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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 26 April, 2017 Term 2 Week 1

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Welcome back to all after what I hope has been a refreshing break. In this first week of term we welcome 14 new students to TAS, with 10 of those being in Junior School to continue the strong growth we have seen in this section of the school over the past six months or so. This level of new enrolment at this time of year is unprecedented at TAS and reflects the encouragingly strong interest in the School we have been seeing in recent times. Separately to the enrolment environment, we have two exchange students joining us this term, both in Year 10 and coming from Louisenland in Germany and the Athenian School in California and I welcome them and wish them well for the term ahead.

The holiday break and commencement of the new term have presented a number of significant events and I take this opportunity to make comment on them.

Staffing Matters

Two TAS staff members were married on the first weekend of the holiday break. Visual Arts teacher Mr Ian Macpherson married Ms Catherine Simmons and our organist Mr Warwick Dunham married Miss Connie Rolfe. I am sure that all in our school community will join with me in offering both couples every happiness for many years ahead.

We welcome Ms Victoria Perrin-Baker to the TAS teaching staff. Ms Perrin-Baker is a local to Armidale and comes to us from the Waldorf School to replace Mrs Anne Hine in teaching French in Junior and Middle School.



TAS Rugby Carnival

On the first weekend of the holiday break TAS had the pleasure of hosting the 13th TAS Rugby Carnival. This enormous event attracted around 1,000 under 12 years players from around NSW and as far North as the Sunshine Coast, making it the largest carnival for this age group in the country and a significant event in the national rugby landscape. It also attracted thousands of supporters for those players, making it a major event for Armidale too.

Beyond all the good that the carnival does for junior rugby and Armidale, it also shines a light on the nature of our community in a special way. I am sure that the manner in which our staff, parents and students came together to make the carnival such a great success would be the envy of any school. The School looked a picture around the grounds and in the accommodation teams used thanks to the work of our grounds and housekeeping staff, thousands were fed and watered by our catering staff and the big team of parents who volunteered their time and the carnival itself ran like a well-oiled machine through the skill of our organising team. It was a very proud weekend for the School as a whole and I offer thanks to everyone who threw their efforts behind it and special congratulations to the key team of Will Caldwell, Gaye Piper and Cressida Mort who worked on it over many months.

Kyck

A group of TAS students and our chaplaincy staff joined the Katoomba Christian Youth Convention, known as 'Kyck', during the holiday break and it was pleasing to hear during our staff day on Monday of the powerful impact it had on students and staff alike. Kyck brings together thousands of teenage Christians to sing, worship and hear God's Word and I know that the sense of community it creates is enormously encouraging to our students. I look forward to hearing more about it in assembly in the coming weeks and encourage those students who might be considering joining this annual event in the future to look out for that and to speak to Mr Patrick or Mrs Benham.

ANZAC Day

Once again ANZAC Day fell in the school holidays this year, meaning that the School and the Cadet Unit in particular, did not have the opportunity to join the march en masse. TAS did carry a significant presence once again though and I offer congratulations to our Ceremonial Guard, their commander CUO Sam Thatcher and trainer Sergeant Ball for their efforts at both the Dangarsleigh and Central Park services. Parading in greens and carrying 303's, the 15 strong Guard formed the catafalque party at each service, providing a level of formality and respect that I know was appreciated by the big crowds in attendance. I also thank and congratulate Ziggy Harris who sang the New Zealand and Australian national anthems at the Central Park service and our Director of Music Ms Leanne Roobol who led the hymns. To be offered the opportunity to carry such significant responsibilities at these major public events is a privilege and it was appreciated.

National Swimming Titles

As you will see in the report from Mr Jim Pennington in this edition of TAS Talks, Lucy Fenwicke continued her commitment and fine performance in swimming over the holidays as she competed at the Australian Championships in Brisbane during the holidays. To qualify to compete at national level is no small feat and to make it through to the finals in this elite company is very special indeed. I know that this success comes on the back of great commitment to disciplined training and that alone earns her our respect. I offer Lucy congratulations on behalf of all at TAS.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 1

Friday 28 April	TAS Anzac Day Service – 7.00 am Front of School.
Saturday 29 April	Rugby - TAS v Kinross

Week 2

Monday 1-Friday 5 May	Year 12 Mid Course Exams
Friday 5 May	Goondiwindi Boarding Schools Expo
Saturday 6 May	Rugby TAS v SBHS

Week 3

Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 10 May	Cloisters Run Athletics Carnival P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 11 May	Twilight Concert (5.30pm)
Saturday 12 May	Rugby TAS v Farrer

Week 4

Monday 15 May	Year 11 Mid Course Exams
Tuesday 16 May	Armidale Eisteddfod Choir Night (Lazenby Hall)
Wednesday 17 May	Tri-Schools Debating
Thursday 18 May	NCIS Cross Country (Ballina)
Friday 19 May	Boarding Schools' Expo (Dubbo)



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The Headmaster
Mr Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer
TAS Cadets
Mr Angus Murray

invites you to attend

**TAS ANZAC
CEREMONY**

on Adamsfield

**Friday 28 April 2017
at 7.00am**



STUDENT TRAVEL

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

Free travel for students between home and school

Students depart - Friday, 9 June 2017 AM

Students return - Monday, 12 June 2017 PM

The following deadlines apply for the June Long Weekend

Submit bookings by – Friday, 12 May 2017

Amendments by – Friday, 26 May 2017

To ensure the best chance of securing a seat on SSTS services, carers should make their bookings by the submission date. For late bookings please advise the school at the earliest convenience and not wait until the final amendment date.

