



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

TAS Experience Days for Future Students

Monday of this week saw the beginnings of changes to the way that we introduce prospective students to the School through our 'experience visits'. As many families will know through their own experience, in recent years we have made individual arrangements for each family and these have been spread right through the year. In order to cater for the increased numbers of new enrolments and make processes for our enrolments team more efficient and effective, we are offering nine designated Experience Days through 2018, spread from May to October. As always, all prospective students are being invited to take advantage of the opportunity to have a day in class with their age cohort and for those entering Middle School as boarders this is a chance to stay overnight and get a feel for the boarding experience as well.

Monday, was the first of these days, with five students spending the time in Year 6. From all reports the beginnings of this new system worked very well indeed and I offer thanks to the Enrolments Office and Year 6 teachers Kirsty Brunson and Gill Downes along with the Year 6 buddies in their classes for welcoming these students.

The Enrolments Office is taking bookings for future days and we expect that a large proportion of new enrolments for next year will take advantage of this opportunity.

Eisteddfod Progress

The Armidale Eisteddfod has moved into its second week and already a large number of our students have had wonderful experiences being a part of it. I mentioned the excellent Choirs Night in TAS Talks last week and since then the music events have moved through composition and vocal performance. Particular congratulations are due to Toby Bauer who excelled in a field of over 70 entrants to win the Elena Kats-Chernin Prize for best overall composition, Jasper O'Neil who, for the third consecutive year won The Huddleston Family Perpetual Shield for the New England Vocal Age Championship for 12 years and under and Year 4 student Mila Downes who took second place in the same event.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

In exciting news, Sarskia Clark, Samantha Crossle, Hannah Quilty and Lydie Taylor took out first place at the New England Dance Eisteddfod. This is the first time that TAS has entered the NEDE and I hope that the girls, along with their dance coach Jane Chivers, are feeling appropriately proud of their efforts.

The Eisteddfod continues, with brass and mixed instruments performing now and five days of string events beginning tomorrow, including performances from TAS Camerata, the Senior String Quartet and the TAS Piano Trio who will perform on Sunday. Bands and ensembles begin next week. I wish well to all our performers and their teachers for a happy and successful Eisteddfod.

Thanks to Cranbrook School

Last weekend Cranbrook School travelled to TAS to reignite a rugby tradition between our schools that has a strong history (I remember travelling with Cranbrook teams to TAS in the 1980s and 1990s) and I offer them thanks for making the effort to come to us en masse. Rugby is just one part of our winter sporting offering, but our players and coaches do make special commitment in travelling away for a good number of matches and that separates it from sports with local competition. Having three of our first four games for the season at home and the remaining one as a 'mutual away game' with Kinross Walaroi has injected energy and good spirit into the start of our season and that has been very pleasing to see.

The travel begins next weekend with another fresh addition to the season as we play St Gregory's College at Campbelltown and I wish all involved well for their travel and games.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

WEEK 4

Wednesday 23 May

State da Vinci Decathlon (Knox)

Armidale Eisteddfod Dance (Ex-Services Club)

Thursday 24 May

State da Vinci Decathlon (Knox)

Friday 25 May

Ancient History Study Day Years 11/12 (UNE)

Saturday 26 May

Rugby vs St Gregory's College (Sydney)

WEEK 5

Monday 28 May

Years 6-10 Semester Exams

Tuesday 29 May

Years 6-10 Semester Exams

Wednesday 30 May

da Vinci Decathlon

Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (3.30pm)

Year 11 Parent Information Session (6.15pm)

Thursday 31 May

Years 6-10 Semester Exams

Year 11 Parent Information Session (11.45am)

Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (2pm)

Sydney HSC Careers Expo

Friday 1 June

Years 6-10 Semester Exams

Saturday 1 June

Rugby vs The Scots College (Sydney)

Sydney HSC Expo

CADETS

Cadets taking part in Activities Day 4 (Wednesday 20 June) and 5 (Monday 27 August) will see students dismissed following parade at 5pm rather than the usual 3.30pm. Students and parents are requested to take this into account when organising after school travel or collections. Further details regarding Activities Day 4 will follow in TAS Talks Week 7.

