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SCHOOL

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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 31 May, 2017 Term 2 Week 6

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### School Counsellor

This week our new school counsellor, Mrs Alix Goudge, was welcomed to the School and introduced to students at our weekly assembly. Alix is local to Armidale and comes to us with an extensive background in social work and counselling at a range of levels, including formal mental health assessments, trauma and other specialist counselling and a wide variety of work with adolescents. Alix is now based in the usual location in the counselling rooms below the chaplain's classroom and will be visiting homeroom and advisor groups through the remainder of the term to make contact with students. She joins the peak level welfare team comprising the Director of Pastoral Care, Chaplain, Senior Nurse, Director of Boarding and Girls' Education Director and will meet with that team regularly.

After taking some time in this important appointment process it is a pleasure to have Alix with us and I hope that parents and students alike will not hesitate to make contact with her, even if only to establish a first relationship. Alix can be contacted by email at [agoudge@as.edu.au](mailto:agoudge@as.edu.au)



### Into the Woods

The first TAS musical to be entirely produced and performed by Middle School opens on Thursday night. Into the Woods (Jr) is a rich retelling of a cocktail of classic Brothers Grimm fables, featuring all the favourite characters as it weaves its story about wishes and the choices we make. I am reliably informed that the dress rehearsal yesterday afternoon has confirmed that there is some stunning Middle School talent on show and the production promises to be great entertainment.

Tickets are still available for shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and all are invited to join this celebration of Middle School drama. Information for the show and how to secure tickets can be found later in this edition of TAS Talks.

## Coonabarabran Horse Expo

The 26th North West Equestrian Expo hosted by Coonabarabran High School will be held from Friday this week and TAS will again be represented by a strong team of 15 riders, made possible with the wonderful support of parents and friends of our equestrians. As many will know, 'Coona' is the largest equestrian activity for secondary students in regional NSW and it is certainly the feature event for us. I take this opportunity to wish all our riders well and look forward to hearing about their experience.

## Year 12 Careers Expo

A group of 37 Year 12 students, the largest in recent years, will travel to Sydney tomorrow for the Sydney Careers Expo at Moore Park. This is an opportunity for our students to focus on their tertiary and career aspirations and they will be welcomed by three of the Sydney University colleges for tours. Setting sights on the rewards that HSC goals might present is as much motivational as it is informative and I look forward to seeing the fresh direction that will be no doubt be found for a good number. Some of those attending the exhibition will connect with the rugby trip to Scots College that follows and I wish them well for that too.

## Armidale Eisteddfod

The marathon that is the Armidale Eisteddfod continues this week, with events moving to the Memorial Hall to take advantage of the organ and Sam Thatcher featured in a fine performance. Other individual and ensemble events continue too and I particularly wish our bands well in their preparation for the championships next Tuesday evening at the Old Teachers' College. TAS will feature with dozens of musicians in the largest number of bands we have ever seen perform and I congratulate our music staff, ensemble directors and, of course, dedicated travelling parents for supporting them.

## Da Vinci Decathlon

As heralded in TAS Talks last week, teams from Years 5 and 6 and Years 9 and 10 competed at the da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar with some good success. The experience of engaging in elite intellectual company with 1200 other like minded students in one room must be a memorable one and the reports from our girls and boys attests to that. I particularly congratulate our Year 6 team that placed second in the cartography challenge and hope that all are looking forward to the Northern NSW version of the event to be hosted at TAS in late August. Our da Vinci organiser, Catherine Boydell, has reported on the event in TAS Talks this week and I recommend that to you.

### Murray Guest



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Week 6

	Kokoda Information Evening (Big School)
Thursday 1 June	Year 11/12 Vaccinations
Friday 2 June	Coonabarabran Horse Expo Coffs Harbour Boarding Schools Expo Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>
Saturday 3 June	Rugby vs Scots (Sydney) Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i>

## Week 7

Tuesday 6 June	Eisteddfod Band Night
Wednesday 7 June	Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews MS Tri-Schools' Debating
Thursday 8 June	Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Friday 9 June	Staff Day No Classes ( June long weekend)

## Week 8

Tuesday 13 June	School Resumes Fiji Service Trip Meeting (6.30pm) in McConville Centre ICAS Writing Competition
Wednesday 14 June	MS/SS Inter-House Debating ICAS Writing Competition ICAS Spelling Competition
Thursday 15 June	Armidale Eisteddfod ICAS Writing Competition MS/SS Inter-House Debating
Friday 16 June	Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews MS/SS Inter-House Debating ICAS Writing Competition Armidale Eisteddfod
Saturday 17 June	Armidale Eisteddfod Rugby vs Sydney Grammar at TAS
Sunday 18 June	Armidale Eisteddfod Gala Concert (2pm) NSW All Schools XC Mountain Bike Championships

## Medical Centre

Consent forms for Year 11 & 12 Meningococcal Vaccinations were sent out last week. Could parents please complete & return to Reception or the Medical Centre as soon as possible.

Vaccinations will occur at the Health Centre on Thursday 1 June.

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## Clothing Shop

Please note the Clothing Shop will be closed on Friday 9 June and Monday 12 June for the Queens Birthday holiday break.

