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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 8 February, 2017 Term 1 Week 2

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Coast Weekend

Last weekend at the coast was an enjoyable and successful time away for our boarding houses and particularly for the many students who have settled into new houses for the year. Establishing relationships, growing friendships and becoming comfortable with one another is so important in these first days of the school year and Coast Weekend is a clear milestone in achieving that. I was disappointed to find that new local government regulations had taken the 'jetty jump' and our chance to bring all the houses together off the program, but it was clear to see that that did little to dampen spirits or the enjoyment of the time away.

I offer special thanks to the many staff who joined our students at the coast. For a good number of them this was the beginning of a year of considerable time on buses and away from family and the generous spirit in which those staff took to the weekend speaks volumes for their commitment to our students.

State Rowing Championships

As the term moves into full swing in classes and boarding houses, so too does the sporting calendar. Our four rowing crews will take their biggest challenge of the season thus far this weekend as they compete in the NSW State Championships at Penrith. After their training camp and regattas at Taree and Grafton this next step will see them on the water at the Olympic venue with the best school and club crews from around NSW and that experience in itself will be memorable. I look forward to seeing them in action and know that all at TAS will join in wishing them every success.



Swimming Carnivals and War Cries

Next week will see a lot of action in the swimming pool with junior and senior swimming carnivals and the start of inter-house competition for the year. For our competitive swimmers this is the opportunity to secure places in our teams to move on to representative level and for others it is the chance to show their commitment to their houses and enjoy the great atmosphere that the war cry competition and swimming carnivals generate. For those students new to the School, it is important to know that TAS has a long and very strong culture of full participation in our inter-house competitions and nowhere is this seen better than in the pool. Getting involved and having a go is always applauded here and even those who struggle in the pool will be admired if they offer their best efforts.

For Middle and Senior School, the distance races and war cry competition on Thursday evening and the full day of swimming on Friday have been timed to be family events. Parents attending the Middle School information sessions on Thursday afternoon will be able to stroll down to the pool after the barbecue in time for the war cries and many boarding families will take the opportunity to head home for the weekend with their sons and daughters after the carnival on Friday. These are also opportunities for our P&F to welcome new families to the School and showcase the community spirit that is so much a part of our school culture. I encourage all who can possibly make it to join us on Thursday and Friday.

Fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation

Our student leaders will use the swimming carnivals and war cry night to launch their charity fundraising for 2017. They have chosen the Leukaemia Foundation as their first priority for the year in particular recognition of TAS Year 3 student Lucy Holland who was diagnosed with Leukaemia in Term 4 last year and has been undergoing treatment in Brisbane since then. Lucy's courage in her journey battling this disease has inspired our leaders to get behind her and the foundation that works to support leukaemia sufferers and fund research toward a cure. I encourage all students and parents to come to the carnivals ready to support this fundraising effort as generously as you can.

Mr Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 2

Wednesday 8 February	ID Photos (Years T-6) – formal uniform Years 1, 3 and 5 information evening (Junior School)
Thursday 9 February	ID Photos (Years 7-12) – 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
Tuesday 14 February	Middle and Senior School Swimming Carnival - Pre Events (7pm)
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

Week 5

Monday 27 February	TAS Scholarship and Expo Day
Wednesday 1 March	Headmaster's Country Tour (HMCT) Tamworth
Thursday 2 March	HMCT - Scone
Friday 3 March	Activities Day 1

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



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

The Parents and Friends Association would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents and staff as we come together for another busy year. It is wonderful that we have over 130 new students starting in 2017 and the P&F would like to invite all new families (and existing ones) to come and join us in supporting TAS through fundraisers, functions and get togethers. Term 1 is always very busy for us all and you will see the P&F working hard and having fun at the:

- **Junior School Swimming Championships – Thursday 16 February**
- **Middle/Senior School War Cries P&F Welcome BBQ – Thursday 16 February**
- **Middle/Senior Swimming Championships – Friday 17 February**
- **Athletics Championships at the start of April and, of course, the**
- **TAS Rugby Carnival in April.**

It will be no surprise to any of you that we would love your assistance at these events, and more details will be released over the next few weeks. Don't forget - all proceeds raised go back into supporting the School.

Our first call to action is the Junior School Swimming Carnival followed closely by the War Cry BBQ and Senior School Swimming Championships.

The P&F will be holding our traditional cake stall at both Junior and Senior Swim Carnivals and would appreciate any, and all, donations of yummy snacks for the students to buy and boost their energy! Home-made or store bought – we welcome all donations!! Please send your donation to the P&F stall just near the pool. If you have a little time to spare, we would love a little assistance too. Just drop Rachael Nicoll a line on nicollfamily1@gmail.com You'll also be receiving emails from your Year Group Liaison Parents asking for help and donations in the next little while.

War Cries BBQ 5-7pm Thursday 16 February

On the night of the Middle/Senior School War Cries the P&F will be hosting a BBQ under the Junior School Covered Area from 5-7pm for all families that are not involved in the Middle School Introductory Evening. For a small cost you can have a sausage sandwich and a drink, so that you don't starve during War Cries... Come and join us, meet some new people and prepare yourselves for the competition that is TAS War Cries...

Meeting tonight!!

Our first meeting for the year is on tonight!! All Parents and Friends are welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet people, find out what the P&F is up to and join us in some wee drinks and nibbles to keep the evening fun. The meeting starts at 7pm in the Lower Maxwell Room.

How to keep up with what the P&F is doing

If you wish to know what the P&F are up to the main ways to find out are:

- Your Year Group Liaison Parents – they are here to help. They will also send out emails from time to time telling what the P&F is up to.
- Contact one of the P&F Executive – Sue Cartwright (P&F President), Rachael Nicoll (Vice President), Melissa Jubb (Treasurer) or Sal Molesworth (Secretary).
- Read TAS Talks – we will regularly update you on what happening
- Sign up to our Facebook page – We've entered the age of social media and can be found at Facebook – search TAS Parents & Friends. Just 'Like' us and you'll be kept abreast of what's going on.

