

TAS TALKS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22 August 2018 Term 3 Week 5

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Rugby Travelling Season

Whilst the visit from Downlands this weekend is still to come, the games against Shore last weekend marked the end of what has been a demanding travelling season for our rugby teams. This has been a test of resilience and character for our young men and they can hold their heads high at the end of it. Whilst some other schools have found it too difficult or inconvenient to travel to Armidale for what should be an 'away' game for them, our players and coaches have got on with the season with a spirit and attitude that we should all be proud of. Whilst I rarely comment on the fickle matter of results in these contests, the successive wins for our First XV over the past three weeks were well deserved and all who saw those games would be pleased for them and feel justly rewarded.

The coaches and managers who have supported all our teams through the season deserve special thanks. They have lived the experience alongside the players and that commitment sets them apart from others.

Year 12 On Show

For many in Year 12 the end of the Trial HSC exams on Friday will bring some welcome relief from the pressure of the past fortnight. For others though the focus will simply shift to making the final touches to Visual Arts major works and last minute rehearsals for HSC music pieces. Both will be on show on in the Hoskins Centre on Monday evening as our young artists talk to their works from 5:15pm and the music begins at 6:30. This promises to be a wonderful night of entertainment and students and parents alike are invited to join us.

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TAS STEM Academy

Readers of TAS Talks will know by now that the new TAS STEM Academy will be officially launched on Saturday Week (1 September). The STEM Academy is an exciting initiative that brings together a range of activities, excursions, clubs and curriculum under the one transdisciplinary banner. The purpose of the new academy is to build on all that is already happening in Junior and Middle School in areas such as robotics, engineering, coding, forensic science as well as the STEM electives in Years 9 and 10 and to see this critically important area of education expand further at TAS.

We are encouraging all Junior and Middle School students and parents to attend and the day will also act as an Open Day for prospective students and their families and we look forward to welcoming them too. It promises to be an exciting and fun day and I look forward to seeing as many students and parents there as can possibly make it.

P&F 80th Birthday

Readers this week will find an invitation to what will be a big and historic celebration for TAS. The P&F's 80th Birthday Soirée celebrates the long history of support for the School that has brought so much to our community, not just through the huge fundraising done in that time, but also in ensuring that TAS is as much a family as it is a school. As in every year, the contributions of our P&F are readily seen by all, from the catering for our rugby carnival and home rugby games to welcomes for new families and liaison parent get togethers and the funding of a raft of projects that included the new furniture in Hoskins and the Sports Centre. Offering thanks for that would be good enough reason to get together, but the Soiree next week will do much more than that as previous generations of P&F contributors return to join us. Please be assured that there will be no fundraising on the night and that the sole purpose is to have a great evening. Whether you are new to TAS or a long-time member of the school family, you will be very welcome.

Vale Mo Witten

Yesterday was the funeral service for our oldest Old Armidalian, Spencer 'Mo' Witten, who passed away in Barraba on 11 August at the impressive age of 103. Tim Hughes and I were fortunate enough to join Mo's 100th birthday in 2015 and hear his recollections of his time at TAS and especially his love of cricket as a schoolboy. Mo is survived by his four sons David, Robert, Geoffrey and Ian and grandsons Daniel and Timothy who are all Old Armidalians themselves and our thoughts are with them at this time.

Murray Guest







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Uniform and Book Shop

Hours for the Uniform and Book Shop will be reduced over the following 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 5	
Wednesday 22 August	AgQuip
	Year 12 Trial Exams
Thursday 23 August	Year 12 Trial Exams
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Friday 24 August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Saturday 25 August	Rugby v Downlands (TAS)
	Tournament of the Minds Regional Final
WEEK 6	
Monday 27 August	Masterstroke (HSC Visual Arts Exhibition) 4.30pm
	Final Note (HSC Music Showcase) 6.30pm
Tuesday 28 August	Year 10 First Aid Courses (all week)
Wednesday 29 August	Northern NSW Regional da Vinci Decathlon
Thursday 30 August	Northern NSW Regional da Vinci Decathlon
Friday 31 August	Northern NSW Regional da Vindi Decathlon
	JS Father's Day BBQ - 12.25pm
	Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews (2pm-6pm)
Saturday 1 September	TAS STEM ACADEMY OPEN DAY AND LAUNCH

FROM 12.30pm

TAS P&F 80th Birthday Soiree

NOTICE BOARD

Reminder

Bookings are still being accepted for a proposed minibus service to NW NSW for the weekend of Friday 31 August - Sunday 2 September. Currently there are enough bookings for one bus to travel to Moree via Narrabri.

Capacity is 22 but it will run with 20.

Great opportunity to take home a friend.

Please email travel@as.edu.au to reserve a seat.

Details of proposed timetable.

Depart TAS front of Big School 3.45 Friday afternoon 31 August

Arrival at Tamworth McDonalds Armidale Rd 5 PM

Gunnedah McDonalds 6 PM

Narrabri McDonalds 7 PM

Moree McDonalds 8 PM.

