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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 2 August, 2017 Term 3 Week 3

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

MMG Survey

At the risk of over reporting, I write again regarding the major school survey which will be conducted over the two weeks. The survey is a crucial part of our commitment to ensure continual improvement in the quality of a TAS education and offers the School Board and Executive the chance to gain a deep and well-informed understanding of the School's performance.

To encourage you to express your opinions openly and frankly, we have commissioned MMG Education, an independent consultancy specialising in school research and strategy development, to conduct the surveys.

Parents and students will be invited to complete an online questionnaire during a two week period commencing the week of 14 August, 2017. Students from Years 5-12 will also be provided with an opportunity to reflect on their experiences and will complete questionnaires under supervision at the School.

During the week commencing, 14 August, MMG Education will email you with details of how to access and complete your questionnaire. The survey is necessarily long and will take about 40 minutes to complete.

To ensure confidentiality and to encourage frank and full expression of views:

- All responses will be treated in strict confidence
- Respondents will not be identified to the School by MMG Education on the basis of questions asked or responses made.

Once the research has been completed, MMG will provide the School Board with a presentation and a report on the findings which will then be summarised for distribution to you all.

I look forward to the valuable contribution you will be making to this most important project by completing your questionnaire.



IDEALS Week

Next week all students in Years 6 to 11 will be engaged with IDEALS Week. This new initiative represents our commitment to the deliberate development of a set of values and character traits that we believe are central to a successful TAS education. Each year group will focus on a different area and the full program should be seen as a sequential and complementary one. Parents should already have seen the IDEALS Week booklet that gives an overview of the purpose and focus for each year group. Further details are now available on the TAS website, covering logistics, objectives and the program for the week. I encourage parents and students alike to prepare for the week by clicking on the button below or by following this link <http://www.as.edu.au/ideals-week/>

IDEALS WEEK

'Curtain Up'

The build-up to the HSC performance examination continued last night as our Drama students presented their group and individual performances to a full and appreciative Hoskins Centre audience. I have not seen such a polished, creative and entertaining set of performances before and I congratulate both students and teachers on their work. The material in both the original group performances and interpretations in the individual pieces was varied and seemed to suit the individual talents of the performers beautifully. With some time remaining before the final external marking it seems that our Drama students are very well positioned and I wish them every success as they work on refining their items further.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 3

Wednesday 2 August	P&F Meeting (Lower Maxwell Room) 7pm
Thursday 3 August	Twilight Concert (Hoskins Centre) 6pm
Saturday 5 August	Rugby v St Joseph's (Sydney)

Week 4

IDEALS Week (Formerly Excursion Week)

Monday 7 August	HSC Trial Exams commence
Tuesday 8 August	PSSA Athletics
Saturday 12 August	Rugby v King's (Sydney)
Sunday 13 August	City to Surf

Week 5

Monday 14 August	HSC Trial Exams continue
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths Competition
Wednesday 16 August	Tezakayama visit to TAS NCIS Athletics (Coffs Harbour)
Friday 18 August	Bourke Headmaster's Regional Visit (Diggers on the Darling from 5.30pm) TAS Social (Senior) at TAS TAS Social (Junior) at NEGS



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night is coming up fast so make sure you organize your tables and book your tickets... We'd hate for you to miss out on this fun evening. It's a great opportunity to meet new people or catch up with some old friends.

A fun night of movies and music mayhem complete with a DJ for a little dancing at the end, will be held on Saturday 26 August at 6.30 (for a 7pm start) in the Gym. So, how about putting a team of 8-10 together?

Are you the next Michael Jackson, Elvis, Taylor Swift or Adele? Do you dream of being James Bond or Batman?? Please get dressed up!!! We hope to see some wacky and wonderful movie stars and pop icons rock up on the night.

There will be prizes for the best dressed table and also for the winning table of Trivia Gurus.

We will also be running a raffle on the night – Tickets will be \$5... Prizes are:

- a weekend at the lovely Northcott B and B in Armidale (2 queen rooms self contained accommodation) – great for visiting family or friends or boarder families
- 3 months membership to Bikram Yoga – just in time to shape up for Christmas, and
- lamb meat trays - yum!

Tickets for the Trivia Night are \$30 pp and can be booked at <https://www.Trybooking.com.au/RAVX> Please choose a table number and then let everyone in your team know so they can book on the same table. If you don't have a table or enough people on your table please contact your year group Liaison Parents – they'll set you up with some new friends.

This is an adult only event and you will need to BYO food and drink, however tea and coffee will be provided, as will plates and glasses.

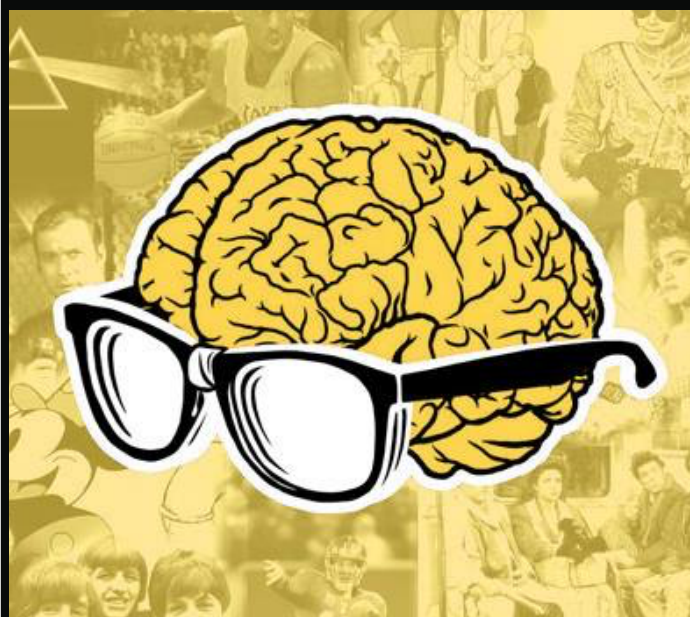
If you'd like to have a hand in helping organise our Trivia Night please come along to our planning meetings in the Archdall Room. The next Planning Meeting is Wednesday 9 August at 7pm. All helpers welcome.

