



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

HSC Performances – Master Stroke and Final Note

The creative talent of our Year 12 shone again on Monday evening with an impressive and thoroughly entertaining showing of HSC Visual Arts and Music major works. With the Trial HSC marking for music students taking place through the day and Visual Arts pieces not quite due, the evening was purely for our enjoyment and it served that purpose well. There would be no doubt in the minds of any there that this group of students is a cohesive, supportive and talented one and that reflects as well on their teachers, Fiona Xeros, Bekk Baumgartner and Leanne Roobol, as it does on them. The external HSC marking looms not far ahead and I am sure that all will join me in wishing every student well as they polish their final products.

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

As I write, the Memorial Hall is at absolute capacity with Year 7 and 8 students from across the North of the State, all here for the sixth Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon. This one day event will be repeated on Thursday for students from Years 5 and 6 and Friday for students from Years 9 and 10, making it one of the biggest and most prestigious academic events in our region. Each day presents a series of 10 challenges from fields spanning the spectrum from engineering to the arts and all require genuine teamwork and a range of skills to complete them. It is a competitive event and all will be striving to represent their schools to the best of their abilities, but the day is really about immersion in intellectual challenge and the opportunity to work in a genuinely collaborative way.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to host this enriching event and I again offer thanks to Knox Grammar for licencing TAS to host it for Northern NSW and to the three Old Boys from Knox who have joined us to assist in running it again this year. I also offer special thanks to the leader and organiser of the event, Catherine Boydell who initiated our decathlon six years ago and has driven it ever since.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

STEM Launch

I hope that all Junior and Middle School students and parents are aware that we will launch the new TAS STEM Academy this Saturday from 12:30pm and that many are looking forward to being there. The afternoon promises to be great fun with STEM activities that range from coded drone racing to trying out virtual reality goggles and Google Goggles, joining or watching an "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" competition, plenty of puzzles and games, trying out liquid hydrogen ice-cream, getting into the Non-Newtonian fluid paddling pool, testing skills with catapult egg throwing and experiencing what the Hoskins Tech Crew does in sound and lighting programming and getting above the stage on a catwalk tour. Even if you are like me and don't know what some of those things are, trying them out is an exciting prospect and is certain to be fun.

P&F 80th Birthday Party

Following the afternoon of STEM activities the enjoyment will continue as the P&F, past and present, come together in Big School to celebrate their 80th birthday. All are welcome and please be assured that there will be no fundraising and any welcomes and thank-yous will be brief as this is all about having a party to recognise the generations of great contributors to this school who have done so much to make it what it is today.

Murray Guest





Uniform and Book Shop

Hours for the Uniform and Book Shop have returned to normal.

Monday 1.30pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 10am – 2.00pm

Wednesday 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 10am – 2.00pm

Friday 1.30pm – 5.00pm

Thankyou to Mrs Kate Lawrence for holding down the fort.

Mrs Vivienne Tearle

WEEK 6

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 Vinci 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

WEEK 7

Monday 3 September

Founders Day

Tuesday 4 September

Inter-House Public Speaking (SS)

Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal

Wednesday 5 September

NCIS Tennis/Netball (Grafton)

Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal

Thursday 6 September

Inter-House Public Speaking (MS)

Friday 7 September

Shooting Dinner (McConville Centre) 6.30pm

Saturday 8 September

Rugby Dinner (6.30pm) Wicklow Hotel

SAVE THE DATE

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic - Information Night

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Registration is compulsory for all paddlers and has the following costs:

- \$140 Standard Adult Entry
- \$70 Full Time Student under 25
- \$70 Student 16 and under

These are the HCC Entry costs and separate to the TAS charges for boat hire, training, transport, etc.

Nibbles and Light refreshments will be provided.

Those who have already registered for the classic will also receive a text about the information night. For catering purposes, please confirm by booking via: www.trybooking.com/xxme by Tuesday 4 September.



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



TAS STEM ACADEMY



TAS
THE ARMIDALE
SCHOOL

COME TO THE OPEN DAY

1 SEPTEMBER

12.30PM FREE BBQ LUNCH

1-4PM STEM ACTIVITIES

Bring the family!

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

rsvp: Mrs Sandra Lasker junior@as.edu.au

Mrs Robyn Frost middle@as.edu.au

www.as.edu.au

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY SOIREE

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association turns 80 this year and we are having a little soiree to say thank you and Happy Birthday this Saturday night. I will give an update in next TAS Talks about how the evening went.