Sunday on the return - 2nd September

Depart Moree McDonalds 2 PM

Narrabri McDonalds 3 PM

Gunnedah McDonalds 4 PM

Tamworth McDonalds Sydney Rd 5 PM

Arrive at TAS 6.15 PM

Times are approximate depending upon roadworks and traffic.



The Headmaster, Murray Guest and Commanding Officer Cadets, Major (AAC) Angus Murray

request the pleasure of your company at

The Annual Ceremonial
Passing Out Parade of
The Cadet Unit

on Adamsfield

Friday 14 September, 2018 at 2.00pm

Reviewing Officer

Colonel Andrew Plant, CSM

Director of Training Australian

Army Cadets

followed by Afternoon Tea in Big School





$\begin{array}{c} \text{FROM THE} \\ P\&F \end{array}$

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY SOIREE Please RSVP by 24 August

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association turns 80 this year and we are having a little soiree 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.

Below is your invitation to the TAS P&F 80th Birthday Soiree, to be held in Big School on Saturday September 1.

This night will be a great chance to catch up with friends, meet new ones, and celebrate all that the P&F have done, and raise your glass to those who started this committee 80 years ago. I cannot imagine the tough times TAS families would have seen in that 80 years! Come along and show your support for all that has been accomplished.

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.

This night is a chance to enjoy yourself - no fundraising, no asking for help, no agenda to go through - simply come and have fun. This is an adults only event and there will be Jazz Music, great food and wonderful company. There is a bar available with all drinks set at \$5 each (Eftpos is available). Bar opens at 5pm, with the night expected to finish around 8pm.

There is no charge for your tickets, but please RSVP via Try Bookings for catering by Friday 24 August – That's this Friday!! Simply click on this link: www.trybooking.com/XITX

Via this link you can also nominate to use the Babysitting service for pizza and a supervised movie – please bring a comfy cushion for your child to sit on.

To help run this event we do require several Community Service students (in Year 9 or above) for babysitting and handing round nibbles for the evening from 4.30 until 8.30pm. There are only limited places so you will need to register in advance through the attached link http://signup.com/go/mySBATu. Students will be required to wear formal uniform.

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.

HOME RUGBY GAMES ON SATURDAY AGAINST DOWNLANDS

TAS Rugby is playing Downlands at TAS on Saturday. The first game starts at 9am and the last game (First XV) finishes at 1pm. These are the last home games that the Opens will be playing for the year so come and watch!

The P&F along with the Rugby Supporters Sub Committee (Opens teams are on duty) will be running our usual BBQ so if you would like a B&E roll, steak sandwich or something else please pop on up to Backfield.

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.

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SAVE THE DATES:

There are a few P&F events on the horizon so please mark these is 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 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 16-18 November Art Show
- Saturday 17 November TAS@Dusk





DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of Week 6 - 30 August (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 31 August (2pm - 5.30pm). These interviews will be held in the Hoskins Foyer. Parents have been sent the link and personal code to make interview bookings. If you have not received this please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au or 6776 5806.

Two Parent Presentations will be held in the Hoskins Theatre on 30 August beginning at 6.15pm and a repeat session 31 August beginning at 11.45am.

Year 8 students will also attend the presentation on Friday 31 August.



Mrs Seonia Wark

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.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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



CAREERS ADVISOR

St Paul's College Stayover

St Paul's residential college, University of Sydney is offering two amazing opportunities for students for upcoming events. For the University Open Day (25 August) and the St Paul's College Dinner (4 September/2 October) they are offering free overnight accommodation (with dinner and breakfast) for students living outside Sydney. This is great opportunity to experience residential life while attending one of these functions.

Please go to the link below for copies of the letter and poster for more details

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ca-reers/2018/08/20/st-pauls-college-stayover/

Open Day University of Sydney & University of Notre Dame

Below is an extract from an email that I received advertising the two open days and it provides some links for more information. If you were considering going to these events please read the following.

The University of Sydney and the University of Notre Dame Australia are having their annual open day on Saturday 25 August and they have asked us to suggest to students that they plan for the day so that they get the most out of it.

Students can register for the event and receive updates and reminders about the information sessions.

University of Sydney: https://myfuture.
edu.au/partners/details?id=university-of-sydney#/

The University of Notre Dame: https://myfuture.edu.au/partners/ details?id=university-of-notre-dame#/ There are some useful articles with tips for planning a successful open day that your students may find interesting.

Access Melbourne

Access Melbourne is University of Melbourne's special entry scheme. It offers very generous points adjustment for those students who wish to attend University of Melbourne and qualify for the scheme.

If you are considering applying for University of Melbourne I would highly recommend a look at this scheme as one of the categories it offers is students from isolated areas.

The letter introducing the scheme and a copy of the brochure can be found at the link below.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ca-reers/2018/08/20/access-melbourne/



Technology and its use or misuse is never far from the mind of an educator. There is no doubt that, used appropriately, technology opens up opportunities for learning far beyond what is achievable with pen and paper or text books. We are all well aware though that technology can become a distraction and, in the worst case, an addiction.

