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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 7 June, 2017 Term 2 Week 7

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Into the Woods

All who were able to join the audience for the Middle School production of *Into the Woods* will want to join in applauding the cast and crew after what was a wonderful success and a celebration of the real dramatic and musical talent currently residing in Middle School. As our first ever entirely Middle School production the show has set a high bar for the future, but I am confident that it will be one that will inspire rather than daunt those who are looking ahead to future opportunities. I particularly congratulate director Leasa Cleaver on bringing the production together and drawing out such talent from our students.

Cross Country Running

Last weekend saw back to back cross country events for a number of most committed athletes and these are reported on in this edition of TAS Talks. The cross country program continues to draw strong interest and the opportunity to compete in the regular GPS competition is undoubtedly contributing to this. Last Sunday 10 of our most keen runners backed up from either the GPS round at Curl Curl on Saturday or rugby at Scots College to join 400 other runners in the iconic 16km Great Nosh Footrace on bush trails in Sydney's North. This run is best known for its steep hills, rough ground and ability to attract the hardest of runners. It was another example of our students searching for real challenge and I congratulate them on the achievement.



Eisteddfod Bands Night

TAS was well represented last night in the second of the big community events of the Armidale Eisteddfod. After impressing in assembly yesterday morning, the TAS Big Band was in fine form as they performed in two sections and sounded, in my inexpert opinion, better than ever before. They were well supported in the earlier section by our junior band, the FanTASTics, as well as the TAS drum line and the developing TAS Pipes and Drums. I know that this opportunity for our band musicians to showcase their work for a large and appreciative audience is valued and I offer thanks to the many people working behind the scenes at the Eisteddfod for making this possible.

Shakespeare Festival

We were privileged to host the New England Regional Shakespeare Festival over the weekend and the School was well represented by performers in three sections. This event is a competition and that certainly adds to its appeal for our students, but it is also a celebration of the enduring works that continue to play such a key role in our literary and dramatic culture. Two of our groups will now go on to perform in the NSW version of the same event and work with professionals and I wish them well for that experience.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7

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)

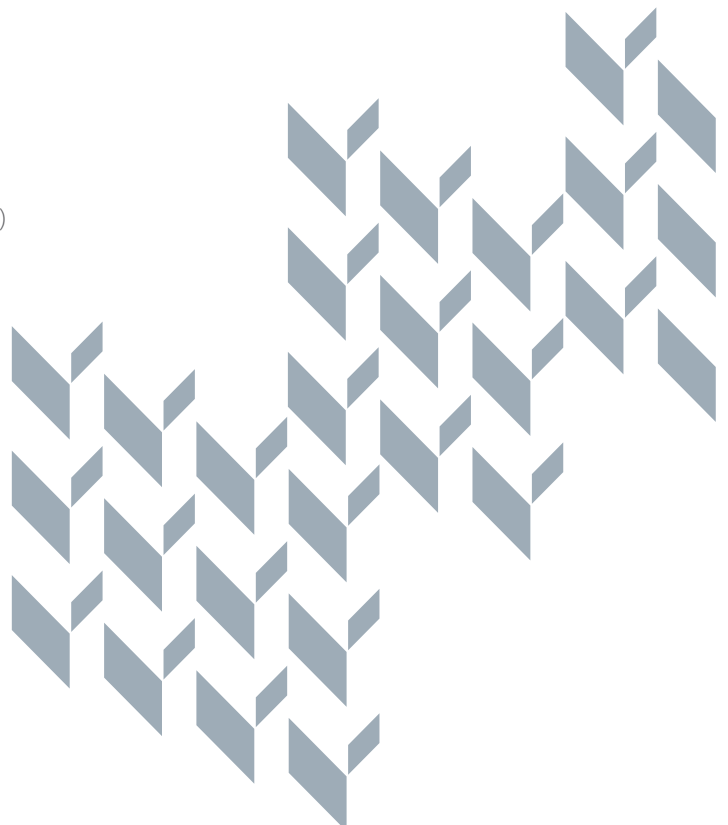
Week 8

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

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.



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

P&F Meeting next Wednesday 14 June

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 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.

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 is 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/

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

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!"

RSVP is to executive_director@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 8 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next week on Thursday 15 June (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 16 June (2pm - 5.30pm). Information about these has been emailed to parents along with the link and personal code to make bookings.

If you have not received this email or are having difficulties making these bookings please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

An Information evening will be held later in Term 3 to outline the Year 9 electives and the procedure for making elective choices for 2018.

Semester 2 Electives for Year 9 and Year 10 Students

Students have received an email with login details to access the web-choice form and make their elective choice preferences. They should make 3 preferences in each line. Choices must be completed by Tuesday 13 June.

The course handbook can be found on the TAS Website.

Tutoring

Tutoring continues for students in Year 11 and Year 12.

Please note: English tutoring will not be on next Wednesday (Week 8 - 14 June) but will resume again in Week 9.

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)



A tutor is also available for Year 9 & 10 students in Maths & Science on Monday & Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm. This is held in the Cash building.

Students just need to attend if they require some extra help. This tutoring is free.

Please note: there will be no tutoring on Monday 19 June and Tuesday 20 June.

