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# TAS TALKS

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 31 October 2018 Term 4 Week 3

### FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

#### Exams

This week many of our Year 12 students will complete their HSC exams, with the final students finishing with Drama on Friday of next week, and the procession of final goodbyes, handing out of school testimonials and offering of best wishes for the future is well in train. At the same time, all students in Year 6 to 10 are preparing this week for the end of course exams that they will sit next week. Whilst the results of these exams obviously do not carry the weight of the HSC, they are important in the long game of the school academic journey and the experiences of preparing for and sitting exams that cover an extended period of work is vitally important.

All students will have received advice on how to prepare for their individual subjects and should have study timetables and routines operating right now. This is a short and intense time of pressure for students and I do not want to overplay its importance, but it is a valuable opportunity for development that should not be taken lightly either. Students will need support and encouragement through this week and next, from parents, advisors, boarding staff and teachers alike, and I offer my thanks to all who are doing their best to enable our students to present their very best efforts next week.

#### Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

TAS Talks readers this week will see the report from the leader of the TAS Hawkesbury team Alasdair Hey and I recommend it to you. As Alasdair describes so well, the Hawkesbury journey, from the training on Malpas Dam to the huge challenge of the event itself, is an experience that forges bonds, inspires spirit, builds resilience and creates memories that will last for decades. This is equally true of paddlers and landcrew alike and Team TAS has much that they can be proud of this year. I echo his congratulations to all who took up the challenge this year, both on their efforts and on being such impressive supporters of one another. I also offer special congratulations to Alasdair who took on the leadership of this huge logistical effort having not been involved before and did so as a consummate professional.

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

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## Gondwana Choirs

In what is quite remarkable news for TAS, 10 of our students have been selected for the 2019 Gondwana Choirs, the same number, I am told, that came from all of Victoria last year. The Gondwana Choirs bring together the best and most promising 10 to 24 year old voices from across the country and the program has developed as an elite, international standard choral icon. Armidale has a special connection to Gondwana Choirs and that is strengthened by having our friend Paul Jarman (composer of the TAS piece 'Soldier On') and Mark O'Leary (conductor for New England Sings) as part of Gondwana. The choral standard that has given Armidale such an enviable reputation was on show again this year as Armidale had the second highest success rate for auditioners this year behind Melbourne. Our students are very fortunate to have access to this level of musical opportunity and I have no doubt that it will be a memorable experience for them. They will be tested though as they join an intensive choral camp in Sydney for two weeks in January, with just one day off, living at colleges at the University of New South Wales and finishing with a string of concerts. I wish them all well as they prepare for this wonderful experience.

As the New England music community celebrates the success of 38 singers joining Gondwana this year, it is also mourning the loss last week of music phenomena and national treasure Richard Gill. Richard did vast amounts for music in schools and knew NECOM and its staff well, coming to Armidale most recently in May to conduct the Sydney Chamber Choir in Lazenby Hall. I know that he was an inspiration to many here and that he will be missed.

## Gostwyck Chapel Service

This Sunday afternoon our chapel choir will make their annual pilgrimage to Gostwyck Chapel outside Uralla to perform at their commemorative service. Whilst this is a long standing tradition for the chapel choir, this year is special as it marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Clive Collingwood Dangar, who owned 'Gostwyck' at the time of his death. Clive Dangar enrolled at TAS in its first year, 1894, and was a keen cricket and tennis player, debater and actor. He went on to be the first TAS Old Boy to join the School Board. From school, Dangar moved into the military and served in the Boer War and the First World War and died in 1918 from wounds suffered during the Second Gaza Engagement in Palestine. Dangar was the Brigade Major for the 3rd Light Horse when a bomb dropped on the Brigade Headquarters, inflicting wounds that would later take his life. Dangar's military service was significant and his life was recently celebrated in a special event at the Union, University and School's Club in Sydney where we were represented by current Board Director and Old Boy Andrew Erratt.

A donation from Dangar's widow enabled the 'C.C. Dangar Memorial House for Juniors' to be built and that legacy, along with the Gostwyck service each year and the generations of his family who have subsequently attended TAS, continues the connection.

*Murray Guest*





### GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON

The Armidale School wishes to acknowledge the special role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren by welcoming them as guests of the School at our biennial Grandparents' Afternoon.

#### Friday 16 November

2pm-4pm

Join us for afternoon tea, tours of the school, a special concert, debate and other activities. On display in the Hoskins foyer will be the P&F Art Show featuring art works for sale by New England artists. Then on Saturday, there will be attractions aplenty at TAS@Dusk, the annual P&F Fete, from 3-8pm.

This weekend offers a wonderful variety of events for grandparents to experience with their families and we encourage all to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for for afternoon tea for catering purposes by Friday 9 November.

We look forward to welcoming our TAS grandparents to TAS!

