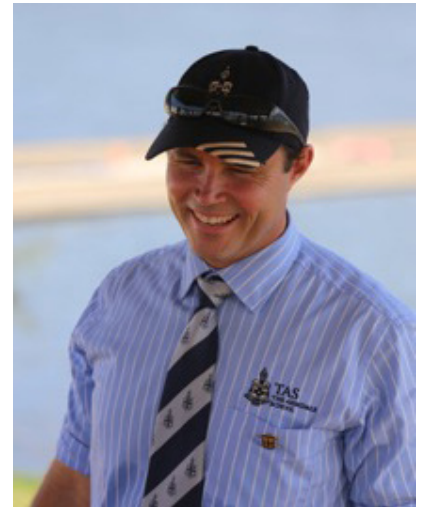
MAJ (AAC) Angus Murray
Commanding Officer

Congratulations to the Mountain Bike Team on their performance at the National Mountain Bike Championships last weekend. The fact that these athletes are training all year round for this event is testament to their commitment and dedication. Mrs Jo Benham does a wonderful job in leading the team and I encourage you to read the report below.

Best wishes to all those students, staff and parents participating in the City to Surf this weekend. This is opportunity to both challenge one's self and also raise the discussion about mental health and bullying - supporting both the work of Batyr (whose name is on our singlets) and the 'Do It for Dolly' campaign which urges people on the need to speak up about bullying - "even if your voice shakes".

Is it the opportunity to push themselves physically to run alongside another student, staff member or parent, with a common purpose. It is the opportunity to be part of something bigger than themselves. Having the largest school team in the event is not without its logistical challenges however, and I acknowledge the vision, passion and hard work of Mr Jim Pennington in making it possible.

Mr Will Caldwell



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

The City to Surf 2018 is finally upon us!

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm and support of not just this event, but also promoting the discussion on mental health and bullying. This is at the core of our run in 2018. I offer the following information for your perusal.

Transport: Oxley Explorer. Leaving TAS at 2pm Saturday 11 August. Please be at the Flagpoles (front of school), no later than 1:50pm. As you can imagine, trying to get 230 people departing on time can be difficult. There will be separate buses for the girls (on the way down due to accommodation) and boys will be allocated mainly via year groups.

Accommodation: Girls will be staying at SBHS Boatshed, 5 Teviot Avenue, Abbotsford. Mattresses are provided, girls need only bring a sleeping bag/doona and a pillow. Boys will be staying in the gym at St Ignatius' College, Riverview and will require a swag. If you do not have one, there will be airbeds available for collection before you get on the bus. Please remember that it is your responsibility to collect one.

Meals: Dinner Saturday will be en route to Sydney (money provided to all students), breakfast is muesli bars/fruit/up and go, lunch is catered for at the finish for TAS specifically and dinner Sunday will be most likely Muswellbrook or Tamworth (money provided to all students).

What to bring: A water bottle please for the bus, hydration is so important. Travel in neat casuals, please ensure that boys have a swag or sleeping bag and pillow. Girls will just need a sleeping bag and pillow. Toiletries, a towel, clean clothes to change into on the bus after the run, TAS PE/Sports shorts and white socks for the run, a hat, sunglasses and a small amount of cash.

There is an official C2S app for 2018. Its very handy and worthwhile downloading.

The App features:

- Race Info
- Course Maps
- Event Schedule
- Transportation Details
- City2Surf Expo Info
- City2Surf exclusive Expo offers
- Current Results
- Past Results
- Frequently Asked Questions and Race Registration Information
- Live Weather Forecast
- Social Media (facebook & Instagram)
- Merchandise
- Charity Information
- Training Runs Schedule
- Push Notifications

Follow the steps below to download
Go to your app store on your iPhone or Android device
Search 'City2Surf'
Download the app

Mr Jim Pennington



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Ten students from TAS's mountain bike team attended the schools national mountain bike championships at Nerang, QLD from the 3-5 August. There were 66 schools represented at this event with around 260 students participating.

