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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21 March, 2018 Term 1 Week 8

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

The Addams Family

For the cast and crew of our major stage production of 2018, this week will most likely be the biggest and most memorable of the year. Months of rehearsing and preparations all come together for four huge shows in the Hoskins Centre this week and, like many others, I am looking forward to the chance to see it all come to life (if that is the right expression for this show) on stage. The reports already in from the final rehearsals are glowing and I wish everyone in the cast and crew well for the production 'season' and to reporting first hand in TAS Talks next week.

For those still looking for tickets and able to take action quickly, a few are still available at: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=351041&>

Sporting Matters

The GPS Head of the River last weekend and cricket grand finals this weekend will mark the end of what has been a very successful Summer of sport at TAS. The performance of our boys and two girl coxes at Penrith on Saturday showed huge commitment and highlighted how much each of the crews have achieved through the course of the season. To be competitive at this elite level requires discipline, long hours of training and absolute dedication to the crew and this is what distinguishes rowing as a sport. It is through that process that personal growth occurs and I think that every member of the TAS rowing club has noticed that in themselves through the year. I offer congratulations to all crews, both boys and girls, on the success of the season and thank our inspiring coach Will Caldwell for his work with them.

This weekend our 14s, 16s and First XI cricketers will play in grand finals and that signals the success of the cricketing season for TAS overall. With the first stage of our athletics carnival finishing at lunch time on Saturday, I hope that a good number of students will take the opportunity to get to Bellevue Oval at UNE to see some of the action for our First XI in the afternoon and I wish all our players well for their matches.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

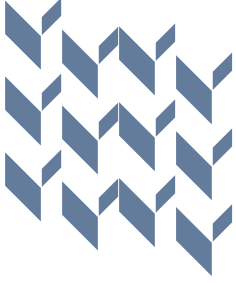
Digital Detox

As I hope a good number of parents will already know, through this term we are presenting students with a 'digital detox challenge' that focuses attention on smart phone and social media usage. The program begins, perhaps ironically, with the downloading of an app (Moment or BreakFree) that records phone usage to raise awareness and moves on to challenges such as not accessing social media for 24 hours, only using full words and grammatically correct sentences without emojis, only using the phone when alone, putting it down when relaxing and only using it for calls.

This is, of course, a response to the array of research that exposes the impact of overuse of smart phones on mental health, social relationships and general wellbeing. Awareness is the beginning of this and the challenges of the five weeks of our program are designed to highlight that. I hope that parents will take the opportunity to discuss the digital detox challenge with their children and encourage them to take it on.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

WEEK 8

Wednesday 21 March

P&F Meeting 7pm (Lower Maxwell)

Friday 23 March

Junior School Athletics Carnival

Saturday 24 March

Cloisters Run (8.30am)

MS/SS Athletics Carnival (9.30am)

WEEK 9

Tuesday 27 March

Easter Service

Internet Safety Presentation (Hoskins Centre)

Thursday 29 March

Easter Long Weekend (No Classes)

Staff Day

Friday 30 March

Good Friday

Keystone Academy Regional RS Conference

WEEK 10

Monday 2 April

Easter Monday (No Classes)

Tuesday 3 April

Classes Resume

Thursday 5 April

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 6 April

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Opens Cricket Dinner (6.30pm)

Sunday 8 April

Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim

Uniform and Book Shop

Winter Uniform will be available from Wednesday 21 March
Hours over Easter

CLOSED Thursday 29 March
OPEN Easter Monday 2 April - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Tuesday 3 April Normal Hours resume

End and Beginning of Term

CLOSED Thursday 12 April
OPEN Tuesday 24 April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
OPEN Monday 30 April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Tuesday 1 May Normal Hours resume

Student Services

Term 1/2 vacation rail and coach bookings

Bookings have been submitted as requested for the Term 1/2 vacation and thanks to those parents/carers who have advised of their requirements. Tickets will be issued in the week leading up to the end of term - times of departure and arrival advised. The Athletics Championship event will often lead to car pooling which affects the accuracy of the manifests. Cancellations can be advised right up to the day of travel and helps greatly when loading the buses the following morning if we know who has already gone home or elsewhere by some other means.

