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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 13 September, 2017 Term 3 Week 9

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Cadet Celebrations

Last Friday the School gathered on a bright but windy Adamsfield to farewell our Year 12 cadets in formal fashion and I congratulate all involved in the 2017 Passing Out Parade on putting on such an impressive display. The TAS cadet program is, of course, based in our outdoors program and all our preparations for our single ceremonial parade for the year were made over a number of practices in lunch times or afternoons in the preceding weeks. That work was clearly effective and the calibre of the parade was praised by our reviewing officer, TAS Old Boy Lieutenant Colonel (retired) James McTavish. The celebration continued for sergeants and officers of cadets and their families on Friday evening as camouflage uniform was replaced with full mess dress for the annual Dining-in Night, offering those new to world of military protocols a glimpse of the traditions and formality of such an occasion. The evening ran, as expected, with military precision and I offer particular thanks to Sergeant Simon Ball for his considerable work in preparing it.

Both the Passing Out Parade and Dining-in Night were the first under the leadership of Lieutenant Angus Murray as our Unit Commander and I congratulate him on their success. The diligence and attention to detail required and delivered was noticed and appreciated and I am sure served as a fine role model for our cadets.

TAS Reunion Weekend

Passing Out Parade was the opening event for the annual reunion weekend that once again brought hundreds of past students back to the School to see how their old school is progressing, reunite with old friends and tell stories tall and true. The focus of the weekend for most was, quite rightly, on the reunions held at school and across Armidale for the 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60+ reunion groups, but there was also the chance to see the School in action as Scots Warwick and TACAPS (Toowoomba Anglican College and Preparatory School) visited for a range of sporting fixtures for girls and boys.



The activities through the weekend also offered plenty of opportunity for our Old Armidalians to engage with current students as friendly competition was held in swimming, debating, hockey, shooting, tennis, chess and the traditional tug-o-war. There are few schools that engage with their alumni at this level and invite them to mix with current students in this way and the good will I saw over the weekend shows that this opportunity is appreciated by our former students as much as it is by the current school. A good number remained for Sunday morning to join us for the AGM of our Old Armidalians' Union and chapel service and I thank 2007 leaver Warwick Allen for support in preaching.

PYP Exhibition

As part of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program curriculum, Year 5 students have been working in groups over the past two terms on an in-depth, collaborative enquiry on the theme "sharing the planet" and the central idea that "increased demand for finite resources promotes a desire to instigate change". This culminated in the PYP Exhibition last Thursday evening in the Hoskins Centre as each of the student groups had the opportunity to present their findings. It was an impressive show and highlighted the value of the I.B. enquiry based approach to learning showing how much can be gained when students truly collaborate, explore multiple perspectives and are invited to take action. I offer congratulations to the class and to their teacher and I.B. PYP Coordinator, Veronica Waters, on the very good work presented.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 9

Monday 11 September	Year 11 exams begin (all week) Year 10 First Aid Courses (all week) NAPLAN Online Testing
Tuesday 12 September	JS Hockey BBQ (5pm in JS Covered Area)
Wednesday 13 September	HSC Music 1 Practical Exam
Thursday 14 September	HSC Music 2 Practical Exam
Friday 15 September	HSC Music 2 & Extension Practical Exam
Saturday 16 September	Myall Classic GPS Athletics (Homebush) Shooting Dinner (6pm Bowling Club)
Sunday 17 September	Fiji Parent and Student BBQ (12.30pm) Open's Football Dinner (6pm Hoskins Centre) Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Training

Week 10

Monday 18 September	Year 11 Primary Industries Work Placement (All week) Round Square Regional Conference (Mongolia - 18-27 September)
Tuesday 19 September	JS Parent Teacher Interviews University of Sunshine Coast U14 Rugby Tour Inter-house Basketball
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

10.15 am Morning Tea with staff, students and parents, Chapel Lawn	Valedictory Day
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 mementos	
12.00-2.00 pm Formal lunch & prize giving for Year 12 students and their parents in the School 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

Truth and Lies John 8:31-36

School, amongst other things, attempts to prepare young people for the workplace. Ricky Gervais from 'The Office' has some advice on looking busy in the workplace – essentially to impress the boss.