P&F MEETING TONIGHT

Come to our P&F meeting tonight Wednesday 2 August at 7pm in the Archdall Room (down the main corridor past Reception, opposite the entrance to the Dining Hall) – P&F meetings are open to all parents and we'd love to see you there.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll

SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THING AND ENJOY A LITTLE QUIZ SHOW!



CALLING ALL LOVERS OF MUSIC & MOVIES!

IT'S TIME FOR THE PARENTS TO HAVE SOME FUN, SO COME ONE AND ALL TO THE 2ND ANNUAL P&F TRIVIA NIGHT.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS MUSIC & MOVIES – COMPLETE WITH A DANCE PARTY!

DETAILS:

Saturday 26 August, 2017
6.30pm, TAS GYM

Gather your best brains into tables of 8-10 and come dressed as your favourite band, rock star or movie character.

BOOKINGS:

Tickets are \$30 / <https://www.trybooking.com/RAVX>

BYO Food and Drinks



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PARENTS
& FRIENDS

CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

Isaiah 53:1-5 Truth and Lies

I was in Year 2, Mrs Carney was my teacher and I was sitting next to Rachel Watt. Well Rachel's blouse was fluttering in the breeze, we were doing some cutting and pasting – as it turns out I did more cutting than pasting. I said to Rachel (don't ask me why) 'I'm going to cut your blouse'; she said 'no you won't – red rag to a bull! So with a swift, deft clip I had severed her garment. Mrs Carney sent us both to the Head mistress – Miss Mumford... trouble. Now this is the sickening part of the story, Rachel blatantly lied. I don't know how she could do it! Actually yes I do, with my encouragement she agreed to say 'it was an accident! Needless to say, this wasn't Miss Mumford first rodeo, she saw through our lies. My punishment was to ring Mrs Watt to explain and apologise. Not good. From an early age we learn to lie to avoid, to promote and find favour.

From *War Of The Worlds* to *Catch Me If You Can* to *Suits*, from Lance Armstrong to Ben Johnson, from Nixon to Clinton to Trump, from me to you the ubiquitous lie has infiltrated every part of our world.

But why? Well according to National Geographic's June issue "We lie if honesty won't work," (says researcher Tim Levine). The research shows that we lie to promote ourselves, to protect ourselves and sometimes to impact others. Thanks for that research – I reckon a rocket scientist didn't come up with that data, it wouldn't take one.

This term we will spend some time investigating the nature of lies and truth as we bounce off the National Geographic article, we will look at some people's own stories and ask some tough questions.

For now, what of, the so called greatest deceit of all time? Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and through his death we would have our sins forgiven and through his resurrection we would have life everlasting assured? If he was lying, what could his motivation have been? To protect himself? No, his claims led to his death. Self-promotion? No, he did not gain position or monetary reward nor did he gain great accolades – no, he was despised and rejected. Maybe we are left to consider the truth of his claims.



Parent Presentation - for current Year 8 students

Moving into Year 9 2018 is an exciting time for your child. As students move towards their senior studies, there is a decrease in the number of compulsory subjects and an increase in the diversity and range of subjects for selection.

An Information Presentation will be held for current Year 8 parents on Friday 25 August at 5.15pm in Big School (just outside Reception). This information session aims to help you understand the elective program better, to hear about the new minimum Literacy and Numeracy Standards and how this may impact your child and to also hear from our Director of Pastoral Care about the transition into Senior School.

Students will attend a separate session during the school day outlining the same information and the process for choosing electives for Year 9 2018.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien if you will be attending the Information Presentation on 25 August at 5.15pm - vobrien@as.edu.au



Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 24 August (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 25 August (2pm - 5.30pm).

Information and your code to book interview times will be emailed to parents early next week.

Please note interviews will be held in the Hoskins Foyer and there is no parent information session for this year group.

HSC Trial Exams

Trial exams for Year 12 students will be held in Weeks 4 and 5 (7 August - 18 August). The HSC Trials timetable and Student Expectations during exams document are located on the TAS Website.

Tutoring

Due to IDEALS Week tutoring is only available to Year 12 Students in Week 4. It will resume for all others in Week 5.

Tutoring available for Year 12 students at the following times:

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies

DAY	SUBJECT	TIME	VENUE
Monday	Biology (Year 12	7-8pm	Cash Building
Tuesday	2U Mathematics	7-8pm	Cash Building
Wednesday	Mathematics Ext	7-8pm	Cash Building
Thursday	Mathematics General	7-8pm	Cash Building



THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

Passing Out Parade

Friday 8th September 2017

Passing out parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above will be held on Adamsfield on Friday 8th September (Week 8) starting at 2.00pm. **The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.**

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

Week 5

- 17th August (Thursday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 6

- 23rd August (Wednesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **B & C COY only** - Adamsfield
(no sport training) DPCU Uniform to be worn for inspection.
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 7

- 28th August (Monday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit & Year 12** - Adamsfield
- 29th August (Tuesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield **(no sport training)**
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs
Activities Briefing 10.35am - All 1 & 2 Platoon uniforms to be collected for laundry.
- 30th August (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 1st September (Friday) – Activities Day No. 5. **All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade.**

Week 8

- 4th September (Monday) - Lunchtime 12.40 – 1.05pm (Yr 8) 1.25 – 1.55pm (Yr 9 & 10) **Cadet Unit** – Adamsfield
3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 5th September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 6th September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield
(no sport training)
- 7th September (Thursday) - Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield
(no Pd 6&7 or sport training)

8th September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade — Cadet Unit – 11. 40am – 3.30pm
(cadets required from 11.40am P4/5 for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
Parade commences at 2.00pm.

