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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 February, 2017 Term 1 Week 1

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year to all our returning and new students, parents and staff. We have 137 students beginning their TAS education today, including almost 100 in Middle and Senior School. This is the largest number of new students to arrive together in the history of the School, even more than the very unusual year of 1942 when war, threats to Sydney Harbour and parent commitments to war efforts caused a huge single year influx of students from Sydney. Close to one third of those new to TAS this year are girls and almost half of all new enrolments are boarders. It is significant for us as a school that we have both more boys and more girls with us this year and our movement along the path of significant but steady growth has well and truly begun.

I made comment at our first assembly on 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.

2016 HSC and the Academic Year Ahead

I offer congratulations to the class of 2016 on what were again strong results across a wide range of subjects. A more comprehensive report on the HSC results is in the latest edition of Binghi, but I take this opportunity to offer special congratulations to our 2016 Dux Charlie Wyatt (97.3) as well as Jack Tizzard, Angus Lloyd, Jarrod Bourke, Jack Boydell and Lachlan Tonkin who all achieved ATARs above 90. Across the year group nine students were named on the HSC Distinguished Achievers List, with Jack Tizzard scoring a very impressive 98 in Visual Arts as well as having his major work selected for Art Express and Andrew Knight achieving full marks in Music Extension 1. English and Mathematics were again our highest achieving subject areas, but the very strong performance across all creative arts subjects was equally pleasing and there is every indication that that will continue.



Holiday Activities

As is traditional, school activities are limited during the Christmas break, but a good number of senior students were involved in significant events that included rowing camps at Grafton and Taree, the First XI cricket festival at Shore in Sydney, the forensic science management camp for the students who will be leading the main camp in June, 'The Government Inspector' rehearsal camp just prior to the return to school and mountain bike championships last weekend. We have already seen reports from the forensic science management camp and the rowing and I look forward to seeing the other reports in assemblies over the coming weeks.

Welcome to New Teachers

As our student population increases, so too does the size of the staff and we welcome eight new teachers and a number of support staff as the new year begins. Most of those staff have been welcomed at assemblies for Junior School and Middle/Senior School this week and I do so again here for the benefit of parents.

In Junior School there are two new staff faces:

- Mrs Tania Hardin joins the teaching staff and will be teaching Year 1. Tania comes to TAS with extensive primary teaching experience, including positions at Kambala, Glennie in Toowoomba and most recently PLC Armidale. She will be known to a good number of parents already and especially those in Junior School.

- Mrs Sandra Lasker has taken on the role of Administrative Assistant, bringing with her a wealth of experience in that area, and will be the first point of contact for parents. In Middle and Senior School the new staff are more numerous as our teaching and support staff body has increased in size.

- Mr Andrew Patrick (Senior Prefect 2011) returns to TAS for Semester 1 to teach Christian Studies. Andrew has a B.A. from Sydney University and is in the process of completing his teaching qualifications. Meanwhile his brother Cameron is Acting Chaplain as Richard Newton is working at the Agape AIDS Orphanage in Thailand, setting up their English language program.

- Mr Bruce Dennison joins us as our new Aboriginal Student Support Officer. Bruce is an Anaiwan man and he comes to us from his most recent position as Director of the Armidale Academy of the Clontarf Foundation where he worked with Aboriginal students attending Armidale High School. Bruce will continue to do some work in the mornings with Armidale High and join us at TAS around midday each day.

- Miss Polly Harvey has taken a part-time position in our expanding Visual Arts department. Polly earned her honours degree from the Edinburgh College of Art and is a professional artist in addition to her teaching.

- Dr Helena Pastor joins us as our new Overseas Student Support Officer to look after our growing number of international students. Helena earned her B.A. in Linguistics and Diploma of Education in ESL and Modern Languages before going on to complete a Master of Philosophy and PhD in the process of writing and creative non-fiction in particular. She is an author in her own right and has a keen interest in Aboriginal education as well.

- Miss Emma Channon joins us to teach Technology and Applied Studies full-time. Emma is an Armidale local and completed her teacher training through the University of Newcastle with a 10 week internship at NEGS in Term 3 last year. She brings skills and training in textiles and design and food technology that will allow us to expand our offering into the future.

- Ms Majella Christensen joins us to teach French full-time. Majella completed her Bachelor of Arts in French with honours and Diploma of Education through the University of Qld last year and has made the move from Brisbane.

- Miss Catherine Curtin joins us as a full-time teacher of PDHPE. Catherine has taught PDHPE in the Northern Rivers region for a number of years and at NEGS through 2016.

- Ms Gillian Downes joins us to teach English through 2017, replacing Alex Murray whilst she takes maternity leave. Gillian brings extensive experience to TAS, including nine years at Marist Sisters' College in Woolwich in Sydney and the last six years at McCarthy College in Tamworth. She has a particular interest in literacy development and has recently completed a Master of Literacy degree through Melbourne University.

- Mrs Donella Tutt joins the Mathematics Department as a full-time teacher of senior maths. Donella studied pure mathematics at Sydney University before completing her teacher training at UNE. She brings 20 years of teaching experience with her, right through to Extension 2, and has been at NEGS for the past six years.

We also have five new Gappies:

- Jacob Hunt who completed his HSC here last year has returned as our Chapel Gappie

- Sovann Pen (Cambodia)

- Lachlan Truesdale (South Africa)

- Brandan Sharp (South Africa)

- Julius Jensen (Germany)

Finally, parents will be interested to know that Ben Laurie who has been owner and manager of Knight's store for many years, making fabulous coffee, has sold that business and moved over to TAS to take up the position of Sports Centre Manager and he will run the tuckshop as well, so I am sure that others will join me in looking forward to that.

Other Staff Changes

At Speech Day at the end of last year I announced the retirement from TAS of our school counsellor, Mr Rob Hadfield. I am sorry that he is not with us at the start of term to give the School as a whole the opportunity to show our appreciation to him directly, but we were able to do that in assembly yesterday in his absence.

Whilst we are in the process of recruiting a new school counsellor, which we hope to do for the start of next term, I encourage any students who would like the support of a counsellor to speak to the Medical Centre, Mr Buntine as Director of Pastoral Care, your Advisor or any other staff member you are comfortable speaking to and they will be able to put that in place.

The Year Ahead

At our opening Middle and Senior School assembly I made comment that the beginning of the school year is an exciting time and that was evident in the mood around the campus yesterday as students returned to their first classes. That excitement stems not just from reunions with friends and meeting others who will become new friends, but from the prospect of what the year ahead holds and what each student hopes for. I encouraged our student body generally, and our Year 12s especially, to set goals for what they would like to be involved in and achieve in 2017. This obviously includes academic goals and planning study routines, but it should also involve plans for the many other parts of TAS life, whether in sport, creative arts, Round Square, the outdoors or service work. There will be few other times in life when so many great opportunities are there for the picking and making the most of that should be seen as much as an obligation as it is a privilege.