Never walk without a document in your hand. People with documents in their hands look like hard working employees heading for important meetings. People with nothing in their hands look like they are heading for the canteen. People with the newspaper in their hands look like they are heading for the toilet. Carry loads of stuff home give the false impression you work harder than you do.

The people Jesus has been addressing are trying to look busy, trying to please the boss - God. They think by the things they do, God will rock back on His office chair in sheer amazement of their brilliance. However, Jesus is clear, no one, not the Pharisees, not you or I, can give the false impression that we are doing enough to impress God through our hard work.

Jesus says if you believe in Him and hold to his teaching, not something made up and false, we will know the truth, not some deception, but the truth, and the truth will set us free. Hold to the teaching that we are slaves to sin, by ourselves we sin and cannot do enough to ever be perfect, as God requires. Jesus is the one who can and has done enough to set us free from sin. It is this truth that sets us free, not just when we believe it, but when we act on it.

In 1893, engineer George Ferris built a machine that bears his name - the Ferris Wheel. When it was finished, he invited a newspaper reporter to accompany him and his wife for the inaugural ride. It was a windy day, so a stiff breeze struck the wheel with great force as it slowly began its rotation. Despite the wind, the wheel turned flawlessly. After one revolution, Ferris called for the machine to be stopped so that he, his wife, and the reporter could step out. In braving that one revolution on the windblown Ferris Wheel, each occupant demonstrated genuine faith. Mr Ferris began with the scientific knowledge that the machine would work and that it would be safe. Mrs Ferris and the reporter believed the machine would work on the basis of what the inventor had said. But only after the ride could it be said of all three that they had faith.

When we hold to Jesus' teaching, not some blank piece of paper, of our own inventing, may we approach God with nothing in our hand, but clinging to the teaching of Jesus, then we know the truth, and the truth shall free us.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking your assistance in providing 2 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



TAS@DUSK

We are starting to organise TAS@Dusk and we are having a meeting 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. In the meanwhile, if you have any good ideas for stalls please email them to me at nicollfamily1@gmail.com

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)
- A new convener or team for the Plant Stall for 2018 – Suzie Wright has been amazing but this will be her last TAS@Dusk and we'd love to show a new person the ropes before she leaves.

If you would like to know more please contact either myself or Suzie on suziejwright@bigpond.com

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

LOST PROPERTY FROM TRIVIA NIGHT

We still have a couple of bowls that were left in the Gym after the Trivia Night. If you're missing anything please contact me so that these 'lost souls' can be reunited with their owners.

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 Reception. If you would 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

Information for Year 12 Students and Parents UAC Applications

UAC Applications close on Friday 29 September 2017.

Ensure your application is submitted by this due date to avoid late fees. You are still able to change your preferences up until 17 December for consideration in December Round 2 when guaranteed entry offers will be made.

For further information visit the UAC website - uac.edu.au

Student Recommendation Schemes

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission, using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. After you've applied to UAC for undergraduate admission, you can apply for SRS using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. You can only submit one application. There is no separate charge to apply for SRS.

2018 Subject Selection

Families and students will receive an email in the coming weeks with details on the final selection of Stage 5 & Stage 6 electives for 2018. These will be due in Week 1 of Term 4.

If you have any questions in regards to the selection process please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

Tutoring

Please note there will be no tutoring sessions for Year 11 & 12 or Maths & Science tutoring for Year 9 & 10 students next week (Week 10).

All tutoring will resume in Week 1 Term 4.

Mrs Seonia Wark



ACADEMIC

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



Living Lessons: French/HSIE Study Tour 2018

The study tour is open to current French/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 Year 9/10 electives Travelling in France and Living in France and the Stage 6 French Continuers course, together with topics studied in both 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, understanding that currency changes over the next 12 months may change. This figure does not include food, entrance to some museums and sights, or spending money. A more accurate figure will be determined at a later date.

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) mchrste@as.edu.au

Ms Majella Christensen





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

Grand Finals

Congratulations to all teams who have made it through to the grand finals. For the First and Second XI and 16A Football, it caps off a strong season and we wish them all the best in their final challenge. The TAS 5 Netball team have risen from 4th place on the ladder to surprise everyone – no matter what the result on Saturday, they should be very proud of their efforts. The U11 and U13 Hockey teams play their final on Friday and our C grade men's team are through to the grand-final on Sunday.

