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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 9 August, 2017 Term 3 Week 4

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Trials and IDEALS

Our thoughts and best wishes are with our Year 12 students this week and next as they tackle the challenge of their Trial HSC exams. Whilst the long standing term 'trial exam' once meant a practice for the real event to come, this set of papers is the most densely scheduled component of the year long assessment schedule that our students will encounter and it will impact final rankings and marks in most subjects. It is also the first time that students will be presented with exams covering all or most of the content in their courses. For the great majority of our senior students this is the opportunity to present the fruits of their study thus far and to use the guidance from the exams to fuel the important push to the final HSC exams. Feedback thus far has been quite positive and I wish all students the best of fortunes for the final 10 days.

For all other students from Year 6 to Year 11 this week is different too as they take a break from the mainstream NSW curriculum to focus on the development of those wider character traits and value sets that we believe are so important in the journey to adult life. Lessons on international understanding, having a voice in our democracy, responsibility for the environment, identifying leadership traits and capabilities and growing a habit of service to others all feature in individual year groups. I know that a great deal of passion, effort and expertise has been injected into the programs for each year group in this first IDEALS Week and I thank the many staff who have committed to the cause of growing the good in our students.

Rugby Travelling Season Ends

For around 185 TAS rugby players this weekend brings an end to the travelling season as we play fixtures against Kings at Parramatta. Whilst the travel demanded in 2017 has been greater than usual and more than we would have liked, it has also bonded our players and TAS rugby in a way that we have a right to be proud of. The preparedness of our students to travel long distances and sleep on floors without complaint whilst presenting their best efforts and sportsmanship on the field, whether in victory or defeat, speaks volumes about their character and the way they have learned to carry themselves.



The season has been a successful one for our school club as a whole and much of the responsibility for this has been carried by our coaches and managers who have travelled and committed at the same level as our players, generally after a full week in the classroom and their other roles and usually forgoing the opportunity to spend the weekend with family. I am sure that parents and players alike will want to take the opportunity to offer thanks to those who have looked after the coaching and organisation that has made the season possible.

MMG Survey

The Macquarie Marketing Group School Stakeholder Survey that has been referred to in recent editions of TAS Talks and the Term 2 Newsletter will be delivered to email addresses of parents in the coming days and I encourage every parent to bookmark the link and set aside the 45 or so minutes that will be needed to complete it. As has been expressed previously, this is an opportunity to invest in the future of TAS through your opinions and the value we receive from that investment depends on the response rate to the survey.

City to Surf

2017 will see another record sized team take to the streets of Sydney for the iconic 14km City to Surf fun run. As I write we have 152 students, 9 staff and 4 parents and a total team of 165 running under the TAS banner and supporting Old Armidalian Drew Schofield's charity "Stand Tall for a Cure" that is helping the search for a cure for muscular dystrophy. Drew spoke at our Middle and Senior School assembly at the start of this term and I know that his courage and initiative has inspired our students and helped swell our running ranks this year. It is not too late for family and friends of our runners to show their support by donating to our chosen charity for 2017 and this can be done through <https://tinyurl.com/ybzne8j2>

As our students prepare for the significant challenge of this hilly 14km course and the amazing experience of running in a sea of 80,000 others of all ages and abilities I encourage them in the knowledge that despite the national profile of the event no other school carries a presence that compares to the TAS involvement. It has become a special milestone in our calendar for very many of our students, most of whom will be backing up from their Saturday sport, and brings a camaraderie amongst the team that will be remembered for years.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

IDEALS Week (Formerly Excursion Week)

HSC Trial Exams continue

Friday 25 August

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon
Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 8 Parent Information Session
in Big School at 5.15pm

Saturday 12 August

Rugby v King's (Sydney)

Sunday 13 August

City to Surf
Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Training

Saturday 26 August

P&F Trivia Night

Sunday 27 August

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Training

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

Week 6

Tuesday 22 August

AgQuip
Fiji Trip Meeting 6.30pm
Final Note - HSC Music Showcase
Masterstroke - Visual Arts Showcase

Wednesday 23 August

AgQuip
Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

Thursday 24 August

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon
AgQuip
Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Admin Assistant Development Office

The Armidale School is seeking a suitably qualified and enthusiastic person to provide administrative support to the Enrolments and Development Offices.

This position is a full time permanent role with the opportunity for an immediate start.

TAS is the only regionally based co- educational GPS school in NSW and prides itself on the high quality of its academic, boarding and co-curricular programs.

