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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 6 February, 2019 Term 1 Week 2

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year to all our returning and new students, parents and staff. We begin the year with 120 new students and the highest start-of-year enrolment in the School's history and the growth in numbers that continues is very pleasing to see. This comes at a time when many in our community continue to be impacted by the drought and the significance of the commitment that this represents is substantial.

I made comment at our first assembly last Tuesday that this is a significant time for all those who are new here and perhaps particularly those who have joined us as boarders for the first time. What we all have in common though, students and staff alike, is that we have experienced a first day and week at TAS and that engenders a natural empathy for our new students and I am confident that they will be welcomed in the best traditions of our student body.

Coast Weekend presented the perfect opportunity for those new students and those joining a new house to establish the friendships and relationships that are so important in these first weeks of school. The perfect beach weather added to the mood of the weekend and it was good to see such good atmosphere and fun being had across the houses.

Holiday Activities

Whilst most of us were enjoying the Summer break with family a good number of our students were involved in school activities and our staff have enjoyed hearing reports on the success of these at our meetings over the past fortnight. Those activities included the rowing regattas and camps at Grafton and Taree, the cricket festival for our First XI in Sydney where five TAS players were named in the 'team of the carnival', the Forensic Science Management Camp at TAS in preparation for the full camp for Year 8s in the middle of the year, the Junior School exchange to Tezukayama in Japan and most recently the annual production camp for the cast and crew of our full school musical for 2019, 'Oliver!'. Students can look forward to hearing reports on these in coming assemblies. There have been individual successes and special experiences too, including Michael Harrell's week with the Jove Theatre Company in Sydney following his success in the Shakespeare Festival last year, the fortnight of intense choral training for nine of our best singers selected to work with the national

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Gondwana Choirs, Henry O'Neil's experience at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, Reiley Oates' success in winning the senior category in the 'Young Archies' portrait competition exhibited in Tamworth, Cameron Frear competed with the NSW U/18 mixed junior polocrosse team in New Zealand, Michael Paull also enjoyed equestrian success in NSW carnivals and Lily Neilson's selection in the NSW U/18 Women's Hockey team. What all the achievements in this eclectic collection have in common is that they are the rewards for genuine dedication and the willingness to pursue individual passions to the next level and they deserve our recognition.

Special congratulations are also due to our Director of Music Leanne Roobol who was named as Armidale's Citizen of the Year in recognition of her extensive work and leadership in music in our community. Some will remember past staff member Max Tavener who was also recognised in Australia Day Honours with an OAM for his work with veterans in our region and I offer him congratulations too.

2018 HSC and the Academic Year Ahead

As most parents will now be aware, our 2018 HSC cohort set the bar high and presented a strong role model for our HSC students this year. The performance was quite probably the strongest ever for TAS and I offer them and their teachers collective congratulations on the results that reflect the purposeful way they approached their senior studies.

Our 2018 school dux with an ATAR of 99.65, Sam Jeyakumar, this week returned to TAS to speak with interested Year 11 and 12 students and share his advice on how to approach the HSC journey and I thank him for his generosity in doing that. Sam heads to UNSW to study medicine this year and will join our 2016 dux, Charlie Wyatt, at Baxter College where Charlie is the Senior Student this year.

Welcome to New Staff

As we begin the new year we welcome back several staff who were on leave at the end of last year. Alan Jones and Seonia Wark return from long service leave in Term 4 last year and I offer thanks again to Will Caldwell and Luke Polson who took on their roles and Xavier McKenzie returns from maternity leave and the birth of her son Felix. Congratulations to Rachael Piddington (formerly Harrison) on her marriage over the holidays.

As our student population increases, so too does the size of our academic staff and we welcome a good number of new staff as the new year begins, including eight new teachers:

- Dr Charlotte Mack (Science) – has travelled across the country from Western Australia to join our Science department. Charlotte is a new graduate from Curtin University.
- Mr Ben Cook (Head of Abbott House / PDHPE / CD) – joins us from Trinity Grammar where he has been teaching PDHPE and CD and in charge of the boarding house. Ben joins us with his wife Mia and their two daughters.

- Mr Chris Cook (Head of Tyrrell House / PDHPE) – comes to us most recently from St Phillip's in Alice Springs where he was a head of house and teacher of PDHPE, but also comes with experience from schools in the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Holland. Chris joins us with his wife Maartje and their son and daughter.
- Miss Samantha Clayton (HSIE) – joins the HSIE Department. Originally from Guyra and an O'Connor and UNE student, she is returning to the New England from Cooktown State School in FNQ with her fiancée Jarrod.
- Miss Rachel Holford (English) – joins the English Department as a new teacher, having completed her Bachelor of Arts and Teaching last year, specialising in English and History.
- Miss Belinda Macri (HSIE / English) – has been at TAS in Middle School boarding for the past two years and joins the HSIE and English Departments full-time.
- Dr Inga Brasche (Music 0.8) – comes to us from Armidale High and UNE most recently, but with diverse other experience in both music teaching and research – from Namibia to the University of Technology in Sydney to East Arnhem Land and Lord Howe Island.
- Miss Arlene Fletcher – will be known to many of you and she also joins our music department.

New Support Staff

In addition to our new teachers, Mrs Emily Griffiths has joined the Development Office team and I welcome her to TAS.

GAP Students

We have six new GAP staff joining us at the start of term, with some good diversity amongst them:

- Melissa Planis from Markham College, Lima, Peru
 - Immy Syrett from the UK
 - Elle Eglington from the UK
 - Kelvin Kamau from Starehe Boys Centre, Kenya
 - Mitchell Evans from Canberra (Chapel Gappie)
 - Miles Hollingworth from Zimbabwe (yet to arrive).
- They will join Pip Malone and Daniel Bailey who have been with us for a semester.
- Elisabeth Nau will also join the Junior School as a French Language Assistant for the year.

I hope that you will introduce yourself to them and welcome them as you see them around the School.

Changes to Staff Roles

A number of our staff take on new roles as we begin the new year and I list them to make you aware of those changes:

- Mr Whalley is our new Director of Pastoral Care
- Mr Drain takes on responsibility as Director of Boarding, but will remain as Head of Croft House for 2019
- Mr Polson returns to the Junior School, but will remain as Assistant Director of Studies
- Mrs Neilson is our new Enrolments Registrar
- Mr Pennington leaves his Tyrrell House responsibilities to concentrate on his new role as Coordinator of Challenge and Service and continuing to teach PE in the Junior School.



125 Years for TAS

As 2019 begins, TAS celebrates 125 years as a school and this is an opportunity to celebrate all that TAS has been able to achieve thus far and to reflect on how we can continue providing our students with the kind of education and experiences that will help set them up for a successful and fulfilling adult life. There are aspects of TAS' culture that have been positive and enduring and that we believe are important to maintain, including our belief in being an outward-looking school, instilling a keen sense of adventure and helping our students build personal resilience and lasting friendships.

However, this 125th anniversary is also the right time to reflect on our history and acknowledge that TAS was not a happy place for some past students and that injustice and abuse occurred. A great deal has changed over recent decades of course, both at TAS and in Australian society, but that doesn't change the fact that it has never been acceptable for any child to experience ill-treatment or abuse. Our recognition of how deeply sorry we are for this will be represented in a memorial on the school grounds this year as a place of reflection that I hope will help with healing.

Murray Guest

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

WEEK 2

Wednesday 6 February

Boarders Formal Dinner

P&F Meeting (7pm)

Saturday 9 February

HSC Drama Excursion (Y11-12)

Sunday 10 February

HSC Drama Excursion (Y11-12)

WEEK 3

Tuesday 12 February

Let's Live Information Evening

200m IM Event (Swimming)

Wednesday 13 February

Bravissimo Concert

Thursday 14 February

Middle School Information Evening

War Cry Competition and Events

Friday 15 February

Swimming Carnival

NSW Rowing Championships - Rowers Depart

Saturday 16 February

NSW Rowing Championships

Sunday 17 February

Cadet Leaders Course

WEEK 4

Monday 18 February

TAS Scholarship and Open Day

Encore 2018 HSC Music Performance Concert

Tuesday 19 February

NCIS Hockey

Wednesday 20 February

Parents Liaison Lunch

Friday 22 February

Founders Day

Important Bus Information for Day Students

Due to changed arrangements for some of the day students' out-of-town buses, the services impacted have been listed below. These changes will result in fewer buses on our roads but may present a challenge for some of our younger students.

