



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Activities Day No. 1

As I write our students right across the School are engaged in their first Activities Day for 2018 and I particularly offer best wishes to the big number of new students for whom today is the introduction to this special part of the TAS experience. Junior School are involved today in collaboration in houses across year groups as they pool ideas and develop art works that will eventually find their way into the Armidale Show.

The focus for Middle and Senior School is adventure and that experience began for some last night as a number of cadet platoons headed into the bush for their first overnight exercise. Today we have Year 6 to 11 students spread from the School to Dumaresq Dam, Kirby Station and through to Sawtell.

Whilst the activities will appear as an eclectic mix, with everything from knot-tying to hoochie construction, survival in the water, navigation, radio protocols, lifesaving and basic fire-fighting taking place today, collectively and over time they form a comprehensive exposure to challenge, responsibility and leadership that is very much at the centre of our character curriculum. It is a program that separates TAS from most other schools and emphasises the breadth of our ambitions for the personal development of our students.

As I mentioned in assembly yesterday, some will have been looking forward to the beginning of the Activities Program with great excitement, whilst others will be feeling a sense of trepidation, but all should know that the program is designed to be challenging and developmental, but also accessible to all. The Activities Program always features in the memories of our students as they leave TAS and I wish all those who are beginning to collect those memories today well.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Year 12 Academic Activities

The intensity and importance of the HSC year gives the Activities Program for Year 12 a very different flavour. The five Activities Days through to Valedictory for our senior year are devoted to adding value to the study program for every student by presenting material and offering experiences that may not be found in individual subject curricula.

Today sets the tone for the program with the morning covering the big picture of the HSC study journey, setting high expectations, and students choosing specialist sessions in areas such as study skills, memorisation techniques, managing major works, portfolio design, stress management and relaxation strategies, balancing priorities, avoiding procrastination and essay and creative writing. The afternoon sees some of those important skills put into practice as students have time for their own targeted study.

There is no doubt that the HSC year is a demanding one for all students as they balance the often conflicting demands of their academic studies and the many other opportunities that come with being a senior student at a school like TAS. When approached well, it is also most likely to be the most satisfying, enjoyable and memorable year of school and this Year 12 program is designed to assist our students to achieve that.

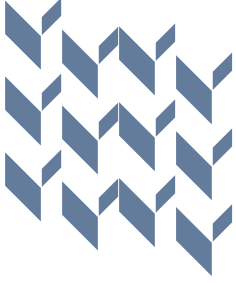
2018 Tour de Rocks – Extending the Triple Crown

I am very pleased to report that TAS will field a team in the Tour de Rocks charity bike ride this year and readers will find some detail on that from our team leader Jim Pennington later in this edition of TAS Talks. The Tour de Rocks is joining its sister challenges, the Coffs Ocean Swim, City to Surf fun run and Hawkesbury Canoe Classic as an additional offering in the much sought after Triple Crown award and there is no doubt that it is a serious challenge. (Students must complete three of the four challenges to be eligible for the Triple Crown.) The ride covers 255km over two and a half days and whilst it is certainly downhill to the coast, there is also 3,324m of vertical climb along the route and plenty of dirt road to negotiate. Like other challenges it also supports a wonderfully good cause in raising funds for a wide range of cancer research and support projects. Last year alone the Tour de Rocks raised almost \$200,000 for these projects, bringing our local community into the fight to cure cancer in a significant way.

I know that Jim Pennington has already received strong interest from students and staff alike and I congratulate those students who are taking up the challenge in such a great event.

Murray Guest





WEEK 5

Saturday 3 March

School Girl Head of the River

WEEK 6

Wednesday 7 March

NECOM Music Days (Year 11 and Year 12)

Year 12 Geography Excursion (Narrabri)

Friday 9 March

NECOM Year 10 Music Day

Saturday 10 March

Inverell 'Toughen Up Challenge'

WEEK 7

Monday 12 March

TAS Scholarship and Open Day

Tuesday 13 March

NCIS Football

Thursday 15 March

Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 16 March

Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Middle School Information Session

Saturday 17 March

AAGPS Head of the River

Autumn Festival

NOTICE BOARD

Parking and Stopping in School Bus Zones

With so many new families joining us this year, parents and carers are reminded of the need to observe rules regarding parking and stopping in designated pedestrian crossing zones and bus areas, particularly in Douglas St.

Apart from jeopardising the safety of students and the smooth flow of traffic, there are penalties that may be enforced by Armidale Regional Council rangers.

Please take note of the regulations in the leaflet at the back of TAS Talks.

TAS P&F Rugby Committee

We are very excited about the TAS Rugby season in 2018.

Highlights

- TAS Rugby Carnival – 14 and 15 April – U12s playing/TAS Community support
- Season Launch – Friday 11 May – Hoskins Centre – 6pm to 6pm. All of TAS Community Welcome
- Wallabies at TAS Function – Saturday 23 June - Hoskins Centre - after Sydney High Games, Guest Speaker TBC. Note Wallabies v Ireland play that evening in Sydney.
- Away Game Social Gathering – Saturday 4 August - Grammar Fixture - The Royal Oak, Double Bay
A great informal opportunity to gather post match.

2018 Merchandise – TAS Supporter

A limited number of TAS Supporter jackets will be available in 2018 from the TAS Clothing Pool. Jackets should arrive around the first week of May and can be purchased directly from the Clothing Pool for \$120.00. Please note, these are a generic TAS Supporter jackets and can be used by all supporters.

