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# TAS TALKS

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 27 June, 2018 Term 2 Week 9

## FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

### Shrek The Musical

On behalf of all who were fortunate enough to see our 2018 Middle School major production, 'Shrek', I offer congratulations to director Mrs Cleaver, musical director Mrs Baumgartner and the big cast of crew on the wonderful performance. In front of big audiences at each of the four performances we saw what is already great talent from the lead players and the promise in that for their senior years is huge. As I commented in TAS Talks last week, committing to stage a show of this quality is a special thing that raises expectations and lifts the understanding of what it is to be really dedicated to a role. That was achieved in spades and I know that the audiences came away both impressed and thoroughly entertained. It has been a big term for the Creative Arts at TAS and Shrek made for a perfect finale.

### Inter-house Debating Finals

This week our inter-house debating for 2018 concludes with finals for both the Senior and Middle School competitions. Yesterday, Ross House took on Broughton in the Memorial Hall in front of the full Middle and Senior School with the topic *'That employers should have the right to access social media accounts to hire and fire their employees'*. The teams included the bulk of our best debaters and they were clearly well prepared and well honed in their skills. In a close, though I am sure not challenged, result, the affirmative team Ross took the spoils and it was an entertaining spectacle. Mr Hughes has reported on the debate in TAS Talks this week and pictured the teams together and I recommend that to you.

As I commented to the audience yesterday, debating at TAS has seen a huge resurgence in interest and great development in quality over recent years. It is now a serious business, whether at inter-school or inter-house level, and our debaters are now actively pursuing greater skills and preparing diligently and creatively to put on their best performances. The credit for all of this lies with Mr Tim Hughes who took on leadership of debating here some years ago and shared his passion and knowledge along the way.

This afternoon our Middle School

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

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students take to the stage as Croft and Green battle it out on the topic *'That advanced artificial intelligence will be good for society'*. I wish all those debating and Mr Harrison as adjudicator the best of luck!

## NAIDOC Assembly and Dinner

As most I hope will know, the nationally assigned NAIDOC Week generally falls in our mid-year school holidays and this is the case again this year (8-15 July). To ensure that we are able to recognise this important celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we held our NAIDOC Assembly this morning and our Aboriginal students, their parents and friends will come together tonight for our NAIDOC Dinner. Whilst many will see and join their own local NAIDOC celebrations during the holidays, the assembly and dinner are opportunities for our school to come together as a community and to show our respect for the traditional owners of this land and celebrate with our Aboriginal students what is a particularly important day for them. The NAIDOC them this year is 'Because of Her, We Can!' and it is a recognition of the importance of women in the lives of us all. During the assembly, prominent Anaiwan elder and friend of TAS, Steve Widders, offered the Welcome to Country and recognised that the NAIDOC them this year was one that could be carried into everyone's life, whether Aboriginal or not. Year 10 student Sancia Ridgeway made that more personal in telling her own moving story and that resonated across the audience. Finally, the celebration concluded with a

dance performance from our Aboriginal students, led and explained by members of the talented Gomeroi Dance Company from Tamworth who have been working with our Aboriginal students over recent weeks and I thank them for their expertise and the slick performance they created.

## P&F Funding Meeting

Tonight our P&F will come together at 7:00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room for their second meeting of the term and the major item on the agenda will be the allocation of P&F funds to projects for the year. Amongst the proposals to be considered are new furnishings for the Hoskins Foyer, the creation of a café space for the Sports Centre foyer, equipment for hockey, music stand banners, Junior and Middle School play equipment and a cushion project and screen improvement for the chapel. Much goes into the raising of P&F funds each year with huge generosity from many and this meeting is the chance to see the impact that will make for our students. All are welcome to attend and be part of the process.

## Sport Continues

After a successful, enjoyable and full weekend of sport with Sydney Boys' High School last weekend, which I again offer our considerable thanks for, activities continue in this last week of term and beyond in a number of sports. Today a number of our junior and senior netballers are competing in the Netball NSW Schools Cup in Armidale and I wish them every success. Tomorrow, our youngest rugby players in Year 6 will welcome Trinity Grammar School from Sydney for a welcome addition to their season and older players will head to New Zealand on the 2018 Development Tour.

Back at home and as reported in TAS

Talks this week, four boys in the 14 and 15 years rugby divisions will represent Country NSW at the regionals tournament in Sydney and I wish them every success too.

Finally, and significantly, Ben Hamparsum and Nicholas Makeham are this week playing in Combined GPS rugby sides in Sydney as part of the representative championships. Both boys played for GPS White yesterday and on Thursday will run on for GPS White against NSW Under 18s 2 side whose players are selected from NSWJRU teams across the State. They are being kindly accommodated at The Scots College for the week and I thank Dr Lambert and the Scots staff for this generous gesture.