### WEEK 3

Wednesday 31 October

NCIS Basketball

P&F Meeting ( 7pm )

Thursday 1 November

Twilight Concert (6pm)

Sunday 4 November

All Saints Gostwyck Chapel Service

### WEEK 4

Monday 5 November

Year 6-10 Exams

Thursday 8 November

ArtSound Year 11 Art/Music Collaboration

(Hoskins Foyer - 4.30-6.30pm)

STEM Trip information evening (5pm)

Musica Viva Concert ( Armidale Town Hall - 6.30pm)

Friday 9 November

Rowing Season Launch (5pm)

Sunday 11 November

Remembrance Day Service ( St Peter's Cathedral

7.15am)

### WEEK 5

Tuesday 13 November

TAS Remembrance Day Service ( 11.15am)

Friday 16 November

Grandparent's Afternoon (2-4pm)

P&F Art Show (2-7pm)

Saturday 17 November

TAS@Dusk ( 3-8pm)

P&F Art Show ( 9am - 8pm)

Sunday 18 November

P&F Art Show (10am-2pm)

## 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.

VEGE AND HERB PLANTS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

**Plant Sale!**

The TAS P&F are holding a plant sale on Friday Nov 2 (3:30-5pm) and Saturday Nov 3 (10-12), Chapel St. Carpark

The TAS@Dusk famous tomatoes and capsicums are ready now!  
All plants are 5 for \$10, and must be sold on the weekend  
(they will not last until TAS@Dusk)!

Tomatoes:

- Sweet 100
- Roma
- Grosse liffe
- Black Russian - large black eating and cooking tomatoes - lots of flavour
- Tigerella
- KY1 (eating ones like in the shops)

Capsicums:

- Giant Bell - Red
- Giant Bell - Yellow

+ a few chillies and basil plants



All plants will be sold on a first come first served basis, so come early while supplies last!

- 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.

**TAS@DUSK – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER & ART SHOW – ONLY 2½ 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, the ever popular peonies and sheep manure
- 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

Signup sheets are available online to sign up to help for both the Art Show and TAS@Dusk.

**TAS @ DUSK - use this link**

<http://signup.com/login/entry/1136985030637868052>

**ART SHOW - use this link**

<http://signup.com/login/entry/152867388055>

**COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS – please use this link**

<http://signup.com/login/entry/657025728310658052>

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)

- Boxes, plastic bags and recycled bags – for taking home goodies in particularly from the plant stall – boxes can be dropped at the Junior School Turning Circle Bus Shelter (off Chapel Street)

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](mailto:jf.nash@bigpond.com)

### **BOARDER FAMILY HOSTING IN ARMIDALE FOR TAS@DUSK WEEKEND**

We are still seeking local Armidale families that may 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?

We encourage any interested families to either contact Sophie Wright on [sophia@wongwibinda.com.au](mailto:sophia@wongwibinda.com.au) or your year group Liaison Parent.

### **P&F MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 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 tonight Wednesday 31 October at 7pm in Archdall Meeting room (opposite the entrance to the dining room down the corridor from Main Reception). All are welcome.



The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings are now for sale. Puddings are \$25 each and can be paid for on TryBooking.com <https://www.trybooking.com/ZDNC>

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.

*Mrs Rachael Nicoll*



# TAS @ DUSK

**Saturday 17th November 2018**

**TAS Country Ninja Challenge**

**Kindergarten - Year 5 Races 3 - 4 PM**

**Year 6 - Year 8 Ninja Challenge 4 - 5 PM**

**Year 9 - Year 12 Ninja Challenge 5 - 5.45 PM**

**“NINJA PIG CUP” - HOUSE CHALLENGE - 5.45 PM**

**ARE YOU UP FOR  
THE CHALLENGE?**

**Complete a course of country obstacles**

**K - 5 - JUST TURN UP AT  
3 PM READY TO RACE  
INDIVIDUALS - NOT TEAMS**

**YEAR 6 - YEAR 12 - ENTER  
YOUR TEAM OF FOUR  
\$10 PER TEAM**

**STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF  
TAS WELCOME**

**CASH PRIZES FOR WINNING  
TEAMS - 1ST, 2ND & 3RD**



Entry forms are available from TAS Reception, Middle School Reception (Entry forms not required for K - 5)  
Completed Entry Forms can be sent to [vlucas@as.edu.au](mailto:vlucas@as.edu.au) . \$10 Entry Fee to be paid at TAS @ Dusk.  
For further information please call Karen Morgan 0407 636 121

### Guide Me Exodus 15

Who am I? I'm a hymn, I'm sung at rugby games and royal weddings and funerals. I'm loved by Welsh choirs and school assemblies.

Yes, of course I am... 'Guide Me.' But perhaps what we didn't know was this hymn was written by a bloke whose first name is the same as his last, William Williams (1717-1791).

Williams intended to become a doctor. This changed when he was converted to Christianity. He became a deacon in the Church of England. After some time, he devoted himself to preaching in the Methodist movement. He wrote 800 hymns, which made him one of the most important influences on Welsh language culture in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The hymn demands guidance, from God! In some versions it's Jehovah, more accurately transliterated as 'Yahweh'. To save confusion, modern versions often use the title 'Redeemer' instead.

