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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 24 October 2018 Term 4 Week 2

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

New England Sings

Last weekend around 90 TAS students were part of the exceptional and wonderfully successful regional community event, New England Sings. Through the initiative of Corinne Arter and Russell Bauer from NECOM, some 900 students from across the New England and as far away as Dorrigo came together for two days of choral performance under the direction of some of Australia’s leading musical figures. The result was stunning as massed choirs and musicians performed two sell-out concerts at Lazenby Hall on Sunday. Our Director of Music, Leanne Roobol, who also played a key role in the event, has offered her special congratulations to our three soloists, Erin Page, Jasper O’Neil and Isabelle Perrottet who were simply amazing and I echo that.

Such an experience is rare and very special and I congratulate the many people, including our performers, who played a part in creating it.

Co-curricular Captains

In our assembly this week our new student leaders across a wide range of co-curricular activities were introduced and formally inducted and they now take up their new roles. Unlike the roles of prefect and house leader, co-curricular captains are called to lead in specialist roles that they are particularly passionate about. In every case they will be prominent players or participants in their area, but the role of leader goes beyond recognition of performance and calls on those taking it up to serve their co-curricular area through good example, encouragement of the other students engaged in it and promotion of all that is good about that area of school life.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

We are very fortunate to have such a talented and committed group taking up these new responsibilities and I wish them well for the season and year ahead.

Athletics:	Captains:	Disa Smart and Hamish Cannington
Basketball:	Captain:	Clayton Southwell
	Vice-Captain:	Joseph Smyth
Cricket:	Captain:	Kieran Dennis
	Vice-Captain:	Hamish Cannington
Debating & Public Speaking:	Captains:	Henry O'Neil and Phebe Hunt
Equestrian:	Captain:	Thomas Hamilton
Mountain Biking:	Captains:	Duncan Chalmers
Music:	Captains:	Disa Smart and Riley Stewart
	Vice Captains:	Isabelle Perrottet and Alex Ng
Rowing:	Captains:	Kim Bange and Joseph Sewell
Shooting:	Captain:	Jack Waters
	Vice Captains:	Thomas Deshon and Angus Earle
Swimming:	Captain:	Jesse Streeting
Tennis:	Captain:	Nicholas Barnier-Merzliakov
Theatre:	Captains:	Erin Page and William Forsyth
Triathlon:	Captains:	Emma Ward and Alexander Kirk
	Vice-Captain:	Hamish Tydd

The student leaders for the Winter sports of Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby will be announced as those sports get underway next year.

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

This Saturday afternoon a large fleet of kayaks carrying TAS students, parents and staff will enter the waters of the Hawkesbury River at Windsor and paddle 111km through the night to Brooklyn. The 'Hawkesbury' is one of the iconic physical and mental challenges of the TAS journey and it is very encouraging to see 35 students amongst the TAS team this year. The event offers more than physical challenge alone though. The HCC is a major fundraiser for the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation which does such great work in research and direct support for cancer sufferers. This will be the 38th consecutive year that TAS has joined the HCC and the connection to both the paddling event and the Arrow Foundation holds a special place in our identity.

What every paddler will know as they begin the race is that finishing is by no means guaranteed. It is a challenge that not every entrant will complete and that, of course, is a key part of its appeal. I wish all our paddlers and their landcrew supporters every success for what will definitely be a memorable weekend.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 2

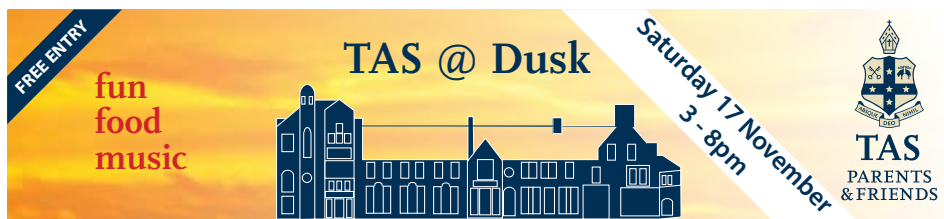
Wednesday 24 October	HSC Continues
Friday 26 October	All Schools Orienteering (Years 5/6) Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (HCC) Paddlers depart
Saturday 27 October	HCC

WEEK 3

Monday 29 October	HSC Continues
Wednesday 31 October	NCIS Basketball P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 1 November	Twilight Concert (6pm)
Sunday 4 November	All Saints Gostwyck Chapel Service

Term Dates

Just a reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Wednesday 12 December with Speech Day being held on Thursday 13 December.



FAMOUS TAS CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS – AVAILABLE FOR SALE – GET IN QUICK

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings were baked over the weekend and are now for sale. Puddings are \$25 each and can be paid for on TryBooking.com. Puddings can be collected from TAS Main Reception once they have been ordered or can be bought at TAS@Dusk at the Produce Stall. But get in quick - at this stage it is highly unlikely we will have any available for sale at Speech Day.

TAS@DUSK – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17 and ART SHOW – ONLY 3½ WEEKS TO GO!!!

TAS@Dusk this year is having a 'Back to the Country' theme... we are looking at going a bit 'old school' and also trying to reduce, reuse and recycle in order to keep costs down for all families... The main stalls/events are:

- Plant Stall – fabulous plants and the ever popular peonies
- Fun for the smaller ones in your family – Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Lob-a-choc
- Dunk Tank, and Zorb Balls
- Yummy food - Ice creams & soft drinks, OAU BBQ, Pizza and Pulled pork
- Fabulous 2nd hand Toys and Tales (books) and sports gear
- Shopping for Christmas at the Emporium and Re gifting stalls
- Beer & Bubbles for the adults to relax whilst listening to amazing TAS music
- A fantastic Home Produce Stall – homemade cakes, jams, sauces, perhaps some fresh veges and eggs, and the famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings

Our Marquee event for this year will be the TAS COUNTRY NINJA CHALLENGE – think Australian Ninja meets rural NSW obstacle races!

We are also holding our biennial ART SHOW on the same weekend. A great opportunity to see some fabulous local artists and perhaps get some Christmas shopping done.

