



TAS
THE ARMIDALE
SCHOOL

EXPLORE
EXPERIENCE
EXCEL

TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 20 September, 2017 Term 3 Week 10

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Football

The TAS Football Club has enjoyed another season of great success, particularly at the senior level, and I offer special congratulations to our First and Second XI teams on their grand final wins last weekend. Perhaps more important than the scoreboard though has been the commentary right through the season on the way both teams have gelled and shown such team spirit and camaraderie. These comments have come not just from the TAS sideline, but also from the Armidale District Football Association and that is high praise. At open level in the Armidale First Division competition TAS stands alone as a school team and it is important that we remember that our ambitions remain those of our school sporting program. What this means is that the way we play the game will always be more important than the scoreline and I congratulate our teams on carrying themselves so well through their season. The premierships are very pleasing of course, but they are made all the sweeter through the good sportsmanship of our players.



GPS Athletics

Last weekend a small team of our best (uninjured) athletes enjoyed the opportunity to show their talent in front of a huge crowd at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre in Sydney and I recommend Jim Pennington's report on their performances in this edition of TAS Talks to you. The chance to compete at the most prestigious venue in NSW and in front of what was probably the biggest athletics crowd in the country this year is a great privilege and I commend those who took on the challenge, particularly after a winter sporting season that has seen many of them travelling multiple times.

I also offer congratulations to Jim Pennington on the smooth and professional running of the event. Jim has taken on the role of GPS Athletics Convener this year and he was in charge of this huge logistical task. That he carried it off so well is a credit to him and I wish him well with the Combined GPS representative team that he is managing at the NSW Combined Independent Schools Championships at Homebush today.

History Success

Congratulations are due to Tom Price in Year 10 on his recent first place in NSW in the 2017 Australian History competition. This competition draws the very best history students from across the country and Tom's performance puts him at the elite level in his favourite subject. Our HSIE Coordinator, David Toakley, has commented on Tom's performance in this edition of TAS Talks as well as the results of the other 11 students who achieved high distinctions and distinctions in the competition and I offer congratulations to them too.

Farewell to Year 12

As I write, our Year 12s are finishing their last school classes and preparing to head down to the coast or home for the beginning of their study time. Whilst there are celebrations to be had in the coming days, including the final assembly, lunches, house dinners and the formality of Valedictory Day, this moment when the final class bell rings is a significant one and I congratulate them all on reaching it. It will be a pleasure to be with them as they celebrate the many achievements of their group through their years at TAS and I wish them well for the serious business of the study to come.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

Wednesday 20 September Year 12 Boarders depart for Coast
Year 12 Day Students Released P3
Year 12 Day Students Dinner
(6.30 The White Bull Hotel)

Thursday 21 September Year 12 Lunch - Chapel Lawn (12.30pm)
Year 12 Final Assembly
Year 12 Boarder dinners by House
End of Term for Students

Friday 22 September Valedictory Day

10.15 am

Morning Tea with staff, students and parents,
Chapel Lawn

11.00 am

Parents & Year 12 students move to the Memorial Hall

11.15 am

Valedictory Service, Memorial Hall

11.45 am

Presentation of Old Armidalian Union mementos

12.00-2.00 pm

Formal lunch & prize giving for Year 12 students and their parents
in the Dining Hall

Year 12 Formal

Holiday Activities

Round Square Regional Conference (Mongolia) 18 - 27 September
Fiji Service Trip 22 September - 2 October
Kokoda Trek - 23 September - 3 October
Round Square International Conference and pre-conference
trip - Capetown, South Africa - 23 September - 7 October

Term 4

- **Sunday 8 October** **Boarders Return**
- **Monday 8 October** **Classes Resume**

Uniform and Book Shop

Summer Uniform now available.

Clothing Shop hours for the end of term and School Holidays

- Friday 23 September - CLOSED
- Friday 29 September - Open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- SUNDAY 8 October - OPEN 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Monday 9 October - normal hours resum

Student Travel

Important message for senior students who intend to use public transport in the holidays.

School Student Concession Cards are available for students who have turned 16 for use on all forms of public transport.

This entitles the holder to a child's fare until 31/3/2018. Please apply to Mrs Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

End of Term 3 and start of Term 4 travel

Dates of travel Friday 22 Sept and Sunday 8 October 2017
Seats are still available on most services for those students travelling between home and school.

Bookings via email to travel@as.edu.au

CHAPLAIN, MR RICHARD NEWTON

1 Corinthians 13 Service

Fiji, Thailand, countries synonymous with turquoise seas, resorts, great food and friendly service. At the end of this week a delegation from our school will head to these two locations, but in these cases they will not go to be served pina colodas while sunbaking on a deck chair, but to serve.

With the recent talk in the media regarding 'voluntourism' you might be skeptical about our involvement. However, to those who have never been, these groups go to serve. They clean, weed, build, paint, cook, read, teach, share, and play – all in the name of service.

Why do they bother? Some would say that it makes you feel good to serve others – and it does, but if that were the sole reason for partaking in this trip, the only people they would be serving would be themselves.

However, we do it in the name of love. They listen hard to the School Lesson and respond. They don't assume the word for love here is romantic love – in fact as far as the original language (Greek) is concerned it's a completely different word. It's the word Agape – which means unconditional love, love to the unlovely, love when there is no 'chemistry'. It's love without bounds.

We do not serve in a vacuum, with no motivating principle. As the reading says, if we give all we have to the poor and even surrender our bodies to the flames, it is still an annoying, clanging noise and nothing will be gained if this is done without love.

So we imitate Christ himself and we seek the interests of others. This may mean that they end up doing underwhelming activities, but if that serves the community, if that's what they need, our groups have acted in love – they will have truly served. People may not even be able to tell what they did by this time next year, but that's service.