All our students rode incredibly well, with some notable results across all disciplines and age groups. In the Year 9/10 men's division (with 102 participants) Archie Chick placed 20th in the cross-country olympic style (XCO) race and 12th in observed trials (OT), Riley Simmons & Hamish Chalmers placed fifth & sixth respectively in the OT while in the cross-country eliminator (XCE) Josh Armstrong and Jack Swell raced strongly to make it through many heats and place well in this huge age division.

In the Year 11/12 men's division Duncan Chalmers placed 14th in the XCO while our relay teams were very successful in the XC Enduro event; Duncan Chalmers, Marcus Worth (Great Lakes College, but riding for TAS), Hamish Chalmers, and Archie Chick's team placed 3rd in the yr 11/12 men's division (but was the first full school team overall). In the Year 9/10 division, Archi Lawrence, Jack Sewell and Josh Armstrong's team placed 14th while Jack Armstrong, Riley Simmons, Toby McMaster and Angus Goudge's team placed 20th.

The 1st placed school was announced at the presentation, however the minor placings will be available for viewing on MTBA's website soon. TAS finished 7th overall, other placings will be confirmed when results are released in the coming days.

Full Individual results can be found here: <https://timedresult.com/mountain-bike/> and photos from the event can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/MTBA/>

Congratulations and a huge thanks to all TAS students for participating, giving your best effort at the event and for making the whole trip a most successful and enjoyable one. Thanks also must go to Rev Newton for driving us, helping with catering and supporting the team all weekend!

Mrs Jo Benham



L-R Mr Richard Newton, Toby McMaster, Riley Simmons, Josh Armstrong, Jack Sewell, Jack Armstrong, Angus Goudge (holding bike), Duncan Chalmers, Hamish Chalmers, Archi Lawrence, Marcus Worth (Great Lakes College), Archie Chick, Mrs Jo Benham



Toby McMaster glad to be finished his XCO race



Jack Sewell completing an observed trials stage



Hamish Chalmers getting some air time in the yr 9/10 XCO race



Josh and Jack Armstrong awaiting their cross-country eliminator heats



Duncan Chalmers taking a corner in the yr 11/12 XCO race



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

TAS V KING'S 10-11 AUGUST

Travel: by Oxley Coach

Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 10 August:

- BUS 1 (Edwards-48) – 1st XV (& Reserves) 1.30pm Depart

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 11 August: Approx. 8.30pm- Updates via Team App

| TAS | Kings | Venue | Time |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------|
| TAS 1 st XV | TKS 3 rd XV | JS White Oval | 11.30am |

Game Locations: JS White Oval, Kings main Campus- off Pennant Hills Rd.

Bedding/Accommodation: Opens: Sleeping Bag & Pillow - SBHS Boatshed (Breakfast at Shed)

Meals: Friday Dinner - Singleton
Breakfast at Boatshed
Lunch Saturday TBC
Dinner Saturday en route home

Dress: **TAS formals**, to be worn for all travel and on game day.

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

Rugby

On Saturday the TAS First XV faced off against Sydney Grammar School in a game that held all associated with TAS on the edge of their seats. It was the final game of an action-packed morning. After a warm welcome, all TAS teams began their warm up and then games commenced, with the majority of teams playing at Sydney Grammar fields while some were able to play at fields right next-door at Rushcutters Bay. Playing on a field that overlooked the water accompanied by many sail boats and the occasional yacht was something to be admired.

Following some success throughout the day all eyes were on the First XV. With a tense start to the game, Grammar led 5-0. However this didn't last, with Dan Lethbridge evening the score and Will Swales' conversion putting TAS in the lead. A second try, to Nicholas Makeham (also converted by Will) consolidated TAS on the scoreboard, being 14-5 at half time. However after the break the boys had to fight hard to keep the lead but were able to hold Grammar out with some consistent strong defence and limit them to a penalty. The final score 14-8 reflected a well deserved win for the TAS Firsts.