Designers of social media apps and games understand the physiology of our brains very well. They know that a chemical called dopamine is released when we achieve things or receive positive feedback. This is why games feature levels or missions and you have to achieve certain tasks to advance. Every time you do, you get a rush from the dopamine. It quickly wears off though and you can crave more. Social media relies on the same cravings, this time for validation in the form of 'likes' or replies to your messages.

Fortunately, many young people are able to take a balanced approach to their use of technology and are able to navigate the space without forming addictions. Unfortunately, some students become so obsessed with technology they change their behaviours and routines to accommodate use and they may even deceive others about the extent of their use. Friendships can suffer, and other aspects of their lives can spiral out of control.

In an effort to ensure our students find balance we have a number of measures in place including monitoring internet use and collecting technology overnight. Studies show social media use peaks for the average teenager after midnight so removing this temptation also allows them to get a good night sleep.

From this weekend we will be introducing additional measures in Middle School Boarding to encourage students to take up other forms of recreation that are more active and provide genuine interactions with their peers. In addition to access to the gym and pool from 2-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays, we will trial opening the Year 12 Study Centre on Friday evenings from 6-8pm for board games, cards and hot chocolate. This will be open to all students but Middle School in particular will be encouraged to attend. We will also be reviving the weekend activities program now that we have enjoyed our last rugby away trip and we will have more numbers on campus on weekends.

Weekend technology use will be limited for Middle School girls and boys to mornings until 10am and then from 4:30pm until 7pm. Middle School boarders may use technology for recreation from 4:30pm until dinner but use will be limited to academic work or communication with home between dinner and 7:30pm.

Our aim in introducing these measures is to discourage reliance on technology for entertainment and encourage good oldfashioned play.

Mr Michael Holland







Cadets - Activities Day 5 (27 August)

Activities Day 5 will be held on Monday 27 August, Monday of Week 6. All cadets have attended an activities briefing on Tuesday 21 August and will have been informed about the required equipment.

Parents of students or student leaders in B Company should have received a permission form for school firearms safety training. It is important that these forms (or a current Minor's Permit) are returned to the school either by mail/fax or by email to Mr David Lawrence (MIC Shooting) at dlawrenc@as.edu.au by Friday 24 August in order for your child to participate in these School activities.

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 & 2 Platoons – Kayak touring on Clarence River near Copmanhurst; 1 & 2 Platoon will meet for **roll call at 3.30pm depart at 4pm on Sunday 26 August**. An overnight bivouac will be conducted, and students will require overnight gear as specified below.

3 Platoon – Advanced navigation and fieldcraft activities.

B Company

4, 5, 6 & 7 Platoons – Firearms safety training (TAS Rifle Club activity), navigation, first aid and bush cooking to be conducted at 'Loch Abba' property.

C Company

8, 9, 10 & 11 Platoons – Navigation, fieldcraft, bush cooking and abseiling to be conducted at 'Newholme' property and Baker's Creek Gorge.

Cadet equipment for kayak tour: 1 & 2 Platoon only.

Dress during the kayak tour exercise is appropriate wet & cold weather clothing & water shoes suitable for kayaking. Note that all equipment must be able to be carried in pack only – no webbing will be carried on the kayak trek. Sleeping bag may be carried externally to pack. Required equipment includes:

Back Pack (issued)

Compass* Hootchie (issued)
Spray jacket* / raincoat* 5m hootchie cord/rope*
Kidney Cup* Pegs x 8*

KFS set* Ground sheet (issued)
Water bottles x 2 (issued) Sleeping bag* & Mat*

Towel (small) Olive Green thermal undershirt*

Notepad (in plastic bag)* Jumper Camo (issued)

Torch + spare batteries* Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)

Plastic bag for wet gear

Sun screen & insect repellent (tube or roll-on only) Change of dry clothes, underwear & socks Toilet bag (comb, soap, toothbrush + paste)

MAJ (AAC) Angus Murray Commanding Officer Cadets.

 $^{{\}it *Available for purchase from TAS Clothing Shop}$

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)

<u>14 September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade</u> -- 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

Activities Day 5

When: Monday 27 August 2018

Where: Blue Hole, Castle Doyle (Oxley Wild Rivers National Park)

Time	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D
08:45 - 08:50	MS 03 – Roll	MS 02 – Roll	MS 01 – Roll	MS 12 - Roll
08:50 - 9:15	Bus to Blue Hole	Bus to Blue Hole	Bus to Blue Hole	Bus to Blue Hole
09:20 - 10:30	Abseil	First aid / Shelters	Navigation	Burma bridge,
				setting up
				hootchie/camp
10:35 – 11:45	Burma bridge,	Abseil	First aid /	Navigation
	setting up		Shelters	
	hootchie/camp			
11:50 - 13.00	Navigation	Burma bridge,	Abseil	First aid /
		setting up		Shelters
		hootchie/camp		
13.00 – 13:20	Lunch			
13:25 – 14:35	First aid / Shelters	Navigation	Burma bridge,	Abseil
			setting up	
			hootchie/camp	
14:35 – 14:45	Tidy up at site	Tidy up at site	Tidy up at site	Tidy up at site
14:45 – 15:00	Bus to school	Bus to school	Bus to school	Bus to school
15:00 – 15:30	Movie / show in	Movie / show in	Movie / show in	Movie / show in
	MS 03	MS 02	MS 01	MS 12