Just a little reminder... 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.

To help run our birthday party 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 contact Fiona on jf.nash@bigpond.com.

For those that cannot attend – do not think we have forgotten what wonderful people you are. Every cake baked, bbq cooked, working bee attended, event participated in - is all very much appreciated. The numerous fund raisers and friendly events that the P&F have hosted or been involved with over 80 years is quite staggering.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed participating and being involved in the wider TAS community and made some lifetime friendships. I know I have!

Some little details about what the P&F gets up to...

- We have Liaison Parents for each year group – I hope you know who yours are and have joined your year group Facebook Page to keep abreast of information
- We donate money to school related projects during our Funding Meeting – the last few years we have averaged annual donations between \$30,000 and \$50,000... that's a lot of snags and cupcakes!

Some significant projects include:

- New furniture for Hoskins Foyer – I hope you go and have a look!
- An upgrade of White House Courtyard – watch this space for when it starts...
- A laser cutter for the Trade Training Centre
- Boats for rowing and face masks and goalie kits for hockey
- A new gymnastics trampoline
- Drinking fountains and tables for student use
- We arrange BBQs and catering for school sporting events, and other events as well – particularly the TAS Rugby Carnival
- TAS@Dusk & Art Show
- Working bees if required
- Our famous Christmas puddings

And much, much more!

BRANDY WANTED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Pudding bake is coming up on 21 October and prior to that we need heaps and heaps of brandy to soak the fruit in – this is what gives the puddings that spectacular taste!! If you can donate a bottle of brandy please either drop it in at Main Reception or contact Pudding Co-ordinator Heather Williams on hwilliams@tmsmp.com.au

HOME RUGBY GAMES NEXT SATURDAY AGAINST TACAPS and SCOTS PGC

TAS Rugby are playing our final home games for the year at TAS next Saturday 9 September.

The P&F along with the Rugby Supporters Sub Committee (14s are on duty) will be running our usual BBQ so if you would like to help please let us know.

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.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 8 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 Vickie 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 Vickie 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



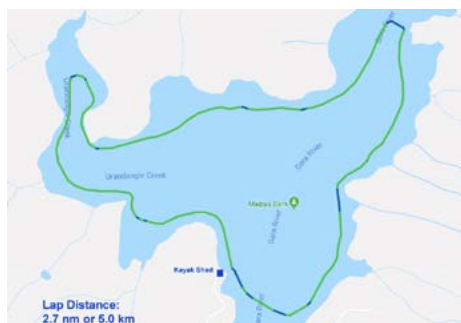
LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

- Training
- Sponsorship Goals
- Information and Registration Night
- Malpas Night Paddle

Training

Cold, but less windy conditions greeted Hawkesbury Canoe Classic trainers on Sunday. Twenty two paddlers took to the water at Malpas Dam. Although for some it was their first time at training, regular attendees are focussing on building their endurance. All paddlers aim to complete three 5 kilometre laps per session in under two hours and to improve this time each session. A sample km route is shown below.



Example of a 5km lap at Malpas dam

Thank You to Tom Deshon and father Nick for cooking a warm sausage lunch for the paddlers.

After training, the kayaks departed for the Clarence River, Eatonsville for a night paddle with the TAS cadet unit. It is a condition that each paddler in the TAS Hawkesbury team complete at least one night paddling experience. Thirty eight cadets paddled upstream from about 9:30 pm until close to midnight on what was a foggy 8km river experience.



Sponsorship Goals

Now that expressions of interest have closed, and training has begun it is time to begin thinking in earnest about sponsorship. Start the conversation with your supporters. You and each paddler in your craft are expected to raise the following minimum sponsorship donations:

\$200 - Adults and Concession Holders

\$100 - Juniors & Full time students under 25 years of age

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Malpas Night Paddle

A final night paddle opportunity is scheduled for Sunday 16 September.

This is an extended training event. At which we have a normal paddle from 1pm-4pm, with a 1 hour break, then recommence paddling from 5pm-8pm. During the break, paddlers will have refreshments, change into dry clothes and attach glow sticks to kayaks. This is a great opportunity for landcrew to get a sense of the demands of the Hawkesbury event. A sausage sizzle will be provided at the conclusion of the night paddle.