HELP NEEDED – In order to make TAS@Dusk a fun, fabulous event we will require lots of helpers. Each year group has been designated a stall and your liaison parents will be contacting you asking for help and/or donations. Please, if you can, lend a hand. We only need an hour or two of your time and some lovely donated goodies but without this help the job falls to a few and becomes a burden.

LPs are your contact points but they are only supposed to be doing as much work as anyone else in their year group – so please, please ask how you can help. We have a great TAS Community and with your support we can make this a great TAS event.

ITEMS NEEDED - please have a hunt round at home and if you can help with any of the following please do so. Items can be left at Main School reception.

- Good quality second hand sports gear, toys and books – clean, good condition items for our second hand sports gear, and Toys and Tales stalls – barely used hockey sticks, cricket pads, perfect rugby boots, great books, lovely toys etc

- Tombola Jars - this is always popular and we can never have enough full jars of goodies. Anything from marbles, lollies, colouring pencils, hairclips, soaps and shampoos packaged into a jar would be wonderful.

- Items for the 'regifting stall'. Things you've been given and never opened or used that could make great gifts for someone else.

- Jams, sauces and other 'home made' goodies for the Produce Stall – think CWA, Back to Country type things... home baking, chutneys, maybe some fresh veges, flowers or eggs (dated please)

For all the second hand stalls – please only nice things – if you wouldn't buy it then please don't give it to us – we have to dispose of everything we don't sell and that can be tricky!!

Also if you would like to be a sponsor of the TAS Country Ninja Challenge please contact Fiona Nash on jf.nash@bigpond.com

TAS@DUSK & ART SHOW ORGANISING MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER

Given that TAS@Dusk and the Art Show are coming up fast we are having Term time weekly organising meetings. These are on Wednesday nights at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. If you would like to help please pop on in. We have a meeting tonight.

BOARDER FAMILY HOSTING IN ARMIDALE FOR TAS@DUSK WEEKEND

Local Armidale families, do you have a spare room to host a boarder family or parents for a night or two on the Grandparents Day (Friday), Year 10 Formal (Friday night), TAS@Dusk, weekend, Friday 16 November to Sunday 18 November?

Wouldn't it be nice to connect with boarder families whilst also helping them out with accommodation which can be a quite a financial strain for the travelling families?

Whilst is lovely to be part of all the great TAS community events on offer, it is often hard or expensive to book accommodation in Armidale plus transport costs. We'd love as many families to share the fun of the school events on the TAS@Dusk weekend and thought this

could be a great way to help out boarder families and also get to know each other better.

TAS P&F will facilitate a register of local families who can provide accommodation to match up with boarder families. All we need to know is how many rooms and people you can provide for and we will try to match up families based on year/age groups. Alternatively, you can cut out the middle man and invite someone directly!

Hosted families may like to help with providing food for the meals or a reciprocal accommodation in the holidays.

We encourage any interested families to either contact Sophie Wright on sophia@wongwibinda.com.au or your year group Liaison Parent.

Update – so far we've only had one offer for accommodation – hopefully people are asking boarding families directly – but if you have some free space please let us know.

P&F MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER at 7pm

Despite all the hustle and bustle of organising TAS@Dusk we still have our normal P&F Meetings. The first one for Term 4 is next Wednesday 31 October at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. All are welcome.



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Revelations 21 'Jerusalem'

I have often flicked through the T-shirts on a rack and found one that I really liked, perhaps the colours, the design, then I have to back away from the purchase simply because I have no idea what it all means, and I don't want to find myself wearing something that I regret.

Then the same thing happens when I'm listening to music, I think 'that's a really great song' – but what does it mean? So I don't play it publicly in case I'm condoning something really inappropriate.

Then there are songs that we sing here, like 'Jerusalem' that you can be excused for thinking what on earth have I just sung – even sung passionately?

This term we are going to pick up some of these songs and hymns just to be sure we know what we are singing.

So let's start with one that people often ask me about, 'Jerusalem'.

"And did those feet in ancient time" is a poem by William Blake. This particular line refers to an apocryphal story (meaning it isn't historically, and in my view in any way reliable) which speaks of Jesus visiting England during his middle years. The poem and the song ask questions, Did those feet? Was the holy lamb of God? Did the Countenance Divine? Etc. He's asking, 'could that have happened'? He doesn't answer, but what is behind all this, is the question of justice. Could this be the very place that Jesus trod and yet now (in Blake's day 1800's), things be so characterised by greed, power and money?

The phrase "dark Satanic Mills", is referring to the early Industrial Revolution and its destruction of nature and human relationships. Where production and profit where the things driving people's ambitions.

Others have commented that it referred to the institutionalised church. That they had become 'mills' of social order and the class system.

Either way the demise of England was being lamented in the poem and subsequently in this hymn.

So, in the final stanzas he is, and as we sing, we are, turning our attention to another time, and the great promise of scripture.

The poem's theme is linked to the New Testament's book of Revelation's description of Jesus return and restoration of all things, where Jesus will establish the New Jerusalem. Theologians have long used Jerusalem as a metaphor for heaven, a place of universal love and peace, where God himself will dwell with people.

Beneath the poem Blake inscribed a quotation from the Bible:

"Would to God that all the Lords[c] people were Prophets"

Numbers XI. Ch 29.v

Blake hoped that the people of his day would stand against injustice, against greed and the exploitation of the poor. That they would take up the fight against these things, 'Bring me my Bow of burning gold;

Bring me my Arrows of desire'.

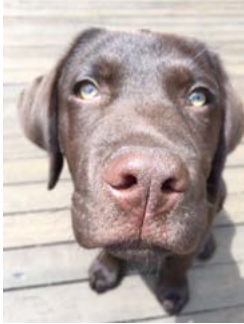


Mr Richard Newton

He wanted God's renewal to start, my guess is we have the same desire, we want injustice to cease, and God's desire for a New Creation to be ushered in, and it has begun, it began with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, now we await his return. So perhaps Blake would join the author of Revelation in the last words of the book, in pleading with God that Jesus would return and make all things right.



I am pleased to introduce Mack, TAS's very own therapy dog. Mack is a chocolate Labrador, chosen for the breed's well known calm temperament and selected from a breeder with dogs known to be placid and friendly.