This week only the First XV will be travelling away to play The King's School. Hopefully they are able to build on last week's success and produce yet again some quality rugby.

Mr Todd Currell

Tonight we have the HSC Drama showcase CurtainUP, where the works-in-progress Individual Projects and Group Performances will be presented in the Hoskins Centre. All friends, family members and peers are warmly invited as there are just a few weeks left until the Performance Examinations and it would be wonderful to have a supportive and enthusiastic audience there to encourage all the actors. With such a large class the evening has been divided into two programs based on content, with the pieces in Program 2 carrying the warning that they may contain strong language or adult themes.

Program 1 (PG) 6pm - 7:20pm

1. *I'm a criminal get me out of here!* (GP) - Oscar Barrett, Lachlan Cameron, Genevieve Dunn, Angus Haire and Molly Pinnock
2. *Next Stop: Flashback* (GP) - Thomas Bailey, Ellen Coote, Kira Dooner, George Lane and Nicholas Moar
3. *The Great Escape* (GP) - Holly Billinghamurst, Ryan McDonald, Hannah Quilty and Matthew Turnbull
4. *Laundry* (Film IP) - Matthew Turnbull
5. *Dennis* by Mark Yeates (Performance IP) - George Lane
6. *That's Not Chairy Good* (Performance IP) - Lachlan Cameron
7. *Elevator Action* by Jessica Glassberg (Performance IP) - Holly Billinghamurst
8. *Apocalypse Soon* by Pete Malicki (Performance IP) - Oscar Barrett
9. *Bogtrotter* adapted from *Matilda* by Roald Dahl (Performance IP) - Angus Haire

Program 2 (M15+) 7:30pm - 9pm

1. *Frida K.* by Gloria Montero (Performance IP) - Kira Dooner
2. *Eliza Wishart* taken from Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey (Performance IP) - Molly Pinnock
3. *Hell* by Rowan Atkinson (Performance IP) - Ryan McDonald
4. *Exit the King* by Eugene Ionesco (Performance IP) - Tom Bailey
5. *Stick* by Carolyn Burns (Performance IP) - Genevieve Dunn
6. *Sure* by Julia Patey (Performance IP) - Ellen Coote
7. *Fractured* by David-Matthews Barnes (Performance IP) - Hannah Quilty
8. *Woyzeck* by Georg Büchner (Performance IP) - Nick Moar



Mr Andrew O'Connell



FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

For students in Year 8 there is the opportunity to watch a live stream of the Bell Shakespeare *Romeo and Juliet* next Wednesday 15 August at 10am in the Hoskins Centre. Bell Shakespeare is considered Australia's premier Shakespeare company and as *Romeo and Juliet* is studied in Year 9 it is an excellent opportunity to see great theatre or grab an academic advantage from the comfort of Armidale. The show runs for 90 minutes, so students would miss the end of Period 2 and Period 3. Tickets are just \$7 and so if you would like to attend please have a parent or guardian confirm on your behalf by emailing me (aoconnel@as.edu.au) before the end of the week.



Want to know what is happening in the Armidale Arts scene? A new independent local arts magazine has been launched under the title 'AZITIZ!'. You'll find some copies in the Hoskins Centre foyer so come on down and have a read to find out about all the Drama, Music, Dance, Art and cultural events happening in your town.

And speaking of the foyer, there should hopefully be a huge surprise waiting for students in the foyer on Friday thanks to the incredible support offered by the P&F. More on this in next week's TAS Talks...

If you starred in, worked on, or was a huge fan of (or - heaven forbid - you completely missed) *The Addams Family the Musical* in Term 1 then good news, the video recording is finally ready to distribute! It is on the school's private YouTube page and to access it you go to the following link: <https://youtu.be/-r2jFdenydl>. For members of the cast or crew who would like a digital copy just bring an external device (of several gigabytes) to the Hoskins Centre office. I am sure that watching the recording will bring back many fond memories for those on the stage and those fortunate enough to be in the audience and I hope this gets you excited about the 2019 TAS Production as we make plans for that over the coming weeks.