2LT (AAC) A. Murray
Commanding Officer

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, CRESSIDA MORT

Macquarie Marketing Group (MMG) TAS Satisfaction Survey for Parents, Students and Staff

Hopefully by now you are all well aware of the fact that we have commissioned the Macquarie Marketing Group (MMG) to conduct a school-wide satisfaction survey with parents, students from Year 5 and staff. We last did this in 2010 so it is high time we found out directly and confidentially how everyone feels about TAS, what is offered and expected.

More details will be sent to everyone directly from MMG in the week leading up to the survey, but what I would like you to know is the following:

- The survey is online and will be open from Monday August 14 - Sunday August 27
- MMG will be sending everyone a unique URL. You cannot forward this to anyone else because the link will fail
- The survey is comprehensive and may take 40 mins to complete so set yourself some time to do it
- If you need to leave the survey and come back to it, it will open where you left it.

Please remember that above all, your feedback is really valuable and these opportunities to complete a survey of this nature are not possible every year.

If you have any questions at all, please email me on cmort@as.edu.au

Cheers

Ms Cressida Mort



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Part of who we are

Why is it that a relatively small, regional school can boast arguably one of the largest school teams, of 144 students, 10 staff and for parents, in an iconic event like the City2Surf? Why are individuals willing to dedicate a whole weekend, arrange accommodation and transport, travel 1000km to run 14 km.

Is it the opportunity to raise funds for a worthy cause; to serve others? This year we will be raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy, and more specifically Stand Tall for a Cure, an initiative of TAS Old Armidalian Drew Schofield. After leaving TAS in 1996, Drew has carved out a successful career in real estate whilst always searching for a cure. Stand Tall for a Cure aims to raise money to fund research; to help those living with Muscular Dystrophy, to be diagnosed younger, so that they may walk again.

Is it the opportunity to push themselves physically to run alongside another student, staff member or parent, with a common purpose? It is the opportunity to be part of something bigger than themselves. Perhaps it is just part of our DNA. We value that which is hard to obtain; we appreciate tasks that demand greater effort.

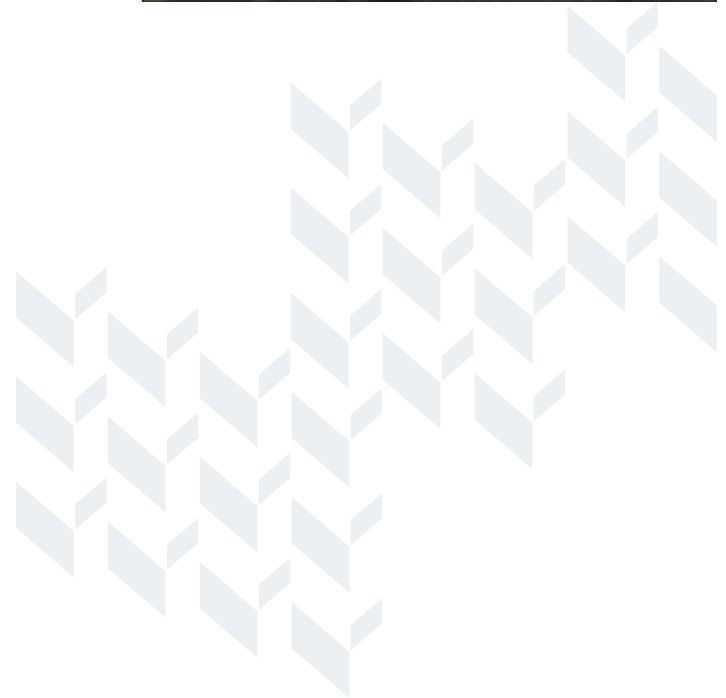
Being isolated is challenging. Just ask our First XV, who are half way through four consecutive weekend trips to Sydney – the Year 12s amongst them, preparing for their HSC Trial exams. It is these challenges that inspire them to strive to be better; to overcome adversity, to beat the odds.

Last Chance to Register

Training commenced last Sunday for both the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic and Kokoda Trek. With some students attending both, it is clear that the challenge is an incentive rather than an obstacle. For more information please contact the staff involved:

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic - Mr Tim Wheaton at twheaton@as.edu.au

Kokoda Trek – Miss Emma Channon at echannon@as.edu.au



Welcome Rachael

Whilst we are missing Karen Hutton as she takes leave this term, we welcome Mrs Rachael Edmonds who will offer valuable assistance to the co-curricular program. Rachael will be in the office on Monday, Thursday and Friday and can be emailed at redmonds@as.edu.au

Announcement of the Senior School Production

They're creepy and they're kooky,

Mysterious and spooky,

They're altogether ooky,

The Addams Family.

And so it begins. The life changing journey of the 2018 Senior School Production. I would encourage all Year 8-11 students to consider this wonderful opportunity. Further information is provided below.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Netball

On the weekend we enjoyed another beautiful Saturday with some fantastic netball played. TAS 5 had an extremely convincing win with a score of 47 to 9, these girls have improved so much so far this year, they should be proud of themselves as we certainly are. You can not get much closer than the game that TAS 2 played, resulting in a draw against PLC with 22-all. TAS 1 played yet another close game against Duval and ended up being down by only two points. TAS 3 and TAS 4 fought hard but were defeated this week.

A reminder that training is still on next week during IDEALS Week, however, it will only be on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:45 for all teams and all girls who are remaining at school for the week are expected to attend.