## Murray Guest





### WEEK 9

Wednesday 27 June

NSW Netball Schools Cup ( Armidale Courts)  
NAIDOC Assembly (10.30am) and Dinner (6pm)  
P&F Meeting (7pm)

Thursday 28 June

Trinity Anglican School Year 6 Rugby VIsit  
MS Final Inter-House Debating  
Classes Conclude

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

NZ Rugby Tour ( 28 June - 7 July)  
Forensic Science Camp (10-14 July)  
GPS Shooting Camp ( 17-25 July)

### TERM 3

Monday 23 July

Boarders Return

Tuesday 24 July

Classes Resume

Wednesday 25 July

UN Youth

Thursday 26 July

UN Youth

Friday 27 July

Boarding Schools Expo ( Narrabri)

Saturday 28 July

TAS v St Joseph's College (Sydney)

### Library

The library will close for all students from 3:30pm on Thursday, 28 June. There will be no supervision in the library from 3:30pm. Additionally, the extended day program will not operate on Thursday evening and will resume when school returns in Term 3.

### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP

A huge thanks to all the parents, supporters, staff and students who helped at the BBQs for both the Sydney Boys High School fixtures and TAS Hockey Club day on the weekend. The weather was fabulous, and both events seemed to go very well. It is great to see the TAS community rally around school events and support our teams.

Remember, if you are thinking of holding a BBQ or canteen for any TAS sporting group, event or co-curricular activity the P&F may be able to help with organising this. For more information please contact any of the P&F Executive.

### ANNUAL P&F FUNDING MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

Come and help us spend the money you've helped us raise at the **Funding Meeting on tonight at 7pm in the Upper Maxwell Room.**

We've got some interesting proposals for funding in the mix this year and if you'd like to help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there.

Meetings are open to all parents and friends... but to vote you need to be at the meeting and to be a Voting Member – you can fill in the form during the meeting tonight!

### BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE P&F

In line with our new Constitution if you wish to be on the Committee or Executive or vote at our meetings you must now become a Voting Member.

To be a Voting Member you just need to fill in a form (use link below) and send it to Jo Neilson [jneilson@as.edu.au](mailto:jneilson@as.edu.au) . [CLICK HERE.](#)

Forms can be filled in at any time, including if you pop in to a meeting. This form is also available on the TAS website.

### CELEBRATING THE P&Fs 80TH BIRTHDAY

Did you know the P&F has turned 80 this year??!

We are looking at hosting a function in Term 3 to celebrate this amazing milestone and all the hard work people have put in over the years. If you would like to be involved in planning this function please contact me on [nicollfamily1@gmail.com](mailto:nicollfamily1@gmail.com)

***Mrs Rachael Nicoll***  
***P&F President***



## Hunter New England Area Health SBAT – Nursing & Midwifery

Hunter and New England Area Health are offering Traineeships in Nursing and Midwifery based in the region. The school offers the opportunity for students to complete a School Based Apprentice & Traineeship (SBAT) while completing their HSC. The program is co-ordinated by Mr Slade and he is the school's contact for any information in this area. One of the more difficult parts of the process is to find an employer willing to take on the responsibility for training the students in their field of expertise. The HNEAH SBAT program is a ready-made program that the students can utilise if they meet the selection criteria.

For more details go to the link below for the supporting document and/or speak to Mr Slade for more information about what the school offers in this area.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/06/25/hunter-new-england-area-health-sbat-nursing-midwifery/>

## Melbourne University – Access Melbourne

If you were considering studying at the University of Melbourne, below is a brief description of their Equity program and a link to their website.

They have been very generous with rural students in the past and offer a very good adjustment points for country kids. I would highly recommend a close look at the program and what it has to offer.

“Access Melbourne is the University of Melbourne’s equity program for domestic students. If you’re eligible under any of the program’s categories, you may receive a guaranteed place in one of five specified undergraduate degrees at a reduced ATAR, subject to course prerequisites. We have scholarships and grants that can ease the financial load, and a housing program to get you securely settled close to campus.”

<https://access.unimelb.edu.au/home>

## UOW Early Admission

Below is an extract from The University of Wollongong’ newsletter the full transcript of which can be found on the School Career page.

UOW offers an Early Entry program with its own conditions and application process. The thing to note about their program is the *closing date which is a month earlier (24 August) than most other Early Entry programs*. If you were considering applying for Early Entry UOW, you need to keep the closing date in mind.

“This year, students will again be offered the chance to earn their place early in the November Round One offers via [UOW Early Admission](#). Indicative Criteria for each degree is now up on the UOW website. As part of their application, students will be required to enter their academic marks from Years 11 and 12. UOW will require certified copies of these marks. Information about the exact certification requirements and process will be communicated to you as August approaches.

Key Early Admission dates include:

- 1 August: Applications open
- 24 August: Applications close
- 3–5 October: Early Admission interviews at our Wollongong campus (for all students besides South Western Sydney)
- 2 October: Early Admission interviews at our South Western Sydney campus
- 15–16 October: Students will receive their outcome via email
- 15 November: Students will receive their official offer in the UAC November round one

If you or your students have any questions, contact us at [early-admission@uow.edu.au](mailto:early-admission@uow.edu.au)”

## 2018 Australian Cotton Conference

I have received an email from The Australian Cotton Conference outlining the various aspects of this year’s conference On the Gold Coast including scholarships available to worthy applicants. For more details go the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/06/25/2018-australian-cotton-conference/>

**Mr Mark Taylor**

# ACADEMIC



## UN Youth - Evatt and Voice

What is UN Youth? UN Youth Australia is a national youth-led organisation that aims to educate and empower young Australians on global issues.