2018 School Student Concession Cards

Students aged 16 years and over are entitled to be issued with an identity card which can be presented when booking travel to receive 1/2 fare concession with most operators. Please apply to the School Travel Office via travel@as.edu.au and the card will be issued before 1 April 2018. Holders of the blue cards are advised that this will expire on 31 March 2018. If travelling over Easter, be aware that your blue card will no longer be valid.

Navigating the Internet – Brett Lee Tuesday 27 March at 7pm in Hoskins Centre

There is much happening at TAS in the space of technology and adolescence, and many parents would know we have recently begun a five-week Digital Detox Program in the Middle and Senior School.

There is increasing evidence to suggest (among adults also) that screen time and social media use is exponentially increasing and, while technology is great in many ways, heavy usage is often leading to unhealthy habits and mental health consequences.

We are very excited, then, to be hosting one of the leading Australian figures in safe internet use – Brett Lee, a former QLD police detective – who will present to students, staff and families in sessions running on 27 March.

I would like especially to encourage parents to attend the evening session (7pm in Hoskins Centre), where Brett will cover matters relating to:

- Protective and Preventative Measures
- The Law and the Internet
- Social Networking
- Instant Messaging and Online Gambling
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting

Due to interest and demand I encourage parents to reserve a FREE seat for this event. [CLICK HERE.](#)

This event has been planned to coincide with the Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival the following day and hopefully many of our boarder parents can attend.

Please visit Internet Safe Education www.internetsafeeducation.com if you would like to find out more.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CAKE STALLS

Just a quick reminder that Athletics Carnivals are on this week and next week and this means P&F Cake stalls are up and running! If you could support the P&F by baking or buying some yummy food and helping on the stall it would be appreciated.

Stall times are:

JUNIOR SCHOOL (Friday 23 March)

8am – 9am Set up - Anyone who wishes to help	
9am – 10am	Year 5
10am – 11am	Year 4
11am – 12pm	Year 3
12pm – 1pm	Year 2
1pm – 2pm	Year 1
2pm onwards and pack up	
Kindergarten	

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL

(Wednesday 28 March)

8.30– 9.30am Set up	Year 10
9.30 – 10.30am	Year 7
10.30 – 11.30am	Year 9
11.30am – 12.30pm	Year 8
12.30 – 1.30pm	Year 11
1.30 – 2.30pm	Year 12
2.30 onwards and pack up	Year 6

All donations will be gratefully received and can be dropped off to the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield prior to the start of your carnival.

Remember this cake stall is mainly for the kids to buy things to munch on (so don't forget some pocket money) and a little bit for the adults. Suggested baked/food items include cupcakes, biscuits, cake and slices (cut into single serve portions), jelly cups, savory goodies, gluten-free and dairy-free items (with labelling and a list of ingredients). However, please remember all items should be nut free.

If you bring in a container that you would like returned, please clearly mark it with your name and collect it after the carnival.

BREAKFAST BBQ SATURDAY 24 MARCH - CLOISTERS RUN & SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Please don't bring goodies for the Middle/Senior School Athletics Cake Stall on Saturday 24 March – that cake stall is next week. Instead come and have breakfast at our Bacon & Egg Roll BBQ. The BBQ will be under the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield from 8.30am – 12 noon. B&E rolls will be \$5 and soft drinks and water will be available so that you don't starve during the morning. We will also have a coffee van to make sure you get your morning caffeine fix!

P&F MEETING TONIGHT

We have a P&F meeting tonight Wednesday 21 March at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – all are welcome. Items on the agenda will include updating the P&F Constitution and the Rugby Carnival.

NEW TREASURER/S REQUIRED

Our marvelous Treasurer Melissa Jubb and amazing vice Treasurer Sal Molesworth will not be seeking re election for the 2018/19 P&F Executive. If you are interested in joining our great team or would like to know more about the role please contact either myself, Melissa or Sal.

TAS RUGBY CARNIVAL - WE NEED YOU!

The TAS Rugby Carnival is less than a month away... 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!!!