Job description and application form are available at www.as.edu.au

Applications close Friday 18 August, 2017.

Applicants should be supportive of the Christian ethos of the school.



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Influenza Alert

There are currently a large number of students suffering from Flu like symptoms throughout the school. We have had a positive diagnosis of Influenza A in an unvaccinated student. Please be aware that it is still possible to have Influenza even if you have been vaccinated.

If your son/daughter is showing flu like symptoms please keep them at home for at least five days or until they no longer have a fever.

If your Boarding son/daughter is sent home from the Health Centre please consult with staff from the Health Centre before returning them to the boarding house.

Please consider other students if you are thinking of allowing your unwell son to travel on a coach to Sydney to play Rugby this weekend.

[INFLUENZA FACT SHEET](#)

Sr Jenny Murray

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night is coming up fast so make sure you organise 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 6.30pm (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:

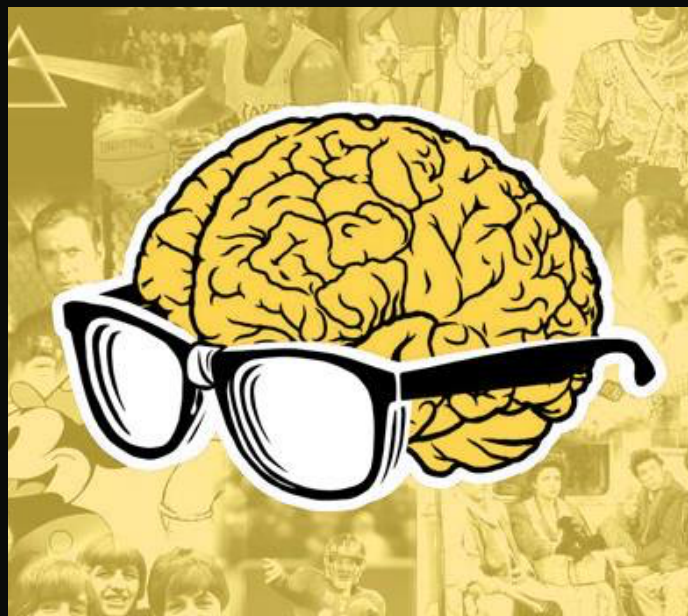
- a weekend at the lovely Northcott B and B in Armidale (2 queen rooms self contained accommodation) – great for visiting family or friends or boarder families
- 3 months membership to Bikram Yoga – just in time to shape up for Christmas, and
- lamb meat trays - yum!

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 16 August at 7pm. All helpers welcome!

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

Contact: Mrs Margie Roberts
E: mg.r@bigpond.com



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& FRIENDS

MMG EDUCATION SCHOOL SURVEY

School has commissioned MMG Education, an independent consultancy specialising in school research and strategy development, to conduct a major survey of staff, students and parents to gauge 'where things are at'. The information gained will be used to improve the quality of a TAS education and gives the School Board and Executive the chance to gain a deep and well-informed understanding of the School's performance

I encourage all parents to fill it in – open and frank feedback from the parent body is a key part of informing TAS on it's performance. The more feedback received, the more helpful it will be. Last time a similar survey was undertaken the response rate from families was about 60% so let's see if we can do even better this time!

The survey starts next week online and will take about 45 minutes to complete.

BRANDY NEEDED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings get made in October and we use lots and lots brandy in the mixture (I can't tell you exactly how much as it's a secret!!). If you would like to make a donation of a bottle of brandy to help the cause please drop it into Big School reception.

NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September at 7pm in The Lower Maxwell Room. This meeting starts the big push to organise TAS@Dusk and we would love to see Liaison Parents and anyone else interested in helping come along.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
President



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

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.

Congratulations Chess Team

Congratulations to our Chess team who have successfully defeated Inverell High School in Round four of the NSW Junior Chess League. Inverell High School have four extremely strong players and the final result was actually two all, with TAS winning Boards 2 and 3 and Inverell winning Boards 1 and 4. Although the results are even, the boards are weighted with Board 1 accruing more points than boards 2,3 or 4 and board 2 more points than board 3 etc. A close result indeed. This leads us now to face Narrabri High School in Round 5 which is also the Final of the Regional Championship. These games will be played in Week 7. We wish Harry Pollard, Mike Nyathi, Liam Treavors an Darcy Smyth all the very best for the final.