Liaison Parents

For each student year group, volunteer liaison parents help co-ordinate the P&F efforts throughout the year as well as arranging social events and get togethers for families. This network provides parents with the opportunity to contribute to the life of the school in a meaningful way. It is also the key method for helping new families 'learn the ropes'.

If you would like to become a liaison parent, or even if you would like to know a little more about what is involved, please email me your contact details at suecart@uow.edu.au and I will give you a call.

We will be having a welcome for all Liaison Parents later in the term – more details to come.

Mrs Sue Cartwright

Freedom

1 John 1

Chiselled into the marble in the foyer of a famous organisation are the words of Jesus “you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

That organization is the CIA.

As much as the CIA may not live by these words the statement is true. It is truth that brings freedom. For without truth it is all speculation and guesswork.

Without knowing the truth we guess the answers in exams, without truth we guess the meaning of life, without truth it's all speculation and guesswork.

It's the same with God. If I have my views about God and you have your views, who is to say who is right and wrong? It's all speculation, it's all guesswork.

A famous Greek philosopher called Socrates went around asking all the gurus of the day and can to the same conclusion. Stating:

“We must wait until a man is sent from the gods or a god is sent from gods to tell us what Gods are like.”

Socrates conclusion after speaking to all the great thinkers of ancient Greece was that no one really knew anything; it was all guesswork about God, nothing more than opinions and speculations.

Yet in 1 John chapter 1 we have a description of what will bring freedom from speculation and guesswork. John writes about things he has heard, seen and touched. Describing that God did indeed become man to give clarity and show us what God is like. It is the truth of Jesus that will bring us freedom from myths, opinions and speculation about God. It is this truth that will set us free.



DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE , BARNEY BUNTINE

Setting goals and knuckling down to work

Life at TAS has begun in its typically busy fashion and it hasn't taken long for Christmas and the holidays to seem terribly distant. Coast Weekend was another wonderful success and, even though new rules sadly made the jetty jump a thing of the past, all those who went, albeit a bit tired and sunburnt today, would attest to what a great trip it is.

In many other ways, though, it's down to the business of things here and teachers are keen to establish healthy patterns of work in and out of the classroom. It's a great time also for parents to support us in this, so chat to teachers, Advisors and others such as Heads of House about how home can complement the goals and practices of School. At the end of the day, the message from home about all elements of schooling, but especially the academics, is so central to success.

There is no better time of the year than now to also reflect on goals beyond the classroom. There is so much on offer here and our best performing academics are invariably also immersed in the co-curricular program, from creative arts to Cadets, from sports to service opportunities and expeditions. Perhaps have the conversation with your son or daughter about what they might extract from their time here and map out some goals.

Time will pass quickly and Easter will be here before we know it!



Mr Barney Buntine

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

I hope all students have settled in well to the routine of school. It is important to set a good study and revision plan. Study skills are learning strategies that help students organise, process, and use information effectively. Below are a couple of tips that may help to get started.

Get Organised. Making a plan for what you're going to do and when you're going to do it will make sure you're always ahead of the curve - literally.

Don't multitask. Studies have shown that multitasking is physically impossible.

Divide it up. Studying isn't fun to begin with, and forcing yourself through a study marathon will only make it worse. Dividing your work into manageable chunks and rewarding yourself when you finish each chunk will make studying (more) fun.

Sleep. Don't underestimate the importance of those eight hours of zzz's every night! Getting a good night's rest will sharpen your focus and improve your working memory.

Set a schedule. Do you work better right after school or after you've eaten dinner? Are you more productive in 90-minute blocks or half-hour spurts? Find a schedule that works for you, and stick to it.

Take notes. Taking notes will not only keep you more engaged during class, but will also help you narrow down what you need to study when exam time rolls around. It's much easier to reread your notes than to reread your entire textbook!

Study. This one might be obvious, but did you know that there's a right and a wrong way to study? Review your material several days ahead of time, in small chunks, and in different manners (for example, write flashcards one day and take practice tests the next). In other words, don't cram.

Manage your study space. Find a place that will maximize your productivity. Look for places away from the television and other distractions. Whether it's your local library or just the desk in your bedroom, set aside a study space that you'll want to spend time in.

Find a study group. Sitting down with a group of people who are learning the same things as you is a great way to go over confusing class material or prepare for a big test. You can quiz each other, reteach material, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. After all, teaching someone else is the best way to learn.





Ask questions. You're in school to learn, so don't be afraid to do just that! Asking for help - from a teacher, a tutor or your friends - is a surefire way to make sure you truly understand the material.

http://opportunity.org/learn/lists/10-habits-of-successful-students?gclid=CKDA84bj_tECFYGVvAodoBAMyA#.WJo3YMdc07R

HSC Tutoring

Extra tutoring for Year 11 and Year 12 students begins this week.

Year 11

Tuesday - 2U Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Block)

Wednesday - Maths Ext (7 - 8pm - Cash Block)

-English - 8 - 9pm (Fisher classrooms)

Thursday - General Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Block)

Year 12

Tuesday - 2U Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Block)

Wednesday - Maths Ext 8 - 9pm - Cash Block

-English 7 - 8pm (Fisher Classrooms)

Thursday - General Maths (8-9pm - Cash Block)

These tutoring sessions are free to all Year 11 & Year 12 students.

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: gpiper1@as.edu.au or 0410 924 191

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING , MICHAEL HOLLAND

It is difficult to believe that we have only been back at school for a week. So much has happened already but the highlight has definitely been Coast Weekend, which saw all boarders and many day students staying at different locations in and around Coffs Harbour.

This year I was invited to help out with the girls (day and boarding) at Nambucca Heads. I hadn't been there before and the beauty of the place blew me away. I was equally impressed by the attitudes on display from the girls who were all keen to enjoy the weekend and make the most of their time together.

It didn't take me long to gravitate towards my natural habitat close to the BBQ and I really enjoyed the opportunity to cook and chat. Again, I was impressed by the willingness of the girls to get in and help with food prep, cooking and even the cleaning afterwards. Cleaning a BBQ is not much fun at the best of times but after 100 marinated chicken skewers or the same number of bacon rashers it certainly requires some elbow grease.