Bullying and TAS Web Filtering

If you have a child in Years 7, 9 or 10 (and Year 8 shortly, I imagine), then they may have spoken about the Peer Relations Survey (otherwise known as our bullying survey) they completed recently.

This is a standard practice at TAS and occurs because we might be concerned about some unhealthy behaviour and want some information or, more as a litmus test, we just want to touch base with a particular year group and see how they are travelling collectively.

We ask many questions relating from general levels of happiness at school to more specific questions on bullying, in the end asking students to identify who might be either perpetrators and/or victims. This then informs us about which individuals to look out for perhaps and who to counsel about forming positive peer relationships.

It also forms an opportunity to continue the conversation on bullying, and how, as we define it at TAS, it must be:

- Deliberate
- Repeated
- Involving an imbalance of power (group on individual, older student younger student etc)
- Leading to harm

It is important in all this, in the context of online behaviour, to consider how one comment or post can become 'repeated', simply because of the capacity of others to pass it on.

We would never be so naïve as to imagine bullying can be eliminated but these surveys are useful measurement and educative tools.

Related to this is the ongoing use of the TAS web filtering service, Cyberhound. Since its inception last year, it has been very useful in its three functions:

- To flag worrying trigger words that might be in a student's web
- search and alert key staff
- To block sites deemed unhealthy
- To report weekly on student usage

It is easy to see the online world as one of doom and gloom but students today have plenty of information guiding them to navigate this landscape safely and the vast majority of students make great decisions all the time.



It's not always the case with peer relationships and, whether it's banter or something more serious, we try very hard at TAS to foreground respect, sensitivity and the celebration of difference.

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

On Thursday, 1 June, Junior School all the way up to Senior school participated in a mufti day to raise money for Saint Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji. This trip has been going on for more than 20 years and 16 students from TAS will be going to Fiji from 22 September to 2 October. Every year, the students are required to raise at least \$200 towards St. Christopher's and this money will really help the children at the orphanage. Every year the money raised goes into maintenance and the general upkeep of the home and this has had a great impact on the kids there. The students participating in this trip are expected to do jobs such as; working in the garden, painting various buildings, repairing buildings, fencing and lastly, bonding with the kids at the orphanage and spending time and helping the kids out.

The kids at the orphanage are from ages 6 months to 13 years old. The students going on this trip get paired up with kids at the orphanage and spend time with them during the visit. There are 23 students in total going, with 16 of these being students from TAS. These students include; Nick Munsie, Hayley Whitehill, Hannah Neilson, Nichola Clarkson, Sam Coombs, Archie McDonald, Lachie Carter, Sam Skipper, Oliver Cook, Ethan Irvine, Finlay Lambeth, Hudson McAllister, Jack Hook, Henry Mitchell, Tim Lindeman and Hamish Pearce. All of these students have already been working hard fundraising and are very keen to help the kids at the orphanage. Thank you to the TAS community for your support for this very worthy cause.

Sam Coombs and Archie McDonald (Year 8)



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

To Rally:

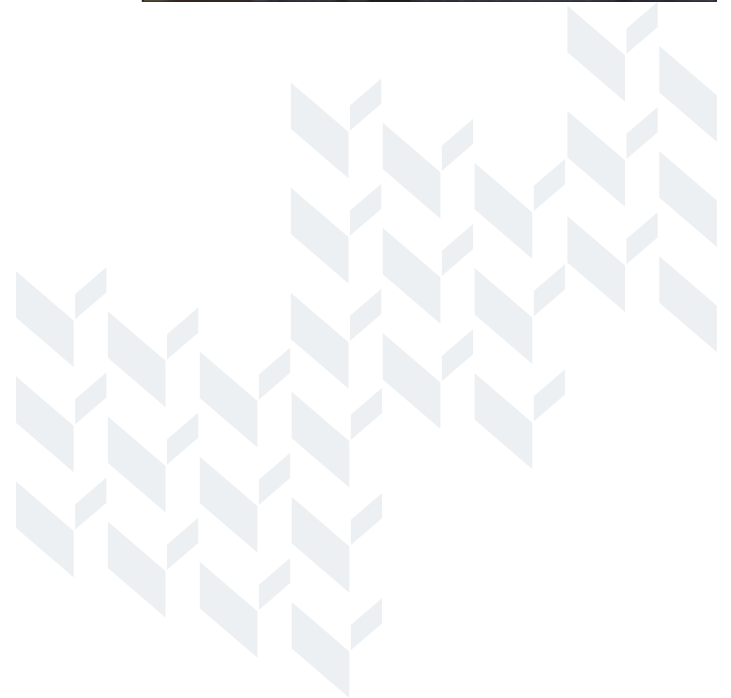
To come together in order to support a cause or for concerted action.

I have been fortunate to witness TAS students rallying all term, yet the past week has certainly been a crescendo. From the amazing talents of the cast and crew of *Into The Woods*; every student thoroughly engaged and loving the experience, to the committed riders at Coonabarabran; some competing against riders five years their senior (and winning), to the diverse array of bands at the Armidale Eisteddfod; each sharing with the audience their passion and joy for music and the teams of Rugby players who endured back-to-back weekends in Sydney; none more courageous than the First XV, who in the face of adversity, refused to give up, refused to give in, they stuck to it and more importantly stuck together. They rallied and won.