We need your help to make the weekend fabulous... you don't have to have a child playing or be interested in rugby... but if we could have a few hours of your time it would be wonderful... If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. Helpers and Community Service volunteers can sign up using the following link <http://signup.com/go/UosTCih>

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 – our next planning meeting is Wednesday 4 April at 7pm

We are seeking a small chest freezer to borrow for the carnival so that we can sell zooper doopers and ice creams... if you have one that we could use please contact me

Absque Deo Nihil

1 Corinthians 13

When I was at uni, I was travelling to my lectures and needed petrol. I was at uni so the needle must have indicated 'empty' for about a week. So I stopped, filled up and went to pay. However, my card didn't work – not that unusual for a uni student, but that's alright – I assured the sales assistant that I would drop in on my way home to pay – and I offered my watch as securit. I thought it was a pretty nice watch, but he said, "have you got anything else?" I did, but just a text book floating around the back of my car with little prospect of being read at all, let alone on that particular day. So I offered him that – he took it, weird! In this guy's economy texts books are valued more highly than watches. If we examine the economy of the Kingdom of God, we see that love is valued more highly than what makes you impressive on other grounds.

You might be a fantastic footy player, but without love it counts for nothing. You might be an amazing scholar, but without love it counts for zero. You might be a charismatic leader with broad shoulders and a twinkle in your eye, but without love you are a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

You see in God's economy, the currency is love. This is the currency with which he paid for our sins. It was love that drove Jesus to hang on that cross, and it is now that same sacrificial love that is required by us as we live out our lives. For without it – we gain nothing. Without an understanding of God's love for us, where is the motivation to love sacrificially? Without God's love, our good work counts for nothing, aside from God, nothing!

Absque Deo Nihil

Mr Richard Newton



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Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 5 April (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 6 April (2pm - 5.30) in Memorial Hall. Two Information Sessions will be held in Big School (just outside Reception) on Thursday 5 April at 6.15pm and a repeat session on Friday 6 April at 11.45am.

An email will be sent to parents early next week containing information in regards to the Information Sessions and also a personal code giving access to Edval Interviews where you can book the time/s suitable with your child's teacher.

Extended Day Program and Academic Workshops

The Academic Workshops which were held on Monday evenings this term have now concluded for the term. The Extended Day Program which includes tutoring and the use of the Library for a place to study will continue according to the schedule previously included in TAS Talks.

Mrs Seonia Wark



Mrs Seonia Wark

ACADEMIC

The Year 9 and 10 'Travelling to Japan' class were lucky to share a meal with three Japanese university students during class last week. The Japanese students are in Armidale to study English and to experience Australian culture. This visit was a wonderful opportunity for the TAS students to use their Japanese language skills and learn more about Japan. The students are currently working on an assessment on 'Traveling in Japan' and they were able to ask questions to assist them complete this task. It was a fun and enjoyable lesson.

Mr Allan Moore



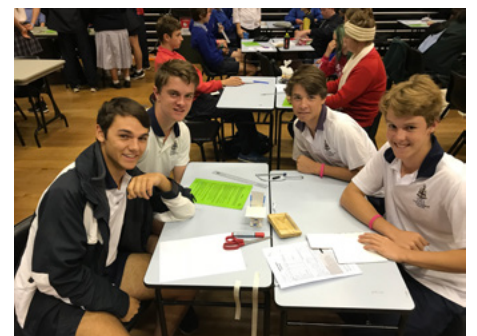
Highland Science and Engineering Challenge at UNE

On Wednesday 7 March, TAS competed in the Regional division of the Science and Engineering Challenge held at University of New England. Thirty two students from Year 10 participated in eight activities throughout the day and points from each individual activity were accumulated to give a total score at the end of the day.

Activities students participated in were: bridge building, communications using optic fibre, public transport design tasks, electricity grid tasks, flat pack table and chair designs, water turbine designs as well as building earthquake resistant buildings.

Eight schools from across the region participated in the Challenge including TAS, NEGS, PLC, Duval/Armidale High, Guyra, Uralla, O'Connor and MET.

TAS has had quite a successful history in the event winning six out of the past eight years. Depending on the results from other regional challenges, TAS may get a chance to compete in the State Super Challenge in Newcastle later in the year. This day was a busy day for students and could only be possible with the assistance from the Armidale Rotary Clubs and their volunteers, the University of Newcastle for running the event and the University of New England for hosting and staffing the different activities over the day.



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Rangers

Rangers had a wonderful day out at Dumaresq Dam and Kirby Station, rotating through various activities. These activities included raft building, canoeing and navigation. It was a beautiful day and much fun was had by all. Our next activities day is an overnight stay at Kirby Station. Students will leave school at 4pm on Monday 9 April, returning to school on Tuesday 10 April by 3.30pm. Students must bring their Rangers gear to school on the Monday. More information will be distributed in due course.