I realise that it has been a busy term and it is tempting to take this last weekend off to recover, although, I urge you to lift for one more effort and go and support at least one of these fixtures.

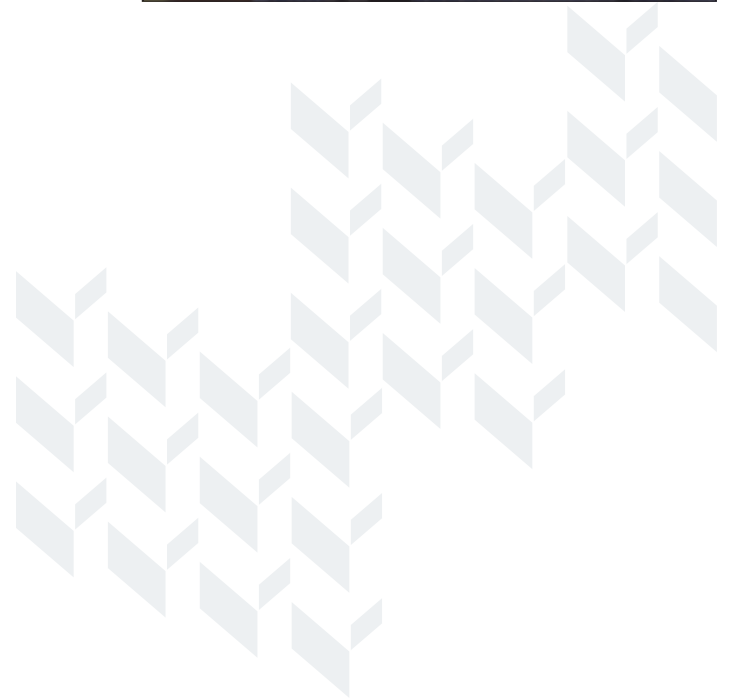
I am disappointed to miss the grand-finals myself but I am looking forward to attending what is arguably the premiere event on the GPS calendar; the AAGPS Athletics Championships. A committed team of 12 athletes will represent TAS at the championships. This follows three students competing in the Primary NSWCIS Championships today and is a precursor to the Secondary NSWCIS Championships, in which eight TAS athletes will compete next Wednesday.

These athletes will compete against the best in GPS and some of the best in the nation. They are all well aware of the stage on which they compete and they respect their competition but they will not be intimidated and they will never give up.

My thanks go to Jim Pennington for not only leading the TAS team but for taking on the huge responsibility of convening this year's GPS Championships. I wish both Jim and the team every success.

TAS Reunion Weekend

The feedback regarding the weekend has been overwhelmingly positive. There was a fun, friendly and welcoming atmosphere that is befitting of our first 'TAS Reunion Weekend'. It was wonderful to see so many Old Armidaliens returning and enjoying the fixtures. Thank you to all those who helped organise and manage the fixtures, to those who travelled to compete, and to all the students who played in fixtures throughout the weekend both on and off campus. The spirit in which you played is what created this atmosphere and engenders pride in the School, from both current and past students.



So Wise

A fish can't climb a tree but Middle School students can certainly engage an audience.

I was amazed at the maturity and confidence of our Middle School Public Speakers in last week's Inter-house Competition. I congratulate the six representatives who captivated and entertained an appreciative audience in the Hoskins Centre last Thursday. They shared their views and feelings on topics ranging from imagination to resilience. They were sensitive to their audience and spoke with courage and purpose.

Congratulations to Broughton House who were the ultimate winners with Hannah Neilson's reflection on society's mixed attitudes to war and terror. Thank you to Mr Tim Hughes for his careful organisation and Tom Wright for providing the thought provoking images that were assigned to each speaker.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Netball

A massive congratulations to TAS 5 who won their preliminary final on Saturday against NEGS. After the first quarter our girls were down but they managed to fight their way to win with a final score of 19-13. The grand final will be held at the Lynches Road courts this Saturday, 16 September, at 12:00pm and I'm sure all of the girls would love to see you there supporting them.

All the best TAS 5!