Registration is now open for any students interested in taking part in either Evatt and/or Voice. 25-26 July is the only opportunity for students in regional northern NSW to take part in this event, and we are extremely excited to once again act as host.

**Evatt:** The competition is named after the notable Herbert 'Doc' Evatt, who was an Australian High Court Justice and a leading Federal politician who became President of the UN General Assembly and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To find out more about the Evatt event please visit - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/evatt-nsw/>

**Voice** is a unique public speaking competition for students in Years 7-10, running throughout Term 3. Voice invites you to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world. From homelessness to climate change we want to hear you pitch your big ideas. To find out more about Voice, please visit - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/voice-nsw/>

To register visit the TAS website. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Ms Catherine Boydell**  
**Academic Support Coordinator**  
**Learning Support, Extension & Enrichment**



# LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

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## Hawkesbury Canoe Classic 2018

I am very excited to be able to be a part of the long tradition that is the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (HCC). TAS students have been involved in this 111 km, overnight paddle for nearly 40 years and have used it to fulfil their obligations for the Triple Crown.

The HCC is a challenge with fundraising at its heart and adventure at its soul.

Since the beginning students, parents and friends of TAS have had the opportunity to challenge themselves in the paddle that can take between 9 and 20 hours to complete - if you can complete it! Many people have tried and succeeded in completing the event and some have completed it in record time. We recommend that students complete the HCC in pairs before attempting the challenge on their own. We also strongly advise that students have completed a night paddle prior to the HCC.

The HCC is an event that has raised over \$4 million dollars for the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation and other charitable organisations. The TAS/NEGS/PLC team of paddlers has contributed significantly to this total. There are a number of different competition events to enter as well as local trophies to celebrate the fastest junior/adult paddlers, fastest three kayaks from one school, biggest fund raiser for adults and juniors as well as a trophy for the paddlers that demonstrated the most grit and determination to get through to the finish. All of these are awarded to paddlers from the TAS/NEGS/PLC paddlers at a presentation night in Term 4.

To be part of the HCC, you must be over 15 years of age. Training will be held at Malpas dam on Sundays of Term 3 (schedule to be published), from 1:00pm until 4:00 pm. At this stage it is anticipated that one session will be extended to accommodate a night paddle. Although not compulsory, it is strongly recommended that all students attend. Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion.

All paddlers require at least one landcrew support person. Your choice of landcrew support is very important and will generally be a parent or guardian.

The 2017 costs for the HCC was approximately \$836 for an adult paddler and \$814 for a student (including the HCC entry fees which are not charged by the school). Landcrew costs were approximately \$264 per person. The approximate costs are broken down more completely on the expression of interest form.

An expression of interest form can be completed from 27 June online at: [goo.gl/cD9eUV](http://goo.gl/cD9eUV)

Once an expression of interest has been accepted, participants will be notified and you can expect the initial membership and season hire charges to be billed.

**Mr Alasdair Hey**  
**MIC Hawkesbury**



2017 HCC

# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

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## Hannon & Harris Cup 2018

On Friday afternoon 160 students and staff from Sydney Boys High arrived to play fixtures in Tennis, Basketball, Football & Rugby for the Hannon & Harris Cup. Basketball was even, with our Seniors defeated by the visitors and the Junior team taking the win to a full court of supporters. Tennis was much tougher for TAS players, with impressive play from the SBHS boys seeing them win most of those games.

Football on Saturday morning saw our Year 12 XI win 6-0, and our under 15s defeated in a tough game 4-2.

For Rugby, our teams appreciated having a home game which saw the sidelines full of supporters. It was a fabulous vibe around the fields. This energy was clearly passed onto our players as TAS won six out of seven games on the rugby field.

High took out the rugby relay, comprising one player from each age group running the length of Backfield. These wins for TAS saw the Hannon & Harris Cup retained by TAS. Thank you to those who came along to support all games-it was a highlight to see so many parents and supporters from both schools.

This weekend of sport is one of the highlights on the TAS Calendar and we thank SBHS Head of Sport, Steven Marcos, for continuing the wonderful spirit between the two schools.

**Mrs Rachael Edmonds**  
*Co-curricular Assistant*

## TAS boys set to fly for Cockatoos

Four TAS boys will be flying onto the field for the Junior Cockatoos when they represent country NSW at the NSW Rugby Sydney Regionals tournament on 7-8 July.

Patrick Baldock, Ben Rowe and Liam Hunt are part of the 23-man squad for the under 14s Cockatoos, while Nick Munsie is one of a development squad of 40 in the under 15s which will be whittled down to a final 23 at the tournament, to be held at Boronia Park, Hunters Hill.

Patrick is a hooker with his TAS team, Ben a number 8 while Liam is expected to run on as fullback. The trio were all selected for the Cockatoos while representing the New England zone at the NSW Country Junior (12-14s) championships in Armidale last month. In Sydney, the boys will play against a combined Sydney zones Barbarians side, giving the team their first game together ahead of fixtures against the ACT in July and City in August.