This characteristic must define our School. Not just for the few who are privileged enough to go on one of these trips, but for all of us. We can act in this same way every day and in every moment. It does not matter whether you are in class, on the sporting field, at home, in the house, on the bus or in the lunch line. To put others first is to acknowledge that Christ first loved us and gave his life for our sake.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking your assistance in providing two things:

1. Roller Skates or Blades



Please bring in your no longer needed skates, we will take them to the AIDS orphanage in Thailand for their fun and enjoyment.

2.. Goggles



The children at Agape are learning to swim, if they have goggles this will help enormously, we are hoping to collect 100 NEW goggles.

You could purchase them from the TAS Swim Centre or for a discounted price from Sports Power, Armidale.

These items can be placed in the marked buckets in both Senior and Junior School Reception.

If it's too hard to make the purchase - there will be the facility to donate at the same locations.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mr Richard Newton

P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL



Another term has come and gone and we're into the final stretch for the year. The P&F would like to say thanks to all the Year 12s and their families for their help throughout their time at TAS and we wish you good luck with HSC and into the future. To all other TAS families, have a safe and fun school holidays and we hope to see you ready to go for Term 4 and enthusiastic about TAS@Dusk which is just around the corner.

TAS@DUSK

To organize TAS@Dusk we are having a meeting today at 4.30pm (Wednesday 20 September) in The Lower Maxwell Room to allocate stalls to year groups. We would love to see Liaison Parents and anyone else interested in helping come along.

Please start saving jars for the Tombola Stall as this is always popular and we can never have enough full jars of goodies. Anything from marbles, lollies, colouring pencils, hairclips, soaps and shampoos packaged into a jar would be wonderful.

For the Plant Stall we urgently need

- 10 cm pots for potting tomatoes and herbs – please deliver to the TAS garden shed behind the tennis courts. Leave at gate if unattended.
- Parents to re-pot and prepare any plants that may be suitable for sale in November (weather permitting)

We are also seeking sponsors and prizes for various activities including the Pig Races. If you think you can help please let us know. Any donations would be gratefully appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings get made in October. If you would like to make a donation of a bottle of brandy to help the cause please drop it into Big School reception. If you'd like to help make these fabulous puddings then please mark Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October in your diary. It's always a fun few hours and a great chance to meet new people.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

HSC Exams

The school year is coming to an end for our current Year 12 students. Once all the festivities end it will be time for students to start an organised revision plan and study program.

A good way to start is to do past HSC papers - there are a number of these on the BOSTES website.

Quizzes may also help - give notes to parents or friends and get them to test how much you know. Write notes - review, review, review.

It is important that your study plan is right for you.

HSC Exams begin on Monday 16 October and conclude on Tuesday 7 November. The exam timetable can be found on the NESA website [CLICK HERE](#)

Teachers will be available in the lead up to the exams - particularly in Week 1 of Term 4 - to assist students with their last minute preparation.

Students should ensure they email teachers to arrange a suitable time.

Good luck to all Year 12 students as you prepare for exams, during your exams and life beyond TAS.

Early Entry

A reminder the Early Entry applications will close on Friday 29 September.

Term 4 start

A reminder that boarders buses will return to TAS on Sunday 8 October and classes will resume on Monday 9 October.



Australian History Competition

Congratulations to Year 10 student Tom Price, who has achieved an outstanding result in this year's Australian History Competition. Tom is this year's NSW champion, having achieved a mark of 98%, which is an incredible result considering the difficulty of the questions that must be done within a tight time limit.

I was fortunate enough to travel to Japan on a cultural tour with Tom in 2016, and during our trip we had a lot of discussions about historical events. It was during this time that I realised that Tom's general knowledge of people and key moments in history is very impressive, and he taught me a thing or two about one of his favourite 20th century figures, Joseph Stalin. I dare say that as I'm perusing the History section of the local bookshop 20 years from now, it is highly likely that I'll see a biography of Stalin authored by Tom.

A number of other Year 10 students also achieved great results in this year's competition, and they are:

- Harry Mason – High Distinction
- Henry O'Neil – High Distinction
- Jacob Fernandez – High Distinction
- Liam Smith – High Distinction
- Will Forsyth – High Distinction
- Ben Friend – Distinction
- Chloe Lawson – Distinction
- Emily Hempel – Distinction
- Erin Page – Distinction
- Hamish Whibley – Distinction
- Hugh McDouall – Distinction
- Lachlan Oates – Distinction

Mr David Toakley



Tom Price



Living Lessons: French/HSIE Study Tour 2018

The Living Lessons study tour is open to current French and HSIE students in Years 8, 9 and 10 interested in enhancing their understanding of French culture, history and language in 2018.

The study tour will complement topics studied within the Stage 5 electives Travelling in France and Living in France and the Stage 6 French Continuers course, together with topics studied in both the Stage 5 and 6 History curriculums.

The study tour will include a homestay experience and students will travel by métro in Paris and by TGV, the high-speed train, as they explore beyond the capital. The tour will also include a two-day visit to the Somme battlefields of World War I and day trips to Geneva (Switzerland) and Monte Carlo (Monaco) by rail.

Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday 28 September 2018 – Friday 12 October 2018 (Term 3 school holidays)

Paris, Amiens, Naours, Beaumont-Hamel, Arras, Pozières, Corbie, Villers-Bretonneux

Lyon, Geneva, Marseille, Monte Carlo, Nice

The estimated base cost is \$3500 for the 12-day study tour, subject to currency changes over the next 12 months. Students will require additional funds for food, entrance to some museums and sights, and spending money. A more accurate figure will be determined closer to departure.

An information evening will be held in Term 4, 2017.

Enquiries and expressions of interest to Mr David Toakley (HSIE Coordinator) dtoakley@as.edu.au and Ms Majella Christensen (French) mchriste@as.edu.au



Japan Study Tour 2018

I am pleased to announce the plans for the 2018 Japan Study Tour. The trip is a combined Japanese/HSIE Study Tour and will involve a three day stay in China before travelling around Japan for 10 days.

