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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 10 May, 2017 Term 2 Week 3

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### SBHS Visit

On Friday afternoon around 200 boys from Sydney Boys' High School, along with their staff, arrived at TAS for their annual visit to compete in football, rugby, tennis, shooting and basketball. That High travels to us every year, stays for two nights and competes across multiple sports makes the weekend one of the highlights of our co-curricular calendar and it is very much appreciated. Whilst our schools are very different in many ways, a camaraderie has developed between us that exemplifies all that is good in school sport. This was reflected in the sportsmanship and good spirit across the various events and it was a pleasure to be a part of. I wish all the High players well for their Winter season ahead and look forward to our return visit for rugby next term.

### P&F AGM

The TAS P&F will hold its annual general meeting this evening and all parents are warmly invited to attend. The P&F plays a central role in supporting the School, whether through fundraising, welcoming new families to TAS or bringing parents together socially. This is best seen in our major events such as the TAS Rugby Carnival, TAS at Dusk and sporting carnivals and the real sense of community support that is generated at those times would be the envy of any school. I am sure that all will want to join me in thanking our P&F Executive and those who take on special roles in supporting the School.



## Country Schools Rugby

As Jim Pennington reports this week in TAS Talks, Toby Markerink and Joshua Jones competed last weekend for Central North in the NSW Country 16s Rugby Championships. Both boys clearly played well and I offer them congratulations on their selection in the NSW Country team that will tour to New Zealand. The Central North pathway is a wonderful opportunity for our rugby players and moving on to represent NSW Country is an impressive achievement.

## Athletics

The TAS Athletics Championships for Middle and Senior School begin today with the lunch time 'Cloisters Run' and continue with events through the afternoon and the main carnival on Saturday. This is the second of our major inter-house competitions for 2017 and I know that it will be hotly contested and will attract the usual high participation rates. Holding the championships on Saturday is designed to enable as many parents as possible to join us and I look forward to seeing a big crowd there.

## Murray Guest



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Week 3

Wednesday 10 May	Cloisters Run Athletics Carnival P&F AGM (7pm)
Thursday 11 May	Twilight Concert (5.30pm)
Friday 12 May	TAS v Farrer at Farrer Junior School Athletics Carnival
Saturday 13 May	MS/SS Athletics Carnival

## Week 4

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

## Week 5

Monday 22 May	Year 6-8 Semester Exams
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Saturday 27 May	Rugby v Riverview (Sydney)

## Week 6

Tuesday 30 May	ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday 31 May	Tri-Schools' Debating (TAS)
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>

## Individual assistant/tutor in prep

We are looking for someone who might be interested in coming to prep during the week and assisting one student with their organisation and completion of tasks.

This might suit a university student looking for a few hours of work each week. If this sounds like you or someone you know, can you please contact Ms Boydell. [cboydell@as.edu.au](mailto:cboydell@as.edu.au) or 0457 722 754.

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# STUDENT TRAVEL

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## 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 Mrs Meg Sadler on [travel@as.edu.au](mailto: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.



### Patience

#### Galatians 5: 22-24

In a busy world of high speed internet, high speed friendships, too many things to do and not enough time, we all need patience. Whether it is in the classroom, sitting in traffic, poor internet or the line for the toasted sandwich machine, I know I struggle to be patient. Yet the Bible says that even though we live in this busy world patience is possible.

Well in recent years I have become aware of one of God's greatest gifts to mankind: pulled pork. However, to get pulled pork just right it needs to be done in a slow cooker with the 'low and slow' cooking method. Low cooking temperatures (110C) and long cooking times (18 hours!). The charm of knowing that the slow cooker is gradually doing its job until the perfect time takes patience.

How do we get more patience? In China in 2013 some people set up a service where you could pay \$3 and for five minutes you could let off all your frustration, all your anger, all your impatience, on a total stranger on the other end of the phone line. Is that how we become more patient? If only it was that easy, \$3 to become patient again!

Yet the Bible says that it is only by becoming aware of how patient God has been with you, will you have the example and reason to be patient with others. Only through realising the incredible way in which God keeps loving us will we develop patience.

Know the patience of God and patience in a busy world is possible.

Knowing who God truly is changes everything.



### Annual General Meeting is tonight!

Our AGM, followed by a General Meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 10 May, at 7 pm in Upper Maxwell. 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. \*\*Nominations will be accepted on the night\*\*, and I have included a nomination form at the end of the Newsletter if you would like to put your hand up or you can find the form [HERE](#).

Please give some thought to putting yourself forward and becoming involved. We do not demand huge swags of time, but welcome any and all involvement whether just one meeting per term, or getting involved in everything. 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.

The AGM will be followed by a quick General Meeting to wrap up Rugby Carnival business and finalise details for this weekend's Athletics.

### Athletics Carnival

The Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships are just a few days away and they take place Friday 12 May (Junior School) and SATURDAY 13 May (Middle and Senior School).

We are asking all families to lend a hand to your P&F in whatever way you can. Perhaps you could provide some goodies to sell to students, teachers and parent/friend supporters at the P&F Cake Stall? Bought or home-made, we love it all, and they can be dropped off on Friday and Saturday. Some popular ideas are cakes, donuts, bags of lollies, biscuits, jelly cups, bought goods etc - generally in single portion sizes. Also, some gluten free, dairy free items are handy. However, please remember all items should be nut free.

This year we are also putting on a Brekkie BBQ for the Middle/Senior Carnival on Saturday, and there will also be a coffee van on site. So we could really use the talents of some self-proclaimed experts on the BBQ as well!

For those who would love to help, we have set up a roster as follows. Please give some thought to contacting your LP (or Rachael Nicoll, or me) and putting your name down:

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ROSTER Saturday 13 May

7.30 - BBQ – contact Rachael Nicoll if you would like to help here [nicollfamily1@gmail.com](mailto:nicollfamily1@gmail.com)

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)



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## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES , SEONIA WARK

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### HSC Tutoring

Year 11&12 English tutoring is in Week 3.

All other HSC tutoring continues as normal this week.