Arding - Afternoon - Students will need to catch any of the following: Kentucky, Yarrowyck or Walcha and transfer at Martins Gully for Arding.

Castledoyle - Afternoon - Students will need to catch either Gostwyck or Hillgrove and transfer at O'Connor for Castledoyle.

Cluny - Afternoon - Students will need to catch Rockvale and transfer at Ben Venue for Cluny.

Dangarsleigh - Afternoon - Students will need to catch either Gostwyck or Hillgrove and transfer at O'Connor for Dangarsleigh.

Invergowrie 2- Afternoon - Students will need to catch any of the following: Kentucky, Walcha or Yarrowyck and transfer at Martin's Gully for Arding.

Kelly's Plains - Afternoon - Students will need to catch any of the following: Kentucky, Walcha or Yarrowyck and transfer at Martin's Gully for Kelly's Plains.

Longford - Afternoon - Students will need to catch Rockvale and transfer at Ben Venue for Longford.

Marble Hill - Afternoon - Students will need to catch any of the following: Kentucky, Walcha or Yarrowyck and transfer at Martin's Gully for Marble Hill.

Puddledock - Afternoon Students will need to catch Rockvale and transfer at Ben Venue for Puddledock.

Warrane - Afternoon - Students will need to catch Rockvale and transfer at Ben Venue for Warrane.

Wollomombi - Afternoon - Students will need to catch Gostwyck or Hillgrove and transfer at O'Connor for Wollomombi.

In addition, timings have been brought forward by 5 or 10 minutes for most services (in town and out) so until you are familiar with the new timetable of your child's particular bus, please turn up for collection earlier than you did last year. Any further queries may be directed to James at Edwards Coaches 6772 3116.

Come and Celebrate at one of our 125th Anniversary Events

This year is the School's 125th Anniversary and our approach to the celebrations is less about being ostentatious and more about being understanding of the conditions our families are facing.

In addition to the events listed below, we will have a small range of merchandise on offer that will be promoted in the coming weeks.

We really hope that you will be able to come and join with us at any of these events that mark a historic moment for TAS as we recognise and reflect on our past, celebrate our present and and look forward to an exciting bright future ahead.

Here is the list of events below - Save the dates in your diaries - more details will follow.

22 February	TAS Founders Day	TAS	All students and staff
20 March	Inverell/Bingara	Regional event	Current parents, alumni and friends of TAS
21 March	Glen Innes	Regional event	As above
27 March	Scone	Regional event	As above
28 March	Tamworth	Regional event	As above
1 April	Moree	Regional event	As above
2 April	Narrabri/Wee Waa	Regional event	As above
3 April	Gunnedah	Regional event	As above
25 April	London	London dinner	Old Armidaliens in UK and Europe
2-4 August	TAS Reunion Weekend	TAS	Old Armidaliens and school
	<i>Opening of the Chapel Street Gates - the OAU gift to the School</i>		
9 August	OAU Sydney Branch	Sydney	Alumni
16 August	Canberra	OA event	Alumni
31 August	Brisbane	OA event	Alumni
6 September	Melbourne	OA event	Alumni
10 -12 November	125th Anniversary Adventure Classic		
	125km Hike, Ride, Paddle		Students, staff with some alumni and parents
16 November	P&F's 125 Celebration	Armidale	Parents, students and friends of TAS
4 December	Foundation Dinner		
	<i>TAS Official Opening of our restored Dining Hall</i>		Parents, alumni and friends of the school

WELCOME TO 2019!!

The TAS Parents and Friends (P&F) would like to give a big welcome to all new and returning parents, students and staff. 2019 looks to be another standout year for school and the P&F.

The P&F consists of a core group of executive and committee members, year group Liaison Parents and the wider parent community. Over the next few weeks we will be using TAS Talks to explain who we are, what we do, how you can help and any other interesting information we can think to add.

If you have any queries about things P&F related please feel free to contact the Executive. This consists of:

Rachael Nicoll – President – sons in Years 10 and 8
David Lawson – Vice President – daughter in Year 12 and sons in Year 10
Fiona Nash – Treasurer – son in Year 8
Melissa Jubb – vice Treasurer – son in Year 9
Karen Morgan – co Secretary – sons in Year 9 and 8
Sophia Wright – co Secretary – son in Year 8, daughters in Years 5 and 3
Jo Neilson – Co Secretary – daughters in Years 11 and 10 and son in Year 7

We can be contacted by calling school reception or Rachael on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662. Alternatively, we have a Facebook page (join us using the keywords TAS Parents and Friends).

LIAISON PARENTS and FACEBOOK

Each year group has Liaison Parents... These are people who 'know the ropes' around TAS and are the 'first port of call' for people wanting to know what is going on in your year and at school. LPs are the heart of the Year group communities, help new families settle in, organise fun year group events and act as a conduit from the P&F including asking for baking and helpers at various P&F events throughout the year.

Each Year Group has their own Facebook page. These are closed groups for parents to catch up on what's happening. Please search for TAS Year 12 and the year that your child will graduate from year 12. For example, my son is in Year 12 in 2021 so that year's Facebook page is TAS Year 12 2021.

TAS Talks next week will have more information about who your Liaison Parents are.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVALS NEXT WEEK

During the Swimming Carnivals (Junior – Thursday 14 and Senior Friday 15) the P&F operates a Cake Stall. Our sport carnival cake stalls raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so if you could support this worthy cause by baking or buying some yummy food and helping on the stall it would be appreciated. Anything will be gratefully received and can be dropped off to the P&F stall near the swimming pool prior to the start of your swimming carnival. Remember this cake stall is mainly for the kids to buy things to munch on (so don't forget some pocket money) and a little bit for the adults.

Suggested baked/food items include cupcakes, biscuits, cake and slices (cut into single serve portions), jelly cups, watermelon if it's hot, savoury goodies, gluten-free and dairy-free items (with labelling and a list of ingredients). However, please remember all items should be nut free. If you bring in a container that you would like returned, please clearly mark it with your name and collect it after the carnival.

Stall times are:

JUNIOR SCHOOL (Thursday 14)

8am – 9am	Set up	Anyone who wishes to help
9am – 10am	Year 5	
10am – 11am	Kindergarten	
10.45 – 11.15am	Morning Tea	
11am – 12pm	Year 4	
12pm – 1pm	Year 3	
12.15 – 1.45	Lunch	
1pm – 2pm	Year 1	
2pm onwards	Year 2	

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL (Friday 15)

8.30 – 9.30am	Set up	Year 10
9.30 – 10.30am	Year 7	
10.30 – 11.30am	Year 9	
11.30am – 12.30pm	Year 8	
12.30 – 1.30pm	Year 11	
1.30 – 2.30pm	Year 12	
2.30 onwards and pack up	Year 6	



WELCOME BBQ ON WAR CRIES NIGHT – Thursday 14 5 – 7pm

On the night of the Middle/Senior School War Cries the P&F will be hosting a BBQ under the Junior School Covered Area from 5-7pm for all families that are not involved in the Middle School Introductory Evening. Sausage sandwiches will be \$2 and soft drinks and water will be available so that you don't starve during War Cries... Come and join us, meet some new people and prepare yourselves for the competition that is TAS War Cries...

P&F MEETING TONIGHT!

Our first P&F meeting will be on tonight Wednesday 6 February at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – turn left inside the entrance to the Main School and follow the noise. All are welcome.

AD 2016

Olivia, Charlotte, Amelia, Mia, Ava, Isla, Oliver, Jack, William, Noah, Thomas, Henry, Leo were the top names for children in 2018.

But what names will be remembered from 2018?

Well according to Forbes Magazine's best earners list of 2018 it will be:

Boxer, Floyd Mayweather, \$285M, dropped 15M over the last three years, I wonder what he's doing wrong?

George Clooney, \$239M

Katy Perry, \$135M

Kylie Jenner, 166.5M

Judy Sheindlin, Dwayne Jonson, U2, Coldplay, Messi, Ed Sheeran, Ronaldo – all up there for top earners in 2018.

If you go for headlines you would have to think the Thai cave rescue, ball tampering and the ubiquitous Trump.

But what about 2019? Are you thinking your name will appear in lights? Who will it be taking out the swimming carnival, or Cash Cup or the HSC. Who's name will it be 2019? Who's name should it be?

