



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

The Addams Family Musical

Everyone who made it to our major musical for 2018 last week will have come away thoroughly impressed and hugely entertained by a show that was a triumph in every regard. With a cast that seemed tailor-made for the roles, the show rolled through the tunes, the jokes and the offbeat eccentricity that is *The Addams Family*. The accolades that the cast, crew and staff team have been receiving since opening night are well deserved and I especially offer congratulations to director Colette Brus on her leadership and creativity in putting the show on stage.

Whilst the show season spanned just one week, the cast and crew have been working hard to bring us this production for many months and I know that sacrifices have been made in other areas to achieve the wonderful outcome we saw last week.

I also know though that, like generations of Old Armidalianians who have taken to the stage before them, the experience of *The Addams Family* will remain with this current generation as one of the memorable and self-shaping experiences of their school years and that is what makes it all worthwhile.

Headmaster's Country Tour

The first leg of the HMCT through Inverell, Moree, Narrabri and Gunnedah that I began commenting on in TAS Talks last week finished in the same full and positive way that it started with every possible enrolment meeting slot filled and relaxed and very enjoyable social functions for our current families along the way. This opportunity to meet our families, both future and existing, in their own regions is very important to our enrolment process and, I think, reflects the closeness of our family community. I value this opportunity greatly and am grateful to both our Enrolments Office staff who organised the week so well and Gundi Rhoades, Natalee and Mark Cook and Amanda and Mark Tydd who hosted us so generously along the way.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

TAS Athletics Season

As I write, the final session of our internal Athletics season is about to begin on a sparkling New England Autumn day. Athletics, by its nature, is an individual sport and with a big audience on hand has the potential to expose those at the back of the field. That is why the huge level of participation we are seeing again today is so impressive. The desire to contribute to house points and be a part of the day overwhelm any trepidation about performance and I know that does not happen at every school. At TAS this culture of participation, whether it be sporting, in the creative arts or other challenges, is supported by the always encouraging crowd or audience and that is quite special.

Internet Safety Presentations

Yesterday we were privileged to host former Queensland detective Brett Lee, one of Australia's leading voices on internet safety. Brett spoke to students from Year 6 to Year 12 in age appropriate forums as well as staff and parents in separate sessions. The messages about the permanent and public nature of the internet, the importance of your digital footprint and the realities of decision making complemented the digital detox program being promoted this term and come at a time when community concern about on-line addiction is sharpening.

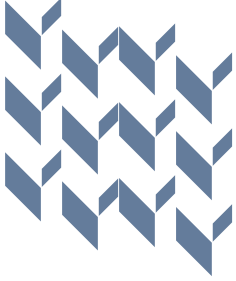
Our Director of Pastoral Care, Barney Buntine, will report in more detail on the program in next week's edition of TAS Talks and, for those who were not able to attend, the parent presentation which was recorded will be uploaded to the TAS Youtube channel in the near future and I recommend that to you.

Easter Long Weekend

I wish all families well for a relaxing and happy long weekend and hope that the bright promise that the Easter message of sacrifice and resurrection will be remembered and reflected on through it. I also wish well to our Middle School delegation who will attend the Round Square regional conference for 13 – 14 year olds at Keystone Academy in Beijing and I look forward to hearing their reports on their return.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

WEEK 9

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 half 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.

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 early in the Term. If you have any questions please email Mrs Brunsdon, Mr Lloyd or Mr Harrison.

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Athletic Carnival cake stalls or BBQ – either baking, buying or selling. The P&F truly appreciates all the amazing people who help support us and the wider TAS community... so thank you very much.

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next P&F meeting is our AGM. This will be on Wednesday 9 May at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room. At this meeting all positions on the Committee and The Executive will be declared 'open' and we will vote on the new 2018/19 positions. If you interested in being involved a nomination form can be collected from Reception or downloaded from the P&F webpage.