SSTS will only accept late booking requests via email directly from the school. Please do not contact SSTS direct for bookings as it impacts on the process of booking coaches for the students who made their requests on time and meet deadlines delivering safe and efficient transport.

Re: Monday 12 June

During the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (School is closed) parents are requested to contact the NSW TrainLink Call Centre 132 232 to advise if their child is not travelling back to school on SSTS coaches or the Sydney train.

Enquires may be submitted to Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

IMPORTANT NOTICES REGARDING LATE BOOKING REQUESTS

Late bookings may be accepted for boarding students travelling to their home address up until the nominated amendment date. Late bookings will be assessed on a case-by-case basis based on train / coach occupancy and the ability for SSTS to safely complete the additional bookings. Late bookings cannot be guaranteed patronage on the SSTS coach services and preference will remain with the boarding students travelling home who made bookings by the nominated booking deadline.



ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

Romans 5:1-10

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope you have had a peaceful holiday. A peaceful holiday filled with good food, great company and beautiful locations. I hope it wasn't a holiday filled with harsh arguments, busy traffic and overwhelming burdens that you couldn't carry. No one wants to live like that. We want peace don't we, we want peace in our families, in our relationships and in our world as a whole. We write in our our combi vans, we make a symbol of it with our hands, we engrave 'RIP' on our gravestones and we celebrate it as we remember those you fought and gave their lives in the pursuit of peace.

In this crazy hectic world where we all crave peace. If only we could go through life like Darryl Kerrigan from the classic movie The Castle saying "ahhh the serenity."

Well during the Second World War there was a Japanese soldier called Hiroo Onoda, who was sent to the Philippines and was ordered by his commanding officer that under no circumstances was he to surrender. However, when the war ended and peace talks were happening. Hiroo was buried so deep in the jungle that word didn't get to him that it was all over. Leaflet drops, radio announcements, all declaring the war is over; we now have peace. However, he refused to believe the message, he thought it was an enemy trick to flush him out. So he stayed put and refused to believe the message of peace being declared to him.

Do you know it took thirty years, thirty long years of tropical heat, jungle living, poor wifi and stolen food before they sent the old commanding officer to say to Onoda, "the war is over you can lay down your weapons." Thirty years of living in the jungle before he accepted the news.

You see just like our Anzacs and Onoda we too are at war. We as a human race have corporately or individually, consciously or sub consciously declared war on the God of the universe. Whether we point our guns at God, or put head phones in the bottom line is: we are at war.

Yet God sends a peace keeping force, the one who we declared war on takes the initiative in bringing peace, the one who could wipe us out in a second sends Jesus to make peace. Romans 5:10 says that; while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son.

Now, by the death of his son we receive the best news possible. That we were at war with God, but now we are at peace with God, because of Jesus. The war is over because of what God has done. Don't make that mistake Hiroo Onoda did, don't keep fighting the war when peace has been given for you. God says "stop fighting, peacetime has come, lay down your weapons and have peace with me."



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT

Welcome back to Term 2, and we hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing break and is ready to steamroll through the next term.

The Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships are just around the corner. Due to wet, wet March they had to move from Term 1, and will now take place Friday 12 May (Junior School) and SATURDAY 13 May (Middle and Senior School). I do hope you are giving thought to lending a hand to your P&F in whatever way you can – baking, buying or selling goodies to students, teachers and parent/friend supporters – particularly as the Middle/Senior Carnival is on a Saturday, and we can probably expect more spectators. This year we are also putting on a Brekkie BBQ for the Middle/Senior Carnival and this means we could use some self-proclaimed experts on the BBQ as well! To get you started, we have set up a roster as follows. Please give some thought to contacting your LP (or me) and putting your name down:

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ROSTER Saturday 13 May

8.30 – 9.30 Year 8 (Set up) and anyone who can help

9.30 – 10.30 Year 7

10.30 – 11.30 Year 12

11.30 – 12.30 Year 10

12.30 – 1.30 Year 11

1.30 – 2.30 Year 9

2.30 – 3.30 Year 6 (pack up)

TAS Rugby Carnival

SPECTACULAR by all accounts. The weather put on a treat, the grounds looked spectacular, the food was sold, the BBQ worked overtime, and smiles everywhere. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the weekend's activities and also to those who invested so much time and energy to build on this very important event.

Next Meeting – Annual General Meeting

Our AGM, followed by a General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and, under our Constitution, some of our Executive are unable to stand for re-election as they have served the maximum allowable tenure.

Please give some thought to putting yourself forward and becoming involved. It is a great group, very dynamic and friendly, and the present and future of TAS is always at the heart of everything we do.

Mrs Sue Cartwright



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

Exams in Term 2

All Middle & Senior School year groups will sit exams in Term 2.