Mr Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 1

Friday 3 January	Junior School Welcome Barbecue
Saturday 4 February	Coast Weekend
Sunday 5 February	Coast Weekend

Week 2

Monday 6 February	Years K, 2 and 4 information evening
Wednesday 8 February	ID Photos (Years T-5) – formal uniform Years 1, 3 and 5 information evening (Junior School)
Thursday 9 February	ID Photos (Years 6-12) – formal uniform Year 11/12 Drama Excursion
Saturday 11 February	Year 11/12 Drama Excursion State Rowing Championships (Nepean Lakes)
Sunday 12 February	Cadet Leaders Course

Week 3

Monday 13 February	Cadet Leaders Course
Thursday 16 February	Junior School Swimming Carnival Middle School Parent Information session and barbecue War Cry Competition followed by MS/SS 200m F/S events
Friday 17 February	Middle and Senior School Swimming Championships
Saturday 18 February	Kings/PLC Rowing Regatta (Sydney) Cadet Leaders Course continues

Week 4

Monday 20 February	Cadet Leaders Course continues Junior School Excursion Week
Tuesday 21 February	Junior School Excursion Week NCIS Hockey (Grafton)
Friday 24 February	Junior School Excursion Week

Student Photos

ID photos (including staff) will be taken at school on the following dates:

Wednesday 8 February - Junior School and Year 6

Thursday 9 February - Years 7 - 12

Monday 13 February - catch up on absentees and families not snapped earlier.

Summer Photos:

Thursday 9 March

Formal uniform is required for the photographs, including blazer for Year 5 and above.

Please ensure appearance, especially hair and jewellery, conforms to school rules.

Family photo times / dates will be negotiated individually with assistance from carers of the younger students.

Order forms will be emailed to carers when they are received from MSP Photography in Week 1.

Further information from Meg Sadler on msadler@as.edu.au

Mrs Meg Sadler

Hope

1 Corinthians 13

Welcome back to school for 2017. I hope you have had a great Christmas and New Year's. A lot of us come back from the summer a bit nervous, lots of new things but we all have at least one thing in common, we hope that it's going to be a good year.

I'm not sure if you made any new years resolutions? I'm terrible at keeping them, pretty good at making January resolutions, however that's it.

These resolutions are things we hope for; to get fit, to save money, stop procrastinating, eat healthier, travel more, sleep more. I wonder what you hope for in 2017.

In the holidays I watched the new Star Wars movie, Rogue One. The tagline for this movie is "We have hope. Rebellions are built on hope." In Rogue One, Jyn Erso inspires the Rebellion to steal the plans for the Death Star. But why bother to do this? Hope. Without hope, no cause is worth dying for. But with hope, there is everything to live for, and everything to die for. Jyn Erso's mission only makes sense because of hope and our lives only makes sense because of hope.

Hope gets us out of bed. Why? So we can make a difference. So we can fulfill our purpose and destiny. So we can leave this world a better place. But where do we get this hope from? Why do we sense this world is not the way it should be? Why do we long for a better place? If we're just atoms and molecules - why should we care? Things just happen. There is no good or bad, happy or sad, better or worse. Things just are. Without hope there are no noble causes, no fights worth fighting.

But we do care. We do long for a better future. We hope. Our lives need hope.

Our life needs hope so much that Jesus came into our world to die for us, to show that things are not the way they should be, to give us a better future. The message of Christianity is one of hope, Jesus came to give hope to the hopeless.



DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE , BARNEY BUNTINE

New School Year Ups and Downs

Welcome back to a new term and year, and the continuation of exciting times at TAS. With over 130 new enrolments in the School and the transition of co-education seeming less like a transition now but just a concrete and healthy reality, life here is feeling really good.

The heat of Week One is sapping a few and the very normal homesickness is manifesting itself as we would expect, but the term has begun wonderfully well. Spirits are buoyant.

However, the beginning of any new year brings invariable challenges, especially for our boarders. Settling back into routine is not always easy – although many love it – while homesickness is a curious beast and difficult to comprehend sometimes. Certainly newer and younger students often battle to make sense of it and its grip can be tight and persistent. And while it's not always easy for parents to grasp either, our boarding staff tend to see it with greater clarity, for in essence it is emblematic more of a loving family and beautiful home life than it is about any kind of difficult new school reality. So if we can flip it around and have conversations that focus with gratitude on the positives, the journey is typically easier. For the students, our advice is invariably to get busy – certainly don't withdraw – and to chat to House staff, while for both parents and students, as counter-intuitive as this might seem, try to limit contact with home, perhaps to set times of phone call or the like. Mobile phones in some ways have made this more challenging and long gone are the days I remember as a boarder of queueing for the House phone to ring home where often you forgot why you were ringing by the time it was your turn, unless it was for more food. With such easy access, often students ring more when they are down, sometimes only when they are, so set phone call times, with a focus on what's going well, help in this way. My advice to parents also is to liaise closely with the relevant Head of House; they have plenty of experience with this.

Talking busy, Coast Weekend is looming and over 300 students are about to invade the north coast and, among other things, jump like lemmings from the Coffs Harbour jetty. After that, it's swimming carnival and the circus that is the war cry competition and these events galvanise House and School spirit and so often the settling in woes rapidly seem distant. The growth in confidence and comfort in our new boarders especially will never be so profound and it will be lovely to see as many parents supporting as possible.



And while I may seem to be focusing only on boarders, I do not want to underestimate the challenges for our new day students also, some travelling big distances for the first time, adjusting to new uniform, sport, academic expectations and the like. It's no doddle and we can expect teething problems, some extreme fatigue and a rollercoaster of emotions. To the parents, keep in close contact with us and ask questions. Hopefully it will all seem familiar very soon.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

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 20minutes 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 elective 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.



Homework Timetables

A homework timetable has been customised for students in Year 9 and Year 10 and each homeroom in Middle School. For each day of the timetable, a number of subjects from the day have been allocated a homework session. The length of these sessions depends on the year group and the time to complete this set work will undoubtedly vary from child to child. The times allocated are to be used as a guide. They have been created so that students, parents, advisors and boarding house staff know what homework is expected to be completed each day. The amount of homework set per year group does not change from previous years, but the predictability of it will hopefully now improve. Of course, in a busy school things come up which impact on class time and there may be some cases when the homework for a subject is not able to be set.

It is important that we leave some flexibility in the week so that our students become more independent with their study program as their senior years approach. Homework set on Fridays can be completed at any point over the weekend but is equally as important as that set on other days of the week.

If homework can not be completed then we ask that you sign their diary and encourage them to complete it at their earliest opportunity. If the amount of work is consistently too much or too difficult for your child, please notify their homeroom teacher or advisor as soon as possible so that they can liaise with the classroom teachers.

These homework schedules will be emailed to parents today.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies



TAS Mathematics and English Tutoring and Homework Centre, Term 1, 2017

At a glance

- * Operates on a Monday afternoon and is held in the Cash (Maths) Block from 3.45 to 4.45pm commencing in Term 1, Week 3 and finishing Week 9.
- * Delicious afternoon tea provided.
- * Sessions operate with maximum of six students per tutor.
- * Diagnostic tests and graded worksheets in all basic skills with Extension opportunities for able students.
- * \$150 a term for 1 session a week.
- * Students can mix and match - they can do a session of Maths and one of English on alternate weeks.