Ms Rachel Harrison



RUGBY – TAS v St Joseph’s College

4-5 August, 2017

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 4 August:

- BUS 1 (Edwards 5944MO) (57) – Opens: **2:00pm**
- BUS 2 (Oxley TV8316) (48) – 16s: **2.15pm**
- BUS 3 (Oxley TV8656) (57) – 13B +15s: **2:15pm**
- BUS 4 (Oxley 7192 MO) (62) – 13A + 14s: **2:15pm**

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 5 August:

U13s – U16s 8:00pm, Opens: 9:00pm. (Updates will be published on TeamApp).

TAS	SJC	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	3 rd XV	SJC # 1	11:00 am
TAS 2 nd XV	5 th XV	SJC # 1	10:00 am
TAS 16A	16B	SJC # 1	9:00 am
TAS 16B	16D	SJC # 2	11:00 am
TAS 15A	15B	SJC # 2	10:00 am
TAS 15B	15E	SJC # 2	9:00 am
TAS 14A	14B	SJC # 3	9:00 am
TAS 14B	14E	SJC # 3	10:00 am
TAS 13A	13C	SJC # 4	10:00 am
TAS 13B	13E	SJC # 4	9:00 am

Accommodation: *A sleeping bag and pillow will be required at all venues*

- 13s + 14s: SJC (**swag required**) *
- 15s: GRAMMAR Boatshed (**swag required**) *
- 16s: SHORE Boatshed (**mattresses provided**)
- OPENS: Sydney High Boat Shed (**mattresses provided**)

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

Meals: Dinner en route, breakfast at accommodation, lunch en route.

Dress: 13s – 15s **TAS tracksuit**,

16s & Opens **TAS formals**, to be worn for all travel and on game day.

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

CREATIVE ARTS

In our current age of digital on-demand, with hours upon hours of entertainment available at our fingertips, is there still any incentive to go out and see a play or musical? Broadway producer Hal Luftig emphatically says "yes!" Luftig, who's won four Tony awards and an Olivier award, explains why there's no entertainment experience in the world quite like live theatre: "It's live, you're live, they're live. They're feeding off you, you're feeding off them. And an audience senses that. And that is an added value. And I don't really care how technology pushes us forward. There's never going to be anything like sitting in a theatre with a hundred or a thousand people around you laughing, crying, doing all those emotional things that hopefully good theatre will do for you."

Last night's Curtain Up astounded audiences enabling them to detach from their screens and devices for two and half hours to be immersed in the magic of theatre. The showcase of HSC Drama pieces treated audiences to an exceptionally high standard of talent. As their teacher I have been blown away by the students' dedication to the craft and their commitment shown to both their group and individual performances. The long hours have yielded amazing works that stimulated audiences to question, reflect, chuckle and weep. I am so proud of what they have achieved. The students now turn their attention to the written component of the Drama course for their Trials and the final marking of their performances on the 30 August. We wish all the students the absolute best for the important weeks to come.

Curtain Up was but the beginning of the HSC showcases in the Creative Arts and I encourage you all to lock in the Masterstroke and Final Note showcase. Final Note will occur on two evenings this year with Music 1 performing at 6.30pm on Monday 21 August and Music 2 coinciding with the 'Masterstroke' exhibition on Tuesday 22 August at 6:30pm. These showcases will once again highlight the incredible talent and range of TAS students.



Mrs Leasa Cleaver
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator



TAS Senior Musical 2018

To great acclaim Ms Colette Brus announced to assembly yesterday that next years senior musical will be the *Addams Family*. Auditions packs will be sent out to students soon with auditions being held in Week 5.



Let's Hang it

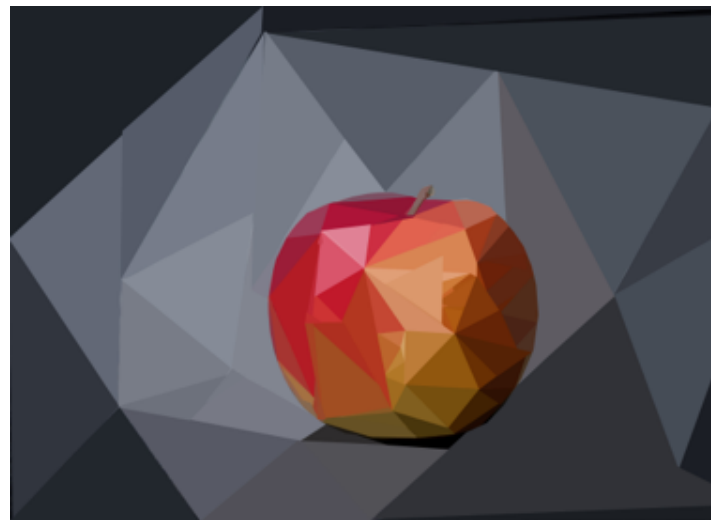
Congratulations to Lochlan Nicholl, who was runner up in the UNESAP Junior Secondary School Division (Yrs. 7-9). This competition involves students from around regional Northern NSW who submit artworks for the University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize (UNESAP), which is held annually with the purpose of encouraging talented young artists in regional New South Wales. Lochlan received \$150 in prize money and a certificate of distinction. His work, *My Little Apple* will be shown in the Let's Hang it 2017 exhibition at the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM), Kentucky Street Armidale from 28 July – 13 August 2017.

Mrs Leasa Cleaver

Acting Creative Arts Coordinator

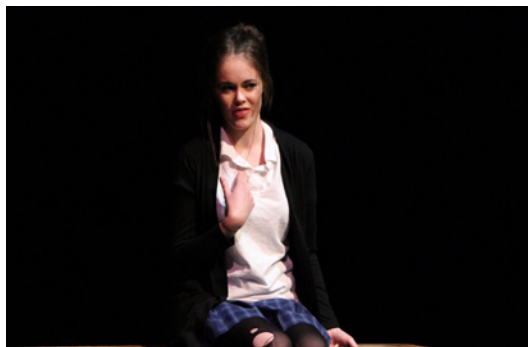


Lochlan Nicoll, who was runner up in the UNESAP Junior Secondary School Division (Yrs. 7-9)



My Little Apple by Lochlan Nicoll

CURTAIN UP 2017



MUSIC MATTERS

Our second Twilight Concert for Term 3 will be held this Thursday 3 August at 6pm in the TAS Hoskins Centre. All are welcome to come and see our fabulous performers. Refreshments will be available in the foyer from 5.30pm. Performers are to wear formal uniform.