Meanwhile Nick Munsie, who normally plays number eight or flanker, will run on in one of two Country squad sides which will play rep teams from Metropolitan North, South, West and a Barbarians side. These games will be used to select the final 23-man u15s Country squad for duties against City.

Best of luck to the boys in their matches.



Patrick Baldock, Ben Rowe, Liam Hunt and Nick Munsie will be representing the bush at the NSW Rugby Juniors Sydney Regionals Tournament in early July.



# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

This week has marked a very emotional and meaningful milestone in TAS Rugby for 2018. Our Final GPS home games were played over the weekend against Sydney Boys High School, where great success was found. Over the day many teams were able to focus and fight for that one last victory on their home turf. The TAS First XV especially entered the match focused with one thing on their mind, that they were to play in their jersey as if all that have worn it before were watching, and this they did. With some aspects of their game highlighting their discipline and dedication the boys were able to come away with a 12 - 3 victory, a very special moment in their final year of TAS Rugby.

This Thursday 46 students will be departing for Queenstown via Sydney for the New Zealand Rugby tour, these students will be accompanied by Mr James Pennington, Mr Michael Holland, Ms Harriet Symons, Mr Scott Bremner and myself as we dare embark on a journey into one of the most passionate rugby nations in the world. Over 10 days students will be exposed to the best that New Zealand has to offer, riding the shot over jet and enjoying some fine food in Queenstown through to an eyeopening cultural night in Christchurch as well as the all important skiing at Mt Hutt. Rugby however is the focus of the tour with students having three fixtures against local schools, one of which is Christchurch Boys High, a renowned school for producing many All Blacks. In addition to this the boys will also get the opportunity to train under some elite Canterbury coaches, go to a super rugby match and meet some super rugby players.

This is a great opportunity for all student involved to develop their rugby skills and facilitate personal growth. Best of luck to all involved.

Have an enjoyable break, as we will return in Term 3 to recommence the remainder of the season.

**Mr Todd Currell**

## Debaters impress at inter-house final

A breach of privacy, or a way that companies can ensure their workers do not hold divisive beliefs that undermine their corporate or brand values? The final of the Senior inter-house debating competition yesterday during Assembly saw Ross House take on Broughton arguing 'That employers should have the right to access social media accounts to hire and fire their employees'. The quality debate engaged and entertained the whole school, with the Headmaster awarding the debate to Ross.

Around 30 students from Years 9-12 took part in this year's competition, held during lunchtimes last week. A similar number took to the podium in Middle School, where Croft and Green will meet in the final on Thursday to debate 'That advanced Artificial Intelligence will be good for society'.

The inter-house competition has been a great opportunity for first timers to test the water, for experienced debaters to refine their techniques, and for observers to appreciate the nuances of debating. It is a sport of the mind that requires each speaker to do more than just recite a well-crafted speech but to think on their feet, challenge the viewpoint of the opposition, consider a range of perspectives to build an overall team case in a convincing way - all the time adhering to conventions specific to each speaker role.

Thanks to all the staff who adjudicated debates and well done to all the students who put themselves forward for their house.

**Mr Tim Hughes**  
**Debating Coordinator**



L: Stepping up in this year's final of the Senior inter-house debating competition were Broughton speakers (left, top to bottom) Reuben Charley-Briggs, Henry Hughes, Nicholas Bohlsen and Alex Hall, and on right, the Ross House victors (from top) Sambavan Jeyakumar, Owen Chandler, Harry Mason and Nicholas Farrar.

And just like that our busiest term comes to a close. We've seen the Eisteddfod, Twilight concerts, class performances and Middle School's *Shrek the Musical Jr.* all running alongside a number of professional touring productions and events that has ensured there hasn't been a dull second in the Creative Arts or the Hoskins Centre. Even yesterday there was simultaneously the showcase of Stage 5 Drama's *Weak Daze* devised script and a fabulous performance from the touring ANU Jazz Faculty - they'll also be doing a workshop with our Senior students today to squeeze in one more exciting opportunity before the holidays.

But as we look forward it seems Term 3 is not going to be all that quiet. It is obviously the busiest time for our HSC students in the Creative Arts, with the CurtainUP, Masterstroke and Final Note events happening throughout the term to prepare them for the submission of their Body of Work, Individual Project, Compositions and/or performances of IPs, GPs and Music pieces. We still have the Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase and a few events visiting the Hoskins Centre. And a new collection of exciting Stage 5 courses are debuting next term, which promise to offer our students some amazing opportunities to develop new skills and share their passions. I also cannot forget the coming announcement of the Junior School Musical for this year (with auditions and rehearsals kicking off early Term 3) and the commencement of planning for the 2019 TAS Production. So staff and students should make the most of the holiday break because the creative engine that is TAS already looks primed and ready for action!

***Mr Andrew O'Connell***



### NE Sings! Rehearsals Commence

Rehearsals for the amazing NE Sings! event commence in Week 1 next term and TAS 3-5 Choir will be part of the Combined Primary Choirs for the concert. The Choir will be rehearsing regularly throughout Term 3 in preparation for the Final Concert on Sunday 21 October at Lazenby Hall at UNE. These rehearsals will be held monthly during school time at the Old Teachers' College leading up to the concert.