Therapy dogs can have a positive impact on human wellbeing, and schools, universities, courts, and even dentists are all increasingly adopting therapy dog programs as an effective way of providing social and emotional support for people.

Mack is still a puppy, he's only 15 weeks old, and has been assisting the school counsellor by being present during sessions for students to pat, cuddle and talk to. When Mack is older he will undertake specific training to become a therapy dog.

What are therapy dogs?

It's important to know that therapy dogs are different to service dogs. A service dog is an assistance dog that focuses on its owner to the exclusion of all else. Service dogs are trained to provide specific support for individuals who have visual or hearing difficulties, seizure disorders, mobility challenges, and/or diabetes.

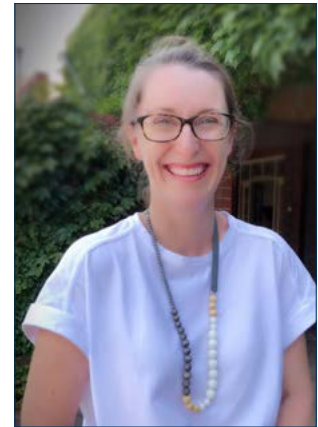
The role of therapy dogs is to react and respond to people and their environment, under the guidance and direction of their owner. Mack belongs to myself, Alix Goudge, your school counsellor. In time, it is expected that Mack will be used throughout the whole school and be handled by different school staff at times.

For example, I may use Mack in counselling sessions as part of animal-assisted therapy. This aims to improve a student's social, cognitive and emotional functioning. Some of the potential benefits of Animal-assisted therapy can:

- teach empathy and appropriate interpersonal skills
- help students develop social skills
- be soothing and the presence of animals can help students to relax, and
- improve an individual's skills to pick up social cues imperative to human relationships.

As a counsellor, I can help students to process that information and use it to help students see how their behaviour affects others.

Mack may also be used in 'animal-assisted activities' throughout the school and be handled by teaching staff. 'Animal assisted activities' is an umbrella term covering many ways animals can be used to help humans. One example is to facilitate emotional or physical mental health and wellbeing through the presence of therapy dogs.



Ms Alix Goudge

These activities are not specific psychological interventions. Such activities would be things like, being present in the boarding houses, students visiting and playing with Mack at the Health Centre during break times, junior students reading to Mack, Mack visiting advisor groups.

To date Mack has been spending most of his time at school in the counsellors office while he is awaiting his final vaccination. Once he is fully immunised he will be exploring and spending more time around the whole school. Feel free to come and visit him in the Health Centre to give him a pat or play a game of tug rope.

Research information taken from the Monash University article, found here:

<https://lens.monash.edu/2018/03/19/1334785/therapy-dogs-can-help-reduce-student-stress-anxiety-and-improve-school-attendance-christine-grove-educational-psychologist-and-lecturer-monash-university>



HSC Exams

HSC Exams continue for our Year 12 students until Friday 9 November. Teachers are available to assist Year 12 students with those last minute tips and clarification over the next few weeks. Students should email teachers to arrange a suitable time. We wish all Year 12 students well in their exams.

2018 Year 11 Subject Selection

Students and parents have been emailed the lines for Year 11 2019. Students have also been emailed their webcode to submit their final subject choices online. This must be completed by Friday 26 October. Mr Mark Taylor (Careers advisor - mtaylor@as.edu.au) is also available to answer queries regarding subject selection.

2018 Year 9 & 10 Subject Choices

Students and parents have been emailed the lines for Years 9 and 10 in 2019. Students have been sent the webcode to submit their final choices online. These must be completed by Friday 2 November. Please ensure you have discussed with your child their subject choices.

If your child is having difficulty completing either of these online forms for subject selection, please contact Mrs O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5806.

Library Extended Day

A friendly reminder that the library is staffed and available for student use from 7:30am - 9pm (Monday -Thursday) and from 7:30am - 5:30pm (Fridays). Tutoring is available in the library on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon for Middle School students. Parents should book for this tutoring by emailing dos@as.edu.au. Students can still access the library to complete their prep or other work of an afternoon. Parents do not need to book in for this. Please see below details of the subject specific tutoring offered to Years 9-12 of an evening.

Mr Luke Polson



Mr Luke Polson

		Wednesday 24/10 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 25/10 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 29/10 7-9pm – Chemistry, Bio, Maths, Science Yr 9/10	Tuesday 30/10 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 31/10 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 1/11 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 5/11 No tutoring	Tuesday 6/11 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 7/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 8/11 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 12/11 No tutoring	Tuesday 13/11 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 14/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 15/11 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 19/11 7-9pm – Chemistry, Bio, Maths, Science Yr 9/10	Tuesday 20/11 7-9pm – Chemistry, Bio, Maths, Science Yr 9/10 Maths 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 21/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 22/11 Library closed from 6pm – Bivouac

STEM scholarships for regional students

Rural and regional Australians are being encouraged to study science, technology, engineering and maths, with scholarships of up to \$18,000 on offer.

Go to the link below for more information

<https://www.news.com.au/national/breaking-news/stem-scholarships-for-regional-students/news-story/04288e75ec71081afb7a00e09f56bd9>

UMAT is now UCAT

As you may be aware, the Undergraduate Medical Aptitude Test (UMAT) has been replaced by the Undergraduate Clinical Aptitude (UCAT) for entry into most medicine and dentistry courses across Australia and New Zealand. Students who wish to apply for entry into such courses in 2020 will need to sit UCAT in 2019.

Letter from Kim Exell the Admission Officer for Ormond College University of Melbourne

"It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion around the ATAR (or equivalent) required in order to apply for a place at Ormond College.

I know that some of the Colleges at Melbourne Uni do have high expectations around ATAR scores but we do not have any ATAR requirement here. We welcome applications from all students and as long as they get place at the University of Melbourne they are eligible to be considered for a place at Ormond.

I just thought, at this time of year when students are considering their tertiary future, that it might be a good idea to clarify this."

GAP Year

It is that time of the year where preparation for a GAP year in 2020 needs to be started. There are generally two avenues for attaining a GAP position after HSC.

First is to utilise the services of one of the companies who will do the organisation for you in return for a "fee for services". Information about these companies can be found on the school's careers webpage. The application process for these companies will generally begin in early 2019.