The following students will be performing:

1.	Jim Orr	Year 12	Guitar
2.	Andi Li	Year 2	Violi
3.	Reuben Charley-Briggs	Year 12	Trumpet
4.	Felix Hruby	Year 6	Piano
5.	Peter Thompson	Year 2	Cello
6.	William Gilpin	Year 5	Trumpet
7.	Ben Simmonds	Year 9	Piano
8.	Daniel Jackson	Year 12	Guitar
9.	James Hartog-Smith	Year 12	Saxophone
10.	Erin Page	Year 10	Voice
11.	Jonathon Chamberlain	Year 12	Guitar
12.	Madison Alldridge	Year 12	Voice
13.	Xavier Walsh	Year 9	Cello
14.	Kaliya Alldridge	Year 12	Voice
15.	Matthew Giakoumi	Year 12	Violin
16.	Jacque Barrett	Year 12	Voice
17.	Imogen Gifford	Year 12	Violin
18.	Sebastian Scott	Year 12	Trombone
19.	Ziggy Harris	Year 12	Violin

Week 4 IDEALS Week: Interruption to Music

During IDEALS Week (7 August to 11 August) only Junior School and Year 12 private music tuition and ensemble rehearsals will go ahead, unless otherwise arranged between tutors and families.

Students in Year 6-11 may be unavailable due to the activities planned for IDEALS Week, so please ensure you communicate with your tutor if you have scheduled private music lessons.

TAS Trebles (Junior Vocal Ensemble) and the FanTAStics (Junior Band) rehearsals will go ahead as usual, on Monday and Wednesday mornings, respectively.

Final Note: Showcase of TAS HSC Music

During Week 6 we will hold our showcase of HSC Music students' performances, over two evenings. All are welcome to come and see the results of the many months of hard work put in by our Year 12 students.

Monday 21 August 2017 from 6.30pm in the TAS Hoskins Centre

Music 1 students:

Kaliya Alldridge
Madison Alldridge
Jacqueline Barrett
Jonathon Chamberlain
Reuben Charley-Briggs
Kobi Hall
James Hartog-Smith
Daniel Jackson
Dominick Jackson
Sebastian Scott

Tuesday 22 August 2017 from 6.30pm beginning with a performance in TAS Memorial Hall and later moving to Hoskins Centre (coinciding with Masterstroke Visual Arts Showcase).

Music 2 students:

Matthew Giakoumi
Imogen Gifford
Ziggy Harris
Samuel Thatcher

**Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music**

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Weather and IDEALS

The days are becoming noticeably longer now, beginning to become warmer - last weekend Armidale tipped 19, though not for long – and our IT guru, Mr Ken Secker, even saw a snake sunning itself at Wollomombi. The early afternoons are especially good and the wattle trees, at least those on the Moonbi Ranges, are starting to flower: in their combination these facts suggest that winter is thinking about waning and that, in two weeks, the term will have reached its half way mark. However, it is Armidale and tomorrow's forecast could be, well, anything really. It's never boring here in re: the climate.

All is well with us. On the whole, the students are settled, very busy with sporting commitments and working sensibly on assignments and formal assessment tasks. They're also communicating well and it's clear to me that the longer break has paid dividends in relation to the mood and tone of the Middle School. Obviously, social interactions can never be overrated as most students from each of the year groups have come back to us and are reasonably settled. So, thank you – the success of the holiday is, in no small measure, 'down to you'.

You need to remember IDEALS Week. It falls next week and you'll have received information about it from those working with each of the year groups. Also, with the exception of one Year 7 class involved in an exam this morning, students in Years 6, 7 and 8 have been spoken to, again, by relevant members of staff. I'll speak to the exam class tomorrow. You'll note that information about specific year groups and attendant activities has been loaded on our TAS website.

Remember also please that Passing Out Parade is looming and this means that our Year 8 cohort will represent the school in one of its most public events. Practice for the event begins very soon and it's important that everyone knows why we do what we do here – essentially the Parade constitutes a formal farewell to our Year 12 Cadets. It therefore is very important to these students and their families who will be present. Please encourage your children to think about the sense of occasion that attaches to Passing Out Parade. We'll be doing this at School as we all want the day to be a memorable one that presents our students 'at their best'.



Clothing and Behaviour

The following information does not constitute the ramblings of a middle-aged man who can't remember what he's said in the past. Of course I remember, but the following is important to me / us and it warrants reinforcement. It is important that you are aware of issues that concern your children in their daily interactions with one another. Uniforms, as well you know, are expensive. It's an unfortunate fact of life in school communities that, from time to time, items of clothing will go missing, being a cause for concern for everyone. Please support us by telling your children to: look after their clothing; make sure that blazers and so on, when they're not being worn, are put into a special place; that, whilst it's kind to allow others to borrow clothes, in the long run this may not be good policy; that the current owner's name should appear clearly on clothes and, in the case of blazers, this name should appear in a number of places. I speak about this topic every now and then during Town Meetings and am asking for your support again now. Today a boy went to assembly without his blazer – he was noticed. The sad thing here is that, as a boarder, he brought the blazer to school to wear to said assembly. The fact that it wasn't on his coat hook when he went to get it caused me great concern. Suffice it to say that if the culprit is caught he will know he has been caught. Why do I say 'he'? A girl wearing a boy's blazer would be noticed.