Year 12 - Week 2

Year 11 - Week 4

Years 6-8 - Week 5

Years 9 & 10 - Week 6

NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 - Week 3

Students and Parents in Year 12 should have received a copy of the exam timetable and Student Expectations document.



Creative Writing feedback sessions in F1-6

Hello! I'm Helena Pastor, the new English Language Support Teacher for International Students at TAS. Over the past 25 years, I've taught in a wide variety of places with groups ranging from Bosnian refugees to international students at the University of New England. I love the diversity of my work as an English language teacher.



Alongside my teaching career, I have also been committed to a professional writing career for more than 10 years. During this time, I finished two postgraduate research degrees in Creative Writing, and my first book, *Wild Boys: A Parent's Story of Tough Love* (UQP), was published in July 2015. I'm also a songwriter and lyricist, and am currently collaborating with a local Armidale composer.

Now I'm at TAS, I'm keen to meet with students and discuss any creative writing they are doing as part of their studies or for enjoyment. Offering feedback on creative writing is one of my specialities, and I've helped a lot of students improve their work. Each Tuesday and Thursday at Recess, I am in F1-6 and I'm happy to help anyone who comes along.

See you there!

Dr Helena Pastor



CAREERS

UNE Open Day

Timing for this event is not great as it occurs during the Year 12 mid-year exams week. Even so, if you are in Year 12 and don't have an exam on this day, you might consider going along to have a look at what UNE has to offer.

The Year 11 cohort will be visiting UNE during IDEALS week (Term 3) for a very similar program so no need for them to attend on 5 May.

Below is the letter I received from UNE giving the details of the day's program.

Dear Careers Advisor,

UNE's Open Day is coming up on Friday, 5 May.

If your students are interested in pursuing university study, you're invited to join us.

Come and take a look at our campus first hand including our residential colleges and gain an insight into all aspects of UNE including academic, cultural, sporting and residential life.

Students can:

- Go on guided tours of both the campus and our residential colleges
- Talk with current students about their experiences
- Have questions answered by our Future Student Team
- Attend information sessions
- Talk to academics to get insight into the content of our courses
- Enjoy the entertainment, giveaways and demonstrations.
- Take the opportunity to see UNE for yourself

The colour-coded schedule within the program sets out activities and tours so you can pre-plan your visit.

You can also view the schedule for the full day at une.edu.au/openday.

For further information contact study@une.edu.au

Yours Sincerely,

Cameron Loudon
Student Engagement Manager- UNE

UQ Newsletter

Below is a link to the University of Queensland's latest newsletter which has the following articles for you to consider.

- Economics scholarships for Year 12 students
- Women in Engineering Explore Engineering Day
- 'Getting ready for university' - Info sessions for parents
- Queensland Junior Physics Olympiad
- 'Experience Science' - interactive workshops for Years 10-12
- Economics Schools Day
- UQ Earth and Environment Day
- Workshops at the Pharmacy Centre of Excellence (PACE), UQ
- Campus tours - UQ Gatton
- UQ Student Employability Centre

[CLICK HERE FOR NEWSLETTER](#)

Mr Mark Taylor

CAREERS

Work Experience in Government Program (WEX)

Two year 11 students, Richard Boney and Max Qorovaru recently attended the Work Experience in Government Program that was held in Canberra.

The program was designed to give students an insight into the Public Service and showcase all the different types of jobs available.

Along with 50 other students from all over Australia, the students were guided by some Aboriginal Mentors who are completing a Leadership course. They got to participate in a variety of activities that improved their public speaking, self-esteem and communication skills.

The students also visited some significant sites in Canberra and had tours at the Old and New Parliament House, Aboriginal Tent Embassy, National War Memorial, Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (IATSIS), National Museum. The highlight being the Visits to the Australian Federal Police training centre and having a look at the Forensic Investigation Unit as well as visiting the Australian Defence Force Academy where the students participated in a fitness test and an over water obstacle course.

Aboriginal comedian Sean Choolburra joined us for dinner one night and then entertained us with a hilarious performance that had everybody in stitches.

The week finished with a Careers Expo where the students interacted with the Aboriginal employees of 35 different public service agencies learning the whats and hows to gain and entry level position and what career pathways were available.

Max said "it was a deadly experience that I can't wait to be a part of again". Richard enjoyed "getting to meet new friends from all over Australia and getting to hear their stories and where they're from".

Mr Bruce Dennison



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

TAS Rugby Carnival

Like an army of ants, staff, students, parents – past and present – and friends of TAS, combined to produce another hugely successful TAS Rugby Carnival. The fields, food and facilities reflected the hard work and pride of the ground, dining and housekeeping staff. The event was an amazing team effort, showcasing all that is good about the TAS community. Our guests – over one thousand players and coaches plus their families and friends – were full of praise for the hospitality provided.

Our special guests, former Wallaby Warwick Waugh and current Waratah Matt Sandell expounded the virtues of grassroots rugby; playing for the love of the game, celebrating the victories and soaking up the defeats. Warwick also shared with us his philosophy on sport, business and life in general; do things in order to become a better person - a simple litmus test that we can all use.

The most prestigious award (in fact the only trophy presented), is to the team that demonstrates the greatest sportsmanship. This year, the trophy was awarded to the Moree Junior Bulls. The lessons and experiences of the Carnival will be carried well into the future and I extend my sincere thanks to all those who made it possible.