I caught up with the other Houses and was delighted to see them having so much fun and to hear about their willingness to assist as well. Flip Out was a popular destination but after 10 minutes of extreme trampolining, everyone was jostling for position in front of the industrial sized fans. The beach was great and White House was treated to some lessons in bodysurfing from our resident expert, Mr Guest. Some boys even managed to catch a couple of fish. The Big Banana also proved popular with slides and a variety of other activities.

With Coast Weekend behind us, we are well and truly into the thick of it with academic work starting to ramp up and War Cry Night and the Swimming Carnival coming up on Thursday and Friday of next week. These are two events that I strongly encourage you come along to if you are able. The war cries are truly something to behold and the spirit on display at the swimming carnival is as good if not better than any I have ever seen.

Professional development is something that I have a particular interest in and I am pleased that we have been able to arrange for all of our Residential Staff to undertake the Duty of Care training provided by the Australian Boarding Schools Association. All Heads of House and Deputies have already done the training and will receive a Certificate in Residential Care. Our Residential staff will be hard at work today and tomorrow. The course provides outstanding insights into boarding and what is required to provide the best care for boarders.



Many of you have used REACH already to submit leave requests and I trust you are finding it useful and convenient. If you have any difficulties, please contact your Head of House or you can contact me directly.

I hope you have a great week and I look forward to catching up with you at the War Cry Night or Swimming Carnival.

Mr Michael Holland

GIRLS' EDUCATION DIRECTOR , ALEX POLLITT

A sense of community....

What a start we've had to 2017! I had the pleasure of taking away 64 day and boarding girls plus eight staff to Nambucca Heads over Coast Weekend. The weather, while hot, was perfect for the beach, shopping and all the fun of the Big Banana. I couldn't help but reflect on the fact that this time last year we had 30 girls attending Coast Weekend, all brand new and very much the 'novelty' at school. In just 12 months we were double the size and girls were comfortable and welcoming many new faces into the fold. It was exciting to witness this development.

I loved watching girls mix across year levels, but the highlight for me wasn't the laughter or fun, or friendships forming, although that was lovely to see, the highlight for me were the small acts of kindness shown by many of the girls. These girls didn't publicise or make a big deal of their kindness, they were just caring and thoughtful which suggested to me it was more a reflection of who they were, rather than making a special effort this particular weekend. If someone was feeling a bit homesick others would surround them. If someone was looking lost another girl would step in. The senior girls took the younger girls under their wing and there was a sense that the group was looking out for each other.

We can talk about having a sense community and we would all agree that it's important, but this weekend I saw it in action. I'm sure all the other coast groups can attest to the same thing. However, I got to thinking about 'community' and how as we grow we could easily lose that 'community' feel. It's easy for some students to feel lost or overlooked as numbers increase. The message I want girls and boys to take away from this weekend is that each person in this place is a part of an amazing school with many opportunities, but that each of them, and indeed all of us, is responsible for maintaining and developing the wonderful sense of community here at TAS. 'Community' needs active participation. It needs eyes to see those who need encouragement, and extra care and compassion. It needs hearts that are open and willing to connect with others no matter who they are and it needs ears that are attuned to hearing what someone is really saying, sometimes beneath the words they use. As we grow we have to be intentional about the community we maintain, but also the community we 'build'.

May 2017 be the year of fostering our sense of community across all spheres of the school and as we grow may we all see it as OUR responsibility, both individually and collectively, to help those around us feel a sense of pride and belonging here at TAS.

I'd like to say a special thank you to all the staff who helped make the Girls Coast Weekend such a success: Miss Channon (who also drove our mini bus!), Miss Curtain, Miss Macri, Miss Cant, Miss Scott, Miss Blackford, Miss Chivers and Mr 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.

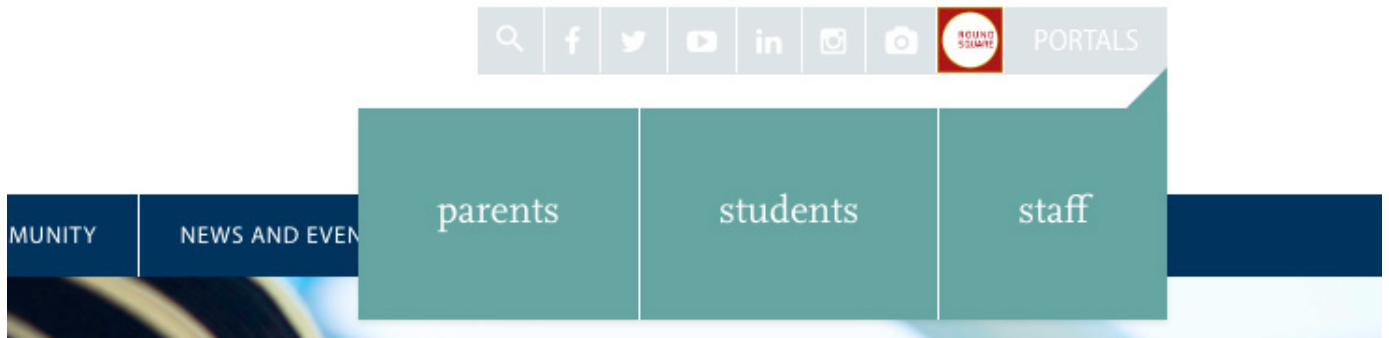
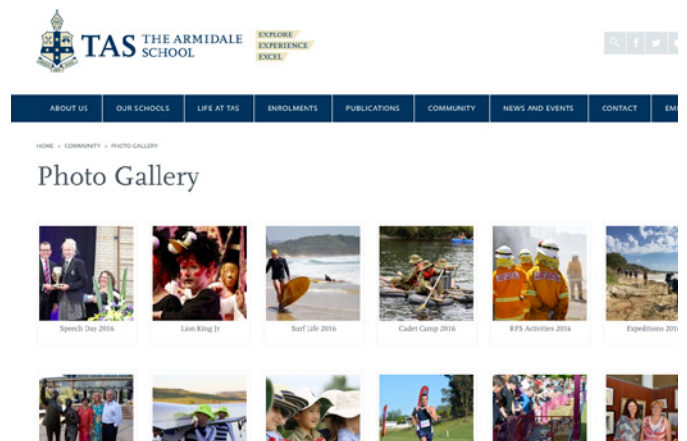


PHOTO GALLERY

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

How was your game?