Students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to participate on this Study Tour. It is estimated that 15 students will participate and at this stage the Study Tour will take place from Friday, 28 September to Friday, 12 October 2018. This trip will take place after the completion of next year's course 'Traveling in Japan' in Semester 1 for Year 9/10 students.

The Study Tour will allow the students to use their language skills in an authentic environment and experience the history, culture and lifestyle of two fascinating Asian countries. The previous trip in 2016 was very successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At this stage we will be visiting Beijing, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, our Sister School Meitoku Gijuku, a two day homestay and many other interesting places.

We will be having an information evening early Term 4 outlining more details and answering any questions you may wish to ask. If you would like your son or daughter to participate on the Japan Study Tour could you indicate your interest by emailing Mr Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting me. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mr Allan Moore





Paul Jarman's Australian Launch
of 'Soldier On'
Friday October 13 and
Saturday October 14 - 6:30 pm
TAS Memorial Hall



'On this very special occasion written for TAS in honour of the strength of our community and the values we believe in'.

Paul Jarman is an Australian multi-instrumentalist, composer, conductor and choirmaster and the TAS Foundation is thrilled to support the launch of his first composition for the school. The universal themes of compassion, service, friendship and unity are at the heart of this orchestral and choral piece. The concert will include performances by choirs, ensembles and soloists and we would be delighted if you could join us.

This event is also a fundraiser for the school and any tax deductible donations to the Memorial Hall refurbishment or the Music Scholarship will be gratefully received.

Date: Friday October 13
(Concert only - \$20)

Saturday October 14
(Gala concert - includes light supper \$35)

Time: 6.30pm

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/SAQL>



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

A Fitting End

It couldn't happen to a nicer bunch of blokes.

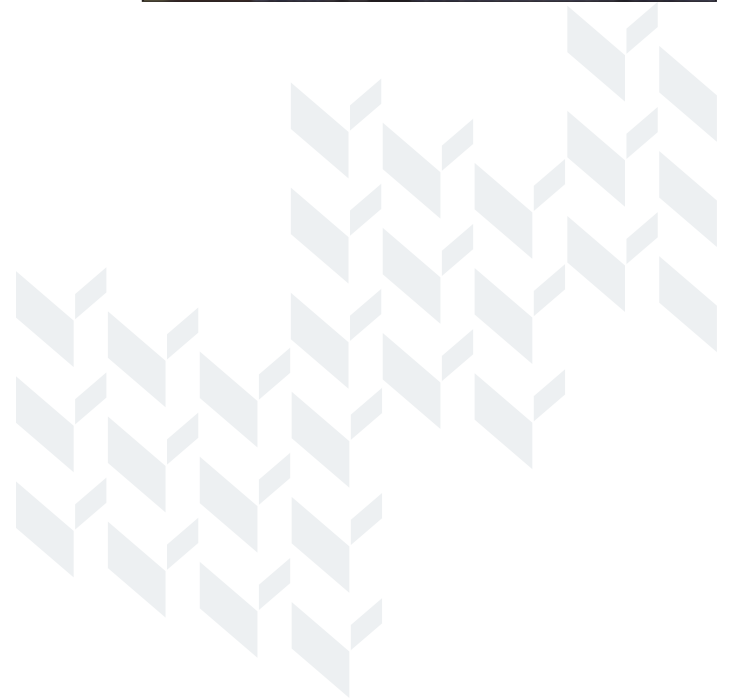
I was very proud of the courage and determination shown by our GPS Athletes on Saturday. It was a wonderful experience and many managed to come away with PBs. Best wishes to those who are backing up today at the Secondary NSW CIS Championships.

Whilst returning from Sydney, I was basking in the reflective glory of our First and Second XI Football teams. Both teams went into their grand-final as Minor Premiers yet it was never a fait accompli. They showed character and composure to come away victorious. Perhaps what was most gratifying is that TAS Football Club were awarded the ADFA Club of the Year and Mr Cameron Patrick the Association's Best and Fairest player - proving that good guys can finish first.

Congratulations also to our C Grade Mens Hockey Team. Made up of staff, parents and students, the team is testament to the community spirit that exists within the club. The combination of talent, tenacity and enthusiasm, was enough to give them victory.



The Hockey New England Men's C Grade premiers - a terrific mix of students, staff, parents and Old Boys!



Summer Sports Schedule

Please find attached:

[Summer Sports Schedule](#),

[Coaching Allocation](#)

[Summer Sport Information](#).

If students would like to participate in a second sport they should:

1. ensure that it does not clash with their first sport,
2. email dcc@as.edu.au with their request,

Getting the Balance Right

A Balanced Diet is essential to our general health and wellbeing. In the same way a healthy work – play balance ensures that we are physically, mentally, socially and emotionally equipped to function day to day.

Balance is not only a matter of proportion but also distribution. I am constantly aware of the juggling act performed by active students and our programs are always aimed at providing a variety of opportunities within a manageable structure. We aim to spread activities throughout the week to avoid excess stress at any one point in time.

The TAS model is simple in theory:

- All students select one FULL sport that involves two training sessions during the week and competition on the weekend (preferably Saturday).
- Creative Arts take priority on Monday afternoons and Boarders' Chapel is sacrosanct on Wednesday evening.
- A Strength and Conditioning program is available to all students to supplement and complement their existing sport and is available most mornings and afternoons.
- Students may select an extra sport so long as it doesn't compromise their full sport. Eg. students may play cricket as their full sport and also compete in Triathlons on Sunday.
- A student may take on extra challenges such as the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Training for these activities are usually scheduled to avoid clashes.
- Students involved in clubs tend to be smaller groups whose schedules are negotiated by its members.