Hot Start

Whilst I hope that you all had the opportunity to relax and spend some quality time together over the holidays, I suspect there was barely time for the engines to cool after the intensity of Term 1. Term 2 offers a fresh start with just as many opportunities for students to engage. This weekend our Rugby teams will head off to Coonabarabran to play against Kinross Wolaroi School, whilst Opens Football, Netball and Hockey will be in full swing locally. I encourage all teams to recognise this as the beginning of their journey; set their goals, learn from the experience and enjoy every moment. Click [HERE](#) for fixture information.

Sydney High Weekend

Please make a note of the [Fixture Information](#) for the Sydney Boys High Weekend on 5-7 May. We are very grateful that Sydney High continues to travel each year, maintaining the traditional rivalry across Rugby, Football, Basketball, Tennis and Rifle Shooting, for the Harris & Hannon Shield. A warm invitation is extended to all TAS Families to be a part of this event. Click [HERE](#) for fixture information.



Farrer Fixtures

On 12 May the buses will head down the hill, laden with TAS boys, keen to compete against Farrer for the Dick Hodgson Shield. Fixtures will take place in Rugby, Football, Chess, Clay Target Shooting, Basketball and Tennis. A complete program of events will be available shortly.

Athletics – Take 2

The postponed Athletics Carnival is scheduled to take place in Week 3.

Wed 10 May : starting at 1:15pm with the Cloisters Race followed by an afternoon of events for all students, concluding at 5:30pm.

Saturday 13 May: The Main Day, starting at 8:45am and concluding with Presentations at 4pm.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Hockey

Lily Neilson at the National Under 15s Hockey tournament which was played at Moorebank in Sydney during the school holidays. She played in the NSW Blues team which came 4th overall. Well done Lily!



Lily Neilson

2017 Australian Swimming Championships

To qualify for the Australian Championships in any sport is a massive achievement in itself. To do so in swimming, arguably Australia's most competitive sport is quite simply, sensational. To make it through to the final, to be among the best 10 in your age in the country, majestic. That is Lucy Fenwicke.

Lucy swam at Nationals in Brisbane over the holidays, contesting the 100m and 200m Breaststroke events. Following in the recent footsteps of Sam Riley and Leisel Jones, Lucy was in with the best of the best. A solid performance in the 100m set her up the following day for her pet event, the 200m. A blinding fast heat swim saw Lucy through to the final as the eighth fastest qualifier. In a race full of talent, she raced faster than she imagined possible. A 2:44s 200m swim is incredibly quick, add to that a 5s PB, and Lucy could not have asked anymore of herself. To highlight just how well Lucy has performed, it has been more than 20 years since a TAS swimmer last made it through to a final at Nationals, such is the standard required. Lucy will now turn her attention to the NSW CIS Championships next week at Homebush.

Mr James Pennington



Lucy Fenwicke

CREATIVE ARTS

A new term brings another host of events and high-octane busyness for the Creative Arts at TAS, where somehow having fewer weeks makes us even busier. The ensembles commenced rehearsals this morning with the Eisteddfod already in sight, Middle School's *Into the Woods JR* will head into overdrive with performances in Week 6 and activities aplenty will have the Hoskins Centre mostly booked out for the term. As new sports commence, exams loom and other things pop up I encourage all students to think carefully about their many activities to ensure they can find balance and honour the commitments they have made.

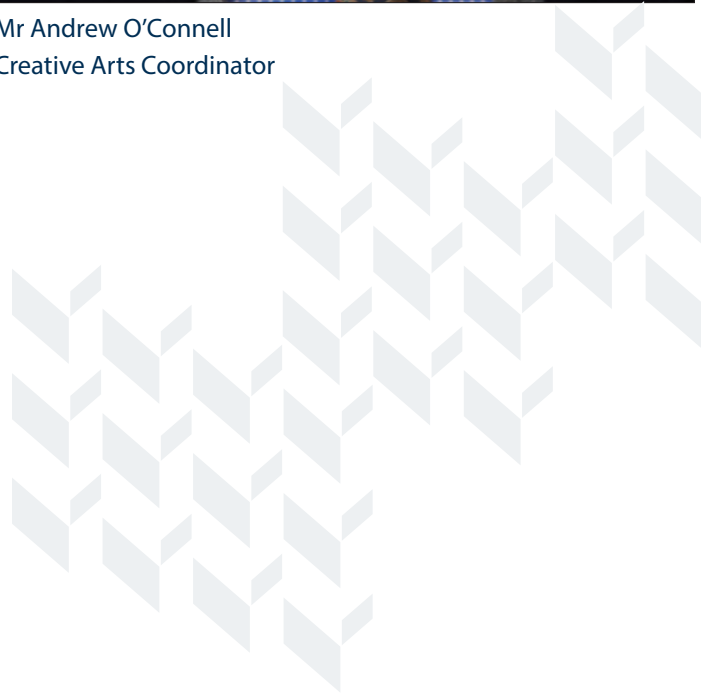
On top of the usual activities we have a couple of new events starting up this term. The first is the Shakespeare Carnival, with students vying to represent the school at the Regionals that should be held in Week 4. Time is quickly running out so if you are involved make sure you are meeting up with your group members and getting on top of rehearsals. The other new opportunity commencing is the Visual Arts Club that will be run by Ms Harvey to support students interested in working on independent projects, aiming for Arts competitions or having extra support with their classwork. To determine the timings of the Club an email will be sent to students to express an interest and see what times might work best. If you have questions about either opportunity please swing on down to the Hoskins Centre office.