CAPT Angus Murray
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Embedded Technology Club

Years 6 -12 - Expressions of Interest

TAS wants to design and build portable GPS units to be used by Cadets as a fail-safe option when they undertake demanding navigation exercises.

There is an opportunity for 10 students to be involved in designing and building the devices before Bivouac 2018.

If you are interested in electronics, microprocessors (Arduino etc), the Internet of Things (IoT), designing, laser cutting, soldering, building, coding, working in a team and problem solving, this club is for you!

The club will meet in the Library on Monday mornings 7:45 - 8:30 am.

Please email Mr Caldwell with your expression of interest and talk to Mr Scott if you want to know more about what will be involved.

Queen's Birthday Weekend travel dates

Classes end Thursday 7 June 3.30 PM

Depart school Friday 8 June AM

Boarders return to school Monday 11 June PM

Classes resume Tuesday 8.45 AM (Timetable Day 7)

Parents/carers are asked to submit their bookings now so that the busiest weekend in the free coach/train calendar runs as smoothly as possible. Please note that boarding houses are closed on this weekend. Day students also enjoy an extra day off school on Friday 8 June as staff are involved in meetings, staff training and lesson preparation.

Health Centre

During the winter months we will have a visiting physiotherapist working from the Health Centre on Tuesday mornings. To make an appointment please phone the Health Centre 0428 152 291.

SHOW YOUR TAS SPIRIT - TAS SUPPORTER JACKETS AVAILABLE

The TAS Uniform Shop has introduced TAS Supporter Jackets for friends and family of TAS. These are so that we can be comfy and warm on those cold winter days whilst supporting our children at hockey, rugby, football, netball or anywhere else for that matter. They are gorgeous blue fleece lined, windproof jackets with 'TAS Supporter' on the back. These jackets are not for students – they have the blue and white sports jackets; but anyone else can wear them.

The jackets are \$120 each and there are a limited numbers available (mens and womens in most sizes). Jackets will sell on a first come, first pay basis – you can pay cash, eftpos or put them on your school account. If you have any queries please contact the Uniform Shop.

BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE P&F

In line with our new Constitution if you wish to be on the Committee or Executive or vote at our meetings you must now become a Voting Member.

To be a Voting Member you just need to fill in a form (use link below) and send it to Jo Neilson jneilson@as.edu.au . [CLICK HERE](#).

Forms can be filled in at any time, including if you pop in to a meeting. This form is also available on the TAS website.

NEXT P&F MEETING WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE – ANNUAL FUNDING MEETING

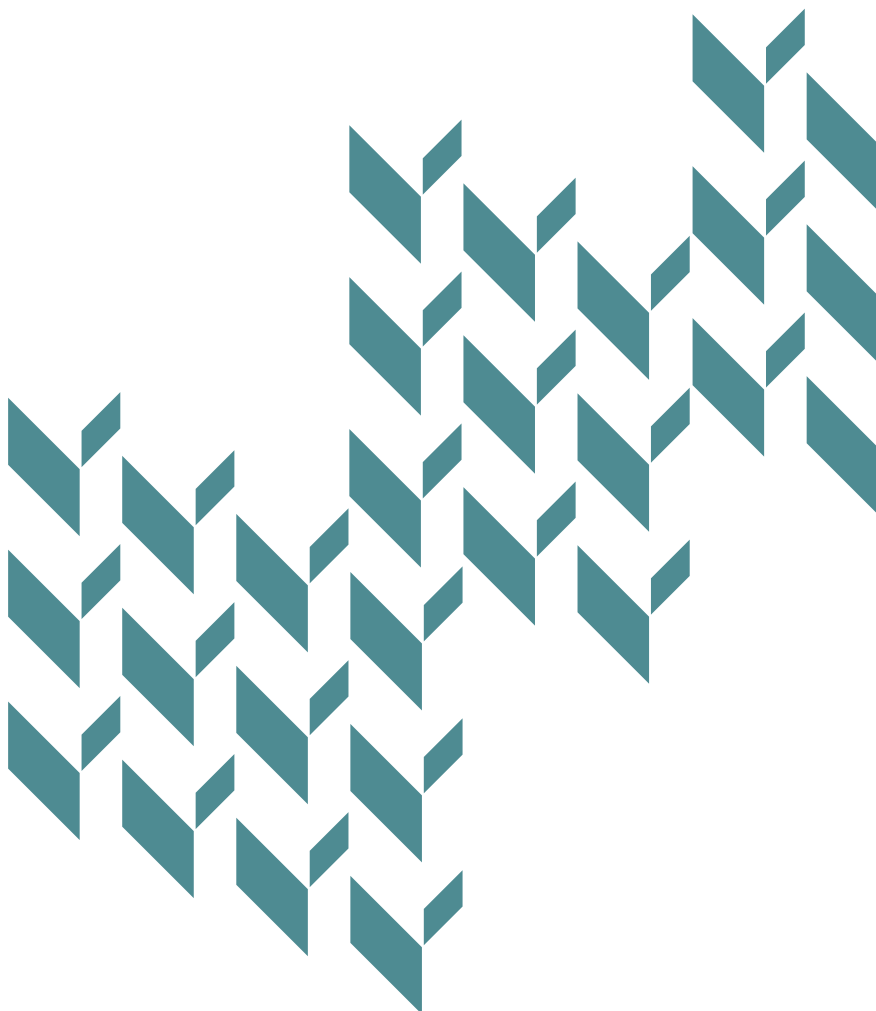
Come and help us spend the money you've helped us raise at the Funding Meeting on **Wednesday 27 June at 7pm** in the Maxwell Room.