Normal hours resume Tuesday 13 June.



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## ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

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### Second Chances

Wonder the last time you used the five second rule? When you dropped your toasty, after waiting 15 minutes in line, what do you do? You pick it up and eat it, because of the famous 'Five Second Rule.'

Well as we make our way through the fruit of the spirit, the question comes up what if I drop the fruit, what if I fail at living out the Christian life?

The 'Five Second Rule' goes back throughout history, however recent scientific discovery, namely myth busters shows it to be false. Food dropped on the ground picks up whatever germs are there, no matter how quickly we pick it up.

Yet most of us abide by the 'Five Second Rule.' We pick up our food from the ground and eat it. Why? Because we can't see the germs, we live as if they don't exist or like me you couldn't be bothered to make another sandwich.

Jesus has his own take on the 'Five Second Rule' - "It's not what goes into us that makes us unclean, it's what comes out of us." In other words, don't worry so much about food-poisoning. Worry instead about the bad fruit that comes out of our hearts.

Yet most of us ignore the bad fruit inside our hearts. Why? Because from our perspective we can't see it. We can see the bad fruit in everyone else's hearts - but not our own. So we live as if we're the only pure, righteous, clean person on the planet.

We quickly judge others to be wrong. We call them names like intolerant, fundamentalist, haters. But we can't see our own intolerance, fundamentalism, or hate.

The only way is to open our eyes and see what Jesus sees. That there is bad fruit in our hearts and then humble ourselves to ask Jesus to pick us up.

Jesus has no 'Five Second Rule' for us. No matter how much rotten fruit is in our hearts, he will pick us up, clean us, and give us another chance.



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## DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE , BARNEY BUNTINE

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### Welcoming the new School Counsellor

It with great pleasure, and with an element of relief and comfort to many also, that our newly-appointed School Counsellor arrived at TAS this week. Ms Alix Goudge joins us after an extensive career as a social worker and we are very excited to have her with us.

Students were introduced to Alix at Assembly this week and, if I may speak on her behalf, she is also excited to be here and keen to be involved beyond her office. Alix is here five days a week and this is an important part of enabling students to have immediate access to professional mental health support.

Alix also joins our Wellbeing Team – the other members being the School Nurse, Chaplain, Girls' Education Director, Director of Boarding and myself.

Alix can be contacted on [agoudge@as.edu.au](mailto:agoudge@as.edu.au)

On a slightly different front, in addition to the links from the AIS I sent out last week, here is another great resource from the e-Safety Commissioner, this time dealing with explicit imagery.



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-risks/online-pornography>.

This site includes information for parents on:

- What to do when someone shows your child pornography
- Six strategies for when your child accidentally finds online pornography
- How to talk to your children about pornography (under 8s, 8-12 and teens)
- Conversations aids
- Video content including respectful relationships

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## P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

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Come and help us spend the money you've helped us raise at the Funding Meeting on Wednesday 14 June at 7pm in the Lower Maxwell Meeting Room. If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there. Meetings are open to all parents. Alternatively, if you wish to put forward a proposal for the use of funds please send these to Mr Guest – but get in quick - all proposals need to be evaluated and there is a holiday weekend just before hand.

Our next home rugby fixture is also coming up on Saturday 17 June. We're playing against Sydney Grammar. If you would like to bake or bring something, whip up some soup or help on the P&F Canteen and BBQ please feel free. The Rugby Committee of the P&F are also hosting a function afterwards in the Hoskins Centre. 'Wallabies at TAS' including watching the Wallabies play Scotland on the big screen and a legendary TAS Wallaby speaker. All are welcome. More info can be found at [www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/](http://www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/)

### Contacting the P&F

If you have anything you would like to raise with the P&F please either contact your Year Group Liaison Person or any member of the Executive or send me an email on [nicollfamily1@gmail.com](mailto:nicollfamily1@gmail.com)

Even better - if you want to know what's going on in the P&F join us on Facebook! We regularly post updates on what we are doing, what events are coming up and any other useful information that comes to mind.

We have our own Facebook page – use the keywords TAS Parents and Friends and then 'like' us.

### NSW Parents Council Annual General Meeting

The TAS P&F is a member of the NSW Parents Council. This is our voice on the parents group for independent schools for NSW. They lobby the NSW government on our behalf and are also a part of the main body that is involved with the Federal government as well. Sue Cartwright, who is based in Sydney, is our representative on the Council.

The AGM is being held on Friday 16 June, commencing at 6.30pm at the Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC), Boundary Street, Croydon. Aside from standard AGM fare, there will be a guest speaker - Dr Julie McGonigle.

Dr McGonigle comes to Australia with a wonderful record of success in lifting a struggling school, in industrial England to great academic success. Dr McGonigal has a BA[Hons] from Queens University, Belfast and D Phil, M.Sc. PGCE from Oxford. She has enjoyed great success through always encouraging students with her mantra "You are better than you think you are!"

And there will also be awards presentations, including the category of Award for Excellence Principals Category <https://www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au/awards-for-excellence/>. The nomination form is 2016, but it may be used. RSVP is to [executive\\_director@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au](mailto:executive_director@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au). All are welcome to attend.