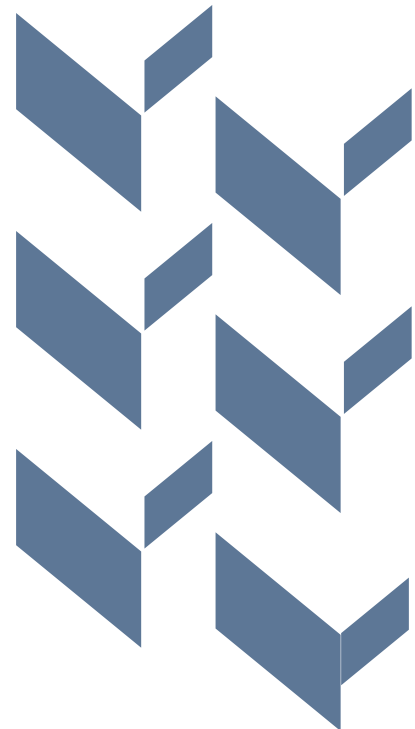
It's AD 2019. So what? AD Anno Domini is Medieval Latin, which means 'In the Year of The Lord' but is often translated as 'In the year of Our Lord'. Big name involved – Jesus. It means that this is the 2019th year since the Lord Jesus reigned as the resurrected victor. We have to come to terms with the fact that even our date points us to Jesus; there is something foundational in every year, the Lord Jesus reigns.

You may have noticed that there are some who would encourage the use of C.E., signifying the common era. More PC, what is the date in this Common Era? 2019. What is common in our era? The Jews date this year as 5779; the Muslims date this year as 1440 and it is the Chinese Year of the Pig. The Common Era dating system is based on the dating from.... Jesus. It is still the same. CE ends up being a bit of a nonsense.

At The Armidale School, if we leave the name of Jesus out, it makes a nonsense of who we are. We have sung of Jesus "being our sure foundation". The notion of his supremacy is blazoned in our crest. We have read of the supremacy of love – of course this is the love that Jesus and only Jesus demonstrated.

This is 2019, this is TAS, let us acknowledge Jesus, let Him set our agenda, as we have heard clearly in the reading – the need to love, selflessly and without bound, as the Lord loved us. Let this steal the headlines of 2019.

Mr Richard Newton



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

MR ADAM WHALLEY

Welcome back to the start of a new year, one that is sure to be filled with the challenge and adventure that is a part of TAS life. I am looking forward to getting started in my new role as Director of Pastoral Care. As the Head of Day Houses I was treated to an amazing weekend away at the coast last week with the senior Day Students. A group of 60 students and staff travelled to Darlington Park for a relaxing weekend at the beach. Staff and I were again reminded how lucky we are to work with such an impressive group of young adults.

The Enrolments Office has been working overtime ensuring our new students are finding their feet in their new environment. Starting at a new school is never easy, as students face a variety of challenges from new uniform to learning new teachers, changes in routine and often expectations. Naturally there will be some teething problems, but I encourage our new students to hang in there, engage yourself in the many activities on offer, and have faith that before long it will be business as usual.



Mr AJ Whalley



Welcome to all our new students and parents and welcome back to those returning to another busy year at TAS.

As the new year begins it is important to know who should go to if you have concerns about your child.

Advisors (Years 9 - 12) & Homeroom Teachers (Years 6-8)

The TAS Advisor system is a unique opportunity to develop relationships and support between the student and their Advisor. Advisors meet with their students for 20 minutes each Monday to Thursday. If you have any concerns about your child whether it be pastoral or academic your first contact should be with your child's Advisor.

Students in Years 11 and 12 who wish to change subjects should meet with Mr Mark Taylor to discuss options. A subject change form needs to be completed and signed by the teachers involved, the Advisor and parents, before this is approved.

Mr Taylor is also the person to see in regards to career options and university information.

In regards to Disability Provisions or Extension and Enrichment for all year groups, Ms Catherine Boydell is the person to contact.

All subject / elective changes need to be finalised by the end of this week. After this, changes to 9/10 electives will not be possible. Students in Year 9 & 10 will choose Semester 2 electives at the end of Term 2.

All students should use their School Diary to note when assessments and homework is due and to prioritise and organise their time wisely. Please encourage your child to make full use of the diary.

As students move into their senior school years it is important they start early in their preparation, organisation and focus. Teachers are happy to make themselves available if a student requires extra help. The student should approach the teacher to organise a suitable time.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM - LIBRARY

TAS will once again operate the school's Extended Day Program for those students who wish to use the Library at the start and/or end of the school day to complete homework, assessments or extra study and revision. The Library is supervised at all times during the extended opening hours.

Early Morning Program (7:30am – 8:45am Monday to Friday for Years 6 to 12)

Students in Years 6 to 10 who are attending various commitments before school or who arrive at school early are now able to check into the library from 7:30am to work quietly or read. Students or families do not need to provide notification before they attend and there is no cost for this supervision. If students wish to attend breakfast in the Dining Hall then they are to swipe in using their Student Card and the associated cost will be added to their TAS Account. There is no specific academic support available to students at this time of the day. This gives students a safe and quiet place to work on their own.



Mrs Seonia Wark

Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 6 to 8)

The library will be staffed by Mrs Leanne Bremner from 4 to 6pm. Mrs Bremner is a trained teacher who also has experience working in school libraries. Mrs Bremner will be overseeing students working quietly in the library and assisting them with organising and completing their homework. She will be able to give general guidance, but is not there to provide specific tutoring in areas of concern. As with the early morning program, there is no cost for students accessing this support, nor do they need to book in.

Evening Program (3:30pm – 7pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9-12)

The library will be open for all students in Years 9 to 12 to work quietly until 7pm. There is no subject specific academic support available during this time, however the library is supervised by Mrs Bremner and Mrs Polson who can give general guidance as required. Both day and boarding students are not required to book in to the library, nor will they be charged for this access.

Students are able to access dinner in the Dining Hall after 5:30pm and can do so by swiping their Student Card at the door. The cost associated with dinner (approx. \$6 per meal) will be added to their TAS account. Boarders are to sign out of their boarding house and return when required.

Evening Program (7-9pm on Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9-12)

The library is staffed by Mrs Susan Polson from 6 to 9pm. Mrs Polson is a trained teacher who is currently undertaking further studies in Special Education. In this time, Mrs Polson will be overseeing students working quietly in the library and assisting them with organising and completing their homework. She will give general guidance, assist in researching and referencing but is not providing specific tutoring in areas of concern. There is no cost for any senior student accessing this support nor do they need to book in. Boarders are to sign out of their boarding house and return when required.

Tutoring

A separate tutorial schedule, is available to students in Literacy and Numeracy from 3.45pm - 5pm for students in Years 6 - 8.

Day students accessing specific tutoring sessions will be charged \$15 per afternoon. Tutors will keep rolls and the charges associated with these sessions will be added to TAS accounts each month. It is best, though not compulsory, for us to know if you want your child booked into these tutoring sessions. Families can do this by contacting Vickie O'Brien (vobrien@as.edu.au or 6776 5806) for more details.

Boarders attending these sessions must sign out of the house in the normal manner and return by the required time. There is no additional cost for boarders as out of hours' support is already part of the Schedule of Fees for 2018.

Day students are able to access dinner in the Dining Hall from 5:30pm and will do so by swiping their Student Card at the door. The cost associated with dinner (approx. \$6 per meal) will be added to their TAS account. Day students must be collected from the school by 6pm. Families are to arrange directly with their child when and where they will be collected.

Extra tutoring is also available for students Years 9 & 10 in English and Maths. Students in Year 11 and Year 12 are also able to attend HSC specific tutoring sessions in some subject areas depending on the availability of tutors. These will be finalised over the next week.

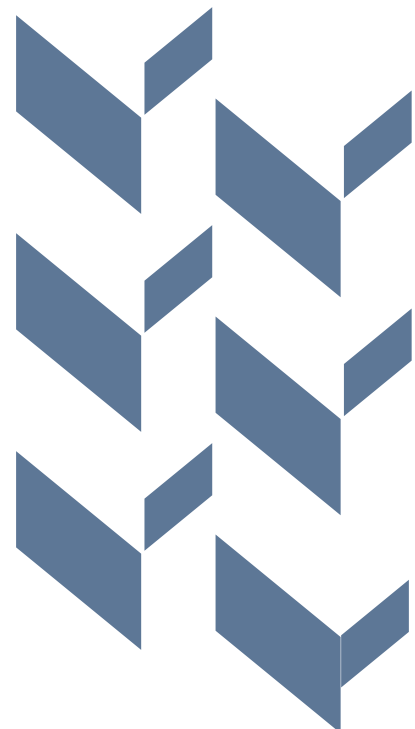
Maths tutoring will begin tonight (Wednesday 6 Feb) and also Thursday (7 Feb) evening.