“We won 3-1” or “we came 5th.” If you are lucky you will receive some context : “last time they beat us 4-3” or “there were eight in the race”. We have been conditioned to focus on outcome and comparisons to others. But is this the response you were seeking? What are you really wanting to know?

As a parent, I want to know, did you have fun? What did you learn? What was the highlight? What aspects of your game did you improve on? Was there an opportunity for social interaction? Sport is character building. Its worth cannot be measured by a score-line.

So we need to re-educate the respondent by rephrasing our questions. Focus on the whole game and recognise that the game is a metaphor for life. How we play shapes who we are and the impact we have on others.

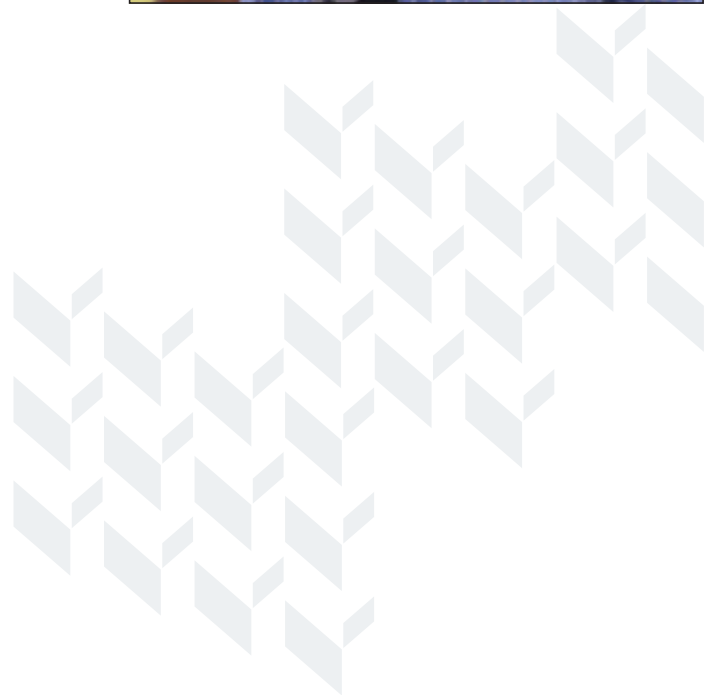
MIC and Administrator of Netball

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Rachel Harrison as MIC Netball and Miss Alice Hudson as Netball Administrator. Both ladies are passionate about Netball and developing young players and I thank them for taking on this commitment. With the competition commencing at the end of week 7 Miss Hudson will be ensuring that all players are registered by 24 February whilst Miss Harrison will be organizing Trials and selecting teams.

Get Connected – TeamApp

More members of the TAS community are getting connected through “Team App”

Players and Supporters of Rugby, Kayaking, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Rowing, Shooting, Music, Science, Triathlon, Cricket, TAS Rugby Carnival and Mountain Biking, can sign up to ensure that all new notifications appear instantly on your mobile phone or computer.



Complete instructions are as follows:

Go to Google Play or App Store

Search for Team App

Download Team App

Open Team App

Search for The Armidale School

Sign up including the group or groups you want to join

(You will receive an email to verify your account)

(Your account will then be approved by an administrator)

Log In and you will be able to see team lists, events and live scores, as well as links to Official TAS websites.

If you need any additional help please contact Mr Tim Wheaton by email twheaton@as.edu.au

NCIS Hockey

The NCIS Hockey Trials Day is to be held in Grafton at the Clarence Valley Regional Hockey Complex on Tuesday 21 February.

The trials are for all hockey players interested in representing NCIS in a team or as individuals for the following events:

- Open Primary Boys/Girls – NCIS teams to compete on May 15 in Sydney.
- 16 and Under Girls – NCIS team to compete on March 28 in Sydney (to retain the CIS Championships!)
- Open Secondary Boys/Girls – Individual nominations for CIS trials on 24 May in Sydney.

All Nominations are due by Thursday 9 February to Mr Michael Ball mball@as.edu.au. A bus will transport students down and back on the day. More information will be sent out as soon as nominations have been received.

Swimming Championships

One week to go.... Events commence next Tuesday 14 February at 7pm (6:30pm warm-up), for those competing in 50m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley.

All entry cards should have been submitted to House Captains and a Draw will be published on the Sports Noticeboard (in the quadrangle) and on the MS Noticeboard.

The following link will provide you with the full schedule of events: <http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2016/01/events-schedule-2017-.pdf>

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular



Mountain Biking

It was a very hot afternoon for the first round of the 2017 NEMTB Summer Series on Monday night. There are two races each Monday evening in this series - the first is for junior riders and anyone else unable to ride at the later time, and the second generally attracts the senior riders. Each race consists of riders seeing how many laps of the 1.5km track they can complete in the thirty-five minute time frame. So it is essentially a 'race against the clock', but with the added excitement of racing against fellow competitors.

It was wonderful to see so many new (and returning) TAS students participating in this first race of the term, despite the scorching conditions! Well done to all students who came along to compete or who just tried out the track for the first time and then supported their fellow team mates during the race. There was a strong contingent of TAS riders in the U19, U17, U15 and U13 Male categories which was great to see. Angus Apps, Harry Graham and Angus Cornall all rode exceptionally to place 1st, 3rd and 4th respectively in the U19's. Likewise in the U17's Duncan Chalmers placed 2nd, Sam King; 3rd, Joe Sewell; 4th, Hamish Tydd; 6th, Ashton Hall; 7th and Tom Deshon 8th. The U15's saw more solid performances from TAS students with Riley Simmons placing 3rd, Archie Chick 4th, Archi Lawrence 5th, Harry Chandler 7th, Ethan Bellman 8th and Jack Armstrong 9th. The full results are well worth checking out, and be found here: http://my5.raceresult.com/68063/?lang=en#0_9710F7 In the U13's Toby Inglis, Jeremy Carter, Louis Ross, Wylie Wright and Hamish Chalmers all executed their ride with much strength and determination (however their times weren't recorded due to being in the younger age category). Congratulations to all students who participated on Monday.