Mr Andrew O'Connell

We continue - busily

The days are certainly longer now, beginning to become warmer especially in the early afternoon and the wattle trees are starting to flower: in their combination these facts suggest that winter is thinking about waning and that, in two weeks, the term will have reached its half way mark. However, it is Armidale and tomorrow's forecast is cool – especially after that wonderful recent rain. It's never boring here.

All is well with us. On the whole, the students are settled, very busy with sporting commitments and working sensibly on assignments and formal assessment tasks. They're also communicating well and it's clear to me that the longer break has paid dividends in relation to the mood and tone of the Middle School. Obviously, social interactions can never be overrated as most students from each of the year groups has come back to us and is reasonably settled. So, thank you – the success of the holiday is, in no small measure, 'down to you'.

Remember, Passing Out Parade is approaching and this means that our Year 8 cohort will represent the school in one of its most public events. Practice for the event begins soon and it's important that everyone knows why we do what we do here – essentially the Parade constitutes a formal farewell to our Year 12 Cadets. It therefore is very important to these students and their families who will be present. Please encourage your children to think about the sense of occasion that attaches to Passing Out Parade. We'll be doing this at School as we all want the day to be memorable one that presents our students 'at their best'.

Clothing and Behavior

It is important that you are aware of issues that concern your children in their daily interactions with one another. Uniforms, as well you know, are expensive. It's an unfortunate fact of life in school communities that, from time to time, items of clothing will go missing, being a cause for concern for everyone. Please support us by telling your children to: look after their clothing; make sure that blazers and so on, when they're not being worn, are put into a special place; that, whilst it's kind to allow others to borrow clothes, in the long run this may not be good policy; that the current owner's name should appear clearly on clothes and, in the case of blazers, this name should appear in a number of places. I do this every now and then during Town Meetings and am asking for your support now. Also, at the risk of seeming a complete bore, please help us to ensure that black or gray socks are the only appropriate ones for the winter uniform for boys.

Largely, we're dealing with teenagers: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. Ours is a wonderful language and it when it is used, the user needs to be aware that it 'tells' something about him or her. Swearing is an issue and it's time for tougher measures to be taken again when it occurs. In our next Staff Meeting I'm going to tell duty staff to deal with it 'on the spot' and, using their professional judgment, to send any person who swears to sit outside the Office for the duration of Morning Break, or the half lunch 'down time'. Certainly, I've spoken to everyone about appropriate language and this 'out' time should not come as a surprise to any offender.



Mr Mark Harrison

There are occasions when we, as adults, have to 'hold our tongue' and it's time that these adolescents, all of them, learnt the 'skill'. I feel better now I've written this.

Please remember that the above is an ongoing matter in relation to each of the matters discussed. On the whole, as indicated, all is well with us.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



Book Week Parade – Monday 27 August

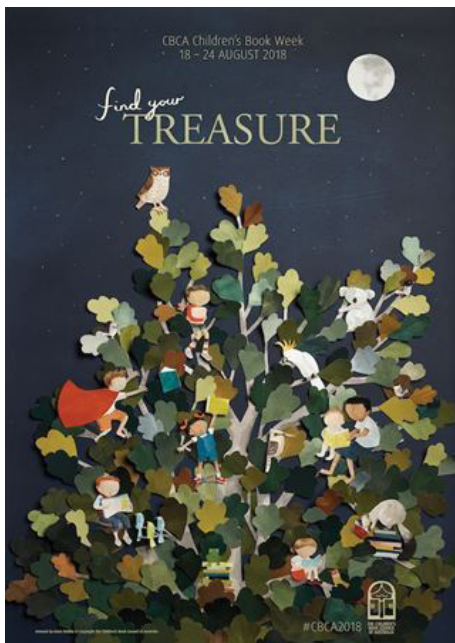
On Monday 27 August Junior School will be holding a Book Parade. As you may be aware, the theme this year is 'Find Your Treasure'... which opens up a world of possibilities?! As a staff, we have been discussing the structure of the day as it falls on our Activities Day no 5 which, coincidentally is also our 'Spirit of Service' day. So, there are BIG plans afoot....(not all of which are finalised so stay tuned!)