Ms Rachel Harrison
OIC Rangers



Med Entry

Med Entry is a Registered Training Organisation that offer services in the field of preparing students for the UMAT exams. They offer a range of courses for perspective Medical students in differing format.

Below is a link where people can find more details about Med Entry.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/03/19/med-entry/>

(The National Institute of Education)

Similarly, NIE is another registered training organisation which also offers courses in preparation for UMAT exams.

I have posted a letter I received from Sasha Tymoschenko from NIE describing their philosophy and services offered.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/03/19/nie-the-national-institute-of-education/>

Exclusive: College of Law boss busts grad number 'myth'

Is the oversupply of law grads a myth or not?

This is the question, and the link helps to provide some response but in most people's mind, the verdict is still out.

If a student wants to go and study law, we talk about the things they can do to help increase their chances of graduating into work after completing their post law studies in pre-admission then gaining admission and their practising certificate.

If you are considering studying law at the tertiary level, I recommend you have a quick read. The following article discusses the topic and presents some interesting points.

<https://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/careers/22909-exclusive-college-of-law-boss-busts-grad-number-myth>

HSC In the Holidays

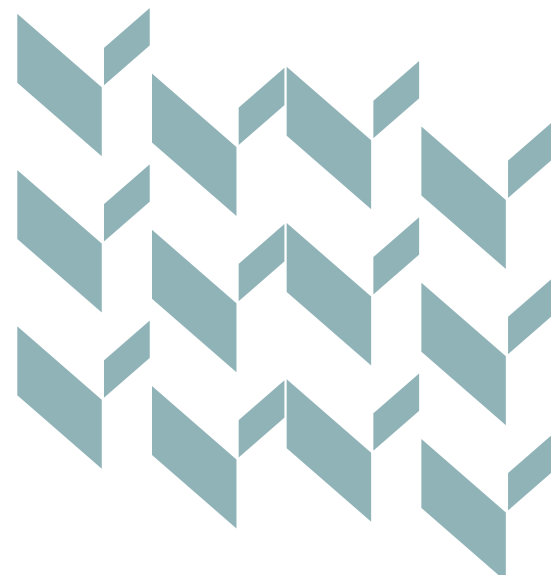
HSC In the Holidays is a holiday tutorial program that has been offering their services for a number of years and are quite prodigious in the courses that they offer.

I have posted an email letter I received from their Director outlining what they have to offer. It can be found on the school's Careers webpage at the link below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/03/19/hsc-in-the-holidays-3/>

NOTE: The school does not endorse any of offerings above but simply informs students and families of the available product for which they can make personal decisions if they wish to utilise their services or not.

Mr Mark Taylor



Transitioning into Winter Sports

Summer sports are winding up this week with our 14 White, 16 White and First XI cricket teams all playing in grand-finals. I wish each of these teams the best of luck.

The Athletics Championships (see details below) will then transition into winter sports trials in Weeks 10 and 11. Winter sports commence officially in Term 2. The training schedule is attached and students are expected to arrange other commitments around their training and competition. Specific questions can be directed to the MIC of each sport (see attached) or the Director of Co-Curricular dcc@as.edu.au. A full list of coaches will be available by the end of term.

Middle & Senior School Athletics Championships 2018

Program

Please find on the following pages both the 'Pre Days' and 'Main Day' Programs for the Athletics Carnival. All events are held on Wakefield except for the Cloisters Run which is held in the main quadrangle.

Overview:

Tuesday 20 - Thursday 22 March (lunchtimes) : High Jump and 800m (Students MUST attend the qualifying event for high jump to be eligible to compete in the final.)

Saturday 24 March: Cloisters Run, 8:30am, followed by events 9:00am-12:30pm

Monday 26 March: 3000m and Catch Up events - 3:45pm.

Wednesday 28 March: Main Day: 8.45am – 4:30pm

Participation

The TAS Athletics Championships is a mass-participation 'event'. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in all events on all days. Attendance is compulsory on 24 and 28 March. Participation in the 100m (where a roll will be taken) and two field events is the minimum expected on the main day.

U/14 and U/16 Cricketers who are involved in Grand-Finals on Saturday 24 March should prioritise cricket and may attend catch up events on Monday 26 March, after school.

Age groups are based on how old a student turns this year eg. a student turning 15 this year is in the 15yrs age group.

