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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11 April, 2018 Term 1 Week 11

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Coffs Ocean Swim

On Sunday morning a record number of TAS students and a good number of staff were up early for a 5:30am departure to Coffs Harbour for the 2km ocean swim that has pride of place as the first leg of the prized Triple Crown award. TAS made up around a quarter of the total field and the crowd on hand were clearly impressed by the spirit of 'having a go' that our students brought to the race. The course this year was, apparently, longer than the designated 2km, but the conditions were ideal and our swimmers pushed themselves hard, whether at the front or the back of the pack that was spread by more than an hour. Jim Pennington led the TAS contingent again this year and he has reported on the highlights of the results in TAS Talks this week and I echo his congratulations, especially to Jesse Streeting and Lucy Fenwicke who won their respective categories with outstanding efforts.

TAS Rugby Carnival

Final preparations are being feverishly worked on for 14th TAS Rugby Carnival that will bring around 1,000 players and thousands of supporters to TAS this weekend. Our carnival is now the largest for the 12 years age group in the country and a prominent feature of the national rugby calendar. Teams travel from clubs and schools across NSW and Queensland and even Western Australia and the opportunity to host them for such a positive and vibrant event is a great privilege. We are fortunate to have Wallabies head coach Michael Cheika as our special guest for the carnival on the Sunday and I am sure that players and parents alike will look forward to hearing from him.

Those who have been a part of the carnival in the past will know how significant it is for our school. It is certainly a showcase of junior rugby and celebrates all that is good about sport at this age, but it is also a wonderful showcase for TAS and we know that a number of future TAS students and families will have their first contact with us this weekend. So much has been done already to ensure the event presents the School at its very best: by the management team, grounds staff, housekeeping staff, catering staff and P&F and scores of volunteers will join them over the weekend. It really is a team effort and I offer the considerable thanks of the School to every member of that team.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Round Square Conference at TAS

Through the second week of the coming holiday break TAS will host the Australasian and East Asia Regional Round Square Conference for 10 to 12 year olds. The conference will gather together around 140 students and staff from 14 schools across Australia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and South Korea for an intense program of activities focused on the theme *'Humanity in Action – Remembering our Past / Appreciating our Present / Building our Future'*. As is the case at all Round Square conferences, the activities will be interactive and it will certainly be a full program. It will also be student run and I am grateful to those senior students in particular who have volunteered to come back to school during their holiday break to assist in leading discussion in the 'baraza meetings' (meaning a gathering of people from different age and role groups).

Anzac Day

Once again, Anzac Day this year falls during the school holiday break and this will prevent us from marching en masse with the Armidale community. We will be represented well though by the TAS Ceremonial Guard who will provide the catafalque parties at both the Dangarsleigh and Central Park services on Anzac Day and I wish Guard Commander Harry Graham and the Cadet Guard every best wish for their work.

The TAS Anzac Service will be held on Thursday 3 May at 7:00am and I look forward to welcoming back former staff member Max Tavener, President of the Armidale RSL, as our special guest for the service. The School will be on parade and parents and friends are welcome to both the Anzac Service and the eucharist chapel service that will follow.

Mobile Phone Policy

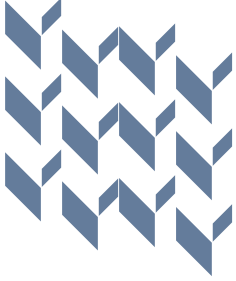
Notice was given to Middle and Senior School students at Prefects' Assembly last week regarding changes to our mobile phone policy which will come into effect from the start of Term 2. The essence of these changes is that mobile phones must not be used in school hours, 8:45am to 3:30pm, without the express permission of a staff member. (This permission may include use for academic purposes if instructed by the teacher.) Phones may be brought to school, but should not be used in these hours. In addition, phones should not be used in the dining hall at all.

These changes have been made in response to a growing trend of phone use between classes, at recess, lunch and in the dining hall which we see as unhelpful to the development of healthy personal communication and social skills. The changes are being made for the benefit of those students who use their phones too much and need this support. For the majority of students who use their phones sensibly, these changes will mean little.

Parents will find further detail in a letter attached to the End of Term Newsletter to be sent next week and I encourage parents to discuss it with their children.

Murray Guest





WEEK 11

Wednesday 11 April	Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews Inter - House Cross Country Championships
Thursday 12 April	Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews April Holidays - Classes Conclude
Friday 13 April	Staff Day TAS Rugby Carnival
Saturday 14 April	TAS Rugby Carnival
Sunday 15 April	TAS Rugby Carnival

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday 22 April - 26 April	TAS Young Round Square Conference 10-12 Year Olds - At TAS
Thursday 26 April	Tour de Rocks

TERM 2

Monday 30 April	Staff Day Boarders Return
Tuesday 1 May	Classes Commence

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 Brunson, Mr Lloyd or Mr Harrison.