Staffing:

Abseil – Mrs R Pollard & Mr C Patrick
Navigation – Mr S Thompson
First aid and Shelters – Ms D Tutt & Ms C Prado
Burma Bridge/ Knots / Hootchie – Ms H Lo & Mr A Shortt
Abseil safety supervision : Ms R Harrison

Notes for students:

They are required to:

- Wear rangers gear (Jeans, green shirt, green hat, joggers)
- Bring a note book / paper and pen (This is a MUST!)
- Snacks if needed lunch will be provided
- Water bottle

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR

MR WILL CALDWELL

Summer Sport Choices

Don't panic. Summer sports won't start in earnest until the beginning of Term 4. However, we do need to get organised now and I appreciate parents discussing choices with their son/daughter. Sport is compulsory at TAS; ensuring that all students receive the physical, social and emotional benefits that sport provides. Students will lodge their choice with their Advisor / Homeroom Teacher by next Wednesday.

Every student must select ONE full sport. An extra sport may also be selected once the training schedule for full sports is determined (Week 9).

In addition to your full sport, Senior students are invited to lodge expressions of interest to coach Junior teams, under the supervision of an academic staff member. This is a very rewarding experience and a tremendous boost to the TAS sporting program. Please email dcc@as.edu.au if you are interested.

If you have any questions regarding your choice, please contact the MIC of that Sport- they will be able to answer your questions.

If you wish to participate in an external sport you must email dcc@as.edu.au seeking approval.

NCIS Athletics

Congratulations to the 50 students who competed in the NCIS Carnival at Coffs Harbour yesterday. This carnival attracts athletes throughout the North Coast region and provides an excellent level of competition for our students. It was pleasing to see so many of our athletes achieving PBs.

A full set of results will be available in due course and invitations will be extended to students who are eligible to compete at NSWCIS Championships in September.

Interested in playing Golf?

Students are invited to take part in a round of golf at The Armidale Golf Club on Sunday afternoons. Tee off times are flexible, and may depend on competition events at the club, but the expected time will range from 2-3pm. Students will be required to join the Armidale Golf Club as junior members, and membership fees range from \$5 to \$20 per annum, depending on age. Green fees for all junior players is then \$1 per round, which is very cheap entertainment for hours of play. Any student who is interested in obtaining a handicap to play in regional competitions will need to submit three 18 hole cards, and this can be done with my support over the course of the summer season. Students should have their own sets of clubs. This summer we are looking to run training and development sessions with the support of regional coordinators who are part of the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation, and we are also looking to become a part of a Tamworth junior golf teams based competition that will be starting towards the end of the year. This is not a full TAS sport and students are expected to commit to their TAS sport if they wish to be involved.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. David Toakley - dtoakley@as.edu.au



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

SUMMER SPORT CHOICES 2018/19

Full Sports:

Basketball Rowing
Cricket Shooting
Kayaking Squash
Mountain Biking Tennis
Triathlon

Extra Sports:

Swimming Dance Health, Fitness, Strength & Conditioning

Every student must select **ONE full sport** unless given permission by the Director of Co-Curricular to do otherwise. One extra sport may also be selected once the training schedule for full sports is determined. Please note that some sports have limited numbers.

In addition to your full sport, Senior students are invited to lodge expressions of interest to coach Junior teams, under the supervision of an academic staff member. This is a very rewarding experience and a tremendous boost to the TAS sporting program. Please email Mr. Caldwell if you are interested: dcc@as.edu.au

Summer Full Sports

Basketball: MIC: MS Phoebe Wood - pwood@as.edu.au

Basketball this season will involve one training per week and three Saturday game-based training sessions throughout each term. Each team will play in a competition game, at night, during the week. It is expected that the Armidale Basketball Association will run a schools' competition in which all our teams will compete. Competitions will be divided into Seniors and Juniors.

Registration, insurance, competition, court and umpiring fees apply and will be approx. \$130 for the season. All equipment supplied. Competition games are held at The Den at Armidale High School and/or the TAS gym. A school mini bus will operate to transport players to and from the venue.

Cricket: MIC: Mr Mark Taylor- mtaylor@as.edu.au Admin: Ms. Rachel Harrison- rharriso@as.edu.au

The Cricket program at TAS looks to support those students who are passionate cricketers and are keen to improve their cricket skills in a friendly and competitive environment, whilst upholding the "spirit" of Cricket.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Rugby

The past weekend saw the conclusion of the 2018 GPS Rugby season with an excellent outcome – a victory of 24 – 5 for our First XV. It was a somewhat emotional victory as this would be the final GPS fixture for the Year 12 students involved and highlights the remaining time the Year 11 and 12 student have together as a team. It has been a great season watching these boys grow and develop and I commend them on their efforts.