Ms Catherine Boydell



UN Youth Final

Sambavan Jeyakumar and Owen Chandler will be representing Spain in the final of the NSW UN Youth to be held at NSW Parliament House this Wednesday 9 August. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for both talented students. As the UN Security Council representatives for the voice of Spain they will aiming to debate 'The question of the Colombian Peace Process' and 'The question of Extraordinary Rendition'. Here is an outline of the 'extraordinary rendition' - is defined as the government-sponsored abduction and extrajudicial transfer of a person from one country to another. This practise is used frequently by the United States as a legal manoeuvre to facilitate torture of terrorism suspects without being liable to American law which strictly prohibits torture, through executive orders'. We wish both students all the best with their contributions for Spain.

Ms Catherine Boydell



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

Ms Cressida Mort



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Are you proud whether you win or lose?

"If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;

If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster

And treat those two impostors just the same"

Rudyard Kipling

We dream, we sweat, we toil for victory and when we achieve this we feel ecstasy. temporarily.

What is it that endures beyond the victory? And is this dependent on the outcome?

Often when we win consistently, we convince ourselves that everything is perfect; our coach is infallible, our team-mates are without equal, our game plan is textbook. Losing provides an opportunity for perspective. It encourages us to search for that which is enduring - loyalty, commitment, resilience, courage, tenacity, determination.. these are qualities that last a lifetime.

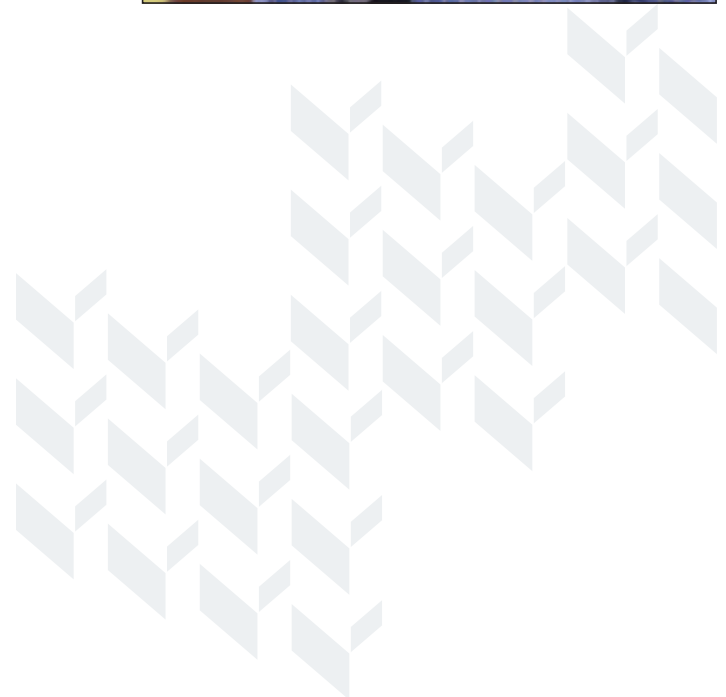
I am always bemused by teams who apologise for their loss; for letting their fans down. Is it the outcome or the performance that they are sorry for? If they have done their best then surely they should be proud of their performance. They were simply beaten by a better team. If they didn't do their best then no apology is going to change that.

A champion team can look into their hearts and find solace and pride, in both triumph and disaster.

Twilight Concert

Thank you to the music department and all the musicians who performed at last Thursday night's twilight concert. From the first note, the appreciative audience were transported to another place; leaving the stresses of everyday life far behind. The passion and commitment of these students is clear and testament to the endless support of staff and parents.

Many of the performers were Year 12 students, performing in their final twilight concert. They reflected on their journey. From their humble beginnings in Big School to performing in front of a packed Hoskins Centre. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us along the way and wish them all the best as they prepare for their final HSC performances.



City 2 Surf

Whether you are aiming to break a record or beat your previous best, running alongside your mates or simply enjoying a pleasant stroll from Hyde Park to Bondi Beach, you will be running to support Stand Tall for a Cure and making a difference to others. Thank you to the staff who are contributing to this event and in particular Mr Jim Pennington whose passion and enthusiasm have inspired so many to be involved.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Rugby

This weekend saw the hardest and most exciting fixtures of the season. TAS traveled to Sydney to face off against St Joseph's College on their home ground with a sure and certain intent, to play quality Rugby. The First XV have been preparing mentally and physically for what was thought to be the toughest game of the season, and as expected, it was.