The second method is for students apply directly to the schools. This application process begins this term and I would advise students to send their applications as soon as possible.

I have sent the Year 11 cohort a letter from the British Boarding Association, describing how they should proceed with a GAP year application as well as a list of UK schools that previous students have attended. This would be a starting point for the students and wider research will need to be conducted. Generally, word of mouth is the best reference for finding a suitable school.

A major development in the visa applications for a GAP year has been the need to be 18 years of age upon arrival in the UK to gain a visa. I have included a link to a website with more information about GAP year entrants.

http://www.ukimmigration.com/gap_year_entrants

Mr Mark Taylor



ACADEMIC

TAS STEM TRIP

In this trip to West Coast USA (Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles) students will visit major industry leaders such as Boeing, NASA, and Microsoft and meet with people working on the frontiers of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.

There will be plenty of 'hands on' experiences at places such as the California Academy of Sciences, Tech Museum of Innovation, La Brea Tar Pits, Intel Museum and opportunities to develop critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork during a simulated space mission at the Chabot Space & Science Centre. The trip also includes a visit to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and students will do some service learning prior to the trip to look at, and contribute towards, their work of reducing inequity. A visit to the University of California Berkley Campus and a start-up business 'accelerator' should inspire students to aim high in their future careers.

This trip is open to all students in Years 9-12 in 2019. Please see attached for further details about the itinerary.

Costs will be dependent on student numbers and there may be some minor variations to the itinerary but currently the costs are:

Number of Students	Cost	Single Supplement
20 Students	AU\$6,298	\$403
28 Students	AU\$6,008	
34 Students	AU\$5,727	
40 Students	AU\$5,672	

These costs include:

- International return airfares and internal US domestic airfares including all prepaid airlines taxes, surcharges and levies
- 9 nights of accommodation based on students sharing twin rooms & teachers in single rooms. A single supplement will apply in case of uneven student numbers or gender numbers
- Transport by coach as per the itinerary
- Breakfast daily, 9 x dinners
- Sightseeing and entry to attractions as noted in the itinerary.

Additional costs:

- Travel Insurance – this can be organised through Horizons Travel but will be done by individuals. The cost can vary depending on level of cover chosen. Some parents may wish to purchase travel insurance from another source. Expected additional cost for mid-international coverage is @ \$180
- Lunches and incidental evening costs – students should have approx US\$150 in spending money to cover these costs
- Visa costs (if required)
- Travel to and from Sydney. As this trip starts and finishes during the holidays domestic travel is not included. All costs are EX Sydney.

Expressions of interest or further questions should be sent to Ms Amanda Robins (arobins@as.edu.au) by Friday 26 October, 2018.

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL STEM USA TOUR 2019



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YOUR ITINERARY

Please note that the below itinerary should be used as a guide and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please feel free to suggest changes so we can tailor it to suit your group's needs.

DAY 1 | MONDAY 1 JULY 2019 | SYDNEY - SEATTLE

Fly from Sydney to Seattle.

Upon arrival, meet your coach and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Nexus or similar

Meals: In-flight meals, dinner

Transport: Flight from Sydney to Seattle, Airport to hotel coach transfer

Activities: None



DAY 7 | TUESDAY 2 JULY 2019 | SEATTLE

This morning visit the **Pacific Science Centre**. Explore the state-of-the-art exhibitions on life sciences, engineering and sound. Take in a visit to the planetarium while here!

Continue to Pier 62 for some free time to explore **Pike Place Market**, the oldest farmer's market in the US and famous for its unique shops, produce, and flying fishmongers!

Later ascend the **Seattle Space Needle** and enjoy the views across the city.

Accommodation: Hotel Nexus or similar

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Transport: Coach transfers

Activities: Pacific Science Centre, Pike Place Market, Seattle Space Needle



DAY 8 | WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019 | SEATTLE

This morning transfer to the **Boeing Future of Flight Aviation Center**. During a 90-minute tour you can see 747, 777 and 787 Boeing aircraft being assembled before they take to the sky, plus enjoy many other exhibits such as the GE90 jet engine exhibit to learn about the history of early propulsion through to today's Jet engines.

This afternoon visit the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center** to learn about ingenious and lifesaving ventures such as a personal water filter and a device to keep vaccines cool for 30 days! Continue to the **Living Computer Museum** for a self-guided visit.

Accommodation: Hotel Nexus or similar

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Transport: Coach transfers

Activities: Boeing Future of Flight tour, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Centre, Living Computer Museum



DAY 2 | THURSDAY 4 JULY 2019 | SEATTLE - SILICON VALLEY

This morning fly from Seattle to San Jose (Silicon Valley).

Make a stop at the **Apple Campus** for a photo opportunity and a chance to visit the Apple retail store.

Continue to **The Tech Museum of Innovation**. Visit the exhibitions and watch an IMAX film.

Accommodation: The Plaza Suites Silicon Valley or similar

Meals: Breakfast, dinner



Transport: Coach transfers, Seattle to San Jose flight
Activities: Apple Campus stop, The Tech Museum of Innovation

DAY 3 | FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019 | SILICON VALLEY

This morning visit the **Intel Museum** where you will receive a guided tour, going behind the scenes of the high-tech world of the Valley. Afterward, participate in an education program.

This afternoon, visit the **NASA's Ames Visitor Centre**. Explore the NASA exhibits including real moon rocks. Afterwards, stop at **Googleplex** and **Facebook** for photo opportunities.

Accommodation: The Plaza Suites Silicon Valley or similar
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Transport: Coach transfers
Activities: Intel Museum, NASA Ames Visitor centre, Googleplex and Facebook photo stops



DAY 4 | SATURDAY 6 JULY 2019 | SILICON VALLEY – SAN FRANCISCO

Transfer by coach to San Francisco.

Upon arrival, a local guide will join you for a coach-based **city orientation tour** where you will see the highlights of the city such as Lombard St, the Palace of Fine Arts, and the historical Cable Cars.

Continue to the **Exploratorium**. Step into a colourless world, play video games with social twists and play inside the tinkering studio and bay observatory.