#### Year 11

Tuesday            2U Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)  
Wednesday       Maths Ext (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)  
                         English - 8 - 9pm (F1-2)  
Thursday           General Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)

#### Year 12

Monday            Biology (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)  
                         Chemistry (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)  
Tuesday           2U Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)  
Wednesday       Maths Ext - (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)  
                         English 7 - 8pm (F1-2)  
Thursday           General Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)

#### Exams

Mid-course exams continue this week for Year 12 students.

### Exams in Term 2

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

Year 11            Week 4  
Years 6-8        Week 5  
Years 9 & 10    Week 6

A copy of the Year 11 Exam Timetable and Student Expectations during exams has been emailed to students and parents.



### Aerodrome Flying Day

As a member of the Armidale Aero Club I was proud to be able to facilitate the first flying day for the community of students and their parents at TAS on Saturday 6 May.

Students of the Aviation Elective have access to a flight simulator in class, but flying a real aeroplane is something that they might normally only dream about. For some part, this is because at present we have no active fixed wing flight school in Armidale. So, several months ago I began negotiating with a number of stakeholders to try to bring a flying school to Armidale. This would allow parents to bring their son or daughter to the aerodrome for their first Trial Introductory Flight (TIF).

A TIF is one in which you sit in the pilots seat and, accompanied by a flight instructor, have an opportunity to hands-on fly the aircraft – from take off to landing. I was able to secure an aircraft from Airspeed Aviation flying school to fly up from Tamworth – a German training aircraft called a Grob.

Armidale had spectacular weather on Saturday and 17 parents, friends and students took the opportunity to come to the flying day. We also had two fly ins – an RV-9 experimental aircraft and a Pilatus PC-12.

Not only did six students from TAS take a TIF, but nearly all present took a local flight either in the Aero Club Cessna 172, or as a fantastic treat, a flight in the PC-12. Everyone present reported having a superb day in a cordial atmosphere.

For me, aviation provides a true opportunity to experience a life with a distant horizon, full of opportunity and adventure, seeing further and with a clarity that ordinary life on the ground rarely provides. That is the spirit of aviation, that pioneers such as Nancy Bird Walton and Charles Kingsford Smith, sought to capture and it is a pleasure to be able to afford our community at TAS the same.

I wish to thank Greg Cox and Alex Kiriczenko of the Armidale Aero Club for giving up their entire Saturday to assist and for cooking the BBQ for those present, and to the Aero Club for their generous use of the club premises.

Special thanks also goes to parent Andrew Earle for taking all those present on a local flight in his PC-12.

**Mr Alasdair Hey**



Joseph Sewell (Year 10) in the Grob after completing his TIF



Patrick Foster (Year 10) at the controls prior to take off.



Andrew preflight checking the Pilatus in front of onlookers.



## NAPLAN

Students in Year 3,5,7 and 9 will be completing NAPLAN testing in Week 3.

Tuesday 9 May Period 1,2 and 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS, WRITING.

Wednesday 10 May Period 1 and 2 READING

Thursday 11 May Period 1 and 2 NUMERACY CALCULATOR, NUMERACY NON-CALCULATOR.

During the tests each student is required to bring the following materials:

- 2B or HB pencils (or black or blue ballpoint pens)
- an eraser
- a sharpener
- a calculator for the Numeracy Calculator Allowed test.

Students who are unable to attend these sessions will be able to complete catch up tests during the week.



## HSC and Careers Expo 1-2 June

After a survey of interest amongst the Year 12 cohort it was decided that there was enough support to warrant another trip to the HSC and Careers Expo at Moore Park. Places are still available, as we have hired a coach for the journey. Details of the trip are below:

### Thursday 1 June

Leave TAS 3.45 from front of school. (Neat Casuals)

Arrive Sydney High Boat Shed approx. 10.00-10.30 pm.

### Friday 2 June

Wake 7.00am and breakfast. (Formal Uniform)

8.30am tour of University of Sydney

10.00am tour of St Andrew's College USyd.

11.00am Possible tour of St Paul's USyd. (Yet to be finalised)

12.00 noon HSC and Careers expo.

2.00-2.30pm Non rugby playing students return to TAS. Rugby players return to Sydney High Boat Shed and await the arrival of the senior rugby teams.

9.30-10.00pm Bus arrives back at TAS.

I will be speaking to the Year 12 group later this week to finalise arrangements.

For more information on the Expo, go the following website:

<http://www.hscandcareers.com.au>

## UNSW – Medicine and health information

I received a package from UNSW (University of New South Wales) which included a range of flyers and information about their medical programs.

This included a Health Careers kit, which I have put in the Year 12 common room in the UNSW box. They have also sent through flyers on:

- Indigenous Entry into Medicine
- Rural Entry Scheme
- Rural Clinical School, Port Macquarie Campus.

I have posted the flyers to the school's website on the Careers page if you are interested in have a closer look at any of these.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/02/unsw-health-careers-and-medical-information/>

## UNSW – What's on

UNSW has sent out it monthly newsletter with the following items listed for your information and consideration.

Law Admission Test 2017 - Registrations now open

New academic calendar for UNSW in 2019

Scholarships Information Evening

Robertson Scholarship Information Evening

Save the date - Law & Business Info Evening Year 10 Subject Selection Evenings

HSC Science Enrichment Days

Mining Scholarship Information Dinners

Upcoming events.

The full version is posted on the school Careers website.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/04/unsw-may-newsletter/>



## National Arts School - HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PORTFOLIO – FREE ADVICE SESSION

Date: Tuesday 16 May

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Calrossy Brisbane Street Campus Theatre Room, Tamworth

Does the idea of putting together an art folio seem like a daunting task? It doesn't need to be!

Give yourself the best chance of getting accepted into the National Art School by attending the school's regional 'How to Prepare Your Portfolio' session.