School Photos

Individual portrait and sibling photo orders arrived at school just prior to Easter.

Thanks to those who collected in the short time available. If you have not yet collected your order from main Reception, then please do so before the end of term. Posting will be charged according to Australia Post rates.

Enquiries should be direct to MSP New England on 6772 3519.

It is not too late to order a set of photos or the Master Class and Year sets, however, there is a \$20 late fee attached to the price that covers individual postage from the lab to school.



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The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest
and
Commanding Officer TAS Cadets
Mr Angus Murray

invites you to attend

TAS ANZAC CEREMONY

on Adamsfield

Thursday 3 May 2018
at 7.00am

Guest Speaker

Mr Max Tavener
President, Armidale RSL



From the Student Travel Office

End of Term 1 and start of Term 2 travel bookings
Reminder to advise travel@as.edu.au if your plans change.
Cancellations may be advised right up until the day of travel.
Boarder's passes for new students have arrived at school.
Date of departure – Friday 13 April 2018
Date of return – Monday 30 April
Times confirmed early in Week 10.
Tickets will be emailed to both student and carer prior to date of travel.

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

HELPERS AND BAKING NEEDED FOR TAS RUGBY CARNIVAL THIS WEEKEND!!!!

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 1000 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>

If you have done some baking, or made some soup, it can be dropped on at Junior School Covered area on the days or prior to this at Big School Reception. Alternatively if you are out of town and would like to help in some way you can contact Wendi at Moxons Bakery (ph 02 6771 2232) and order some baking to be delivered to school.

ACADEMIC

Japan Study Tour 2019

I am pleased to announce the plans for the 2019 Japan Study Tour. The trip involves traveling to various cities and places around Japan for approximately 12 days during the Easter holidays in 2019. The Study Tour is an opportunity for students to practice their language skills and gain an appreciation of the cultural aspects of Japan.

Students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 and are planning to continue studying Japanese in 2019 are invited to participate on this Study Tour. It is estimated that 15-18 students will participate and at this stage the Study Tour will take place from Friday, 12 April to Friday to 26 April 2019. This trip will take place during next year's course 'Living in Japan' in Semester 1, for Year 9/10 students.

The Study Tour will allow the students to use their language skills in an authentic environment and experience the history, culture and lifestyle of Japan. The previous trip in 2016 was very successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At this stage we will be visiting, Tokyo, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Hiroshima, our Sister School Meitoku Gijuku in Kochi, a three day homestay and many other interesting places. We will be having an Information Evening in early Term 2 outlining more details and answering any questions you may wish to ask. If you would like your son or daughter to participate on the Japan Study Tour could you indicate your interest by emailing Mr Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au

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

Mr Allan Moore



Exchange Students

We farewelled two exchange students last week – Mariana Calp from Anglo Colombian School, Colombia and Ben Clark from Gordonstoun, Scotland. Both have been with us for the term and have been fully engaged in the school and all the activities that go with it this term.

We welcomed Paul Prindiville-Porto from Lakefield College, Canada just prior to Easter and he now stays on into Term 2 whilst his exchange partner, Riley Simmons is currently settling into his exchange at Paul's school.



Young Regional Round Square Conference

TAS is hosting a regional conference for 10-12 year olds from Sunday 22 April until Thursday 26 April. This will bring around 15 Round Square school delegations together to enjoy a myriad of experiences in our locality that will underpin our theme - 'Humanity in Action – Remembering our Past, Appreciating our Present and Building our Future'.

We will have around 115 students and 25 staff from schools from Malaysia, South Korea, Bangladesh along with a good number of schools from across Australia.

The TAS delegation consist of Millie Coupland, Latifa Nedianu, William Glover, Sam Hynes, Lochlan Gerdes, Abbott White, Nicholas Thomas, Max Rogers and Ty Schalk-O'Brien.

In true Round Square spirit, we have a wonderful group of Year 11 students who have offered their time throughout the conference to lead and mentor the student delegates during the program. Thank you!

Conference Leaders: Joe Sewell, Nick Barnier and Kim Bange

Group Leaders: Ellie McRae/Nick Flannery, Chloe Lawson/ Riley Stewart, Emily Hempel/ Will Forsythe, Milli Krishnan/Lachie Oates, Dahlia Glennie/Wally Bremner, Milli Bonnici/ Jack Waters, Madi Morgan/Henry O'Neil/Joe Sewell, Georgina Watson/Harry Mason, Nick Barnier/Kim Bange and Belle Perrottet/Patrick Foster/Phebe Hunt.