Ms Rachel Harrison

TAS Hockey 2017

Well what a historic season for TAS Hockey in 2017. This year we fielded the most teams ever and our first stand alone girls and women's teams. Of the 11 teams playing, nine made the semi finals, six made the finals and we now have three through to the grand finals next week. All teams that are out of the grand finals played exceptional hockey and were only pipped by a single goal.

This weekend is the Grand Final weekend. The following teams will play.

Friday

U 11s play United at 4:00pm

U13s TAS 1 play City at 5:00pm

Sunday

TAS C blue play United at 10:45am

Other teams will have lots of support on the day so it would be fantastic to have as many supporters as possible for these games.

Mr and Mrs Ball

Tennis

On 7 September, a team of nine tennis players travelled to Grafton to compete in the NCIS tennis tournament. All players represented the school with dignity and pride during the round robin series.

A number of players should be commended on their performances including Toby Smith, Sam Marshall, Nick Farrer and Emma Benham who all missed out on semi finals by a game. Well done to all players involved

Ms Jayne Heagney

CREATIVE ARTS

The Addams Family Musical

On behalf of Ms Brus and Ms Roobol I would like to thank everyone who worked hard to prepare for the auditions for the Addams Family.

The level of talent at this school is quite astounding and as such made decisions around casting extremely difficult for us.

While some students may be disappointed that they did not get the role they hoped for, be assured there is ample opportunity for all to shine in this production and be part of an exciting project.

This Wednesday we will be casting the 'Ancestors', while also holding a dance workshop with our choreographer, Ms Jo Wysel. A full rehearsal schedule will be out in the coming weeks.

So, without further ado, congratulations to following players:

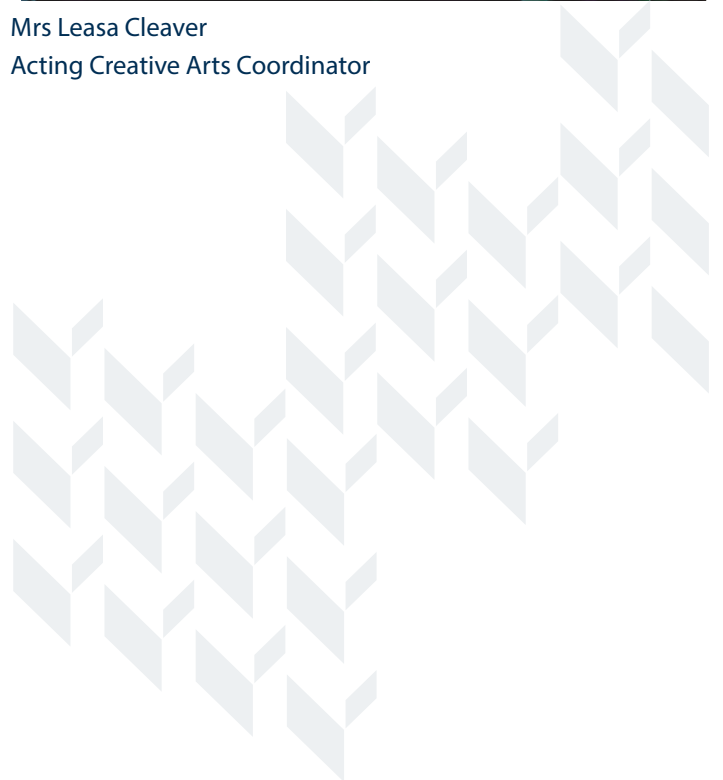
Gomez Addams.....Michael Harrell
Morticia Addams.....Kira Dooner
Uncle Fester.....Will Almond
Wednesday Addams.....Ellen Coote
Grandma.....Holly Billinghamurst
Pugsley Addams.....Kade Stanley
Lurch.....George Lane
Mal Beineke.....Will Forsyth
Alice Beineke.....Amelia Griffiths
Lucas Beineke:.....Keanu Rhoades



Mrs Leasa Cleaver
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator

What's On At Hoskins?

The Hoskins Centre will play host to two fantastic shows this week. I encourage you all to come along and experience the amazing performances on offer. We are also offering free tickets for those with an RSA who are willing to help out at the bar. Please email lcleaver@as.edu if you can assist.



Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase

The tickets sell like hot cakes each year and it's back again this Friday 15 September! *The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase* will be tearing up the freeways of Australia for the fifth year in a row to bring the crème de la crème of the 2017 Festival right to our doorstep in Armidale. The funniest comedians from this year's Sydney Comedy Festival are hitting the road and bringing an all-star comedy showcase right to your doorstep! Expertly curated and lovingly presented the showcase will feature:

MC: Bart Freebairn: One of Melbourne's great rising stars of the comedy scene, Bart has written for Good News Week, co-hosts the Something for the Drive Home podcast, and regularly features on Triple J.

Micky Bartlett (UK): All the way from Northern Ireland, Micky is gathering both momentum and acclaim as one of the fastest rising stars on the live stand-up circuit.

Luke Heggie: Heggie's hilarious no-nonsense brand of comedy has made him one of the most in-demand comics in Aus. & awarded him the coveted Director's Choice Award for Sydney Comedy Festival among many others.

Angella Dravid (NZ): Taking out the prestigious Billy T Award at the 2017 NZ International Comedy Festival, Dravid is a truly unique, fresh comedy voice.

Cameron James: With a prolific output and razor sharp wit, James has been called the "Next Big Thing" by TimeOut Sydney!

The Dapto Chaser

In Armidale for one night only after a knock out Sydney run and tour, *The Dapto Chaser* is off and running this Saturday 16 September. For the Sinclair family, the cutthroat world of greyhound racing is a religion. And their beloved dog **Boy Named Sue** is more than a greyhound; he's their heart and soul on four legs. With the crucial Winnebago Classic on the horizon, Cess Sinclair has one shot at reversing his family's fortunes for good. Against all the odds, he's betting on a miracle.

"Playwright Mary Rachel Brown has scripted a whippet smart play, a family saga set in the sub culture of dog racing. Fleet of foot, full of laughs and plenty of pathos, the play beats with the heart of a champion" – *Australian Stage*

"All in all, *The Dapto Chaser* is funny, rude, illuminating and a fine play that's meaningful and extremely entertaining. Not to be missed." – *StageNoise*

For information about these shows and bookings head along to the Hoskins Centre website or contact the centre directly.

Mrs Leasa Cleaver
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator



MUSIC MATTERS

ANU Jazz & Contemporary Faculty Workshop and Concert

The talented Jazz Faculty from the Australian National University's (ANU) campus in Canberra was on tour last week in regional New South Wales. The faculty is promoting the quality courses that are offered in Jazz and Contemporary Music at the prestigious Canberra School of Music. The quintet comprising of Damien Slingsby on Piano, Greg Stott on Guitar, Mark Sutton on Drums, John Mackey on Tenor Saxophone and James Luke on Bass Guitar, held workshops and auditions at New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) on Wednesday 6 September. The afternoon was very successful, with a number of local students offered places in courses for 2018. Thank you to NECTOM, who worked in conjunction with the ANU, to make the afternoon possible.

The Hoskins Centre hosted the quintet in the evening for a fabulous concert of original masterpieces and reimagined Jazz standards. The audience was treated to an outstanding performance by TAS' very own Mrs Bekk Baumgartner as guest singer. Mrs Baumgartner thrilled and delighted the audience with her performances, showcasing her versatility as a Jazz artist with incredible vocal scatting.



HSC Performance Music Exams

All the best to our Year 12 students undertaking the HSC Music practical examinations this week.

Music 1: at TAS on Wednesday 13 September 10:45am – 4:20pm

Music 2 and Extension: at the Old Teachers' College (NECOM) on Thursday 14 September 2:05pm – 4:05pm

Music 2 and Extension: at TAS on Friday 15 September 10:50am – 12:00pm

AMEB results

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding AMEB Music examination results:

Ben Simmonds - Grade 5 Piano for Leisure Exam: B+ Credit

Aiden Swick - Grade 6 Violin Exam: A+ High Distinction

Harry Pennington - Grade 4 Piano exam: A Honours

Please keep sending through results to music@as.edu.au. We love celebrating our students' achievements.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Winding down: winding up The break, Town Meeting, Fiji and Mongolia

As a general rule the final weeks of term are always a little difficult: students and staff are tired, assessments fall due, Winter sport grinds to an inexorable halt (not a bad thing really, as these people have 'been on the go' for two very busy terms now) and the holiday break is in sight, but we've still another week and a half to manage before it arrives.