Years 9 & 10 - 7pm - 8pm
Years 11 & 12 - 8pm - 9pm

Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 6 to 8)

The library will be staffed from 4 to 6pm. The staff will be overseeing students working quietly in the library and assisting them with organising and completing their homework. They will be able to give general guidance, but is not there to provide specific tutoring in areas of concern. As with the early morning program, there is no cost for students accessing this support, nor do they need to book in.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies



UONDRH

The University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health (UONDRH) will be conducting its Health Careers Forum for North West New England Secondary schools for Years 10, 11 and 12 students again in 2019.

This will be held on Tuesday 5 March.

Morning Session 9.15AM – 11.30AM

Afternoon Session 12.30PM – 2.45PM

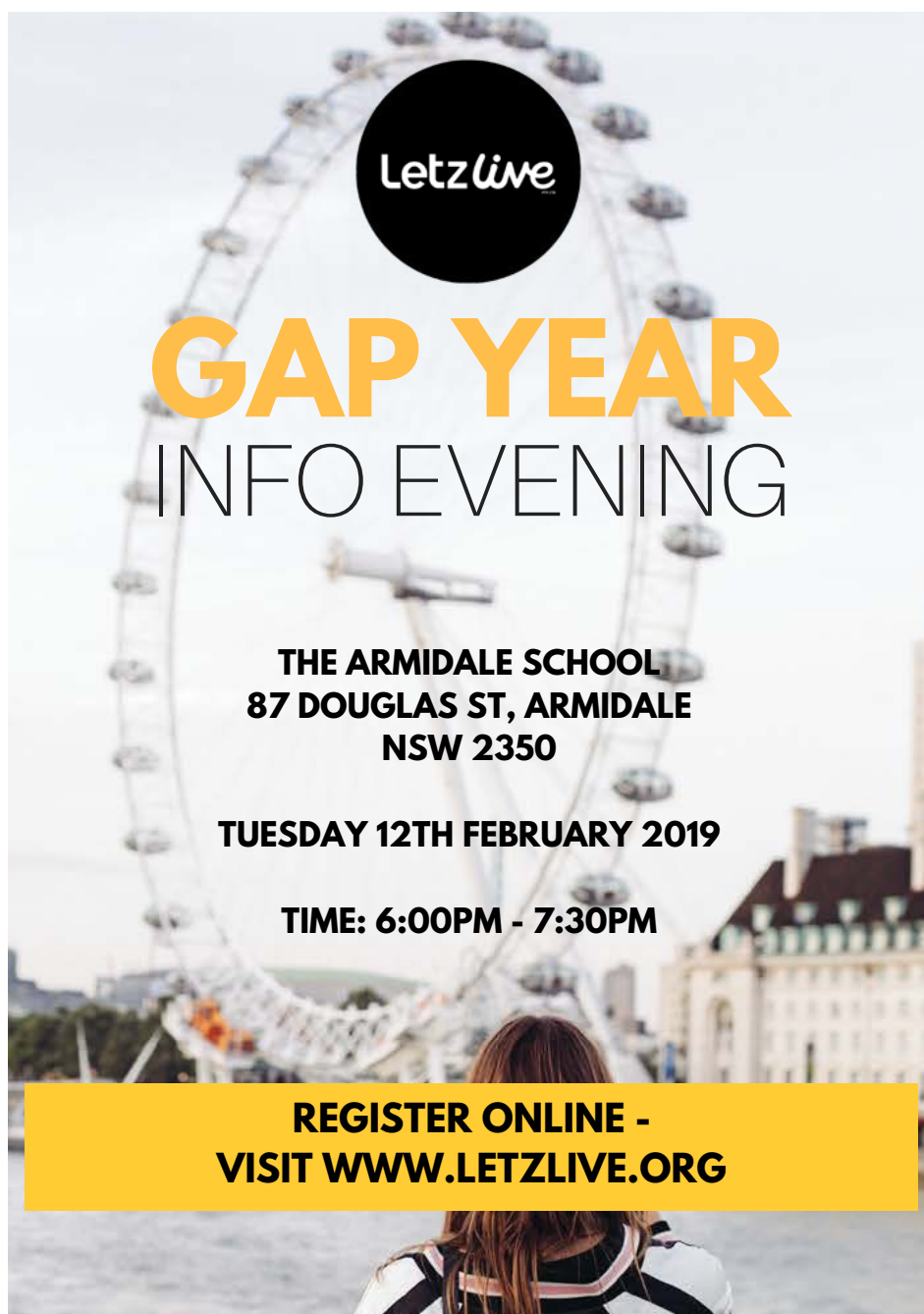
The forum will include presentations and workshops by academics, clinicians and current UONDRH students from health disciplines including; Medicine, Nutrition & Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Medical Research, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Mental Health, Medical Radiation Science, Nursing and Speech Pathology.

TAS attended this forum last year and Year 10, 11 & 12 students reviewed it very favourably.

I will be collecting names at an upcoming assembly when I receive more details.

Letzlive

Letzlive is a company that offers the service of organising student's GAP year's in the UK, Thailand, Australia & NZ. They have a very long history of organising the GAP experience for numerous past TAS students.

A promotional poster for a 'GAP YEAR INFO EVENING' event. The background features a large Ferris wheel and a person's back in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, there is a black circle with the 'Letzlive' logo in white. Below that, the words 'GAP YEAR' are written in large, bold, orange letters, and 'INFO EVENING' is in smaller, black, sans-serif letters. The event details are listed in bold black text: 'THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL, 87 DOUGLAS ST, ARMIDALE NSW 2350', 'TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2019', and 'TIME: 6:00PM - 7:30PM'. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'REGISTER ONLINE - VISIT WWW.LETZLIVE.ORG' in bold black letters.

They are hosting an information evening at TAS in the Hoskins Centre on Tuesday the 12 February at 6.00pm for all schools in the Armidale region. This is a great opportunity to listen to the professionals about organising a GAP year for your student.

Even if you don't think you would be interested in the services offered, I would encourage you to attend so you can listen to the information dispensed which could be invaluable.

Mr Mark Taylor

Meeting the parents and boarders throughout Tuesday afternoon and evening of 29 January I felt a sense of anticipation and excitement for the year ahead. I appreciate this can be a difficult time for both parents and students, old and new, but am confident that once all boarders settle into their daily routines they will start to enjoy the many opportunities available to them here at TAS. I was fortunate to spend time in all five boarding houses throughout the day and evening and left each house confident that the new staff will all do a tremendous job. We welcome three new Heads of House; Bekk Baumgartner (Head of Girls Boarding) Chris Cook (Tyrrell House), Ben Cook (Abbott House) and four new Deputy Heads of House; Catey Curtin (Girls Boarding), Rami Bahnas (Tyrrell House) Michael Keenan (Croft House) and Belinda Macri (White House) into their roles. I am honoured to be in my new role as the Director of Boarding and Head of Croft House and am extremely fortunate to be working with such inspiring and passionate boarding staff this year.

I am pleased to announce that there has been a concerted effort to increase the number of weekend recreational activities available to all boarders this year, particularly to those students in Middle School. Mr Michael Baumgartner will be coordinating a number of these activities which will be communicated to parents and students throughout the term. Michael is excited by the opportunity to be once again working closely with students and I am hopeful that the students will immerse themselves in the planned activities.

Evening prep has started well with all Years 9 and 10 boarders now completing prep from 7.15pm – 9.00pm Monday through to Thursday in the Cash Block classrooms. This ensures consistency across the four senior boarding houses and allows students to engage in supervised group work with students from other houses. Middle School boarders will now complete evening prep in the PE Classrooms from 6.30pm – 7.30pm Monday to Thursday. There is still the opportunity for all students to attend the library, for additional academic support, each evening.

The annual Coast Weekend was another huge success with all boarders enjoying some time away at Nambucca Heads, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour, Sapphire Beach and Woolgoolga. The Coast Weekend is a great opportunity for staff and students, particularly those new to houses, to develop stronger relationships in a fun and relaxed setting. Feedback from both the students and staff was the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Please remember that you are most welcome to contact me or your Head of House at any time should there be any aspect of your child's boarding experience you would like to discuss. We are all looking forward to a fantastic Term 1 and are very keen to assist you in any way we can.