Enquiries and bookings - Gaye Piper: g Piper1@as.edu.au or 0410 924 191

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING , MICHAEL HOLLAND

Despite the oppressive heat on Monday, it was wonderful to welcome new families and to catch up with those who are returning. There was a very positive buzz about the place as boarders settled into their rooms and parents made connections with staff and each other.

An enormous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the Boarding Houses are ready for day one and I must acknowledge the efforts of the Maintenance and Housekeeping staff who put in long hours to ensure all was in order. The Heads of House and their staff must also be thanked for their efforts in preparing the Boarding Houses.

Daylight saving can presents problems for Boarding Houses, after all, who wants to be studying when there is plenty of light outside and playing fields are calling? This week though, it is a blessing. It was great to wander around the campus and see boarders making and renewing friendships on tennis courts, playing fields, basketball courts and in the pool. There were lots of smiling faces.

I would like to again extend the invitation to all parents to make contact should you have any questions relating to any aspect of your son or daughter's boarding experience. Heads of House are obviously the first point of contact but I am always available as well. Please remember that Heads of House and the Director of Boarding also have a teaching load so immediate phone contact during the school day is not always possible. Emails can be a good way to make contact during the day if the issue is not urgent.

New parents should have received information regarding use of the REACH leave management system. Returning parents should use the same login credentials from last year. I have sent out a Parent User Guide. If you did not receive it or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is very important that you take a little time to set up Hosts in your account. The leave requests process relies on host information being accurate.

We are looking forward to making the annual trip to Coffs Harbour and surrounds this weekend. It is always a great opportunity for new connections to be made and old connections to be strengthened. You should have received information regarding arrangements for your son or daughter from the Head of House.

Again welcome to 2017. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.



Mr Michael Holland

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Connect with us!

Welcome to our many new families to TAS! 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.

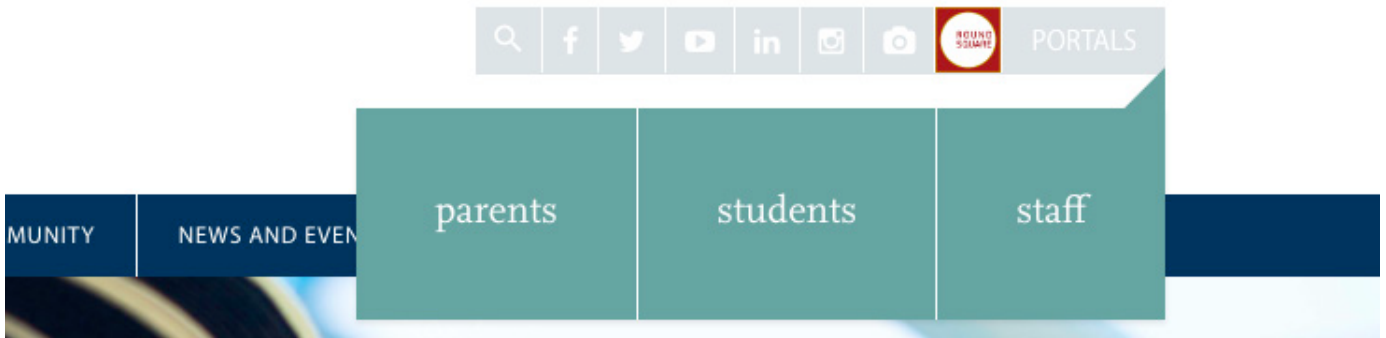
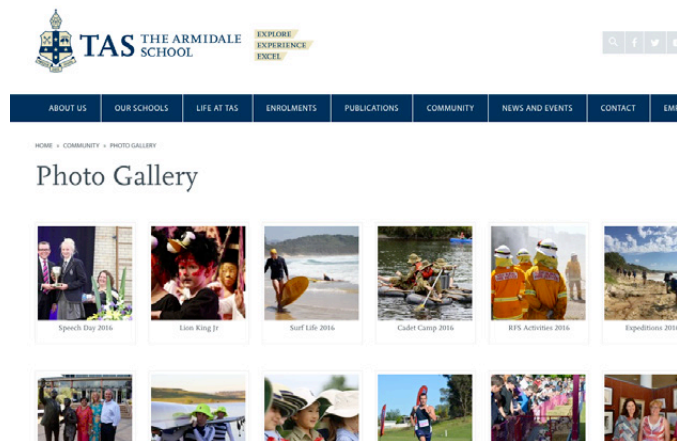


PHOTO GALLERY

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](#)

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

TAS is also a recognised leader in social media, utilising various platforms.

On Facebook, 'Like' us at www.facebook.com/TASarmidale - as 2,500 other members of our community have already done.

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

Join our network at LinkedIn by searching for 'TAS The Armidale School'.

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/tas-sport/team-apps/>)

Welcome aboard!

Mr Tim Hughes
Media Manager

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Reap what you Sow - The recent break was a time for both rest and growth

Students and staff dedicated time and effort to ensure a healthy harvest this season. Rowers, Cricketers, Triathletes, Performers, Mountain Bikers and Forensic Scientists have all selected their goals, embedded the plan, cultivated their skills and nurtured the relationships that will ensure the perfect growing conditions. They have toiled and laboured to achieve excellence. Although it is not yet time to harvest they are already reaping the rewards.

I would encourage you to read the individual Co-Curricular reports to discover the breadth of activities that occurred both locally and across the state. I am sure that you share my immense gratitude to the staff that make these opportunities possible and their families who support them in doing so.

Swimming Championships

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

Middle School/ Senior School Events will commence Tuesday 14 February with the 50m Butterfly and the 200m Individual Medley, commencing at 6:30pm on Tuesday night.

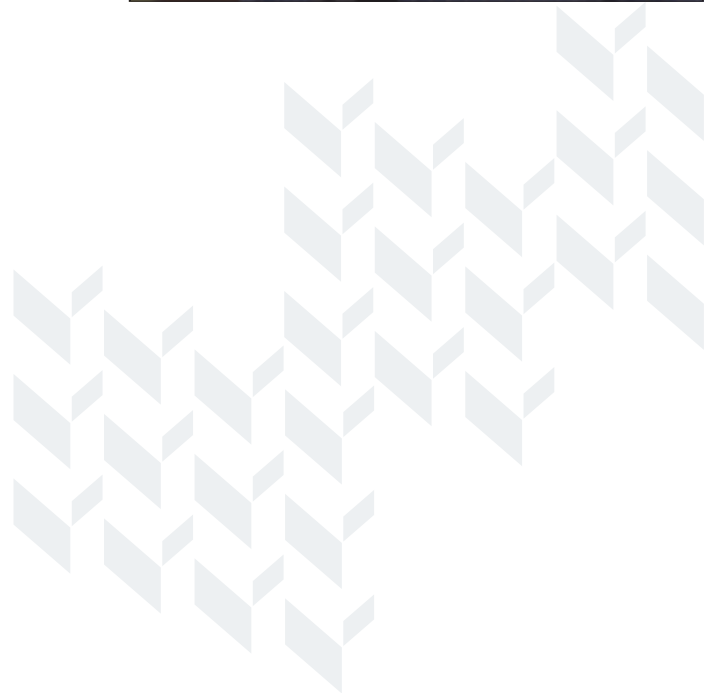
Arguably the highlight for spectators will be the 200m freestyle and House wacrys on Thursday 16 February, commencing at 6:30pm. With the judges placing great emphasis on unity, Houses will be working hard to include all new students and make everyone feel a part of this special event.