Finally, a chance to take a breath. There will be no sport training this Thursday – you deserve a break. I wish all our TAS families a safe and restful long weekend and hope you all find that little bit more energy to finish the term well.



Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular



GPS/CAS Combined Cross Country Saturday 3 June

A small and enthusiastic team of TAS Cross Country runners landed at Curl Curl on Saturday for Round 6 of the GPS series. A fast, multi looped course awaited the athletes, circumnavigating John Fisher Park.

In the intermediate (15/16s), John Moore, Samuel King, Disa Smart and Emma Ward launched out hard with the pack. 3x1800m loops was the call of the day, with Sam sitting in the main group and Disa, Emma and John just off his 6. Such courses allow for numerous surges, as the athletes have time to pick their attacks, and when to look for recovery. All of the TAS runners exploded over the final 1800m lap, passing numerous competitors, on their way to a fantastic finish.

Saxon Hughes and Bayley Fellowes then lined up for 4 laps in the Opens event. With some tremendous competition, the race was on from the gun. Again, tactics come into play, as the first lap was vicious in pace, shrinking from 20 in the first 400m, to 3 at the end of the first lap. Saxon and Bayley ran together, setting a healthy tempo, mindful of the distance ahead. Halfway through their 3rd lap, the boys kicked it down a gear, and gradually moved their way through the field, gaining a solid finish.

The Great Nosh Footrace Sunday 4 June

16.4km through Sydney's majestic Middle Harbour sounds like a lovely day's bushwalking. Plenty of sights, great vantage points and the opportunity to find a lovely coffee shop for a break. Not however, if you're doing the Nosh.

This unique event, now in its 43rd year, follows the trail from Lindfield in the leafy North Shore to Seaforth on the northern beaches. Known as one of the gnarliest runs in Australia, 10 TAS runners embraced the challenge early Sunday morning.

Its worth noting that all of our runners, either raced the previous day at GPS, or played rugby. Not exactly super fresh and peaking. Not that it caused a moments excuse or anything other than "lets get it on". These young runners were simply massive in their approach and dedication, tackling some beastly climbs with desire and searching for the challenge. With almost 400 competitors it's a crazy start, 500m on a 4wd track, before the course switches to a single trail. Your footing is never the same, tree roots, rocks, branches, fences and water crossing throughout. Some of the climbs are so steep, that even the best runners are reduced to walking, such is the toll it takes to make the top.

I could not be prouder of these fine young athletes. Everyone finished with some outstanding times, and all were ecstatic with their achievement. It is not often that a teenager expresses such positive joy and a wish to run again, over 16km.

The wonderful performances were consolidated with 2nd and 3rd age group (under 18) placings to Disa Smart (2nd), Samuel Jones (2nd), Emma Ward (3rd) and Bayley Fellowes (3rd).

TAS Placings

37 Samuel Jones	1:32:20
65 Bayley Fellowes	1:38:38
90 Saxon Hughes	1:42:58
91 John Moore	1:42:58
102 Nicholas Barnier	1:44:40
103 Disa Smart	1:44:40
107 Emma Ward	1:45:34
108 Samuel King	1:45:35
151 Joe Sewell	1:54:29
213 James O'Brien	2:07:17

Mr James Pennington



Sam Jones



Netball

We had another successful weekend of netball with three wins by TAS 1, TAS 4 and TAS 5. TAS 1 had another convincing win and are currently sitting at 3rd place on the ladder. As we have two teams in the same division, TAS 3 played TAS 4 which was an extremely competitive but fun game with many parents and other students showing support on the sideline. The communication and teamwork in TAS 5 has come on leaps and bounds this term and it has been a great incentive for the girls to get some wins under their belt. We have no netball this long weekend, however, we are looking forward to getting back on the court for our last game of the term on Saturday 17 June.

Ms Rachel Harrison

Rugby

What an exciting week for Rugby, as the TAS First XV stay on top of the ladder with a very exciting and tough victory on the main oval of Scots last Saturday. The TAS Rugby cohort ventured down to Sydney, escaping the cold for just one night all in preparation for a tough round against Scots. With nine teams playing over three venues TAS seemed to be a little short of student sideline supporters, however the parent body was to be commended. As all teams took to the pitch, focus and determination was the theme of the day. The TAS Second XV fought a hard fight through to the end showing a great deal of determination, with limited reserves their efforts are to be commended. There is no better adversity. Every defeat, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your own performance the next time.

TAS was also blessed with some great success, the under 14Bs, 15As and 16Bs were able to demonstrate a level of composure and grit to take victory on the full-time whistle.

A well-deserved rest is upon us this weekend, however it is imperative that teams remain focused and stay prepared for a home fixture against Sydney Grammar School 17 June, our final game before holidays.