Thank you to those staff who have offered to assist where they can during the conference and to those who have been busily planning and organising for many weeks.

Mrs Anna Barnier
Round Square Representative

Round Square Regional Conferences

Welcome back to the delegation which attended the Australasia and East Asia regional conference for 13-15 year olds which was hosted by Keystone Academy in Beijing, China on Monday. The theme was "Dare to be a force of nature" and was enjoyed by around 15 other Round Square schools from our region from 31 March to 4 April. Our group was then able to join a post-conference tour of Beijing and the region.

Our delegation was led by Miss Hannah Lo and Mrs Anna Gayner and the students who attended were Oliver Cook, Jordyn Melville, Henry Mitchell, Flynn Newbery, James Phelps and Kade Stanley.

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim 2018

A massive squad of 81 students and eight staff descended upon Coffs Harbour for the annual 2km Ocean Swim on Sunday. Amongst the contingent were students from Year 6 to Year 12, National swimmers, handy swimmers, ok swimmers, and the “well, lets see how it goes” brigade. And go they did!

With perfect conditions both in and out of the water greeting the swimmers, the gun at 9:30am was the catalyst to launch into the sea. Jesse Streeting, more known for his exploits in the pool, blitzed the course (in his first ever ocean swim) to finish 6th overall and first male in the 16-19 age group. Not to be outdone. Lucy Fenwicke finished 17th overall, and again, first female in the 16-19 years. Both athletes have a short two-week turn around before they head to Sydney for the Australian Age Championships at Homebush.

In his fourth consecutive swim, Lucas Cotterell placed 32nd with Emma Ward 54th, Tim Hughes (Staff) 65th, James O'Brien 68th, Hamish Cannington 78th, Clancy Roberts 82nd, and Will Goodwin in 98th rounded out those in the top 100. (319 Swimmers completed the race) Our youngest finisher was Tom Ball (Year 6) in 159th place, one step ahead of his father Mike. Emily Palfreyman and Katie Allen continued their amazing journey this term, competing in everything possible, setting a fantastic example to all around them. Speaking of setting the example, the Headmaster Mr Guest and his wife Mrs Guest also completed their first ever ocean swim. This is a sensational effort and sets the bar for our entire school community. To have the Headmaster and his wife both chasing the Triple Crown in 2018 is magnificent.

This swim is not just about speed though, it's about the completion. For the vast majority of our students who undertake this challenge, it's about standing up at the finish, being proud of their achievement, another notch towards their Triple Crown. For they have put themselves so far outside of their comfort zone, into a place so few are prepared to do. When you are out in the middle of the ocean, the option to stop is not there because of the inevitable. Those in step into the water know this is the scene, yet they still venture into the water. We are so proud of them all.

Mr James Pennington



Jesse Streeting



Lucy Fenwicke

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Debaters' success continues

All three TAS teams are through to the third round of the National Virtual Debating Competition, following activity in recent weeks.

As the name suggests, the competition utilises a video-conferencing platform to bring together teams from independent schools across the country. After logging in to the debate, each team is given the topic and an hour to prepare a speech of between six to eight minutes in length, including rebuttals.

In their second debate of the competition the Year 11 team (Harry Mason, Jesse Streeting, Phebe Hunt and Henry O'Neil) were pitted against the Opens team from Scotch College, Melbourne and were given the Negative side on the topic 'That we should publicly disclose all salaries'. At the core, the teams attempted to weigh up the loss of privacy of such a measure against the public benefit of it (such as a reduction in wage discrimination) but ultimately the debate went to Scotch. As the competition draw is based on double elimination, TAS 11 is still 'live' with a win and a loss, and ready for Round 3.

After a bye in Round 1 due to TAS reaching the semis last year, the Year 12 team (Sambavan Jeyakumar, Owen Chandler, Nicholas Bohlsen and Will Almond), debating for the first time together, had a sound win over St Andrew's Anglican College, Sunshine Coast, having been given the Affirmative position on the topic 'That we regret the Anzac Legend'.

The team built a convincing case that the Anzac values, while worthy, are neither unique to the Anzac campaign nor encompass all the values that a contemporary Australia should aspire to; shed light onto the reality of some aspects of the 'legend' that are dusted over by the mythology; identified the difference between patriotism and nationalism and the potential downfalls of excessiveness of the later, and provided a mechanism for educational change.