The main event will commence at 8.50am on Friday 17 February. Day students are required to meet at 8.30am on Wakefield for role call.

Junior School Championships will be held on Thursday 16 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 leg suits and will be provided with a House swimming cap. Lunch will be provided for all students, staff and supporters.



Communication and Information

Hopefully students have settled smoothly into their co-curricular activities. 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: Mr Will Caldwell/ Mrs Karen Hutton at dcc@as.edu.au

All contacts and information can be found on the TAS website:

<http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/>

TOUR de ROCKS

riding to inspire communities to help find a cure for cancer

In 2010 TAS student Jonathon Wheeler organised a three day trek as part of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh program. On a frosty morning in June five adults and four kids set off on a 210km mountain bike ride from Armidale through the magnificent eastern fall forests, down the escarpment on to the mighty Macleay River winding our way to the clear blue waters at the beautiful fishing village of South West Rocks. The ride was so successful it needed to be shared with our communities.

The tour was born and the Tour de Rocks organisation established. The following year 320 participants took part in the event raising in excess of \$100,000 and then in April last year the ride raised \$257,479 for cancer research, awareness and prevention programs.

On 20 April this year all members of the TAS community are invited to join the fun and goodwill associated with this event. For more information see <http://www.tourderocks.com.au> or email dcc@as.edu.au ,to lodge your interest.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Rowing Camps

While everyone else was ready to leave for home after Speech Day, the TAS rowing contingent of 16 boys and five girls were preparing to leave for the five day Grafton Rowing Camp. The first two days of camp consisted of multiple sessions on the water with critical and intense rowing, preparing for the challenge of the first regatta of the season, the Head of the Clarence. The classic TAS fluro yellow bucket hats were about to be broken in. With the weather hot and the nerves high, early results were nothing to brag about, but the experience and knowledge gained were invaluable.

The fourth day brought new hope and new competition as we prepared for the Grafton Rowing Club Regatta. Once more the results were not the priority, but there was a noticeable improvement between the two days.

The final day of the camp was the selection days for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boys crews, with the girls crew remaining unchanged. So after multiple 500m sprints along the river, each person's average time was gathered, and the crews were then set by the fastest times.

Three weeks later we were back at it, preparing for the Taree rowing camp. Literally a camp, as we were in tents and swags in the Croker's family's paddock for the next six days. Rowing on the Manning River was a completely different rowing experience compared to our usual Malpas Dam, but our improvement was clear to see from the get go, with the new crews learning to work with each other. The hard work was tempered by rowing beside dolphins and our regular afternoon surf.

The Taree Summer Regatta was held over three days and immediately our results improved, with the girls winning the Women's C Grade Quad Scull. The next day brought with it results such as the First IV winning the Men's Under 19 Four and the Men's C Grade Coxed Four Div 1. The Second IV came second in Div 2, and the Third IV came third in the Div 3. On the final day of the racing the 3rd IV came second in the Men's D Grade Coxed Four while both the First and Second IV won their separate divisions of the same event.

All in all, the camps were a great success, the crews are now steady on their way chasing perfection before the Head Of The River on the 18 March (Boys) and 25th March (Girls). Hopefully all of our training and hard work will pay off.

A huge thanks must go to Mr Caldwell, Mr Wheaton, Mrs Hutton, the parents and support crew and to our coaches for helping us to improve so rapidly over the camps.

Sebastian Scott
Captain of Boats



The TAS rowers were honoured to meet TAS Rowing Patrons and Old Armidaliens Bob Crossman (far left) and John Childs (far right) at Taree Summer Regatta. The generosity of Bob and John helped get the TAS rowing program off the ground, and the pair were delighted to see the TAS crews in action.

Mountain Biking

There was little rest for a number of TAS mountain bikers over the summer holidays, with the national mountain bike series kicking off on 7 January. Rounds one and two of the series were held in Orange with TAS students Angus Apps, Harry Graham, Duncan Chalmers, Samuel King (racing for their Two Wheel Academy Team) and Hamish Chalmers competing in this event. A fortnight (and hours of training) later, these young men, along with fellow TAS students Joseph Sewell (Two Wheel Academy) and Fletcher Jackson competed alongside the nations' top cross country mountain bikers at Armidale's own SportUNE MTB trails for rounds three and four of the national series.

The healthy crowds of spectators would bare witness to the technical trails, and marathonmtb.com would say of the round three track: "The man-made course at the University of New England campus has been built with aspirations to one day host a World Cup event, and is perhaps rivalled only by Mt Stromlo's World Cup course for big, built technical features. Today this included some tricky climbing, plus a twisty rock garden made of stones the size of white goods." The large crowds, elite competition and fearsome track were, however, no threat for the seven riders, as they all rode at a level that matched their surrounds and competition. Angus and Harry raced in the junior men category with Angus placing 12th (8th Australian behind the Kiwis) for both rounds while Harry improved remarkably from Round 3 to Round 4. Duncan, Sam and Joe all put in solid performances in the under 17 men - by far the largest age group of the weekend, while Hamish and Fletcher rode exceptionally in the under 15 men. The results for round three can be found [HERE](#).

Not to forget Michael Harris (OA 2016), the current under 19 national champion who backed up after a nasty fall in Saturday's race to place 10th in the elite men's race on Sunday. Congratulations to all these riders not only on your solid performances at these races, but also on the work that you have put in over the weeks and months to be able to compete at this level. Special mention must be made to your families for supporting you, and thank you also to the TAS staff and friends who came to cheer these young men on! If you were unable to get there to watch over the weekend, New England Mountain Bikers will be hosting this event again next year (and hopefully we will have even more TAS students competing!). Best wishes to those students travelling to Bairnsdale, Vic on 11 and 12 of February for Rounds 5 and 6 of the national series.



Fletcher Jackson representing TAS in the under 15 men's XCO race.

Below: Photos from the weekend's National MTB Series Rounds three and four held at SportUNE (photos courtesy of Peter Hosking, NEMTB). More photos can be seen on the TAS MTB webpage or NEMTB Facebook page.



Angus Apps enjoying some air time in the Junior Men's XCO Race



Duncan Chalmers in the under 17's XCO race

What a weekend of cricket!

Both Open teams had very convincing wins against their sides. After battling to get two teams together, due to the school holidays, we called up some parents and some Old Armidalians' to help us out. Our First XI played against Easts at TAS Oval. TAS set a score of 197 in their 40 overs, with Mr Cameron Patrick, Henry Smith and Mr Will Waterson contributing well to that total. The second innings saw Easts struggle to make the runs, with some fantastic bowling from Kieran Dennis, Nick Farrar and Cotter Litchfield, and also some fantastic catches from Toby Smith and Cotter Litchfield. TAS played as a team and managed to bowl Easts out for 127 runs.

Our Second XI played away against Guyra. TAS batted first and got 167 runs for their innings with Mr Matt Friend and Mr Troy Johnson being the greatest contributors to the scoreboard. With a great team effort with the fielding and bowling, the wickets were shared equally between Mr John Farrar, Joe Alcorn, Jacob Hunt, Mr Angus Murray and Ben Friend. TAS bowled Guyra out for 88.