Rugby Refereeing/Coaching Courses

If your child is interested in undertaking the rugby refs or coaches course, there will be one held at TAS on 25 March. Go to the following link for all the details.

<http://www.rugbyaustralia.com.au/rugbycourses.aspx?state=NSW>

Ms Kim McConville

President, P&F Rugby Committee

Young Regional Round Square Conference

TAS is excited to be hosting this conference commencing Sunday 22 April and finishing on Thursday 26 April, 2018. It is open to Year 5 and 6 students and has the theme 'Humanity in Action' Remembering our Past, Appreciating our Present, Building our Future.'

There will be students attending from other Round Square schools throughout Australia along with international students, so it will lead to a memorable experience for all involved. Students from TAS will be required to board with the visiting students. We have some interesting guest speakers lined up and activities that will stimulate the students to think about their place in our past, present and future.

All Year 5 and 6 parents and students were emailed the information and application form last Friday.

If you did not get the email please contact Mrs Brunsdon on kbrunsdo@as.edu.au.

The completed application forms are due back to school this Friday, 2 March. If there are any concerns with completing this form by the due date please let Mrs Brunsdon, Mr Lloyd or Mr Harrison know.

JOIN YOUR YEAR GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

Trying to move with the times the P&F have now set up Closed Facebook Group for parents and carers (no students please) for each year group.

These are a way of building community within a cohort and an easy way for LPs and parents to communicate with each other about school and group activities. These pages can also be used for information sharing, such as reminders about whether formal uniform is required the next day, uniform or sporting gear trading, supporting families experiencing ill health or crisis, or as a way to meet new people.

The Facebook groups have been named according to the year that the group will be in Year 12. ie. TAS Year 12 2018, is the current Year 12, right down to TAS Year 12 2031, which is the current Transition class. So search for these in Facebook and join the fun!!

Also, don't forget that the P&F have our primary Facebook Page as well (search TAS Parents & Friends).

NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – all are welcome.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
President



TASRC

SAVE THE DATE

The TAS Rugby Carnival is coming up on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April. This is the biggest event of the year for TAS and the P&F and showcases TAS far and wide – we have approximately 1250 kids, coaches and managers to feed each day – plus their families ... phew!!!

If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. More information will be sent out through TAS Talks, emails and Facebook in the next few weeks. We will also be having planning meetings so if you would like to be a part of the core team please give me a call on 0418 980 662 or email nicollfamily1@gmail.com

Absque Deo Nihil #6

Psalm 8:4-6

I don't know about you, but most conversations I have had with Mr Wheaton stand out in my memory as significant, game changing, wisdom giving moments of learning. None less than the time I had the privilege of spending the day with him adjudicating the high jump at the athletics carnival.

The quote that stands out from the day is 'Absque Wheaton Nihil'. Of course, this jogged my memory as we have been thinking through the meaning of our school motto, and as you would have picked up there are some stark similarities between our motto and Mr Wheaton's quote.

Well Mr Wheaton, what can we say? I hope you understand if I suggest that there would still be something without you, and therefore to say 'nothing without you' is probably a stretch.

At the same time, it would be equally incorrect to say 'With Wheaton Nothing'. No, with Wheaton something, even much, even significant things.

You see, in the reading we hear that Mr Wheaton, you and I, along with all of humanity have been made with the utmost significance. We have been made only second to God himself, and have been given autonomy and rule in this universe. We are to be God's ambassadors as we seek to care for creation.

This is indeed something. If you are sitting there thinking that you are not worth much, that your contribution amounts to 'nothing', think again, because God has created you in His image, such that you bear significance no matter what life throws at you, or how you respond, or your perceived lack of importance. Every single one of us bear His image, every single one of us are something.

***Mr Richard Newton
Chaplain***



Mr Richard Newton

Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held for Year 6 and 7 students on Thursday 15 March, 3.30pm - 6pm and Friday 16 March, 2pm - 5.30pm. Interviews with teachers will be held in Memorial Hall.

Parents will receive an email in the next few days containing a personal code and information on how to book times with your child's teachers. The system only allows for the email to be sent to one parent. If you do not receive the email please check your second email if you have one - otherwise contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5806.



Mrs Seonia Wark

Extended Day Program

Below is an updated timetable for TAS' Extended Day Program. This is effective immediately.

Monday Years 9-10		Tuesday Years 9-12		Wednesday Years 9-12		Thursday Years 9-12	
Library		Library		Library		Library	
7-8pm Workshop	7-8pm Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm Chemistry Years 11/12	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm Advanced Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm English Years 9/10	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm English Years 11/12
				8-9pm Maths Ext Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 11/12	8-9pm Mathematics Standard Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 9/10
8-9pm Workshop Years 11/12	8-9pm Science/Maths Years 9/10	8-9pm Biology Years 11/12	8-9pm Physics Years 11/12				

ACADEMIC

TAS Waterworks - Car Wash (Year 9 Business & Marketing)

Do you find yourself waiting around TAS anytime between 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon with a dirty car?

TAS Waterworks is a group of five Year 9 boys who are washing cars as part of our Running a Business and Marketing elective. We are experiencing what it is like to create a business from scratch with the goal of gaining the highest possible profits. The first \$100 of profit made goes to a World Vision child and the remaining profit gets divided amongst the business owners.