More photos from this race can be seen on the TAS MTB webpage here <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/mountainbiking/>

Mrs Jo Benham
MIC Mountain Biking



Riley Simmons (U15)



Tom Deshon (U17) and Louis Ross (U15)

Basketball

Basketball training resumed last week. Please note, there are no competition games until Week 4 (draw to be announced late next week). Training times are:

Wednesday Afternoons 3:45 - 5:00pm - Years 9 and 10.

Thursday Afternoons 3:45 - 5:00pm - Years 7 and 8.

Thursday Aternoons 4:30 - 6:00pm - Opens

This weekend will be the first weekend of Inter-house Basketball. This starts on Saturday morning (10 Feb) from 9-11am, including a cooked breakfast. Please meet in the gym at 9am. Please ensure that you are wearing your house shirt. This session is made more successful by the number of people who turn up to play.

Basketball now has a TeamApp. This app is where current team lists are and where draws will be published. You can subscribe to this app and see your child's training calendar and when the games will be, and receive notifications. Additionally, you are able to also leave a note through the app if you are absent from training or a game. Please see the flyer for information about how to download. When you create an account, please include the name of your child for why you want to join so I can add you to the correct group. Please email me at lpolson@as.edu.au with any questions.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Basketball

Cricket

To keep you up to date with team selections and fixtures, then can all cricketers please download team app.

Below is the information you need to follow.

CRICKET - THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL


NOW HAS ITS OWN APP



Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Cricket - The Armidale School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:

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



Need help?

Contact: Amanda Robins
Email: arobins@as.edu.au
Phone: 0267765800

teamapp.com

BASKETBALL-THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL


NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

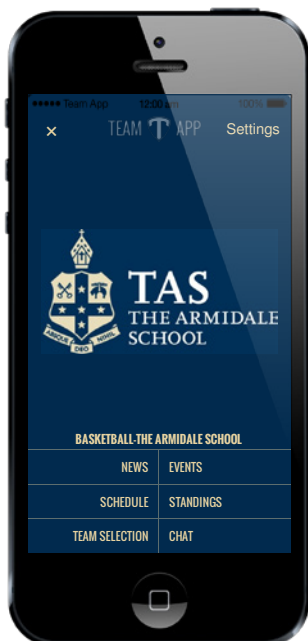


Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the Basketball-The Armidale School App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:

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



Need help?

Contact: Luke Polson - MIC TAS Basketball
Email: lpolson@as.edu.au
Phone: 02 6776 5800

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CREATIVE ARTS

This week the Year 11 and 12 Drama students head off to Sydney for the Drama excursion to watch OnStage, a showcase of the top HSC works from 2016. While there they will be going to see shows at both Belvoir Theatre and Griffin Theatre and participate in a number of different Drama activities. It is always an excellent opportunity for the students to push their understanding of the course and see what the top standards look like in both the Individual Project and Group Project areas and I am sure more than a few will return home motivated for the year ahead.

Next Wednesday night the Hoskins Centre is being visited by the wonderfully wacky and exceptionally entertaining Spooky Men's Chorale. Tickets are close to selling out so if you haven't yet grabbed one from the Hoskins Centre website (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/event/the-spooky-mens-chorale/>) I suggest you hurry. While in town on Wednesday they will be running a masterclass and all keen vocalists should make it a priority. More information about this can be found on the poster overleaf.

An announcement about the Middle School production is coming from Mrs Cleaver today, with a change-up to the style of project that should raise the profile of the work and challenge our fine young performers. Here in TAS Talks next week will be plenty of information on the show and the audition process so keen students should be ready and waiting.

And on Friday next week at 5:30pm we will be launching the Hoskins Centre's Season 2017. This public launch will bring members of the community in to hear from the companies presenting works this year, as well as other Arts groups in attendance. We aim for it to be a great celebration of the Arts (as well as a chance to know what fantastic productions are gracing our stage this year) and all members of the TAS community (some of whom are already involved in productions) are encouraged to come and support. If you have any questions about the launch, or are involved in a local Arts group who would like to present, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



The Spooky Men's Chorale Vocal Workshop Wednesday 15 February 1:30pm – 3pm

The Spooky Men's Chorale are touring to the Hoskins Centre for a night of wacky vocal amusement on Wednesday 15 February and while in town we are incredibly fortunate to have them run a vocal workshop for high school students keen on developing their skills as vocalists. Running from 1:30pm – 3pm in the Hoskins Centre, the "How to be Spooky" workshop reveals secrets from the spooky lexicon, including how to get in contact with your inner chieftain, the four states of spookiness, and how to sob like a man. The audience can either witness the whole experience or become guinea pigs in a grandiose experiment where they may learn a ditty or discover how to grunt properly. Places in the workshop are just \$10 and it is an opportunity that should not be missed!

Places can be booked by following this link <https://www.trybooking.com/OPUX> or through the Hoskins Centre event page (<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/>)

And just in case you need to know a little more about the Spookies:

The Spooky Men's Chorale emerged blithering and blinking eyed from the Blue Mountains 16 years ago, and armed with no more than their voices, a nice line in deadpan, and an ill matched set of hats, have been gleefully disturbing audiences throughout Australia, New Zealand and the UK ever since.

With repertoire ranging from Georgian table songs to immaculate ballads, vaudevillian nonsense and a mock Sufi ode to the Bee Gees, they have earned a reputation for highly amusing and entertaining performances built on a solid musical base under the leadership of Stephen Taberner.

Standout Australian appearances include the Woodford Festival, The National Folk Festival, Blue Mountains Festival, Port Fairy Festival, and Hobart Festival of Voices. They have featured on ABC TV in Spicks and Specks and The New Inventors, and live on ABC radio many times. Internationally they have enjoyed great acclaim during six UK tours, giving 170 performances to 80,000 people at music festivals, theatrical venues and local concerts. They have also appeared at festivals in Denmark and Sweden.