Mr David Drain
Director of Boarding and
Head of Croft House



Mr David Drain



COAST WEEKEND

Around 340 boarders and day students had two days of fun, forging and renewing friendships at five beachside locations last weekend. Coast Weekend is always a special way to start the year and 2019 was no exception. Here is a small selection of photos taken by our hard-working staff; a full gallery of images can be found on the school website - just click on the camera icon in the top right of the TAS website home page.



Indonesia - A Journey to Java

Round Square Indonesia Conference 2019

Over 17,000 islands spreading between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, more than 200 ethnic groups with over 300 spoken languages bridging the continents of Asia and Australasia, a multitude of amazing landscapes and biodiversity stretching along the equator: this is Indonesia, a land of endless spectacular wonders!

The Round Square Regional Conference 10-12 year-olds British School of Jakarta, Indonesia is running from the 26th April -1st May 2019 with a pre-conference tour to Singapore 24th-26th April. TAS students who are 10-12 years old on the 1st May 2019 are invited to apply to attend this unique conference.



The proposed itinerary for this trip is:

- Wednesday 24th April** Fly Armidale to Sydney (Qantas). Sydney to Singapore (Singapore Airlines) (overnight).
- Thursday 25th April** Day in Singapore, and Thursday night accommodation in Singapore.
- Friday 26th April** Fly from Singapore to Jakarta (Singapore Airlines). Conference begins at British School of Jakarta.
- An opening ceremony, providing insight into Indonesia's diverse archipelago, an Indonesian banquet and welcome to the conference.
- Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April** Enjoy guest speakers and barazas discussing the biodiversity of Indonesia. Also, absorb Javanese arts and crafts, encapsulated with a cultural performance.
Explore the rural agro-forests and hill farms of Mega Mendung, taking in the padi fields, village livelihoods and coffee plantations.
- Sunday 28th April – Wednesday 1st May** Get your hands dirty on a sustainable organic farm, helping with the planting and harvesting of eco-friendly vegetables. Go behind the scenes at Taman Safari Park, meeting Indonesia's endangered species such as the Sumatran tigers, Borneo orangutans and Komodo dragons, considering ways in which we can prevent the risk of extinction.
- Wednesday 1st May** Concluding the week with a closing ceremony, celebrating our experiences, friendships and successes from the last five days.
Sightseeing in Jakarta. Overnight flight from Jakarta to Sydney (Qantas).
- Thursday 2nd May** Fly into Armidale (Qantas) at 9:30am.

Miss Channon and Mr Polson will accompany the delegation of 6 students. At this early stage, the cost will be approximately \$2950. Expressions of interest need to be emailed to echannon@as.edu.au and an application form will be forwarded to you. Expressions of interest close on Friday, 9th November.

Year 11 Students are invited to apply for

The Round Square International Conference
Emerald Heights International School, Indore, India
2 – 8 October 2019



Theme

Sarvodaya - "The World we wish to see"

Applications are open for Year 11 students (who will be turning 16 years old by the end of 2019) for the RSIC 2019 in India.

The cost for this trip is yet to be determined, as is the pre and/or post conference trip. It will, however, include Agra and the Taj Mahal and hopefully some time in the lower reaches of the Himalayas and rafting the Ganges River.

This will be a culturally rich experience with all Round Square member schools attending the one conference, unlike the last two years where schools have been split for some or all of the conference. India is a country full of life, colours, tastes, noise and fascination.

Further information can be found at <https://www.rsic2019.org/the-conference>
Password is: **RSIC2019**

Please see Mrs Barnier for further information or an application form.



DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Connect with us in 2019!

Welcome to our many new families! As you will find, TAS is more than a school, but a diverse community of students, parents and friends, past, present and future. There are many ways to engage with the School and stay connected.

The TAS website www.as.edu.au is the first place to go to for information about what's happening at TAS. Click on the Portals button at the top right of the home page to go to the Parents Portal, where you can find everything you need to know in one place - whether it be current news, forms and school policies, links to the Uniform and Book Shop and Medical Centre, the latest dining room menus - and so much more. Please familiarise yourself with the information available, and bookmark it for your convenience. Also on the menu bar is a shortcut to the School's photo gallery (www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery); simply click on the camera icon next to the Round Square logo.



Every Wednesday the School's weekly newsletter TAS Talks is produced, full of information of relevance to current families. A link to TAS Talks is emailed to those who subscribe; for details how to add your email address to the distribution list, [CLICK HERE](#).

TAS is also a recognised leader in social media, utilising various platforms. On Facebook, 'Like' us at www.facebook.com/TASarmidale - as more than 3500 other members of our community have done.

Closed Facebook Groups have also been set up by the P&F for parents of each year group. These are named according to the cohort's final year eg, TAS Year 12 2021 (the current Year 10), TAS Year 12 2032 (Transition). Please search for your year's Group and join.

We also post images to the School's Instagram account @tasarmidale which offers snapshots of #taslife; for those on Twitter, follow us @TASarmidale.

Many sports and co-curricular Music also use Team App, a handy way of getting out urgent information about practices, team lists and results.

To see if your sport offers Team App (and to subscribe, go to <http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/co-curricular-life/>

Current families and Old Armidalian (our former students) receive the quarterly publication Binghi, which is also available in digital form [HERE](#).

Welcome aboard!

Tim Hughes
Media Manager

Welcome to Co-Curricular at TAS

Each week we hope to keep you up to date with what's happening at TAS. The events and achievements, the lessons learned and the opportunities for growth. TAS is a busy place, however, our Year 12 boys and girls from 2018 showed there is a strong correlation between involvement in co-curricular activities and academic success.

Communication and Information

Hopefully students have settled smoothly into their co-curricular activities for the term. If you have questions or concerns, I invite you to contact the staff member in charge of the activity or the Director of Co-Curricular's office. All contacts and information can be found on the TAS website: [CLICK HERE](#)



Swimming Championships

All events will be held in the TAS pool during Week 3 of term.

Middle School/ Senior School Events will commence Tuesday 12 February with the 50m Butterfly and the 200m Individual Medley, commencing at 6:45pm.

Arguably the highlight for spectators will be the 200m freestyle and House warcrys on Thursday 14 February, commencing at 6:45pm. With the judges placing great emphasis on unity, Houses will be working hard to include all new students and make everyone feel a part of this special event.

The main event will commence at 8.50am on Friday 15 February. Day students are required to meet at 8.30am on Wakefield for roll call.

Junior School Championships will be held on Thursday 14 February, commencing at 9am.

The following link will provide you with the full schedule of events: [CLICK HERE](#)

All students are expected to wear TAS bathers or TAS leg suits and will be provided with a House swimming cap. Lunch will be provided for all students, staff and supporters on the main day.

Active/Creative Kids

The NSW Government will again provide a \$100 voucher to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. The \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs. Please go to:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

For more information. The process for redeeming your voucher will vary across activities. The coordinator of each activity will confirm what you need to do.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Mountain Biking

TAS fielded a strong team of mountain bikers at the first race of the New England Mountain Bikers Summer Series. These races are held every Monday evening during term one on the short (but tough) Kookaburra Crest Mountain Bike track. Most of our students compete in the first race, which is aimed at junior riders, while a few older TAS students compete in the second (seniors) race. The objective of both races is to see how many laps riders can complete in the 35 minute time frame. TAS students in both races were impressive for their first attempt at this event for the season. Everyone worked hard and should be proud of their effort, looking forward to getting fitter throughout the term. Results will be posted on the NEMTB website later this week.

(These races are open to the public and would be great training for the upcoming Tour de Rocks!).