On the whole, Middle School students are still managing their commitments remarkably well. Despite the fact that their 'pace' is more measured (though only marginally), they're still smiling, largely meeting commitments throughout the campus and are generally getting on well with one another - and with us, I'm pleased to add. Last week, I had the pleasure of listening to and adjudicating the Middle School Public Speaking Finals: our students acquit themselves well and their speaking skills, across the board, compare favorably with those of their senior school counterparts. Full credit goes to the winner, Hannah Neilson. There are times when choosing a winner is hard because every speaker's interpretation and presentation of topic deserved recognition last week. Every topic was fully researched and I can say confidently that, for the Middle School at least, there's real balance over the last three years between style and substance.

Ably assisted by our Drama and Boarding sectors, the Year 8 Fiji Service Trip students are still running their fundraising initiatives, and still squeezing in their characteristic manic pace of fund raisers at games and weekends. These latter activities, by the way, are regular and, again, it's good to see the year groups interacting in such a healthy manner in terms of their support of one another.

At this week's Town Meeting I've spoken yet again about the wisdom of non-contact games during the lunch breaks. I've also reinforced the non-negotiable issue of good manners when interacting with others, regardless of age or position in the wider school. We were able to farewell our (Round Square) students who are preparing to travel to Mongolia – this coming weekend, as a matter of fact. They're doing a lot of last minute preparation now and I know that the final parent meeting was successful. All that remains is for them to pack and to look forward to an experience worth remembering!



Enrolment Interviews and 'values'

Thus far, the interview process for our potential 2018 intake is very good indeed. Despite the ongoing 'feast or famine' weather forecasts and generally challenging times for so many, TAS continues to be a priority for families. Again, in no small measure I believe this is so because of the efforts of our Enrolment Staff who so conscientiously and successfully advertise the School. My interviews invariably require a 'Report in; Report out' regime and this office is a hive of activity – always. Again, in no small measure, it is because of the 'buddies' assigned to boys and girls who come to TAS for experience days. These 'buddies' are your children and also the Year 6, 7 and 8 teachers who so ably look after 'experience day visitors'. These teachers have had experience students for over a term now – on an almost daily basis of late, as well. In fact, some times we've had up to four students on given days. This fact augurs well for the health of the future – it also amply reflects and recommends those resourceful people who are Middle School Homeroom staff. As well you know, our students are normal children and their capacity to 'get up to mischief' is a proven one. However, when new students arrive, current ones become very passable and presentable models of probity and concern. Almost without exception, at the enrolment interviews we've had over time, mention is made of the generosity of spirit of our current students to those others who present for experience days. Clearly little things like shaking hands (and no, this is not a gender specific greeting and we do encourage all students to shake hands) and introducing themselves to others combine with looking people in the eye and asking how 'things are going' are not such 'little things' after all. Further, the synergy between the boarding school (grateful thanks must go to Mr Andrew Junge and Miss Alex Pollitt and their staff, here) and the academic day area is vital to such success and it is only right that it is mentioned here.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Scotch College Exchange Middle School

By Alexander Fulloon

Year 8

On 26 August I left Armidale for Perth to go on an exchange at Scotch College for two weeks. Scotch College is a private school in Perth that is slightly bigger than TAS in area but much larger in the number of students. In Year 8 alone there were eight different classes with about 20 students in each.

I had a great experience and learned a lot from how to navigate the city and pay attention to what time the train leaves so you don't miss it. I made lots of friends and met many new people. Everyone was so friendly and willing to help me out when I looked lost.

I went to Rottnest Island on 3 September. It was a really cool experience to visit the Oliver Hill Battery where an old 9.2 Inch artillery gun was still on display. I also made use of the opportunity to explore the underground tunnels, engine room and ammunition storage facility. The highlight of my visit to Rottnest and possibly Perth too was seeing the adorable little marsupials known as Quokkas!

I loved Perth - it was a great experience and I hope to visit it again soon.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Parent Teacher Interviews – September 19 & 20

It is that time of the semester when we hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews in the Memorial Hall. These interviews provide a valuable opportunity to view samples of your child's work, discuss their progress and strategies for future growth. Information for our Parent Teacher Interviews have been emailed out to all families. Attached to the email is a username and password which you will need to access the online booking system. For separated families, letters will be forwarded with information on how to book an individual appointment. If you have any issues with the system, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior School office on 6776 5817.