MUSIC MATTERS

Instrumental & Vocal Tuition

Individual tuition is available at TAS for voice and a huge range of instruments. More information and Tuition Enrolment Forms are available on the TAS Music website <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music/>. Please contact one of the Music Team if you would like advice. Completed forms will be forwarded to tutors, who will make contact with families to arrange suitable lesson times and to discuss payment.

Vocal and instrumental lessons

Vocal and instrumental lessons have commenced again for the term. If students are not sure of their tuition time please contact the tutor. A reminder that instruments must be brought to every lesson. Boarders may leave them in the safe storage area of the Music Centre when they are not being used.

A reminder that it is the responsibility of students and their families to notify peripatetic music tutors of any foreseeable absences due to other commitments. That way make-up lessons may be arranged if adequate notice is given. Please check with your tutor what their policy is with regard to missed lessons and illness.

Boarders' Practice

TAS boarders will be able to access the Music Centre during practice sessions ([Click here](#)) in the evenings during the term to practice their instrument. A Boarders' Practice Supervisor will be in the Music Centre for each session to oversee and assist students with their work.

Ensemble rehearsals have commenced

Details of our wide range of vocal and instrumental ensembles are on our website at <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music/>. We have ensembles for all levels of experience and also for all ages. Students wishing to continue, or join up for the first time, should put their name down on the lists displayed on the Music Centre's front noticeboard.

[See Ensemble Rehearsal times \[PDF\]](#)

TeamApp for Music Ensembles

As announced in the last edition of TAS Talks, the TAS Music Department will now be using TeamApp for communication with parents and students about music ensembles. 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.

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).
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New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) Program

The TAS Music Team works closely with New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) and is involved in many ways with their fantastic programs and events [[link to NECOM http://www.necom.org.au](http://www.necom.org.au)]. TAS supports students who are involved in NECOM ensembles and events has a minibus that departs TAS at 3.40pm each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during term to transport students up to the Old Teachers' College in Mossman Street for NECOM ensembles.

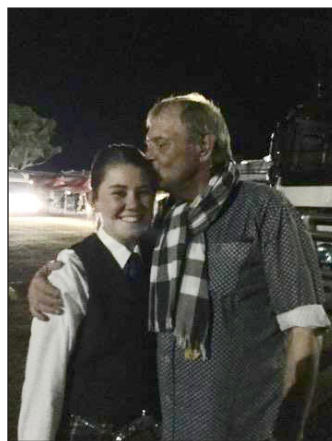
Australia Day Award for NECOM's 2016 New England Sings!

NECOM's 2016 New England Sings! has won the Armidale Regional Council's Australia Day Award for Community Event of the Year. This is recognition of the outstanding success of this amazing choral project made possible by school principals, staff, students and parents. All students who participated are to be congratulated and we thank their parents for their support of 2016 New England Sings! The Australia Day Award is a fitting recognition of the great achievement of the long-term commitment and passion that goes in to Music education in the New England region. Find out more about NECOM [here](#).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hayley Whitehill (Year 8) for her magnificent performance on the bagpipes as she joined rock legend John Farnham to perform "You're the Voice". Hayley performed onstage in front of a sold out crowd as part of the Red Hot Summer Tour in Port Macquarie.

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



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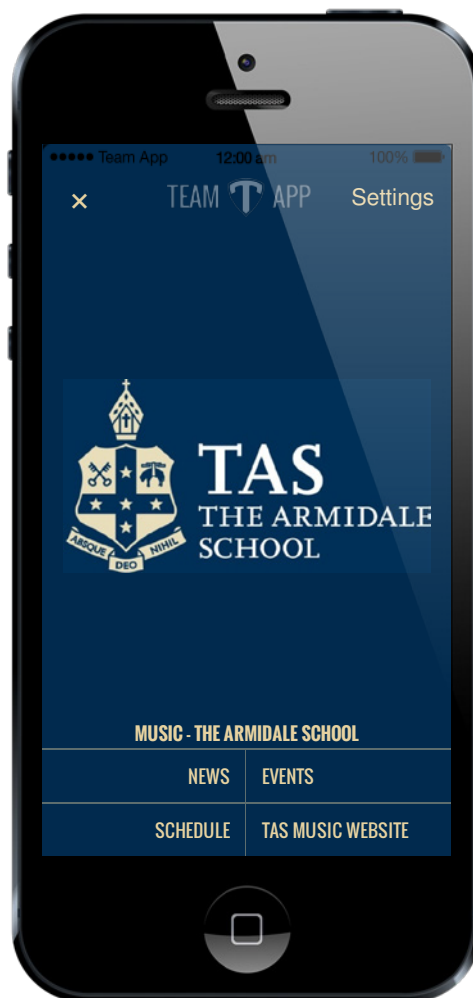
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HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

The ship's in the harbour...

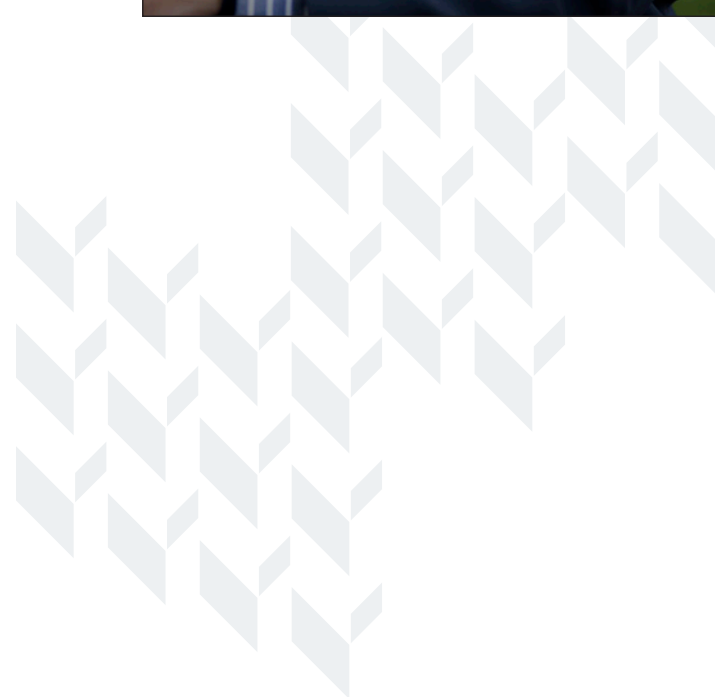
I know this may appear macabre, but it's actually affirming to see some tears around the Middle School during the first week of the year. They happened at the weekend at Coffs Harbour and, as indicated, I wasn't (overly) concerned. If a student is able to talk about homesickness then it's reasonably clear that he or she already feels comfortable enough with us to tell us about it. It follows that being comfortable enough to tell us of their concerns suggests that these young people are beginning to trust us enough to voice their concerns. As a general rule at the beginning of term, tears are testament to a student's missing happy, healthy family relationships and it's a good thing that they are encouraged to talk about their families. To be honest, the more we know about you, home, holidays and highlights the more comfortable our new Middle School people feel.