If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there. Meetings are open to all parents... but to vote you need to be a Voting Member – just fill in that form!

Alternatively, if you wish to put forward a proposal for the use of funds please send these to Mr Guest as soon as possible so all proposals can be evaluated prior to the meeting.

Funding proposals should be costed, justified and seek to help a significant proportion of school. Any proposal should also be for things that are tangible, something that school wouldn't normally pay for and on the 'really nice to have' list. If you have any queries about the funding process please contact me on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

Mrs Rachael Nicoll
P&F President



The Princess Bride

Revelation 21:9-10

Ahh, to be a princess, to be loved by a handsome prince, to live in a castle, to have a fairy tale wedding, to have wealth lavished upon you.

We saw over the weekend this is possible, Meghan lived out her Disney dream, in fact I reckon it will become a Disney movie.

Meghan Markle, an American has become a princess (sort of). Even an American, and I guess now we bow and curtsy at her presence. She has done it.

However, this wedding did not come cheaply. Reports say that it cost around 30 million pounds, that's over \$50 million Australian dollars. Even her dress cost up towards \$400 000. This wedding did not come cheaply. Then there is the social cost, half the guest list was filled by Hollywood stars, not royalty and dignitaries, even notable Prime Ministers and Presidents were absent.

Yet, this is not the most astounding wedding ever to be spoken of. There is another where the most underserving of brides was so loved, that the cost was infinitely higher. The bride herself, not just underserving, but unlovely, not like the fairy tale Disney account where the bride's beauty was veiled by her poverty, her destitution and her plight. No, this bride was unattractive and yet loved. Even worse, this bride despised her suitor, scorned him and resisted him, yet he pursued her, and loved her regardless. It ended up costing him his life, to demonstrate his love, to win her over and make her his bride.