Largely, we're dealing with teenagers: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. Ours is an amazing language and it when it is used, the user needs to be aware that 'tells' something about her / him. Swearing is an issue at the moment and it's time for tougher measures to be taken when it occurs. On your behalf, I've asked duty staff to deal with it 'on the spot' and, using their professional judgment, to send any person who swears to sit outside the Office for the duration of Morning Break, or the half lunch 'down time'. Certainly, I've spoken to everyone about appropriate language and this 'out' time should not come as a surprise to any offender. There are occasions when we, as adults, have to 'hold our tongue' and it's time that these adolescents, all of them, learnt the 'skill'. Yes, I know that I've expressed these sentiments before as well – nevertheless, I'm feeling better now I've written this – again!

Please remember that the above is an ongoing matter in relation to each of the matters discussed. On the whole, as indicated, all is well with us.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Do you have any travel sized/hotel toiletries you could donate to Year 8 to make Dignity Bags?

*	Shampoo	*	Sanitary products
*	Conditioner	*	Disposable razors
*	Soap	*	Combs/brushes
*	Body Wash	*	Emery boards
*	Toothbrushes	*	Body lotions
*	Toothpaste	*	Other personal hygiene items

The "Dignity Bags" will be donated to people in our local community who are in need and who don't necessarily have access to these basic essentials.

Please leave your donations at the Enrolments Office, or at Middle School Reception. If you have any questions - please contact Mrs Anna Gayner in the Enrolments Office 6776 5823 or email: agayner@as.edu.au

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

The Three Steps

TAS Junior School continues to promote a conflict resolution strategy for our students we call The Three Steps. The philosophy behind this strategy is so that children can begin to understand that they can make a difference themselves in some conflict situations while allowing them to have the support they may need in others. There is no doubt that this strategy can be challenging for some to put into practice, but like many lessons in life, practicing using the skill itself is very important. We do not exclude parents from this process – rather it is very important that there is a family approach. However, when there are issues that you discover as parents, we ask that you do not confront other children at here at school but rather, bring the issue to our attention and work with the School in finding a resolution and a way forward. It is vital that we are aware if children are struggling and this is not possible without communication through the School. Therefore, please encourage and support your children wherever they might be to give this a go. In recent conversations with some newer parents, I have been pleased to learn that the message is getting home and that children are feeling empowered to use this strategy.

We explain that it is OK to miss step 1 or 2 if behaviour is dangerous or very serious, but it encourages children to make a decision and take some ownership of the situation confronting them as well.

Rather than simply going to "tell" we are encouraging the kids to say:

- Step 1 - "Please stop doing/saying that. I don't like it."
- Step 2 - "I've asked you to stop. If you do it again, I will go and talk to someone who can help."
- Step 3 - "I am going to find someone to talk to."
- If you have comments or questions about this, please contact me at school.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Ethan Downes, Layla Abu Assab and Grace Harkness.



Illness in Armidale

There is no doubt that winter in Armidale can be a challenging time in terms of health. Many of our students and staff have been unwell and, while illness may be gathering momentum in town, we would like to minimise the impact at school. We are asking families to reinforce the message about sound hygiene, especially the careful washing of hands. We ask that any child presenting with symptoms, particularly high temperature, nausea or vomiting remain absent from school for a minimum of 24 hours from the last presented symptom. Parents/carers of a child who falls ill while at school will be contacted to come and collect them for the well-being of all concerned. We thank you for your understanding.

It is timely then, to mention an educational link that has been brought to our attention, offering useful information for parents – “The Life Education Link”. While we are all aware of Healthy Harold, this website has a substantial amount of information relating to children’s health including regular mail outs and links for information relating to such topics as Mental Health, Diabetes, Being Active, Hygiene and Cyber safety. I recommend both sites to you which can be found at: <http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents> and <http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/images/states/NSW/170606-Snippets-for-Newsletter-MB-002.pdf>

Jump Rope for Heart

You will see in this week’s edition that Junior School has now launched this year’s fundraiser Jump Rope for Heart. This is particularly well run and the children have always enjoyed getting fully involved. Please have a look at the following link and get in touch with us if you require further information. <https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>

Colin Buchanan Concert – 11 August at PLC

Colin Buchanan has been performing throughout the country for many years and our regular Chapel Services regularly feature his music and Christian message. Junior School will be attending a concert next week where Colin will be performing many of his well-known songs and music from 2.00 pm. More information can be provided by contacting Junior School and I have included a link to a YouTube site that highlights excerpts from his previous concerts which can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMk4qhWbGjI>

Fathers’ Day Sausage Sizzle – 1 September

And lastly, this is another reminder for your diaries that we will be celebrating Father’s Day on Friday September 1 at lunchtime in the Junior School covered area.

We welcome all those meaningful males in the lives of our students to come along and join us for lunch and a handful of activities. We hope you can be with us at lunchtime (from 12.25 – 1.15 pm) and please, don’t forget your runners!

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

Week 3 School Spirit - Organisation

Tuesday 1 August	ICAS English Competition
	Jump Rope for Heart Launch 11.10am

Wednesday 2 August	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 5
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Week 4 School Spirit – Cooperation

(Senior School IDEALS WEEK)

Tuesday 8 August	PSSA Athletics AHS
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Wednesday 9 August	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 1
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Friday 11 August	Colin Buchanan Concert – PLC 2.00pm
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Week 5 School Spirit – Resilience

Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths Exam
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Wednesday 16 August	Tezukayama arrive in Armidale
	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 2

	NCIS Athletics, Coffs Harbour
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Week 6 School Spirit – Confidence

Tuesday 22 August	Tezukayama depart Armidale
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Wednesday 23 August	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 3
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Thursday 24 August	Da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
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PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

Transition

Transition have commenced the term exploring the transdisciplinary theme How The World Works. They are exploring this through the Central Idea: Light comes from different sources and has varying properties.