Led by key member of National Art School's academic staff, this informal presentation and discussion will cover the following:

- How To Prepare Your Portfolio
- How To Apply
- Interview Process
- Course Structure and Content
- Q&A

## SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) – The university for Creative Careers

I had a visit from Alex Mesterton-Gibbons from SCAD University late last week. SCAD offers a university for creative careers. SCAD has become one of the most comprehensive and connected art and design universities in the world. They have campuses (Atlanta | Hong Kong | Lacoste | Savannah) and spanning across the globe, and over 40 creative majors.

Alex left a large amount of material for students to consider and hopefully find useful in making future career choices. I have put these in the Careers area of the Year 12 Common Room for those who might be interested.

## Global leadership entry program (GLEP)

Macquarie's university students are global citizens, deeply engaged with the world and the big issues shaping the future of society. Sound like you? The university's Global Leadership Entry Program (GLEP) will support and inspire you as a global leader of tomorrow. If you're selected for GLEP, Macquarie will make you an early offer for Session 1, 2018. You'll also participate in exclusive activities while you're still at school.

You can apply if you are completing the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in New South Wales, have aspirations for service, engagement and leadership, a leader in your community and are involved in extracurricular activities, achieving good results at school.

### WHY APPLY?

As a GLEP student you'll be able to:

- enrol into university before you complete your HSC exams
- participate in many of the Global Leadership Program activities, including specialised workshops and speaker events – run by experts in their field – on topics such as leadership, climate change, and Indigenous issues
- have early access to Macquarie's state-of-the-art library and student community area - MUSE, where you can hang out with current students
- access the campus wi-fi – just bring your laptop and connect away
- participate in networking activities to get to know other students starting uni just like you.

For more details and application process go the link below.

<http://www.mq.edu.au/study/find-a-course/undergraduate/macquarie-entry/global-leadership-entry-program>

**Mr Mark Taylor**  
**Careers Advisor**

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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

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### Take your marks...set...

"Once I take that first step I know that I will finish – not because I am an optimist but because I refuse to give up." (anon.)

A lot will be asked of you this week: Athletics, Farrer Fixture, regular fixtures, Twilight Concert, NAPLAN, exam preparation and play rehearsals. Your tenacity and time management will be tested. So... have a plan, stay calm, enjoy the ride and remember...the best way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time.

Athletics events commence today and continue with the 800m during lunchtime Thursday, culminating with the main day this Saturday. A BBQ lunch is provided for all students and spectators – we would love to see you there. **A schedule of events is attached.** [CLICK HERE](#)

Best wishes to all teams competing at Farrer this Friday. Please see attached a copy of the Fixture Information.

### A Friendly Fixture

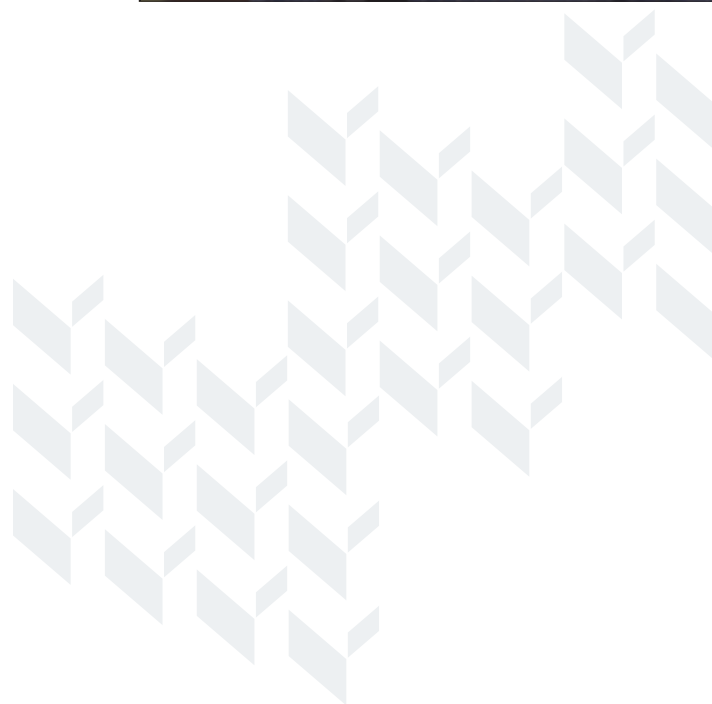
Around 200 students from Sydney Boys' High visited TAS as part of the fixture last weekend, which is a highlight on the sporting calendars of both schools.

The festival started on Friday night with junior and senior basketball, both games going convincingly to High. It was much closer in tennis, played by a Junior IV (Years 7-9) and a Senior IV (10-12). The result was five sets all, with TAS winning on a countback, 45 games to 44 – a fantastic contest.

On Saturday morning at the small bore rifle range, TAS, High and NEGS contested the Tank Shell Trophy. Competitors shot a 50m 20-shot deliberate match and a 50m eight-shot rapid match and after the top eight aggregate scores, TAS narrowly won 2001 points to 1997.

A TAS Opens Football XI defeated High's Third XI 7-0. TAS also won nine out of ten games of rugby, culminating in a comfortable 41-0 victory to the TAS First XV. The High Captain and Sportsmaster congratulated TAS on retaining the Hannon & Harris Cup, whilst all acknowledged the wonderful spirit that exists between the two schools. Photos from various events can be found on the school website gallery.