Well done to both teams.

Ms Rachel Harrison



CREATIVE ARTS

Though the school term has only just commenced the Hoskins Centre has already played host to a production and our Creative Arts students are busy as ever. Bumping in a little before Christmas was Opera New England with *Susannah*, one of the most famous 20th Century American operas and the company's most ambitious work to date. The stunning set emerged over the first few weeks of January in preparation for an intensive 10 day rehearsal period for the cast who briefly assumed the life of a boarder on campus. With another dedicated ensemble of enthusiastic and talented up-and-coming opera singers it was a triumphant (if wet, thanks to the pouring rain that flooded the stage care of our genius theatrical engineer and Business Manager Pat Bradley) conclusion to the company, whose members will be taking some time off to rest and recharge (we hope not for too long).

Before the end of the holidays the cast of this year's TAS Production *The Government Inspector* assembled for the annual Production Camp to spend some time intensively preparing the dance pieces and scenes as we look towards March and the performance dates. They were a wonderful and positive group to work with and the demands of our demanding rehearsals was tempered by their good humour and camaraderie. More information about the production shall be distributed soon with tickets going on sale within the week and so I advise you to keep your eyes out for that as seats always sell quickly

There are an incredible number of opportunities available to students across all years in the Creative Arts and we have more happening in Drama, Music and Visual Arts than ever before. From instrument tuition to the Shakespeare Carnival or our new Visual Arts Club, there is something for everyone and I encourage all to get onto the Co-curricular page (<http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/>), check your emails or follow TAS Talks carefully as there are so many things happening this year that are not to be missed.

And finally, the next event in the Hoskins Centre is the wonderfully wacky and super-talented Spooky Men's Chorale coming to entertain audiences Wednesday 15 February. They are a kooky men's choir who (in their own words) "employ a devastating combination of beauty and stupidity to comment on the unsolvable paradoxes of being a man through a diverse repertoire: from Gregorian table songs to immaculate ballads, vaudevillian nonsense to the Bee Gees."

Tickets are already selling at rapid speed and I encourage you to jump on the Hoskins Centre website to secure a space before it sells out. For interested vocal students there will be a workshop with members of the Chorale the same day at 1:30pm and information on that excellent opportunity will be available from the Music teachers.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator

I wish everyone the very best as Term 1 launches into life and encourage you all to grab hold of all experiences open to you. If ever you have a question about what is going on and what you can be involved in pop on down to the Hoskins Centre or visit the Music Centre as there is nothing we love more than students exploring interests or passion in the Arts.

MUSIC MATTERS

Instrumental & Vocal Tuition

A reminder that tuition is available at TAS for voice and a huge range of instruments - bagpipes, piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass, voice, acoustic guitar, electric and bass guitar, flute, piccolo, oboe, alto/tenor/baritone saxophone, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, percussion, drum kit, recorder, pipe organ and musicianship. If you would like to try out an instrument before you commit to lessons just contact the Music Office. We are always happy to advise parents/ guardians and students on instrumental and vocal tuition.

Tuition Enrolment Forms are available on the TAS website <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music/>

In Term 1, most instrumental and vocal tuition will begin in week 2. Individual tutors who wish to commence this week will make contact with families.

Ensemble rehearsals commence Week 2

At TAS we have instrumental and vocal ensembles for all levels of experience and for all ages. Information is on the Music website <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music/> If you'd like advice as to which group to join, come and see the Music team or contact the Creative Arts Administrator, Mrs Danielle Duarte on 6776 5890 dduarte@as.edu.au

There will be ensemble sign-up sheets on the front notice board in the Music Centre from this week. Come and put your name down and try something new. Existing ensemble members please sign-up again so we know you'd like to continue this year.

New students, in particular, are invited to join TAS Big Band.

In most cases, rehearsals will begin in week 2. Scheduled times are:

TAS Trebles: Monday, 8:00am – 8:45am in Music Centre basement

TAS Big Band: Monday, 3:45pm – 5:00pm in Music Centre basement

TAS Senior Jazz Combo: Monday, 5:00pm – 6:00pm in Music Centre basement

TAS Singers: Tuesday, 7:30am – 8:30am in Music Centre basement

TAS Young Voices: Tuesday, 7:45am – 8:30am in Music Centre M2

TAS 3-5 Choir: Tuesday, 9:30am– 10:15am in Music Centre basement

TAS K-2 Choir: Tuesday, 11:40am – 12:25pm in Music Centre basement

TAS Cantique: Wednesday, 7.40am – 8:30am in Music Centre M2

The FanTAStics: Wednesday 7:50am – 8:40am in Music Centre basement

TAS Drummers: Wednesday 8:am – 8:40am in Music Centre M2

TAS Rock Bands (To Be Confirmed)

TAS Camerata: Thursday 7:30am – 8:30am in Music Centre basement

TAS Chamber Strings: Friday 7:30am – 8:30am in Music Centre M2

TAS Pipe Band: Friday 8:00am – 8:45am in McConville Centre

The Rolling Oates (rock band): Friday 8:00am – 8:40am in Music Centre basement

TAS Chapel Choir: Friday 3:45pm – 5:00pm in TAS Memorial Hall/ Chapel

TeamApp for Music Ensembles

The TAS Music Department is pleased to announce we will now be using [TeamApp](#) for communication with parents and students about music ensembles. Many of the sporting teams at TAS already use TeamApp, so it will be really simple just to add the Music team to your phone.

It has a handy calendar with all the rehearsals. You are able to quickly let the ensemble director know whether you will be able to attend your rehearsal, be reminded when to come, and can receive last-minute notices of change of venue or schedule.

We encourage all students and parents involved in the music ensembles to register. You can even receive the information via email, or use the desktop version of the program, if you don't want it on your smartphone.

Yours in music,

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Baumgartner, Mr Dunham, Mrs Duarte

MUSIC - THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Your Team. Your App.

Keep up-to-date with TAS vocal and instrumental ensembles with TeamApp.