Suffice to say, please mark this day in your diaries and give some thought to what character your child might like to dress as for the day. There will be further details about the day soon, including the arrangements for our excursions on Activities Day.

Some great resources for ideas can be found at:

https://idtl.net.au/book-week/view-resource.php?bw_resyear=2018 and

<https://www.tristanbancks.com/2018/02/book-week-2018.html>



Internships in Junior School

Throughout the year we welcome numerous Interns who are completing their Professional Placement as part of their tertiary education at University. This term, from Monday next week we welcome Ms Emily Maunder (Year 1) and Ms Hollie McMahon (Year 2).

Lost Property

With Winter still upon us, I would like to remind everyone to ensure items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have been receiving multiple requests to look out for lost jumpers, jackets, track pants and hats. While some have turned up because they are well named, many have no identification at all making it difficult for us to return them back to their owners.

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 2

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

Bailey Miller, Aamer Alazizi, Braith Westaway, Sonny Blanch, Levi Watts, Salam Alkathami, Chelsea Miller, Jack Shenko and Paige Sutton.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Mr Ian Lloyd



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 5 of the Book Club is now available, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Monday 13 June, August. 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. Thank you to all parents who have purchased from Scholastic throughout the year.

Mrs Ramazani
TAS Library

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Patrick Bourke, Evan Kwan and Freddie Post who all celebrate this week.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 3

WED 8 AUG

YR 4AF ASSEMBLY – MEMORIAL HALL
FROM 2.45PM

WEEK 4

TUES 14 AUG

ICAS MATHS EXAM

WED 15 AUG

KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY - HOSKINS
CENTRE 2.45PM

FRI 17 AUG

PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL –
ARMIDALE HIGH SCHOOL

WEEK 5

TUE 21 AUG

NCIS ATHLETICS – COFFS HARBOUR

WED 22 AUG

YR 2 ASSEMBLY – HOSKINS CENTRE
2.45PM

THU 23 AUG

NE SINGS REHEARSAL

WEEK 6

MON 27 AUG

ACTIVITIES DAY – “SPIRIT OF SERVICE”
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS – JUNIOR
SCHOOL BOOK PARADE – FIND YOUR
TREASURE

WED 29 AUG

TRANSITION ASSEMBLY – HOSKINS CENTRE
2.45PM

THU 30 AUG

DA VINCI DECATHLON – MEMORIAL HALL

FRI 31 AUG

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PYP and Mathematics

This term the Junior School staff are having a focus on ‘mapping’ Mathematics content to our Programme of Inquiry. Mathematics should be taught through the relevant, realistic context of our units of inquiry. A transdisciplinary approach may help students make connections between the different aspects of the curriculum and to view the practical application of Mathematics. Students need opportunities to identify and reflect upon ‘big ideas’ within and between the different strands of mathematics, the POI and other subject areas.



Year 2 working collaboratively on their maths inquiry tasks in their measurement unit.



PSSA Athletics Carnival – Friday 17 August (Armidale High School)

A selection of Athletes has been nominated for the PSSA Carnival to be held next Friday, 17 August. Our zone PSSA have a number of qualifying times and distances which limit the number of students we are able to take. Hence, some children who are nominated for NCIS will not be attending the PSSA carnival in Armidale.

Permission notes were sent out to those children who qualified for events at this local carnival. Please take note of the information on the permission slip in regard to travel arrangements to Armidale High School.

NCIS Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 21 August at Coffs Harbour International Stadium

Our annual NCIS carnival takes place on Tuesday, 21 August in Coffs Harbour. Children nominated for this carnival have also been notified and should have brought home permission notes this week. Please consider your child's events and the commitment to attend this carnival. Please return all permission notes by the due date to Mrs Sandra Lasker so we can finalise team numbers.