Mr Todd Currell
Rugby Manager



CREATIVE ARTS

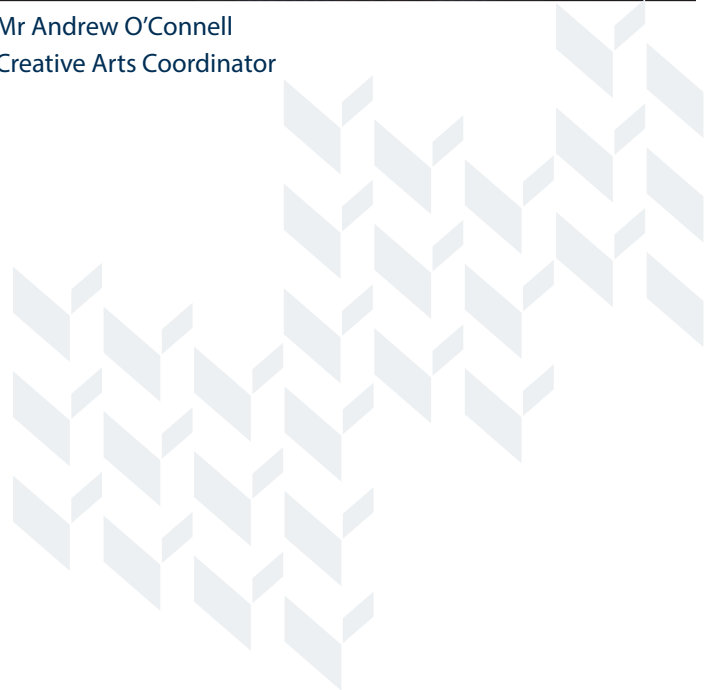
After months and months of preparation shows appear for a momentary flash of brilliance and then disappear just as suddenly. We've just seen it with Middle School's *Into the Woods JR*, where the seats were barely cold and the cast were only beginning to celebrate in the foyer when the stage was already cleared. But the show was received with such incredible enthusiasm and support that I am sure all performers and audiences walked away with treasured memories that shall endure. My thanks again to the amazingly dedicated Mrs Leasa Cleaver and her phenomenal team consisting of Mrs Bekk Baumgartner, Mrs Anna Gayner, Ms Colette Brus and all the other staff and parents who pitched in to make the show such a success. We have been blessed with some truly standout students who have both a burning passion for the Arts and exceptional talent and it is exciting to look forward at the vibrant future of the Creative Arts at TAS.

Following immediately after *Into the Woods JR* we hosted our region's NSW Shakespeare Carnival with students of the New England competing to go on to the finals in Sydney. Three groups represented the school and again highlighted the excellent performance skills that distinguish TAS students. Ellen Coote, Thomas Bailey, Kira Dooner, George Lane and William Almond's group performance that mashed some of the more tragic characters from the Bard's collection into a disastrous romantic comedy was selected for Sydney, as was Hattie Oates' song composition that also featured talented musicians Molly Dooner and Keeley O'Connor. Those two groups are headed down to Sydney in two weeks time to work with members of the Sport for Jove Theatre Company and we wish them all the best.

The Eisteddfod approaches a close but not without some massive evenings like the Bands Night, the Ensembles Night and the Gala Concert. I am blown away by the busyness of our students and their involvement and engagement across so many aspects of the Creative Arts and the wider school. I am also floored once again by the incredibly giving nature of the staff whose time and support encourages our students to give their absolute all. With the holidays in sight I hope our many performers will give these final events one last push and enjoy the thrill of sharing their talents and gifts with the world.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



Armidale Eisteddfod

The mammoth effort that is the Armidale Eisteddfod ends today. With over 300 events, in three locations, performed over 30 days, involving all genres of music, choirs, instruments, speech and drama, the 33rd Armidale Eisteddfod wraps up today. This year, the very first performers were the TAS Trebles (choir), and the final performers of the whole Eisteddfod will be TAS FanTAStics today; what an amazing effort by all involved. Our sincere thanks to all involved: Music staff, peripatetic teachers, students and parents. We are also grateful for the patience and understanding from all TAS teachers and sporting coaches who had endless interruptions to student's schedules each week.

TAS Bands and Ensembles performed yesterday and last night. The Band Night, which is the second largest section at the Eisteddfod after Choir night, was a great success. Seven TAS Ensembles performed yesterday: The Rolling Oates and The Genny's (TAS Rock Bands); TAS Drummers, TAS Pipes and Drums, The FanTAStics (K-6 Band); TAS Senior Jazz Combo and TAS Big Band.

Congratulations to all the students in these ensembles on their performances.

At the conclusion of the Eisteddfod is the Gala Concert. This concert is held in the NECOM Auditorium on Sunday 18 June at 2.00pm. This concert will include the Adjudicator's choice of performances from all sections of the Eisteddfod. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 Adults, \$2 Non-performing students & Pensioners, or a family ticket (2A/2S) is \$12. Afternoon tea will also be available at intermission.

Next week TAS Talks will feature results from the Eisteddfod. If you wish for your child's performance results to be published, please email a list of results to MrsRachael Edmonds at redmonds@as.edu.au.