Last week it was the turn of Year 9/10 combination (Lucy Ball, Jack Nivison, Hudson McAllister, Hannah Neilson) against Belmont Christian College, Newcastle, with TAS arguing for the proposition 'That we would prefer a world with only one language'. Building a model that proposed a UN-sanctioned world language for diplomacy, trade, education and science without compromising individual cultures and native tongue in a domestic setting, provided a strong scaffolding that Belmont were unable to dismantle successfully. Feedback from adjudicators after every debate has helped develop confidence and technique, and with four wins and one loss, the TAS teams are likely to continue in the competition for some rounds yet.

Meanwhile Middle School debaters are at PLC this afternoon in the first round of the Tri-Schools' Shield competition – best of luck to those taking part.

Mr Tim Hughes
Debating Coordinator



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Cricket

Although the games for the cricket season have finished, many other things have been happening. The representative cricket trials were held over the last couple of weeks, as well as the Armidale District Cricket Association (ADCA) Junior Presentation and the TAS Opens Cricket Dinner.

There were many successes for TAS at the ADCA Junior Presentation, with both the U14 TAS White and U16 TAS White teams collecting their medals for winning their competitions, but also many individual successes:

ADCA U14 Batting Average - Benjamin Rowe (Year 8)

ADCA U14 Bowling Average - Jock Smith (Year 7)

ADCA U16 Batting Average - Cotter Litchfield (Year 10)

ADCA U16 Rep Player of the Year - Cotter Litchfield (Year 10)

ADCA Junior Cricketer of the Year - Cotter Litchfield (Year 10)

Our Opens Cricketers dinner was a wonderful and successful evening, and an opportunity for our cricketing families to get together and celebrate the season, alongside Mr Guest and Mrs Guest, and Mr Caldwell. Many thanks must go to Ms Rachael Edmonds who organised the evening and made it a special one for many to remember.

The successes of the night were:

Cufflinks for a century: Henry Smith (Year 12) and Nicholas Farrar (Year 12)

Consett Stephen Cup for Best Batting Average - Henry Smith (Year 12)

Uther Cup for Best Bowling Average - Kieran Dennis (Year 11)

Geoffrey Bigg Bat for Best All Rounder - Nicholas Farrar (Year 12)

Mottershead Cup for Most Improved Player - Hamish Cannington (Year 11)

TAS Junior Player of the Year - Cotter Litchfield (Year 10)

Congratulations to all players, families and staff involved in TAS Cricket for such a wonderful season.

Ms Rachel Harrison



Opens Cricket Dinner Awards (trophies above)

Cotter Litchfield, Kieran Dennis, Hamish Cannington, Henry Smith, Nick Farrar



Coach Liam Treavors with Liam Smith, Jack Nivison, Ben Friend, Sid Nalliah, Harry Litchfield, Andrew Kirk, Toby Smith, Cotter Litchfield, Dahlia Glennie



Under 14s White Grand Final Winners. Coach Andrew Starr, Mac Orr, Liam Hunt, Eugene Campbell, Jeremy Carter, Henry Starr, Oliver Ledingham, Hudson Eichorn, Freddy Muller, Archie Grieve, Gus White, Ben Rowe, Jonathon Phelps

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Rugby

Attention all Rugby players and supporters - there was an error in the previous 2018 season draw. The SBHS fixture was in as 22-23 July, but this has been amended to June. Sorry for any confusion.

Mr Todd Currell
Coordinator

Rugby Schedule 2018

	Opposition	Venue	Time Out	Time In
5 May 2018	Kinross Wolaroi	Coonabarabran	6am	7pm
11 May 2018	Farrer	TAS		
12 May 2018	Grammar	TAS		
19 May 2018	Cranbrook	TAS		
26 May 2018	St Greg's	Campbelltown		
1-2 June 2018	Scots	Scots	2pm Friday	9pm Saturday
15 - 16 June 2018	Riverview	Riverview	2pm Friday	9pm Saturday
22- 23 June 2018	SBHS	TAS		
27 - 28 July 2018	St Joseph's College	Joey's	2pm Friday	9pm Saturday
3-4 August 2018	Grammar	Grammar	2pm Friday	9pm Saturday
11 August 2018	Kings	TBC		
18 August 2018	Shore	TBC		

Summer Photo Schedule

Please see below the Summer photo Schedule for tomorrow, Thursday 12 April. All photos will be taken in McConville Centre. All students are to wear formals, other than the First XI cricket team- please wear your whites, baggy blue and school blazer. Please arrive five minutes before your scheduled time.

Orders for photos will be sent through to families from MSP in the new term.