We offer two types of car cleans, an Inside 'n' Out for \$25 taking approximately 30 minutes or simply a Quick Outside for \$15 taking approximately 15 minutes. Our service will be running up until Thursday 15 March. To find out more information and to make a booking visit our website: <https://hmitche1.wixsite.com/taswaterworxs>.

Henry Mitchell (Year 9)



Topical start to debating season

'The media should not be allowed to report on the private lives of politicians' – the first topic of the year for TAS in the 2018 National Virtual Debating Competition certainly had currency for the Year 9/10 team, who successfully argued the Negative case against St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg, on Monday evening. While TAS might be entrenched in the Federal seat of New England, that did not confine the line of argument, which scaffolded guidelines for when reporting is appropriate, the intrinsic freedom of the press in a democracy and historic instances such as the Iran-Contra Affair and a world in which US foreign policy might be compromised by the personal business affairs of a President. Well done to Hannah Neilson, Jack Nivison, Hudson McAllister and Lucy Ball who now proceed to the second round.

With the success of our combined Opens team last year which made it to the semi-finals, TAS has been given a second berth in that division, allowing for a Year 12 team and a Year 11 team. With TAS 1 (Year 12) having a bye in Round 1, the next fixture is the Year 11 team who will debate Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston, on 6 March.

Mr Tim Hughes Debating Coordinator



LIFE AS A INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

ELTON LIAU

My name is Elton Liau. I'm from Malaysia and this is my third term in TAS. First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone who welcomed me with their open arms when I first came to TAS. A special thanks to Mr Pennington 'Penno', my Head of House, and Miss Helena, ESL teacher.

Life in TAS is great – you wake up, have brekkie, clean up and wait for a staff member to inspect your area, and then you can get your 'tech' and after that you are off to school. After school, you have sport, then dinner, then roll call, and straight after roll call you have prep. After prep, you have half an hour of free time before you hand in your tech, and then it's lights off. Then you do the same thing again for a term until you go home.

The truth is, it sounds like a boring life, but it's not. TAS is like a small community of people ... we all help each other and have fun together. If you are a boarder or even a day boy, you will get what I mean. I'm a Tyrrell House boy (Tyrrell House = best house in TAS!). Tyrrell is not just a boarding house to me – it's actually my family. All the staff, seniors and fellow mates are like family to me. For each term, Miss Helena has all the international students gather and we go out for dinner to a restaurant downtown. We normally meet up at 6 pm and walk down town together. Then we have an enjoyable meal and walk back to TAS.

And then there is cadets. All students at TAS who are in Year 8 and above have to do cadets. It's compulsory. Personally, I'm not a fan of it, but anyway, cadets is about putting on a DCPU uniform – a camouflage shirt and long pants with a really uncomfortable pair of boots – and going out to the bush to train and do some fun activities such as bushwalking, abseiling and kayaking. To be honest, I really didn't like the idea of cadets because it sounded hard and challenging. When I was in Malaysia, there was no such thing as cadets in school, so it was something new that I had to cope with. I'm fine with Activities Day – which basically is going out to the bush for a day and coming back during the afternoon. But the annual camp was to camp for a long period of time. My mates told me about their annual camp experiences ... and I thought it sounded bad!!! You have to sleep under a hoochie during the night, there is no shower, you are not allowed to bring your own food because the school provides you with 'ration packs' and that is the only source of food that you can have.

In the last week of Term 4, the day came for the annual camp. I was trying so hard to get out of it. I wanted to go back to Malaysia early, but I ended up going because my Head of House wanted me to stay and attend, so I had to. When the week was over, I was properly over cadets. I did not shower for five days – all I did was clean myself up in the river – and I only had ration pack food. For five days, I had to walk for over 15 km with a heavy bag, and kayak for more than 15km as well. It was so challenging! But ... I had fun over the week. Even though it was hard and tiring, I had great fun! I learnt a lot more about myself, and now I know that I can do a lot more than I think I can.

Thank you to all the people in my platoon for taking care of me and helping me mentally and physically – especially ART (CUO) of Platoon 4, Henry O'Neil, and Henry Pitman and the crew.



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The TAS Photo Gallery for 2018 is up and running!

The photo gallery on the school's website has been updated with snaps from some of the big events of the year so far: Coast Weekend, the Junior and Senior Swimming Championships, and Cadet Leadership Course.

To go to the gallery, click on the camera icon next to the Round Square logo on the front page of the school website, or bookmark the link www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery. Photos can be downloaded easily for your personal records.

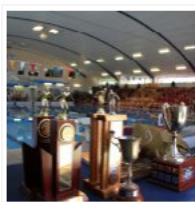


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Photo Gallery



Cadet Leadership Course
2018



Swimming Championships
2018



JS Swimming
Championships 2018



Coast Weekend 2018



Rowing Season 2018

Skoolbag app for Iphone and Android

TAS Skoolbag App is now available for both iPhone and Android phones. Families are encouraged to download this extremely useful app which allows the school to send reminders to families when the newsletter is available to view online (and you can view it from the app), upcoming dates and lots of other exciting things. It is a great way to notify families of last minute cancellation of events or arrival times of buses from school excursions etc! To install Skoolbag on your Smartphone:

iPhone Users: Search The Armidale School in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Android Users: Search The Armidale School in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Once you have installed the app on your phone, you can chose to receive notifications relevant to your child/ren's school year by tapping More at the bottom of the screen then select 'My Subscription Groups' and turning on the relevant school years.