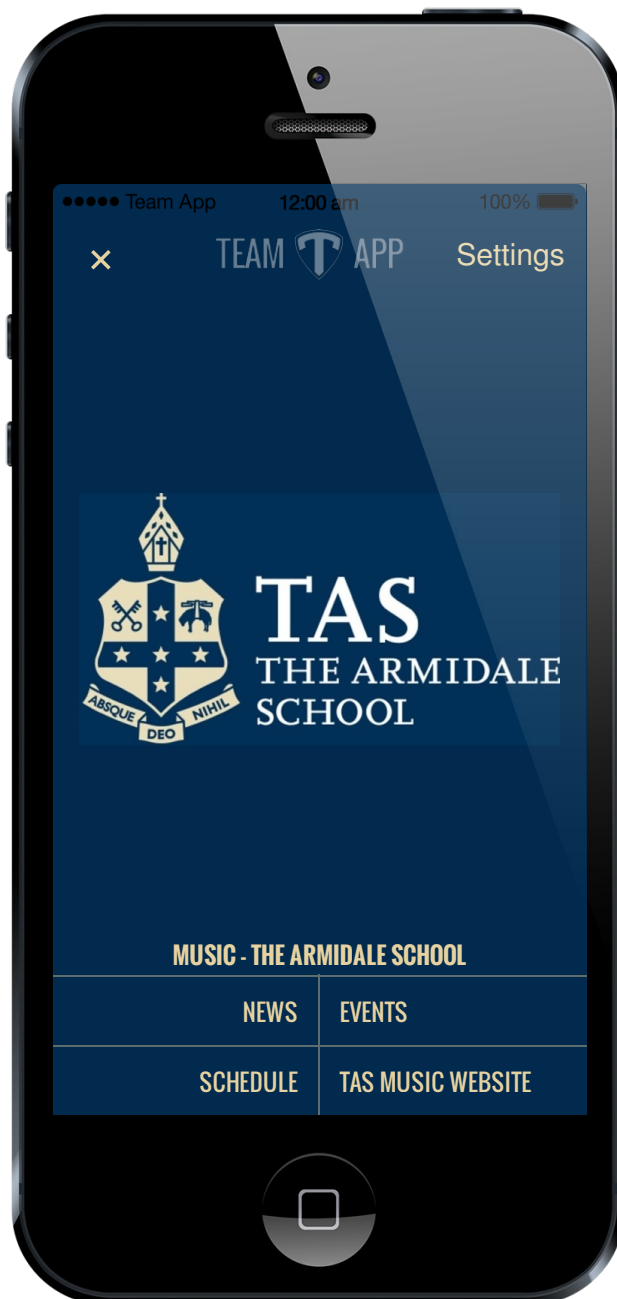
Even if you don't want use it on your smartphone you can still receive the info via email.

Follow these steps:

1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.



2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "Music - The Armidale School".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don't have a smartphone go to musicthearmidaleschool.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.



Need help?

Contact: Danielle Duarte

Email: dduarte@as.edu.au

Phone: 02 6776 5890

teamapp.com

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Welcome all

Well, we've begun: Day 1 passed as expected with real pace, renewed energy and a very reasonable level of enthusiasm. New students continue to navigate timetables, routines, school geography, including trips to the Senior School and lunch lines. All are adjusting to bell times, as well.

Last night all boarders attended their first Boarders' Assembly and then prep in the Boarding House. Tonight they'll experience their first Chapel Service. All went really well and, as I'm suspecting, if you're reading between the lines, the students (including day students) are especially busy and this is the best way of managing a new school for most and a new year for all.

I went to lunch, lunch duty, dinner and prep yesterday, all occasions presenting themselves as opportunities for me to talk to White House students and I want you to know, considering the fact that all things are new, we seem to be making the right kind of progress: this progress is of the steady kind, so you must bear with us. To ensure progress you can assist us greatly. Talk to your children and let us know of matters you think we should know about. It would be foolish of me to think that these young people will tell me everything, so I'm counting on you for your support.



Dates of Interest

The following dates and events will help you to know what we're doing and when...

3 - 5 February	Coast Weekend
9 February	ID photos (Formals to be worn)
16 February	Middle School Parent Information Session and barbecue followed by the War Cry Competition and some swimming events
17 February	Middle & Senior Swimming Championships
3 March	Activities Day No. 1
9 March	Summer sports photos
17 March	Activities Day No. 2
23 & 24 March Interviews	Year 6 & 7 Parent Teacher
31 March	Activities Day No. 3
1 April	Athletics Championships

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our parents, especially those whose children are starting with us for the first time. The buzz that was evident yesterday was very reassuring and I know that this continued through the day. Inevitably for a few, there may be some ups and downs and I encourage all parents to stay in touch with their classroom teachers and myself to keep us informed of how you and your children are traveling. We are always here to help.

In these early days, I encourage everyone to reach out to our new families and I thank our Liaison parents for the fantastic role they play. We are a tight knit community and this social fabric is never more evident than when we gather, as we will this Friday for our BBQ. Our Liaison Parents are a key element of our community and will be in touch with you all in relation to getting together socially and mustering troops when assistance is required for the upcoming swimming and athletics championships. You will find their names and contacts below and they will be in touch with you all soon. As a School, we thank them for their generous contribution for our families.

And to all our students, it is great to see you all and hear your bubbling voices. I hope you have a very fulfilling year.

Staffing Changes – 2017

We welcome Mrs Tania Hardin to the Junior School. Tania is well known to many of us and as a very experienced teacher, she has hit the ground running as she begins her time with us in Year 1 this year. I know Mrs Trenerry loves the challenge of Transition already and is enjoying her role enormously assisting our youngest settle into a routine.

We are very pleased that Mr Tim Scott and Mrs Leasea Cleaver have been allocated an extensive amount of time to respectively teach and support IT (and STEM related content) and Drama in the Junior School. In time, they will be explicitly teaching our students but their role is also to support our staff in the development of new and exciting classroom strategies and practices and directing change in terms of the use of resources. Ms Catherine Curtin has joined the team to teach Year 3 PDHPE and our Gap students are Patrick Cheboi from Kenya, who returns from last year and Brandon Sharp from South Africa.

Lastly, we welcome Mrs Sandra Lasker to the position of Junior School Administrative Assistant. I am sure you will meet her before long as she comes to terms with the broad range of tasks which present each (and every day!) in Junior School.



International Baccalaureate

As you will be aware, I received the very exciting news during Speech Day last year that we have been granted IB World School status. At the time, I may not have adequately thanked adequately our wonderful teachers who worked so hard for this achievement. Last Sunday and Monday this continued as we spent to very full days with Helen Morschel, a senior IB team leader in servicing all our staff including Specialist teachers on the nature and role of inquiry. It was time very well spent and as we take these practices into our classrooms, I am sure you will see the benefits and results of such a dynamic mode of teaching and learning. We will continue to update you all on other developments and encourage you to visit the IB website for further very informative information about this program. (<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/>)

Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School Osaka – TAS to visit August 2017

This year, this exciting exchange continues with TEZ visiting us in August – they must love the cold. While planning is still very early, the importance of our smaller school to host a large number of guests ensure this opportunity continues through the years. I encourage t you to seriously consider hosting one or two TEZ students for this time, knowing that the experience is enriching for our families as well. There will be further details published as soon as more information becomes available.

Welcome BBQ – Friday 3 February

I extend a (hopefully) warm and dry invitation to the Junior School BBQ, to be held this Friday in the Junior School covered area. We have developed a reputation for bringing the rain for this occasion, (and I note there is an 80% chance of 1 – 5 mm forecast!) so we will keep you posted through the week about the arrangements. It is a great way to start the school year with a BBQ and refreshments provided ensuring a great way for all our families to catch up after the break. Please bring the whole family along between 6.00 and 8.00 pm and I look forward to catching up with you there.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 3 February	JS Welcome BBQ – JS covered area 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Monday 6 February	Parent Info Night (6.00 -7.00 pm) Yrs K, 2, & 4 in JS classrooms
Wednesday 8 February	Parent Info Night (6.00 -7.00 pm) Yrs 1, 3, & 5 in JS classrooms Junior School photos. Formal uniform required Yr 5 Assembly
Thursday 16 February	Junior School Swimming Championships
Wednesday 15 February	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 20 – 24 February	JS Excursion Week

Happy Birthday

Many children celebrated their birthday during the holidays and we trust you all had a wonderful day. We also wish all children celebrating their birthday this week, a very Happy Birthday.