A note from the Year 11 students that have played alongside the Year 12 First XV: on behalf of the Year 11 contingents of the First XV and Opens Rugby I would like to extend my gratitude to all Year 12 rugby players. It has been an absolute pleasure to play alongside such motivated and talented players all season. To cap off the GPS season and our last Sydney trip with the successes that were experienced against Shore was a testament to the leadership and courage shown by Year 12. The feeling of finishing that last game alongside the boys was something that will not be forgotten, and I would like to thank you for an amazing season.

Despite the GPS season concluding the First XV have some fixtures remaining, this weekend will see them face off against Downlands followed by a weekend of rest.

I encourage all parents to join us at TAS this weekend for all fixtures.

Mr Todd Currell



CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

By the time this edition of TAS Talks hits the press the cast of *Alice in Wonderland* Jr. will have been announced to a buzzing bunch of Junior School students. While it will be exciting for those who have earned lead roles, after hearing from Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Butcher how tremendously difficult it was to select a cast from our hugely talented Years 3 - 5 school I want to congratulate everyone for giving it such an enthusiastic try. Rehearsal information will be coming out very soon and I particularly hope that all our parents and friends will keep an eye on Mrs Cleaver's emails for the Working Bees as this wacky and loony show is going to need a lot of help with the costumes, props and set.

Next Monday we have both the HSC Visual Arts and HSC Music showcases, Masterstroke and Final Note. The Masterstroke exhibition is in the Hoskins Centre foyer and will open at 4:30pm, with the artists giving short presentations on their work from 5:15pm - 6pm. At 6:30pm audiences are invited into the Hoskins Centre theatre for Final Note, a showcase of select pieces from our Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music students. We once again have an incredibly strong cohort in the Creative Arts so make sure you get along to both events to be entertained and inspired.

A reminder for those who participated in the [REC] Ya Shorts workshops that there are less than six weeks to go if you are creating a short film. With over \$40,000 worth of prizes to be won it is an incredible opportunity to dip your toe into the world of filmmaking. If you need any help planning, writing, shooting or editing your film please come down to the Hoskins Centre office and we'll give you as much assistance as we can offer.

Finally, it is our intention to announce the 2019 TAS Production next Tuesday in assembly and TAS Talks. We've certainly been bombarded with questions over the last few weeks and so this hopefully satisfies the great many keen students desperate to know. The intention is to audition the show in Weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term and so get ready for the announcement and meetings next week.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



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The 'Final Note' HSC Music Concert is on next Monday 27 August: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

HSC Music students are preparing to showcase a selection of their HSC exam repertoire at the 'Final Note' HSC Music Concert in the TAS Hoskins Centre next Monday, 23 August. This is a free concert and open to all. The 'Final Note' event is not to be missed, so be sure to save the date in your diaries.

New England Sings! 2018 -Second Primary rehearsal

The second combined Primary choir rehearsal will be held at NECOM on Thursday 23 August, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Date: Thursday 23 August

Time: Primary Choir 1: 11:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Auditorium, CB Newling Building (Old Teachers College) Cnr. Mossman &

Faulkner Sts. Armidale

This rehearsal will be conducted by renowned Australian Composer and Conductor, Dan Walker, who will be revisiting the commissioned work, plus the remaining repertoire.

New England Sings! -Secondary Choir Rehearsal

The first combined choir rehearsal will be held at NECOM on Friday 24 August, 12:30pm - 3:00pm. We will be breaking into parts for much of the rehearsal to assist with rapid learning and polishing of the repertoire.

Date: Friday 24 August Time: 12:30pm - 3:00pm Staff: Soprano & Alto

Condutors: Leanne Roobol & Inge Brasche

Accompanist: Robyn Bradley

Tenor & Bass: Conductors Phil Oxley &

Bruce Myers

Accompanist: Matthew Minter

Venue: Auditorium, CB Newling Building

(Old Teachers College)

Cnr. Mossman & Faulkner Sts. Armidale

New England Sings! tickets

Tickets are selling FAST with over 350 tickets sold in the morning concert and about 250 tickets sold for the afternoon concert! Please book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. TAS Primary Choir (Years 3-5) will be performing in Concert 1 and the TAS Senior Choir (Years 6-12) will perform in both concerts. Tickets can be purchased directly from Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/WXRS<http://www. trybooking.com/WXRS>

AMEB Examinations

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 - music@ as.edu.au

Congratulations to the many TAS students who have just completed their 2016 AMEB exams in recent weeks.

Ms Leanne Roobol



FINAL NOTE

A Showcase of TAS HSC Music

William Almond | Bonnie Bremner | Lachlan Cameron Ellen Coote | Kira Dooner | Dominique Holley | Hannah Quilty Matthew Turnbull | Samuel Wright

Monday 27 August 6:30pm - 8:00pm TAS Hoskins Centre



This is a free event. Bookings not necessary.