If you have any questions please contact TAS Reception.

2018 Swimming Championships

Apologies for the error in last week's list of swimming awards. Please find the correct list below.

CHAMPIONSHIP

12 & Under Runner Up
12 & Under Champion
13 Years Runner up
13 Years Champion
14 Years Runner up
14 Years Champion
15 Years Runner Up
15 Years Champion
16 Years Runner Up
16 Years Champion
17 Years Runner Up
17 Years Champion
18 & Over Runner Up
18 & Over Champion
Sub-Junior Runner Up
Sub-Junior Champion
Junior Runner Up
Junior Champion
Senior Runner Up
Senior Champion

BOY

Toby Inglis
Tom Ball
William Nash
Toby Michell-Smith
Mitchell Cutler
Samuel Ball
John McGregor-Thew
Lucas Cotterell
Hilton Jackson
James O'Brien
Hamish Cannington
Jesse Streeting
Samuel Wright
Ben Louis
Tom Ball
Toby Michell-Smith
Lucas Cotterell
Samuel Ball
Hamish Cannington
Jesse Streeting

GIRL

Samantha Price
Phoebe Ellis
Emily Buntine
Ruby Straker
Lydie Taylor
Karen Baker
Lily Etheridge
Eliza Ward
Lily Neilson
Lucy Ball
Emma Ward
Lucy Fenwicke
Georgiana O'Brien
Kathleen McPhie
Emily Buntine
Ruby Straker
Karen Baker
Eliza Ward
Kathleen McPhie
Lucy Fenwicke



Mr Will Caldwell

NSW Schoolboy Head of the River

Congratulations to the TAS Boys Quad Scull who competed in the NSW Schoolboy Head of the River last Sunday. They completed the 2000 metre Olympic course in a time of 7.41 (a PB for the crew).



L: The crew of Henry O'Neil, George Lane, Luke Rorke and Angus Haire, coxed by Dimity Tearle and coached by Sebastian Scott (OA 2017)

We wish our Girls Quad Scull and Single Scull the best of luck for the Schoolgirl Head of the River, on the same course, this weekend.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Winter sports choices

Students will select their winter sports next Tuesday 6 March. An explanation of all sports offered is attached - please **CLICK HERE** or visit the Sports page (<http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/tas-sport/>) on the school website. This document has been emailed to students. Could I please encourage parents to discuss these choices with their child and contact the relevant Master in Charge if you have any questions.

Mrs Rachael Edmonds

Every student must select ONE full sport unless given permission by the Director of Co-Curricular to do otherwise. One extra sport may also be selected once the training schedule for full sports is determined. Please note that some sports have limited numbers. Read full document **HERE**.

Full winter Sports Football

Hockey
Netball
Rugby Union Shooting
Squash

Extra Winter Sports

Cross Country
Dance
Swimming



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Tour de Rocks

It has been a few years since TAS last had a team in the Tour de Rocks, and we are looking forward to making 2018 something special.

The Tour de Rocks (<https://www.tourderocks.com.au>) is fantastic, all community minded and driven, with the passion to raise funds for regional cancer research and support. All those involved do so as its the "right thing to do", no-one is paid for any of the organisation, logistics, marketing or management. It is truly about the local community.

For 2018, the Tour is being held from Thursday 26-Saturday 28 April. It comprises a three day bike ride from Armidale to South West Rocks, fully supported, a physical challenge with a beautiful goal.

So far I have received 29 expressions from students and five from the TAS staff. I wish to also extend this opportunity to all parents and friends of TAS. The larger our group, the greater shall be its resolve.

Should you wish to register, please email James Pennington jpenning@as.edu.au

Mr Jim Pennington

CIS Hockey

Congratulations to Lily Neilson, Lily Etheridge and Hannah Neilson, who were selected to play in the NCIS 16 and Under Girls team at the CIS Trials on 27 March.

Mrs Tania Ball

Mountain Biking

TAS students enjoyed a successful weekend of racing at the National Mountain Bike Championships, which were held at the University of New England. Most notably, Year 12 student Angus Apps won an Australian championship jersey as part of the winning relay team. He rode in a team with Old Armidalian Michael Harris, Michael's sister Holly, and TAS parent Andrew Whitehill. Each team had to contain a junior rider, female rider, masters (40+) rider and an elite rider. This year it was apparently the most entries that have competed at a national championships relay event, making Angus's team's victory all the more rewarding! Competition at the top was so close, that after approximately 70 minutes of racing, only 1 minute and 16 seconds separated first and third place! Angus and his team mates can be seen on the podium in the picture overleaf wearing their green and gold championship jerseys. Other TAS students to compete in the relay event were Archi Lawrence, Fletcher Jackson, Hamish Chalmers and Samuel King.

Soon after the relay race finished, the field moved from the SportUNE MTB track to Booloominbah, where the Cross Country Eliminator (XCE) races were held. In this event, riders had to complete a one lap time trial of a short course around the university campus. Going off this time, riders were then seeded into races for their heats. The TAS students who participated in this event were: Fletcher Jackson, Archi Lawrence, Archie Chick, Hamish Chalmers, Duncan Chalmers, Harry Graham, Angus Apps, Jack Sewell, Toby McMaster, Samuel King, Alexander Zuber and Xavier Munsie.