Instrumental and Vocal Music Lessons

A reminder to all parents to contact your child's instrumental or vocal teacher if they are not able to attend their lesson due to school commitments, such as Activities days or excursions.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

The light at the end of it all

The second term is invariably brief, but it is definitely one of the busiest of the year. Thankfully, formal exams are finished for all students in Years 6 – 8, reports are steadily 'rolling in'. We're just about to complete, tomorrow actually, another round of the Tri-Schools Debating, are well into Winter Sports and their attendant trips (Scots College was last weekend and it was colder than Armidale is cold - on the sideline). Per the Mufti Day we continue to prepare students for the Fiji Service Trip in September, we've even managing to complete another round of Year Group assessments. And, if you read this publication with a degree of commitment, we are preparing for the Year 8 Parent Interviews at the end of next week. Finally, half through Week 9 there'll be another mass exodus for the school year's second longest holiday. Next week notwithstanding, overall, the term has been productive and Middle School people (adults included) continue to acquit themselves admirably, if wearily. Considering the fact that we are this close to the last week of term, students continue happily enough, are prepared to 'help out' and are still able to complete their work with a measure of good grace. But, as indicated, we're all tired and ready for the mid-year break.

What I've enjoyed most about the term is its activity. For example, this week is distinguished by the combined facts of preparation for our debating. I'm sure the students are 'best' when they're busy. I can say with a degree of confidence that they're settled and I am enjoying my interactions with them. One of the healthiest aspects of TAS life is the breadth of activity: there really is something for everyone and Middle School students, half way through the year, are now confident enough to pursue opportunities that suit their needs and interests. Still, having 'said' this, I want you to ask your children how they've managed the second term and, if there's anything you think we need to do to make their time with us better, please contact the relevant Homeroom teacher or me so that we can attend to matters.

Senior School students and staff

I don't think there's been one Town Meeting this term that hasn't had at least one senior school staff member 'in attendance' and contributing to the proceedings. These staff and, reasonably often, seniors are welcome in the Middle School and younger students enjoy speaking to them. I know I've mentioned this before, but the 'old school' year group barriers have virtually disappeared – such a good thing for everyone, really.



The debating, drama, music and cadet meetings are examples of healthy Senior and Middle School interaction. On a number of occasions, too, senior students have helped some of ours with a number of pastoral issues. In particular, some Year 11 and 12 people, the prefects and captains in particular, continue to give us phenomenal support and, as we approach the end of term, they're deserving of our thanks for assistance given to the Middle School.

I've left some space here because I want you to enjoy some of the photographic highlights of our recent Middle School production Into the Woods Jr.

INTO THE WOODS JR

The first TAS Middle School Musical astounded and amused audiences last week in Hoskins. The stage was filled with amazing voices, detailed design work and exceptional talent.

This piece of ensemble theatre was in the capable hands of our amazing production team and exceptional cast, each an individual gem. Thank you to this fearless group of actors, designers and artisans who have thrust themselves wholeheartedly into this endeavour. And thanks to the audience, who filled Hoskins with their engagement and support. Every storyteller needs someone who's willing to hear their spin on a tale.

May your own personal quests to live "happily ever after" be ultimately realised? But be careful what you wish for!

Mrs Leasa Cleaver

Director





HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Eisteddfod 2017

As the Eisteddfod trundles towards a crescendo (if that is possible), I would like to introduce an incongruous wisdom quoted from one of my heroes, André Agassi: "Don't stress so much about the winning and the losing; put the value in the learning and the growing." Who would have thought....

From one of history's most talented tennis players (I also researched that snippet), comes a brilliant little pearl. In class and in TAS Talks, I have been discussing the experience, the process, the journey; and I now finish with this theme as we look at some of our recent performances in Eisteddfod, on the sporting field and in the classroom. We do place too much emphasis on competition. There is no doubting its place but I think we all accept that there is so much more to be gained from taking part and challenging ourselves in the process.

In the Eisteddfod this year, our classes performed admirably in the Choral Speaking divisions; our Choirs were outstanding. Even I could appreciate just how beautifully they sang! I listened to the 3-5 Choir rehearsing again today and they were really, really good! I take my hat off to all involved.

So, I was even more heartened to hear just how well our senior students acquitted themselves in the individual divisions of Solo Prose Recital and Prepared Speech. Huge congratulations are due to Toby Ford, Harry Hopkins, Caleb Baumgartner, Lennox Neilson, Blair Eichorn and Kieran Sutton in Year 5 and Millie Coupland, Sam Strelitz and Hugo Li in Year 4, for simply having a go. However, special mention must go to Will Gilpin for achieving 1st place in both these events. (You'll see him in the recent TAS add at the lectern, entertaining an assembly!)



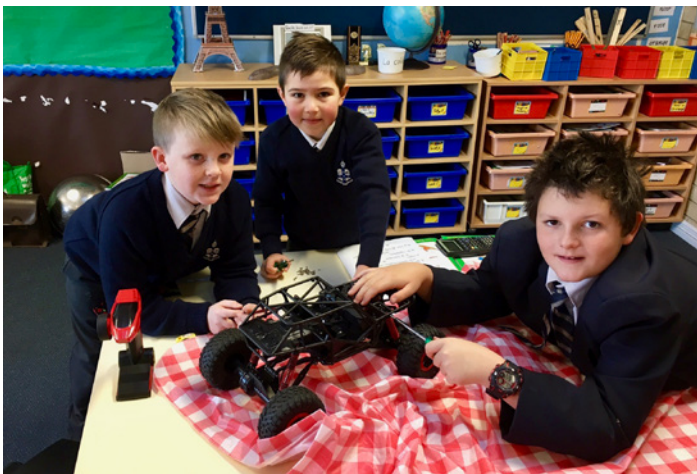
Will Gilpin Year 5



If we were in any doubt as to the value of our Junior School Creative and Performing Arts program, watching the Middle School production of Into the Woods certainly removed any doubt! It was quality entertainment at its best and I congratulate the students and staff of Middle School who made it all possible. Our Junior School students from Year 5 to Transition thoroughly enjoyed it.