Mrs Rachael Edmonds

Summer Photo Schedule - Thursday 12 April

TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
8:10am	Basketball 1st VIII	McConville Centre
8:15am	Cricket 1st XI postponed to Term 3	McConville Centre
8:20am	Rowing	McConville Centre
8:25am	All Schools Triathlon Reps.	McConville Centre
8:30am	GAPPIES	McConville Centre
8:35am	Mountain Biking Team	McConville Centre
8:40am	Swimming: Middle & Senior School Age Champions	McConville Centre
8:50am	Swimming: NCIS, CIS, PSSA	McConville Centre
9:00am	Junior School Swimming Champions	McConville Centre

Cricket 1st XI- Whites, Baggy Blue & School Blazers
Gappies- Coat & Tie
All others please wear your full TAS Formal Uniform.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

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TAS THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL		WINTER SPORTS STAFF ALLOCATION 2018	
Football	Richard Newton (MIC)	Hockey	Tanya & Michael Ball (MIC)
Opens Manager	Luke Polson (Co-ordinator)	OPENS	A Grade Mens Caleb Dobos/Suzie Wright Mgr
Fitness	Julie Flanagan	B Grade Blue Mens	TBC/Michael Ball
1st XI	Michael Keenan	B Grade White Mens	TBC
2nd XI	Christian Nexo/Thomas Hyatt	C Grade Mens	Annabel Sheehan/Alex Alker
3rd XI	Cameron Patrick	2nd Div. Womens	Alex Portell
4th XI	Christian Gill	3rd Div. Womens	Catey Curtin/Sandra Kaynes Mgr
Girls XI	Rami Bahnas	Fitness	Michael Keenan
16A	Amy Baguley	U16s Mixed	Year 10 Barney Buntine
16B	Alan Shortt	Year 9	Michelle Jackson/David Toakley Mgr
14A	Patrick O'Connor/Thomas Powell	Year 8	Jaime Curran
14B	Liam Treavors	Year 7	Fiona Porter
Juniors Manager	Jacob Hunt/Matt Rankmore	U16s Girls	Year 7 Elaine McKellar
12 (Year 6 Blue)	Hannah Lo	U13s Mixed	Alexandra Murray
12 (Year 6 White)	Michael Baumgartner	U13s Girls	Phoebe Wood/Barney Buntine Mgr
12 (Year 5)	Inga Stappen	U11s Mixed	Norm Cowan
10 (Year 4 Blue)	Kirsty Brunson	U9s	Donella Tutt (Kitty McPhee)
10 (Year 4 White)	Tania Hardin	Student Assistants	Kitty McPhee, Sterling George
10 (Year 3)	Veronica Waters	Netball	Lily Neilson, Lucy Ball
8s	Stephen Thompson/Nick Jackson	Rachel Harrison (MIC)	Geoglia Kaynes, Belle Perrotet
6s	Lana Hawkesford	TAS #1	Georgina Watson
Student Assistants	David Drain/Emerson Browning	TAS #2	Alice Hudson (Admin.)
Shooting	Gill Downes/Millie Bonnid	TAS #3	Dakota Scott
	Emerson Browning	TAS #4	Emma Channon
	Millie Bonnid, Nicholas Jackson	TAS #5	Zach Hocking
	Alisdair Hey	TAS #6	Charlotte Hunt
	Angus Murray	JS Netball	Alex Pollitt
	Mark Morton	Student Assistants	Amy Mahon
	Lewis Wilde		Anna Frost
			Harriet Wickman, Georgie Orman
			Ellen Coote, Amelia Griffiths
Extra Sports			JS Sports Co-ordinator Christine Wright
Cross Country	Jim Pennington	Girls 7s Rugby	Alix Goudge
Dance	Jane Chivers	Student Assistant	Sophie Tongue
Equestrian	Gen Geyle-Chick	Water Polo	Todd Currell
			Weights Room Chris Doherty
			Ben Buckland
			Hawkesbury CC TBC



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		
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			Game SATURDAY
10s	Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm					
8s & 9s	Cricket Oval 3.45-5.00pm					
6s & 7s	Dangarfild 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		
Teams 3,4,5,6		MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm	MS Courts 3.45-5.00pm			Games SATURDAY
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		
16s		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		Wakefield Nth 3.45-5.00pm		Game SATURDAY
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 3.45-5.15pm		Smith House 3.45-5.15pm		
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				Training Time-TBC Backfield	Games	
7s				TAS Pool 6.15am		
SWIMMING		TAS Pool 6.15am				

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TAS Thunder U14 Basketball

Tuesday afternoon saw the end of the TAS Middle School basketball season.

TAS Thunder (U14s) comprised of Mitch Cutler, Jamie Burford-O'Brien, Jack Hopkins,

Calin Simmonds and Bella Herd who played the O'Connor Kings in the final game.

Despite stiff competition and being down by 10 points at half time, Thunder came

out victorious, 24 points to O'Connor's 22. This victory means that Thunder was

undefeated all term, thanks to their sportsmanship and skill.