In a couple of weeks time we have Felt Tip Theatre Company's *Twelfth Night* gracing the stage as the final production for the company. They have been a good friend of the Hoskins Centre over several years and so it will be a shame to saying a farewell when they are done. But what a production to go out on - one of the Bard's best works that deftly juggles side-splitting comedy and profound romantic drama. If you needed any other reason for seeing the show we have our own Year 11 student Nick Moar taking on one of the lead roles. Tickets are available online so make sure you get in and grab a seat before the best ones are sold out.

Keep a keen eye on your emails and TAS Talks for more Creative Arts matters as there is plenty for everyone this term!



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



MUSIC MATTERS

Welcome back to another musical term at TAS. It will be a very busy term with the Eisteddfod commencing in Week 4 and the TAS ANZAC service this Friday.

TAS ANZAC Service: Friday 7am

The TAS ANZAC Service will commence at 7am this Friday 28 April. TAS Big Band, TAS Chapel Choir and some members of TAS Singers and TAS Cantique will perform at this important event.

Arrangements for TAS Big Band

- All students in TAS Big Band are to wear formal uniform including blazers.
- 6:00am - All students assemble in Music Centre Basement for a warm-up and rehearsal
- 6.40am - Band seated outside Memorial Hall
- 7.00am - TAS ANZAC Service commences (students will have breakfast after the ANZAC service in the dining room)

Arrangements for TAS Chapel Choir, TAS Singers and TAS Cantique

- All students in TAS choirs are to wear formal uniform including blazers, unless they are wearing their Cadet uniform.
- 6:20am - All choristers assemble in Memorial Hall for a warm-up and rehearsal
- 6:50am - TAS Chapel Choir seated outside Memorial Hall
- 7:00am - TAS ANZAC Service commences (Choristers will have breakfast after the ANZAC Eucharist service in the Dining Room)
- There will be an extra rehearsal on Thursday 27 April, 6:00pm - 7:00pm in Memorial Hall. Chapel Choir will also have its usual Friday afternoon rehearsal.

Ensemble rehearsals

Please check TeamApp group 'Music: The Armidale School' and the weekly schedule below. Some ensembles resume rehearsing this week.

Week 1

Wednesday ensembles: as usual

Thursday ensembles: as usual

Friday ensembles: no morning rehearsals due to the TAS ANZAC service at 7am

TAS Singers rehearsal will move to Thursday just for Week 1 (TAS Singers who are also in TAS Camerata are expected to attend Camerata).

TAS Piano Trio will commence Week 2 on Friday.

The Senior String Quartet will rehearse in Week 2 on Tuesday at 7.30am, in addition to their Week 2 Friday rehearsal

TAS Trebles will have a rehearsal on Friday 28 April during Period 7 due to Monday having been a Staff Day.

The Rolling Oates will rehearse on Thursday 4:00pm - 5:30pm instead of Friday morning for Week 1 only.



TAS Ensembles and the Armidale Eisteddfod

TAS Ensembles have already commenced rehearsals for Term 2. With the Eisteddfod coming up in just over three weeks' time, we expect all members of our ensembles to be present at their scheduled rehearsals!

<u>ENSEMBLE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
TAS Trebles	Monday	8:00am – 8:45am	Music Centre basement
TAS Big Band		3:45pm – 5:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Senior Jazz Combo		5:00pm – 6:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Singers	Tuesday	7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Young Voices		7:45am – 8:30am	Music Centre upstairs M2
TAS Pipe Band		8:00am – 8:45am	McConville Centre
TAS 3-5 Choir		9:30am – 10:15am	Music Centre basement
TAS K-2 Choir		11:40am – 12:25pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Cantique	Wednesday	7:40am – 8:30am	Music Centre upstairs M2
The FanTAStics		7:50am – 8:40am	Music Centre basement
TAS Drummers		8:00am – 8:40am	Music Centre upstairs M1
TAS Year 11 Rock Band		1:10pm – 2:00pm	Music Centre basement
TAS Camerata	Thursday	7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre basement
TAS Senior String Quartet	Friday	7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre upstairs M2
TAS Piano Trio (Middle School)		7:30am – 8:30am	Music Centre upstairs M2
The Rolling Oates (Rock Band)		8:00am – 8:40am	Music Centre basement
TAS Chapel Choir		3:45pm – 5:00pm	TAS Memorial Hall/Chapel



Arcadia Winds Musica Viva concert and workshop

One night only: Thursday 4 May 2017, 7pm at Armidale Town Hall

TAS has a limited number of specially-priced student tickets. Please email music@as.edu.au to secure your place.

Other tickets can be purchased through Trybooking www.trybooking.com/OJYI or the NECOM office Kate Thomas, 6788 2137, marketing@necom.org.au.