There was various success throughout the day, however this was overshadowed by the grit and tenacity of all of the TAS boys. Taking try after try, beating after beating the TAS boys were able to raise in arms and attack with more intent each time. Standing shoulder to shoulder and fighting for every last man, each TAS team regardless of their success, accepted defeat graciously and were humble in victory. In the words of Malcolm X, "there is no better adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time".

The First XV played what was considered the decider of the premiership. Every young man fought with dignity alongside their comrades. Victory was in reach, building the tension in the air. Unfortunately however, St Joseph's were able to out play the First XV in a great game of school boy rugby, ending their undefeated success of the season.

Moving forward into this weeks up and coming fixtures against Kings, it is important to remember 'the greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart'.

Mr Todd Currell

Netball

With only three more games until the semifinals on 2 September we are starting to scrutinise the ladders and who we play for the remaining rounds, our fingers crossed that we are able to make it over the line. TAS 5 are currently sitting in the top four so are on track to play in the semifinals. TAS 1 and TAS 4 are both sitting at fifth place so winning the next few games will be crucial to ensure their place in the semifinals. TAS 1 won against ACSC Vixens on Saturday - the team who are currently in fourth place with only one more win overall. TAS 2 and TAS 4 lost their games on Saturday playing teams that are sitting towards the top of their respective ladders. Unfortunately - or fortunately - the team playing TAS 3 had the wrong game time so TAS 3 won by forfeit. We may get the points, however, it is always disappointing to miss out on playing and can feel like a rather empty win. TAS 5 had a very close game with NEGS 7 who are currently sitting at 2nd place, which really shows just how far TAS 5 have come this season.

Well done to all players and good luck for the rest of the season.

Ms Rachel Harrison



RUGBY – TAS v The Kings School

11 – 12 August, 2017

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school (and Coffs) Friday 4 August:

- BUS 1 (Oxley TV5803 - 57) Opens **2:00pm**
- BUS 2 (Oxley 7192MP 62) 16s: + 13A **2:15pm**
- BUS 3 (Edwards 5944MO -57) 14s +13B **2:30pm**
- BUS 4 (Edwards TV3890 - 48) 15s: **12:30pm** (Coffs)

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 12 August: 9:30pm. (Updates will be published on TeamApp).

City 2 Surf: Bus will depart TKS at 2:00pm Saturday for Riverview (via Hornsby)

TAS	TKS	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	3 rd XV	JS White Oval	1:00 pm
TAS 2 nd XV	6 th XV	JS White Oval	9:00 am
TAS 16A	16B	Doyle 4	10:00 am
TAS 16B	16D	Doyle 4	8:00 am
TAS 15A	15B	Doyle 4	11:00 am
TAS 15B	15E	Doyle 5	8:00 am
TAS 14A	14B	Doyle 3	11:00 am
TAS 14B	14D	Doyle 3	9:00 am
TAS 13A	13B	Doyle 6	9:00 am
TAS 13B	13C	Doyle 6	8:00 am

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

- 13s -16s: TKS (**swag required**) *
- OPENS: Sydney High Boat Shed (**mattresses provided**)

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

Meals: Dinners en route, breakfast at accommodation, lunch at TKS.

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.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Welcome to Internationalism and IDEALS Week

Since it's your week, it's only right that I start with you. You're individuals. That's fairly easy to establish. As you know, part of our Middle School philosophy is to treat you as individuals as much as we can.

Here...today we have individuals from UK, Papua New Guinea, China, Russia and Australia. If you had a mobile on you (and I'm not suggesting you do) you could contact anyone from these countries within...a minute. And you could do so with the press of a button that didn't really exist 25 years ago.

In terms of communication with other people, that simple button has made your large world instantly smaller in relation to your ability to contact others...and way larger and easier in relation to individual possibilities for you...for your education... and for your future as adults.

Let's move now from the individual to the school...to TAS. The school you attend is one of 180 schools in 50 countries over six continents that belong to the Round Square organisation. As you're about to discover this week the educational philosophy of Round Square promotes respect and understanding of cultural similarities. It also promotes acceptance and tolerance of difference and peaceful relations – even if we don't understand the difference.

Kurt Hahn lived in the 1920s and his beliefs about education form the basis of Round Square Discovery Learning. I want to finish with his principles. He said that there's a need to educate to build individual character and compassion (ie to care about others and what happens in the world). To do this you learners need to be curious, to be spirited and engaged in your learning – not to be passive or claim you don't give a damn about your world. In short, if you want to get something real out of this week you need to put something real into it. You also need to be strong when you realise that learning can be confronting, especially when others tell you that your ideas don't promote a better world to live in.