### Mr Will Caldwell



**TAS v FARRER Fixtures**  
**Friday 12 May 2017**  
**DICK HODGSON SHIELD**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Bus Number</b>
<b>RUGBY</b>				
3:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Field 1	1.05pm	Bus 2
4:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Field 1	1.45pm	Bus 4
5:40pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	Field 1	1.45pm	Bus 4
4:00pm	16A	Field 3	1.45pm	Bus 4
3:00pm	16B	Field 3	1.20pm	Bus 3
4:00pm	15A	Field 4	1.45pm	Bus 5
3:00pm	15B	Field 4	1.20pm	Bus 3
4:00pm	14A	Field 6	1.45pm	Bus 5
2:00pm	14B	Field 6	12.45pm	Bus 1
2:00pm	13s	Field 3	12.45pm	Bus 1
<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
3:00pm	Opens	Field 5	1.05pm	Bus 2
4:00pm	15s/16s	Field 6	1.05pm	Bus 2
2:00pm	13s	Field 5	12.45pm	Bus 1
<b>CHESS</b>				
3:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	Farrer SMC	1.20pm	Bus 3
<b>TENNIS</b>				
3:00pm	Snr IV	Farrer Courts	1.20pm	Bus 3
3:00pm	Jnr IV	Farrer Courts	1.20pm	Bus 3
<b>BASKETBALL</b>				
5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> VIII	Farrer MKC	1.45pm	Bus 4
<b>DEBATING</b>				
3:30pm	Snr IV	Farrer Library	1.45pm	Bus 5
3:30pm	Jnr IV	Farrer Library	1.45pm	Bus 5
<b>SHOOTING</b>				
2:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> XII	Loomberah	1.05pm	Bus 2a

**Dinner:** Dinner provided by Farrer

**Return Journey:** Buses depart approx. 6.45pm ETA to TAS 8.30pm

**Dress:** - U13's – U15's: TAS polo shirt and shorts, TAS track suit, joggers, cap

- U16's & Opens: TAS formals or TAS tracksuit (change at recess) if you have a 1.05pm bus departure

**Cost:** All students \$50 charged to school accounts.

## Under 8s Football TAS Taipans

The day was warm and sunny, perfect conditions for the first game of the season.

The boys were excited by the prospect of having a goalie, taking corners and using throw-ins to mix up the action on the field. Training had emphasized the skill of controlled dribbling and Marcus Robb and Levi Broadfoot utilised this with blistering runs up the sideline and centre. Joshua Rucci playing a strong defensive game in the midfield but had some strong pushes forward. Josiah Baumgartner and Andrew Alkhouri both shone with multiple saves each as goalies and Max Junge and Hugo Broun repeatedly found the back of the oppositions net with some great strikes. Peter Thompson supported injured from the sideline.

With a commendable win, it was a very positive start to the season.

**Mr Stephen Thompson**

## Netball

Well done to all of our netballers this weekend, TAS 1 and TAS 4 had convincing wins against NEGS and PLC respectively and TAS 3 had a tight match against PLC which resulted in a draw. All of our teams are definitely showing signs of improvement and working extremely well together.

With the athletics carnival this weekend there may be rescheduled games so please ensure you keep a look out for updates on TeamApp which will provide the most up to date information.

Well done!

**Ms Rachel Harrison**

## Hockey U13 Blue vs U13 White

Friday saw the beginning of the mixed U13s season, with the two TAS teams going head to head in Round 1. Having not trained together it was an interesting start, with many players new to the sport being thrown in the deep end, and coaches and players alike finding their feet with names, positions etc. With this said, all players did themselves proud with an energetic and enthusiastic start, working hard on and off the ball and giving the coaches some definite insight into future training priorities. With a few players out, the teams were mixed a little to ensure an even spread, and as a result it proved to be an intensely fought out match, with TAS Blue coming out on top 2-1 with goals to Blues players Hugo Catterall and Will Jarrett.

**Mr Alex Portell**

## NSW Country 16s Rugby Championships

Crescent Head was the venue last weekend for the annual NSW Country 16s Rugby Championships. Toby Markerink and Joshua Jones both played for Central North throughout the weekend, with Joshua as the Captain. This turned out to be the best showing from Central North in many years, with the team making Sunday's final. In a phenomenal game, the boys went down narrowly to Central West after 60m of hard rugby. The highlight of the weekend however was just around the corner, for upon the announcement of the NSW Country 16s Team, both Toby and Joshua were selected in the side. This is a magnificent achievement and includes a tour of New Zealand during the July School Holidays.

**Mr Jim Pennington**



Toby Markerink and Joshua Jones

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## CREATIVE ARTS

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It is at this time of year the Eisteddfod looms on the horizon and our students are busy preparing for its commencement next week. I expect the Music Centre will be a hive of activity (well, even more hiveier than usual) and other events like Thursday's Twilight Concert are all important parts of their performance preparation. While I wish them the very best I strongly encourage every student to see the quality of their performances, rather than the notion of competition, as the motivation driving them in the Eisteddfod.

Another group busily preparing is the cast of Middle School's *Into the Woods JR*. The Hoskins Office is packed out with fabulous costumes for the show, the songs and dances are now very familiar tunes around the building and the growing excitement of the cast is clear for all to see. With only a few weeks left I hope the cast will be prioritising their time on the show and give this last push their best effort. Tickets are available through the Hoskins Centre website so get in quickly to grab the best seats.

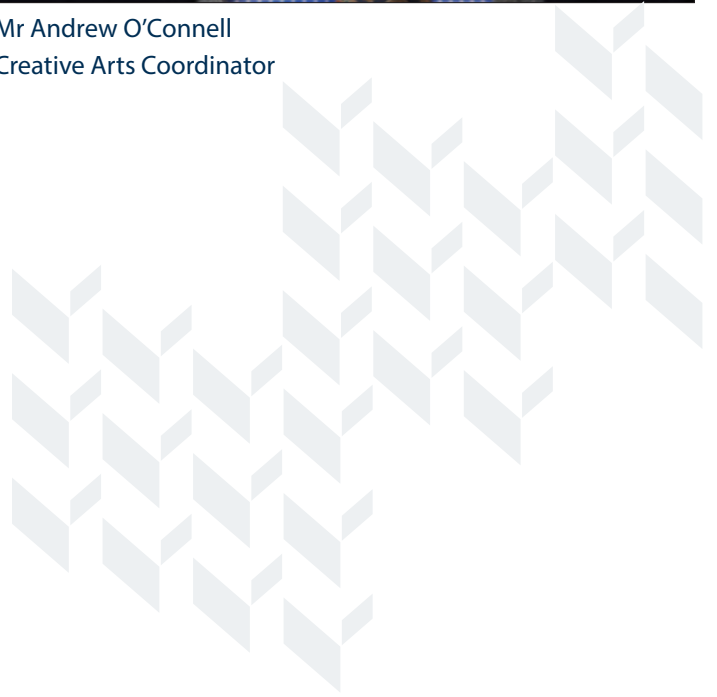
This week we have Felt Tip Theatre Company saying farewell to Armidale with Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. They have been a regular face in the Hoskins Centre (with some familiar TAS faces appearing on the stage in their productions) and there will be many young performers and audiences sorry to see the company go. This final production of one of the Bard's best work, a beautiful balance of drama and comedy, is sure to see them leaving on a great high. So I strongly encourage you to get along and see this final show either by visiting the Hoskins Centre website, Carr's Newsagency or at the door.