Continue on foot to Fisherman's Wharf for some free time before being transferred to your accommodation.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge or similar
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Transport: Coach transfers
Activities: City orientation tour, Exploratorium,



DAY 5 | SUNDAY 7 JULY 2019 | SAN FRANCISCO

This morning transfer to the **University of California's Berkeley Campus** for a tour of the grounds. UC Berkeley has a 150-year history and is one of the top universities in the US, offering courses from 14 schools and colleges. Known alumni include company co-founders Steve Wozniak (Apple), Gordon Moore (Intel) and Tom Anderson (MySpace).

Whilst at Berkeley, visit the exhibitions at the **Lawrence Hall of Science**.

This afternoon continue to the **Chabot Space & Science Center** for a chance to put your knowledge into practice and develop teamwork and critical thinking skills with a 'Mission to Mars' expedition simulation and workshop (subject to availability).

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge or similar
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
Transport: Coach transfers
Activities: UC Berkeley Campus tour, Lawrence Hall of Science, Chabot Space Center with Challenger Mission to Mars workshop

DAY 6 | MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 | SAN FRANCISCO

This morning visit the **Golden Gate Bridge Welcome Centre**, and have a group photo opportunity in front on the famous icon.

Continue to the **California Academy of Sciences** to explore the Human Odyssey and Earthquake exhibitions to learn more about biology & earth sciences.

Visit a local **start-up business ‘accelerator’**. You will be briefed by a staff member on the activities of the accelerator, with a chance to ask questions before taking a tour of the facilities.



Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge or similar

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Transport: Coach transfers

Activities: Golden Gate Bridge Welcome Centre, California Academy of Sciences, Accelerator visit

DAY 9 | TUESDAY 9 JULY 2019 | SAN FRANCISCO – LOS ANGELES

This morning transfer to the airport and fly to Los Angeles.

Upon arrival transfer to the **NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)**. Join a tour to learn about JPL’s activities and achievements and see the Space Flight Operations Facility, Spacecraft Assembly Facility. *Please note that this highly popular activity is strictly subject to availability. The required passenger details must be confirmed and received by Horizons 6 months prior to departure.*



This afternoon visit the **La Brea Tar pits** and enjoy an ‘Excavation tour’. Afterwards a local guide will join you for a coach-based **city orientation tour** where you will see the highlights of the city such as Beverly Hills and Hollywood Boulevard. Continue to your Anaheim hotel.

Accommodation: Red Lion Hotel Anaheim or similar

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Transport: Coach transfers

Activities: Jet Propulsion Laboratory, La Brea Tar Pits, Coach-based Los Angeles city orientation tour

DAY 10 | WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019 | LOS ANGELES - SYDNEY

This morning visit the **California Science Centre**, including the **Space Shuttle Endeavour**.

Afterwards, visit the **Natural History Museum**.

Later transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Accommodation: In-transit

Meals: Breakfast

Transport: Coach transfers, flight from Los Angeles to Sydney

Activities: California Science Centre, Natural History Museum



DAY 11 | THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019 | IN-TRANSIT

Today is lost as you cross the international date line.

DAY 12 | FRIDAY 12 JULY 2019 | ARRIVE HOME

Arrive into Sydney

Accommodation: None

Meals: In Flight Meals

Transport: None

Activities: None





French Study Tour 2019

French Students Years 8 - 10

Bonjour !

One of the best ways to truly enhance visual, auditory and verbal learning is to experience it first-hand. The Study Tour of France is an opportunity for TAS French students from Years 8 to 10 who are continuing their French studies in 2019, to totally immerse themselves into “*frenchness*”. As well as advancing their French language skills, students will experience French culture and every-day life, adding new depths of understanding and meaning to the topics being studied.

By keeping a journal of their trip along the way, students will be putting a magnifying glass on everyday aspects of French language and culture, noting new vocabulary, expressions and cultural and historical aspects learned. Language skills will be extended by challenging their knowledge and courage to use French as much as possible in speaking, reading, listening and writing in French. From the Louvre and Eiffel Tower to the Mont St Michel and Monet’s garden at Giverny, students will be absorbing France, it’s language and culture by engaging in everyday activities such as buying food and drink, eating at restaurants and cafés, purchasing souvenirs and visiting famous monuments in the City of Light, the Loire Valley and Brittany. They will appreciate the architecture and layout of Paris, interact with French people, experience café culture, get their portrait painted if they wish and explore the historical *quartiers* of Paris. French students will spend two nights with a French host family, giving them an opportunity to experience family life in France, eating dinner and putting their language skills into action. A challenging and exciting prospect! This immersion experience will improve students’ language skills considerably, as well as providing them with greater cultural knowledge of life in a French family. Family and Daily Life are both topics studied in Stages 5 and 6 French.

This type of real-world engagement aims to energise and motivate students’ passion for language learning, enhancing enjoyment and appreciation of the language through first-hand, authentic experiences which will have long lasting benefits for all those who participate.

Proposed Itinerary

Depart - Saturday, 29 September 2019

Armidale > Sydney > Paris

Return - Saturday, 13 October 2019

Paris > Sydney > Armidale

Key Destinations:

Paris; Château of Versailles; Castles of the Loire Valley, Brittany; Saint Malo, Abbey of Mont St Michel, Normandy; Monet’s Garden and House at Giverny, World War I, II landing beaches...

Approximate cost: \$5950.00



Mme Chloe Prado – French | cprado@as.edu.au

If you would like your child to benefit from this opportunity and to receive further information as it comes to hand, please email Mme Chloe Prado with your expression of interest.

cprado@as.edu.au

Leadership

Yesterday in assembly Co-Curricular Captains and Vice Captains for 2018 were presented with their badges of office. It was an opportunity for all students to recognise those who will serve, support, guide and encourage them in their activity.

The coxswain is the leader in a boat. An effective coxswain is both the master and the servant. If they hesitate the boat is rudderless if they are too forceful then they risk a mutiny.

This is the same challenge faced by all leaders. Students do not follow a badge (in fact, many students will lead without a badge). Students follow those who they trust and respect. Leaders will have their own personal goals, however, the measure of their leadership will be the accomplishments of those around them. A leader will encourage, inspire and enable those they lead

I congratulate all our new leaders and I have every confidence that they will lead with integrity and humility.