At the AGM we will also be seeking to ratify a new Constitution- the formal notice is below:

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association Incorporated (a NSW incorporated association number 9878454)

Notice is given that a special resolution will be proposed at the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held on 9 May 2018. The terms of the resolution (which is intended to be passed as a special resolution) are as follows:

"That approval be given for the Constitution of The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association Inc. to be changed by adopting the new Constitution (as tabled at the meeting and initialled by the chair of the meeting for identification purposes), and with the new constitution to take effect on registration under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) following the necessary application."

Explanatory Note

The P&F was incorporated as an association in September 2002.

The Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) is now the legislation governing and regulating the P&F and it took effect on 1 July 2010. Further amendments were made to that Act in September 2016.

That Act requires the Constitution to address 17 certain matters (eg membership qualifications, sources of funds, financial year, etc.) as referred to in Schedule 1 of the Act and it is appropriate to update the Rules to better conform to provisions in the new Act (eg financial reporting).

A new Constitution has been prepared and endorsed by the P&F Committee. The new Constitution is an extensive re-write and modernisation of the constitution. In most areas the wording of the Act's model constitution is being adopted due to its clearer and modern drafting style. The Objects of the P&F will not be changed.

Copies of the new Constitution document as proposed to be adopted by special resolution are able to be downloaded from the P&F page on the School's website www.as.edu.au or can be obtained by emailing Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or telephoning her on 0418 980 662.

Click [HERE](#) for copy of the new Constitution

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
President

TAS RUGBY CARNIVAL

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!!!

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.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10 - Thursday 5 April (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 6 April (2pm - 5.30pm) in Memorial Hall.

An email has been sent to parents with a personal code to book interview times with teachers.

Two Parent HSC Presentations will also be held on Thursday 5 April - 6.15pm start and a repeat presentation on Friday 6 April - 11.45am start. This presentation will be held in Big School - just outside reception.

If you have any questions in regards to booking parent teacher interviews or you have not received your personal code please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or vobrien@as.edu.au



Mrs Seonia Wark



ACADEMIC

National Kids Lit Quiz

Congratulations to our Year 6 and 7 Kids Lit Teams who participated last Friday in the Armidale heat of the National Kids Lit Quiz held at Armidale City Public School. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and those students who always have their noses in books. Each student was successful on the day being awarded a book prize for their efforts. Congratulations to all participants and especially the Year 6 team who were winning for most of the day, only to be pipped at the post and being awarded 4th place overall.

Ms Catherine Boydell



Athletics - The Official Opening

A crowded Lawrance Quadrangle witnessed our fourth Cloisters Run last Saturday. The competitors tore around the circuit, creating a frenzy of cheering and excitement. In a reversal of the 2016 race, the Tyrrell boys overcame a huge deficit in the final lap to reclaim the trophy from Croft House whilst the Broughton girls continued their winning streak. Track and field events followed on Wakefield for the remainder of the morning and the stage is now set for some serious participation in a packed program today.

No Small Parts

On behalf of all those who were fortunate to see *The Addams Family* performed last week, I thank and congratulate all involved with the production. Every character, crew member, staff and supporter was integral to its success and a testament to the teamwork that went into the production.

Winter Sport Administration

All winter sports will be holding an administration session or trial after school next Tuesday 3 April. This is an opportunity to set a solid foundation for the season ahead and all players are expected to attend. Please check your emails for details from the MIC of your sport.

NSWCIS U16 Girls Team

Congratulations to Lily Neilson who was selected in the NSWCIS team after representing NCIS at the trials in Sydney yesterday. We wish her the best in the NSW All Schools Trials in June. More details on this in our next edition.

The First Jewel In The Crown

On Sunday 8 April a large contingent of TAS students will journey to Coffs Harbour for the 2km Coffs Ocean Swim. For some it is just fun, for many it's the first step to achieving the 'Triple Crown' but for all it is sure to be a rewarding experience.