All students performed extremely well at this level, with some qualifying for the second and third rounds before being knocked out. While some heats contained a mix of junior and senior riders, seeming like an unfair combination, riders were ultimately racing against people their own age as the podium was decided based on riders' times, not on how many rounds they got through.

The cross country olympic races (XCO) where held back at the SportUNE MTB track over Saturday and Sunday. TAS under 13yo students Angus Goudge, William Nash and Wylie Wright participated in the 'dirt masters' support race, with Will finishing in 3rd place, Angus 5th and Wylie 7th, out of a very strong field. In the under 17 men's race, Hamish Chalmers and Joe Kermodie put in a great effort in the wet conditions. Hamish finished strongly, but unluckily Joe suffered a flat tyre that saw him retire with half a lap to go. Unfortunately Archie Chick was unable to compete in this race due to an injury he sustained the previous day. Archie had been working very hard in the months leading up to this event, so it was disappointing for him not to be able to start. We wish Archie a speedy recovery. There were four TAS students who competed in the junior (under 19) men's event. They were Angus Apps, Harry Graham, Samuel King and Duncan Chalmers. Angus, backing up from his relay team victory, finished an impressive 12th out of 34 riders, while Sam, Harry and Duncan each rode well in a very tough category.

Congratulations to all students who raced over the weekend. You were racing against the top mountain bikers in the country and easily rose to the occasion - you all should be very proud of yourselves! **Mrs Jo Benham**



Year 12 student Angus Apps (wearing the cap) and his teammates on the middle podium.



Will Nash (white helmet) and Angus Goudge (red helmet) in the under 13's support race.



Toby McMaster and Jack Sewell at the start of the XCE races.



Xavier Munsie and Alexander Zuber lining up for their time trial lap before the XCE.

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

This Saturday 3 March will be the first working bee for *The Addams Family*. If you're free between 10:30am and 1:30pm we'd love to have some help painting the base coat on our huge set and making some of the props. All are welcome, just make sure you bring some sturdy shoes and old clothes as it could get messy in there.

After some excellent auditions on Friday and Monday we are busy with call-backs Wednesday afternoon for Middle School's *Shrek the Musical Jr*. My thanks go out to all who auditioned, the panel was very impressed with the level of preparation and commitment and we are already very excited about the production. Expect a full cast list in next week's TAS Talks.

There will be a meeting in the Hoskins Centre on Thursday at 1:30pm for students in Years 9 - 12 interested in being part of a new Senior School Technical Production Club. This will be a weekly opportunity for students to learn about lighting, sound and technical design and operation from our resident expert Mr Cornford. If you want to learn to use the technical equipment in the theatre and hall or get involved behind the scenes of our many school productions and events then head along to that meeting for more information.

Next Tuesday 6 March there will be an information session for participation in the 2018 NSW Shakespeare Carnival at 12:45pm for Middle School and 1:30pm for Senior School students in the Hoskins Centre. This event allows those interested in acting, music composition, dancing and film a chance to compete against students in the region for the opportunity to head to Sydney for the NSW Shakespeare Carnival. This year there is an amazing range of prizes that includes show tickets, NIDA workshops and internships with Sport For Jove Theatre Company. The carnival is open to students in Years 7 - 11 and as TAS took out two of the five categories in Sydney last year we are hoping for an even bigger participation to keep making our mark on this awesome competition. Want to know more before next week? - check out this video on the carnival (and keep your eyes peeled for some familiar TAS faces) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mS6Pz9qKb-c>



Mr Andrew O'Connell

Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



Arts North West ON TOUR network presents

The Story Only I Can Tell

William Yang

"...he has a fantastic nose for the magic of ordinary life" The Australian.