Please get the most you can from this week.



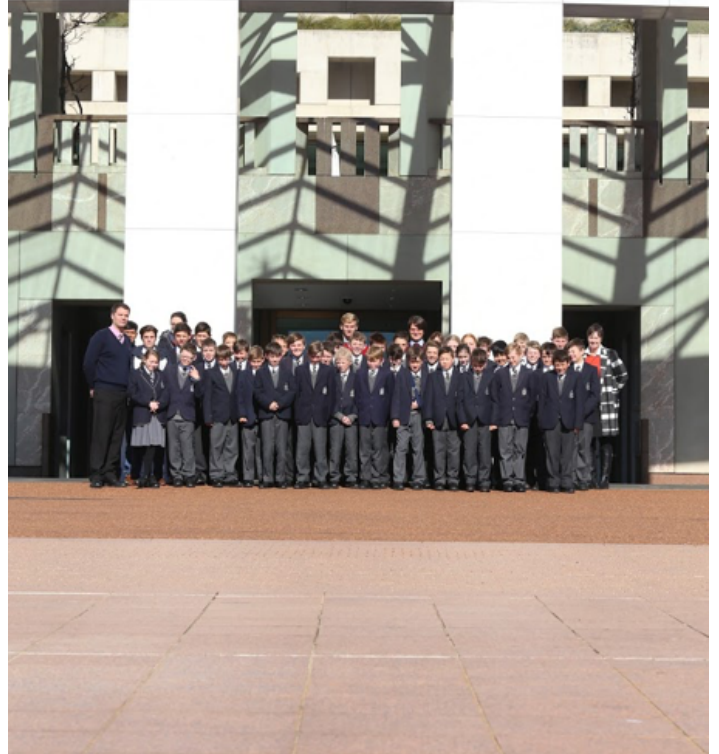
IDEALS WEEK

Year 6 - Democracy

From the several phone calls we have had from the Year 6 staff it is clear that the Democracy group members are enjoying themselves, their activities and the difference of each day very much. From all reports it's clear that the bus trip was both exciting and uneventful. The photos that we have seen of the students at the National Archives and Parliament House have been informative and clearly enjoyable. The students of course are in very good hands, being with our Year 6 staff, Deputy Headmaster, Mr Pennington, Miss Symons and all our Gap Staff.



Our Year 6 students were excited for the journey to Canberra



Tour of Parliament House



After a long journey our Year 6 students burnt off some energy at Sky Zone



Year 6 visited the National Film and Sound Archive



Sam Johnstone, Will Warton, Lachlan Carter, Charles Hunter & Jack Hedges at Parliament House

Year 7– International Understanding



Keynote Speaker – Jose Luengo-Cabrera talking to Year 7 students about Global Peace



Hudson Eichorn, Xavier Munsie, Eugene Campbell & James Phelps making peace signs



Jose speaks about world peace with Year 7 group (Knights of the Round Square)



Sophie Osmond & Lydie Taylor making peace signs.



Year 8 – Service



One of our Year 8 groups helping to prepare food for Armidale City Care

Middle School Social

The Middle School social for this term will be hosted by NEGS on Friday 18 August from 7pm to 9pm.

Students attending the social will meet at TAS, near the flag poles at 6:45pm for roll call. Edwards bus will transport all students to and from the social. The bus will return to TAS at 9:10pm and we ask that parents please collect students at this time.

All students must catch the bus to and from the social unless you notify Mark Harrison via email middle@as.edu.au.

Dress code will be smart casual and the cost of the social will be charged to your child's account.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Seussical The Musical Jr.

At Junior School Assembly today, we were very pleased and excited to announce the students who will carry a main role in the Musical. I congratulate the large number of students who auditioned and acknowledge the time and effort they put into practising for a part. It has been very encouraging to see so many keen to have a go. The School has a very thorough auditioning process and there are a range of factors considered when arriving at the final cast. Suffice to say, it is not an easy task and sometimes there is disappointment for those who are not successful. However, we also create parts for some where we can, and ensure that every student has an opportunity to perform on stage and feel they are an integral part of the performance. I would like to thank Mrs Leasa Cleaver and Mrs Rachel Butcher for the time and thought they have put into this process.