Football

TAS Blue U6s

Another great weekend's play occurred down at Rologas last Saturday with cold but sunny conditions providing the chance for TAS Blue U6 to show their best. Evelyn Browlie led the charge with an early goal; her tenacity and determination continues to be her strength especially in regard to dribbling around the other team's defence. The team was a little flummoxed by the opposition's flurry of goals in the first half but true to form, the five little TAS players stuck to their game and saw another goal come to fruition - this time thanks to some quick thinking by Ethan Downes as he powered down the sideline. Rudra Tandon gave his all with some mighty kicks from the sideline and was instrumental in stopping two goals. Both Baxter Carruthers and Xander Dell attempted repeated close attempts at goal, again, their determination despite missed attempts was really great to see!

Mrs Gill Downes

TAS White U8s

The TAS White team have had a sensational start to the Term 3 season. In the first week we played against Guyra Vipers. It was wonderful to watch the enthusiasm of our team. However, it was even more exciting when we scored early in the game. The game ended in a tight draw. I would like to thank Arthur White, Edwina Newton, Xavier Stephen and Hamish Leahy for graciously taking turns and playing for the opposition.

In the second week we were challenged by the DK White Knights. The game started off with us scoring two goals. However, the White Knights kicked in and gave us a fantastic challenging game. Connor Ryan and Aziz Binmahfod displayed superb goalie techniques, bravely diving for balls and defending the team. All students rotated positions, however, Edwina Newton, Cameron Carruthers, Xavier Stephen, Oliver Robb and Jack Wood were strong forwards. Lucas Van Der Werf, Lucy Taylor and Arthur White were dynamic backs. Although we lost, we were pumped by the effort that we had put into the game.

It was exciting to see in the second game how the team were starting to really understand their positions and were calling for the ball. What a fantastic team. I can't wait for our next match!

Mrs Lana Hawksford

BELOW: TAS BLUE U6S



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

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Adults \$25, FT Students \$15 (no conc)

New England Sings! our region's biggest choral showcase will present over 800 students from over 30 schools in two concerts on Sunday 21 October, Concert 1 at 11am and Concert 2 at 2:30pm.

Students will be performing an inspiring program of Australian music, featuring well-known songs and premiering new commissions for Combined Primary Schools Choirs and for the Combined Secondary Choir and Orchestra.

Each concert has only 550 seats available so now is the time to book your seats early to avoid missing out. Below is a list of schools performing at each concert.

Students performing in BOTH Concerts, 11am & 2:30pm

NECOM Choirs: Cantilena Singers, New England Singers, Side-by-Side Choir

Massed Secondary Choir students from:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Armidale High School | Armidale Waldorf School |
| Ashford Central School | Bellingen High School |
| Calrossy Anglican School, Tamworth | Carinya Christian School, Tamworth |
| Duval High School | Glen Innes High School |
| McCarthy Catholic College, Tamworth | New England Girls School (NEGS) |
| O'Connor Catholic College | PLC, Armidale |
| St Joseph's College, Port Macquarie | The Armidale School (TAS) |
| Walcha Central School | |