- If there is an activity that TAS does not offer, students may seek approval to pursue their passion, provided that it is consistent with the School philosophy.

In practice, there are some elements outside our control. We cannot always dictate the scheduling of competition or the availability of facilities. However, we can be flexible with our training schedule so long as we get the balance right.

Colour Awards

In Assemblies this week, the School recognises the significant achievements of Year 11 and 12 students in co-curricular activities. This prompts the question "How do students achieve Colours or Honours?"

Students are nominated by coordinators of their activity. Nominations are then discussed in a Sports Council, which comprises four coordinators of activities, the Senior and Deputy Senior Prefects, four captains of co-curricular activities and is chaired by the Director of Co-curricular. The role of the Council is to draw parallels between a diverse range of activities. This stimulates robust discussion at times. However, the final decision is invariably unanimous.

The first criterion for eligibility is attitude (to the activity and School). Any candidate for Colours must have brought credit to the School and shown him/herself worthy of representation. The second criterion for eligibility is accomplishment.

Colours are recognized at various levels:

- Silver Colours are awarded for School representation in a Firsts team or representation in State competition.
- Gold Colours are awarded for exceptional performances by a member of a Firsts team or representation at National competition.
- An Honours Award may be awarded in singular circumstances for National selection or representation in international competition.

Year 6-10 students are measured against the same criteria and are awarded Silver or Gold Medallions or Honours. These will be presented at an assembly early in Term 4.

It is appropriate that we recognise significant achievements so that others may aspire to accomplish great things. However, awards should not be the driving force. The strongest motivation comes from within; fulfilling your own goals; conquering your own mountain. What is more, to achieve this with honour; to act with integrity and humility.

Football

Please see email below from Northern Inland Football if you are interested in their rep program.

Mr Luke Polson

Dear Club Contact,

As you will all be aware it's that time of year again with junior grand finals and most clubs looking to ease down for the end of season, but for NI Football it's all starting again with their SAP trials for the 2017-18 season.

Could I ask that you encourage and promote to as many players from your individual clubs to come along on their relevant age group day and trial, let's give them the opportunity to play football at the next level. All information is currently on the NI Football website and our Facebook page.

2018 will also mark a new beginning with the expansion of our SAP program with U10,11 &12s boys trialling, training and playing as SAP Gunnedah and Inverell. Players living close to these centres now have the opportunity to trial in those locations instead of coming into Tamworth or Armidale.

A parent information evening will be conducted in the following locations where parents can gain more information regarding the NI Football & NNSWF player pathway and what playing representative is all about.

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 4 Oct at 6:00pm
Club House, Gipps Street, Tamworth

Thursday 5 Oct at 6.00pm - Club House, Rologas Fields, Armidale

Monday 16 Oct at 6.00pm - St Xavier's School Hall, Gunnedah

Tuesday 14 Nov 6.00pm - Club House, Gipps Street, Tamworth

The link below will also take any parent directly to our registration document if you would like to pass this on.

Click here [to REGISTER](#)

Many thanks for your continued support of football and our program and I now look forward to seeing the many talented players from your club at the trials.

GPS Athletics 2017 Report

The 122nd AAGPS Championships saw a team of 11 TAS athletes descend upon Sydney Olympic Park for the single biggest day in the AAGPS. A crowd of 11,000 was on hand for this spectacle, creating a living cauldron of support, through war cries, drums and the consistent cheering of these fine athletes.

For some this was their sixth trip to Sydney this term, as they have followed their passion for Rugby, Cross Country, the City to Surf and now Athletics. Although out numbered by more than 100, these students that make up the TAS team are always without doubt, stand-up young men. They do not complain about the travel, they go about their business with drive, enthusiasm and passion.

The 'Big Man' of the team, Liam Smith, was our first competitor in the 15 years shot put. Liam has been a fixture of recent GPS squads and provides humour and support in equal doses to all around him. In a competitive event, Liam managed a best throw of 9.47m, which placed him 9th. Not long after Liam commenced throwing, Nick O'Neil was on deck for the 14 years High Jump. Although nervous in his first competition at this level, Nick nevertheless performed with gusto on the big stage. He then backed this up with a strong run in the 100m, relishing the opportunity to run on such a fast track.

Remy Taylor ran and jumped with aplomb across the 15 years 100m and 16 years Long Jump. Remy's long jump was particularly impressive, as he contested the year above, such was his desire to compete. A best leap of 5.45m was his just reward. James O'Brien went for the trifecta in the 15 years, with the 100m, 200m and Long Jump. James' run in the 200m was hands down, his best performance on the day, turning in a blistering 25:63 for the distance.

Sam Jones set the tone early in the day in the 15 years 800m Division. Holding a sensible pace in a solid field, Sam ran his way to a third placing and a PB of 2:12. That run gave Sam enormous confidence as three hours later he toed the start line again for his pet event, the 1500m Championships. Displaying great tactical nous in windy conditions, Sam ran to yet another PB in 4:31 and a great fourth place. Witnessing this was Harry Mason (15 years), who absolutely ripped into his 400m, showing tremendous strength over that last punishing 100m to finish in fifth with a scything 55:92 PB. Harry did this after contesting the 800m earlier in the day, running a pleasing 2:16.