Mr Alasdair Hey



L: Cadets ready themselves with glow sticks and duct-tape at Eatonsville

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

Finals time

Whilst some teams will progress through to semi-finals and finals, others will finish their season this weekend. Students will naturally want to take a break or move onto the next adventure. However, it is important to check with your coach / MIC of your sport, to confirm when training will cease, as this will vary from sport-to-sport and team-to-team. Summer sport will not commence officially until term 4. Although, trials will occur for some senior teams this term. Please keep an eye out for further information or contact your MIC.

Managing the busy times

TAS is always a busy place and this time of year it hits a crescendo as winter sports transition into summer, end of season dinners, inter-house competitions, passing out parade practices and winter photos.

You will notice that the attached photo schedule requires some students to be at school quite early. Whilst I apologise for any inconvenience this causes, the aim has been to avoid interruptions to class time. These photos are an important historical record and we appreciate students making the effort to be present.

Mr Will Caldwell



Mr Will Caldwell



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2018

Thursday 13 September 2018

DAY	TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:30 am	TAS Big Band	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:35 am	TAS Singers	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:40 am	TAS Camerata	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:45 am	TAS Cantique	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:55 am	TAS Pipes & Drums	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:00 am	Swimming: MS & SS Age Champions	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:05 am	Triathlon Team	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:15 am	Shooting: 2nd VIII	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:20 am	Shooting: 1st VIII	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:25 am	MS/SS Athletics: GPS Team	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:30 am	NSW All Schools Triathlon Reps	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:35 am	Cricket 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:40 am	SRC	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:45 am	Chess 1st IV	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	11:20 am	Equestrian Team	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	11:25 am	Senior Debating / Public Speaking	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	12:55 pm	MS/SS Cross Country NCIS & CIS	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:00 pm	JS/MS/SS -GPS/CIS Representatives	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:10 pm	Hockey: 1st XI Girls	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:15 pm	Hockey: 1st XI Boys	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:25 pm	Netball TAS 1	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:30 pm	Tennis 1st IV	Memorial Hall

HOCKEY: 1st XI Full TAS hockey uniform including boots

CRICKET: 1st XI Whites, Baggy Blue, School Blazers

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: Full FORMAL School Uniform

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos
- No 'Skins' are to be worn under sports uniforms for photographs
- Please ensure school shoes are clean and polished

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2018

Friday, 14 September 2018

DAY	TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
Friday 14 Sept	7:00 am	Abbott House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:15 am	Abbott House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:20 am	Croft House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:30 am	Croft House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:35 am	Tyrrell House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:50 am	Tyrrell House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:55 am	Middle School Boarding	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:10 am	Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:25 am	Dangar House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:35 am	Prefects	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:40 am	Co-Curricular Captains	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:45 am	Football: 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:50 am	House Captains & Vice Captains	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:55 am	Rugby: 1st XV	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:05 am	Junior School	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:25 am	JS Athletics: PSSA & NCIS Team	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:35 am	Cross Country: PSSA Team	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:45 am	Junior School Athletics Champions	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:55 am	Junior School Swimming Champions	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:05 am	TAS Trebles	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:15 am	FanTASTics	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:25 am	Descendants of Old Boys	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:40 am	Middle School	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:55 am	MS Debating	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:00 am	MS Monitors	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:05 am	Rugby: 2nd XV	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:10 am	Football: 2nd XI	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:15 am	Anzac Day Guard	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:20 am	Cadets: Officers & NCOs	Memorial Hall

CADETS:

Anzac Guard: Olive Guard with hat and clean boots
Officers & NCO's: DPCU, no hat, clean boots

RUGBY:

1st XV- Full TAS rugby uniform including boots

FOOTBALL:

1st XI- Full TAS football uniform including boots

ALL OTHER PHOTOS:

Full FORMAL School Uniform

At yesterday's assembly we announced that in 2019 TAS will be staging the absolute audience-favourite musical *Oliver!* But as well as revealing the show we shared a few of the changes coming to the TAS Production next year: it will be a combined production featuring both Senior School and Middle School students with auditions open to everyone in Years 6 - 11 this year; we will also be opening the orchestra up to students; and the production will run over two weeks, with some of the roles open to double-casting. More information will be shared at meetings this Friday (12:45pm for Middle School and 1:40pm for Senior School) in the Hoskins Centre so if you want to know more about these changes and the audition process (held this term) please get along to those sessions or read the follow-up email.