### Save the Dates

- 11-12 August Supporters trip to Sydney to attend TAS vs Kings games. More info at [www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/](http://www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/)
- Saturday 26 August Trivia Night in the Gym – All welcome. Be prepared to out dress, outwit and outplay everyone else!!!



### Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for WEDNESDAY 7 June (3.30pm - 6pm) and THURSDAY 8 June 2pm - 5.30pm)

Information regarding Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews has been sent to parents which include the link and booking code to request interviews. If you have not received this please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au and it will be resent to you.

Requests for interviews need to be entered by 5pm on Friday. Times will then be generated and you will receive an email to indicate that you can log in using your code to find out your allocated times. Interviews are to be held in Memorial Hall.

Parent Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 7 June at 6.15pm and a repeat session on Thursday 8 June at 11.45am. These will be held in Big School - just outside Reception.

### Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for THURSDAY 15 June (3.30pm - 6pm) and FRIDAY 16 June 2pm - 5.30pm).

Information regarding these interviews will be emailed to parents by the end of this week.

Please note there will be no Parent Information sessions at this time. This is now scheduled to be held later in Term 3 when the subject handbooks will be available and distributed to students to decide which electives they are able to choose in Year 9.

### Year 9 & 10 Semester 2 Electives

In the coming few days students in Year 9 and Year 10 will receive an email with their code to log in and choose their electives for Semester 2. This will need to be completed by Tuesday 13 June.

An information sheet with the elective choices has been emailed to Year 9 & 10 students and parents today.

### Mid-course exams

Exams conclude at the end of this week for students in Years 9 and 10. It has been a busy few weeks in regards to exams for all students in Years 6 - 11.

### Year 12 Reports

Year 12 Reports have been posted to parents today.



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## ACADEMIC

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### Success at the State da Vinci Decathlon

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 and Years 5 and 6 teams, who last week represented TAS at Knox Grammar School's state final of the da Vinci Decathlon. Imagine one auditorium the size of four basketball courts with 1200 students representing schools from all across the state. And amongst this enormous crowd is your small team of eight students. I think it is safe to say this is an overwhelming situation. Add to this the fact that you must now complete 10 academic challenges designed to really test every gifted student in the room. This is no walk in the park!

This year the 10 disciplines were English, Maths, Science, Ideation – problem solving and philosophy, Engineering, Drama, Art & Poetry, General Knowledge, Code breaking and Cartography – Geography. The theme of the competition was power, so each of the ten disciplines had to be answered with students making clear connections to the power.

Congratulations to all our competitors but especially our Year 6 Team who were second in the Cartography category. Well done.

Year 5 William Gilpin, Edward Tuohy, Abbott White, Tom Ball, Lennox Neilson, Henry Kirton, Harry Pennington, Sam Hynes

Year 6 Louis Ross, Owen Rice, Jasper Russ, Lachie Hunt, Campbell Aitken, Gane Harbutt, Jack Hopkins, Toby Inglis.

Year 9 Jack Nivison, Lucy Ball, Alistair Le Surf, Cotter Litchfield, Andrew Kirk, Thomas Wu, Aaliyah Johnston

Year 10 Henry O'Neil, Harry Mason, Chloe Lawson, Emily Hempel, Liam Smith, Tom Price, Flynn Charley-Briggs, Jasper Leoni.

### Ms Catherine Boydell





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## CAREERS, MARK TAYLOR

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### HSC and Careers Expo

Thirty seven Year 12 students will be travelling to Sydney this Thursday for the HSC and Careers Expo being conducted at the Moore Park Exhibition Centre. I have posted a copy of the exhibitions and tertiary institution that will be in attendance on the school's website Careers page.

We will be leaving 3.45 on Thursday and the non-rugby students will be returning at approximately 10.00pm on Friday evening. The rugby playing contingent will be remaining in Sydney to meet up with the school's rugby team.

Students will need to bring their school formal uniform, a sleeping bag and pillow. We will be staying at the Sydney High School boatshed where mattresses are provided. We will also be visiting the University of Sydney for a tour followed by visits to St. Andrew's, Women's and St. Paul's Colleges for a look at residential life at University of Sydney.

In previous years the Expo has been well received and has given student the opportunity to clarify future directions as well has had the added bonus of acting a motivating factor as we approach the end of their HSC.

### UAC Admissions 2017–18

UAC is gearing up for the opening of the 2017–18 admissions period in August.

Applications for undergraduate study will open on Wednesday 2 August. Encourage your Year 12 students to apply before on-time applications close at midnight on Friday 29 September to avoid rising application charges.

Remember, there are some important changes to the upcoming admissions period:

- The maximum number of preferences will now be five.
- There will be an offer round after ATAR release and before Christmas.
- There will be an offer round in mid-January but no 'Main Round'.
- SRS offers will be made in November.
- Cut-offs will be published for the pre-Christmas round and the mid-January round.