Be assured, we are very aware of the needs of Middle School students and it's in their best interests that they are kept as busy as possible. Formal lessons began last Wednesday, sports practices have commenced, co-curricular tuition is underway, the Homework Centre doors are opening, the boarding and day school areas are fully operational and the coast trip, boasting a total number of 75 day and boarding students, is already spoken of in the past tense! For those of you who are new to TAS, you'll discover quickly that one of the hallmarks of a school term is pace. You'll also realise that your child will be far more able to manage his or her new year by being fully involved in it.

Be assured also that we'll not hesitate to give you a call if there is something we think you'll be able to help us with, especially in terms of your child's settling into new patterns and structures. In time, these structures and so on will become familiar routines and when this occurs students will then be able to relax and enjoy even more what the school can offer to them. And, a 'heads up' for you – there's much on offer!

Contacts

Last week we sent staff contact lists and communication has commenced. This is a good thing. As indicated, if there's something you think we would benefit from knowing, please contact Homeroom staff via email and we'll get back to you. As is our custom, I know that Homeroom teachers have begun contacting parents to touch base.



Next week the School's swimming carnival will be held. The occasion is one of the most significant on the sports calendar and it coincides with our first formal meetings (as Homeroom staff) with you and the first formal leave weekend for Middle School boarders. After having completed three weeks at TAS it's very important that our boarders have the opportunity to see and spend time with you. As such, I urge you strongly to come to TAS and enjoy what is bound to be a full and happy family reunion. Seeing you will give boys and girls the opportunity to tell you in person how they have fared during their first crucial weeks and also the confidence necessary to manage the rest of their term in the Middle School. Again, a curious thing to write, perhaps, but the students will ultimately feel more comfortable having seen you. In a sense, they'll know that while you're not around all of the time, you'll not have changed and this knowledge, at a time of significant change in their lives, is good for them.

These few weeks

Currently, some diagnostic testing is underway for Middle School students. It is important that we are fully aware of students' academic needs so that we are able to cater to them. The testing process is as painless as we can manage and despite it students, thus far, are settling as well as we can expect them to be. Obviously, as indicated, we are keeping all people busy and we're keeping a close eye on them and their many activities. But, we don't possess crystal balls – if, for any reason, you want to contact us to give or receive information, then just do this, please.

I'm hoping that you are managing the first weeks of term well enough?

Until next week,

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Middle School students walk for cancer unit

Three Middle School students will get their walking boots on next month as they stride out in Sydney to make a difference and raise funds for a cause very close to home.

Alex Zuber, Alexander Gibson and Frank Perrottet have all signed up for the 26km Walk for Kids with Cancer which supports the Cancer Centre for Children at The Childrens' Hospital, Westmead. The event, on 26 March, goes from Sydney Harbour to Manly beach.

Alexander and Frank decided to join their mate Alex and his family's team in the event to say 'thank you' in a practical way to the specialist unit where, for the past few years, Alex's sister Anya has undergone life-saving treatment for a rare cancer. All money raised by the boys goes directly to the hospital's childrens' oncology unit. For more information, go to www.walkforkidscancer.org.au. The boys have also set up fundraising pages for those who may like to contribute:

Alex Zuber

<https://walk17.everydayhero.com/au/alex>

Alexander Gibson

<https://walk17.everydayhero.com/au/sabine>

Frank Perrottet

<https://walk17.everydayhero.com/au/frank>

The Team Anya page

<https://walk17.everydayhero.com/au/team-anya>

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

I have to say I was a little disappointed that we did not finish our JS Welcome BBQ as we normally do, huddled together under the covered area avoiding the downpour and watching our children messing about in the water from the over flowing guttering, however... what a great way to begin 2017, enjoying the fine weather before it became unbearable, welcoming our new families and friends to our community. As I said on the evening, our thanks go to all the grounds and kitchen staff that make this event possible and so enjoyable, and especially to Chad Kliendienst and Tom Wright who volunteered to assist with the jumping castle on the night. What a great example of the students we hope to raise at TAS!

Excursion Week – 2017

As parents of students in Years 3 – 5 will know, we have altered our Excursion week to Term 1, Week 4. The key reasons behind this move are to reduce costs, make the most of the warmer weather (I am sure it will cool down for us!), to bring the students together at the one location offering new opportunities for combined activities and to follow our Strategic Plan for embedding the Round Square ideals into our program. There will be detailed information forwarded soon to all our parents, but for those of who should have received my email yesterday, please contact the school if you any questions or concerns.

House Leaders

At this time of the year, and for the upcoming Excursion Week and Swimming and Athletic Championships, the election of our Junior School Leaders takes place. Part of this process was for our Year 5 students to present their thoughts on what constitutes leadership and what they believe they have to offer to the Junior School. Along with our SRC, we encourage every student in the school to democratically voice their thoughts and share their ideas with others. I would like to congratulate the following students who have been elected as their House Leaders:

Broughton House – Caleb Baumgartner, Max Rogers, Lennox Nielson

Green House – William Brett, Harry Pennington, Sam Hynes

Ross House – William Gilpin, Lochlan Gerdes, Tom Ball.



Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School Osaka – to visit TAS August 2017

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. At this stage the proposed dates have TEZ arriving at TAS on 16 August and departing on 22 August. Again, I encourage you to seriously consider hosting one or two TEZ students for this time, knowing that the experience is enriching for our families as well.