This is helpful because God's guiding hand, as he redeemed his people from slavery in Egypt, is the theme of the hymn.

After leaving Egypt, the people of Israel travelled 40 years, as 'pilgrims through this barren land', that is, the Sinai peninsula. During this wilderness wandering God fed them with 'manna', bread from heaven.

The second stanza reminds us that God guided his people to safety by a pillar of cloud and fire that moved ahead of them. The crystal fountain refers to the rock which flowed with water Moses struck it.

The third stanza has us singers 'treading the verge of Jordan' that is, the river Israel had to cross to enter Canaan, the promised land. 'Canaan's side' is associated with "Death of death and hell's Destruction", and so now the ultimate 'promised land' of heaven is on view.

In the same way that God guided his Old Testament people safely to Canaan, even though they were often sinful, forgetful, unthankful and rebellious, we can be sure Christ will safely bring us to the new creation. So, we sing, not demanding God will light up the sky to lead us home to heaven, but, confident that he has not left us to our own devices and confident Christ's redeeming work will bring us safely home.

### **Mr Richard Newton**



Mr Richard Newton

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A TAS Confirmation Service will be held on Monday 10 December in the TAS Chapel at 2pm. If you would like your child to be Confirmed please contact Reverend Newton on [rnewton@as.edu.au](mailto:rnewton@as.edu.au) to discuss.

## 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.

## Year 6-10 Exams

Exams for students in Years 6-10 commence Monday, 5 November and run for two weeks. Students have been emailed a copy of the timetable. Please ensure you have read this timetable. Students should be referring to the exam notification to guide their study and revision. Please direct any questions regarding the upcoming exams to your child's class teacher or advisor. We wish all students well for both the exams and their individual preparation for these.

## 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 were due by Friday 26 October. Any outstanding choices need to be submitted as soon as possible. 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

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



# ACADEMIC

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## National Language Competition Certificates

The highest number of Japanese and French students to achieve Distinctions or High Distinctions in the Australian Languages Competition in many years were presented at Assembly recently. Of those who entered (all in Year 8), 80 percent achieved a Credit award or higher in the challenging Reading and Listening sections. Congratulations to all who took part, particularly to High Distinction recipients Luke Pasfield, Lydie Taylor and William Jubb.



Pictured are Distinction recipients (standing) Marcus Hempel, Isabel Newton, Casey Smith, Frank Perrottet, Fergus Menzies, Samuel Ball, Maxwell Guppy, Hugo Catterall, William Jackson, Jack Hoppe, (front) High Distinction recipients Luke Pasfield, Lydie Taylor and William Jubb

## Register now for UON's Business and Law Insight Evenings Business, Commerce and Innovation – Tuesday 13 November, 5pm-7pm Law – Wednesday 14 November, 5pm-7pm

Are you considering a career in Business, Commerce, Innovation or Law?

The Faculty of Business and Law at the University of Newcastle invites senior secondary students, teachers and parents to attend an information evening to learn about studying at the Newcastle Business and Law Schools.

The Insight Evenings provide students with an opportunity to interact with key staff from the Newcastle Business and Law Schools and speak with undergraduate students to gain a better understanding of the benefits of studying degrees in the area of Business, Commerce, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Law.

**Register now by following the below links:**

Business Insight Evening: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-business-and-law/business-insight-evening>

Law Insight Evening: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-business-and-law/law-insight-evening3>

## Career Opportunities at Crowe Horwath 2019

Crowe Horwath have some career opportunities in 2019 that may be of interest for current year 12 students. They have two upcoming Trainee roles in their Business Services/Accounting division and a "gap year" style role as an administration assistant on a 12 month contract. Please see the link below for further information.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/10/29/career-opportunities-at-crowe-horwath-2019/>

## Change of subjects – Year 11

I am getting a lot of requests from Year 11 students about changing or dropping subjects as we enter the Year 12 component of their HSC. I will explain the order of events so that everyone is familiar with the process.

First priority goes to those students moving between classes, i.e. between Maths and English classes. They need their teacher's and parent's approval. We will look at their results from the end of year exams and decide if they would be better served by the move. If yes, then a form will be issued that requires mine, their teacher's, parent's and advisor's signature. Finally, they return the form to Mrs O'Brien who will return an electronic copy of the form to the student via email after either Mrs Wark or Mr Polson have given their approval. They are then permitted to move classes unless otherwise organised to do it earlier, with the relevant department.

Second priority goes to those students who have 13 units of study and are either dropping or picking up an extension subject. This can be completed straight away. If they have 12 units and wish to drop an extension subject they are not permitted to do so before Week 4. Once they have had a meeting with me and have the approval/support of all the relevant parties, the process is the same as above.

Third, is those students wishing to move from 12 units to 10 units of study. The school's position is that we encourage students to maintain their 12 units of study until they have completed one or two assessments in the Year 12 course. In order to make the move I need clear markers as to student performance which are their exam and assessment performances.