STEM Academy Day

As parents and teachers it's our duty to guide, cajole and, often enough I think, to direct kids. Well, let's cut to the chase: 1 September is not just the first day of spring, it's our STEM Academy showcase day – and you need to support it. We're all Armidalians after a fashion, and we know the first day of spring could be 'cold as charity', but the STEM activity promises to be a good opportunity for a very good, enjoyable and personally productive time. We've sent flyers to you electronically and a number of you have already sent us replies about attendance. But, I want more. This opportunity to showcase an aspect of learning TAS can offer to students is open to the wider public – wouldn't it be good to showcase the calibre of our students as well - not so much because our students are your children, but because we have so many good, creative kids in the Junior and Middle Schools at TAS.

Half Way and Busy

We're officially half way now and everything continues well enough. Life is very busy: students are busily managing the next assessment block, Ag Quip has begun and our Enrolments staff are there as I write this week's TAS Talks. After the last few very busy weeks we're also preparing for home games in rugby. In short, we're thinking about the next lot of commitments and generally speaking, all is well with us.

Clothing and Behaviour - reminder

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. Yes, I written similar stuff before – I'm not repeating it because I can't think of anything better to write, I'm doing so because it's important.

Largely, we're dealing with teenagers: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. I loathe poor language – it's a sign of laziness in relation to a language that, well used, can recommend the speaker, particularly a young one, in so many ways. If I need to speak to your children about appropriateness of language and general poor behaviour, I'll let you know as well. I / we want your support as parents.

Mr Mark Harrison Head – Middle School



Mr Mark Harrison



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are very excited to announce (just in time for Book Week!) that Tristan Bancks will be our guest this year for our Junior School Speech Day. This is very exciting news for us (and, as it turns out for Tristan as well) and we are very fortunate to have a writer of his experience and stature to join us. He is a really interesting guy...



Tristan Bancks - Award winning Author and Junior School Speech Day Guest

As a children's and teen author with a background in acting and filmmaking, he has had a fascinating career already. His books include the *My Life series, Mac Slater: Coolhunter* (Australia and US) and *Two Wolves*, a crime-mystery novel for middle-graders. *Two Wolves* won Honour Book in the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. It also won the YABBA and KOALA Children's Choice Awards and has been released in the US as *On the Run* (Farrar Straus Giroux).

Tristan's short films as writer and director have won a number of awards and have screened widely in festivals and on TV. His most recent book is *My Life & Other Exploding Chickens*, a fourth book of weird-funny-gross, semi-autobiographical short stories. When you have the time, please check out his website and blogs. Our teachers are exploring all sorts of avenues to work with Tristan in the lead up to Speech Day and we are very thankful that he has found time to join us at TAS.

Great Excitement!! Activities Day and Book Week Parade – Monday 27 August

As you will have heard, Monday 27 August is an Activities Day - 'Spirit of Service' and we have combined this with our Book Week Parade in the morning. What a day this will be!

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Book Parade in the Hoskins Centre from 9.00 am - 9.45 am to watch the Parade and the fantastic selection of 'Shelfie' photographs that have been submitted. (If your child is yet to send in a photo, or you have no idea what I am talking about please ask them!)



Shelfie......Harry Potter himself!



Mr Ian Lloyd



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Remember, some great resources for dress up ideas – "Find Your Treasure" 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

Morning tea will be provided in the foyer for parents after the parade. After lunch, having prepared gifts and games, we are heading off to visit some of the elderly residents in our community in various aged care facilities. As we have learnt in the past, these visits provide powerful opportunities to connect and I look forward to seeing our service in action.

Fundraiser – Thailand Service Project – Tuesday 28 August

Each year, Reverend Newton travels with a group of TAS students to Thailand to help and contribute to communities that are less well off than most. Next week, on Tuesday at morning tea, senior students will be providing hot chocolate (\$2) and brownies (\$2) or both (\$3) to Junior School for a small contribution and I would like to encourage our students to bring along some coins to help the cause.

Fathers' Day Sausage Sizzle – Friday 31 August

We will be celebrating Father's Day on Friday 31 August at lunchtime in the Junior School covered area. We welcome all those meaningful males in the lives of our students to come along and join us for lunch and a handful of games and activities. We hope you can be with us at lunchtime (from 12.25 – 1.15 pm) and please, don't forget your runners (and to stretch before you become involved in any strenuous exercise!)

LOOKING

TERM 3

WEEK 5

Tue 21 Aug NCIS Athletics – Coffs Harbour

Wed 22 Aug Year 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"

Tues 28 Aug Bring a Coin Service Project to Thailand - \$2 Brownie or

Hot Chocolate \$3 – "The Lot"

Wed 29 Aug Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Northern NSW Da Vinci – Memorial Hall

Thu 30 Aug Northern NSW Da Vinci – Memorial Hall

Fri 31 Aug Meaningful Males Father's Day Celebrations 12.25pm in the

Junior School Covered Area

WEEK 7

Wed 5 Sep Year 1 Special Assembly – Gymnasium 2.45 pm – All invited

WEEK 8

Mon 10 Sep Year 5 Exhibition – Hoskins Centre

Tue 11 Sep Year 5 Exhibition – Student viewing

Wed 12 Sep Year 3 – 5 Student Led Conference

Thu 13 Sep NE Sings Rehearsal

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You will soon receive an invitation which we hope you will return to assist with catering.