### Auditions for Primary Soloists for New England Sings!

A number of Primary School soloists will be required for New England Sings! for 'How Can I Keep from Singing', which will be performed by the mass Primary/Secondary choir. One Primary soloist plus one understudy will be selected by audition for both concerts (i.e. 1 soloist plus 1 understudy per concert). TAS 3-5 Choir will be part of Primary Choir 1.

If your child is interested in auditioning to be a soloist for the Primary Choirs for NE Sings! - please contact Ms Roobol on [music@as.edu.au](mailto:music@as.edu.au)

TAS will be submitting a maximum of two soloists of our choice to attend the auditions on the day of the first combined rehearsal in Armidale (ie. Thursday 26th July) at the following time:

Primary Choir 1: 10:15 – 11:00am

### Music Tuition at TAS for Term 3

TAS students can commence tuition on a wide range of instrument or voice, at any stage throughout the year. Students are also welcome to join a TAS ensemble in Term 3 and can speak to the Music Staff at anytime about what is available.

If students would like to commence lessons on an instrument or have vocal tuition, please don't hesitate to contact the Music Staff.

Also an important reminder for parents/guardians to inform instrumental/vocal tutors by end of this term if a student wishes to cease lessons. As our tutors are all very full, you may incur charges next term if you don't advise them of lesson cancellations in advance and they end up with a tuition spot vacant.

### Musicianship Lessons

Musicianship lessons will be available at TAS with Mrs. Nicole Mackson commencing Term 3. Lessons will be in small groups of up to three students and will be held weekly.

Musicianship lessons are recommended for Elective Music students and are also essential for students undertaking Grade examinations on their instrument. Musicianship strengthens the relationships between a musician's knowledge and their practical skills.

Please email Mrs Rachael Edmonds on [music@as.edu.au](mailto:music@as.edu.au) to register your interest.

### Ms Leanne Roobol

Armidale Eisteddfod		
Ruby Straker	Violin – Violin Romantic 14 Years & Under Solo	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tamworth Eisteddfod		
Disa Smart	Cello- Senior 21 Years & Under Championship	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Cello- Instrumental Solo 16 years & under	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Cello- Baroque Instrumental Solo Grade 7 or 8	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Cello-Classical Instrumental Solo Grade 7 or 8	1 <sup>st</sup>
Gunnedah Eisteddfod		
Hamish Tydd	Piano Solo	1 <sup>st</sup>



I am hoping that the mid-year vacation is as enjoyable as it is relaxing for you and your children. If you get away I hope it is to some warm place, if you do not, I hope yours is a warm place. Regardless, the weather over the last week has been very dry and fairly mild, actually. However, rain is the thing we need more than anything, I think – and it's been forecast for next Sunday and Monday. None of us should complain about rain, despite the fact it heralds a school holiday. Three weeks is a good time to unwind and prepare for the activities of the second part of the year.

Did you see the Middle School students in *Shrek The Musical Jr*? Sadly, you've missed something really good, if you weren't able to go last week. Last Friday and Saturday night performances were to full houses actually, and our people 'did you proud'. I went to two performances last week and enjoyed both – very much. Interestingly, and unusually this year, the majority of budding young musicians and thespians came from Years 6 and 7 actually but they were very ably assisted by our Year 8s.

As indicated in previous TAS Talks, the early weeks of next term involve a number of continuing away trips for sporting teams and it will be an exciting term overall. I am hoping to travel to one, at least, of the Sydney games and I look forward to seeing you there. Over the last term I have been able to see parts of the rugby, football and netball games. It is really good to see students enjoying the things they do and it is good for them to know that many of you have been able to see their games, too.

Sorry, I have to get this one out and I know that I promised I would not do it again...You will receive over the vacation

semester reports for your children. For many, the exams and results will be 'firsts'. Again, I am thinking that a good number of pupils and parents will be pleased with efforts and also results. However, there will be others for whom some results are disappointing. If this is the case, we need to remind ourselves that exams, at Middle School level especially, are necessary indicators of the success of technique particularly in relation to presenting knowledge to advantage under time conditions. In the event of a result that is not pleasing or reflective of effort, the most important thing to remember is what to do about it before the next battery of testing in Term 4. Middle School is the training ground for the Senior School and it is our collective responsibility to assist students to find the most effective study regime for them as individuals.

Effective study skills generally take time to hone. A disappointing result requires students to be proactive. Provided they have made a genuine attempt, what they need to do is reassess the methods they employed to prepare for exam papers. Some people study best as individuals, others study more effectively when they are in groups. If a student's knowledge is good and the result is still disappointing, then it is possible that they have struggled with displaying knowledge to personal advantage because of the time factor that is a necessary part of all exams. The completion of practice responses, completed during prep time, should equip these young people with the experience and facility required for a more confident future examination performance.



**Mr Mark Harrison**

Furthermore, what they should also do is speak to their teachers a get advice on how best to prepare for a particular subject. I mentioned this in our Town Meeting a few weeks ago. Different disciplines can require different methods and it is best to find out now, as opposed to waiting for another term before seeking advice about study tips. As indicated, it is very important to do something about improving performance, not simply to hope for the best next time exams are written. If we / I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call us to work out the best way forward.