If a student wishes to move to 10 units of study, I will look at their most recent exam/assessment results for a clear weaker subject. This can be either its contribution to their ATAR calculations or they do not need it for further study after Year 12. This is not permitted before Week 4 Term 4. Students will need to make an appointment with me for an interview. They can do this by send me a list of their study periods and I will match against my timetable to find a convenient time. If possible we will also include the parent via a phone (or in person) in the interview. If we come to the conclusion that it is the best interest of the student to move from 12 to 10 units then a form will be issued and the process is the same as above.

Hopefully by following this process we can arrive at the best combination of study for the student.

## **Cricket NSW – Casual Program Facilitator Armidale Region**

A Cricket NSW Casual Program Facilitator role is a great opportunity for high school or university students to undertake terrific work experience and personal skill development whilst delivering cricket engagement programs to primary school students.

A new program facilitator does not require experience in cricket or working with early learning programs, as each new facilitator will receive training to develop the skills required to deliver excellent programs.

Cricket NSW offers flexible working hours to program facilitators that want to work during school hours, after school hours on weekdays, or weekends.

Successful Cricket NSW program facilitators will likely bolster their resumes with extensive and wide-ranging work experience and references from people within the cricket community – which will greatly support future employment opportunities.

Cricket NSW is extremely focused on growing the Northern Inland cricket community and developing the people that facilitate the programs to achieve this goal.

A Cricket NSW Program Facilitator is a paid position and receives a fuel allowance for travel to and from the work destination if travel exceeds 40km. In some circumstances, travel can be provided for facilitators that do not have their own transport.

If you are interested in becoming a Cricket NSW Program Facilitator, please contact Vinnie on 0425 297 722

The application process is simple and easy, and work is likely to be available immediately following initial training and induction.

***Mr Mark Taylor***  
***Careers Advisor***



# DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Each year TAS is enhanced by a legacy gift to the School from the outgoing Year 12s. This year's cohort have been making the most of a large custom table in the Study Centre from the Class of 2015, and their own parting gift, a bench seat sculpted by artist OA Ben Tooth (05-10, pictured), installed on Friday. The seat was carved from stringybark at Walcha, where Ben works with noted artist and cattle farmer Steve King.

Thanks to the parents of these year groups for their generosity, and particular mention to Mrs Vicki Louis for ensuring the 2018 gift was able to be enjoyed by those who donated it before they finished their time at TAS.



OA Ben Tooth (05-10)



### Stress – Bring it on!

Stress is a great motivator. We are hardwired to react to it; fight or flight.

Our reaction triggers an adaptation in our behaviour and our attitude. We learn to deal with stress. We practice under stressful conditions so that we are prepared for any situation; so that we can respond positively to stress. We build resilience, not by camping in our comfort zone but by pushing the limits.

On Saturday night, 59 paddlers from Armidale accepted the challenge of paddling the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic – a 111km kayak from Windsor to Brooklyn. Most paddlers said that it was the toughest experience of their lives. Some will do it again, some will not but none will regret their decision to do it. This is not practice for kayaking or endurance events more broadly. It is practice for life.

When faced with challenges in the future, these paddlers will find the strength and resilience that was cultivated at the 85km mark; when in the darkness, every muscle aching, the tide resisting every forward stroke, the eyes battling the weariness that says 'lie down'.

They will grit their teeth, take up the fight and power on.

Alongside the personal growth lies the opportunity to support bone marrow research. It is a desire to make a difference to the lives of others that drives them through the pain. The spirit of generosity and goodwill envelops the whole event. Our landcrew parents and friends are selfless in their commitment and offer support all night long, our team of TAS staff provide the logistical support. On behalf of the whole team, I thank Mr Alasdair Hey for his commitment and organisation. It is a truly unique event.

### Inter-school Fixtures

Congratulations to our Junior cricket team who played against St Columba School, Port Macquarie yesterday in the Wiburd Shield; an interschool knock-out tournament. After a good battle, TAS went down fighting, with a notable performance with the bat by Harry Litchfield scoring 79 runs.

Today both our Senior Boys and Senior Girls compete in the NCIS Basketball tournament at Coffs Harbour. This is a rare opportunity to play against other schools and one that all players cherish. We wish them well along with our First XI cricket team who host Carinya tomorrow in the opening round of the Douglas Shield.



Mr Will Caldwell

# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

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## Mountain Biking

In mountain biking news, Archie Chick raced as a part of a team in the Tamworth Super Power Three Hour event, which was held on Sunday at the Tamworth Mountain Bike Trails. Representing the TAS MTB coaching staff were Mrs Gen Chick and Mrs Donella Tutt, who rode in a team with Mrs Chick's husband, Mr Anthony Chick. By all reports, the riders from Armidale were happy with their individual and team performances, while thoroughly enjoying their day of racing.