Monday night saw two amazing showcases by our HSC Visual Arts and HSC Music 1, 2 and Extension students. The Masterstroke event transformed the foyer of the Hoskins Centre into an incredible gallery with a stunning range of exceptional pieces on display for friends and family. It was a fabulous opportunity to hear those artists talk about their practice and inspiration and I wish the HSC Visual Arts students and their teacher Ms Xeros all the very best as they prepare for the submission of their Body of Works on Monday. The Final Note concert followed and once more we were treated to a range of pieces highlighting that while interests or styles may vary the overall standard of the performances was a testament to those students and their teachers (it was also notable how many familiar faces were on the stage once more, having also presented artworks or performed their Drama pieces earlier in the term).

But illness was an unfortunate spectre lurking behind this year's Final Note so we will be looking to program in a second round of those performances so keep your eye on this space if you're keen to see more of the HSC Music pieces (as you all should be).

With the cast of Junior School's *Alice in Wonderland* being announced this week (I may have prematurely said that was happening last week, my apologies) rehearsals for that Term 4 blockbuster are sure to start soon. Please watch for emails from Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Butcher for more information on that front.

And finally, in two weeks' time we have the Sydney Comedy Festival Roadshow coming to the Hoskins Centre. After the success of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow earlier in the year this is again sure to be a fantastic night of wicked entertainment, though I would again recommend this one for only the Senior students and parents and friends as nobody can be certain of the territory these comics will stray into.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell





Final Note Performance

Congratulations to our Year 12 HSC Music students who performed at **Final Note** on Monday evening. With the HSC performance examinations coming up in Week 9, **Final Note** was a fantastic performance opportunity for our students. Many thanks to our accompanists - Mr Warwick Dunham (Piano), Mrs Robyn Bradley (Piano), Mr Paul Marshall (Saxophone), Miss Isabelle Cameron (Voice), Mr Matt Nolan (Guitar), Miss Arlene Fletcher (Double Bass), Matthew Turnbull (Bass Guitar), Mr David van Tongeren (Drums) and Toby Bauer (Cajon).

All the best to our TAS HSC Music students - William Almond, Bonnie Bremner, Lachlan Cameron, Ellen Coote, Kira Dooner, Dominique Holley, Hannah Quilty, Matthew Turnbull and Samuel Wright, for your upcoming HSC performances.

Lastly, it is hard to believe that these wonderful students will be leaving TAS soon, their presence in the Music Centre will be sorely missed!

Rolling Oates Performance - United We Stand

On Friday 17 August, The Rolling Oates performed at The Armidale City Church for the event 'United We Stand'. Pictured from L-R: Hannah Neilson (bass/vocals/guitar), Alistair Le Surf (drums), Molly Dooner (guitar/keyboard/vocals) and Hattie Oates (guitar/keyboard/vocals).



AMEB Results

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

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music





Passing Out Parade

Passing Out Parade was discussed at yesterday's Town Meeting, it's looming large and all students have been made aware of the practice times. Please be aware of the schedule as missing times can cause frustration for students, staff and everyone really. The concept behind the parade is to farewell our Year 12 cadets, and as such it is important.

Da Vinci Decathlon

The tests will be enjoyable and challenging and I know staff have put so much work into the week, which began this morning with the Year 7 and 8 sessions. Each year seems to host more students than its predecessor, and from what Ms Catherine Boydell has said in our most recent staff briefing this year will be no different - and yet everything seems to run smoothly nevertheless.

Our best wishes go to all our Middle School teams who will compete in the da Vinci Decathlon. The number of students is strong and we look forward to hearing of their, hopefully easy, management of the various challenges ahead. In the past our people have acquitted themselves well.

Needless to say, perhaps, but these events don't appear miraculously out of the ether. Ms Catherine Boydell, Mrs Regina Pollard, our Junior School staff and the Gap Students deserve thanks from all quarters: they've already spent many hours preparing, copying, organising and revising and still managed to present so well as individuals and the TAS collective during the three days of operation of the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon held at and hosted by TAS over the next three days week.

Activities

They were held yesterday and from all reports I've heard they were successful for our three year groups. I'm hoping that there will be some visuals accompanying this edition of TAS Talks so you can see, second had I admit, what your children were 'up to' on Monday of this week.

This is a brief one – things are busy.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



Mr Mark Harrison



Year 6 Bush Skills on Activities Day

Activities Day – Spirit of Service

Thank you to all our parents and friends who have supported us over the last few days (and weeks) while we have been so busy. Any Activities Day takes a lot of organising but our school has excelled this week with the outstanding commitment shown from one and all to get out and about with community service projects that brought so much joy and fulfilment to so many.