### Federal Budget changes

The [Higher Education Reform Package](#) was announced in May as part of the Budget 2017–18. Changes include:

- lowering the HELP repayment threshold to \$42,000
- increasing student contributions by 7.5% over four years
- establishing the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program
- removing subsidies for permanent residents and NZ citizens but giving them access to HELP loans expanding the demand driven system to university Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Associate Degree courses.

For more details see the link above or click [HERE](#).

### University News – UAC

The University Admission Centre has published a newsletter detailing a number of changes to the Admission process this year but it also listed various new items from NSW universities. I have posted this on the School's Careers webpage for your convenience. The new items are from:

- [Australian College of Applied Psychology](#)
- [Macquarie University](#)
- [UNSW](#)
- [University of Sydney](#)
- [University of Wollongong](#)
- [Western Sydney University](#)

### CAS Hawker Scholarships

The CAS Hawker scholarship is one of the most generous scholarship on offer to students wishing to enter tertiary study. It is valued at upto \$60,000 over four years.

Applications for the 2018 CAS Hawker scholarship open on 4 December 2017 and close on 5 January 2018. For further details you should visit their website below.

<http://www.hawkersscholarship.org>

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## DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, CRESSIDA MORT

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Just in case you have missed the email sent to you all last Friday, click on the link below and check out the new TAS video that we have sent to all in the TAS community.

This is the first of the videos the production crew have made for us after their 5 days here at school last term. There will be more of them rolling out over the next few months that you will all see when they are ready to roll.

Have a look .. it is really rather good!!



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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

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### Coaching Boys into Men and Girls into Women

Teaching character through sport is not a new concept. Whilst there is not one absolute curriculum it is commonly agreed that the character of the coach is significant in shaping the character of the athlete.

Many adults will site a teacher/coach as one of the greatest influences in their lives (aside from their parents). They may not recognise this until long after they have left school. In the meantime, teachers and coaches must have faith that what they do makes a monumental difference.

I received this link from a parent last week about 'Coaching Boys into Men' <http://www.essentialkids.com.au/development-advice/advice/coaching-boys-into-men-via-the-sports-field-20170522-gwaawt>. There are hundreds of similar programs for both boys and girls. They all recognise the unique power of the coach/teacher in influencing the way boys and girls will function in society.

Amidst the pressure of teaching, marking exams and writing reports, TAS staff continue to coach teams, rehearse plays and prepare ensembles. They dedicate their personal time to nurture and inspire their students. The sacrifices are great but the rewards are immense. It is through these experiences that students grow to be better people.

### North West Equestrian Expo

This Friday, TAS Students will head to Coonabarabran to compete in the North West Equestrian Expo that runs until Tuesday 6 June. Events from Polcrosse to the Warrumbungle Way will draw competitors and spectators from across the country.

Students are training and preparing away from school and I am always in awe of the way these young riders manage both themselves and their horses. We wish them every success throughout the competition.

### Representative Honours

Congratulations to Sam Wright who was selected in the NSW Combined Independent Schools Hockey team. The team will play against Combined Catholic Colleges and Combined High Schools teams next month and we wish Sam and the team all the best.



## Band Night

The performances roll on at the Armidale Eisteddfod yet life goes on as normal at school. How students and staff juggle this commitment on top of their existing workload is amazing. Whether students are receiving awards or simply growing through their experiences, their accomplishments are worthy of recognition. Whilst the program has run almost continuously for the past month, audiences are encouraged to attend the Band Night next Tuesday 6 June at 6pm at Old Teachers' College Auditorium. If you can sneak a peek at 1:30pm you will be entertained by the The Rolling Oates, The Genny's and the Senior Jazz Combo

## Debating

Congratulations to the TAS Senior Virtual Debating Team who are through to the Semi Finals in this National competition. For those looking for a softer introduction, the inter house competition will take place after the long weekend and Houses will be selecting their teams next week. This is a great opportunity for students to support their house and develop the art of persuasion. Any interested students should nominate through their house captain.

**Mr Will Caldwell**  
**Director of Co-curricular**

## Rugby

The first round of the GPS rugby fixtures got underway in Sydney on Saturday, with TAS being met by 10 strong and determined teams from St Ignatius College, Riverview.

The weather was made for a great day of rugby, with parents and supporters joining together to help create the atmosphere that is Rugby.

TAS overall had a mixed day of success, with the TAS First XV playing a very strong match and emerging victorious. All fixtures saw boys reaching into the depths of their fitness in an attempt to overcome their Riverview opposition, from those that held their ground to a win, to teams that showed the utmost mateship and camaraderie, continuing to drive the ball back time after time with little success.

As we approach the matches against The Scots College this weekend it must be known that to be a true champion you must see the big picture - it's not about winning and losing; its about everyday hard work and thriving on a challenge. Its about embracing the pain that you'll experience at the end and not being afraid.

TAS looks forward to seeing all supporters in Sydney this weekend for the Scots fixtures for yet again, another round of hard, well played rugby.

**Mr Todd Currell**

## Netball

We had another great weekend of netball, with all three teams who played winning their games convincingly. Well done to TAS 1, TAS 4 and TAS 5! We look forward to more fun and encouraging games this weekend. Special thanks goes to the parents who show their support each weekend and also thanks to our coaches who are doing a great job developing netball at TAS.