Mr Will Caldwell

Director of Co-curricular



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Primary 1 Indoor Hockey Grand Final

On Friday 23 March, seven of our Year 6 students took on Ben Venue's Quick Sticks Indoor Hockey team in the top of the table grand final clash at Armidale High's The Den. Throughout the season, TAS had found it difficult to beat the Quick Sticks, despite having numerous intensely fought matches. Since October, however, the skills of the TAS players have flourished and the team went into the final feeling confident that their maiden win could be the most important of the season. Unfortunately, due to a CIS Swimming commitment, TAS were one player short with Tom Ball in Sydney, however every player was willing to step up to the occasion and the effort shown was impeccable from both defensive and offensive positions. Ben Venue did manage to take advantage of their opportunities early in the first half and before too long were in a demanding 3-0 lead. The TAS boys were not phased by this and at the half time break were solely focussed on how they could bring back the deficit. With confidence in their abilities and determination by the bucketful, TAS were soon dominating the second half, having a number of scoring opportunities that were only narrowly off target or deemed too high for a shot on goal. Eventually, through sustained pressure, TAS took advantage of set plays and were able to pull back two goals through the stick of Lennox Neilson. Despite the pendulum swinging strongly in TAS's favour, the clock was not so forgiving and our gallant Year 6 players were not quite able to level the scores for a stab at extra time.

A big thanks to all of the families who showed up to support the team, week in and week out, and all involved should be very proud of the commitment and development shown by the boys this season. Hopefully all, if not most, will remain together for the Winter season and continue to grow as a team, ready to hit the boards once again come October.

Mr Alex Portell



TAS Primary 1 Division Runners Up

(L to R) Sam Hynes, Henry Kirton, Thomas Dundon, Lennox Neilson, Harry Hopkins, Caleb Baumgartner, Kieren Sutton and coach Mr Alex Portell (absent: Tom Ball)

MICs/Co-Ordinators of Winter Sports 2018

Full Sports

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Hockey

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Tania Ball E: tball@as.edu.au

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Extra Sport Co-ordinators

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Junior School Sports

Co-ordinator- Christine Wright

cwright@as.edu.au

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		

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

The final nail has been driven into the coffin of *The Addams Family* and we have interred it into the ground after a tremendous run of shows last week. Audiences were positively floored by the incredible talent of the cast and the quality of the production and the praise directed towards our students has been well-earned. On the stage we saw exemplary acting, singing and dancing from actors whose tireless work over the last six months made the show truly magical.

My congratulations extend to those off the stage, particularly our tireless technical production team who ran the show at such a professional standard and gave every performance their all. And I acknowledge the countless hours given by our production team - Ms Brus, Mrs Wysel, Ms Roobol, Mr Cornford and Mrs Cleaver - to ensure that students looked great, sounded fantastic and had a truly stunning space in which to perform.

There are a lot of tired zombies walking around the school at the moment who will desperately be looking for a relaxing long weekend and I know everyone will be resting easy after a job done very, very well.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell



Easter Break

Thursday 29 is the first day of Easter break and classes will resume Tuesday 3 April. The term is beginning to feel 'long' now so this brief break from routine, now well-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.

Town Meeting

Mr Tim Hughes spoke about inter-school Debating and we're in the process now of selecting teams for each of the divisions. Sensible advice was given (again) about 'best practice' in the grounds during morning and lunch breaks.

Phones

This is as much an issue now as it has always been at school. Effectively, the major rule is: Phone is in a students school bag until just before the end of Lunch, at which time a there can be a quick check for messages - then the mobile goes back into the bag until end of day.

Students were asked to remind parents that this is the rule and messages can only be checked during the lunch break.

Book Club

Book Club will commence on Thursday Week A (Day 4) 12:40pm in Year 6 classroom the first one will be Thursday 4 April, at the end of Term 1. Students are reminded to bring a book they are currently reading and their laptops.