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

## Activities Day No 4 – Spirit of Internationalism

In this TAS Talks, I would like to focus on last week's Activities Day – "The Spirit of Internationalism" which was a resounding success. Highlighting the involvement from many guests from outside the school, our students were totally engaged throughout the day with a wide range of activities and presentations that opened up the world to their ears and eyes (and taste buds!). Whether it was learning about sand dune skiing in the Saudi deserts, to making and playing the didgeridoo, to pizza making Italian style, to Anime cartooning to demonstrations of Sri Lankan dancing, our students were engrossed from start to finish. Our thanks go to the staff for their organisation and to our special guests for making themselves available throughout the day.



Making and playing the didgeridoo



Learning about Saudi Arabian culture

## NE Sings - Reminder for your diaries – October 20 & 21, 2018

As I have written previously, every two years, The New England Conservatorium of Music hosts a wonderful event called New England Sings. It is a mass choral performance which features over 800 students from our local schools and we are committed with our Year 3 - 5 choir. This year's highly awarded event will have two works commissioned by the leading Australian composers Dan Walker and Felix Reibel and both will be attending workshops throughout leading up to the event. The New England Sings concert final rehearsal for Choir 1, is on Saturday October 20 from 9.30 – 11.00 am with the concert performance on Sunday October 21 from 11.00 am – 1:00 pm.

## School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 8 and 9

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards last week and this week:

Week 8: Archie Douglas-Menzies, Ryne Wilkinson, Ella Crosby, Ava Watts, Rupert Newton, Tom Rowe, Xavier Stephen, Lucy Taylor, Layla Abu Assab.

Week 9: Tom Crowley, Joe Fenwicke, Xavier Leary, Rebecca Billingsley, Felix Winslett, Peyton Slade, Aziz Binmahfod, Arthur White, Lachie Wood, Maya Slade.



Sharing our learning across the grades at the end of a great Activities Day

# FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## And finally this semester....

I would like to thank our TAS community for their continued support throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see the growing community spirit with visits into and out from our classrooms. It has been a very colourful semester and I thank you all for your support. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Prudie Woods as she completes her work in Year 3 for the term. Prudie has had a wonderful impact on the classroom with her professionalism and positive can-do attitude that she brought to the class each day. She was able to seamlessly slot into the groove to assist in all ways and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to TAS in such a short time. I am sure we will see Prudie around our school in the future and we wish her well. Ms Inga Stappen, our Gappie for Terms 1 and 2, leaves us to return home to Germany to begin her studies in Environmental Engineering. We will miss her and the wonderful contributions she has made, especially in Year 3. I hope you have a very safe and relaxing holiday with your children.

**Mr Ian Lloyd**  
**Head of Junior School**

## LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 2

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### WEEK 9

Wed 27 June

Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45pm

Thu 28 June

Classes Conclude

Fri 29 June

Staff Day - Pupil Free Day

### TERM 3

#### WEEK 1

Mon 23 Jul

Staff Day – Pupil Free Day

Tue 24 Jul

Classes Resume

Wed 25 Jul

Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

#### WEEK 2

Tue 31 Jul

ICAS English Exam

Wed 1 Aug

Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

## Happy Birthday

Between now and the next edition of TAS Talks there are many Junior School kids celebrating their special days so our Birthday wishes go to: Peyton Slade, Xander Dell, Ted Draney, Pippi Goudge, Kushmi Jayaratne, Theo Munsie, Edwina Newton, Reema Al Malki and Lachlan Wood.

## Holiday borrowing from the library

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading. Please note that children are able to borrow their usual two books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow three to six books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter and hand it in to the library or email the library at library@as.edu.au

-----Please return signed note to Library -----

Permission to borrow library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child .....

in Year ..... to borrow 3 to 6 books from the TAS library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2018.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

Signed ..... Date .....

IB  
PYP

MRS VERONICA WATERS

### Academic Honesty's Connection to The Learner Profile Attribute-Principled

As many are aware, the Learner Profile defines a set of attributes that are central to the Primary Years Programme. Students are encouraged to develop and reflect upon these attributes on their journey to become an internationally-minded, life-long learner. Principled is one of these attributes and all students are encouraged to do the right thing. A principled learner acts with integrity and honesty, has a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for individuals and communities. They take responsibility for their actions and the consequences that accompany them. A significant component of being a principled learner is to have academic honesty. Academic honesty is discussed in many of our classes. The Junior School has an Academic Honesty Policy, which outlines in greater detail our stance on being a principled learner.

Please click on the link provided to view the [Junior School Academic Honesty Policy](#)



### FOOTBALL

#### TAS Blue U7

TAS Blue were excited to be on the road again for the away game to Uralla. Upon inspecting the playing surface pre-game and receiving feedback from the knowledgeable Pippi Goudge, Bonnie Blanch and George Drain it was decided that a fast, expansive game would suit the dry conditions.