Arcadia Winds, five of Australia's leading young musicians, will make their Armidale debut on Thursday 4 May (7pm) in an exclusive concert presented by the New England Conservatorium (NECOM) and Musica Viva Armidale. Known for their energetic, joyful and spontaneous performances, the group will showcase their remarkable talents at Armidale Town Hall in an engaging program of Debussy, Nielsen and Ligeti, expertly matched with new discoveries by Australian composers Natalie Williams and Lachlan Skipworth.

"We like to interact with our audiences as much as we can," says clarinettist Lloyd Van't Hoff, who also happens to be the latest ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year. "You create the atmosphere together, an atmosphere that is entirely unique to that point in time." Van't Hoff will be joined in Armidale by fellow ensemble members David Reichelt (oboe) and Matthew Kneale (bassoon), as well as special guests Kate Proctor (flute) and Rebecca Luton (French horn).

"The Six Bagatelles is one of our favourite pieces," he adds. "Ligeti has created something so engaging with such little material. Similarly, Lachlan Skipworth's Echoes and Lines explore a wide range of stories in a short space of time and are, in my opinion, some of the best music written for wind quintet."

Formed in 2013 at the Australian National Academy of Music, Arcadia Winds are one of the country's top young ensembles. All acclaimed soloists in their own right, their individual achievements include ABC Symphony Australia's Young Performer of the Year Awards in 2013 and 2015, as well as a Directors' Prize from the Australian National Academy of Music. The core ensemble members are also Musica Viva's inaugural FutureMakers, chosen from a pool of outstanding young groups to lead music into an exciting new future.

NECOM will host a free band blow-in workshop with Arcadia Winds as guest tutors for local school students during their visit. "All music should be shared unconditionally," explains Van't Hoff. "It's such a crucial part of our lives - something that we couldn't live without, so it's really important for us to get out to regional areas to share and educate. You never know where the next amazing wind musician might be hiding!" The workshop is open to students in Years 3-12 with a minimum of 12 months experience playing a wind or brass instrument. For students wishing to attend this workshop, please email music@as.edu.au

PROGRAM: Ligeti Six Bagatelles, Debussy Petite Suite, Skipworth Echoes and Lines, Williams Animalia for Wind Quintet, Nielsen Quintet for Wind Quintet

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Hallmarks of the new Term: as outlined this morning at our Town Meeting, it's only slightly shorter than its predecessor, furiously busy with winter sports and our annual Athletics Carnival (end of Week 3), exam-packed and, I hope for all, it's going to be rewarding. I'm looking forward to it and want students to be engaged with it as well. The holiday, curiously, has felt longer than two short weeks, probably I suspect because of the amazing weather that everyone I have spoken to enjoyed, and I hope the students feel the same way. It was necessary though, and I hope your time with our shard 'charges' was both relaxed and exciting.

I enjoy being in the Middle School because all staff are in a position where we can actually do something about making life for these Middle School people more engaged, productive, rewarding and ultimately, more enjoyable. Personal experience is a great teacher. The busier these young adolescents are the better, eventually, they will be. Of one thing about TAS we can be reasonably certain, there's rarely a day that passes without something being 'on' and we actively encourage our girls and boys to do the 'head first thing' and, only then, to reflect on the completed activity. Reflection on 'missed opportunity' can be a fruitless exercise. If your children have indicated that they've not been doing enough to keep themselves actively engaged, then I've 'missed' something that's important to them. Encourage them to talk to us. By all means, you talk to us as well.

It's your bounden duty to tell me, too. I assure you, there's plenty of opportunity for boys and girls to feel a personal sense of satisfaction and if yours have a feeling of 'isolation', for lack of better terminology, just tell me. I say this in a lot of my interviews with children - they have a right to be happy at school and we have a responsibility to assist them. Having said this, it isn't our job to instruct students in all that they do - they're old enough to take responsibility for themselves, in a number of areas, and to make wise decisions. We can help of course if they seek advice. But, it's definitely my / our job to let them know what's available to them at TAS.

Important dates for the second term

For your convenience and, I guess, for your diaries, the following information about the new term is provided:

Friday 28 April – 7am TAS ANZAC Service

Saturday 13 May – Athletics Carnival

Monday 22 to Friday 26 May – Middle School Exams

Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 June – Middle School Play – Into the Woods Jnr

Thursday 15 to Friday 16 June – Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 22 June – Activities Day No. 4



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HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

It is that time of year when we go from beautiful spring weather to the cold and bleak; for many this may signal that indeed the holidays are over and the return of school is upon us. But I can say today, that the buzz this morning at school was tangible. I sincerely hope that you have all had a time to relax and refresh during the holidays and that Easter has provided a wonderful time for family and friends to be together.

Junior School has 11 new students this term. I cannot remember whether this has happened before in my time for the beginning of Term 2, but if it hasn't happened in my time, then it probably never has! I see this as a great reflection of the product provided here in Junior School and we are again looking to this term to push ahead and develop many new and wonderful ideas.

Staffing- Term 2

We welcome Mrs Victoria Perrin-Baker to Junior School, replacing Mrs Anne Hine teaching French. With many years of teaching experience, Victoria comes to us with a great reputation as a French speaker who is able to inspire her students with innovative and interesting activities throughout her lessons. Also this term, we are hosting several UNE Teacher Education placements: Ms Karen Willcocks in Year 3 and Ms Natalie Bateman and Lauren Byrne, who will be visiting us occasionally from Year 6. Our new Gap students this term are Jake Tucker and Lachlan Truesdale and we wish them well for their time with us.