**Ms Rachel Harrison**

## Kokoda Trail 23 September - 3 October

### Information Evening

The 96 kilometre Kokoda Track still bears its battle scars in the shape of scattered ammunition, guns, helmets and stirring campfire stories. Trekking the Original Kokoda War Track is a right of passage all Australians should aspire to achieve. There are steep rugged mountains, treacherous ridges, jungle terrain, unforgiving rivers and rainforests with giant trees that will tower over you.

If you would like to find out more please come to the Information Evening. Mark Taylor has completed Kokoda twice. He will present an overview of the trek and answer all your questions.

Date: Wednesday 31 May, 2017

Time: 15 – 8:15pm

Venue: Big School (Main reception)

If you have decided that you will not be participating in the expedition this year, could you please email me at [wcaldwel@as.edu.au](mailto:wcaldwel@as.edu.au) .

**Mr Will Caldwell**

## RUGBY – TAS v SCOTS

2-3 JUNE, 2017

**Dress:** 13s – 15s TAS tracksuit,  
16s & Opens TAS formals. To be worn for all travel and when supporting.

**Departure** from TAS front of school Friday 2 June:

Bus #	Rego - seats	Teams	Depart TAS	Accommodation
4	Oxley TV5803 - 57	13s + 14A	2:15pm	Grammar * swag required
3	Coaster AP93GO - 20	14B	2:15pm	Scots
2	Edwards 5944MO - 57	16s	2:15pm	Shore
1	Oxley 7192 MO - 62	Opens + 15A	3:00pm	SBHS

**Accommodation:**

A sleeping bag and pillow will be required at all venues.

\* **boys without swags should collect a mattress from Sandilands room upon departure**

TAS	TSC	Venue	Time
TAS 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	Scots Main Oval	1:00pm
TAS 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	5 <sup>th</sup> XV	Scots Main Oval	10:00am
TAS 16A	16B	Parade Ground 8	8:00am
TAS 16B	16D	Parade Ground 8	10:00am
TAS 15A	15B	Parade Ground 6	1:00pm
TAS 14A	14B	Christison Park 3	11:00am
TAS 14B	14D	Christison Park 3	9:00am
TAS 13A	13B	Christison Park 2	12:00pm
TAS 13B	13D	Christison Park 2	11:00am

Scots Main Oval: Victoria Rd, Bellevue Hill,  
Christison Park, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse  
Parade Grounds: Centennial Park.

**Return** to TAS front of school Saturday 3 June :

Bus 3 – 6:30 pm. Buses 1, 2 and 4 - approx. 10:00pm. (Updates will be published on TeamApp).

**Meals:** Dinners en route, breakfast at accommodation, lunch at Scots.

**Cost:** All students \$100 charged to school accounts.

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## CREATIVE ARTS

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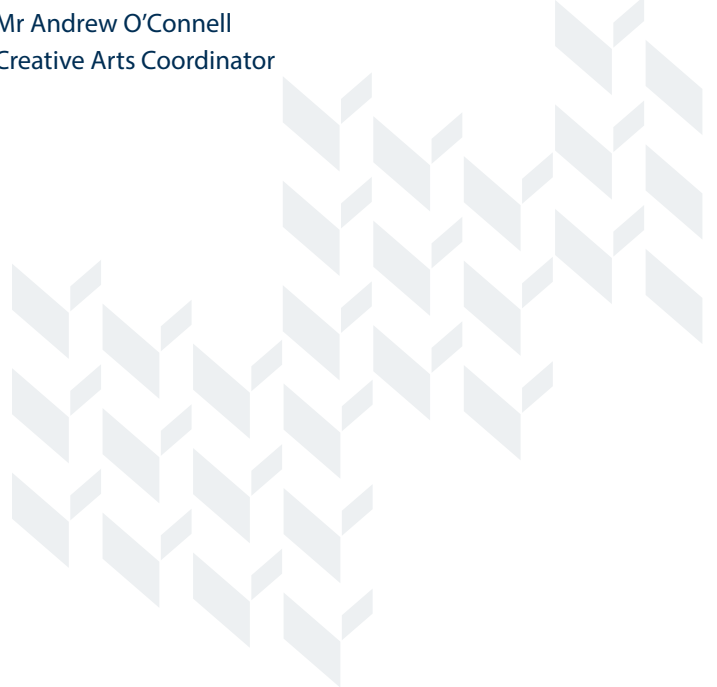
It is time for Middle School to take TAS on a whimsical fairytale journey with *Into The Woods JR* gracing the stage in front of audiences this week. After months of preparation and countless hours of work the show opens on Thursday, there are two performances on Friday, and Saturday evening is the closing show. This awesome extravaganza is only around for a very brief time and with the cast sounding so amazing and the production elements looking so striking you would be a fool to miss it. Tickets can be purchased online through the Hoskins Centre website so get in quick as some performances are looking very full.

As soon as *Into The Woods JR* bumps out we have the Regional Shakespeare Carnival popping into the Hoskins Centre on Sunday. Students from around the New England will compete to represent the region at the finals in Sydney at the end of the term. A number of TAS students are involved this year and we wish them the best as they put their finishing touches on their work and get ready to present their work to the Sport for Jove Theatre Company.