Mr Will Caldwell



42nd Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

The motivation will vary for each of the 59 paddlers from Armidale embarking on the 111km paddle this Saturday. For all of them, their resilience will be tested. The fact that they are willing to attempt this epic challenge is a reflection of their character. I wish all involved a memorable and rewarding experience.



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Mountain Biking

Our first mountain bike training for the season was held at the Armidale Pine Forest on Monday. This is in preparation for the upcoming 'UNE 12 Hours In The Piney' race on 3 November. Our over 13 years riders explored the new 10km 12-Hour track while the under 13 riders checked out the 4km river loop, followed by some fun in 'Snakes and Ladders'.

This season we welcome Mr Michael Harris (OA 2016) to the coaching staff. We are very fortunate to have Michael coaching our students this season. He is one of Australia's top mountain bikers, having won the under 19 national mountain bike championships in 2016, and has just returned from racing in Europe for the Australian under 23 mens team. Michael also races at an elite level in the National Road Series and this year will contest the under 23 mens National Road Championships. Not only does Michael bring a wealth of knowledge and elite racing experience to our coaching team, he is an exceptionally humble young man who is very patient and encouraging of the students. Michael will be focusing on developing our more experienced riders this season.

This weekend we have riders competing in the Tamworth 3 Hour race, while others will remain on the tablelands to support the 'Tour de North West' charity ride. We wish everyone an enjoyable weekend of riding.

Mrs Jo Benham



Michael Harris with TAS Mountain Bikers



Year 6 student Henry Kirton negotiating the creek crossing at the Piney.



As Mrs Cleaver and the dedicated Junior School Team really start pushing rehearsals on *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* we're commencing our work on the costumes, props and set. There are two working bees planned on Saturday 10 November and Saturday 24 November at 10am and everyone in the community is invited to come and lend a hand. We would also love donations along the way and if you have the following we'd love it dropped down to the Hoskins Centre:

- Huge (we mean huge) plastic plant pots (either terracotta coloured or black is fine, we'll paint them)
- Really big flattened cardboard boxes
- Synthetic grass (if you had offcuts or pieces you didn't need anymore)

I'm sure there we'll be asking for plenty more items in the coming weeks and my thanks in advance for your help and support.

Our final show for Season 2018 in the Hoskins Centre, *Big Bad Wolf*, was a positively delightful children's show with so much heart and a gorgeous design. I believe it is also our first Broadway show in the building, with the show and cast having performed it under the glowing lights of NYC. My thanks to everyone who has supported shows in the Hoskins Centre this year and we will continue to endeavour to bring theatrical and performance opportunities to Armidale for the good of the school and the wider community.

Rehearsals are getting underway for *Oliver!* and a rehearsal schedule should be out before the end of the week. Principal and Ensemble Cast are required today and Thursday afternoon 3:45pm - 5:30pm and the full cast will be there Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell



TAS Junior School
Production of

Disney



Alice in Wonderland

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Music and Lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver
Wallace and Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel and Ray Gilbert,
Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film "Alice in Wonderland"
and the novels "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland"
and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Matinee 6 December 1.30pm
Evening Performance 7 & 8 December 6.00pm
\$15 Adults \$10 Children



For bookings visit hoskins.as.edu.au
or directly from www.trybooking.com/XTXZ

New England Sings! 2018

Congratulations to all our students who performed at New England Sings! 2018 on Sunday. The New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) runs this award-winning event and we'd like to thank NECOM Program Director Ms Corinne Arter and NECOM CEO Mr Russell Bauer and the NECOM staff for organising this wonderful event.

Over 90 TAS students were part of the 900 students from across the region who performed as part of the massed Primary and Secondary Choirs and the Armidale Youth Orchestra. Students were also featured in the NECOM New England Sings Choir and Chamber Choir.

The visiting artists including Felix Riebl, Dan Walker and Mark O'Leary commented individually on the incredible community spirit and support provided by the teachers and musicians involved. They were blown away by the enormity of what was achieved when so many people pull together to make an event like this happen.

Congratulations to our soloists: Erin Page who performed the secondary solo in "How Can I Keep from Singing" and Isabelle Perrottet and Jasper O'Neil who sang with Felix Riebl in the World Premiere of his composition "Angel".

HSC Music Success!

Congratulations to HSC Music students Kira Dooner and Sam Wright.

Kira has been nominated to sing at the 2019 HSC ENCORE Music Showcase at the Sydney Opera House. ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the 2018 HSC Music examinations held annually at the Sydney Opera House.

Sam and Kira have both been selected to perform at Bravissimo, the regional 2019 HSC Music showcase at Port Macquarie. Sam completed HSC Music 1 and Kira completed HSC Music 2 and Music Extension this year.

TAS Music Leaders

Congratulations to our new Music student leadership team for 2018/2019! Our new Music Captains are Disa Smart and Riley Stewart and our Music Vice-Captains are Isabelle Perrottet and Alex Ng. We look forward to working with these students over the coming year.

Twilight concerts – Thursday 1 November (week 3)

Please contact Mrs Edmonds by email, music@as.edu.au if you would like to perform at this Twilight Concert. She requires the title of each students piece, the composer and accompaniment requirements.

Ms Leanne Roobol





Isabelle Perrottet and Jasper O'Neil who sang with Felix Riebl in the World Premiere of his composition "Angel".



Jasper O'Neil



TAS Students were also featured in the NECOM New England Singers Choir

School Examinations Week 4

As forecast in last week's TAS Talks formal examinations begin in two weeks for all Middle School students. To assist with content areas students will have received assessment notifications for core subjects and will soon begin formal revision lessons, including the writing of practice responses in classes. Prep time for boarders is carefully monitored and, as much as possible, individual needs are addressed. We ask that parents of day students read the notifications and familiarize themselves with these so you can ask girls and boys how their work is going and advise that they seek advice at school about those areas with which they require such assistance. I made this message clear to all students at this week's Town Meeting.

These exams are most beneficial in that they constitute opportunities that allow students to know how well they fare under time conditions. If a result is less than they expected, they must not 'give up'. It's crucial that we encourage them to seek help from staff so that they can learn techniques that will better serve their needs and interests in the next battery of testing. In short, while these tests are important academic yardsticks, in so many ways, Middle School examinations allow our students to familiarize themselves with the skills necessary to effective study patterns, practices and, ultimately, better outcomes in the Senior School.