The cast is:

The Cats in the Hats - Caleb Baumgartner & Lennox Neilson
JoJo/Boy - Wilkie Davidson
Horton the Elephant - William Gilpin
Gertrude McFuzz - Mila Downs
Mayzie La Bird - Camilla Coupland
Sour Kangaroo - Mohammed Almokhtar
Lead Wickersham - Henry Kirton, Jack McCook, Lochlan Gerdes
Yertle the Turtle - Kieran Sutton
The Bird Girls - Paige Sutton, Anastasia Anderson, Sophia White
Mayor - Harry Pennington
Mrs. Mayor - Katie Hynes
Grinch - Charlie Blanch
Thing 1,2,3,4&5 - Harry Hopkins, Toby Ford, Tom Ball, Will Glover & Blair Eichorn
Sam I am - Sam Hynes
General Genghis Khan Schmitz - Will Brett
The Lorax - Alec Campbell

TAS Junior School Social Friday August 18.....Save the Date!!

As the date for the arrival of the Tezukayama School visit rapidly approaches, I draw your attention to the Combined School Social we have planned for Friday August 18 with Tezukayama, PLC and NEGS. This will be held in the Memorial Hall from 5.00 – 6.00 pm (K – 2) and 5.45 pm – 7.00 pm (3 – 5). There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments provided for all from 5.45 pm outside the Hall. We warmly invite our families and friends to come and join us as we join with Tezukayama for what should be a very entertaining evening.



IDEALS Week

We have been very fortunate this week to benefit from the inaugural IDEALS Week at TAS with the Year 8 students using both Junior School and Minimbah Primary School as a vehicle to put into practice all they have been taught about Service Learning. In groups of four, the Middle School students spent time with us today completing various activities that they had planned and organised for the occasion. I know that our children enjoyed the activities and they too, have benefited from the experience by taking part in the activities and observing the older students. On Friday, the week culminates with a visit from Minimbah to TAS, so both schools can combine to play games and activities, have morning tea and spend time together in the playground.

Internships in Junior School

Throughout the year we welcome numerous Interns who are completing their Professional Placement as part of their tertiary educations at University. This term we welcome Ms Hannah Rowland (Year 1) and Ms Susannah Nye (Kindergarten), Ms Georgina Macdiarmid (Year 2) and next term, Ms Tamara Milojkovic (Year 1).

Colin Buchanan Concert – August 11 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>

Chapel St Turning Circle

Particularly on Mondays, the Turning Circle can be very busy both before and after sport has concluded. The teachers on duty are always concerned with the volume of traffic and while it is very busy, it is a good system that works well most of the time. We understand the busyness of the afternoons but we do request that all vehicles take time to cautiously observe the signage and drop off/pick up in the correct areas. When passengers are not ready to be collected, it is important to repeat the circuit so that others are not held up behind parked cars. While there can be room to move past other stationary cars, it must be done very carefully knowing that young children do not comprehend the dangers in these situations. Your care is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

Week 4 School Spirit – Cooperation

(Senior School IDEALS WEEK)

Wednesday 9 August Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 1

Friday 11 August Colin Buchanan Concert – PLC 2.00pm
Year 1 Excursion – Education Museum & library

Week 5 School Spirit – Resilience

Tuesday 15 August ICAS Maths Exam

Wednesday 16 August Tezukayama arrive in Armidale (Approx 4.00 pm)
Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 2|
NCIS Athletics, Coffs Harbour

Friday 18 August Junior School/Tezukayama Social/Disco (Memorial Hall – Yr K-2 5.00 – 6.00 pm; Yr3 – 5 5.45 -7pm
BBQ provided at 5.45 pm

Week 6 School Spirit – Confidence

Tuesday 22 August Tezukayama depart Armidale

Wednesday 23 August Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Yr 3

Thursday 24 August Da Vinci Decathlon at TAS

Week 7 School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 30 August Assembly 2.45 Gym for Gymnastics Demonstration

Friday 1 September Activities Day No. 5
Father's Day Sausage Sizzle
Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off day

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

The children registered for the PRC have been busy over the holidays doing lots of reading which is wonderful to see!

Please be aware that there is only three more weeks left of the PRC. I would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the library by Friday 25 August (the end of Week 6 of the term). If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library lesson and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

Children are allowed to return and borrow new Library books throughout the week before and after school and during lunchtime with their teacher's permission.