Junior School BBQ

This is a wonderful opportunity for new and returning TAS families and staff to get together and have a most enjoyable evening. We welcome and encourage all families to attend. The barbecue will be held in the Junior School playground on Friday, 3 February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The much loved jumping castle has been booked and will provide easy entertainment for the masses of children.

Formal Uniform – Wednesday 8 February

A reminder that children are required to wear formal uniform on this date as individual, family and class photographs will be taken. Please ensure that your photograph order is returned to the Junior School Office by that day. Please contact Main School reception if you did not receive your photo form in the mail earlier this year.

Contacting the Junior School Ph: 6776 5817

Parents may wish to leave a message on the Junior School answering machine by phoning 02-6776 5817. These messages are noted prior to school, during the recess and lunch breaks and after 3.30pm. A message left on the Junior School answering machine will enable staff to return your call at a suitable time. The main school number- 6776 5800, manned during office hours, may also be rung for more urgent matters as can the Head of Junior School's mobile number if required.

Naming Belongings

Parents are encouraged 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 blue lost property box is in the Junior School After School Care Centre 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.

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. Parents of students, who are ill at school, will be contacted to discuss the most appropriate care for their child.

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.

Camp Australia – After School Care After School Care in 2017

Camp Australia will host our after school care program again in 2017. If you would like to use the service throughout the year, you will need to register first with Camp Australia.

To register go to:

1. www.campastralia.com.au
2. On the home page go to 'new parent' and type in The Armidale School.
3. On the right hand side of the page 'registration'
4. After you have registered you can start making bookings online.

If you need more information or help, please contact the customer service team on 1300 105 343

2017 Liaison Parents for Junior School

Parent Liaison Co-ordinator – Mrs Lynelle Slade (Transition)

Transition	Lynelle Slade and Sarah Carruthers
Kindergarten	Melanie Fillios and Catherine Taylor
Year 1	Sarah Carruthers and Caroline Coupland
Year 2	Fiona Robb and Judy Brownlie
Year 3	Lynelle Slade and Ingrid Speedy
Year 4	TBC
Year 5	Jen Blackburn

Junior School Drama Club

After the successful introduction of an annual Junior School Musical we have decided to start an afternoon Drama Club for students in the Junior School. Mrs Leasa Cleaver, TAS Classroom Drama Teacher and the Director of the Junior School Musical will teach these classes.

Our goal is to introduce students to performance and to develop confidence and skills such as voice, body, creating characters and working with scripts – all in a fun, group environment. Drama Club will run for an hour after school during Terms 1-3. Term 4 will focus on rehearsals with leads for the Junior School Musical.

Classes are open to students from K- Year 5 and will be held in Hoskins on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

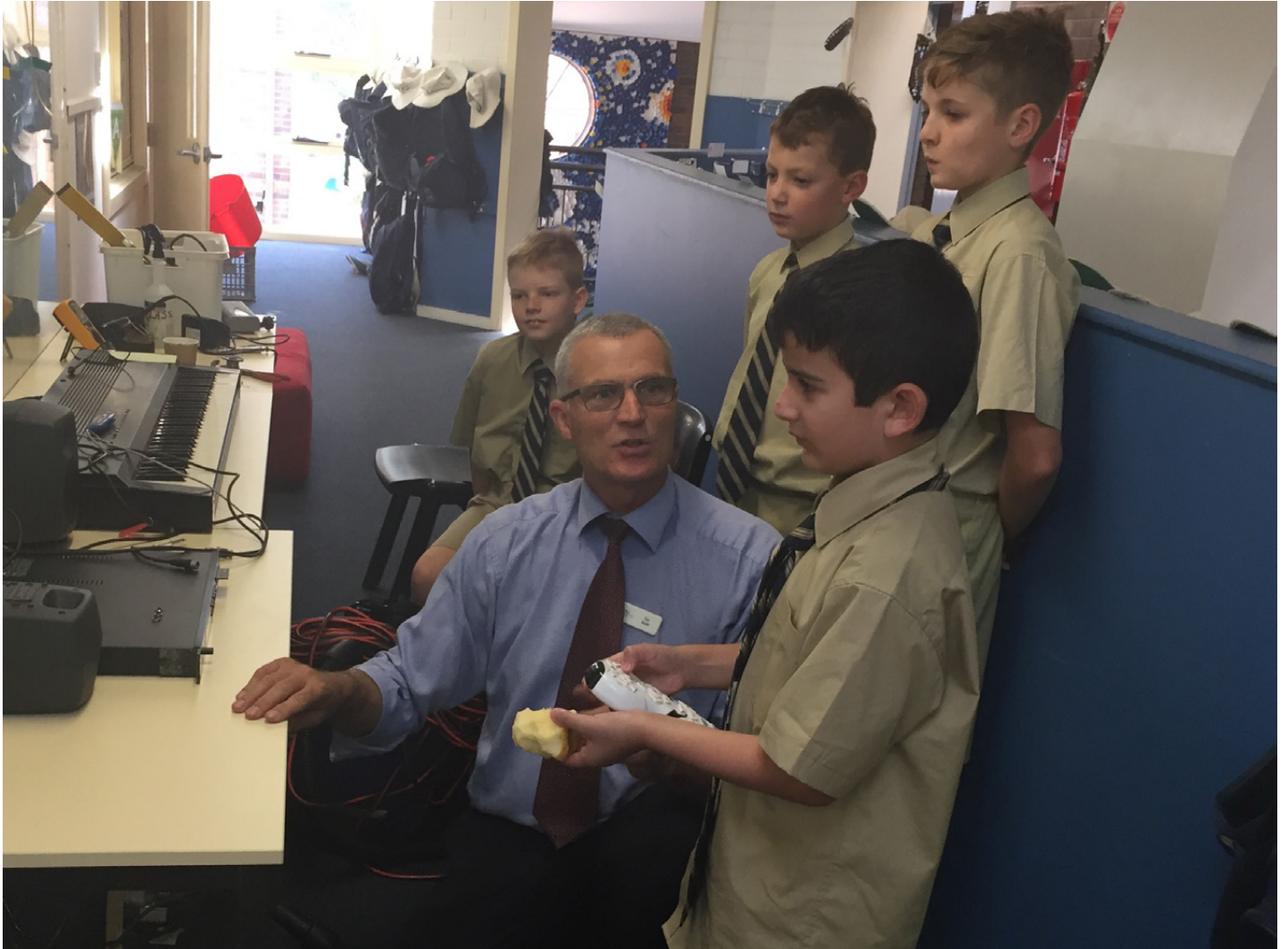
Click Junior School Drama Club 2017 to find out more or email lcleaver@as.edu.au

PYP Report

All Junior School teachers, including our specialist teachers commenced the school year by completing an International Baccalaureate workshop, which explored Trans disciplinary Teaching and Learning. There was also time spent exploring the role played by the Key and Related Concepts.

Having been verified as an International Baccalaureate school offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) at the conclusion of 2016, the workshop allowed for front loading of new knowledge, rigorous discussions, sharing and some valuable collaborative planning for 2017.