International Baccalaureate – PYP Exhibition

In last week's TAS Talks, I spoke of the huge amount of time and effort Mrs Waters and Year 5 had dedicated to their PYP Exhibition. Designed to showcase their Term 3 Unit of Inquiry, I was very pleased to see the turnout of parents and friends who attended and enjoyed both the introductory session from behind the microphone and the subsequent, very informative forum which occurred afterwards. It was clearly a success and the students should feel justly proud of their efforts.

End of the Winter Sporting Season

Our Junior School Sport Coordinator, Mrs Christine Wright has written a small article this week summarising the successful winter sporting season. I have been impressed with the program and the growth our players and teams have shown. I have a long-standing belief that team sport is an important vehicle for our children's development and I am very pleased that so many take the opportunity to participate. Many important lessons are learnt in this arena and I thank our parents and coaches for their enthusiastic support and guidance. Keeping the machine well-oiled is not easy and so I also thank Mrs Wright (and Mr Caldwell in Senior School) for the huge amount of time and effort put into preparing and supporting our players each season. For those still competing in various Grand Finals, we wish you well, knowing that you have already had a wonderful season.

I also add my thanks to the stoic band of runners in the Armidale Park Run last Saturday morning. What a great way to show your support to a wonderful cause, especially as the focus on the day meant so much to Year 3 and the students themselves!



Today, we are also waiting results from the CIS Athletics in Sydney for Max Rogers and Sam Ford, both of whom are running in various events. Congratulations to them; running at this level of competition is a wonderful opportunity and testament to their continued efforts and high level of ability.

Transition Assembly – now moved to Thursday 14 September

This assembly has been moved to Thursday 14 September (but remaining in the Hoskins Centre at 2.45 pm) because of a clash with the Year 11 exams. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Holiday borrowing from the library

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading.

Please note that children are able to borrow their usual 2 books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow 3 to 6 books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter and hand it in to the library or email the library at janck@as.edu.au or nramazan@as.edu.au

----- Please return signed note to Library -----

Permission to borrow library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child

 in Year to borrow 3 to 6 books from the TAS library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 4, 2017. Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

Signed Date

Looking Ahead

Week 9 School Spirit – Co-operation

Thursday 14 September Assembly 2.45 pm Hoskins Centre – Transition

Week 10 School Spirit - Resilience

Tuesday 19 September Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 20 September Parent Teacher Interviews

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)

Happy Birthday

This week we only have one student celebrating a birthday so a big, Happy Birthday wish goes to Christopher Post.



PYP PROGRAMME

Year 5 Exhibition

Transdisciplinary Theme: 'Sharing The Planet'

Central Idea: 'Increased demand of finite resources instigates a desire to instigate change'.

Year 5's six weeks of inquiry culminated in our inaugural Junior School Primary Years Exhibition held last week. There was much lead up to the exhibition as groups established a relationship with their mentor, came up with conceptual questions, developed lines of inquiry and conducted research. The Year 5 class did a fabulous job delivering their newly learnt knowledge with the wider school community in what was a well executed Exhibition, clearly demonstrating a collaborative approach to learning

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



Food Group



Water Group



Bee Group

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Armidale Park Run – Saturday 9 September

Last Saturday children from Year 3, along with parents and siblings braved the chilly morning weather to participate in the Armidale Park Run, raising money for Childhood Cancer. All participants made a mighty effort to run, jog or walk the 5 km course. It was encouraging to see all children participating with great smiles on their faces. Thank you to all of you who came along to make this a special day for our Year 3 students.



CIS Athletics – Wednesday, 13 September

This Wednesday will see both Max Rogers and Sam Ford participate in the CIS Athletics championships in Sydney. Max will be competing in both the 11 year boys 800 and 200m events, while Sam will compete in the 8 year boys 100m. We wish both boys well for their events and eagerly await their results.

Summer sports choices – to be finalised this week

Summer sports choices will be finalised this week. Teams and groups will need to be finalised and entered into competitions shortly. Please ensure you have made your choices and they are with Mrs Wright.