Congratulations TAS Thunder!

Norm Cowan

Coach



As Term 1 wraps up I wanted to again offer my congratulations to the wonderful cast and crew of *The Addams Family* and thank all the parents, staff and friends who came and assisted with set, costumes, makeup and front of house. I continue to hear wonderful feedback about the excellent performances and the quality of the production and I know it will be a long-treasured memory for all involved.

With Middle School starting to get into the groove of *Shrek Jr.* I wish those performers the very best and hope that they will use the holidays to come back with lines learnt - time will fly in Term 2 and their June performances will arrive before they know it. Our Senior School has set a very high bar to live up to but knowing the talent and enthusiasm in Middle School I bet we're all in for a tremendous show.

Term 2 will also see the Hoskins Centre stepping up as Armidale's premier performance space with four external shows happening throughout the term.

- First up we have the Australian comedic classic *Cosi* being presented by Veracity Theatre Company (starring a few familiar TAS faces) in Week 1 and 2.
- Immediately following that in Week 3 is the professional touring production *The Orchid and the Crow*, which promises to be a powerful (albeit irreverent) theatrical and storytelling experience about one man's real life (and almost death) experiences - with songs!
- On June 1 there is the amazing opportunity to see Melbourne City Ballet perform an adaptation of *Carmen*. I believe this is the first ballet to visit the Hoskins Centre and by the sounds of things this vibrant and bold production could be one of the calendar features of the year!
- And we have the *Melbourne International Comedy Festival* Roadshow visiting us for the first time as well on Tuesday 12 June. While I am sure this (and the Sydney Comedy Festival Roadshow later in the year) will again prove to be fan favourites I'd probably only recommend it for our Senior students and parents.

More information on all these shows and ticket booking can be found at hoskins.as.edu.au and don't forget to follow the Hoskins Centre Facebook Page or check in with TAS Talks for more news.

Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



"Turns divine vengeance into comedy gold." **The Age**

The Orchid and the Crow

16 May

A comedy about an atheist surviving cancer by finding God in Lance Armstrong – with songs! Reflecting on Daniel's real life (and almost death) experiences, *The Orchid and the Crow* is a solo performance, part-storytelling and part-theatre, that features original songs.

WINNER: Green Room Award – Best Writing, Cabaret 2016.

WINNER: Outstanding Solo Performance – Ottawa Fringe 2015 (Canada)

WINNER: Outstanding Individual Performance – London Free Press 2015 (Canada)



MELBOURNE CITY BALLET
CARMEN

‘AN OPERATIC DANCE
INFUSION OF LUST, POWER
AND HEARTBREAK’

TAS HOSKINS CENTRE
1 JUNE 7:30 PM

MELBOURNE CITY BALLET
MCB



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

12 JUNE 7:30 PM

Warning: Performances often contain coarse language, sexual references and material that can offend. It is recommended for people aged 15 years or older.

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TAS
HOSKINS
CENTRE

COSI
by Louis Nowra

Directed by Michael J. Cornford
May 3rd-12th, 8pm, TAS Hoskins Centre, Armidale
Tickets available from veracitytheatre.com

MUSIC MATTERS

Twilight Concert at 6pm on Friday 4 May

Week 1, Term 2 in Memorial Hall

Twilight Concert in Term 2 will be held on Friday 4 May in Memorial Hall from 6pm.

Students requiring piano accompaniment can book in for a rehearsals with Mr Dunham during Week 1 of next term.

Students if you would like to participate in the Twilight Concert, please speak with your instrumental or vocal teacher and they will register you to perform. Likewise, parents can let Mrs Rachael Edmonds on music@as.edu.au know if your son or daughter would like to register to perform and we will add them in to the program.

Anzac Day Week 1 Next Term

TAS Anzac Day service will be held during the first week back next term at 7am on Thursday 3 May. In order to prepare for this service and for the upcoming Eisteddfod, TAS Big Band will be rehearsing on Wednesday 2 May in Memorial Hall from 7:30am - 8:30am.

On Anzac Day itself, ensemble members will need to be at TAS early to help set up and then to perform at the 7am service. More details will be forwarded soon.