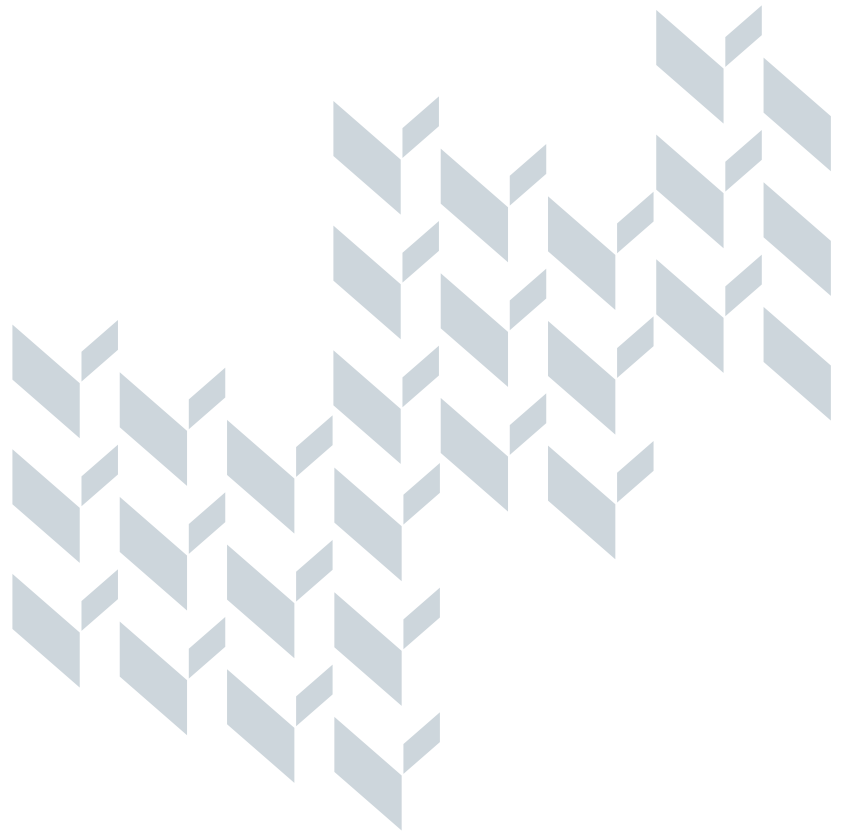
I congratulate the 6 students who have completed the challenge for this year already. There are many children very close to finishing, so I encourage you all to keep on reading to achieve your goal.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinatorPRC Co-ordinator

Happy Birthday

Our Happy Birthday wishes go out to Evan Kwan this week.



PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

Kindergarten's PYP Journey Term 3

Kindergarten have commenced the term exploring the transdisciplinary theme 'How The World Works' through the central idea 'Weather Affects Everything'.

They commenced the unit with a provocation showing floods in Bangladesh. From the clip they discussed what people need in order to survive in this situation and then discussed how weather affected the people.

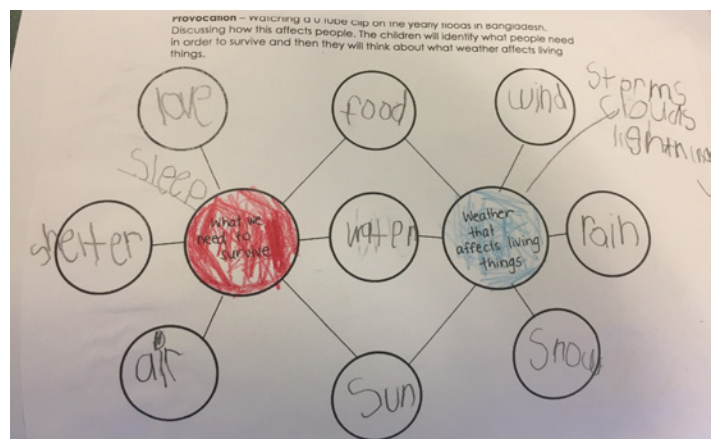
These ideas were then broken down into a double bubble map linking what people need to survive with the weather conditions that affect living things. They have explored seasons, different hemispheres and discussed the equator. Last week they explored different cloud types and the water cycle. As part of the learning experiences, they have completed some experiments explaining how clouds form and have discussed where rain comes from. Interesting weather pictures have been collected along the way to stimulate discussion. The unit is truly transdisciplinary with Visual Art, Mathematics, ICT and English (writing tasks) linking to the central idea.