ANZAC Day

I was very pleased to be with a good number of Junior School students who attended the ANZAC Day Town Service on Tuesday. It is such an important day and I feel strongly that we should support others in the community who attended in great numbers. I would like to thank those parents and staff who enabled this to happen. Having said that, I invite you all to join with us to attend the School ANZAC Day Service this Friday at 7.00 am at the Front of School. This is one of the more memorable School occasions and it is as thought provoking as it is impressive. I hope to see you there.

Mothers' Day Lunch - Thursday May 11

While it is still being planned, please add this date to your diaries. In a meeting with staff (and some of our students today), there were some wonderful ideas put forward to celebrate Mothers' Day. We will provide lunch and refreshments as well as some great activities that bring us all together while celebrating those meaningful mums and carers in all our lives here at TAS.



Uniform and Hair

School uniform is flexible for the next two weeks in the Junior School as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to School in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform. Additionally, sports uniform is only to be worn on the days students have a TAS sport (not those days when they have PE which has become the practice for some). Travel to and from School in PE gear is also not necessary and is not acceptable. Please ensure all students wear the correct uniform, in a tidy and presentable manner. There has also been a number of haircuts that do not fall into the more conservative category expected by the school. All hair should be tidy and well kept, not cut to make a statement or become ostentatious. For boys, it should be off the collar and ears and for girls, if longer than shoulder length, tied back with blue or white ribbon. It should always be of natural colour. Please work with us if your child has been asked to tidy up their hair and contact me should this become a problem.

Absentee advise

If your child is unwell and can't come to school, please notify the Junior School via email junior@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5817 before 9.00am.

If your child will be away for any other reason (except medical appointments), please complete the Exemption from School form which can be found on the School website link attached:

<http://www.as.edu.au/parent-forms/>

It is a Board of Studies requirement that we have correct information on Students whereabouts.

Class Assemblies

I extend an invitation to you all to come along and have a look at our Junior School assemblies each Wednesday afternoon at 2.45pm, usually in the Hoskins Centre. These assemblies provide the host class with a great opportunity to showcase work they have done, often artistic or musical in nature, and gives all students an opportunity to use the microphone and present their work and thoughts to their peers and families. They are often amusing, generally interesting and usually very entertaining! They are also an opportunity for the acknowledgement of special achievements and the awarding of our School Spirit Awards, recognising outstanding contributions to our school. Assemblies have become an integral part of the TAS offering for our students and an important moment in the term for each and every one of them. I look forward to seeing you there.

Looking Ahead

Week 1

Monday 24 April	Staff Day – Student free day (School Closed)
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day – Central Park in Armidale from 10.30 am
Wednesday 26 April	Classes Resume
Friday 27 April	TAS Anzac Day Service – 7.00am (Front of School- Formal Uniform)

Week 2 School Spirit - Cooperation

Wednesday 3 May	Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 4
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Week 3

Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions, Writing
Wednesday 10 May	NAPLAN – Reading Assembly in Hoskins Centre at 2.45 pm – Year 5
Thursday 11 May	NAPLAN – Numeracy Mothers' Day Lunch
Friday 12 May	Junior School Athletics Championships

Influenza and illness

With the flu season beginning, it is important for the School community to be aware that when children develop the flu, we encourage parents to err on the side of caution and keep the germs away from school for five days. Children who have vomiting or diarrhoea during the evening or night should not come to school for at least 24 hours from the last symptom. It is very difficult to manage sick children at school and we feel the best place for children who feel unwell is at home until they feel well enough with the demands of school. We thank you for your assistance and support with this.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Welcome to Winter Sports

All Junior winter sports beginning either this weekend or next. Please see below for the most up to date information about team games to date.

Junior Football commences on 6 May. The first training session for Football will be next Monday, 1 May.

Netball - skills and games begin this Saturday, 29 April at 11am at the Lynches Road Netball courts. Mrs Tania Hardin will be in contact with you with any extra information.

Hockey – Games are every Friday afternoon, commencing this week. Under 9s play from 4 to 4:30 and Under 11s from 4-5pm. The TAS mini bus will leave school at 3:45pm to the UNE turf, however, players must be collected at the turf at the completion of their match.

All training for teams will commence in Week 2 of this term. Football and Netball teams train on Monday afternoons at TAS from 3:35 – 5pm.

Hockey teams train on Tuesday afternoons at the UNE turf. Transport to and from the turf will be provided.

Please contact your child's coach for direct questions about games and training. If your child is going to be absent for any training sessions or games please inform your coach as soon as possible.