Engineering in Junior School

It has been fantastic to see the growth of the Junior School extra-curricular Clubs (with the addition of Martial Arts and Dance) but the early morning Engineering Club and the enthusiasm shown by those who attend. I think the photos say it all...



Gus Lucas and Ty never had so much fun...



Ah but can they put it back together again....Jack, Mohammed, Andy Evelyn and Xavier

Looking Ahead

Week 7 – School Spirit – Co-operation

Wednesday 7 June	Assembly 2.45 in Hoskins Centre – Leaders
Thursday 8 June	Classes conclude 3.30 pm
Friday 9 June	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD Day

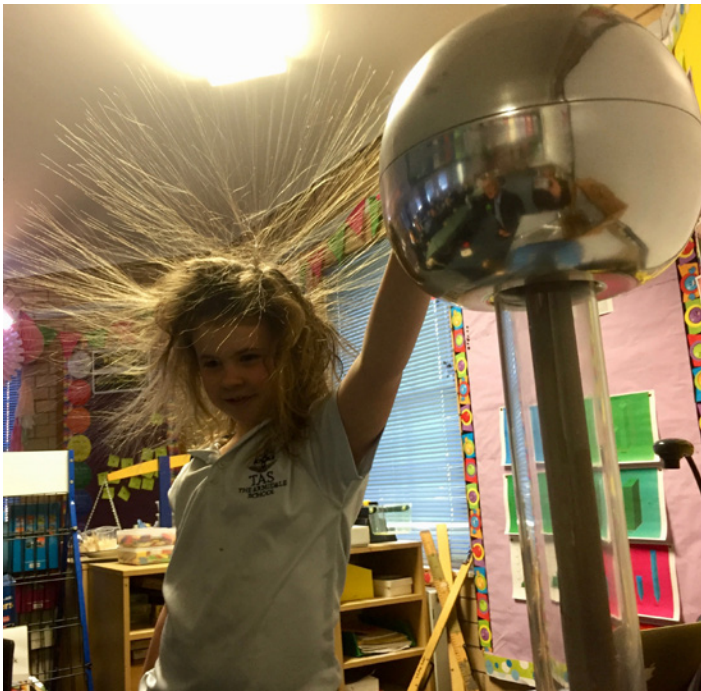
Week 8 – School Spirit – Resilience

Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Tuesday 13 June	Classes recommence
Wednesday 14 June	Assembly 2.45 – Transition ICAS Exam – Spelling

Week 9 – School Spirit – Confidence

Monday 19 June	Activities day – Round Square IDEALS - Internationalism
Wednesday 21 June	Assembly 2.45 in Hoskins Centre – Kindergarten TAS 12's Football and Soccer v Trinity Grammar School, Sydney
Thursday 22 June	Classes conclude 3.30 pm
Friday 23 June	Pupil Free Day - Staff PD Day

And while we're at it – check out what's happening in the Year 2 classroom this week. It's been quite electric.



Ava - what big hair you have.....?!

Illness in Junior School

Unfortunately, at this time of the year, various communicable diseases and conditions can become more prevalent in schools. As a precaution and for your interest, I have attached a couple of Fact Sheets relating to Impetigo and Hand, Foot and Mouth disease for your information. If you do have concerns for your child, please contact your family GP and/or our School Medical Centre for further information.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/impetigo.pdf>

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/handfootmouth.pdf>

Wearing school uniform

It can be a difficult line to draw, but I have noticed recently that the standard of presentation has declined with the wearing of the winter uniform. It may seem insignificant, but I firmly believe doing the little things well creates a fundamentally stronger culture of presentation and performance. Please have a look at your child's uniform and ensure it is not past its used by date. As I mentioned last week, I am increasingly noticing the Chappell hats, holes in trousers and shoes either without polish or beyond repair.

In the first instance, I have asked teachers to talk to their charges to rectify the situation and we would all appreciate your support. (I will also supply some polish at school to help keep those shoes just a little bit shinier! Come to think of it, I might purchase a hair brush as well!))

Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School visit in August

We have finalised the billeting arrangements for those able to host our guests from TEZ and thanks to your fantastic generosity, we have an oversupply of host families. However, this is often a moveable feast and arrangements often do change. So, for those who have received letters thanking you but declining your offer, we may still call on you depending on circumstances. But, our thanks to all for offering to take one or more billets. We will advertise the itinerary before the end of term so that everyone knows the routine.

And lastly, I hope you have an enjoyable Long Weekend.