Mrs Jo Benham



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS



Junior School Summer Sports Training Schedule- Term 4 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JS BASKETBALL Mrs Kirsty Brunson kbrunsdo@as.edu.au	Competition (See Draw)-DEN		3.45pm-5.00pm JS Playground/Courts			
JS BALL SKILLS Mrs Anna Frost afrost1@as.edu.au	Skills sessions to include Into Cricket players 3:45-5pm					
JS CRICKET - Under 10s Mr Alan Moore amoore@as.edu.au	Wakefield 3:45pm-5.00pm					
JS DANCE Mrs Lana Hawksford lhawksfo@as.edu.au			3.45pm-5.00pm Green Room/ Memorial Hall			
JS GYMNASTICS Mrs Veronica Waters vwaters@as.edu.au	Armidale Gym 3:45- 5pm					
JS INDOOR HOCKEY Ms. Belinda Macri bmacri@as.edu.au	TAS Gym 3.45pm-5.00pm				Comp-TAS Gym 3.45pm-5.00pm	
JS TENNIS Contact: cwright@as.edu.au Pip Malone	Park Courts 3.45pm-5.00pm					



Summer Sports Training Schedule- Term 1 2019

FULL SPORTS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BASKETBALL Opens	Competition -The DEN (See draw for times)	1 st VIII - GYM 3.45pm-5.00pm		GYM- 3.45pm-5.00pm		Inter-house Basketball Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 All courts 9.00am-
16s		Comp. 4.20pm- The DEN		Belfield courts 3.45pm-5.00pm		
14s		Comp. 4.20pm- The DEN	Belfield Courts 3.45pm-5.00pm			
CRICKET Opens		Turf Nets & Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Turf Nets & Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Saturday 12.45pm Games
16s		Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm	Synthetic Nets 3.45pm-5.00pm		TBC Games	Saturday 8.45am Games
14s		Synthetic Nets 3.45pm-5.00pm		Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Saturday 8.45am Games
12s (Years 5 & 6)	Synthetic Nets 3.45pm-5.00pm		Wakefield 3.45pm-5.00pm			
KAYAKING	TAS Pool 6:30-8:30pm			Croft Dam 3.45-5.00pm		Trips Away 2/term TBC
MOUNTAIN BIKING	Kook.Crest 4.30-6.00pm		Doody Park 3.45-5.00pm			Sat.10am Piney/Sport UNE
ROWING		Malpas Dam 5.15-8.15pm		Wakefield 6.15am-7.15am		Malpas Friday 4.00pm to Saturday 11.00am
SHOOTING	TAS Range 3.45-5.00pm 5.00-6.00pm			TAS Range 3.45-6.00pm 5.00pm-6.00pm		Comp. Saturday or Sunday TBC
SQUASH		Smith House 3.45pm-5.00pm		Smith House 3.45pm-5.00pm		
TENNIS		Competition (All Courts) Years 10-12 3.45pm-5.00pm	Competition/Training Tennis (Park Courts) Year 8-9 3.45pm-5.00pm	Competition/Training Tennis (MS & Park Courts) Year 6-7 3.45pm-5.00pm		Inter-house Weeks 3, 5 & 7 All Courts 9.00am-10.00am Yrs 6-7 10.00am-11.00pm Yrs 8-9 11.00am-12.00pm Yrs 10-12
TRIATHLON	Please refer to Triathlon Schedule					

Extra Sports	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
DANCE			3.45pm-5.00pm McConville Centre			
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	3.45pm-5.15pm	6.00am-7.30am 3.45pm-5.15pm	6.00am-7.30am 3.45pm-5.15pm	6.00am-7.30am 3.45pm-5.15pm	6.00am-7.30am	
SWIMMING		TAS Pool 6.15am		TAS Pool 6.15am		



TAS Weights Room Schedule- Term 1 2019

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6.00am-7.30am		TAS Students-Programmed Weights 6.00am-7.30am	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 6.00am-7.30am	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 6.00am-7.30am	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 6.00am-7.30am		
10.15am-11.15am		Reduced Mobility Class (Chris Doherty) 10.15am-11.15am					
3.45pm-5.15pm	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 3.45pm-5.15pm	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 3.45pm-5.15pm	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 3.45pm-5.15pm	TAS Students-Programmed Weights 3.45pm-5.15pm			
4.15pm-5.15pm						Adults Circuit (Chris Doherty) 4.15pm-5.15pm	
5.15pm-6.15pm		Adults Circuit (Chris Doherty) 5.15pm-6.15pm		Adults Circuit (Chris Doherty) 5.15pm-6.15pm			



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The Rolling Oats		5.30pm-6.30pm	Mr Denis Dos Santos Arakaki	denis_arakaki@hotmail.com	M1-1
TAS Yr. 6 – 12 Choir	Tuesday	7.45am-8.30am	Ms Leanne Roobol Dr Inga Brasche	lroobol@as.edu.au ibrasche@as.edu.au	MC Basement
TAS 3-5 Choir		2.00pm-2.45pm	Dr Inga Brasche Ms Leanne Roobol	ibrasche@as.edu.au lroobol@as.edu.au	MC Basement
The FanTASTics	Wednesday	8.00am-8.45am	Mr Paul Marshall and Dr Inga Brasche	paul@necom.org.au ibrasche@as.edu.au	MC Basement
TAS Drummers		8.00am-8.40am	Mr Kees Grenyer	kgrenyer@gmail.com	M1-1
TAS K-2 Choir		10.35am-11.20am	Dr Inga Brasche and Ms Leanne Roobol	ibrasche@as.edu.au lroobol@as.edu.au	MC Basement
TAS Senior Rock Band		1:20pm – 2:00pm	Ms Arlene Fletcher	afletch2@as.edu.au	MC Basement
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FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

We're barely two weeks in, this is but the first TAS Talks of 2019, and already so much has happened in the Creative Arts. Just before the academic year commenced we had over 40 students return to school to do four days of intensive work on *Oliver!*, the TAS Production for 2019. There was singing, dancing, and colourful characters - and this all just at the talent show on the final evening! But it was a great chance to get a kick-start with performances in Week 8 and 9 this term and tickets are now available - go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BAMXV> to grab a ticket and don't be tardy, some nights have already started to fill up. If you need more of an encouragement to book we had a tremendous Working Bee over the weekend with a number of parents and staff pitching in to get a huge amount done and it is possible that this may be our greatest set ever.

The school holidays were a time of busyness for many TAS students in many areas and the Creative Arts was no exception. One of the highlights was the Gondwana Choirs, with nine TAS students part of this exemplary choral experience that saw our students work with some incredible musicians alongside peers from around the country of equal passion and drive - all reports say that the performance at the end was truly special and I congratulate all involved. During the holidays we also had one of our Senior students, Michael Harrell, spend some time with Sport For Jove Theatre Company as part of his prize for being selected as the top actor of the 2018 NSW Shakespeare Carnival - he was able to work one-on-one with actor and carnival director Christopher Tomkinson and then attend their acclaimed production *Rose Riots*. Aspiring thespians should keep a keen ear out for information about the NSW Shakespeare Carnival later this term as it is an opportunity not to be missed.

A number of cocurricular activities are either already under way or are about to commence. Please check with the Music teachers if you have an interest in learning an instrument or being part of a choir, band or ensemble - they are start this week but we're always welcome new people into the fold. Both the Middle and Senior Technical Production Teams have started to meet at their respective lunch times each Thursday in the Hoskins Centre. If you are interested in learning about production work in the theatre and picking up skills in sound, lighting or theatrical design and operation please pop on down to learn from our resident master Mr Michael Cornford. Visual Arts Club will be running every Monday and Thursday afternoon for Middle and Senior school students - visit Ms Xeros in the Hoskins Centre office or send her an email to find out more. And Junior School Drama Club will be starting in Week 4 on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Cleaver taking T - 2 and Ms Brus looking after Years 3 - 5. There is also the opportunity for JS students to do AMEB Drama with one of our 2018 HSC Drama students, Ellen Coote. More information on these opportunities will be released soon so keep your eyes on your emails.

Finally, I want to encourage all our students to be aiming high as the academic year gets into full swing. 2018 saw some fantastic results and success in the Creative Arts, both from our HSC candidates and the wider student body, and looking at the passion and talent across the Arts I am sure we are in for another incredible year.

Mr Andrew O'Connell

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Welcome back to Music at TAS! There is such a great buzz across the whole of Creative Arts this year and we are very excited in Music about our year ahead.

We are planning a number of new ensemble offerings this year including an auditioned Acapella vocal group, a Middle School Rock band, a Junior String Ensemble and a Junior Ukulele Ensemble.

Auditions will be held over the coming weeks for our new Acapella vocal group - so stay tuned.

We extend our heartiest welcome to Dr Inga Brasche and Ms Arlene Fletcher who have both joined the TAS teaching staff. Dr Brasche and Ms Fletcher will also be directing a number of the TAS Junior and Senior ensembles.

Welcome to Dr Brieley Cutting who has joined NECOM as the new Head of Keyboard. Dr Cutting will be joining Dr Sheila Guymer, Mr Peter Sanders and Mr Kees Grenyer to teach Piano at TAS this year. Welcome also to Ms Selina Lumber who will be joining Dr Inge Southcott and Mr Will Smidt as a singing teacher at TAS this year.