Transition have 'tuned in' to the new unit by asking some 'I Wonder' questions. These questions will be used to give the unit direction and to frame the inquiry process.

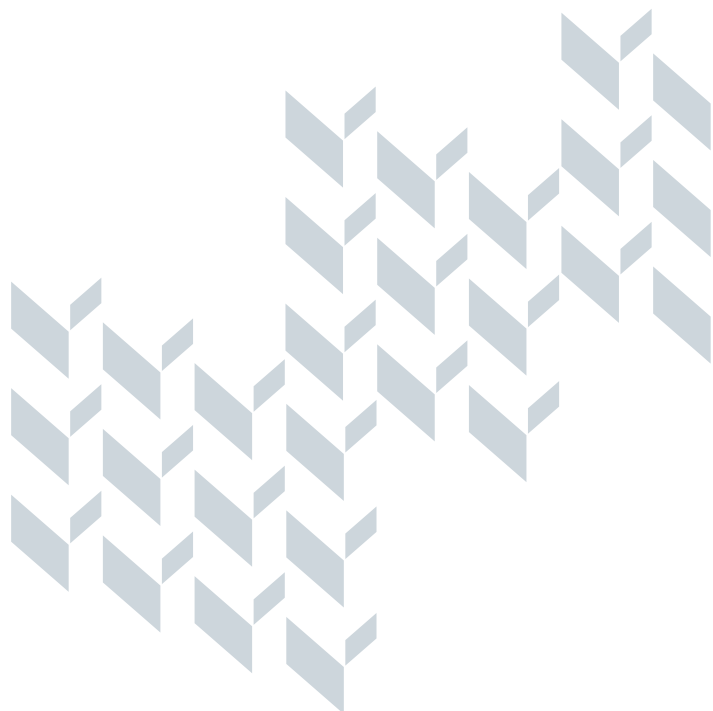
This week the students have commenced the 'finding out' phase of the inquiry cycle. They have been discussing the sun and engaged in the following learning experiences:

- looking at the position of the sun in the morning and afternoon and discussing differences
- observing shadows and discussing how they are made
- discussing the term transparent and what it means
- making cellophane shapes to use in the sun
- playing with torches and boxes to make shadows with toy animals, blocks etc

Mrs Ball has blocked all the windows in the back room to turn it into the 'dark room' so it can be used throughout the UOI for a variety of scientific investigations.

This Thursday, transition will go on an excursion to Bunnings to look at all the different types of lights they sell. They will also to look at lights around Armidale like traffic lights and street lights.

Mrs Veronica Waters and Mrs Tania Ball



Transition explore light and shadows

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Please note that our Football training will continue next week, however, some of our coaches will be absent due to commitments away from TAS (IDEALS Week in the Senior School) Training will continue, however, teams will be combined for some game time.

All Netball and Hockey training will continue as normal.

PSSA Athletics – Armidale High School – 8 August

Thank you to those students who have returned their PSSA permission notes. If you have not done so I require these notes by Wednesday, 2 August.

A reminder that the TAS mini bus will leave TAS next Tuesday, 8 August at 8:15am from the Brown Street turning circle. If travelling with your parents, please meet us at AHS by 8:30am. Please ensure you have a water bottle, hat, tracksuit, morning tea and lunch.

NCIS Athletics Coffs Harbour – 16 August

The following students have been selected to represent TAS at the Independent Sports association (NCIS) competition in Coffs Harbour on Wednesday, 16 August. Some children have only qualified for one event, so please keep this in mind when deciding whether to travel and participate in Coffs Harbour. Permission notes and information will be given out this week. If wishing to compete, please return your permission note for this event by Monday, 7 August to either Mrs Sandra Lasker or Mrs Christine Wright.

NCIS Team 2017

Katie Hynes	Evan Kwan
Eve Hopkins	Banjo Lawrence
Mila Downes	Theo Munsie
Charlie Ward	Max Rogers
Paige Sutton	Lochie Gerdes
Ruyuf Almalki	Will Glover
Charlize Broadfoot	Tom Ball
Peyton Slade	Lennox Neilson
Hugo Broun	Flinders Ward
Sam Ford	Sam Strelitz
Mohammed Almokhtar	Sam Hynes
Charlie Ryan	Caleb Baumgartner
Blake Whitehill	Iles Baker
James Leahy	Abbott White

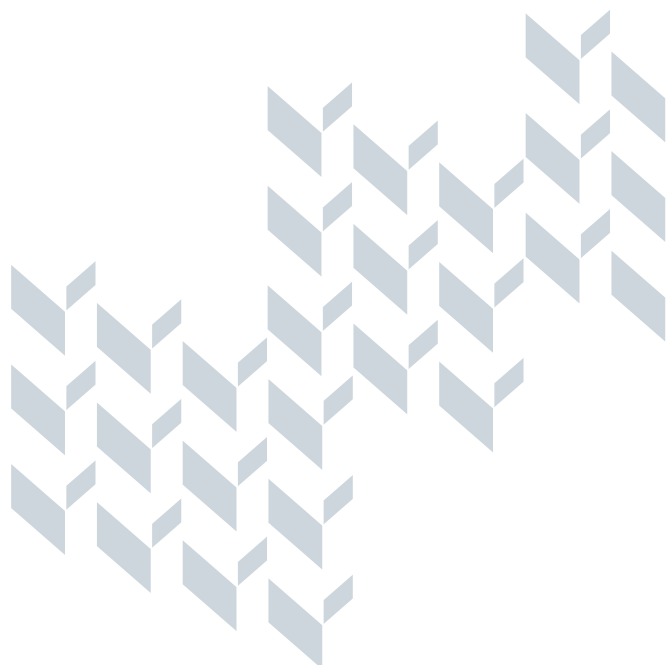


Jump Rope for Heart

This week saw the launch of our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Information on how to gain sponsorship will be coming home this week. Please start skipping and training for our big 'Jump Off', which will occur on Friday, 1 September.