Do you love Music? Join a TAS Ensemble, Sing or Learn an Instrument

A reminder that with another term commencing soon, there is an opportunity for students to join one of our many TAS Ensembles or to have lessons in voice or on any instrument of their choice. Students are welcome to pop down to speak with one of the instrumental teachers or with Ms Roobol or Mrs Baumgartner in the Music Centre. Take a look on the TAS Website for more details about the offerings in music.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



The Final Week

Well, this one's nearly 'done'. I'm pleased that the longest term of the year is the first. I think the Christmas break has been almost long enough to sustain us all. To be honest, students are tired, but they have, as indicated, acquitted themselves well, having achieved much that is good both individually and collectively. What's left now, as I indicated to everyone at Monday Town Meeting, is 'clean up' – of desks, lockers, making sure especially that no food is left at school. This certainly won't be an arduous task as most rooms are still presentable and, honestly, considering the length of the term, this is no mean achievement. The term has been very 'full' in almost every way. I was speaking about it at dinner last night to Year 7 students – all of whom were at Kirby Farm for bivouac. But they're in good spirits, as indicated.

Students will have the 'finish line' in their sights now and I know they'll be able to muster the energy necessary to cross it and then come home to you. They can always muster this kind of energy. At this week's Town Meeting (see notes below) I congratulated them for nearly having completed the year's longest term. As a general rule, the successors will be a week shorter. Most people have acquitted themselves very well. Yes, we've kept them busy, making sure that they've been gainfully employed both inside and out of the classroom, but they're the ones who've made the term 'work for them' and I'm pleased about this. You've reason to be happy with them and their efforts and I want you to tell them as much when they are with you for the next fortnight.

As staff we've enjoyed ourselves and, especially, the interactions we've had with Middle School students. Yes, there have been the odd challenging moments of course, but this is normal for the 11 – 14 age group. Overall, 'things' Middle School-related have been relatively smooth and I'm grateful we're in this position as it augurs well for the second term. It'll be different in relation to activity, though no less busy than the last 11 weeks. So, be sure to let them rest over the break.

While on the subject of the break, I want you to do something for me. When they're rested, ask your children how their first term has really been. If there are issues they raise that we, for whatever reason, may not be aware of, you need to let me know. This is my job and you can make it much easier for me to manage if you do this for me. As previously indicated, I neither have a crystal ball, nor do I have an especially reliable sixth sense. Accordingly, there may have been issues I've missed and if my knowing about them could facilitate or expedite your child's settling into TAS life, you owe it to them to inform me about what's needed to ensure that this vitally important process continues.

By the way, for those of you who are new to Armidale and / or boarding, it can be really cold during the winter terms, so be certain to make sure that everyone returns with clothing necessary to manage the next two terms. When you're wearing the right gear in this city, the winters are bracing: when you're wearing what's 'wrong', they're miserable. Really miserable. I know the Uniform Shop has a list of items, both necessary and recommended, and suggest you look at it carefully.



Mr Mark Harrison

Leave Provisions

Exceptional circumstances notwithstanding, students will be allowed to leave TAS this coming Thursday afternoon. All Armidale schools will finish term at the same time. I ask that any requests for early leave come directly to me so that we can discuss them.

Have a safe, happy holiday. Hope it is wonderful

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Staffing - Term 2

Mrs Lana Hawksford and Mrs Rachel Butcher will both be enjoying a well-earned break while they take Long Service Leave next term. I know they have some wonderful plans and we wish them well.

Mrs Hawksford's replacement will be Mrs Prudence Woods. Having recently moved to Armidale, Mrs Woods is a very experienced and highly qualified teacher, having completed a BEd (UNE) and MEd (Honours) (UNE). She has held numerous teaching and executive roles during her 20 year career. In Mrs Butcher's absence, Mrs Nicole Mackson, well known to many of us, will be teaching music throughout Junior School. We look forward to welcoming them both to TAS and our community next term.

Anzac Day – Wednesday 25 April

As Anzac Day falls during the holidays, TAS Junior School would like to invite students and their families to join us for the Anzac Day Parade and Town Service on 25 April in Central Park. This will be a very special occasion as we will be hosting around 150 visitors from around Australia and a number of overseas schools as part of a Junior Round Square Conference at TAS. Further details will be forwarded before the end of the week when we will ask for an indication of attendance. As in previous years, we have had a good number of participants so and it would be wonderful to keep this as a well established Junior School tradition.

This year, the School will commemorate Anzac Day with their Dawn Service at TAS on the morning of 3 May at 7.00 am.

Mothers' Day Lunch -

Friday 11 May at 12.25 pm

We would like to invite our mums, grandmothers, aunts and all others who look after our students, to a celebration of fun and activity at lunchtime on Friday, 11 May from 12.25 pm in the Junior School playground. With some fantastic lunchtime surprises, this will be a time for sharing, happiness and laughter. TAS will provide lunch for you all but it is really important please, to let us know if you are coming for catering purposes. We know you'll love what we have in store.