Back on the tablelands, Year 6 students Thomas Dundon and Banjo Lawrence participated in the 38km event of the 'Tour De North West' charity ride on Sunday. This ride raises money for the Melanoma Institute of Australia and this is the fourth year the event has been running. Well done Tom and Banjo for riding this distance at such a young age and for supporting a great cause.

This Saturday the TAS mountain bike team will descend on the Armidale Pine Forest for the annual '12 Hours in the Piney' race. With fine weather predicted and with 35 students and staff participating, it should be a most enjoyable event for the team. If anyone in the wider TAS community is interested in participating in, or spectating at the '12 Hours in the Piney' more information can be found here <https://www.12hoursinthepiney.com.au>

***Mrs Jo Benham***



Archie Chick at the Tamworth 'Super Power Three Hour'



Banjo Lawrence and Thomas Dundon at the 'Tour de North West' charity ride



Mrs Donella Tutt and Mrs Gen Chick enjoying their race at the Tamworth 'Super Power Three Hour'

# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

As the bird calls began at the first light of dawn, and hints of the new day crept over the imposing escarpments of the Hawkesbury River, few paddlers would have guessed that an enormous stormfront had gathered at the 106 km mark of the 2018 Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Weather forecasts had not predicted any more than light showers during the night. When the storm struck, lashing winds, sudden torrential rain and hail generated foot high surface waves, capsizing kayakers and throwing paddlers into a high state of alert.

Nearly 14 hours into the race, landcrew who were catching a few precious hours of sleep were woken at 5:45am by alert calls from organisers of the Classic. The 111 km race had been terminated – too dangerous. If you hadn't made it past the 99 km Spencer mark your race was over. Paddlers later told me that if you had made it to nearly 106 km, only 5 km shy of the finish, you were faced with the heart-breaking realisation that the way forward brought too much risk and you had to kayak back to Spencer.

Not all were so unlucky. The storm had split the TAS team of 59 paddlers in two. Nine boats - 18 kayakers - had beaten the storm front, completing the length of the Classic. At the time of this publication, we still wait for official times to be released, but there is the possibility of some records having been broken. But not the indomitable spirit of TAS – as I speak to our students I hear joyous stories of camaraderie on the river, courage through the help and rescue of capsized kayakers and discussion of doing it again next year.



Bronte and Kate Allen at the start line in the fast Vulcan

Take note parents - are you ready?

As I watched the TAS kayakers through their training and the adventure of the Classic itself, I was struck by the fellowship shown by students seeking a common goal. It was a pleasure to see the supportive bond between parents, sons and daughters brought about by this enormous challenge – and it IS an enormous challenge – to support leukaemia research.

The TAS team of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic continues to be the largest single contingent of an event of many hundreds. TAS brings together wide community engagement in the event. Participants from UNE, PLC and NEGS are each able to share in the excitement of the event with support from TAS.

It has been a privilege to take charge of the Hawkesbury this year. Supported by parents and volunteer staff-members the challenge has been more than worthwhile. I would like to particularly thank those TAS staff who, from the beginning, volunteered to take on key roles at checkpoints: Mr David Lawrence, Mr Todd Currell, Miss Emma Channon and Mr Tim Scott.

In addition I'd like to thank Miss Harriet Symons and Mr Will Caldwell for providing valuable support during the event.

I'd like to also give special thanks to year 11 student Tom Deshon who throughout the organisation of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic has volunteered his time to lighten my load: cooking, cleaning, lifting and shifting.

It is very hard to put this adventure for our young men and women into perspective, but a good place to start might be in the words I received from a grateful parent: "I was very emotional on the boat ramp as they emerged through the grey light of dawn, bodies pretty broken but spirit still in tact. What a mighty achievement. They have a whole new yard stick now (by which) to measure the word 'challenge'"

**Mr Alasdair Hey**  
**MIC Hawkesbury Canoe Classic**



Murray and Joanne Guest in 'Duo' and Ethan and Matt Crosby(father) in 'The Green Machine'



Tim Cimino and Alex Kirk coming down the ramp.



With the date of Junior School's *Alice in Wonderland* getting ever closer it is time for us to start building the set and getting all the other show elements together. We will be having two community working bees on Saturday 10 November and Saturday 24 November and all are invited to don some old clothes and help us out. But until then we have some appeals for donations of materials to help us get there:

Any really large plastic plant pots (either black or terracotta, they will be painted)

Any and all huge pieces of cardboard you have

Any shaggy fabric, old shaggy rugs or pieces of synthetic grass that we could cut into shapes

Any donations can be dropped down to the Hoskins Centre and watch this space for more information about those working bees.

The *Oliver!* rehearsal schedule has finally been released to cast members and their parents - my apologies for the delay but balancing the demands of the cast and the TAS calendar makes it a most challenging puzzle to solve. We've got some very clear aims for this term, which means we really need cast members to make those rehearsals or give us plenty of warning so we can reschedule.

Next week we have the Year 11 Music and Visual Arts classes collaborating together for a performance exhibition titled 'Art-Sound'. This event was one of the Creative Arts academic highlights of 2017 and, having seen some of the work already, this year already promises to be just as exciting. The exhibition is Thursday 8 November 4:30pm in the Hoskins Centre foyer and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the tremendous creativity and talent of our Music and Visual Arts students.