Having completed a wonderful Book Week parade (have you seen the photos and or the slide show?) our House groups prepared for and then travelled to various Aged Care Facilities in Armidale to share games, gifts and conversation for the afternoon.



When you see the photos, you'll appreciate the significance of this activity; I can honestly say that there were quite a few tears shed. It was incredibly gratifying to see the exchanges taking place. From solo musical performances, to book readings, to colouring in, to storytelling, both students and residents alike thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time together.



Sophia shares her Alice in Wonderland stories....

I hope you have heard some wonderful stories from the day as we have.

Special Year 1 Assembly in the Gymnasium - Wednesday 5 September

Mrs Tania Hardin and Year 1 has joined forces with a number of staff, to create a very special assembly in the School Gymnasium which will involve most of our students participating in demonstrations 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.

Year 5 continue with their PYP Exhibition

I applaud the work that Mr Portell and Year 5 have been focusing upon for the last 5 weeks, preparing for their PYP Exhibition, soon to be revealed in the Hoskins Centre. In its second year, the IB Primary Years Program Exhibition looks to challenge students in their final year in Junior School, to produce and share a work of significant academic value with others. On September 10 & 11, parents and all members of the school community are warmly invited to view their work for this very special occasion. For full details, please contact the school on junior@as.edu.au



Mr Ian Lloyd



Congratulations to Andi Li

We would all like to applaud the talented Andi Li for his outstanding AMEB Violin exam results. Andi achieved an A+ in the Grade 1 exams. Andi will be performing in our assembly in Week 9 and we invite you all along to see him play.



Jump Rope for Heart

We have now launched our Jump Rope for Heart program and you will have received a letter outlining how to enrol your child online for this very worthy cause. We would like to encourage everyone to take part where they can. It's important you register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and fully participate; simply follow the link below to get started.

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 6

- Wed 29 Aug Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm
Armidale Da Vinci – Memorial Hall
- Thu 30 Aug Armidale 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 – Hoskins Centre
- Wed 12 Sep Year 3 & 4 Student Led Conference
- Thu 13 Sep NE Sings Rehearsal

WEEK 9

- Wed 19 Sep Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Fathers' Day Sausage Sizzle – Friday 31 August

We will be celebrating Father's Day this 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 (lunch provided from 12.25 – 1.15 pm) and please, don't forget your runners (and to stretch before you become involved in any strenuous exercise – physio and chiropractic consult not provided.....)



Fathers' Day Tug-O-War at lunchtime on Friday August 31 - please join us for lunch at 1225 in the Junior School covered area.

And finally, we have the STEM Academy at School on Saturday 1 September

Please join us (and bring all your friends as well) at our inaugural STEM Academy at TAS, where the whole school will showcase the fantastic STEM activities we have been undertaking this year in Junior School, not just with Mr Scott but with many of our senior specialist teachers as well. There will be a huge array of activities for young and old available and all the details are available at:

<http://www.as.edu.au/news-and-events/tas-stem-academy-launch-and-open-day/>

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 5

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

Nick Thomas, Katie Hynes, Reema Al Malki, Cormac Downes, Joshua Downes, Mohammed Almokhtar, Minnie Chick, Baxter Carruthers and Ava Watts.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 13 Junior School students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2018.

Reading logs will need to be handed in to the library by this Friday 31 August, 2018, in order to comply with the rules of the challenge. 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 me in the library.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
PRC Co-ordinator

**TAS
STEM
ACADEMY**

COME TO THE OPEN DAY

1 SEPTEMBER
12.30PM FREE BBQ LUNCH
1-4PM STEM ACTIVITIES

Bring the family!

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
rsvp: Mrs Sandra Lasker junior@as.edu.au
Mrs Robyn Frost middle@as.edu.au

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**Year 4 Transdisciplinary Theme:
How we express ourselves**

Year 4 are currently inquiring into the role The Arts has in allowing people to communicate. They have inquired into communication using drama, artworks, poetry and, most recently, picture books. Last week students were given the task of composing a picture book of their own. Much consideration was given to the theme, content, intended audience and medium of their picture books. The final products were shared with great excitement and pride!

Students have also self and peer reflected on their picture books.

During Monday's Activities Day, many students shared and read their completed picture books the residence at BUPA.