Please have a look at the Jump Rope for Heart website for information on this important fundraiser.

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>



Hockey Under 11s

With super coach Mrs Ball away playing Hockey in Grafton, Coach Portell was enlisted to run the mighty TAS U11s Hockey team through their paces at Friday's top of the table clash against United. With an enthusiastic Henry Kirton padded up in goals, the team were quietly confident of a good performance against the maroons and some great team spirit was shown from the opening whistle with some impressive passing and leading, particularly from the middle and strikers. Equally impressive was our defensive line, including the likes of Harry Hopkins, Joel Blackburn, Mitchell Evans and Thomas Dundon, who regularly sought to break down the United attack and distribute the ball early in response. All players were outstanding (too many to mention by name) and as a reward for their efforts, the TAS U11s came away with a sound 5-3 win, in what could definitely be a precursor to the 2017 grand final.

Mr Alex Portell

FOOTBALL TAS Taipans

The day was warm and sunny, perfect conditions for Guyra in the middle of Winter. The boys were keen to get going and the goals came thick and fast. Hugo Broun was deadly in the forwards, with his strikes regularly finding the net, ably supported by Max Junge. Marcus Robb and Joshua Rucci were strong in the centre area, with Cormac Downes and Andrew Alkhouri repeatably pushing forward and taking shots at the goal. Peter Thompson was solid in both defence and offense.

Overall, TAS dominated the match, with each member of the team playing well and passing effectively. Josiah Baumgartner and Levi Broadfoot were injured for the match.

Mr Stephen Thompson

TAS Thunderstorm

The Thunderstorms had a very successful trip up the mountain to Guyra last Saturday (thanks parents for the early morning start), with our scorers this week being Flinders, Iles (a hat trick) and an amazing 10 goals from Evan. Gus, Nick, Theo and Ty provided a nearly impenetrable line of defence. Ted had a great game running into our attacking end while receiving and passing through to our goal scorers. Archie and Sam also had impressive games in midfield.

Congrats on another fabulous game Thunderstorms!

Ms Donella Tutt

TAS Terriers

What an inclusive game of soccer the TAS Terriers played on Saturday.

It was a delight to see all eyes on the ball and to observe all players trying hard to pass the ball and have a go at scoring a goal. There were some commendable strong attempts to get the ball into the goal net!

Whilst the final score is not the focus, the score this week did not reflect the skill with which the team played. We secured 3 goals in the first half and our defence was solid. In the second half, we had to play extra hard to keep the ball in our field of play and tried so hard to defend the goals.

Congratulations to all players for playing with confidence, putting skills into practice and for your concentration throughout both the first and second half. Thank you for the oranges Lucy- they were delicious!

Mrs Veronica Waters

TAS Tornadoes

Last Saturday morning the TAS Tornadoes took on the Guyra Cobras in an away match. We were gifted with relatively warm weather in Guyra, and it was certainly reflected in the players' enthusiasm and sportsmanship on the pitch. Despite being two players down, the TAS Torpedoes proved themselves as a formidable force. Sam Ford scored four spectacular goals - Harry Brownlie and Christopher Post were flawless in helping to set them up. Lucas Hu was almost unstoppable in goals by making numerous saves. Joe Fenwicke and Andi Li were solid in defence; both players making crucial clearances against a number of crafty strikes from the Cobra forwards. Both teams played incredibly well and should be mutually proud of the outcome. Thank you to the parents for coming down to support our team.

Mr Marshall Ross

TAS 12Bs

The Year 5 soccer team faced a tough opponent in Saturday's match against the South Strikers. A large, vocal crowd of parents and family were on hand to cheer the boys on as well as Mr Lloyd adding his encouragement from the side line.

We were straight into the action with some determined runs, accurate passing and strong defence. We soon took the lead with great goals from Lochie Gerdes and Sam Hynes but Souths fought back to level the scores. The arm-wrestle continued to half-time where we led by just one goal.

Fuelled with oranges and home-baked, FFA approved supplements (thank you Mrs Gilpin!) the team came out strongly for the second half. We managed to pull 2 goals clear with 10 minutes to go but a spirited come-back saw Souths claim victory in the final minutes 8-7. Congratulations to the entire team as they played well and never gave up!

Mr Michael Baumgartner

COMMUNITY

Pottery Families and potential Pottery Families

Rick and Suzanne Hatch are offering after-school classes in clay work. The goal of our teaching is for the children to have fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative flair. This term we will be making work that is useful for eating or drink from but that also has lots of room for sculptural expression.

Where: Classes are held in Art Room 1 of the Hoskins Centre at TAS

Who: Year K to 4 are on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5 pm

Year 5 and up are on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm

Children may arrive anytime after 3:20 pm. Also, there is flexibility on the age/ day guidelines.

Commencement: The Tuesday class starts on Tuesday, July 25. The Thursday class on July 27. Classes run for 6 weeks. We then have a week off to allow for drying and firing of pots, followed by a party. Our parties will be on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and Thursday Sept. 14.

Cost: \$150.00. This includes materials, instruction, and firing of the work.

Enrolment and further information: Contact me via email on weemalapot@yahoo.com.au or phone on 6772 5371.

Please note that all the beautiful portrait lanterns from last term will be ready to go home after lesson 1.

Rick Hatch





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- ✓ At least one parent or carer is willing to participate in the program
- ✓ You are able to attend appointments in Tamworth or Armidale, NSW

Register your interest at
<http://bit.ly/nutritionconnect>

Wondering if your family can participate? Ask us today or fill in our online form at above link!
For more information contact Amy Ashman at amy.m.ashman@newcastle.edu.au or 0488 399 533

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