As advertised, Junior School will conclude its classes at 3.30 pm on Thursday this week for the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. Classes resume on Tuesday 13 June and I hope this enables you to have a wonderful time with family.

Happy Birthday

Somehow Ruyuf Al Malki's birthday slipped under the radar on Friday 2 June so a belated happy birthday to you Ruyuf. This week we see Dominic Leary and Sam Strelitz celebrating their birthdays. Happy Birthday boys.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering from the Scholastic book club 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. 4) should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by Friday, 16 June, 2017. 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 on nramazan@as.edu.au.

Scholastic have also let me know of a special offer they are currently running; the details are below.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani

Help your students keep the reading momentum rolling

We're offering parents whose school is opted in to LOOP the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a Keep it Rolling special offer.

All they need to do is place a \$10 minimum order off three consecutive Book Club Issues via LOOP and they could be eligible for a Bonus Book on their third order, and every consecutive Book Club order thereafter—for the remainder of the school year! If they miss an issue, it just takes two consecutive issues to get rolling again! This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students—PLUS, it will help keep the Rewards rolling in to the school all year!

**KEEP THE READING
MOMENTUM ROLLING...**

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Bonus Books
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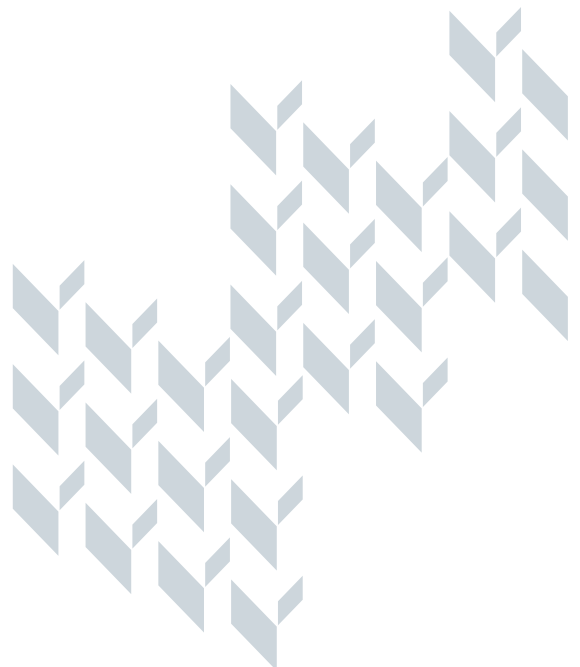
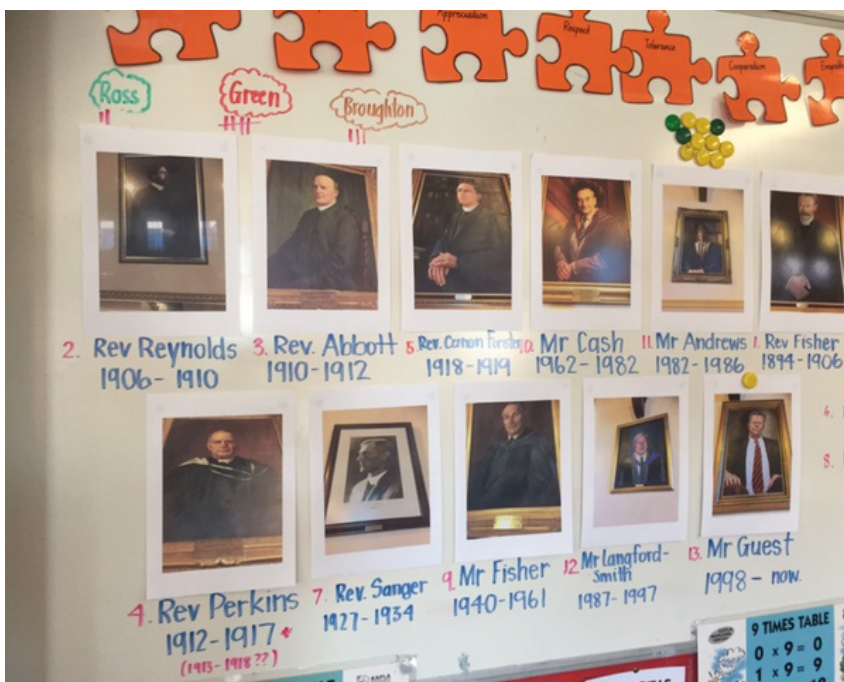
PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

Year 3 PYP Unit of Inquiry

Year 3 were very fortunate to have Mr Guest pop by and help us with our Unit of Inquiry 'Many people have contributed to a community and have influenced how the community has developed.' Mr Guest spoke about the contributions past Headmasters have had on our TAS community and the role they have played.

Year 3 have been producing a timeline of Headmasters from their investigations and were intrigued to hear some of the stories Mr Guest had for them.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

PSSA Athletics Carnival – 8 August

Children will be nominated shortly to participate in the Armidale PSSA Athletics Carnival to be held at Armidale High School on 8 August. If your child is selected for this carnival they will receive a permission note and information in the next few weeks. Children who came first or second in their event at our Junior School carnival will be eligible to compete in this carnival. More details to come.

Absence at games

Please ensure you inform your coach if you are going to be absent from a match. It can become very difficult for teams if players do not notify coaches of their absences. The same applies for training sessions please.