This week the students have been excited about answering some of the 'burning questions' they have asked. Their questions have been placed on the wall and will be addressed throughout the duration of the unit. Next week the class will be skyping the Bureau of Meteorology and will be getting a first hand understanding of the weather charts that are presented on the news.

It is exciting to see the questions and enthusiasm that are coming from this unit.

We can't wait to see where this learning journey will go!

Mrs Hawksford , Ms Nye and Mrs Waters



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Winter sports training

Thank you to all the extra coaches who helped the Junior School out on Monday afternoon. It was great to be able to continue our training with some coaches away on IDEALS Week.

PSSA Athletics

Armidale High School – 8 August

Thank you to Mr Portell for taking the PSSA team to Armidale High School yesterday. A report will be in next week's TAS Talks.

NCIS Athletics

Coffs Harbour – 16 August

The following students have been selected to represent TAS at the North Coast Independent Schools' 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 was given out last week. All signed notes should now be back with Mrs 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

Thank you to those children who have already registered for our Jump Rope for Heart. Congratulations to the first five children who registered and received a souvenir soccer ball.

Oliver, Layla, William, Sophia and Izzie.

Please have a look at the Jump Rope for Heart website for information on this important fundraiser and join us today!

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

FOOTBALL

TAS Terriers v TAS Thunderbolts

Our Year 3 players enjoyed a fabulous game last Saturday, playing each other in what was going to always be a hard fought contest. A great 1-all result was indicative of the close battle between these two top teams. Thank you to all our parents who continue to support their children and their coaches throughout the season.



TAS Tornadoes

Last Saturday morning the TAS Tornadoes were pitted against the DK Squires on home turf in Armidale. All players arrived early for a quick warm up, braving the harsh icy winds that swept through the Rologas Fields. Despite going up against an extremely talented team, the TAS Torpedoes made it absolutely clear that they weren't going to make it an easy win for their skilful opponents. Forwards Sam Ford and Harry Brownlie never gave in; both players were relentless in trying to pave a new path of attack - their efforts were eventually awarded with a goal against a much stronger team. Andi Li, Lucas Hu, and the Blanch brothers Tommy and M.J. were solid in mid-field and defence - all players communicated well and made some fantastic passes to maintain that crucial possession. Joe Fenwicke and Christopher Post were both fantastic in goals. Joe put his powerful goal kick to good use, while Chris made three nail-biting saves early on in the match. Both teams played amazingly and should be mutually proud of the result. Thank you to the parents for coming down to spectate and cheer your support for our team.

Mr Marshall Ross

TAS Terriers

Despite the cold, blustery playing conditions on Saturday morning, the TAS Terriers put in a mighty effort. It was lovely to have a new addition to our team, Ruby Ogilvie, who proved herself to be a very able 'back'. Showing no fear when tackling the opposition for the ball. Connor Ryan and Oliver Robb have grown tremendously in confidence and were able to tackle and both had some pleasing 'runs' with the ball. Lucy Taylor has a keen eye for the ball and is fearless when attacking. Poor Jack Wood encountered a nasty knock, however, returned to field with gusto and determination. The team are certainly playing a more cohesive game and their ball-eye coordination continues to develop.

Thank you, Robb family, for the oranges.

Mrs Veronica Waters

Netball

I was extremely proud of the Netball players this weekend. The sun was shining and, despite illness that resulted in two of our keenest netball players stuck in bed, we had a fabulous morning. It is so lovely to look across the courts and see the Netters developing their skills - I know they will be amazing next year on the grass courts as a result of all their hard work. A huge thank you to the Set Girls for being ready to play and for supporting each other so beautifully. I was an extremely proud coach! Congratulations to all the players and in particular, Paige Sutton who scored some fabulous goals that resulted in a happy victory - all that practice is paying off!

Mrs Tania Hardin



Mrs Hardin getting into the action with her Netball girls on Saturday as they celebrate their well deserved win.

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER **AWARENESS MONTH**

This event will be supported by Armidale parkrun on



**Saturday 9th September 2017 at 7:45am at
SportsUNE**



**Wear something GOLD to
show your support**

On the day there will be opportunity for
anyone wishing to make a donation to a Child
Cancer Trial through

Braver Stronger Smarter

parkrun is a 5km Walk, Jog or Run.

It is FREE to participate and everyone is welcome to attend.

To register and print-out your personal barcode, go to:

www.parkrun.com.au/register