Albertus Hattingh literally just stepped off the plane from South Africa and onto the track for the 14 years 800m. Running smart and not getting caught up in the pack, he crossed the line in a pleasing 2:39. Isaac Gerdes, participating in his first GPS Athletics Championships, showed the benefits of some recent high quality training. Great runs in the 13 years 100m (13:82), a blistering 200m (27:24PB) followed by a sold high jump of 1.45m. Ben Burwell's (14 years) enthusiasm for the day was evident in his 100m. With a crash course in the use of starting blocks, Ben flashed down the straight to record a terrific 13:11. The 'Ironmen' of the day were Liam Hunt and Toby Markerink, as they both contested three very tough events. Liam competing in the 13 years 100m, 800m 2:27 1500m, and Toby the 16 years 100m, 400m and 800m. In the 800m, Liam ran a strong 2:27, settling a few nerves and building confidence for his main event, the 1500m. This was some race, with the pace on from the gun. Liam did not get sucked into starting too fast and came home with great speed to record a 5:07 and a seventh place finish. Incredibly, he then backed up less than 10m later to run a resounding 13:81 in the 100m. Just before the start of the first event of the day, Toby Markerink asked if he could run the 800m. This challenge he took up quickly, racing to a 10m lead and setting the pace. The second lap was a tougher experience as his body started to tighten up. Toby held firm however and crossed the line maintaining his form. Great runs followed in the 100m (12:62) and the 400m (61:29), the latter regarded as one of the hardest track events.

Thanks again to Mr Caldwell for driving the bus and assisting on the day.

Mr James Pennington



Sam Jones (closest to camera) came third in the under15 800 metres at GPS.



TAS GPS Team

Netball

We are so proud of our TAS 5 team who climbed their way up the ladder to play in the Grand Final of their division. We could not be more impressed by the improvement and dedication these girls have shown throughout the season. They played a tough game on Saturday but ended up losing to the VIP Hunters - the team who only lost one game in the whole season, TAS 5 certainly gave them a run for their money with the final score being 25-15. Congratulations to TAS 5, our runners up in division six, well done girls - you've been amazing this season!

Ms Rachel Harrison



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Minimbah thanks Year 12

Yesterday was the last day for our Year 12s at Minimbah, where some of them have been visiting for 1:1 buddy reading and play since they were in Year 9. The Minimbah children gave their big buddies cards and lanyards they had made, Destiny read a speech, and everyone was generously treated to a giant cake wishing the TAS Year 12s well. They were lovely gestures from the Minimbah students and staff that says so much about how much the lunchtime program is valued, but the meaningfulness is mutual. In the words of Tom Wright:

"Minimbah has honestly been one of the most important school activities to me. In the way that cadets has changed me as a leader, Minimbah has changed me as a person. I went into Minimbah thinking I would just make some friends, and only later realised the impact on the kids we see each week. It has only been in the last few weeks that I have realised how much of an impact it has had on me. I truly believe that the Minimbah program is one of TAS' most valuable programs because of the perspective it gives you about so many things."

For the past four years it has been a privilege for me to each week witness barriers break down, chasms being bridged, and friendships forged. Thanks not just to the departing Year 12s, but to all the students from Year 9 upwards who engage in something quite special that is more than about themselves.

Mr Tim Hughes





CREATIVE ARTS

Junior School Drama Club

Junior School Drama Club has finished for the year. Next term the focus will be on preparations for Seussical Jr.

A huge thankyou to Year 11 Drama students Ellen Coote, George Lane, Kira Dooner, Angus Haire, Will Almond, Hannah Quilty, Tom Bailey and Holly Billinghamurst who have been mentors for the students this term.

Seussical Jr. Rehearsals

Rehearsals for Seussical Jr. will be held in Term 4 on Tuesday's 3.30- 500pm and Thursday's 3.30pm for lead characters only.

A full rehearsal schedule will be published and sent out to parents at the start of next term.



Mrs Leasa Cleaver
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator





WHAT'S ON AT HOSKINS?

Proof by David Auburn Presented by ADMS

PROOF is a 2001 Pulitzer Prize winner by American playwright David Auburn. It is a passionate and intelligent story about mathematical quests, curiosity, envy, creativity and craziness. It explores the relationship between fathers and daughters, the nature of genius, mental illness, and the power of love and what they say of our society when matters of trust have to be tested.

Proof is directed by Warren Bartik.

Adults \$27

Concession \$22

Contact proof@adms.org.au



After Dinner By Andrew Bovell Presented by Veracity Theatre Company

From an Australian Master Playwright's early work – a truly hilarious play

“MONIKA:

Can you imagine what's underneath those tight, black pants?

...

PAULA:

It's only a bit of fun”

Five consenting adults are getting out of the house for a night, what happens after dinner is anyone's bet.

Written and set in the late 1980's, this play remains hilariously relatable to everyone.

A social jungle that shapes a culture, and the conversations we still have daily.

Andrew Bovell is a multi award winning and much lauded playwright. His previous work includes *Speaking in Tongues*, *Lantana*, *Who's Afraid of the Working Class?*, *When the Rain Stops Falling*, *The Secret River*, and *Things I Know to be True*. He is currently the STC Patrick White fellow and his recent Currency Press paper “Putting Words in Their Mouths” has just been released.

After Dinner is a fun night out, and explores being single in the late 20th, and even early 21st century.

Warning:

Contains crimes of fashion, outrageous hair and adult themes

Performances

27, 28 October 3, 4 November 2017

TAS Hoskins Centre 7:30pm

Adult \$27

Concession \$22

[BOOK TICKETS HERE](#)



Holidays: they are only days away Farewell and Hello

I lost my 'cool' today and I shouldn't have done this. And if a middle-aged man does that, just imagine the greater restraint young adolescents must exercise not to lose theirs... However, the students are ready, the staff are very ready, meaning the holiday break is going to be welcome at the end of this week. This 10 week term? Well, if you've been assiduously following the weekly news reports, it's been characteristically 'full'. And we're not even tasted mid-week yet. I know I've said this before but its importance warrants mention again: you do get your money's worth here, you know. You certainly get your money's worth from our school environment: the trees are coming out – translating to the fact that spring's threatening to arrive – the emphasis here being on the fact of the continuous present... And its end has been no less full than its beginning – 10 long weeks ago. Only this week, for example, we've had grand finals (girls' and boys' sports); assembly speeches, Year 12 songs, football, week-merging cadet and rugby dinners, assembly awards, front drive practice for farewelling our Year 12 boys and girls. Today marked the beginning of formal assembly awards for co-curricular pursuit and the real promise of more to come. Hello? That's a hello to our colleague and friend, Fiona Taber who, this time last year left us to 'add' to her family. Fiona and Daniel (the 'addition' whose interest and clear focus today were more concentrated on a pot plant than anyone in the room: clearly a discerning boy already) came to visit. We will be welcoming Ms Fiona Taber back next term and we're hopeful that some of her time will be with us in the Middle School.