Football

Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms had a fantastic game to finish of the season. Thank you so much to all the kids for their great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the whole season. It's been very rewarding to watch everyone develop their skills as football players - I'm very proud of you all. A big thank you also to Alex Thomas and Paul Kwan for their refereeing throughout the season and to all the other parents for their help on the sidelines!

Mrs Donella Tutt

TAS Thunderbolts

Well, what a season with an incredibly diverse and talented group. Thank you for allowing me to coach you and I hope you end the season with more skills to follow into the next. I had a fantastic time. Thank you to Belinda and the Terriers for training with us and a big thank you to the 4 Year 10 boys, Joseph Smyth, Fahad Alenazi, Emerson Browning and Nicholas Ward, for giving their time to inspire and encourage the team not only at training but also some of their games.

You should all be extremely proud of your efforts this season and the maturity you all showed as a team working together.

Mrs Kellie Ward

Tornadoes

The mighty TAS Tornadoes have had a stellar 2017 Football season. They finished their final match of the season in true style. They went up against the South Starfish. First half saw Joe Fenwicke making some crucial saves and fantastic clearances in goals. Sam Ford and Harry Brownlie were unrelenting up forward, despite not managing to secure a goal, they never showed signs of giving into defeat. Christopher Post, Andy Li and Lucas Wu were all solid in defence - all three players making vital tackles and deflections. Whilst the Blanch twins, MJ and Tommy, maintained a consistent presence in midfield - converging the play conveniently whenever they could. All players should be incredibly proud of their efforts this season. They have all improved amazingly as both humble soccer players and proud young boys representing their school. They will be more than ready for the 2018 season. Thank you to all the parents who have been a consistent cheer squad all season - rain, hail or shine.

Mr Marshall Ross



Back row L to R: Christopher Post, Joe Fenwicke, Andy Li, and Sam Ford. Front row L to R: Lucas Hu, MJ Blanch, Tommy Blanch, and Harry Brownlie.

Year 5 Soccer Team

After a great regular season, the TAS Year 5 soccer team qualified for the semifinals of the Junior 12B Division. The match took place last Saturday against the minor premiers, North Arrows.

Both teams started strongly and it was clear that it was going to be a tough and close contest. Our defenders held strong against their attacks but Norths managed to break through and take the lead. Loch Gerdes and Sam Hynes, our two leading goal scorers for the season, pressed hard and even hit the post trying to find the equaliser. Will Brett, Tom Ball, Harry Pennington and Alistair Newton all worked hard in the midfield to try and supply the forwards with opportunities to score. Unfortunately, Norths score again before half time to take a 2-0 lead into the break.

The second half saw the team press hard and they showed great character in never giving up. Blair Eichorn, Alec Campbell, Charlie Blanch and Hamish Lambert all worked tirelessly to win possession of the ball while Thomas Dundon, Kieran Sutton and Will Gilpin reinforced the defense admirably. When the Norths did manage to squeeze through, Harry Hopkins was on-hand as goalkeeper to make sure no more goals were conceded.

Caleb Baumgartner ran hard and gave his all and, through a great team effort, managed to set Sam Hynes up to score a goal. They continued to press hard for the equaliser and had the ball saved on the line right at the final whistle. Final score 2-1.

Congratulations to the team for a great season and well done to their perseverance, team work and commitment.

Mr Mike Baumgartner



TAS Terriers V's TAS Tarantulas

What a fabulous game of soccer was played on Saturday between the 2 TAS teams. The sideline support was impressive and the play on the field was great to watch.

The improved skill displayed by all players was notable. The students were spreading out on the field, passing the ball and really thinking about the game.

The final score of 2-2 was testament to how well matched the teams were and to the improvement of all players. Many thanks to Archie and Mr Chick for their support on Saturday.

A very commendable end to what has been a wonderful season.

Mrs Veronica Waters



Grand Final Hockey Match

We are very excited that our U11 & U13 TAS hockey teams have made the grand final. Both games are THIS Friday at UNE hockey turfs and we would love lots of TAS support. The U11 game is at 4pm against United and the U13 game is straight afterwards against City at 5pm. Mr Lloyd is happy to take a supporters bus if there is enough interest so please let Mrs Ball know if you would like to come.

Go TAS!!

Mrs Tania Ball

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