Visual Arts Club commenced last week with Ms Harvey and it was great to see a number of students come along. VA Club is on Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons in the downstairs art room for any student so swing on by if you want to have some help with personal artmaking, feel like entering a competition or want to catch up on some work.

Next week we are hosting the Cyclone Pam fundraiser presented by SEIA and BackTrack. The fundraiser is about continuing the work started in Vanuatu back in 2015 with funds needed for materials, shipping and hopefully sponsoring some young people of BackTrack to go across and have an amazing experience developing skills while giving back to that community. The evening will involve the fan-favourite dog jumping of BackTrack, raffles, a choir of singers from Vanuatu and the international release of the film *The Storm that Time Forgot*, a documentary on the first project trip. Tickets are available at the Hoskins Centre website and all proceeds go to this fantastic cause.



Mr Andrew O'Connell  
Creative Arts Coordinator



### Twilight Ensemble Concert

TAS Music will present an evening of ensemble performances this Thursday 11 May at 6pm in Memorial Hall. Preceding this will be a concert of soloists at 5:30pm.

The twilight Ensemble concert will be showcasing a number of our fabulous TAS ensembles who will be performing in the upcoming Armidale Eisteddfod, which commences next week. Students, conductors and accompanists have all spent many hours fine-tuning each piece, so they would love to have an audience to perform to. If you are unable to make the Eisteddfod daytime events, this concert will be a perfect opportunity for you to hear our TAS Ensembles perform.

### Armidale Eisteddfod

Armidale Eisteddfod Choir Night, commences Tuesday 16 May at Lazenby Hall UNE. This is the night of night for all singers! The Choir night commences at 6.00pm. This fabulous event is one of the highlights of the Eisteddfod, and features the best choirs in town.

For a special treat at Choir night this year, the TAS Staff Choir will make their debut performance! So come along to support the students, and the staff! Tickets are available at the door, with the cost being \$3.00 for Adults, \$1.50 for concession and non-performing students.

### Disa Smart – Playerlink workshop (Sydney Sydney Orchestra)

Disa Smart (Year 10) participated in a Playerlink workshop organised by Sydney Symphony Orchestra (SSO) last weekend at the Orange Regional Conservatorium. The workshop attracted students from across regional and rural NSW. At the workshop, each instrumental section was led by a member of the SSO. The cello section in which Disa played was led by Chris Pidcock who has his own eponymously named Pidcock Quartet. Chris gave Disa a solo lesson where he urged her to own the music as an artist. The orchestra practiced from Friday through to Sunday morning then performed a public concert on Sunday afternoon. The repertoire was varied and difficult, at the same standard the SSO draws on. The concert opened with Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite No1 followed by Saint Saens' Danse Macabre; a selection from a work by Haydn; and Verdi's Nabucodonosor. Tchaikovsky's Marche Slave was the rousing finale.

**Ms Leanne Roobol**  
**Director of Music**





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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### Boarding and Round Square

The last weeks have been slightly different from those in the past. In addition to the regular informal tutorials that staff, again, have kindly offered to give, we are now in a position to begin to offer this assistance to boys and girls together. Thanks must go to our Director of Boarding, Mr Michael Holland, the Girls' Education Director, Ms Alex Pollitt and Head of White House, Mr Andrew Junge. This very healthy initiative is complemented by another, far less formal, where a number of our intrepid Fishing Club boys and girls went to Dumaresq last weekend. Notwithstanding the fact that no fish was seen, leave alone caught, it is good to report the healthy, happy relations of our collective student body. In addition, I was really happy to be invited to White House last week to listen to our Middle School GAP student, Patrick Cheboi speak about the enrolment process and student-driven nature of his Round Square school, Starehe, in Kenya. I know that Andrew Junge has communicated the following to boarder parents in his weekly newsletter, but because of the Round Square (democratic) nature of the talk, want to print, in part, some of this information for all Middle School families.



*Tonight, we had a visit from Patrick Cheboi. Patrick is one of our Gap students from Kenya. He attended Starehe and told an incredible story about his school. In short, the school has more than 1000 students, all boarders. For the 250 places in each year, there are 20 000 applicants. The school is cleaned every morning by the students, not for punishment but out of respect for the institution. Most of the students are from poor urban and rural backgrounds. A scholarship to Starehe, while no guarantee, is an honour and opportunity that those selected make the most of for their family, their village and their country. Patrick is an impressive young man and his talk was a humbling experience for all in the room.*

*Patrick spoke about a Baraza which relates to Democracy. Each Friday night students would attend and were given the opportunity to raise issues and ideas in front of the school including the Headmaster and senior staff. Anyone could speak providing they were honest, polite and genuine. The voice of the student was always valued and feedback was provided when ideas for change were voiced. The Round Square organisation has embraced the Baraza concept for students attending conferences to inspire leadership and democracy.*



I am aware of the significance of the Confucius saying: "All journeys begin with the single step" as I offer the following point. While it is nowhere nearly as impressive as the Starehe experience, it's important that you know about the Student Leader meetings we have in the Middle School. Being the elected representatives of the student body, these girls and boys are encouraged to offer comment about the manner in which Middle School 'runs' and also advice about the way it could 'run better'. I take on board their advice and want you families to know that, despite the times when it seems the wheels are really wobbly, as a member of the Middle School staff I'm in a far better place now, in relation to issues relevant to young adolescence, as a result of the meetings than I was before we began to have them.