The pre-game discussion focused on the need to play with width and control with all players keen to step up due to the absence of William Cooper-Fillios and Layla Abu Assab. TAS Blue started strongly with astute positional play but struggled to keep pace with a strong Uralla side who were prepared to take long range shots at goal at any opportunity. Credit to the defence work of Rebecca Billingsley whose communication around goal is unrivalled and to Cecilia Price's energy at re-starts. Cecilia consistently plays with high energy which enables TAS Blue to move the ball forward at speed. George Drain once again linked strongly both in the middle and on the left side. His combination with Bonnie Blanch, who was tireless in attack, is becoming intuitive and both relived pressure well on Saturday. Andrian Zhang controlled the back third of the field and his safety first approach alleviated many Uralla attacking raids. Andrian's clever clearing kicks, particularly one from the back of his foot, were a highlight. Pippi Goudge's work rate increases every week. Her ability to know where the ball will be kicked and willingness to play an up-tempo game is testament to her improved focus at training.

Mila Nexo played with enthusiasm throughout the game and provided a calming influence when the opposition seemed to be taking control. In William and Layla's absence, Mila stepped up to another level and was deservedly awarded the coaches award for her tireless work in both attack and defence. Well done Mila!

I hope all players and parents enjoy the holiday period and I am looking forward to seeing you all next term.

***Mr David Drain***

#### TAS U8

TAS took to the field confidently on Saturday after an impressive display the week before. Unfortunately, we came up against a white hot 'Souths Serpents' outfit who impressed with their skill and precision with the ball. Undaunted, TAS displayed resilience in defence with Arthur White, Ruby Ogilvie, Hamish Leahy and Jack Wood all putting their bodies on the line to prevent goals. Cameron Carruthers, Lucy Taylor and Lucas van der Werf made strong counter-attacks out of their own half. Connor Ryan and Oliver Robb provided some much-needed speed and flair on the wing. Special mention must go to Edwina Newton and Aziz Binmahfod who volunteered to be goalkeeper and persevered under challenging conditions. Many thanks to the TAS parents and support crew who have turned up week after week to provide encouragement (and oranges) for the team. The TAS 'Under 8s' are well placed for further success following a well-earned break.

***Mr Thomas Powell***

#### TAS White U10

The TAS Under 10 White soccer team played a soccer game against the Uralla Eagles, in Uralla. The first half we played we had a little bit of a struggle to get the goals, but we managed to get two goals in the first half. The two people on our team who scored the goals were Blake Whitehill and Charlie Ryan. They scored all of our goals. In the first half, the Uralla team got three goals and got them all quite quickly. In the second half, TAS White managed to put up their score to four goals! The Uralla team was very determined to get one more goal to tie with the TAS white team. In the second half once the TAS team got their goal, they decided just to defend.

Due to the school holidays, we do not have a game next week. Thank you for your support at the game Mr Little.

***Written by Katie Hynes (Yr 4) and Mila Downes (Yr 4)***

#### TAS Blues U10s

On Saturday, TAS Blue played Uralla Eagles at Uralla. We were really lucky as it wasn't too cold so lots of parents and supporters watched the game, including many players from the other under 10's team.

What a game!!! It was a really close match and everyone played so well. It was nil all at half time, then Uralla scored two goals very quickly. We dug our heels in, played hard and scored three goals. We ended up winning 3-2. James Leahy had a cracker of a game, playing so well. Andy Hardin was fantastic in attack and played his best game of the season. Braith Westaway was great in defence against some very tough competition.



The team's greatest strength was not giving up even when we were down 2-nil half way through the second half. It just showed us what team work can achieve. I think our team needs to work on clearing the ball quickly in defence.

Thank you, Mrs Hardin for being our team coach and encouraging us for the win. Thanks to Sinclair Little and Mitchell Evans for playing for our team when we needed them. It gave a couple of players time to sub off and have a rest.

**Charlie Ryan (Year 4)**

### TAS U 12 White Football

TAS White came up against DK Kings on the weekend in a game of two halves. We were short of players due to sickness and it showed in the first half. The team seemed to be trying to cover all areas of the play instead of holding positions. The team were down 5-0 at half time and were pretty down in the dumps. After doing a little shuffling with positions and giving them a bit of a pep talk the team went on and ..... astounded us all with their fantastic skills in the second half. The final score was 6-3 so we won the second half. The goals were scored by Evan Kwan who found some space and hammered home three great goals. Sam Strelitz did a fabulous job in goals to keep the score to this limit and Flinders Ward ran himself to a point he couldn't run any more so had a stint in the backline to get a little breather. At one stage we even had Evan off with a bleeding nose from a ball to the face and the remaining players held it together. Archie Douglas Menzies played a great second half at right wing and this position suited him as he used his running ability to do some lovely breaks.

It really was a team effort and everyone was delighted with the final score including the players, who thought they were in for another huge score. Well done team and enjoy the holiday break. An updated orange roster will come out for the next term.

**Mrs Kirsty Brunson**

### Netball

It was a tough game this week as we faced our friends from our former team, the Uralla Kitty Cats. The first quarter was gripping as the teams were so evenly matched and ended with one point on the scoresheet for each team! Into the second half Sophia and Paige both displayed exceptional defence skills and were showing great teamwork as they communicated on the court and supported one another. As we entered the final quarter, the Kitty Cats had secured the lead and the Magics were a bit low in energy. This week at training we are focussing on maintaining our energy levels and game sense throughout all four quarters so that in future we can play our best game right to the end!