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL TUITION

A reminder that tuition is available at TAS for voice and also a huge range of instruments - bagpipes, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, flute, piano, trombone, organ, violin, viola, cello, guitar, bass, drums, french horn and recorder, and many more. If you would like to try out an instrument before you commit to lessons just contact the Director of Music, Ms Leanne Roobol: Iroobol@as.edu.au The Music staff are always happy to advise parents/guardians and students on instrumental and vocal tuition. Tuition Enrolment Forms are available on the TAS website if you are wishing to learn an instrument.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS HAVE STARTED

All instrumental tuition lessons are commencing again this week. Students - if you are not sure of your tuition time please contact your tutor. Times will be up on the board in the Music Centre soon. Students please ensure you bring your instruments to every lesson and feel free to leave them in the safe storage area of the Music Centre if you are a boarder and when you are not using them.

Also students, please set up a reminder on your computer or watch to ensure you make your regular lesson time.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS HAVE COMMENCED

We have ensembles for all levels of experience and skill and also for all ages. As mentioned above there are exciting new ensembles commencing this year and we are always happy to advise you about joining a TAS ensemble. Students - feel free to pop down to the Music Centre and talk to one of the Music Team.

Parents - feel free to email music@as.edu.au to make enquiries.

Ensemble Rehearsal times are listed on the following page and are also on the Co-curricular section of the TAS website. [CLICK HERE](#)

BOARDERS' PRACTICE

TAS boarders will be able to access the music block during practice sessions in the evenings during the term to practice their instrument. A Boarders' Practice Supervisor will be in the Music Centre for each session to oversee and assist students with their work.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music

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Middle School is off to a fine start in 2019, no doubt assisted by the wonderful opportunity for students to make new friendships and renew existing ones, at Coast Weekend. Many Middle School day girls joined all the girl boarders at Nambucca Heads, while a large number of Middle School day boys were with all the boy boarders (White House) at Park Beach.

I travelled to the coast with White House and the day boys as well - 77 of them as a matter of fact. As Miss Belinda Macri, White House Deputy, writes, the time away was simultaneously tiring and refreshing. In fact, this could be the Middle School oxymoronic mantra at the moment for practically all matters Middle School-related. Thus far, your children are faring well and I'm both happy and relieved to be able to report this to you. For those of you who are boarding parents and, especially for those who have had some challenging calls, remember this: tears are normal, being a manifestation of the regard your children hold you in – simply they are being normal and they miss you and, as parents, you need to take comfort from the these combined facts. Remember though, we are here and, especially at the moment, we're here for whole families. If you have queries just contact us.

We've done 'firsts' of everything now and as the weeks progress these firsts will become routines that will become familiar and, increasingly, easy to navigate. Be assured we're keeping an ear to the ground and we'll keep you fully informed of information you need to know. At our Middle School staff meeting, we'll discuss your first afternoon with us next week prior to the swimming events.

Needless to say perhaps, but we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible, then.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

White House News

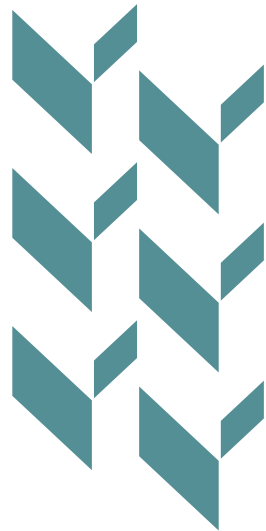
Students from White House and a good number of day boys had a great weekend of bonding and activities in Coffs Harbour. The weather held strong for them to enjoy Saturday morning at the beach, with a trip to Coffs Harbour Plaza shopping centre for lunch. The boys all had a wonderful time using the facilities at Park Beach but an even better time at the Big Banana as a final hoorah for the weekend. It was fantastic for staff to see how supportive the students are to one another, especially our Year 8s who have 'stepped up' and are helping guide our many new Year 7 students.

Gratitude from our soldiers

Last year nine of our boys joined me on a trip into town to create Christmas care packages for our deployed Australian soldiers. They all included a personal letter handwritten by the creator of that package as well as a Christmas card from White House. We were lucky enough over the holidays to receive mail from one of our international Australian Defence personnel who wanted to express his appreciation for the package. He was pleased to know Australians are thinking of us and grateful for the kind thoughts. It was exciting to hear that this defence force member is a local, having grown up in Guyra.



Mr Mark Harrison



All of us in White are extremely proud of how the boys threw themselves into this activity and the lovely letters they wrote, with one of the group receiving a personal response as well.

It has shaped up as a great start to the year, which we are sure will continue.

Miss Belinda Macri
White House Deputy

Welcome to 2019

Welcome to the 2019 School year - I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and a very restful break. I would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to TAS for 2019.

We are very pleased to have such a large number of new enrolments. We also warmly welcome Dr Inga Brasche, who will be teaching our music lessons and assisting with the Junior School choirs and assemblies, Mr Ben Cook who will be teaching some of our PDHPE and Ms Elisabeth Nau from Montpellier France, who will be with us throughout the year as our new French Language Assistant. Other Teaching Assistants and Gaps students include Mrs Alice Woodhill, Miss Elle Eglington, Miss Pip Malone and Mr Kelvin Kamau.

Communications through Junior School

From time to time, however, Junior School will communicate with you through various other means. In particular, using the TAS database, we will email and text important information to you as was the case recently for School ID and Class photos. If you did not receive this email, please contact Junior School Reception. Text messaging will also be used in urgent cases for unforeseen situations (eg. cancellation of sport or arrival time of buses). You should have received a test message for this service yesterday. If you did not receive this message or you have any questions, please contact Junior School Reception.

TAS Talks will continue to be the main source of information on a weekly basis. Please read it carefully and if you feel you have some newsworthy items for our community, please feel free to let us know.

Lake Keepit

During Week 6, classes from Years 2 to 5 will be spending some time at the Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Keepit as part of their annual excursion. This has become an important part of our educational offering and provides a wonderful opportunity for our children to challenge themselves in a safe and exciting outdoor setting and as such, all students are expected to attend. Further information will be sent out this week to the parents of those participating.

School Photos

School photos are being taken today and you will have received information about ordering both Individual and Class photos online. The following information was emailed to you recently from Mrs Meg Sadler.

Parents/carers who wish to order products from the range are requested to do so via the Master School Photographs (MSP) website - refer to individual order forms emailed directly to parents/carers during the last week of the holidays. Any parent/carer NOT receiving their child's order form before photo day is advised to contact Mrs Sadler msadler@as.edu.au and an order form will be provided without delay.



Mr Ian Lloyd

Travel To and From School

Please note the following points:

- Junior School playground supervision begins at 8.15 am. Children at school before this time must move directly to the activity and report to the organising teacher. All students should arrive at school before the start of classes at 8.45 to allow for some playtime in the playground.
- Transition collection is from 3.20 pm, all other classes finish at 3.30 pm when After School Care begins. All children catching buses, must alert their teacher each day so a roll can be collated. The bus schedule has change significantly so all variations to school travel should be notified through the JS Reception.
- The Chapel St Turning Circle system is well advertised with signage in the area. Please be ready to pick up your child and should there be a delay, be prepared to continue around the circuit until collection can be successfully achieved. Please do not leave your car unattended in this area and always take care to drive slowly and carefully.

• If there are any issues with transport or you wish to report anything that might endanger our students, please ring me immediately.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 1

Parent/Teacher Information

Evenings

The Parent/Teacher Information evenings are being held this week and are an ideal opportunity to meet the other and gain an insight into your child's class. Hearing about the routines and structures of the day and the upcoming events for your children will hopefully answer more questions than it raises! If there are particulars that you would like answered, it may be better to do so by email or by organising a separate time to discuss this with your teacher at a more convenient time.

Junior School Assemblies

Each week, a class hosts the weekly Junior School Assembly, an opportunity to join as a school to recognise and celebrate achievements in and around our School. We welcome all our parents and friends along to these assemblies but especially when your child's class is hosting. The structure of our assemblies this year will encourage performances and the active sharing of our classroom work in a lively and exciting way. We hope you will be able to join us from time to time.

Naming Belongings

As we begin the year, we remind all parents to name all their children's belongings. We endeavour to return all lost property, but this is not possible if items are not named. A lost property box is in Junior School and parents are encouraged to check here in the first instance if items are lost. Items returned to the school are often left at the main TAS Reception. Please ensure all second-hand clothing is marked with the correct name.