Tues 6 March Nundle Memorial Hall, Nundle

Wed 7 March Smithurst Theatre, Gunnedah

Sat 10 March The Playhouse Hotel, Barraba

Sun 11 March School of Arts, Tenterfield

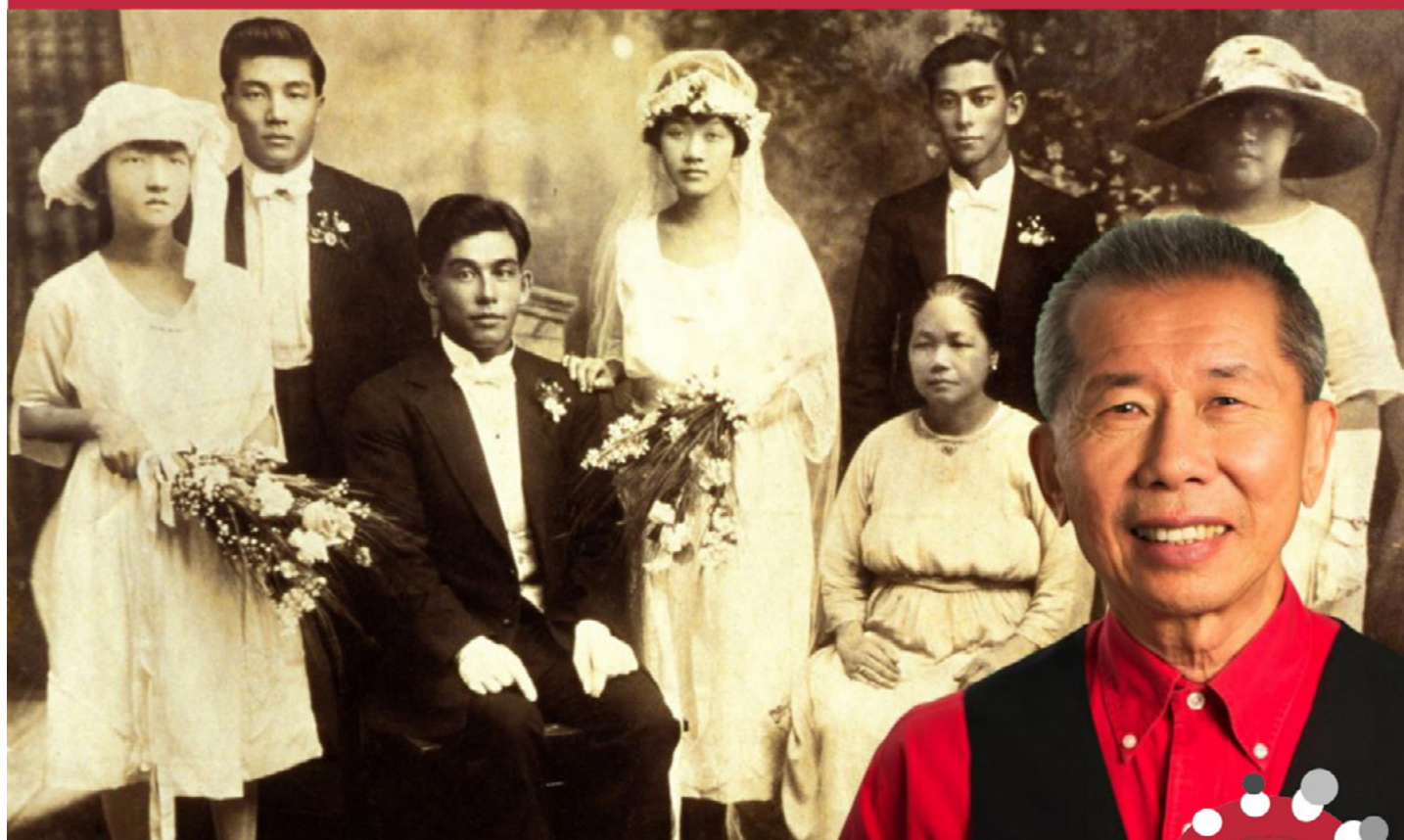
Tues 13 March Chapel Theatre, Glen Innes

Fri 16 March TAS Memorial Hall, Armidale

BOOKING INFORMATION

artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour

Suitable for ages 15+



This tour is subsidised by a Community Presenters Touring Grant, an initiative of and administered by Arts on Tour. Funds for this grant have been made available by Create NSW on behalf of the NSW Government



MUSIC MATTERS

Twilight Concert

The first Twilight Concert for the year will be held this Thursday 1 March in **Muisc Centre (Basement) at 6:00pm.** Students are asked to arrive by 5:45pm, at the latest, and are required to wear their formal uniform.

The students performing this week are:

William Almond
Ani Anderson
Emma Benham
Bonnie Bremner
Lachlan Cameron
Ellen Coote
Molly Dooner
Kira Dooner
Mila Downes
Max Guppy
Dom Holley
Hannah Neilson
Erin Page
Harry Pennington
Hannah Quilty
Thomas Rowe
Ben Simmonds
Peyton Slade
Disa Smart
Aiden Swick
Lucian Tsang
Matthew Turnbull
Sophia White
Sam Wright

Parents and friends are invited to attend, as this is always an enjoyable performance evening. This week students from Years 4 -12 will be performing. We hope to see you there.

NECOM Year 11 & 12 Music Workshop and Year 9 & 10 Music Day Details

The annual NECOM Music Workshops for Music students in the New England/ North West region, are coming up next week. Sessions for the two-day Year 11 & 12 workshops on musicology, composition and performance skills will be presented by leading music teachers and educators with up-to-date HSC examination experience. The Year 9/10 Music day is designed to bring students together for a day of fun syllabus based practical activities to complement their elective classroom work. These workshops are invaluable for students studying Music.

Year 11 & 12 Music Workshop

When: Wed 7 March & Thurs 8 March, 2018, 8.45am - 3.15pm

Venue: NECOM, corner Mossman and Faulkner Streets Armidale

Dress: Neat Casuals (no thongs, midriiffs or short shorts, please)

Bring: Your instrument, pen, pencil, notebook.

Day students will need to bring a packed morning tea and lunch

Transport: Students catch TAS bus from outside TAS Music Department at 8:30am to NECOM, Day students may elect to meet at NECOM at 8:45am

Year 9 & 10 Music Day

When: Wed 7 March & Thurs 8 March, 8.45am - 3.15pm

Venue: NECOM, corner Mossman and Faulkner Streets Armidale

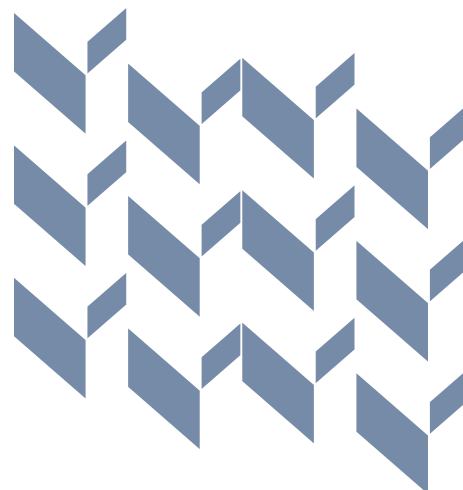
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Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



Year 7 lunch with the Headmaster, Murray Guest

These lunches have been wonderful. Your children have been returning waxing lyrical about their time with the Headmaster and Mrs Guest. I think our students have realized that they are people too! What does this mean? It means that they are beginning see us for who we are. It's Week 5 and "all's well", I believe.