**Ms Anna Frost**



Paige and Sophia exceptional in defence



TAS Blues U10s



## Wrap with Love comes to TAS

Mrs Kerry Behrend, Mrs Leanne Bremner and myself are all working together to bring you the opportunity to learn to knit and support TAS to participate in the Wrapped with Love program during Term 3.

### About Wrap with Love

In 1992 *Wrap with Love* began with the idea to help as many people as possible by providing warm wraps to ward off hypothermia and in the past 23 years they have sent more than 400,000 Wraps to people in over 75 countries, including Australia, with the help of hardworking and generous volunteers; *“Cold humanity is our concern, people caring about other people.”*

### Why knitting?

Not only is wrapping people in love from the warmth of a hand knitted blanket an amazing and awesome thing to do, the practice of knitting is a very therapeutic thing to do and it's a form of mindfulness practice!

\* The rhythm of it regulates movement and arousal levels which keeps us calm, reduces hyperactivity and increases hypo-activity.

\* The repetition of it creates predictability, meaning less processing is needed, allowing the brain to 'switch off' for a while and take a well earned break.

\* The creativity of it allows a non-verbal expressive outlet, vital for those who don't 'love' spoken communication, or for those who are struggling to put thoughts and feels into words.

\* Mindfulness, fine motor coordination, sensory input, meaningful self-interaction, pleasure, self-confidence and the list goes on...

### I LOVE THIS!!!!

If you would like to join us to knit, we can help to teach you and we are great company! You can also accrue community service hours!

Over the holidays, please check out the pattern link and some Youtube lessons to get you started, or refresh those dormant skills, then join us in the library at lunch times and after school.

Mrs Behrend will be available each lunch time and Mrs Bremner is available to help after school. I will be available in the library to help teach knitting during Middle School lunch time on Tuesdays and Senior School lunch times on Fridays.

### Pattern:

<http://www.wrapwithlove.org/knitting-patterns/>

Please bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks to school with wool - if you have any wool you'd like to donate for the project, all is gratefully received!

If you have any questions about the project, how to donate wool or are interested in helping to teach or sew up blankets, please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you Week 1 Term 3!

Just to prove knitting is also a manly pastime, check out this bloke: <https://www.brooklynboyknits.com/media>  
Happy knitting!

**Ms Alix Goudge**

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## **North West Polo School Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 Gunnedah Polo Fields**

**The Gunnedah Polo Club invites all children and adults to a 1-2 day Polo School. No previous experience necessary.**

**1<sup>st</sup> day instruction, coaches will teach all aspects of playing polo and caring for your horse.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> day chukkas (groups split according to age and experience)**

**Cost is \$40 per person (this covers NSW insurance) and includes BBQ lunch**

**All players are welcome to practice chukkas.**

**For all enquiries and bookings please contact Ben Osborne 0427434542 or Renata Davidson 0427442116**





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## Open Trial Selection Day

**NICC are committed to providing Juniors with opportunity to participate in Competitive, Fair Cricket at all Levels.**

This Selection Trial is for the NICC Gwydir Regional Academy Programmes and Northern Inland Representative Teams to play in the October Long Weekend Carnivals.

NICC Gwydir Region- Bingara, Barraba, Warialda, Moree, Boomi, Inverell, Glen Innes, Guyra, Tenterfield, Armidale and all the small towns in-between

### All Junior Boy Cricketers Welcome

**When:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

**Where:** Cameron Park, Cameron Street, Inverell

**Time:** 9am-midday U/12, U/13, Age is no barrier

**Start time:** 1pm- U14, U/15, U/16, U/17. Age is no barrier

**Bring:** Cricket Kit, Hat, Sunscreen, Drinks and Snacks

**If your interested in trialling please register at:**

**<https://fs26.formsite.com/eHMdmE/form2/index.html>**

Walk ups on the day the day are most welcome!

#### **NICC Gwydir Academy Dates:**

1. August 11<sup>th</sup> - Inverell
2. August 19<sup>th</sup> - Armidale
3. September 9<sup>th</sup> - Moree
4. September 16<sup>th</sup> Inverell
5. October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Armidale
6. To be Advised

#### **October Long weekend Carnivals:**

29th September - 2nd October  
Under 13 & Under 14 - Grafton (TBC)  
Under 16 & Under 18 - Tamworth

**\* A minimum of two NICC regional days need to be attended to make October long weekend carnival squads.**

October Long weekend carnivals are selection trials for Central North Cricket Zone squads to play in Country Cricket NSW U14 Kookaburra Cup, U16 Bradman Cup both to be played in January 2019 and U18 Country Colts in December 2018. Results are also considered for U13s CNSW State Challenge and U15s NSW All Schools squads.

More information can be found at <http://nicc.nsw.cricket.com.au>, <http://cncz.nsw.cricket.com.au/> OR find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northerninlandcc/>, <https://www.facebook.com/centralnorthcricket/>