And speaking of Shakespeare, this weekend the National Theatre's production of *Twelfth Night* is being broadcast to the Belgrave Cinema. Having just been host to Felt Tip Theatre Company's production of *Twelfth Night* a couple of weeks ago, this would be a would be a great opportunity to see a another interpretation of the material (by one of London's top theatre companies) and should be particularly interesting as Malvolio is played as Malvolia by a female actor. The production is being shown at 12:40pm on Saturday and 3:05pm on Sunday and anyone interested in theatre should do their best to get along and enjoy the show.



**Mr Andrew O'Connell**  
Creative Arts Coordinator



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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### This is what we're doing...

Well, the long weekend is looming and I'm hoping your time with your children will be enjoyable. I hope also that they will have some quality family time post exams, simply to relax. I have to 'hand it' to the staff, you know – they've given of their best over the last three weeks, preparing, showing, 'modeling' and revising key concepts so that students were as well prepared for exams as they can possibly be. Now they've all but completed the marking and are busily writing reports – so, I guess I know what they'll be completing this coming weekend.

The last three weeks of term will run quickly – the away games for many will be at Scots College. Our da Vinci Year 5 and 6 Team warranted special attention at this morning's whole school assembly: in an event that boasted 1,200 participants from just about everywhere, TAS won second prize in one of the challenges and this is no small achievement. Both Mr Ian Lloyd and Mr Luke Polson said the students acquitted themselves admirably during each of the sections, as well. During her presentation of certificates to all students involved, Ms Catherine Boydell, our da Vinci coordinator, gave full credit to our winning team, after having identified the strength of the opposition.

Winter's arrived, finally, and now's the time to be getting to be at home again. I've mentioned this fact, especially today, to the very few intrepid souls (both genders) who are still careering around the grounds in shirtsleeves – perhaps this has something to do with the careering, but this activity can't last a full day. Students need to be appropriately dressed – it's cold and they need to be dressed for the cold. There's also an amazing 'bug' lending itself to all and sundry: it lingers, causes some pretty exhausting coughing fits and needs definitely not to be taken for granted.

As you know, next Wednesday Middle School students will complete the next round of the Tri-Schools Debating competition. Some have been practicing and I feel sure they will perform admirably in all three age categories. Competition from the girls' schools is fierce and their skills are finely honed. Again, we must acknowledge the extra time given to us by the likes of Mr Tim Hughes who, unobtrusively, comes to the Middle School on a reasonably regular basis to assist our students – I hope they do him proud.



**Mr Mark Harrison**  
**Middle School**

TAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

# INTO THE WOODS JR.

## JUNE PERFORMANCES

1<sup>ST</sup> 7.00 PM  
2<sup>ND</sup> 2.00 PM & 7.00 PM  
3<sup>RD</sup> 7.00 PM

TAS Hoskins Centre

## TICKETS

\$15 Adults \$10 Student/Concession  
available online [hoskins.as.edu.au](https://hoskins.as.edu.au)  
<https://www.trybooking.com/PNBA>



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Book by **JAMES LAPINE**

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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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### Challenge

A significant part of our Round Square and International Baccalaureate commitment entails embracing challenges; understanding that as we do so, we will venture outside our comfort zone. As adults, we understand this concept and we manage well. So, it is the experiences we have in our formative years that prepare us for being 'adventurous' and it is vital that we do not remove the opportunities for such important lessons.

Last week, our da Vinci representatives went to Sydney (some for the first time on an overnight excursion) and I cannot remember travelling with a happier more positive group of students throughout the entire journey; they supported each other, laughed together and combined admirably (even coming second in Year 6 Cartography section). Accepting the challenge was all part of the experience.

During the Aquatic Unit in PDHPE, Mr Jim Pennington has been pushing our students (literally) in the pool, as you'll see in the photo. Part of the exercise was to stay under the kayak and breath from the air pocket. What is worth mentioning here is that one of the students, when approaching his turn, was noticeably nervous. Another turned to him and said "Don't worry – I'll look after you" What a wonderful example of the thoughtful and caring individuals we as parents and teachers are attempting to raise. Undertaking such activities provides these opportunities and the lessons gained from them are so valuable.



For many, participating in the Eisteddfod may well fall into the 'Challenge' category as well. Last week, under the direction of Mrs Rachel Butcher, Ms Leanne Roobol and Mrs Bek Baumgartner our choirs performed exceedingly well. The quality and polish of their singing was clearly evident and they were suitably praised by the adjudicators. We especially congratulate the 3-5 Choir who was placed first in their event. Next week our FanTAStics will be performing twice and I am greatly looking forward to their performance. They have become very polished and this is the result of a good deal of practice and effort.