Special Year 1 Assembly in the Gymnasium -Wednesday 5 September

After a good deal of planning and hard work, Mrs Hardin has joined forces with a number of staff to create a very special assembly in the School Gymnasium involving most of our students in exhibitions of gymnastics and martial arts, along with other Assembly items. We expect it to be very exciting and we hope many parents and friends can attend.

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 4

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly: Archer Starr, George Drain, Theo Munsie, Jack Wood, Izzie Glover, Harry Brownlie, Mila Downes, Charlie Ward, Lucas Hu and Jock Taylor.

Mr Ian Lloyd Head of Junior School

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE JUST OVER ONE WEEK TO GO!

Well done to those students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2018.

It is now only just over one week until reading logs will need to be handed in to the library. This needs to be done by Friday 31 August, 2018. It would be wonderful to see many more children finish the challenge.

If you need any help at all in finishing, please come and see us in the library.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani PRC Co-ordinator



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Jump Rope for Heart Launch this week

Our SRC will be launching Jump Rope for Heart in our Assembly on Wednesday.

Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for 35 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation's lifestyle work.

It's important you register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org. au/2018/The Armidale School - ARMI-DALE NSW - 139419

Students will be skipping during breaks from class throughout the remainder of the term. During this time, you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will be holding our Jump Off Day on Thursday 27 September. This will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Netball

The Magic netball team faced a tough match on the weekend as we were up against our training buddies and friends from the Magpies! Right from the first quarter, our improvement as a team was shining through and the magpies could see this was not the same team they played a few weeks ago! While the second and third quarter were low on point climbing, they were high in defensive effort and tireless breaking and driving for the ball. We managed to sneak in a few more goals in the fourth quarter but could not quite catch up to our opponents.

Miss Anna Frost



FOOTBALL TAS Blue U7

After our strongest performance of the season last weekend, TAS Blue were brimming with confidence for their fixture against the formidable North Red Jets.

Some astute attacking and defensive drills prior to kick off had the opposition on edge and TAS Blue in the right frame of mind to challenge the premier team of the competition.

Due to the cold and blustery conditions the game plan was to play a tight game working up the narrow middle channel and utilise our faster players on the edges as the game wore on. This tactic surprised the Red Jets whose long ball game didn't suit the conditions. Rebecca Billingsley supported well in the midfield and was rewarded with her fist goal of the season. Rebecca was well supported by the consistent Cecilia Price whose confidence on the ball is growing each week. Cecilia and Rebecca's uncompromising approach in the mid field is creating many opportunities for both their teammates and themselves.

George Drain was once again busy in attack and is to be commended on his positional play and bravery in pushing through the pain barrier late in the game. Bonnie Blanch's unselfish play, characterised by accurate mid field passes, is appreciated by her teammates and created many goal scoring opportunities up front.

William Copper-Fillios has reinvented himself throughout the season and is now complimenting his skills at the back with the ability to take the defence on with the ball. William's willingness to pressure the defence from re starts was great to see and highlighted his growing confidence in attack. Andrian Zhang was once again a wall in defence, not hesitating to put his body on the line at any opportunity. Andrian's speed in defence when the Red Jets counter attacked nullified many goal scoring opportunities. Pippi Goudge returned form a week off and her increased energy was evident from the kick off. Pippi's aggression in defence frustrated the Red Devils leading to many turnovers.

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Pippi was rewarded for her uncanny ability to be on the ball with a goal late in the game. Mila Nexo once again stood tall and provided a strong link between the mid field and the strikers. Mila has no fear in both attack and defence and her willingness to push herself lifted her teammates late in the game. Mila's goal was testament to her ability to fight fatigue and push herself into goal scoring opportunities. Layla Abu Assab was once again strong on goal and her ability to trouble the opposition at any opportunity allowed space to be created around her for her teammates to exploit.

Well done to all players on their performance. To score three goals against a team that hadn't conceded a goal all season is testament to your improved focus both at training and during games.

George Drain and Pippi Goudge were awarded the coaches award for their bravery in attack and sportsmanship throughout the game. Congratulations to both George and Pippi!

Mr David Drain



TAS Blue Footballers - played a really strong game with some players away with illness

TAS BLUE U10

This week, we played the Armidale
Hurricanes at the Rologas Fields. We would
like to thank Archer Starr and Mitchell
Evans for playing for the TAS Blues due to
the fact some of our players were unwell.
We won the game seven nil which was
really pleasing for us. Everyone played so
well and as a team, so it is very hard to
name individual players. However, Charlie
Ryan did score quite a number of the goals
for us. We enjoyed playing in our preferred
positions this week.

We would also like to thank Mr Ryan for stepping in as coach and referee while Mrs Hardin was away.