Finally, there have been some amazing achievements in Music recently and I encourage you to check out the Music Matters section of TAS Talks for more details as there is plenty to celebrate.

### **Mr Andrew O'Connell**



Mr Andrew O'Connell



# Art Sound

## EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE

Art Sound is the result of an exciting collaboration between the  
Year 11 Visual Arts and Music Students

Hoskins Foyer

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

4:30pm

Refreshments available

Artwork by sound artist [Adam Basanta](#)

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

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### **Gondwana National Choirs Success!**

We are pleased to announce that 10 TAS students have been selected in Gondwana National Choirs after successfully auditioning. Congratulations to Felix Hruby (Year 7), Essie Lindeman (Year 7), Will Mackson (Year 8), Will Nash (Year 7), Jasper O'Neil (Year 7), Will Mackson (Year 8), Alexander Gibson (Year 9), Cassidy Williams (Year 9), Molly Dooner (Year 10), Erin Page (Year 11) and Isabelle Perrottet (Year 11)

Gondwana Choirs comprises the most accomplished choral groups of young people in Australia. The organisation is synonymous with performance excellence and has a reputation for the highest standards of young people's choral music in Australia and internationally. Lyn Williams OAM created the Gondwana Choirs, wanting audiences to experience the unique and captivating sound of a well-trained children's choir. Alumni of Gondwana Choirs perform in opera companies and orchestras worldwide. They contribute to Australian culture as composers, conductors, music teachers and pop artists they are medical professionals, business leaders and social justice advocates, whose lifelong love of music fostered by Gondwana Choirs draws them to become the next generation of arts practitioners, audiences and philanthropists

### **Regional Youth Orchestra Success!**

Congratulations to Disa Smart (Year 11) and Will Mackson (Year 7) who will be attending the Regional Youth Orchestra camp and concert in Bathurst from 31 October to 4 November. Disa and Will have both been selected to attend this event joining other young musicians who have been selected from all the Conservatorium's across New South Wales. A talented Cellist, Disa has previously participated in several RYO events; but for Will Mackson, who will be playing Percussion in the orchestra, this is a first. This will be a fantastic opportunity for both Disa and Will to join other talented young musicians in the regional Youth Orchestra, including a number from the Sydney Conservatorium High School. We wish them both the best.

### **Term 4 Twilight Concerts in Hoskins Centre, Thursday 1 November:**

#### **Concert 1 - 5:30pm; Concert 2 - approx. 6:30pm**

The Twilight Concerts this term will be held on Thursday 1 November in the Hoskins Centre Theatre. Due to the number of students performing, there will be two concerts. Concert 1 will commence at 5:30pm and this will be followed by Concert 2 which will commence at approximately 6:30pm.

The TAS Twilight Concerts are a fantastic way to gain valuable performance experience in a non-threatening and friendly environment. The concert is free and open to all TAS students. Students perform in front of a small audience of peers, parents and friends so nerves are minimised and public performance skills can be developed.

### **St. Peter Gardens 2018 - TAS performance - Saturday 3 November**

TAS students have been invited to perform from 12:00pm - 2:00pm on Saturday 3 November as part of the St Peters Town and Country Garden Tours. Our students will be performing in Rae Andrew's garden at 51 Leece Rd, Uralla. St Peters Town and Country Garden Tours have been an annual event in Armidale for many decades.

This annual event raises money for the Oncology Department - Armidale Hospital; Young Life Youth work, Uralla and Riding for the Disabled, Armidale. The cost is \$5.00 per garden and morning and afternoon tea can be purchased for \$5 and Lunch for \$10. 11am.

### **Gostwyck All Saints Day Service on Sunday, 4 November at 2:30pm**

TAS Chapel Choir will be joined by students from the TAS Combined Secondary Choir to sing at the Gostwyck All Saints Day Service on Sunday, 4 November at 2:30pm. The choir will be meeting at the Gostwyck Chapel at 1:45pm. For those requiring transport, a bus will depart from the Q Store near the Brown St. entrance at TAS at 1pm. Please contact Ms Leanne Roobol if you require transport [lroobol@tas.edu.au](mailto:lroobol@tas.edu.au)

The chapel at 'Gostwyck', officially named All Saints Anglican Church, was built in 1921 in memory of Major Clive Collingwood Dangar M.C. (1882–1918) who had died of injuries sustained during WWI just a matter of days after his return to Australia. This year the service will include some remembrance of C.C. Dangar on the centenary of his death.

We welcome you to attend the Gostwyck All Saints Day Service, please note that the service will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea at the Gostwyck Homestead.