School Uniform and Presentation

Next term in Junior School, school uniform is flexible for the first two weeks as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to school in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From Week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform. Additionally, please ensure that sports uniform is only to be worn on the days students have a TAS sport (not those days when they have PE).

Please ensure all students wear the correct uniform, in a tidy and presentable manner. It is also timely to remind everyone that on return next term, all hair should be tidy and well kept. For boys, it should be off the collar and ears and for girls, if longer than shoulder length, tied with blue ribbon. It should always be of natural colour. We thank you for supporting the school in maintaining high standards for the presentation of all students in our school.



Mr Ian Lloyd

Arrangements for the End of Term

Please read the dates for the end and beginning of term carefully and contact us with any questions. Thursday 12 April is the last day of classes, with Friday being a staff only day. The School will be closed to students as it will be on Monday 30 April, which is another Staff Day at the beginning of Term 2. Students return to class on Tuesday 1 May.

Lastly, after what has been another very busy term, I hope that you all enjoy some special family time together during the upcoming holidays. Once again, from all our staff, thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you after the break, ready to enjoy the onset of winter and another very busy term.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

WEEK 11

Wed 11 April

Parent Teacher Interviews
Junior School Cross Country (2pm)

Thurs 12 April

Parent Teacher Interviews
Classes Conclude for Term 1

Frid 13 April

Staff Day

Wed 25 April

Anzac Day Service and Parade in town
(Central Park)

Term 2

WEEK 1

Mon 30 Apr

Staff Day - No school for students

Tue 1 May

Classes Resume
ICAS Science Exam

Thurs 3 May

TAS Dawn Anzac Service (7am at TAS)

WEEK 2

Wed 9 May

Assembly - Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Frid 11 May

Mother's Day Lunch and Activities (12.25pm)

School Spirit Award Recipients

Week 10

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

Blake Whitehall, Pippi Goudge, Izzie Glover, Jock Taylor, Andi Li, Sonny Blanch, Nawaf Binmahfod, Xavier Leary and Harriet Coupland.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

We have had 40 students from Kindergarten to Year 8 register for the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge which is wonderful. It isn't too late to join up!

If your child would like to participate in the PRC this year, just have a parent/guardian fill in the permission note which you can pick up from the library, and return the signed note to us so we can register you online and give you a reading log and rules' booklet.

If any parents/guardians have any questions, they can be emailed to library@as.edu.au, phone the Library on 6776 5833 or call into the library and see either of the library staff.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Library Assistant



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday wishes to the following children that celebrate their birthdays this week and during the holidays: Ani Anderson, Iles Baker, Simon Hu and Nicholas Thomas.

Winter Sports

The commencement of our Winter Sports Program will occur in Week 1 of Term 2. Your child will have nominated to participate in a winter sport this term and teams are now being finalised. Following is a list of teams and coaches for next season. Some age groups are yet to have their teams finalised. This will be done in Week 1 next term. A full list of teams, coach allocation and training venues will be advertised in TAS Talks next term.

Football:

Under 6s - (Kindergarten) – Mrs Gillian Downes
Under 7s - (Year 1 teams) – Mr David Drain and Emerson Browning
Under 8s - (Year 2 team) – Mrs Lana Hawksford/Mrs Prudence Wood (T2)
Under 9s – (Year 3 team) Mr Stephen Thompson
Under 10s – (Year 4 teams) Mrs Tania Hardin/Mrs Veronica Waters
Under 12s – (Year 5 team) Mrs Kirsty Brunson/Milli Bonnici

Hockey:

Under 9s – Mrs Donella Tutt and Kitty McPhie
Under 11s - Mr Norm Cowan
Manager: Mrs Tania Ball

Netball:

Primary Girls – Ms Anna Frost

All Football and Netball teams will train on Monday afternoons at TAS. Hockey teams will train on Wednesday afternoons out at the UNE Turf. (Please note change of day due to turf availability)

Your child's coach will be in contact with you early next term to inform you of the websites to visit for sporting information.

Looking forward to our Winter season.

Mrs Christine Wright

Junior Basketball

What a fabulous season my little 'dream team' have had. I can't really believe they are the same team that started at the end of last year. Frustrated perhaps at first by the constraints of the Year 4 rules and a lack of immediate knowledge of the game, watching them all play last night (mums and dads in the scoring boxes too) was a delight. They have not only developed their skills but also their ability to keep cool and accept that the playing field is not always filled with like-minded soles. I can honestly say that I have loved being the 'team manager/ fill in coach' for this group of fun, good humoured and skilled basketballers. Thank you to our parents too; without your support and understanding, my job would not have been nearly as rewarding as it has been. I hope to see you back on the court in Term 4!

Mrs Tania Hardin



MOTION FITNESS



June 9th-11th 2018

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