Lachie Hunter (Year 4)

NCIS Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday our Junior School athletes travelled to sunny Coffs Harbour for the NCIS Athletics Carnival. Coffs Harbour put on some fine weather for us to compete in, with all enjoying the warmth and competition. It was pleasing to see so many of our athletes competing in a sportsman like manner. Some excellent results came out of the day and full results should be available in next week's TAS talks.

Of particular note, was Charlie Ward's performance in the Junior Girls Discus, in which she broke a 7 year record (20.6), throwing 21.10 meters. Charlie also won the Junior Girls Shotput with a throw of 6.65 metres.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch and support the team.

Mrs Christine Wright



Blake Whitehill, Oliver Goudge, Nawaf Binmahfod and Hugo Broun before their Junior Boys relay at the NCIS yesterday



Charlie Ward, Mosie Wright, Minnie Chick and Paige Sutton prepare for their Junior Girls relay

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PSSA Athletics

Friday 17 August saw 18 young TAS athletes participating in the Armidale Zone PSSA Athletics carnival held at Armidale High School. With crisp clear blue skies and some glorious winter sun, it was a fantastic day outdoors and the athletes put in some great efforts. With numerous athletes due to travel to Coffs Harbour for NCIS athletics, this carnival was an excellent opportunity to dust of the spikes and develop both individual and team competition skills. With too many names to mention everyone, some highlights on the track included Lucy Taylor, Hugo Broun and Mohammed Almokhtar who made finals of their 100m events; while Oliver Goudge and Evan Kwan also made the finals in their 100s, as well as picking up second places - Oliver in the Junior Boys 200m and Evan in the 11 years 800m, despite being tripped at the start of the race! There were also many great personal achievements in the field events, but most notable was Charlie Ward in the Junior Girls Discus who, with a throw of 19.51m, took out first place and is awaiting confirmation of a possible record. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who came along to show support, and especially to four of our wonderful Gap Students who assisted throughout the day with time keeping and recording duties. Good luck to all athletes competing at NCIS.





Charlie Ward - winner of the Junior Girls Discuss with a winning throw of 19.51m



Even at the end of a long, tiring day, our athletes were still in great spirits. (L-R) Evan Kwan, Xavier Leary, Millie Coupland, Iles Baker, Sinclair Little, Tom Rowe and Oliver Goudge.

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

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New England Sings!

The New England Conservatorium and Armidale Music Teachers Association are proud to present the largest choral showcase in the New England region, celebrating the joy of singing and Australian music. It features 800 students from over 30 regional schools, Armidale Youth Orchestra, and community musicians, and premieres two choral commissions specially written for the Combined Primary Schools Choirs and the Combined Secondary Choir & Orchestra by acclaimed composers Dan Walker and Felix Riebl.



Sunday 21 October
Two Concerts: 11am and 2:30pm
 Lazenby Hall UNE
 Adults \$25, Students \$15
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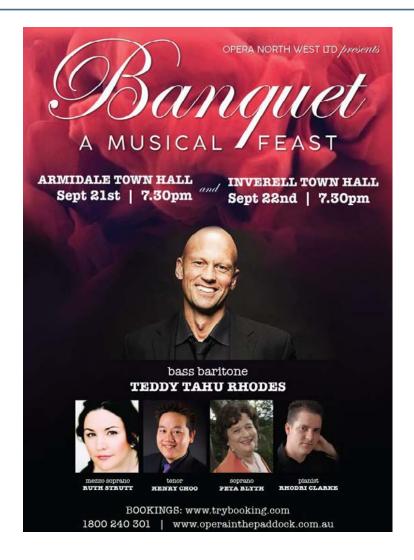












A MUSICAL FEAST FOR THE SENSES!

As a rare treat for the region, Opera North West is set to excite audiences once again with an event of unsurpassed quality.

Opera North West, the producers of major regional event, *Opera in the Paddock*, is delighted to present *Banquet*: A *Musical Feast*, at the Armidale Town Hall on Friday 21st September and Inverell Town Hall on Saturday 22nd September.

With the long-awaited return to the New England of internationally renowned bass baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes, the two gala concerts will provide a feast for the senses. This will be Teddy's second appearance with Opera North West, following his triumphant performance at Opera in the Paddock in 2016.

Teddy Tahu Rhodes will be joined on stage by lyric coloratura tenor Henry Choo, rising star mezzo soprano Ruth Strutt and celebrated soprano and Artistic Director of Opera North West, Peta Blyth. Acclaimed pianist Rhodri Clarke, will accompany the stellar line-up of performers in a superb evening of beautiful music.

The carefully selected program will feature solos, duets, and quartets, soaring with the exuberance of folk songs, musicals and the passion of grand opera.

And with music that soars with the ecstasy of love; with the pain of jealousy; with the agony of betrayal, lust and revenge, there is no doubt that *Banquet*: A *Musical Feast* will hit a new high note for all lovers of fine entertainment in 2018.

Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com Further information: www.operainthepaddock.com.au Tel: 1800 240 301