Liaison Parents – we have a list!

Thank you to the following parent who have volunteered their time to help coordinate our social events this year:

Transition	Lynelle Slade & Kate Stephen
Kindergarten	Melanie Filios & Renee Burke
Year 1	Sarah Carruthers & Caroline Coupland
Year 2	Fiona Robb & Judy Brownlie
Year 3	Lynelle Slade & Fiona Billingsley
Year 4	Tara Schalk & Kasia Baker
Year 5	Jen Blackburn & Mia Blackburn

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Looking Ahead

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
Tuesday 14 – 16 February	Life Ed Van
Thursday 16 February	Junior School Swimming Championships
Wednesday 15 February	Year 4 Assembly- Memorial Hall
Monday 20 – 24 February	JS Excursion Week

Happy Birthday

This week we have four students celebrating their birthdays so we would like to wish Cecilia Price, Ava Watts, Charlie Ryan and Sonny Blanch a very happy birthday for your special days.

Chess Club

Chess Club is up and running! We meet Tuesday mornings at 8:15 in Mme Hine's room (upstairs middle classroom). Beginners to advanced chess players are welcome. You can sign on to travel with the chess team or simply come for a pick-up game of chess, just for fun! We have Middle School student mentors who come to help. Mr Scott even popped in this morning to challenge Felix Winslett to a game. Come one, come all!

Mrs Anne Hine



Premiers Reading Challenge 2017

We are again running the PRC in 2017. Even though the Challenge officially runs from 6 March to 25 August 2017, books read from 1 September 2016 can be counted towards this year's challenge.

If you would like to participate in the 2017 PRC please come and see myself, Mrs Allan or Mrs Ramazani in the Library so we can give you a permission note for your parent/guardian to sign giving you permission to participate in the Challenge this year.

If you are new to TAS but have completed the challenge before at another school, I will need to know which school it was and what level you completed so I can change you over to TAS. The booklets for the 2017 PRC will be handed out in the library when your permission note has been handed in.

Please see the table below so you know how many books to read in each Challenge level. The PRC website has all the book lists for you to look up:
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

One very important rule to remember is about the series books - In an approved series, any two books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.

We keep a full copy of the book lists in the Library for K-2, 3-4, 5-6 & 7-9 challenges. We have also marked the books that we have from the lists with a PRC sticker - the K-2 stickers are red, the 3-4 stickers are green and the 5-6 stickers are purple and are located on the spine towards the bottom of the book. If you don't know what to look for just ask Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself and we will be able to help you. I will be entering the books online for you from your reading log. It would be helpful if you could bring your reading log to the Library during your weekly Library lesson so we can check on your progress and enter the books you have read. If any parents have any questions you can email me on jranck@as.edu.au, phone the Library 6776 5833 or call into the Library and see me on Monday, Tuesday and every second Wednesday.

All the information, rules and book lists can be obtained on the above website.

2017 Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Happy reading everyone!
Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Coordinator

PYP REPORT

All year groups have commenced their Units Of Inquiry under the various Transdisciplinary Themes, with each class covering specific elements of each theme. The table below provides a summary of the themes along with a 'Big Idea', which is known as the Central Idea. The Central Idea is explored through the key and related concepts.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea	Key concepts
Transition	Who We Are	Schools and communities are organised to help us learn and play together.	Form Function
Kindergarten	Who We Are	Everyday we learn more about who we are and what we can do.	Form Perspective Responsibility
Year 1	Where We Are in Place and Time	Change brings diversity to relationships.	Change Perspective Reflective
Year 2	Sharing The Planet	People can establish practices in order to sustain and maintain the Earth's resources	Causation Responsibility
Year 3	Sharing The Planet	Living things change in response to their environment.	Change Connection Function
Year 4	Who We Are	Cultural backgrounds influence beliefs, values and actions.	Connection Perspective Causation
Year 5	How We Organise Ourselves	Systems and decisions can promote or deny equal opportunity and social justice.	Function Responsibility Perspective



Year 1 students exploring Attributes of the Learner Profile



Year 4 students collaborate to solve Maths problems



Year 5 students being creative

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Our summer sports program for Term 4 is in full swing with children commencing their training sessions this week.

Please check the training and game days below:

Indoor Hockey – Monday training, Friday games

Gymnastics – Monday skills sessions

Tennis – Monday training with Justin Sherriff

Swimming – Thursday training

Cricket – Wednesday training, Saturday games

Basketball – Monday games, Wednesday training

Please ensure your child informs their coach if they are unable to attend a training session or game day.

Junior School Swimming Championships

Our annual swimming championships will be held on Thursday, 16 February from 9am. Please ensure your child has returned their nomination form to Mrs Wright. These forms were due last Friday. Thank you to all of you who have returned forms allowing us to get started on the organisation of this carnival.

If you are able to help out on the day with time keeping please email Mrs Wright at cwright@as.edu.au before the day.

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 contact me by email.

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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For information & bookings check
www.artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour

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.



NECOM's range of programs are designed to inspire and develop music skills for life in everyone!

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.

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Instrumental Lessons

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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

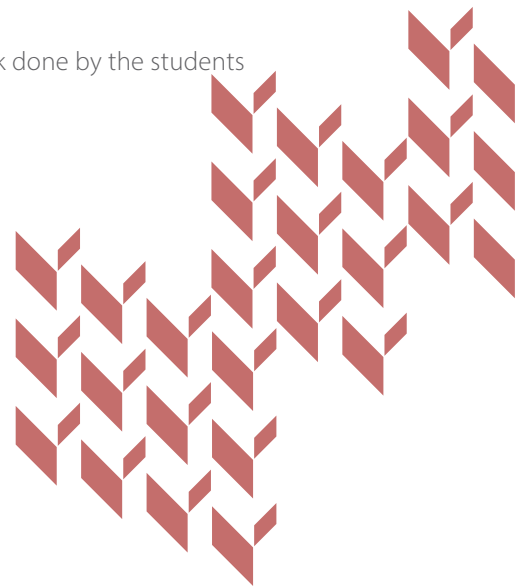
For enrolment and further information:

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!!!



Register with the Grafton Hockey Association

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