Team selections

These Championships will be used as a guide to select our athletics teams for the GPS, NCIS and PSSA carnivals.

Dress

Students are to wear their House polo shirt, or House athletics singlet, and navy TAS shorts to all events. If socks are worn they must be white. If tracksuits are needed they must be TAS tracksuits. When not competing students should wear a TAS cap.

BBQ lunch

On 28 March, lunch will be provided for all students (including day students) and their parents from 12:00pm at Wakefield.

Results

Results will be published outside the weights room after each event. Students are encouraged to check results and notify the recording room if there are any errors.



Mr Will Caldwell

Wet Weather Plan

In the case of continuous rain leading into the carnival or extreme conditions on the day, events will be rescheduled. (Students MUST attend the qualifying event for high jump to be eligible to compete in the final.)

Saturday 24 March: Cloisters Run, 8:30am, followed by events 9:00am-12:30pm
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AAGPS Head of the River

Last Saturday, TAS crews competed in the First, Second and Third Fours at the AAGPS Head of the River. This is the pinnacle of schoolboy rowing in NSW and a wonderful test for our relatively inexperienced crews. All three crews have been training and preparing for months leading into this regatta and went into the race with high aspirations.

Against some very tough competition our First Four placed fifth and both the Second and Third Fours placed seventh. Racing on the Olympic course before a crowd over ten thousand people is a special experience. The fact that these crews were racing adds to the competition and the attraction of the event.

PRE DAYS AND MAIN DAY PROGRAMS FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.

Date	TUESDAY 20 - MONDAY 26 MARCH, 2018						
Age	12	13	14	15	16	17	Open
Tuesday Lunch 20/3	High jump - qualifying						
Wednesday Lunch 21/3	800m - Lunch						
Thursday Lunch 22/3	High jump - qualifying					High jump - qualifying	
Monday 26/3 4pm	OPEN 3,000m (from 12 yrs & under to 18 yrs & over - all in one race) + catch-up events						

Date	SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 2018													
Age	12		13		14		15		16		17		OPEN	
Gender	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
8:30	CLOISTERS RACE IN THE QUADRANGLE													
9:00		Shot put	Discus		Discus	Javelin		High jump		Triple jump	Long jump	400m		
9:15				400m										
9:30				Long jump			400m		400m			Discus		
9:45	Triple jump		Triple jump				Shot put		Shot put		Javelin	Discus	Javelin	High jump
10:00		400m												
10:15		Triple jump			Javelin			400m		Long jump	Discus			
10:30					400m			Shot put						
10:45			Long jump	Discus			High jump		Triple jump		Javelin		400m	
11:00											400m		400m	
11:15		Long jump				High jump				400m				Shot put
11:30	400m		400m	Javelin	400m			Triple jump		Discus				
11:45									Long jump				High jump	
12:00	Shot put													

Date	WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH, 2018													
Age	12		13		14		15		16		17		OPEN	
Gender	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B
8:45am	100m	100m					Javelin	Long jump	Discus			High jump	Shot put	Triple jump
9:00am			100m	100m										
9:15am			Javelin		100m	100m								
9:30am		Discus		Triple jump	High jump	Shot put	100m	100m						
9:45am	Long jump								100m	100m				
10:00am									Javelin	100m	100m			
10:15am								Discus		High jump	Shot put	100m	100m	
10:30am		1500m												Long jump
10:45am				1500m					Javelin				Triple jump	
11:00am	High jump		High jump			1500m								
11:15am		Javelin			Shot put	Triple jump		1500m						Discus
11:30am							Long jump			1500m				
11:45am					Shot put					High jump		1500m		
12:00pm	Discus				Triple jump	Long jump		Javelin						1500m
12:15pm														
12:30pm	200m	200m						Discus		High jump			Triple jump	
12:45pm			200m	200m								Shot put		Long jump
1:00pm				High jump	200m	200m								Javelin
1:15pm					Long jump	Discus	200m	200m						
1:30pm							Triple jump		200m	200m				
1:45pm	Javelin	High jump								Shot put	200m	200m		
2:00pm											Triple jump	Long jump	200m	200m
2:15pm													Discus	
2:20pm		100m Final												
2:25pm				100m Final										
2:30pm			Shot put			100m Final								
2:35pm								100m Final						
2:40pm										100m Final				
2:45pm												100m Final		
3:00pm														100m Final
3:05pm	Sub-junior Boys relay													
3:10pm	Junior Boys relay													
3:15pm	Open Girls relay													
3:20pm	Senior Boys Relay													
3:45pm	Tug-O-War													
4:00pm	Presentations													

Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids vouchers are available for all students playing sport with registered Clubs. For TAS Winter Sports vouchers may be used for Football, Hockey & Netball. Parents must apply for their vouchers through www.service.nsw.gov.au MIC of each of these sports will be in touch with parents over the next two weeks to organise registration using the vouchers. Please note this process may change for each sport. If your child is not playing Football, Hockey or Netball, your vouchers may be used for their Summer sport choice.

Mrs Rachael Edmonds
Co-Curricular Assistant

MICs/Co-Ordinators of Winter Sports 2018

Full Sports

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Junior School Sports

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Mr Will Caldwell

Director of Co-curricular



Middle School/Senior School Winter Sports Training Schedule- Terms 2/3 2018

FULL SPORTS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
FOOTBALL Opens		Doody Park 4.30-6.00pm	Doody Park 3.45-5.00pm	1 st XI - Doody Park 4.30-6.00pm		Game SATURDAY
16s		Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm		Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm		
14s		Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm		Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm		
12s	Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm		Adamsfield 3.45-5.00pm			
10s	Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm					
8s & 9s	Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm					
6s & 7s	Dangarfield 3.45-5.00pm					
HOCKEY Opens	Games UNE Turf Time TBC	UNE Turf 5.00-6.00pm	Green Room 3:45 - 4:45pm			Game UNE Turf
11s, 13s, 16s		UNE Turf 3.45-5.00pm			Game UNE Turf	
NETBALL Teams 1 & 2		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm		MS Courts 4.30-6.00pm		Games SATURDAY
Teams 3,4,5,6		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm	MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm			
Netta	MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm					
RUGBY Opens		Doody Park 4.45-6.00pm	Backfield 3.45-5.00pm	Doody Park 4.45-6.00pm		Game SATURDAY
16s		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		
15s	Backfield 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm			
14s	Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm			
13s		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Sth 3.45-5.00pm		
SQUASH		Smith House 4.00-5.15pm		Smith House 4.00-5.15pm		
SHOOTING	Small Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm		Small Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm			Full Bore Range 3.45-5.15pm

Extra Sports	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
CROSS COUNTRY		TBC	3.45pm-5.15pm Moran Oval	TBC		TBC Comps
DANCE			3.45pm-5.00pm McConville			
GIRLS RUGBY 7s				Training Time-TBC Backfield	Games	
SWIMMING		TAS Pool 6.15am		TAS Pool 6.15am		

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

The cricket season came to an end for most this weekend gone, and what an enjoyable and successful one it has been. I firstly want to congratulate all players for their hard work and efforts this season, but as well want to thank the parents who consistently help out. We wouldnt be able to run cricket as well as we do with out you!

A huge congratulations and special mention must go to our TAS White U14, TAS White U16 and our First XI team, who have all made it through to Grand Finals this Saturday!

We encourage our school community to show thier support at the following games:

TAS White U14 v Hillgrove @ Doody Park, 9am

TAS White U16 v Hillgrove @ Elizabeth Park (Jack Vallance Oval), 9am

TAS Firsts v Easts @ Bellevue Oval, 12.45pm

I am sure our players would appreciate your support.

Ms Rachel Harrison

Netball

It's great to see some registrations rolling in but if you haven't already done so, please make sure you register as soon as possible. All registrations must be finalised by Friday 6 April, which is fast approaching in Week 10.

Before registering parents must logon to their ServiceNSW account to download their Active Kids voucher, there is then an option to redeem this when registering - please note that you will only be able to redeem the voucher when registering - not at a later date.



Netball (Cont.)

Registration is now open and must be completed online using the following link.

goo.gl/H5KmvQ

If you played last year for TAS or another school and have MyNetball login details you will need to use these, if you have forgotten your details you can use the 'Forgotten login details?' link.

If you have not used this system before you will need to set up your account, if you click on the link above there is a section called 'Don't have a Login ID?' so just follow the prompts to set this up.

The registration process is relatively easy, however, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note, you do not have to enter payment details as the fee will be charged to your TAS account.