While performing with a class group might be less daunting, we also have a good number of individuals participating and I am very pleased to see the growth of participants in these categories. A lot of time and extra effort has gone into preparing for their respective events and I am appreciative of the support they have received from parents and teachers. I hope they overcome their nerves and rise to the challenge – this in itself is a significant achievement and I wish them well. As we have commented so often before, doing your best is so much more important than the end result and in so saying, we acknowledge all of their wonderful efforts, including: Peter Thompson - 2 x 2nds in Cello Solo 8 years and under; Christopher Post – 3rd in Violin Solo 8 yrs and under; Andi Li – 2nd in Violin Solo 8 yrs and under; Max Junge – 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Vocal Solos (10 and 12 yrs divisions). More results will be published as they come to hand.

Lastly, I would like to promote a fundraiser that will be held in Armidale soon. On Friday evening 16 June, Camp Quality is holding a Giggle Disco at Armidale City Bowling Club. The Disco will start at 6.00 pm and conclude at 7.30 pm. The age bracket is 5yrs to 13yrs children. The disco promises to be a fun filled night that focuses on bringing the community together to help support local families. The funds raised at this event are used for Recreation Camps, Fun Therapy activities and other support services that we provide for our local children and families living with cancer. Camp Quality is a not for profit organisation that is committed to bringing hope and happiness to every child living with cancer. They passionately believe in the power of fun in helping children and their families overcome the challenges that cancer brings. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Armidale City Bowling Club on 6772 5666 and there is a poster attached to this edition of TAS Talks.

## Looking Ahead

<b>Week 6 – School Spirit – Persistence</b>	
Tuesday 30 May	Years 3, 4 & 5 ICAS Science Exam
Wednesday 31 May	Class Eisteddfod – Yrs K, 1, 2, 4 at the OTC - Formal Uniform
Assembly 2.45	Year 1 Memorial Hall
	Dance Club begins – Lunch time in Hoskins Centre Drama Classrooms
<b>Week 7 – School Spirit – Co-operation</b>	
Wednesday 7 June	Assembly 2.45 – Leaders
Friday 9 June	Pupil Free Day Staff PD Day
<b>Week 8 – School Spirit – Resilience</b>	
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend – School Closed
Wednesday 14 June	Assembly 2.45 – Transition

## Seussical JR

I was delighted to be able to announce at Assembly this week that the 2017 Junior School musical will be Seussical Jr - a lively, colourful production based on the works of the famous children's writer Dr Seuss. As with our last two productions, Peter Pan Jr and The Lion King Jr, this promises to be spectacular.

Auditions will be held in Term 3, Week 2.

More information will be available in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

**Mr Ian Lloyd**  
Head of Junior School



## Year 2 won their Choral Speaking Division this morning!



### Lost Property

With Winter upon us I take this opportunity to remind everyone to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have already received multiple requests to look out for lost jumpers and jackets and, while some have turned up because they are well named, many have turned up with no identification at all so may not make it back to their owners.

### Uniform

Throughout Terms 2 & 3, all students must wear winter uniform and we ask for your help in making sure your child is wearing the uniform correctly, arriving at school with shirts tucked in, ties and shoelaces done up. The School will also be looking at Chappell hats and asking those that have gone past their use-by-date to be replaced. Each child needs to take pride in their presentation and know how to wear the uniform correctly and we ask you to help us with this.

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# PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

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## PYP- The Exhibition

Now that TAS Junior School is verified as an IB World School, offering the Primary Years Programme, we are required to participate in 'The Exhibition'. The exhibition is a celebration of learning throughout the PYP.

The aim of the exhibition is for students to showcase the attributes of the learner profile, which have been developed throughout their engagement with the PYP. It is also a time for students to display an understanding of the five essential elements: attitudes, skills, knowledge, concepts and action.

The exhibition this year will be taking place under the transdisciplinary theme 'Sharing The Planet'. In order to develop extensive knowledge into an issue related to the Central Idea, the students will complete an in depth investigation.

It is envisaged that students will collaborate in groups of five and each group will be assigned a mentor. The mentor will guide students to help them stay on task- on the right track and also help them to source appropriate information and set goals.

The students in Year 5 have commenced initial discussions about the exhibition. This term, they have been focussed on developing time management and research skills to ensure they are well prepared and equipped to participate in the exhibition.

**Mrs Veronica Waters**  
PYP Co-ordinator



### Collection of students after Sport

Thank you to those parents who have helped us at the completion of sport, particularly on Monday afternoons. The collection time for pick up is from 5.00 and we are endeavouring to get your children to the pickup area on time. We ask that you continue to help us by moving freely around the turning circle if your child is not there for collection. This will help us all to keep this pick up area safe for all involved.

### Attending Games

It is a requirement that all children participating in a winter sport attend weekend games. If you are unable to attend a game for any reason, we would appreciate you notifying your child's coach before the game. We have had occasions when coaches are missing several players without notice. This makes fielding a team very difficult. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

### Football TAS Tigers

The mighty TAS Tigers had another sensational match against the North Red Jets.

We had four players ready for the game against a team that had at least eight. However, we were fortunate enough to have two boys from another game come and offer to sub for our players.

Eunseo Lee kept the pressure on the opponents throughout the game. Andrian Zhang was a great mid fielder and Mila Nexo tackled well. However, it was George Drain who stole the show with an impressive save against a goal right at the end of the game. We did not win, but we certainly made them work hard for their goals.