Middle School Monitors

Emily Palfreyman: Head Day Monitor
Mac Orr: Head Boarding Monitor
Will Jackson
Emma Benham
James Phelps
Alexandra Reed

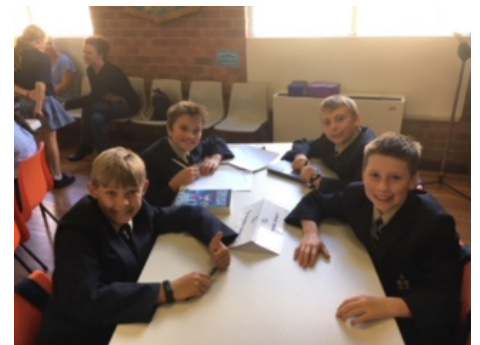
National Kids' Lit Quiz

The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 - 13 years. Teams of four students are asked to answer 100 questions on children's literature divided into 10 categories, which vary each year. One student acts as the scribe, and after consultation with the rest of the team writes the answer to the questions on the printed sheets provided for each round. Examples of categories set previously include poetry, authors, titles, settings, characters, and nursery rhymes. This is a competition for avid readers. Well done to our students whose efforts Ms Boydell reports on elsewhere.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



Mr Mark Harrison



Middle School Monitors

L-R: Emily Palfreyman, Mac Orr, Will Jackson, James Phelps, Emma Benham, Alexandra Reed

Athletics Championships

Tuesday saw the completion of our postponed athletics carnival and I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Christine Wright for her wonderful organisation enabling this fantastic day to go so well. Thanks also to the large group of parents who supported us throughout the day by assisting in all manner of ways, both in the track and field events. The atmosphere was abuzz and the children were the obvious beneficiaries from it all (notwithstanding their disappointment when they lost the Tug O War). A very big thank you to all involved!



Mr Ian Lloyd



Parent/Teacher Interviews –

April 11 & 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 & 3 and a written report at the end of each semester. An email containing a code and instructions for booking your interview with your child's teacher will be sent out this week. Please contact us if you have any problems with the process.

School Spirit Award Recipients –

Week 8

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

Lucas van der Werf, William Cooper-Fillios, Josiah Baumgartner, Lachlan Litchfield, Charlie Ward, Ryne Wilkinson, Andy Hardin, Levi Watts and Mila Wright.

Happy Birthday

Peter Thompson, William Cooper-Fillios and Arthur White celebrate their special days this week so big Birthday wishes to you boys.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 1

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

Term 2

WEEK 1

Mon 30 Apr

Staff Day - No school for students

Tue 1 May

Classes Resume

ICAS Science Exam

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Scholastic Brochures

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering from the Scholastic brochures. The response has been fantastic, and has earned us a number of rewards to purchase new books and resources. Orders from the latest brochure (no. 2) should be placed through the Scholastic LOOP order website by next Thursday 5th April, 2018. Please follow the instructions on the order page in the brochure, or follow the prompts on the website. Should you wish to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in an envelope in the red letter box at the Junior School office. Should you need any assistance, please contact me on nramazan@as.edu.au.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Library Assistant

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 two books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow three to six 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 library@as.edu.au

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

Permission to borrow library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child

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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 2, 2018.

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

Week 8 Junior School Basketball

It was a TAS against TAS battle last night at The Den and there were more smiles than I could count. The children all had a great time experimenting with their skills and, as they were playing their mates, there was no holding back! Despite the fact that the game ended up with almost more fouls on the score boards than points it was a great way to learn what NOT to do.

Special mention must go to Ty for his scoring efforts in last week's game. He scored almost all of the points and was, to say the least, ON FIRE! I am enjoying watching the sportsmanship and good humour that has developed so much over the season.

Mrs Tania Hardin





ROSEMARY LEITCH
AYO
GARDEN PARTY

10:30am Sunday 8 April 2018

A morning of beautiful music from the Armidale Youth Orchestras in the magnificent garden of Chevy Chase. Lunch and one free drink is provided. Cash bar available.



Catering by Bistro on Cinders
Thanks to Armidale High School, PLC and TAS

Chevy Chase, 643 Dangarsleigh Road, Armidale
TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/UEXS
Adult: \$45 • Pensioner \$30 • Child \$20



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5 - 12 year old boys and girls

Registration fee \$85

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ENQUIRIES: Rachel, Coordinator
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