Early Leave Requests

For whatever reason, early leave requests come to us at the end of term. Unless they attach to very unusual conditions, strictly, these are not granted. Activities at school are all inclusive as a general rule. For example, at the end of this week all student from Years 4 – 11 will farewell the Year 12 leavers on Thursday, by lining the School's main drive. This kind of farewell is a tradition at TAS and it's important that our Middle School students feel a sense of connection to the wider school. In fact all Homeroom staff and I have spoken to the students about the significance of such farewells. They know the importance of these final farewells to our Year 12 cohort, some members of which (seven rings a clear bell) have been at TAS for 14 years, being longer than so many Middle School people have been breathing on this earth. As such, I believe it is very important that they are here to participate in such an activity and ask for parent support in regard to the matter of early leave requests.



Holiday Activity

As the term finishes we farewell staff members Mr Allan Moore and Ms Catey Curtin and Year 8 boys and girls who will travel to Fiji for their Service Trip to St Christopher's Home for Children. Collectively, this year the students have raised several thousand dollars from their chocolate stalls, home cooking, charity events on the sports' and Reunion Weekend, wood cutting and local fund raising. Also many of you have donated bed sheets and bath towels, children's Panadol – so, thank you. The experience is an amazing one for these young people: they assist in classes, help organise and supervise games and provide help at meal times. They will also perform music and drama games each night for the children. The trip will not be a holiday for them because their primary task, as indicated, is to help others for the whole time they are away.

Whilst on the subject of holiday activity, I want you to know that our Junior Round Square squad, with staff members, Ms Jayne Heagney and Mr Luke Polson have arrived safely in Mongolia. The brief message we received yesterday was that: all are well; most are very tired and everything is in order. We're about to dispatch our charges into your care. Have a wonderful break, make sure students are rested on their return and we look forward to seeing them back in their summer uniforms. Your children need this break and so do we. We need to divest ourselves of TAS for a few weeks, be with family and friends, enjoy this sometimes stunningly good weather, one another and also ourselves.

Until next term, then.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Year 5 PYP Initiative – Deforestation Fundraiser

As you know, Year 5 recently completed their PYP Exhibition. It was an impressive exercise from start to finish, a commendable process that allowed students to take significant ownership of their learning. Having said that, as we suspected, it is not over yet!

Congratulations to Kieren Sutton, Wilkie Davidson, Sam Hynes, Tom Ball and Lennox Nielson for proposing and today, implementing their fundraiser focusing on Deforestation. You will have received an email about this yesterday. In addition to this, in sharing their knowledge with Year 1, Kieran took it upon himself to email links to the class to some key sites dealing with the impact on deforestation on koalas. What a great example of how we would like our students to share and collaborate.

I look forward to seeing how the day unfolds and other projects that might eventuate as a result of the PYP Exhibition.

Seussical Jnr – The Musical Working Bee – Saturday 28 October

Next term, on Saturday, October 28 we will be holding our annual working bee preparing for the End of Year Musical – Seussical Jnr. We will BBQ, create props and costumes and even have a sing and dance as a sneak preview of the show. There will be further details and information next term, but if last year is anything to go by, it is bound to be a lot of fun. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

Congratulations to our U11 Hockey Team

Congratulations to this wonderful team of hockey players for the way they gave their all last Friday in their Grand Final. I was able to catch a number of games through the season and they were really competitive and always displayed outstanding sportsmanship. They did well on the day narrowly going down to a very accomplished opposition and they should all feel justly proud, as the photo shows of their season. Well done team and well done Coach – Mrs Tania Ball.



Thursday 21 September – Lining of the Drive for Year 12 Valedictory Day

This is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School. It is equally special for the Year 11 students as it marks the beginning of their new roles in leading the School. Part of the tradition of this day includes students lining the drive at the front of School as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School for up to the past 14 years. Years 4 & 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Please ensure your child is wearing well presented, formal uniform for this important day.

Wearing our Uniform

With spring in the air, it is a great time to have a 'spring clean' with our uniforms. We are encouraging the children to take more pride in their uniforms, ensuring they arrive at school neatly dressed, hair brushed and shoes polished. Girls should be wearing a navy-blue ribbon if their hair is tied up. Please also ensure hats are clean and tidy and worn to school each day. I would like to remind students in Year 5 that they should wear their blazers in public and that all sports uniform worn on sports training days continues to be PE uniform. As mentioned previously in TAs Talks, we have convened a staff committee which is looking at the current uniform. Again, I encourage anyone with a view about the uniform to email me and, in time we will meet to discuss any changes that might be considered. Having said that I offer the following ditty for the attention of our community (and the associated website)

*I love a sunburnt SunSmart country,
Where everyone wears hats
And applies their sunscreen,
With shady spots for chats.
I love wrap-around sunglasses,
And clothing that covers people's skin,
I love how we take UV seriously,
Because Australia is worth protecting!*

<http://www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection/sunsmart-schools/>

Holiday Activities

Armidale library will be hosting several holiday activities and I include the following information for you. They will be running two Maker Party in a Box activities involving Sphero robots, LittleBit electronics, Electro-dough and Makey Makeys. These are hands on activities where each child will have half an hour at each work station before rotating to the next activity. They will be able to race a robot, make an electric circuit and create something out of the LittleBits.