Activities Day 1 -

Wednesday 28 February

Despite rain and the threat of so many people potentially frustrating the reasonably tricky process of uniform distribution, all student received their cadet gear by the end of Period 3 on Monday. This is a good thing as our first Activities Day is today. Weather forecasts are good (warm and sunscreen-sunny at this stage) and our students in Years 6 – 8 are in for an enjoyable time, I think. I'm looking forward to being with them in another context from the one I'm seeing them in each day this term.

Town Meeting: Topics discussed

- Middle School production to be Shrek
- Students were reminded that all information is sent out in emails. In particular Activities Day as well as emails, information is available on noticeboards and advisor meetings
- Remember LOOK and LISTEN.
- If there is anyone in Year 8 not yet issued with Cadet gear, please see Mrs Frost in Reception or Mr Harrison
- GAS – God and Stuff is starting again this year. Mondays at lunch time
- Year 8 need to be setting a better example. Classrooms are out of bounds during recess and lunch
- Students need to get hats / caps and go straight outside
- Students also reminded again that the McConville Centre is out of bounds
- McConville Boys' toilets will be locked at recess and lunch until further notice due to last week's misuse.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



Mr Mark Harrison

Middle School Information Night

A detailed session on the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program into TAS Middle School will be held on Friday 16 March at the conclusion of the year 6 and 7 parent teacher interviews. This will be the chance for Rachel Harrison, our IB co ordinator to explain what the IB is and how we will be implementing it into Middle School. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time.

Junior School Activities Consent (for Local Excursion)

Congratulations to Transition parents for returning all General Consent forms completed and accounted for! Bravo!

We now appeal to all those who have not returned these forms to please do so as soon as possible. If you have not access to the last one emailed to you, it can be found here: <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/juniorschool/files/2015/02/GeneralConsentForm-1.pdf>

Excursion Week – In Armidale and at Lake Keepit

As all our classes are now also gearing up for a fantastic Excursion Week, it is also important that the online Medical and Consent forms are completed on the Sport and Recreation website for those attending Lake Keepit. All this information has been emailed – please let us know if you did not receive it. I thank all our teachers who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for the week of activities and excursions. I look forward to seeing all the children throughout the week.

We have been asked to ensure all those in Year 4 and 5 at Lake Keepit could provide their own camping cutlery and crockery. (Cheaper plastic varieties will be fine).

Young Round Square Conference

Junior School is excited to be supporting the organisation for the Junior Round Square Conference from April 22 – 26 to be held at TAS. This conference is open to 11 & 12 year olds (Years 5 & 6) and has already had registrations from China, Bangladesh and around Australia.

The theme being focused upon is 'Humanity in Action' - Remembering our Past, appreciating our Present, Building our Future and our Year 5 parents have already received information about this. The Round Square association of schools has links with the International Baccalaureate and both promote intercultural understanding and respect. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I look forward to being involved and reporting back to our Junior School community once it has been completed.

As Junior School parents, if you are interested in assisting or supporting such a conference, you are most welcome to come along and be involved. If you would like further information, please email me at school.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates in the last assembly for successfully completing the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge: Marcus Robb, Lucas Hu, Harry Brownlie, Jack Wood, Connor Ryan, Oliver Robb, Harriet Coupland, Marvelous Agbasale and Cameron Carruthers.

The Three Steps

On Tuesday, I spoke with all our children about 'caring' for each at school (and at other times as well). Showing empathy, compassion and respect for the needs and feelings of others requires awareness and at the end of the day, practice. As part of our PYP, we emphasise the 'The Three Steps' at school and we would like you to discuss this at home and help all our students improve their understanding.



Mr Ian Lloyd

The philosophy is for the children to realise that they can make a difference themselves in some difficult situations, while allowing them to have the support they may need in others. We explain that it is OK to miss step 1 or 2 if behaviour is dangerous or very serious, but it encourages them to make a decision and take some ownership of the situation confronting them as well.

Rather than simply going to 'tell' the teacher, we encourage children to say:
Step 1 - "Please stop doing/saying that. I don't like it."
Step 2 - "I've asked you to stop. If you do it again, I will go and talk to a teacher."
Step 3 - "I am going to talk to a teacher."

We encourage students to talk to the teachers, rather than 'tell'. In doing so, students have the opportunity to retain some of the responsibility for 'fixing' the situation. Of course, this skill is a difficult one. So, please discuss this strategy with your children at home and perhaps let them have a practice with you when you have the chance. If we all develop a similar approach to such situations, I am sure it will pay dividends in the long run.