Mrs Anna Frost and Mrs Veronica Waters



NCIS Athletics Results

Our annual NCIS carnival took place in Coffs Harbour last Tuesday with some pleasing results coming from the day. All students competed well and enjoyed the competition on the day.

Below are some of our more notable results:

Charlie Ward

1st and a new record in Junior Girls Discus 21.10m (Old record 20.06m)

1st Junior Girls Shot

Sam Ford

2nd 9 years 100m

Mohammed AlMokhtar

4th Junior Boys Discus

Evan Kwan

5th 11years 800m

Junior Boys Relay team:

Hugo Broun, Blake Whitehill, Oliver Goudge and Nawaf Binmahfod

4th

General Information about Summer Sports (available to Junior School students for Summer 2018/2019)

Junior School students will be choosing their summer sport this week. With this in mind, a description of the various options appears below.

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in one summer sport in Terms 4 and Term 1, 2019. Students in Year 2 and below do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. If students in Year 2 or below do participate they will commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the duration of that season. Training times and sessions vary depending on the chosen sport.

Description of Sports available:

Cricket:

To make cricket enjoyable and fun, different age groups play according to different rules. All games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration and insurance fees apply. See separate cricket groups for costings.

The different competitions are:

Milo In 2 Cricket U6s:

Training – Monday afternoons 3:45-5pm
Games – Saturday morning 9-10:30am
Cost – Approx \$90

'Average Cricket' for U9s: (players must be under 9 on 1 September 2018)

Training – Monday afternoons 3:45-5pm
Games – Saturday morning 9-11am
Cost – Approx \$90

'One-day matches' for U11s: (players must be under 11 on 1 September 2018)

Training – Monday afternoons 3:45-5pm
Games – Saturday morning 9-12pm
Cost – Approx \$100

'Two-day matches' for 12s: (players must be under 12 on 1 September 2018)

Training – Monday and Wednesday afternoons 3:45-5pm
Games – Saturday morning 9-12pm
Cost – Approx \$100

Basketball: Years 3-5

Training – TBC (Possibly Wednesdays)
Games – Monday afternoons at Armidale High School Den
Cost – Approx \$110

Indoor Hockey : Years 2-5

Training – Monday 3:45-5pm
Games – Friday afternoons between 4-7pm
Cost – TBC

Swimming: This is not for beginners.

Stroke correction and fitness – Not learn to swim. Parents wanting 'Learn to Swim' lessons for their children are encouraged to contact the TAS Sports Centre on 6776 5866 to arrange lessons

Training – Thursday afternoons 3:45-5pm
Alligators Club Night – Wednesday night
Cost – \$10 per week plus Alligators membership

Tennis: Years K- 5

Hot Shots Tennis program.

Students will participate in the MLC Tennis Hot Shots, led by Justin Sheriff. There will be 2 levels of the program offered. 'Hot Shots Red Ball' will be for beginners, and suited to students aged 5-8.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

(T-Yr 2) This will be held on Monday afternoons from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Students in the Red stage play on a smaller court, use a larger ball, which doesn't bounce as high.

Students in Years 3 and above will participate in '3-5 Red and Orange Ball'. Training will also be held on Monday afternoons from 3.45 - 4.45pm. The Orange stage of the program is also on a reduced court size and the ball has less compression.

Depending on numbers we can either offer small group lessons for four players @ \$128 for eight weeks, or larger group lessons with 6 players for \$88 for eight weeks. Group sizes will be determined once children have selected their summer sports choice.

More information on the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program, is available at: <http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/>

Gymnastics: K-3

Held at the Armidale Gymnasium. There will sessions on Mondays from 3:50 – 4:50pm run by qualified Level 1 coaches provided by Armidale Gymnastics Club. The cost is approximately \$190 for the season (Term 4 and Term 1, 2019). Children will travel by bus to and from the gym with staff members supervising all sessions and travel.

Ball Skills: Transition – Year 2

This training session is for T-2 only and will be based around the ball skills required for games such as tennis, cricket, basketball and netball. Children will participate in the Monday afternoon training session at TAS from 3:45-5pm.

Dance

Expressions of interest are invited for being involved in a Dance club for summer sport.

We are looking at the possibility of including Dance as a summer sport for this year. Please indicate on the sports choices sheet if you would be interested. Please choose another sport as well in case we can't offer Dance.

Note that students who move into Year 6 at TAS in 2019, will continue to play the chosen sport from Term 4, 2018.

Mrs Christine Wright