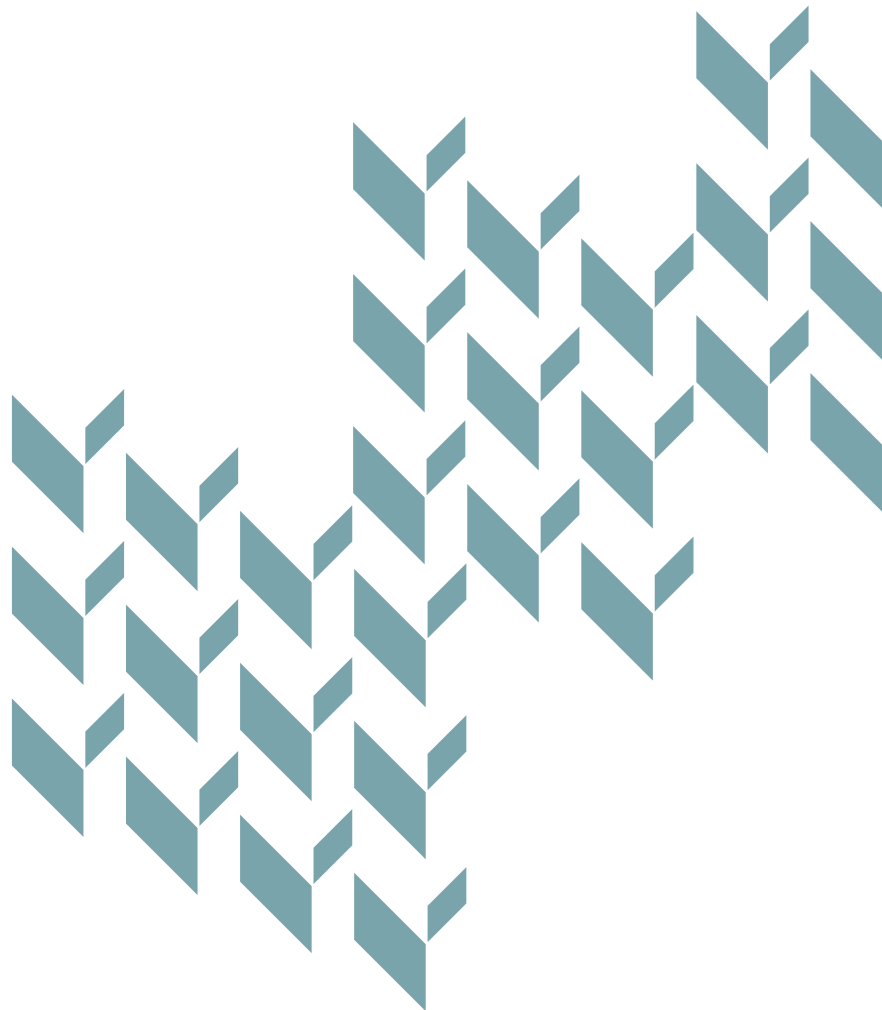
This is a truly amazing love story. This is our story.

This is the reality if Christ's love for us. This is what it looks like for us to be described as Christ's bride at the end of days as described in the book of Revelation. To be a Princess Bride is within the grasp of each of us, to be wedded to the King of Kings is within our reality. Maybe the idea of being a princess isn't the most appealing picture to some of us, but the notion that this is the description of Jesus' devotion to us surely is.

Mr Richard Newton



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Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next week - WEDNESDAY 30 May (3.30pm - 6pm) and THURSDAY 31 May (2pm - 5.30pm).

Two Parent Information Sessions will also be held at this time - Wednesday 30 May beginning at 6.15pm and Thursday 31st May beginning at 11.45am

An email has been sent to parent with the link and and personal code to make your interview booking.

The email will come FROM: The Armidale School with the SUBJECT: The Armidale School - Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews Event

Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien if you have any problems - vobrien@as.edu.au or 6776 5806



Mrs Seonia Wark

Tutor Timetable - Library

Tutoring is available for students in Years 9 -12 in English, Maths, Science, Biology and Physics. See timetable below.

Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
Years 9 - 12	Years 9 - 12		Years 9 - 12		Years 9 - 12	
Library	Library		Library		Library	
7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm	7 – 8pm
Maths	Chemistry	English	Advanced Maths Yr 11/12	English	Maths Standard	Maths/Science
Yr 11/12	Yr 11/12	Yr 9/10	(Julian)	Yr 9/10	Yr 11/12	Yr 9/10
(Laura)	(Laura)	(Belinda)		(Belinda)	(Julian)	(Liam)
8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm	8 – 9pm
Science/Maths	Biology Yr 11/12	English	Maths Ext	English	Maths	Physics
Yr 9/10	(Laura)	Yr 11/12	Yr 11/12	Yr 11/12	(all levels)	Yr 11/12
(Laura)		(Belinda)	(Julian)	(Belinda)	Yr 11/12	(Liam)
					(Julian)	

Extended Academic Day Program - Library

A reminder of TAS' Extended Academic Day Program and the opening hours of the Library.

Early Morning Program (7:30am – 8:45am Monday to Friday for Years 6 to 12)

The Library will open from 7.30am for students who are at school for early commitments or just want to work quietly or read before the school day starts.

Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 6 to 8)

Literacy and Numeracy sessions are available . Charges apply for Day students at \$15 per afternoon.