Other news

The Year 6 – 8 Social was held at PLC last Friday: despite initial (unnecessary, as it turns out) trepidation, there's no doubt that your children do put their best foot forward, more in terms of behavior than dance steps, in public – and I am very happy to report this to you. The music was eclectic; some of it even took me so far back I thought more than once about sitting down just so I could collect thoughts that many years have scattered. Well, dancing is a loose term these days and in a number of ways, it's synonymous with Masai-like jumping, actually – however, I think the kids believe they made a real 'fist' of it. Some were very fit the moment they hit the floor – others seemed to be so when we boarded the bus back to TAS. Some of the staff danced well enough of course and I certainly thought about doing this, too. Overall, the night was actually enjoyable for everyone. I can't believe these people appreciate some of my (our) old music. My thanks go to our attending staff and, of course, to the PLC staff as well.

Sunday morning heralded the New England Sings concerts and these lasted well into the afternoon. Jasper O'Neil performed a solo – it was so good that I need to record the message here. He performed in front of 900 people who hailed from more than 31 schools from the New England and North West regions. With others, being violinists, cellists, drummers, viola players (and the list continues) – our students acquitted themselves so well and I'm very pleased to be associated with these young people whose talents make mine (there has to be something) pale into significance.



Mr Mark Harrison

It's an old chestnut: please, again, help us to help you. Names on blazers, hats, computing equipment are very important to our success in keeping students' equipment safe. You pay so much for a TAS education and we want to support you as much as possible so that you don't have to pay more. Unfortunately, hard as we try to prevent various forms of loss, these still occur from time to time. Such loss would be minimized, I think, by following this advice.

Combined messages from the Director of Pastoral Care, our MYP Co-ordinator and general staff discussion inevitably combine with informal staff discussions about how best to utilise our homeroom time. In addition to pastoral issues, prep advice and general information dissemination, staff continue to look at ways that connect us in more fluent fashion to the Senior School. Clearly, as fee-paying families, you too have a vested interest in your children's education, so this is an opportunity for you contribute to these discussions, especially since this term is a 2019 planning term this term – and should you wish to do this, please send your child's homeroom teacher an email (a full list appears below) indicating your views on the kinds of topics the discussion of which could benefit Middle School students. I think it's important that we work together on this kind of thing because honest and open communication will enable us, ultimately, to 'get things right'. The time left this term is 2019 planning time.

Staff Contacts

It's appropriate at this stage to provide again details of Middle School staff contacts. Below is the list of email addresses that you can use for absentee and leave applications and for contacting your child's Homeroom teachers.

Middle School Office - middle@as.edu.au (absentees & leave application forms, per last week's TAS Talks)

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Administration

Mrs Robyn Frost – rfrost@as.edu.au
Mr Mark Harrison – mharriso@as.edu.au

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



NE Sings – A spectacular performance

I would like to congratulate the following children who represented their school so proudly on Saturday and Sunday, singing with hundreds of other children last weekend at UNE's Lazenby Hall. For those of us privileged enough to have been able to attend, it was genuinely something special. To have the likes of Dan Walker, Mark O'Leary and Felix Riebl commenting on the exceptional performances of the students and the enormous community support highlights the achievements of organisers and the singer and musicians themselves.

I have been trying to track down some photos (knowing it really do the spectacle justice) so the following link will have to suffice - <https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2018/10/21/hundreds-perform-in-2018-new-england-sings/>

But, it does demonstrate the scale of the event and incredible quality of the performances. When I asked a couple of our choristers whether the sound for them was as good as the sound was for me in the audience, they enthusiastically agreed. Such is the power of knowing that every tiny contribution is worthwhile and can create extraordinary results. And, extraordinary results they were so congratulations to all involved including:

Andrew Alkhouri

Maitha Alshammari

MJ Blanch

Tommy Blanch

Harry Brownlie

Cormac Downes

Joe Fenwicke

Sam Ford

Lucas Hu

Peter Thompson

Ava Watts

Ryne Wilkinson

Mila Downes

Mitchell Evans

Oliver Goudge

Andy Hardin

Blake Whitehill

Mosie Wright

Sophia White

Tom Crowley

Evan Kwan

Bailey Miller

Alice in Wonderland – Working bees – 10&24 November

I would like to highlight the upcoming working bees for our End of Year Musical – *Alice in Wonderland Jnr* and the plans for costumes and sets are well underway (as are the rehearsals). The working bees will be a vital part of our preparation and so I am making an early appeal to put the dates aside so that we can have two really productive sessions to prepare both the costumes and sets as we did last year. Each session will begin with a BBQ from 12.30 pm and end by 3.00 pm with a short showcase of the rehearsals so far – just enough to whet the appetite and have some fun on stage! The dates will be Saturday 10 and 24 November and there will be a well-structured program of works to ensure the time is spent very efficiently. We appreciate and thank you for your assistance in advance.



Mr Ian Lloyd



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

End of 2018 Highlights

The End of Year highlights will be noted each week in TAS Talks as they approach but I take this opportunity to alert you to the following special occasions this term for your diary. I hope you will be able to join us to celebrate what has been another busy and wonderful year.

Orienteering Day	Friday 26 October - Sunnyside Stock Reserve on the Grafton Rd
Orientation Morning	Friday 9 November – morning tea from 11.00 am
Musical Working Bee – Costume Making	Saturday 10 November- 12.30 – 3.00 pm
Grandparents Day	Friday 16 November
Musical Working Bee – Set Building	Saturday 24 November 12.30 – 3.00 pm
Bike Safety and Triathlon Day	Friday 30 November – (Triathlon from 2.00 pm)
Year 5 Dinner	Friday 30 November – Hoskins Centre
Final JS Assembly	Wednesday 5 December
Alice in Wonderland	Thursday 6, Friday 7 & Saturday 8 December
Junior School BBQ	Saturday 8 December (after the final Musical performance)
Junior School Speech Day	Wednesday 12 December – 5.00 pm in Memorial Hall

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday wishes to Minnie Chick, Hunter Crane, George Drain, Rupert Newton, Lucie Stephen and Flinders Ward who all have their special days this week.