Well done TAS Tigers!

**Mrs Lana Hawksford**

### TAS Trucks

We had a fabulous game this weekend. Unfortunately, we had just three players on the field because Josh and Azoz were sick so we say thanks to the Uralla Kookaburra's for lending us one of their players. Hamish from Uralla played for us and scored two goals while Cecilia played fabulously, scoring her first goal. Everyone worked very well together. It is amazing to see how Bonnie and William are improving their skills each week. We kept the pressure on until the very end and everyone gave a very good effort and had a lot of fun!

**Mr Julius Jensen**





# CAMP QUALITY GIGGLE DISCO



**FRIDAY 16th JUNE 2017**

Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street

**Tickets** \$8 pp (drinks and snacks available to purchase)

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30pm

**Age:** 5-13 years (Adult Supervision—all with Working with Children Check)

Tickets must be presented at the door

& purchased from the club

**Theme:** Winter Wonderland

**BOOK NOW @ the Armidale City Bowling Club, 02 6772 5666**



# Wednesday Fresh Sushi Day



## 3 Varieties

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Tuna & Corn
- Vegetarian



## New England Conservatorium of Music



### JUNIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP Wed 28 & Thurs 29 June 2017

The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-9 who can read music and have at least 12 months experience playing one of the following instruments:

Violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp  
Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba  
Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone  
Orchestral percussion (pianists may apply)

**Book Online: [www.trybooking.com/QBEY](http://www.trybooking.com/QBEY)**  
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# SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS



## THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES:

### MODULE ONE:

A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.



### MODULE TWO:

A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach.

### Course cost: \$140



Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3-for-1 scheme cannot be included.

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.**



### ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)

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# CAMP WALLABY IS COMING TO TAS

Camp Wallaby is excited to announce their first rugby camp in Armidale during the school holidays 10-12 July with current Wallaby Lock, **Will Skelton** to attend!

This is a chance for boys & girls aged 5-14 years old to meet and train with a Wallaby.

Camp Wallaby is affiliated with the ARU's Pathways program meaning all players receive the best coaching and tuition with two program streams to cater for children of all skill levels.

To make this great opportunity available for all children, Camp Wallaby is offering a day option (5-14 years) as well as a residential option (10-14 years) with players staying in the school's boarding facilities, so they can live and breath rugby.

## Camp Wallaby Armidale

Date: 10-12 July

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Location: The Armidale School – Wake Field

Address: 87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW, 2350

Day Option (5-14 years): \$250

Residential Option (10-14 years) : \$350

## REGISTER HERE:

<http://www.campwallaby.com.au/camps/camp-wallaby-armidale-july-2017/>

For further information about the camp please contact Andrew

Mobile: 0407 860 650

Email: [andrew@campwallaby.com.au](mailto:andrew@campwallaby.com.au)





# CAMP WALLABY ARMIDALE

## Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby

- Wallabies participate in Q&A and autograph sessions
- 3 day camp filled with great rugby skills and drills
- For boys and girls aged 5-14 years old
- All coaches are ARU accredited

*Players can join us just during the day or stay overnight, giving them the chance to live and breath rugby!*

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW PROGRAM STREAMS

- **Beginner:** for all age groups aimed at developing fundamental rugby skills and a passion for the game.
- **Advanced:** tackling, clear-out and set piece strategies for Under 10s - Under 14s with rugby experience and representative aspirations.



*Both programs include fun games and time out to train with and meet the Wallabies.*

**Venue:** The Armidale School  
87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW 2350

**Duration:** 3-days  
**Date:** 10-12 July 2017

Day Option	Residential Option
Drop off at 9am and pick up at 3pm each day. Lunch will be provided.	Drop off – 10 July at 9am and pick up 3pm – 12 July. 2 nights' accommodation and food (BYO linen).
<b>Early Bird price \$225</b> (ends 28 May)	<b>Early Bird price \$315</b> (ends 28 May)
Price \$250	Price \$350

**Register online:** [www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps](http://www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps)

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# YOUTH SPORT LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP CAMP

21 to 23 June 2017

**Dates:** Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June 2017

**Ages:** Between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp

**Venue:** Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

**Scholarships in:** AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football (soccer), Hockey, Golf, Netball and Rugby Union

**Applications close:** Friday 26 May 2017

**Scholarships awarded:** Friday 2 June 2017



**Are you a young person living in the Western Region?**

**Have you got a strong interest in Sport?**

**Do you wish to develop your leadership skills?**

If yes, then you should apply for a place at the Office of Sport's Youth Sport Leaders Scholarship Camp.

At the camp, State Sporting Organisations will deliver sports specific training courses, and the Office of Sport will deliver careers, leadership and team building sessions, including challenging outdoor activities.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply if they meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp.
- Reside in the area encircled by the towns of Lithgow, Boorowa, Young, Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge, Tenterfield, Armidale, Kandos.
- Must be endorsed by a non-related community member.
- Parental permission required for under 18's.



For further information please contact Darrin Yates on 02 6362 6623 or [darrin.yates@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:darrin.yates@sport.nsw.gov.au). Apply online at:

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/ysls](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/ysls)



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