***Ms Leanne Roobol***



### Proof's in the pudding

I was working in the library yesterday afternoon. At about 3:45pm two Middle School Year 8s entered, acknowledged me and proceeded to one of a new seminar rooms. Two more followed them and more still spilled into the large glassed class area to the left of the seminar rooms. Seven people were studying for next week's exam block. None of us told them to do this – they just did it. It's affirming when this happens. Yes, the exam block's arrival is imminent and, having visited most Middle School rooms over the past few weeks, I am happy to report many of our students are as prepared as they can be for this battery of tests over the coming weeks. As well you know by this stage, we have a 'no surprises policy' in relation to formal assessments, including examinations, at TAS. I like this policy as it makes the writing of papers as fair as possible for our students in Years 6, 7 and 8. It allows us to see results that are an accurate reflection of sensible preparation and the best possible advice that staff can give to girls and boys as they manage the challenges in store for them over Weeks 3 and 4.

This is the appropriate time too, to thank staff associated with the Middle School, on your behalf, for their efforts in relation to the preparation and distribution of study packages to your children. Some wider school departments, for example, distributed exam preparation booklets before the time they were strictly required to do. In fact, the whole process this semester, culminating in this battery of examinations, has been well managed and has 'run smoothly' and I'm grateful for their efforts.

Again, I urge parents of day students to familiarize themselves with the exam period schedule that has been distributed, to encourage boys and girls to 'do their best' and to contact us should there be issues requiring clarification.

### Uniforms are Us

Further to last week's TAS Talks, there's been an improvement in the wearing of hats and garters – so, thank you for your continuing support of these 'daily management' issues. At Tuesday's assembly the Headmaster confirmed, in no uncertain terms, what the wider school's expectations are in relation to uniforms. I visited most Middle School classes after the assembly also to speak to our people about the necessity of regular vigilance on this topic. These young people are just that, young people – and they benefit greatly from the assistance, generally in the form of reminders, that we can give to them about uniform codes. I want to thank you too in anticipation of the ongoing nature of such support. I think the nature of this regular support, as opposed to constant nagging, is a good way of thinking about our actions in relation to our students. It is not, as such, a euphemistic expression because these people do listen to us as a collective group, being families and teachers, but they do so best when the messages are consistent and their 'focus' is clear.



Mr Mark Harrison

### New School Prefects 2018 – 19

Towards the end of Week 1 the School's new student leaders were inducted into their various offices. As you may know, the outgoing student leaders invited Middle School Leaders to a number of Prefect Meetings in the past to discuss issues that relate to them specifically.

We're intending to ask the new senior leaders to speak to our students again and to come, where appropriate, to Middle School assemblies (Town Meetings) and, during the 2019 winter terms, to arrange as well as supervise some games with Middle School students. What I need to let you know is that this 'games assistance' role has already begun – and I didn't ask anyone to do it. Already new Year 12 students have initiated and supervised games over the last two weeks. They've done this of their own volition and I want to acknowledge our new Senior Prefect, Josh Jones, and the wider Prefect and Year 12 body for the initiative taken.

# FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

MR MARK HARRISON

Middle School students are very lucky and I'm looking forward to working with these people next year as well: this kind of initiative is an 'inclusive' one and it's healthy for our students to interact positively with older members of the School.

The goal here is an unashamed one: I want the senior people to be known, practical role models and we all need the younger people to model the behaviors of the School's newly-elected leaders and wider student community. In their entirety, the new Year 12s represent a spectrum of talent that TAS so readily offers to all.

***Mr Mark Harrison***  
***Head of Middle School***



Middle School students, Max Guppy and Karen Baker



## Alice in Wonderland – Working bees – 10&24 November

As mentioned previously, Junior School would like to ask for your help. The upcoming working bees for our End of Year Musical – Alice in Wonderland Jnr, will be a vital part of our preparation and so I am again, making an appeal to put these 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 efficiently. I will be sending a letter out later this week to determine numbers, but I know from past experience, the time is well spent and is usually a lot of fun, making a huge difference to the quality of the final production itself.

## Combined Assemblies this term

With the need to have some whole-school rehearsals for Junior School, we have combined our assemblies this term which ensures double the fun and entertainment. If the Kindy/Year 1 assembly last week was anything to go by, we are destined to be well served by this arrangement. I know that Year 2 and 3 have been preparing for their assembly now for sometime and this will include a performance by our Dances warmly invite all parents along to these assemblies to join the fun.

## PSSA Orienteering

Below, you will find a report from Year 4 after a very successful PSSA Orienteering morning last week. At the time of

writing, we did not know that the two Junior School teams had placed first in their respective divisions, culminating in being crowned the Champion School. I congratulate all the students on this combined effort but especially the following four teams, remembering that the points are awarded for the amount of controls located and the total time to complete.

- 13 points - Tom Rowe, Sinclair Little, Hussain Majrashi with 14 controls in a time of 1.05.57
- 12 points - Ryne Wilkinson, Andrew Alkhouri, Charlotte Coupland with 12 controls in a time of 1.02.21
- 11 points - Sophia White, Katie Hynes, Mosie Wright with 11 controls in a time of 49.55
- 11 points - Charlie Ryan, Mohammed Almokhtar, Archer Starr with 11 controls in a time of 58.38

The full Score results can be viewed at:<https://ntoc.asn.au/>

## Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - 30 November

This exciting day is just around the corner so please start preparing bike (and training wheels) where necessary to ensure your child is well prepared for the day. More details will be published soon.