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

Primary Years Programme- The Five Essential Elements

In the Primary Years Programme, a balance is sought between the acquisition of knowledge and skills, development of conceptual understanding, demonstration of positive attitudes and taking responsible action.

Recently, staff have been engaged in discussions regarding our programme of inquiry for 2019. Some of our discussions have reflected upon the fact that students at TAS Junior School learn not just facts and information, but they also learn how to do things using a range of skills. They develop an understanding of how to organise knowledge and concepts, how to behave appropriately, develop a positive attitude and put their learning into action to make a difference.

Learners at TAS Junior School are increasingly encouraged to reflect on their learning in each of the elements and identify how their learning supports the development of the Learner Profile attributes.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

WEEK 2

Wed 24 Oct Combined Kindergarten & Yr 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 26 Oct All Schools Orienteering Day

WEEK 3

Wed 31 Oct Yr 2 & 3 Combined Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm (Including Dance Club performance)

WEEK 4

Wed 7 Nov Combined Yr 4's Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 9 Nov All classes Orientation Morning

Sat 10 Nov Musical Working Bee – Costume Making – 12.30 – 3.00 pm

WEEK 5

Wed 11 Nov Combined Transition & Yr 5 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 16 Nov Grandparents' Day – 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Sat 17 Nov TAS @ Dusk (School Fete)

WEEK 6

Wed 21 Nov No Assembly due to JS Musical Rehearsal

Sat 24 Nov JS Musical Working Bee – Set Building

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 7 of the Book Club has now been distributed, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Friday 2 November, 2018. If you would like to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in the red letter box at Junior School reception. Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

As parents and caregivers, we know how much you support and encourage your students to read. And with the holidays coming, it's time to keep your children reading, and to implement strategies for those who don't read or read infrequently over the holidays.

As we LOVE books so much, parents who place their Issue 7 order via LOOP will have the opportunity to select a FREE book to help keep their children reading over the holidays (conditions apply).

And while we're speaking of gift-giving, we're so excited that on Issue 7 we have turned on our Gift Function in LOOP! The Gift Function allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to your school, along with other Book Club orders. They will be marked accordingly as a gift (not gift wrapped), so they can be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.
– J. K. Rowling.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Library Assistant

Gymnastics

The gymnastics training sessions commenced with some warm-ups and a quick game. The students were then placed into four groups which then rotated through the following activities:

Activity 1- Statics- back support balances.

Activity 2- Locomotion-locomotion on beam.

Activity 3: Rotations- side rolls.

Activity 4: Swing- front support and swings on bars.

Miss Perrin and Mrs Waters were supporting students on the balancing beams and were so impressed with the growth shown by many in such a short period of time.

Collection Arrangements:

1. Collect from the Gymnastics Centre at 4.45pm
2. Collect from TAS Junior School under shelter 4.50
3. Collect from turning circle by 5 pm.

Mrs Veronica Waters

Basketball

The Junior School basketball group consisting of students in Years 3, 4 and 5 took to the court on Monday afternoon with so much enthusiasm, it was delightful to see. After a very brief training session at lunchtime, to acquaint themselves with some basic rules, we headed to The Den for the first game for the majority of the students. They played a mix of players from other schools and had a wonderful game. The players surprised everyone watching with their skill level and it was fabulous to see them all embrace the coaching they received during the game and take it on board to improve their skills during the play.

A special mention needs to be made to Bailey in Year 5, who has played numerous games previously, and took it upon himself to pass the ball to as many of his teammates as he could - some very special unselfish play. Also, a huge congratulations to Joe who discovered some fantastic skills today with a sport he has not played before. Paige showed that her netball skills are going to stand her in good stead for the basketball season. The rest of the team were also outstanding in how they took to the field and the enjoyment they got from their first game.

Well done players

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon



Summer Sport – Commenced Week 1, Term 4

Our summer sport commenced during the past week. If there are any issues or concerns about your child's summer sport please contact either their coach (details in last week's TAS talks) or email Mrs Christine Wright cwright@as.edu.au

Orienteering – Friday, 26 October

This Friday we have the annual Armidale Outdoors Orienteering Championships at the Sunnyside Travelling Stock Reserve. Children will be travelling to the Championships by Edwards Coaches at 8:50am. Please ensure your child is at school promptly on Friday to ensure they are ready for this early departure.

Children will need to bring the following items:

- Drinking water
- A watch (one per team)
- Hat
- Wear sports clothes

Students will not be permitted to carry food on the course, however, may like to bring morning tea to eat after they have competed.

Indoor Hockey

Indoor Hockey commences this Friday afternoon from 4pm. Please ensure you have liaised with your child's coach in relation to game times.

Physical Culture Update

Congratulations to both Maya and Peyton Slade who have recently competed in the New England Zone competition in Tamworth. Maya received a first place in the team event and made it into the semi-finals in the Champion Girl event.

Peyton also had success in the team events placing first and third, while making it through to the finals, placing fourth in the Champion Girl event for her age. Peyton is now preparing for the Nationals in five weeks.

We wish her well for this upcoming event.





Tour de North West charity bike ride

Sunday 28 October 2018

Venue

Petersons Winery & Guesthouse
Dangarsleigh Road
Armidale, New South Wales 2350

Date / Time

Sunday 28 October, 2018
6:30am – 3:30pm

Cost

Ride and Lunch \$95
Students and Children \$76
Lunch only \$55

RSVP

Wednesday 24 October 2018

Email

registration.nsw@charteredaccountantsanz.com

Phone 1300 137 322

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Join us for the Chartered Accountants ANZ 4th annual Tour de North West charity bike ride through the stunning New England countryside while raising funds for the Melanoma Institute of Australia.

The ride will set out from Petersons Winery & Guesthouse, Dangarsleigh Road, Armidale.

This year we have three courses for participants to choose from:

- Long course (91 km)
- Medium course (64 km)
- Short course (38 km)

Riders will enjoy morning tea before returning to Petersons for a gourmet BBQ lunch and live band entertainment. Family and friends are welcome to join the ride and lunch, or just the lunch. We look forward to seeing you there.

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