Winter sports coaches:

Hockey

Mr Alex Portell aportell@as.edu.au

Mrs Tania Ball tball@as.edu.au

Football

Mrs Lana Hawkesford lbromwic@as.edu.au

Mr Julius Jensen jjensen@as.edu.au

Mrs Veronica Waters vwaters@as.edu.au

Mr Rami Bahmas rahmas@as.edu.au

Mr Stephen Thompson sthomps1@as.edu.au

Mr Patrick Cheboi pcheboi@as.edu.au

Ms Belinda Macri bmacri@as.edu.au

Mr Brandon Sharpe bsharp@as.edu.au

Ms Donella Tutt dtutt@as.edu.au

Ms Hannah Lo hlo@as.edu.au

Netball

Mrs Tania Hardin thardin@as.edu.au

Looking forward to a great Winter sports season.

Mrs Christine Wright
cwright@as.edu.au

RICK HATCH - POTTERY CLASSES

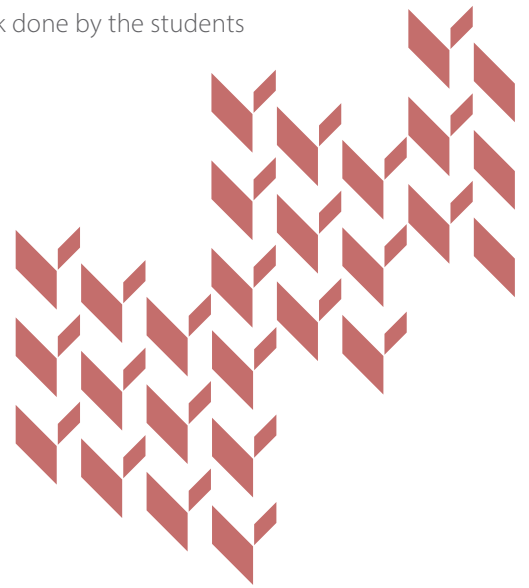
Suzanne Hatch and I are again offering after-school classes in clay work . I have been preparing for weeks and have two great projects ready to go. the goal of our teaching is for the children to have heaps of fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative 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 2 May and Thursday 4 May. There will be no class on 16 & 18 May this Term.
- 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



The Other Talk

Armidale Regional Council is working closely with the Armidale Community Drug Action Team, part of the Australian Drug Foundation to bring a seminar for parents, teachers and caregivers of young people on having a conversation with young people about alcohol and other drugs.

This seminar is NOT for young people, but rather the adults who can host conversations with young people.

There are ONLY 200 seats at this event, to be held in Armidale Town Hall. Once tickets are claimed we will not be able to have more people at the session.

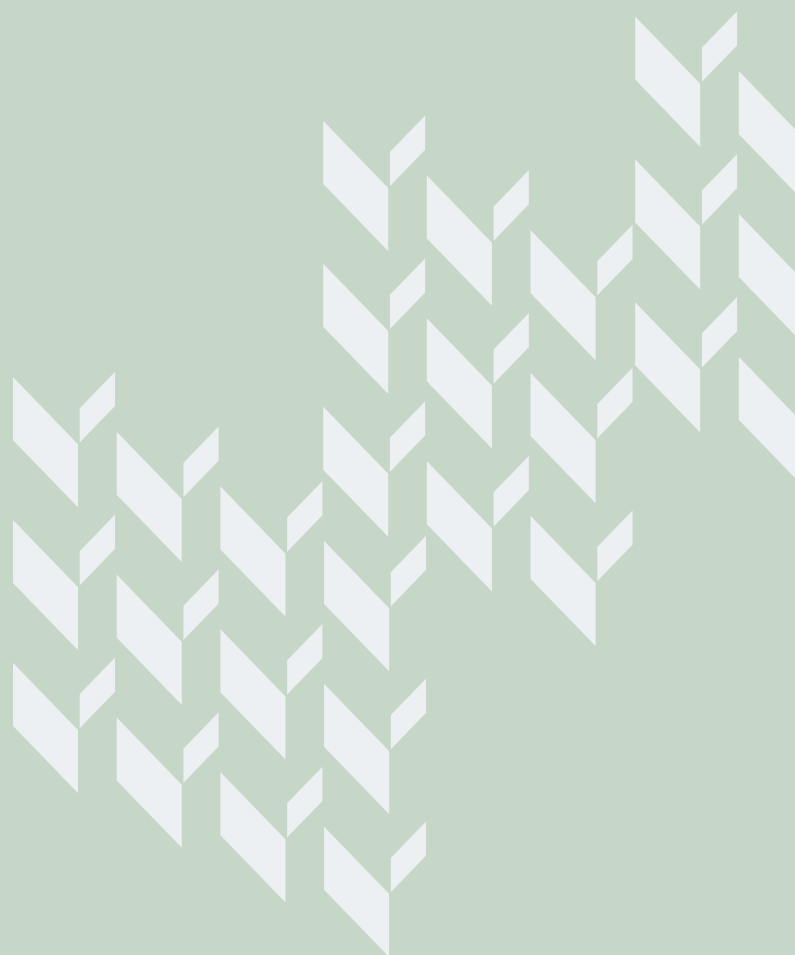
This seminar is FREE – but due to a closed number of seats we have made it an event you must REGISTER for. Registration can be found here

www.stickytickets.com.au/51555

The advertising poster on the event is attached.

If you have any questions please contact Ms Sally Schofield on T: 6770 3678 E: sschofield@armidale.nsw.gov.au

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FREE BAND Blow-In Workshop Friday 5 MAY, 9.15am-11.30am New England Conservatorium

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