Maker party in a box is sponsored by Telstra and is a program designed to inspire regional kids to explore the possibilities of robots, computers and the world.

The other activity is a STEAM Club which will be facilitated by UNE Discovery. This will run each Monday afternoon from 4.00-5.00 during term 4. It is aimed at 8-12 year olds and is limited to 20 children. The idea is that the kids register for the entire ten weeks of activities, which include things like Curious chemicals, Palaeontology, dynamic bodies and School of ants. I am sure they will be well patronised so be sure to get in early.....

Finally, have a wonderful break, enjoy the spring weather and stay away from all those germs that have been with us all for so long.

Looking Ahead

Week 10 School Spirit - Resilience	
Tuesday 19 September	Parent Teacher Interviews Memorial Hall
Wednesday 20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews Memorial Hall
Thursday 21 September	Classes conclude
Friday 22 September	School Closed – Pupil Free Staff Day
Week 1 School Spirit - Confidence	
Monday 9 October	Classes Resume (Week 1 Day 6)
Wednesday 11 October	Assembly – Hoskins Centre Yrs 4 & 5
Week 2 School Spirit – Persistence	
Wednesday 18 October	Assembly – Hoskins Centre Yrs 2 & 3
Friday 20 October	Orienteering at Gara Stock Reserve Yrs 3-6

Happy Birthday

So many Junior School kids are celebrating their birthdays between now and the first week of Term 4. Happy Birthday to all the following students: Alistair Newton, Bonnie Blanch, Connor Ryan, Xavier Stephen, Lucas van der Werf, Jack Wood, Max Junge, Lachlan Brett, Julia Hoang, Tyler Schumacher, Sophie Brett, Cormac Downes, Joshua Rucci, James Leahy, Austin Pease, and Lennox Neilson.

TAS JUNIOR SCHOOL

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

TAS HOSKINS CENTRE



Seussical

WORKING BEE

BBQ
COSTUME & PROP
MAKING
SNEAK PEAK OF THE
SHOW

www.as.edu.au



TAS
THE ARMIDALE
SCHOOL

The Role of Reflection in the Primary Years Programme

Reflection is such a valuable aspect of learning. Throughout the term, all classes have placed an emphasis on reflection and the essential role it plays in students' learning. This reflection can be carried out at the conclusion of a Unit of Inquiry or can be embedded into lessons on a regular basis.

When visiting classrooms this week, it was great to hear some reflections from Year 1 students based on their construction of "A habitat that relates to an animal" Lucy Taylor. It was fabulous to observe the students ponder and reflect on the learning experience. What went well? What could have been improved? How I overcame problems when constructing along the way.

I was also fortunate to listen to some Kindergarten students read and it was a nice time for them to reflect upon how much their reading has improved and how much they all love to read, especially using the Reading Eggs online program.

Reflection requires us to 'press the button' to deliberately stop and ask students to consider what, why and how they are learning. Regular reflection is imbedded as part of the class routine.

There are many ways that students can reflect and, as teachers, we have become mindful to vary the timings to allow time for reflection. Some students are ready to reflect immediately after a learning experience, whilst others require processing time. Students have been encouraged to reflect upon their work in order to make more meaning, by asking questions such as: "What worked well?" and "What could I have done differently?"

As teachers meet with parents this week it is important to take the time to reflect upon your child's learning journey and talk to your child/ren about their learning journeys. It is vital that students see many good models of reflection, as reflection does not come easily to everyone. As mentors, parents and teachers we need to embrace reflection and celebrate the successes with our children/students.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Summer sports choices

Please see the attached spreadsheet with summer sports teams. The training days and coaches are also listed for your reference. Unfortunately, cricket is yet to be finalised. There will be an association meeting this Wednesday to finalise the U9 and U10 competitions. Please check our Week 1 Term 4 update for cricket information.

Contact details for summer coaches:

Cricket

U12's - Jacob Hunt jhunt2@as.edu.au

U10's TBC

U9's TBC

Into Cricket/Ball skills TBC

Basketball

Tania Hardin – thardin@as.edu.au

Alex Pollitt – apollitt@as.edu.au

Gymnastics

Lana Hawksford – lhawksfo@as.edu.au

Terry Watts – twatts@as.edu.au

Indoor Hockey

Tania Ball – tball@as.edu.au

Alex Portell – aportell@as.edu.au

Adam Whalley – awhalley@as.edu.au

Swimming

Kirsty Brunson – kbrunsdo@as.edu.au

Tennis

Veronica Waters – vwaters@as.edu.au



Ball Skills	Into Cricket	U9's Cricket	10's Cricket	U12's Cricket	Tennis	Gymnastics K-3	Swimming	Basketball Yrs 3-5	Indoor Hockey 2-5
Monday training	Monday training	Monday training	Monday training	Mon/Wed training	Monday training	Monday sessions	Thursday training	Monday games AHS De	Monday training
			Wakefield	Nets/Wakefield	Park Courts	Armidale Gym	Iligators - Wed 6p	Tuesdays at TAS	Friday games at TAS
Joshua Calkin	Julia Hoang	Ryne Wilkinson	Lachlan Brett	Blair Eichorn	Lachlan Wood	Aamer Alazizi	Harry Brownlie	AHS Den	Gym
Yunho Lee	Xavier Stephen	Peter Thompson	Will Ogilvie	Lochlan Gerdes	Lennox Muli	Layan Alghamdi	Christopher Post	Year 4 Team	Primary 3
Boyd Rogers	Harriet Coupland	Sam Ford	Ryan Sharkey	Will Glover	Baxter Carruthers	Rebecca Billingsley	Mitchell Evans	Iles Baker	Sam Ford
Grace Ryan	Jack Wood	Joe Fenwicke	Tom Rowe	Banjo Lawrence	Alexander Dell	Bonnie Blanch	Katie Hynes	Ted Chick	Ava Watts
Adm Schaerf		Harry Brownlie	Archer Starr	Jack McCook	Ethan Downes	Eunseo Lee	Will Brett	Lachie Litchfield	Felix Winslett
Levi Watts		Josiah Baumgartner	Millie Coupland	Alistair Newton	Maxwell Ferris	Mila Nexo	Blair Eichorn	Theo Munsie	Euan Billingsley
Marvelous Agbasale		Hugo Broun	Nick Thomas	Joel Blackburn	Dominic Leary	Sophie Brett	Sam Hynes	Ty Shalk-O'Brien	Andy Hardin
			Sinclair Little		Rupert Newton	Izabel Glover	Banjo Lawrence	Gus Sevil	Lachlan Schumacher
					Lucie Stephen	Edwina Newton	Jack McCook	Sam Strelitz	James Leahy
					Layla Abu Assab	Lucy Taylor	Alistair Newton	Millie Coupland	Sonny Blanch
					Joshua Bourke	Marcus Robb	Harry Pennington	Flinders Ward	
					William Cooper-Fillios	Joe Fenwicke	Lennox Neilson	Alec Campbell	
					George Drain	Ella Crosby		Harry Hopkins	Primary 2
					Ramin Hawlader	Mila Downes		Hamish Lambert	Mitchell Evans
					Cecilia Price	Charlotte Coupland			Charlie Ryan
					Andrian Zhang	Harriet Coupland			Toby Ford
					Cameron Carruthers	Oliver Goudge			Max Rogers
					Evelyn Junge	Eve Hopkins			Joel Blackburn
					Hamish Leahy	Mohammed Almkhtar			Charlie Blanch
					Oliver Robb	MJ Blanch			Alec Campbell?
					Lucas Van Der Werf	Tommy Blanch			Blair Eichorn
					Connor Ryan	Ruby Ogilvie			Will Brett
					Grace Harkness	Henry Taylor			
					Lucas Hu	Minnie Chick			
					Max Junge	Charlize Broadfoot			Primary 1
					Andy Li	Joshua Rucci			Tom Ball
					Christopher Post	Levi Broadfoot			Thomas Dundon
					Cormac Downes				Sam Hynes
					Charlie Ward				Caleb Baumgartner
					Katie Hynes				Harry Hopkins
					Braith Westaway				Henry Kirtton
					Blake Whitehill				Harry Pennington
					Sophia White				Lennox Neilson
					Ani Anderson				Kieren Sutton
					Ruyuf Almalki				
					Archie D-Menzies				
					Kyuseo Lee				
					Hugo Li				
					Will Gilpin				
					Wilkie Davison				
Coaches									
TBC	TBC	TBC	Donella Tutt	Jacob Hunt	Veronica Waters	Lana Hawksford	Kirsty Brunson	Tania Hardin	Tania Ball
					Justin Sherriff	Terry Watts		Alex Pollitt	Alex Portell/AJ Whalley



SportUNE's 2017 twilight soccer competition
registrations are **Now Open!**

WHEN:

TUESDAY NIGHTS - U 10'S, U 12'S AND WOMEN'S.

STARTING 17TH OCTOBER & CONCLUDING 12TH DECEMBER.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - OPENS.

STARTING 18TH OCTOBER & CONCLUDING

13TH DECEMBER

THURSDAY NIGHTS - U 14'S, U 16'S AND MIXED.

STARTING 19TH OCTOBER & CONCLUDING 14TH

DECEMBER.

WHERE:

CONSETT DAVIS FIELDS - SPORTUNE

PRICE:

JUNIORS - \$350 PER TEAM

SENIORS - \$450 PER TEAM

HOW TO REGISTER: ALL COMPETITION DETAILS & REGISTRATION ARE ONLINE

WWW.SPORTUNE.COM.AU/TWILIGHTSOCCER

REGISTRATION CLOSES: TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH



AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

MOZART & BRAHMS

STARRING PEKKA KUUSISTO, MATTHEW HUNT & ACO COLLECTIVE

Two international stars, violinist Pekka Kuusisto and clarinetist Matthew Hunt, join ACO Collective for a soulful and uplifting night of music-making.

MOZART Divertimento in D major, K.136
BARTÓK Divertimento
BRAHMS (arr. strings) Clarinet Quintet in B minor





THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 7PM | ARMIDALE TOWN HALL

Adults \$45, Pensioners \$35 and Students \$25

PRINCIPAL PARTNER: ACO COLLECTIVE

GOVERNMENT PARTNERS


Wesfarmers Arts

 Australian Council for the Arts
 NSW Create NSW
NSW GOVERNMENT

BOOK NOW

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/OKAZ

MORE INFORMATION - NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM
PHONE: 6788 2137 | EMAIL: MARKETING@NECOM.ORG.AU

Golf Links Road, Armidale



September Holiday Tennis Camp

Monday 25 September to Friday 29 September 2017

9.00am – 12pm CAMPS for kids 5 to 7 years

9.00am – 3.00pm CAMPS for kids 8+

- Camps will be on rain, hail or shine
- Loads of fun tennis camps and activities, matchplays and more!
- Improve your game and make some new friends too
- Lunch (sandwiches) provided fresh daily, if that isn't for you feel free to bring your own lunch!



Remember to bring your hat, sunscreen, water, snacks and your racquet – don't worry if you don't have one, you can borrow one for the days you are at camp!

Full Day camps \$55.00 per day OR \$242.00 for the whole week

Half Day camps \$44.00 per day OR \$187.00 for the whole week

Need more info? Call Dave on 0412 743 967
or email dave@newenglandtennisacademy.com.au

1	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day
2	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day
3	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
-----	------	-----	------	-----

Any medical or other important information we should know about your child/ren?

Emergency contact Name: _____ Phone: _____



We are happy to take payments via cash, cheque or direct deposit (email us for bank details)