Mr Ian Lloyd

## School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 2

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly: Maya Slade, Arabella Hodges, Cameron Carruthers, Xavier Stephen, Xavier Leary, Lucy Holland, Mila Downes and Miller Harwood.

*Mr Ian Lloyd*  
*Head of Junior School*





### WEEK 3

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

### WEEK 4

Wed 7 Nov Combined Year 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 & Year 5 Assembly – Hoskins  
Centre 2.45pm

Fri 16 Nov Grandparents' Afternoon– 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
P&F Art Show ( 2-8pm)

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

### WEEK 7

Mon 26 Nov Junior School Sport concludes

Wed 28 Nov Kindergarten to Thalgarrah

Fri 30 Nov Bike Day and Triathlon

Year 5 Dinner

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Oliver Goudge and Braith Westaway this week.

### Gymnastics

The session commenced with a whole group stretching warm-up and a game of Captain's Orders. Students then had the opportunity to do 'log rolls' into the foam pit, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Students were then divided into four small groups, and rotated through four activities:

- Locomotion: Working with hoops
- Statics: Working with bean-bags
- Rotations: Further 'log rolls'
- Rotations: 'Egg rolls'

Ms Perrin-Baker worked with the students on the bean bag activity. It was a pleasure to see the students' imagination and creativity and their evident pleasure in their progress.

### Reminder – collection arrangements:

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

*Ms Victoria Perrin-Baker*

### Basketball

#### TAS TIGERS

On Friday afternoon, the TAS Tigers played our first game of Indoor Hockey for the season against the Ben venue Super Stars. For some of the players, this was their first time playing Indoor Hockey and they went very well against the Super Stars.

They played a good game but the TAS Tigers won the match scoring a total of ten goals! Congratulations to all the players for playing so well and for sharing the ball around. Thank you to Mrs Sophie Wright and to Daniel our coach for helping us have such a great start to the season.

*By Sam Ford*

#### TAS HURRICANES

On the 26 October 2018 the TAS Hurricanes versed the Sandon Stingers! Our team consisted of Year 4 students. Everyone in the team looked excited as the new Indoor Hockey season began. New comers Oliver Goudge and Katie Hynes played their first ever game. Oliver even scored a goal and Katie did some great traps and passes.

The team worked very well together, passing the ball and letting everyone have a go with the ball. In the game, other goals were scored by Archer Starr, Charlie Ryan and Mosie Wright. All together our team scored an amazing 11 goals, winning the game, 11-0. Mitchell Evans and Andy Hardin were in goal for the game. I would like to thank Mrs Ryan and Mrs Hardin for scoring and managing the game. I would also like to thank Hannah Nielson for giving us some good encouragement and tips during the game. This season promises to be exciting for the Hurricane's supporters and players. Go TAS Hurricanes!!!

*By Mitchell Evans*



The Hurricanes get some half time advice from Hannah!

## Indoor Hockey

### PRIMARY 2 TORNADOES

With their first game of the season at 'The Den', the TAS Tornadoes hit the boards with great enthusiasm and optimism. For many in the team it was their very first competitive game of Indoor Hockey and to play against a team called 'The Ninjas' set minds racing! Nevertheless, despite the awesome athleticism and tenacity of the opposition, our players showed early season promise with some excellent passing and positional rotation, allowing many penetrations into the circle. Eventually we were rewarded with a goal and that little sniff was all that was needed to propel the team forward to an eventual full-time score of 3-0. Congratulations Tornadoes! Our next game is this Friday at 4.40pm against PLC Puggles at the PLC Gymnasium. Families are to organise their own transport and make sure they arrive by 4.20pm at the latest.

*Mr Alex Portell*

## Orienteering

On Friday the 26 October, Years 3- 6 all went to Sunnyside to go Orienteering. When we first got off the bus, Mrs Hawkford warned us that we may come across snakes while we were out there. When we looked out at the orienteering course, we saw lots of forest and great places for snakes to hide. This made us feel a little worried, but we knew that if we were careful where we stepped and kept a close eye out, we would be ok.

Each team was given a card that had to be scanned at all of the checkpoints that we found. There were 18 checkpoints to find in one hour and if you were late back then you would be penalised. The course was beautiful. The recent rain meant there was some nice greenery and the creek had plenty of water. We saw kangaroos, deer and rabbits while we were hunting for checkpoints.

Some of us found the map a little hard to read at times, but there were good clues to help us along like the old broken-down cars and intersections with the fence. It was great how the teachers let us into that big space all on our own, so we got to be independent. Working with our friends in a team was the best part.

We were very tired at the end of the course and the creek looked very appealing for a dip! It was a fun morning in the great outdoors and we can't wait to do it again next year.

*Written by Year 4*



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