Primary Schools in 11am Concert

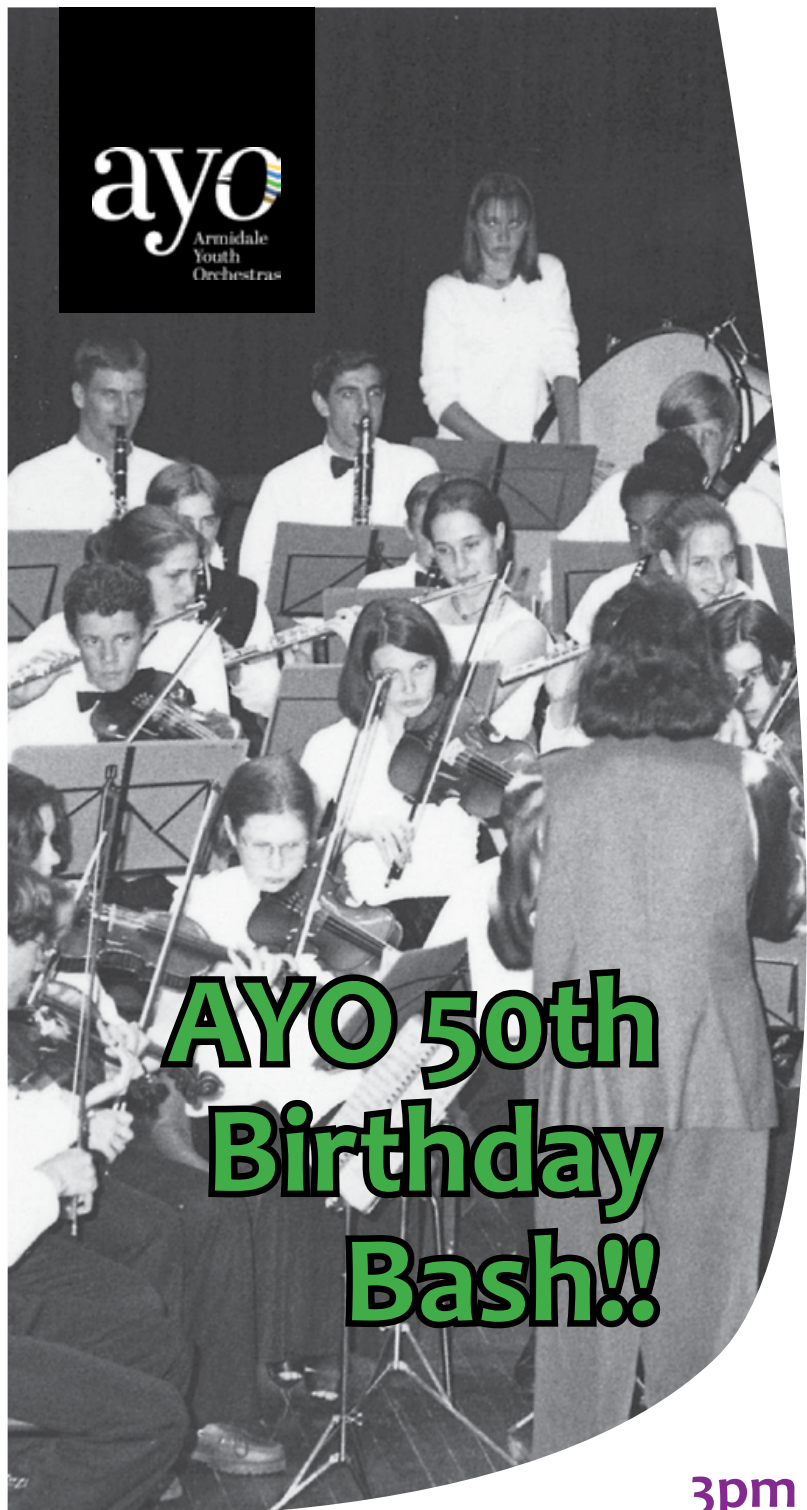
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| Armidale City Public School | St. Patrick's, Walcha |
| Glen Innes Public School | The Armidale School |
| NEGS Junior School | |
| Newling Public School | |
| Sandon Public School | |
| St. Joseph's, Glen Innes | |
| St. Mary's Primary School, Armidale | |

Primary Schools in 2:30pm Concert

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| Ashford Central School | Minimbah Primary School |
| Ben Venue Public School | PLC Armidale |
| Bonshaw Public School | Ross Hill Public School, Inverell |
| Carinya Christian School | |
| Dorrigo Public School | |
| Drummond Memorial Public School | |
| Martin's Gully Public School | |

music speaks volumes





AYO 50th Birthday Bash!!

3pm
Sunday 19 August 2018
Lazenby Hall, UNE



TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/VTTP
• Family: \$35 Adults: \$15
• Pensioners/students \$10
• Children \$5