## **I warned you (about time) and informed you (about exams)**

Despite the pace of any given term at TAS, students and staff are settling into the steady period of those pre-exam weeks so necessary to the establishment of a sense of calm and increasing confidence in order that the approach to them is serious, though not stressful.

Please be assured that students will begin to receive, beginning this week, Exam and Study Packages containing information about examinable topics, 'styles' of questions, including, where relevant, marks values attaching to each of the 'above'. I've already spoken to a number of Year 7 students about the wisdom of 'Study Groups'. Those I've discussed this with are receptive to the idea, too.

They're necessary components of school life: exams. While people don't look to them with the kind of enthusiasm that attends a sporting fixture or a cultural pursuit, the 'new' attitude that attaches to them is healthy challenge, or, increasingly calm resignation. But it isn't a kind of resignation that carries a negative charge; rather, it's a resignation that academic testing is part of normal life at this school and, as such, something that isn't to be feared.

I spoke again to students at our Town Meeting Assembly last week, indicating the necessity of utilizing the Study Packages that will be received very soon. I'm sure that they'll give the exercise their 'best shot' and have advised that we're here to assist them – but that the day before an exam may not be the best time to do this. In other words, I've told them to determine problem areas as soon as possible, being proactive and alerting us to issues of concern over the next week.

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

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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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With the term ramping up, it is timely to remind all our parents to read TAS Talks closely to stay in touch with everything that is occurring. With NAPLAN this week, Athletics Championships, Mothers' Day Lunch, fundraisers and so many other day to day activities, it's hard to stay in front of it all.

### Mothers' Day Lunch

I know that our children are very excited to be preparing to host and entertain lots of wonderful ladies who help make their lives so happy and productive.....to our mums, grandmas, aunts and carers, we hope you have received an invitation to join us tomorrow for lunch and activities in Junior School. It will be a lot of fun and I am sure there will be many memorable moments.

In particular, I commend Hayley and Blake Whitehill who have combined to create a great fundraising opportunity to support St Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji, where Hayley will travel later this year. For a \$2 donation, she will be providing posies to our children (the flowers have been grown in their own garden) so they can be presented to the wonderful women in their lives. Congratulations to all involved in this venture.

### Winter Sport

Again last weekend, I was able to drop in and see our footballers on Saturday morning (and celebrated what a fantastic, autumn morning it was!) to see many of our teams playing. It appeared to be a really good start to the season and I am sure with our support, the team work and cohesiveness will improve and increase throughout the season. If you have questions or would like to give me feedback, please do so whenever convenient. Weekend sport requires the attention and support from us all and being on the same page is very important. At TAS, we believe that participating to the best of one's ability is the priority and each and every person in the team has something to offer. Having just taken the TAS rugby team through their own carnival, I was impressed with their attitude and approach, even when they were totally outgunned in many of their games. I believe this is what sporting opportunity provides and on some occasions, we need to reinforce this with our kids. I look forward to seeing you on the side lines.



## Martial Arts and Dance Club

I am very pleased that these Clubs have been so well supported by our students. With around 40 students joining the Martial Arts group, consideration will be given to structuring the session to cater for the various age groups and ranges of abilities. PE uniform may be worn to school for these sessions. Anthony has asked that parents do not stay and watch the whole sessions as this proves to be a significant distraction. He is more than happy for parents to come in and observe for the last 10 minutes of any session. The Dance Club will not begin until Wednesday 31 May as Colette has Eisteddfod commitments until then. They will be at lunchtime and students should change into runners or sandshoes for these sessions. Please contact Junior School for more information.

## Leadership in Junior School

Max Rogers, Lennox Nielson, William Brett, Harry Pennington, Sam Hynes, William Gulping, Lochlan Gerdes and Tom Ball all attended the GRIP Leadership course last week, a practical and interactive training conference for student leaders. I congratulate them on the way they represented their school and the great ideas they have already discussed with me for the Junior School. Stay tuned!

## IPSHA Travelling Art Show

The IPSHA Travelling Art Show has now been installed in the Hoskins Centre and showcases the art from six independent primary schools in NSW. We have two weeks to display the art before we pass it on to the next school and so I would like to encourage you to drop in for a look when you can. Again, the standard is high and I am pleased that we could make a contribution this year and display our students' artwork.

## Eisteddfod - Choirs

The Eisteddfod season provides a great opportunity for our students to perform in front of parents and friends. If the purpose of performance is to experience the pleasure of combining as one voice and showcase our hard work, then the Choir sessions at Eisteddfod does just that. I am very excited by the quality of our choral program. I believe singing creates the opportunity to achieve a sense of satisfaction together, collaborate for success and have fun. This year, we have encouraged a good number of our more senior students to challenge themselves by entering the Speech and Drama sections and I look forward to hearing of their experiences in the coming weeks and congratulate them for their courage and sense of adventure.

## Looking Ahead

### Week 3 – School Spirit - Resilience

Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions, Writing
Wednesday 10 May	NAPLAN – Reading Assembly in Memorial Hall at 2.45 pm – Year 5
Thursday 11 May	NAPLAN – Numeracy Mothers' Day Luncheon – Junior School playground from 12.25 pm
Friday 12 May	Junior School Athletics Championships – Wakefield Oval

### Week 4 – School Spirit – Confidence

Tuesday 16 May	Eisteddfod (Choirs) begins
Wednesday 17 May	Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 3

### Week 4 – School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 24 May	Assembly 2.45 pm – Year 2
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## Scholastic Brochures

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering from the Scholastic brochures. The response has been fantastic, and has earned us a number of rewards to purchase new books and resources.

Orders from the latest brochure (no. 3) should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by this Friday, 12 May. Please follow the instructions on the order page in the brochure, or follow the prompts on the website. Should you wish to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in an envelope in the red letter box at the Junior School office. Should you need any assistance, please contact me at [nramazan@as.edu.au](mailto:nramazan@as.edu.au).