All classes will commence new Units of Inquiry (UOI) this week with students reviewing the attributes of the learner profile. There will be an opportunity to hear more about the PYP at parent information sessions next week.



Andrew Alkhouri and Mr Scott with some Year 5 students.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Summer Sports

Training for our Junior School students commences in Week 2. Training days and game days continue as per Term 4, 2016. Please contact Mrs Christine Wright at cwright@as.edu.au if your child would like to join our sports program this term.

Winter sports choices will be sent out later this term.

Junior School Swimming Championships

Our annual Swimming Championships is on Thursday, 16 February (Week 3). Your child will be bringing home a nomination form this week to complete. All students are encouraged to join in whether in a competitive form or in the novelty events if they are a non-swimmer.

There will be a cake stall available on the day provided by our wonderful parents. Please pop this date in your diary and come along to support your child if you are able.

If you have any questions about sport in the Junior School this year please flick me an email.

Looking forward to another great year in sport.

Mrs Christine Wright



**TAS
Hoskins Centre
FEB 15 7:30pm**

The
**Spooky
Men's
Chorale**

Ennobled by improbable facial hair, burdened by a vast, lovable incomprehension, and dignified with cavernous vocal chords, The Spooky Men's Chorale employs a devastating combination of beauty and stupidity to comment on the unsolvable paradoxes of being a man through a diverse repertoire: from Georgian table songs to immaculate ballads, vaudevillian nonsense to the Bee Gees.

The Spooky Men's Chorale, presented in association with Musica Viva Australia, is coming to these venues in 2017:

TAS Hoskins Centre, Armidale	Wed 15 Feb	Civic Centre, Gunnedah	Sat 18 Feb
Tamworth Capitol Theatre	Thu 16 Feb	Crossing Theatre, Narrabri	Sun 19 Feb
Royal Theatre, Quirindi	Fri 17 Feb	School of Arts, Tenterfield	Wed 22 Feb
		Chapel Theatre, Glen Innes	Thu 23 Feb

The Spookies will also run workshops at TAS Hoskins Theatre 15 Feb & Gunnedah Conservatorium 18 Feb



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STUDIO CONCERT

One of TAS's peripatetic guitar teachers can be seen live in concert next month. The first in Kerry Watson's monthly recital series will be 'Matt Nolan and guests'.

Matt Nolan has built a reputation as an accomplished guitar teacher and performer in Armidale. He relocated to Armidale, from Young (NSW), in order to pursue studies in music at UNE, graduating with a Bachelor of Music with Honours in 2011. Since that time, Matt has continued to pursue his studies in classical guitar, whilst developing a breadth of practice in other genres, on a variety of electric and acoustic instruments. More recently, Matt's interest in Celtic and finger style steel string guitar repertoires has earned him acclaim via his local solo performances and 2016 album - "Matt Nolan: Finger Style Guitar".

Concert 1: Matt Nolan - Five Guitars

Date: February 12, 2017

Time: 2pm

Venue: Studio address - to be advised in email confirmation of booking

Tickets: Adults \$10 at the door/school aged students free

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - limited seating. Please book your seat(s) via email response to mattnolan4@gmail.com. The studio address will be forwarded with confirmation of your booking.

To sample some of Matt's work, please listen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-iDQT15i04>

Matt will be playing both 'old' and 'new' music, including original works and arrangements by: Tony McManus, Nikita Koshkin, Julian Lage, Eric Roche, Monteverdi, Turlough O'Carolan, Louis Armstrong, Steve Baughman, Preston Reed, John Rodge and Muriel Anderson. This will be a special programme for guitar enthusiasts, students and music appreciators of all ages, showcasing five hand-crafted luthier built guitars of varying styles.



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Enrol now for 2017!



Choral Program

The acclaimed New England Singers provides talented and committed young singers in years 7-12 the opportunity to develop their musical skills in a challenging and inspiring environment focused on achieving excellence in performance.



Instrumental Lessons

NECOM's Instrumental Program offers instrumental lessons by our dedicated teacher-musicians or Music Educator Members. For children through to adults, string, brass and woodwind lessons at NECTOM or in schools are available, along with an option to hire instruments.



Ensembles

NECOM provides a range of ensembles for beginners to intermediate and advanced students in the Chamber Ensemble Program, Armidale Youth String Orchestra and Armidale Youth Orchestra. These ensembles provide an excellent opportunity for young musicians to develop advanced aural, co-ordination, music reading, technical and communication skills.

**Music is for everyone so come and learn in a fun and friendly environment.
Instrumental Hire and Bursaries are available.**

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Foundation Music Program

Providing a comprehensive training pathway that lays down the best foundations required to inspire and support young musicians to develop their innate musical talents.



Ensemble Program

Our range of ensembles for beginners in the Foundation Program and for intermediate and advanced students in the Chamber Ensemble Program, Armidale Youth String Orchestra and Armidale Youth Orchestra.

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RICK HATCH - POTTERY CLASSES

Rick and Suzanne Hatch are again offering after-school classes in clay work. We have been preparing for weeks and have 2 great projects ready to go. the goal of our teaching is for the children to have heaps of fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative flair.

- **Where:** Classes are held in Art Room 1 of the Hoskins Centre at The Armidale School
- **Who and When:** Years K to 4 are on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm
Years 5 and up are on Thursdays from 4 pm to 5 pm
- Children may arrive any time after 3:20 pm
- Classes begin on Tuesday 7 February and Thursday 9 February. There will be no class on 21 & 23 February as this is Excursion week for TAS Junior School
- Classes run for six weeks, followed by a Party and Exhibition celebrating the work done by the students
- Cost : \$ 150. This includes the cost of materials and firing of the work

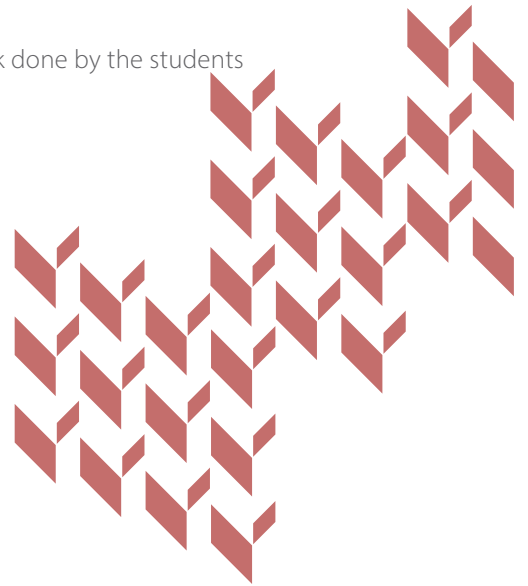
For enrolment and further information:

Contact Rick Hatch on 6772 5371 or email weemalapot@yahoo.com.au

Please include your child's age and name , and your name and phone number

Kind regards,

Rick Hatch



- **Thursday 9th February** – 1.5hr 6pm-7.30pm
session for ages 13-17 \$35 per child
- **Friday 10th February** – 1.5 hr 6pm – 7.30pm
session for ages 17+ \$35 per person
- **Saturday 11th February** – 1hr 8am – 9am
session for ages 8-12 \$25 per child



Great prizes to be given away!!!



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