Football

Under 8s

TAS Tornadoes

The TAS under 8 Tornadoes soccer team maintained their winning streak for the third consecutive match on Saturday against The Dark Knights Castles.

Joe Fenwicke opened the goal floodgates by netting a penalty, which was followed by Sam Ford's double strike (which sums his total goals this season to 11) bringing the score to 3 – 0. All this success could not have been achieved without excellent sportsmanship displayed by Harry Brownlie who kept feeding Sam with wonderful crosses from the left wing. Tommy and MJ Blanch took charge of the midfield leaving little work for Andy Li, who was a fortress of a defender with superb clearances. Christopher Post got his first clean sheet as the goalkeeper and he also displayed great leadership skills by communicating to his teammates on the field. Lucas Hu was missed and we wish him a quick recovery from his cold.

The Tornadoes have shown massive improvement in passing, marking and keeping their positions. Special thanks to our Mums and Dads for joining us for the games. You are such a big source of motivation for the team (not forgetting the halftime oranges!)

Mr Patrick Cheboi

TAS Trucks

Our Team is improving so much and last weekend everyone worked very well together. Josh scored two fabulous goals. Cecilia played well in defence this week and, together with Bonnie's effort, we had a strong back line. William is a great attacker, making many good crosses which led to our goals. Our team had a successful day and everyone had great fun, even if they were very tired after the game. Thanks TAS Trucks for another fabulous game!

Julius Jensen

Under 10's

TAS Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms had a tough match this week against classy opponents. I was so proud of how the whole team kept playing with enthusiasm and keeping the pressure on until the final whistle. Thanks to our goalies this week, Hugo and Theo, for their superb effort. There was a great defensive play from Charlize, Archie, Hugo and Ty as well as some great passing and play making from Evan, Theo and Flinders. Thanks to Mr Thomas and Mr Kwan on tips about looking for passes and communicating with teammates on the pitch.

Well done Thunderstorms!

Mrs Donella Tutt

TAS Tigers

The TAS Tigers had an impressive game against the Guyra Jaffas. From the start, it was evident that the team is now starting to understand why we need to spread out and is getting an idea of what to look out for, so it was no surprise when we walked away last Saturday winning the game.

Eunseo Lee and Layla Abu Assab were our goal shooters. Mila Nexo and Andrian Zhang provided some spectacular saves, now understanding how to kick the ball out if it is close to the goal. It is wonderful watching this little team grow in confidence.

Well done the mighty TAS Tigers! I look forward to our next game after the long weekend.

Mrs Lana Hawksford

TAS Terriers

We're almost halfway through and the Terriers are still going strong.

They are extremely enthusiastic and it is easy to see just how much they are improving week by week, they are building connections as a team and negotiating their positions extremely well.

Huge congratulations to Charlie who scored most of the goals on Saturday's game as well as Andy and Sonny who were fantastic goalies for the game! Archer is also really sliding into a leadership role in the team, trying to organise positions and give some really positive, constructive advice!

Thanks to Sophia's family as well for oranges, the team loves them!

Ms Belinda Macri
Coach

Under 12s

The last two weeks has seen the TAS Under 12s Year 5 team hit a real purple patch with big victories over the East Armidale Greens and the DK Camelots. Playing away at Doody Park and Rologas the team has secured results of 6-0 and 8-1 to move up the table.

Sam Hynes, Lochie Gerdes and Caleb Baumgartner have become a formidable attack unit and have been ably assisted by Tom Ball, Kieran Sutton and Blair Eichorn who have all found the back of the net.

Will Gilpin, Abbott White and Harry Hopkins are fast becoming a wall of defence that teams are struggling to get through and the reliable service from Harry Pennington, Alec Campbell and Will Brett has our team moving forward on a regular basis.

Thomas Dundon rose to the occasion of captaining the team against DK and made some excellent plays while Charlie Blanche had his best game of the season so far. With a two week break before the next match, the boys will be preparing hard at training to continue the fine form they are in.

Mr Michael Baumgartner

Netball

The Netball students represented TAS beautifully again this Saturday. The Setters continue to participate enthusiastically in their skills sessions and have enjoyed playing mini games with the older girls on Monday afternoons.

The Net girls played well, despite being down three team members, and tried hard to remember the role of each position. Largely thanks to Mrs Coupland, the girls are becoming more confident with the positions and the rules of the game. Remembering to move into gaps and mark players will be a focus of this week's training.

Despite defeat, it was wonderful to see the girls developing their skills and most of all enjoying playing and learning together.

Mrs Tania Hardin



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)

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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
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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)

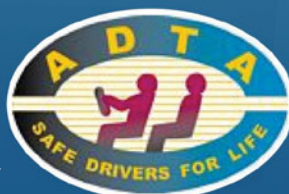
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CAMP WALLABY IS COMING TO TAS

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





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).
Early Bird price \$225 (ends 28 May)	Early Bird price \$315 (ends 28 May)
Price \$250	Price \$350

Register online: www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps

Contact us: info@campwallaby.com.au • 0407 860 650 • 0407 023 949

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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. Apply online at:

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/ysls



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