**Mrs Natalie Ramazani**



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# PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

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## An Overview of the programme and its essential elements

With many new enrolments in Junior School I thought it was timely to revisit what is at the heart of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). For parents who have been at the school from the programme's inception, I trust the following information will allow you to reflect upon the PYP and its offerings.

### IB Mission Statement

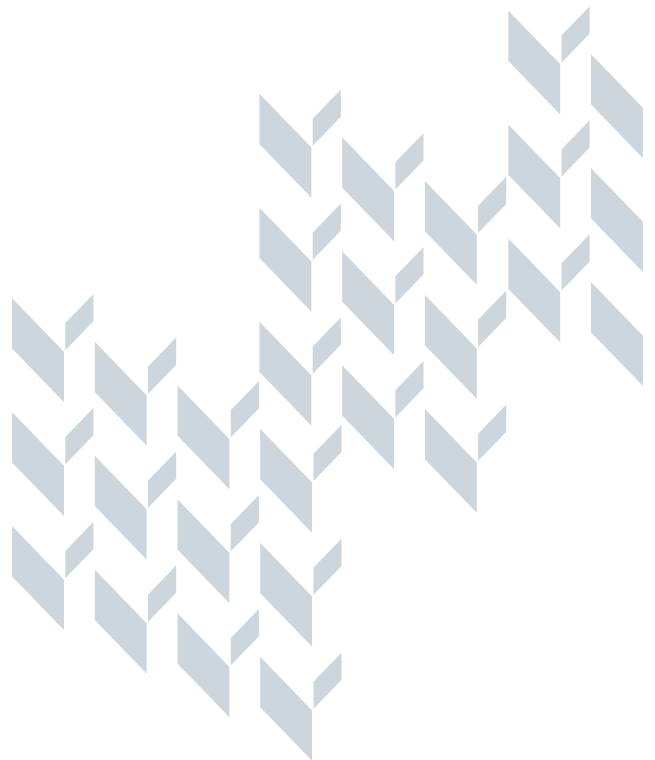
The International Baccalaureate Organisation aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The IBO encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

### TAS JS Mission Statement

The TAS Junior School strives to encourage all students to become responsible global citizens and resilient, independent and lifelong learners. Based upon a strong Christian ethos, we aim to inspire all students to succeed by making informed decisions that promote their academic, spiritual, social, emotional and physical growth.

At the heart of the PYP is the learner. A 'Learner Profile' has been developed where all students are encouraged to strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

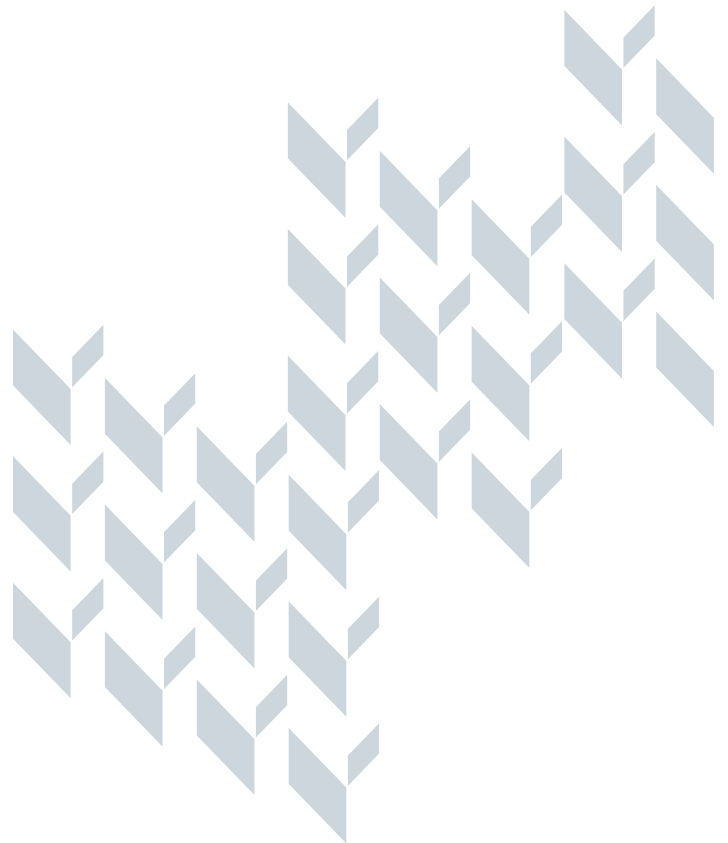


### Essential Elements

The PYP is based on five essential elements. All of these elements are interwoven into transdisciplinary units of inquiry. As the title 'transdisciplinary' indicates, the disciplines have been carefully sequenced to provide a rich programme of learning for our students.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS	
Attitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciation</li> <li>• Commitment</li> <li>• Cooperation</li> <li>• Creativity</li> <li>• Curiosity</li> <li>• Empathy</li> <li>• Enthusiasm</li> <li>• Independence</li> <li>• Integrity</li> <li>• Respect</li> <li>• Tolerance</li> </ul>
Skills (Approaches to Learning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Self-Management</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Social</li> <li>• Thinking</li> </ul>
Knowledge	<p>6 Transdisciplinary themes provide a framework for teaching all disciplines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who We Are</li> <li>• Where We Are in Place and Time</li> <li>• How the World Works</li> <li>• How We Express Ourselves</li> <li>• Sharing The Planet</li> <li>• How We Organise Ourselves</li> </ul>

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS	
Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form</li> <li>• Function</li> <li>• Responsibility</li> <li>• Perspective</li> <li>• Causation</li> <li>• Change</li> </ul>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing</li> <li>• Thinking</li> <li>• Feeling</li> <li>• Having</li> <li>• Saying</li> <li>• Being</li> </ul>





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## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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### Winter Sports

A wonderful weekend of TAS sport occurred last weekend. Thank you to all our supportive parents who come along to games to support their children in a positive manner.

Please remember, if you are going to be absent for any reason at training or at games you will need to notify your coach.

### PSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent TAS at the PSSA Cross Country event next Wednesday, 17 May. Your child will have brought home a permission note this week. Please return these forms to Mrs Wright by Friday, 12 May.