Uniform at School

The Junior School is doing its best to ensure the School uniform is worn correctly and we would like the support for families as we endeavour to maintain high standards. We would like to ask parents to support us at school by ensuring that the following message gets to all our children. All shirts need to be tucked in, socks need to be pulled up and ties worn correctly.

Girls may wear silver, gold or pearl studs (5mm diameter maximum) with one earring in each lobe. No other jewellery, anklets or wristbands are allowed. At School, I have asked teachers to remind students to dress well as they leave their supervision and move elsewhere. It would be greatly appreciated if we all work together on this one!

Children may wear their PE uniform to school only when they have sport immediately after school in the afternoon. The PE uniform is to be the TAS navy shorts only, (no rugby or other shorts or skins). Year 4 and 5 are able to wear their PE uniform to school when they have a double PE session in the first two periods, but they do need to change back into correct school uniform. If your child has PE during the day, they are to wear their uniform to school and change for the PE session. Please ring Junior School if you have any questions about the wearing of our uniforms.

School Spirit Award Recipients - Week 4

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly:

Oliver Robb, Sophie Brett, Baxter Carruthers, Felix Winslett, Lachlan Hunter, Katie Hynes, George Drain, Marcus Robb, Flinders Ward, Nicholas Thomas, Rebecca Billingsley.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

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WEEK 5

Tues 27 February
Wed 28 February

NCIS Swimming (Murwillumbah)
Activities Day (No Assembly)

WEEK 6

Monday to Friday

Excursion Week (No Assembly)

WEEK 7

Wed 14 March

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

WEEK 8

Wed 21 March

Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

WEEK 9

Wed 28 March

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins
Centre 2.45pm

Thur 29 March

Fri 30 March

Staff Day – No school for students
Good Friday – School Closed

WEEK 10

Mon 2 April

Tue 3 April

Wed 4 April

Easter Monday – School Closed
Classes Resume
Transition Assembly – Hoskins
Centre 2.45pm

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week to
Maya Slade and Izzie Glover.

Kindergarten are so engaged with their learning and what a treat it was to spend a lesson in their classroom talking to them about their learning journey over the past four weeks!

The students have been working under the transdisciplinary theme 'Who We Are' and have explored the Central Idea: 'Everyday we learn more about who we are and what we can do.'

The Kindergarten students were so eager to show me all of the books they have been working in and were all beaming with enthusiasm and confidence.

I spent some time chatting to some students about what they were learning and have shared some of the responses below.

Lucie Stephens

"We have been learning about numbers. We have to use colour to match the numeral to the dots. We have been counting numbers and learning what numbers look like."

Daniel Bayne

"We are learning about numbers on the iPad. I have to read the number and then drag the number of apples that matches the number. I like the iPads because they are fun."

Grace Ryan

"I have made an 'All About Me Bag'. I got to decorate the bag to show special things about me." Grace has a photo of her piano, which she took all by herself and a photo of her family.

Ethan Downes

"I have been learning about my special place in the universe. I love learning how to read."

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



PSSA Swimming

Thursday, 22 February

Sixteen very eager competitors took part in the PSSA meet at the Armidale Aquatic Centre last Thursday. We had a tremendous day with all swimmers performing well and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Some stand out performances came from:

Abbott White 3rd 100m Open Free
3rd 12 yr 50m Free
1st Senior 50m Breast
2nd Senior 50m Back
3rd Senior 50m Fly

Iles Baker 1st 11yr 50m Free
1st 11yr 50 Breast
1st 11yr 50m Back
1st 11yr 50m Fly

Mitchell Evans 1st (tied) Junior 50m
Breast
3rd Junior Ind.Medley

Katie Hynes 3rd 9 yr 50m Free

Charlie Ward 3rd Junior 200m Ind
Medley

Joe Fenwicke 1st 9 yrs 50m Free

Sam Ford 3rd 9 yrs 50m Free

Junior Boys Relay 2nd (pipped at the
post- fingernail in it!)

Junior Girls relay 1st in their heat

Senior Boys relay 2nd

Congratulations to all competitors. A big thank you also to Michelle Jackson (our gappie) for her support throughout the day and to all our eager parents who supported us at the pool.

Mrs Christine Wright

Junior Basketball

As I sat next to one of the Armidale Basketball Association members last night I was asked, "Who IS that kid?"

"Which one?" I replied (trying to maintain focus as I scored a very fast and furious game).

"That one, the quick one, the one who is all over the court?"

"Oh, that's Theo Munsie!" I replied with a smile!

Well done Theo; your agility, fitness, speed, sportsmanship and focus at trainings really paid off last night! I was so impressed with all the players: Ty, Gus, Lachie and Theo who had to learn a thing or two about keeping their heads up, even when faced with a challenge. All players certainly displayed many of our Learner Profile Attributes; in particular how to be both principled and balanced. Well done boys! Again, thank you to our senior students who helped out at training last week. I am so impressed and grateful when you come in and help the younger players develop their skills. Hats off to you!

Mrs Tania Hardin





Calling all **GIRLS RUGBY** enthusiasts **March 14th, 21st & 28th**



Come and Try women's Rugby Union
Wednesday, 14 March 2018 3:45pm

Ages: 6-17

What to bring: Water bottle and mouth guard

What to wear: Suitable exercise clothes and shoes / boots & hat

Location: Rologas Sports Fields, Taylor Street, Armidale

Cost: **FREE**

Register Online: <http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/community/sport-and-recreation/get-active-armidale/register->