WEEK 2

Tue 5 Feb K, 2 & 4 Parent Information Session 6.00 – 7.00
Wed 6 Feb Year 4 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Junior School ID Photos
Year 3 Excursion – Natural History Museum UNE
Thu 7 Feb 1, 3 & 5 Parent Information Session 6.00 – 7.00
Fri 8 Feb Year 3 Excursion – Thalgarrah

WEEK 3

Wed 13 Feb Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Thu 14 Feb Junior School Swimming Championships

WEEK 4

Wed 20 Feb Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre

WEEK 5

Wed 27 Feb Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Thu 28 Feb NCIS Swimming – Alstonville
Fri 1 Mar Activities Day

Absences from School

Parents are asked to advise the School if their child is absent by 9.00 am on the day and a note from the parent explaining the absence is required to be sent to the teacher upon the child's return to school. If a child is ill at school, parents will be contacted to discuss the most appropriate care. If the School has not had notification of a child's absence by 9.30 am on the day, the School will contact the family to check on the child's whereabouts.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Sansa Ranawake, Boyd Rogers, Micael O'dell, Pip Ogilvie and Ava Watts for their special days last week and this week.

Junior School Primary Years Programme (PYP) Overview

As we have many new families in our Junior School I thought it important to give an overview of the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme. (PYP)

The International Baccalaureate's mission statement provides a concise summary of the of the programme:

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end, the organisation works with schools, governments and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The PYP is founded on four essential elements:

Concepts	Approaches to Learning	Action	Knowledge
Powerful ideas that have relevance within the subject areas and develop a coherent, in-depth understanding	A set of skills that the students need to demonstrate to succeed in a changing, challenging world, which may be disciplinary or transdisciplinary.	Demonstrations of deeper learning in responsible behaviour through responsible action; a manifestation in practice of the essential elements.	Significant, relevant content that we wish the students to explore and know about, taking into consideration their prior experience and understanding. (IB 2007)

At the core of the essential elements is the learner. The PYP aims to develop the following Attributes in Learners:

- Inquirer
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

The PYP is structured under six transdisciplinary themes, which will be explored in greater detail in next week's TAS Talks.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



Welcome back to our summer sports season. For those returning from last year, most of you will be aware of what team or sports group you are in. Most coaches remain the same as last year and should have been in contact with you this week in regard to sports training and games for Term 1.

If you are new to our Junior School and are interested in joining a team or playing a sport this term, please contact Mrs Christine Wright at cwright@as.edu.au so she can arrange this for you.

Information about all summer sports can be found on the TAS website. [CLICK HERE](#)

Training for all sports has commenced this week.

Junior School Swimming Carnival

All children will bring home a swimming nomination form this week. Children may nominate in as many events as they wish to, however, if your child can swim 50m they must enter the 50m event only (not the 25m and the 50 event).

The 25m events are organised for those who cannot swim 50m.

Please return all swimming nomination forms to your class teacher by Friday.

More information about our Junior School Swimming carnival will be in next week's TAS Talks.

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

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

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

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

Description of Sports available:

Cricket:

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

The different competitions are:

Milo In 2 Cricket/'Kanga' for U6s: (Not available at this stage)

'Milo In 2 Cricket' (skills development) will be conducted up until Christmas. This will be played on TAS Cricket Oval between 9:15am and 10:15am. It will mainly be for 5 and 6 year olds with the option of 7 year olds playing if they wish. Term 4 is usually working on skills and Term 1, 2019 will be starting games. Kanga Cricket is played between two teams on two adjacent 'fields' (still on TAS Cricket Oval) so that both innings go on at the same time.

Games start at 9:00am and finish around 10:30am. Teams consist of 12 players (24 over game). At any one time there should be 2 batting on Field 1, 8 fielding on Field 2 and 2 preparing to bat. Players bat in pairs for 4 overs. Children turning 7 and 8 years of age are encouraged to play U9s cricket, rather than Kanga, if they have the desire and ability. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

'Average Cricket' for U10s:

(players must be under 9 on 1 September 2018) Teams consist of eight players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 11:10am (2 hour games). Each team faces 16 overs. The team's score is determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost, plus one. The higher average score wins the match. Each player must bowl 2 overs. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

'One-day matches' for U11s:

(players must be under 10 or under 11 on 1 September 2018) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. The first innings is limited to 25 six-ball overs per team. No more than 50 overs shall be bowled in a match. Each player must bowl a minimum of 2 overs with a maximum of 3 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 20. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

'Two-day matches' for 12s:

(players must be under 12 on 1 September 2018) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. A team's innings consists of 50 overs, with each team batting and bowling for 25 overs on each of the two days. Each player must bowl a minimum of 1 over with a maximum of 4 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 50. Trainings will be Monday and Wednesdays. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Swimming: This is not for beginners. (Not available this term)

In choosing this sport, children should be able to competently swim at least two laps of the TAS pool (preferably in all 4 strokes). (Parents wanting 'Learn to Swim' lessons for their children are encouraged to contact the TAS Sports Centre on 6776 5866, to arrange lessons). All swimmers will train in the TAS pool on Thursdays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. The instructor concentrates on stroke correction and improving fitness. Additionally, students are expected to join the TAS based 'Alligators Swim Club' (approx. \$75 for the season) which holds Club nights every Wednesday night at the TAS pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. These are not only good opportunities to improve fitness and speed but are good social occasions as well. Costs will be \$10 per week and the Alligators membership.

Gymnastics: K-3

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

Tennis: Years K- 5

Hot Shots Tennis program. Students will participate in the MLC Tennis Hot Shots, led by Justin Sheriff. There will be 2 levels of the program offered. 'Hot Shots Red Ball' will be for beginners, and suited to students aged 5-8. (T-Yr 2) This will be held on Monday afternoons from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Students in the Red stage play on a smaller court, use a larger ball, which doesn't bounce as high.

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

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

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

Ball Skills: Transition – Year 2

This training session is for T-2 only and will be based around the ball skills required for games such as tennis, cricket, basketball and netball. Children will participate in the Monday afternoon training session at TAS. There is no cost for Ball Skills.

Basketball: Years 3-5

It is anticipated that Armidale Basketball Association will run two competitions: one for combined Yr 5/6 teams and one for combined Yr 3/4 teams. Games will be held at the Armidale High School Den from 4:00pm for Years 3/4 and from 5pm for Years 5/6 on Mondays. (Times yet to be confirmed) Trainings will be on Wednesdays at TAS. Registration fees are approximately \$110 per season.

Indoor Hockey

Indoor Hockey will be offered this year as a full Junior School sport. Hockey games will occur on Friday afternoons between the hours of 4-7pm. Training will occur on Monday afternoons. Costs are \$5 per game.

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

INDOOR HOCKEY WEEK 1, Term 1

After a long Christmas break, it was good to get back into Indoor Hockey last Friday. Three games were played at TAS and one at the Den. Playing on the newly refurbished gymnasium floor was excellent. All three of the games were played at a fast pace and as usual everyone put 100% effort into playing their best. The first game was TAS vs NEGS and the score was 2-1 to TAS. The second game was TAS vs 'The Pinks' from Ben Venue and the final score was 2-1. The third game was against the 'Rockers' from Ben Venue. This was an incredibly close game with the final score being 3-3. All up, all the games were quite competitive and fun to watch. And ... as you can see many goals were scored by both all teams. Well done TAS!

Mitchell Evans (Year 5)



Dearest Pottery Parents,
I have had a great break! I hope you all have, too. I am very keen to resume teaching your children. These classes are designed to teach practical skills in claywork, design and problem solving. Most importantly this is done in an atmosphere of cooperation and heaps of FUN! Our first project this year is a portrait mask that will be based on a character we create for ourselves at the first lesson. You can either bring fanciful clothes, hats and accessories from home, or we can give you access to these items. Our mask will be based on portrait photos we take while in character. This is a great project that we did successfully a few years ago.

Who: any child in grades K to 5

Where: Art Room 1 in the Hoskins Centre of The Armidale School

When: Class commences Tuesday, Feb 12. Official times are from 4pm until 5 pm, but students may arrive any time after 3:20 pm. We will have 3 lessons, then a break on March 4. 3 more lessons, then a break on April 2. We have our party and exhibition on April 9.

Cost: \$150. This covers materials, firing and instruction.

Enrolment: By email on weemalapot@yahoo.com.au, or by phone on 6772 5371. Please include your child's age and name and your best contact phone number.

If you wish to discuss this with me or ask any questions please feel free to contact me.

Rick Hatch





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