A TAS minibus will transport the team out to Bellevue Oval, UNE, on Wednesday for the event. Children may return to school via parents at the conclusion of their event, otherwise we will all return at the completion of the day. (Usually around 2:30pm)

#### 8 years

Grace Harkness

Katie Hynes

Sophia White

Hugo Broun

Peter Thompson

Harry Brownlie

Joshua Rucci

#### 9 years

Charlie Ward

Peyton Slade

Charlotte Coupland

Paige Sutton

Blake Whitehill

Charlie Ryan

Mitchell Evans

Lachlan Brett

#### 10 years

Ruyuf Almalki

Millie Coupland

Charlize Broadfoot

Evan Kwan

Flinders Ward

Theo Munsie

Will Brett

#### 11 years

Max Rogers

Lennox Neilson

Tom Ball

Lochlan Gerdes

### Athletics Carnival – Friday, 12 May

Please see the attached format for the running of the day on Friday. Please be mindful that our day starts promptly at 8:30am. If all children could be at school ready for an 8:30 start it would be appreciated.

Please note the change in format for this year, commencing with our long distance events. Sprints will occur from 11:30am.

A BBQ lunch will be provided for children and parents on the day, along with a cake stall for a few treats throughout the day.

Please come along and enjoy the day with us on Friday.

## 2017 Athletics Championships Overview: Friday 12 May

8.30am	Assemble in House groups- Year 5 leaders								
8:45am	800 m Events	Intermediate and Senior events							
9:00am	400 m Events	Junior event only for participation (no PSSA or NCIS event)							
9:15am	Field Events - Rotation number 1								
9:30am	Sub Junior - Long Jump (Pit 2)								
	Junior - Discus								
	Intermediate - Long Jump (Pit 1)								
	Senior - High Jump								
10:15am	Morning Tea break - Kids to eat morning tea once their field event is complete								
10:30am	Field Events - Rotation number 2								
	Sub Junior - Novelty relays								
	Junior - Long Jump								
	Intermediate - High Jump								
	Senior - Discus								
11:30am	Track Events 70m, 100m, 200m events								
	100m - 8, 9, 10, 11 yr old events				4-7 yr olds to participate in Novelty events after				
	70m - 4, 5, 6 7 yr old events				their races: Bean bag throw, sack races, egg and				
	200m - Junior, Intermediate and Senior events				spoon.				
	All younger ch'n to be given participation ribbons								
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch break - Have BBQ cooking at 12noon for younger kids to eat once their sprint is finished								
	Field Events - Rotation number 3								
	Sub Junior -In class activities								
	Junior - Shot								
	Intermediate - Discus								
	Senior - Long Jump								
2:30pm	Relays - Junior, Intermediate and Senior (no Sub Junior)								
	Junior Relay - 100m track								
	Intermediate Relay - 100m track								
	Senior Relay - Circular relay								
	Tug of War - Year 5 and Parent relay if time								
3:00pm	Presentation of certificates / medallions and cups - Ribbons to be presented Monday at lines.								

## Soccer Reports

### U12s

With only one training session under their belts, the TAS 2 Under 12s were a little apprehensive as they lined up for their first match of the season against the DK Diamonds. With a good crowd on the sideline cheering them on the team came out firing! Within the first few minutes some real chances were created with a strong passing game and when the ball came to Sam Hynes he made no mistake in putting the ball in the back of the net.

Two goals to Lochie Gerdes and a powerful strike by Caleb Baumgartner kept the score board ticking over and some great defensive work especially by Thomas Dundon and Tom Ball meant that the match was a tight contest deep into the second half.

As TAS pressed hard to regain the lead, the DK Diamonds counter attacked and scored a couple of goals which put the game out of reach. The team's effort right to the final whistle was commendable and their never-say-die attitude will hold them in good stead for the rest of the season.

**Mr Michael Baumgartner**

## TAS Terriers

What a commendable start to the season the TAS Terriers had on Saturday, with such amazing weather too. The enthusiasm and commitment to the game by all players was fabulous.

Lucy was great in defence and did not hold back when tackling the opposition for the ball, both Xavier Stephens and Jack Wood has some pleasing runs with the ball and Connor Ryan and Oliver Robb were ready in the wings to pass the ball down the outside line. The team's ability to think about where best to place themselves on the field showed commendable growth in the second half. Oranges at half time were all consumed- thank you Robb family!

**Mrs Veronica Waters**

## The Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms had a fantastic first game on Saturday. Everyone played and cheered from the sidelines with great spirit.

Well done to our first two goalies of the season Iles and Charlize, only letting in one goal between them. Classy goals were scored by Evan and Flinders, all of which were very ably set up by the midfielders. It was great to see the team having fun on the pitch.

A big thank you to the parents for all your help on the sidelines!

**Mrs Donella Tutt**

## TAS Trucks

What a commendable start to the season the TAS Trucks had on Saturday, with such amazing weather too. The enthusiasm for the game by all players was fabulous, even if it was the first ever game for some. Being our first game, when everyone found their positions and got used to the game, everyone looked far more comfortable. In the second half, Josh Bourke scored three fabulous goals. Everyone participated very well, especially Cecilia and Bonnie who developed very good ball handling skills and William was very busy chasing the ball throughout. It was a great start to the season.

**Mr Julius Jensen**

## TAS Tigers VS DK Saxon

TAS Tigers had a sensational first game. We played against Demon Knights Saxon. From the start, we had tenacious players that we keen to score and they did not disappoint. All the players listened well to instructions and positioned themselves well. It was a great win, with many players scoring. I would like to congratulate Andrian Zhang, Mila Nexo, Aamer Alizi, Layla Abu Assab and George Drain on their first game.

**Mrs Lana Hawksford**



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- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary

### Office Bearers

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- Junior Vice President
- Vice Treasurer
- Vice Secretary
- Elected Members (general)
- Regional Representative

**Name of Nominated Member** (BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Nominated Member**

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**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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