Netball Trials

This year we are looking to have two graded teams, one for girls in Years 10-12 and another for girls in Years 6-9. The rest of the teams will be roughly grouped in ages.

The trial days will be Tuesday 27 March and Tuesday 3 April. Both sessions will begin at 3:45 at the Middle School netball courts. It is expected that you attend both if you are trying out, however, if for some reason you can only attend one, then please just let us know why.

Please note that you do not need to attend the trials if you do not want to be selected for the competitive team, you will still be placed in a team with your peers.

Please do not hesitate to ask either myself or Ms Harrison if you have any queries at all.

Ms Alice Hudson

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

This week in the Creative Arts there's only one thing on everybody's mind - the ghastly, grim and ghoulish '*Addams Family*'. Our Boarders' Previews went hideously well with cast and crew doing great work in almost seamless runs and I extend my thanks to our boarding community for being such a supportive audience. Today is a day of (much-needed) rest for everyone before Opening Night on Thursday, when the real magic and horror will start. There are still some tickets available and after seeing how amazing the shows looks and sounds I strongly urge everyone to grab a ticket (or several) from the Hoskins Centre website as it truly is a frighteningly fantastic spectacle.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



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Activities Day #2

Despite horrendously hot weather (I'll regret having made this comment in a few weeks, I know) the second Activities Day, on Monday 19 March, day was really good: our young people were up and out early. On the whole they were lucky that many scheduled activities involved water. Without playing favourites the Year 6 students were those whose capacity to 'problem solve' in initiative exercises in and around the PE / Wakefield area really impressed me. Since most are returned students from our Junior School I'm guessing their PYP experiences have rendered their ability to solve issues as finely-honed. I know this is a none too tacit endorsement of the IB methodology, but "credit where credit is due", as they say.

Parent Teacher Interviews Year 6 and 7

From all accounts (and there were many) the interview process on for Year 6 and 7 (on both Thursday and Friday 15 and 16 March) went well. Especially impressive was the fact that on Thursday, in particular, all interviews went 'to time' and this allowed for easy management of the whole process – so thank you. Congratulations go to Mrs Robyn Frost, whose organisation of the times and overall schedule warrant mention here as these afternoon and evening sessions were her first.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Information Night

All parents have been sent an email with a copy of information given out on the information night, last Friday 16 March. If you would like a hard copy contact Mrs Robyn Frost, Middle School Admin Assistant.

In addition to speaking myself, Middle Years Programme Coordinator Ms Rachel Harrison provided a comprehensive overview of the introduction of the MYP and the Director of Studies Mrs Seonia Wark spoke about the IB / Round Square interface and how the IB Middle Years Programme years can prepare individual for their Senior School workloads.

The session took one very neat, very informative hour. We were impressed by the number of parents shoe were able to come to the meeting, especially those of you who attended after 'back-to –back' Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Autumn Festival

Saturday morning began warm and finished hot. Middle School day students combined with Middle School boy and girl boarders and many others from the Junior School and the combined efforts of our people were well-received. Mrs Jo Neilson from our Enrolments office not only provided pizzas for all TAS people but she also walked the course with everyone. Thank you Enrolments! While the combined numbers were good, I would have liked a larger number of day students to join us. TAS involvement in The Autumn Festival this year was essentially a Middle and Junior School affair and our job, as much as possible, is to support one another.

Athletics Carnival

This year the Athletics Carnival will be held over two days. The first is this coming Saturday 24 March, starting at 8.30am with the Cloisters Run in the Lawrance Quadrangle (competitors will walk the course at 8am). This will be followed by a range of events across all groups on Wakefield, wrapping up by 1.00pm.



Mr Mark Harrison

Please note, it is an expectation that all students, day as well as boarders, not only attend but participate in all events they are eligible to compete in. The second day is all of Wednesday 28 March on Wakefield, commencing with a roll call at 8.30pm and concluding with the presentations around 4.00pm. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on these days – it's one of the highlights of our year isn't it! Our young people love having you at such events.

Easter Break

The first day of the Easter break for students is Thursday 29 March, when there are no classes. Classes resume on Tuesday 3 April, with all boarders returning on Monday 2 April. The term is beginning to feel 'long' now so this brief break from routine, now ell-established, will be a welcome one and everyone deserves, as much as possible, reflection at this time of the year, not to mention the opportunity to enjoy the company of family and friends.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

ICAS Competitions

Please dig out your consent forms for the ICAS Competitions mailed out three weeks ago. With a week remaining for us to finalise our numbers, only children who have written permission from their parents will sit the assessments. If you do have questions about whether your child should compete, please contact your class teacher for further information.

Autumn Festival Parade

Unlike last year, this year's Parade was held in outstanding sunshine and JS was joined by Middle and Senior School students to enjoy all the fun of walking with our community through the streets of Armidale. The large crowds meant for a wonderful atmosphere and I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who made it all possible on the day. It really was good fun.



Mr Ian Lloyd



All the fun of the Parade.....

Evan Kwan selected to represent NCIS Football in Sydney

Evan Kwan has been selected in the NCIS Football team to play in Sydney on 9th April. Congratulations Evan. We look forward to hearing all about the games in Sydney.



Evan Kwan - NCIS Soccer team to compete in Sydney on 9 April. We wish him well and look forward to hearing about all the games in Sydney.

Parent Teacher Interviews – April 11 and 12

Parent/Teacher interviews are a wonderful opportunity to discuss first hand, your child's progress and development for the term. It is the first step of our formal reporting for the year, following the pattern of interviews at the end of Terms 1 and 3 and a written report at the end of each semester. An email containing a code for booking your interview with your child's teacher will be sent out over the coming weeks. Please contact us if you have any problems with the process.

Head Lice

It is good practice to check your child's hair on a regular basis for evidence of head lice so they can be treated early if detected. We would also appreciate you contacting the Junior School if any are found as this will help us monitor the cases within the School. Information on head lice and their treatment can be found on the following web site: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>



School Spirit Award Recipients - Weeks 6 & 7

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly: Lennox Muli, Xavier Leary, Andrew Alkhouri, Archie Douglas-Menzies, Connor Ryan, James Leahy, Ani Anderson, Theo Munsie, Aamer Alazizi, Mila Nexo, Joe Fenwicke, Marcus Robb, Paige Sutton and Lucas Hu.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following Junior School students that celebrate their birthdays this week: Nawaf Binmahfod, Katie Hynes, Joe Fenwicke and Josiah Baumgartner.

WEEK 8

Wed 21 March

Activities Day 2

Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 23 March

Junior School Athletics Carnival

WEEK 9

Wed 28 March

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm (Including Dance Club performance)

Thur 29 March

Staff Day – No school for students

Fri 30 March

Good Friday – School Closed

WEEK 10

Mon 2 April

Easter Monday – School Closed

Tue 3 April

Classes Resume

Wed 4 April

Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

WEEK 11

Wed 11 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 12 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

Classes Conclude for Term 1

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

MRS CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Junior School Athletics Championships

Our annual Athletics Championships will be held this Friday, 23 March. All children participated in some preliminary events on Monday afternoon as part of our activities day programme. In what was a very warm afternoon all students took part in some training sessions for field events along with some sprinting and relay practise.

We are looking forward to a cooler day on Friday in which children will participate in age races, field events and relays commencing at 9am. Children are to wear their house coloured sports shirts for this event. A BBQ lunch will be provided for all students and parents on the day.

Please see the attached programme for approximate times of events for Friday.

[CLICK HERE FOR OVERVIEW](#)



This week Junior classes from Kindergarten to Year 5 commence new Units of Inquiry. Each class will be introduced to their new Transdisciplinary theme, central ideas and lines of inquiry.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea - The big issue to be investigated	Lines of Inquiry - An inquiry into...
Kindergarten	Where we are in place and time	Family histories allow us to celebrate who we are and where we have come from	Families in other places Structures of family and family groups Family celebrations past and present
Year 1	How the World Works	Forces around us affect how things work	Movement of objects on land, water and air Physical forces and their effects Forces in daily life
Year 2	Who We Are	Connections people have with places	
Year 3	Who We Are	Neighbouring countries are similar and different	Natural and built features of our country Our connection to neighbouring countries People's perception of places are the basis for actions to protect places and environments
Year 4	Where We Are in Place and Time	Exploration leads to discovery and develops new understandings	There are many reasons for exploration Feelings and attitudes associated with exploration Every exploration has consequences
Year 5	Where We Are in Place and Time	Migration is a response to challenges, risks and opportunities	Causes and effects of migration on geography, indigenous communities, cultures and individuals Relationships between migration and sustainability Migration throughout history



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