Please contact Vickey O'Brien vobrien@as.edu.au if you wish to book your child in for one of these sessions.

Day students must be collected by 6pm.

Evening Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9 to 12)

The library is also open for all students in Years 9 to 12 to work quietly.

Friday Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 5.30pm for Years 6 to 12)

The library will be open for all students in Years 6 to 12 to work quietly until 5.30pm. There is no specific academic support available during this time. The library will be supervised at all times by Mrs Bremner or Mrs Polson. They are available to give general guidance but not specific tutoring in areas of concern. Day students are able to access the Dining Hall at breakfast or dinner by swiping their Student Card at the door. Costs associated with meals will be added to their TAS account.

Sydney HSC and Careers Expo 31 May-1 June

Our annual trip to Sydney HSC and Careers Expo will be held next week. I have spoken to the Year 12 group after assembly this week to (1) confirm attendees and (2) to pass on the information with regards what they need to bring and the itinerary for the two days.

We will be leaving at 1.45pm on the Thursday afternoon and will travel to Sydney High Boatshed, Abbotsford. On Friday, we have a guided tour of University of Sydney at 8.30am followed by tours of St Andrew's College, Women's College and St Paul's College. 11.30am we move to the Careers Expo. We are booked into the Expo between 12.00 and 2.00pm. After which we will return to Armidale to arrive at approximately 10.00pm.

Students will need casual clothes for the trip to Sydney but will be in formals for the Friday activities. They will need a sleeping bag and pillows for the boatshed. Meals will be provided. For more details go to the Careers webpage listed below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/05/07/sydney-hsc-careers-expo/>

ATAR Explained

Below is a link to a video University of Sydney has produced to explain how the ATAR works. It is a very good and I will be posting it for all Year 11 and 12s.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyVivqAdzcQ>

University of Wollongong (UOW) – Tamworth visit

UOW will be holding an information evening at the Quality Hotel Powerhouse in Tamworth on 7 August from 6pm-8pm. If you are considering further study at UOW, the visits by the larger universities to regional centres are a great opportunity to listen and ask questions. If you would like to attend you will need to register at the link below.

<https://studentcrm.uow.edu.au/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=cc82fb33-d528-e811-8152-005056812c00>

Faculty of Engineering and IT – University of Sydney

The Faculty is excited to launch its Explore Engineering Winter School for 2018!

When: 16-17 July

Years: 9 and 10

Through this two-day intensive workshop on campus students will discover more about the range of disciplines and careers available in engineering. They will experience the latest technologies while participating in hands-on activities, visiting laboratories and industry sites such as the Google office.

It is also a great opportunity for like-minded engineering students to socialise. The application will be closed on 4 June 2018. Applicants will receive their outcome in mid-June.

Please encourage your students to seize the opportunity by submitting applications here. Places are limited.

Mr Mark Taylor

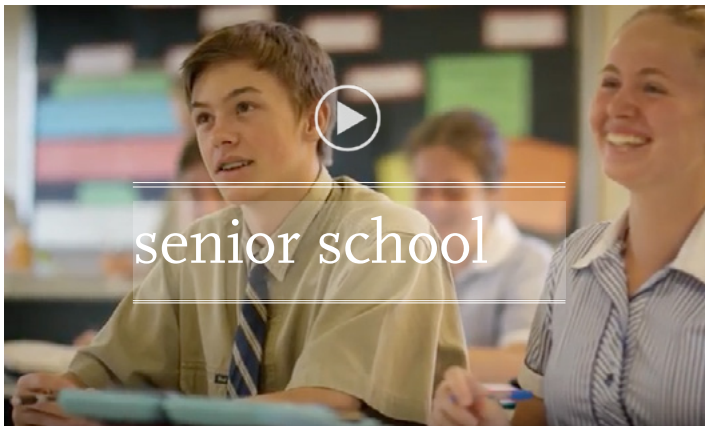


Development Office

Proudly announcing the launch here in TAS Talks of our new TAS Videos. Click on the links below to see the 4 new videos for the digital campaign we will be running this term.

These videos will appear on Facebook, the TAS website, on our You Tube channel and will be promoted throughout websites for a couple of weeks.

Happy viewing !!



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

NCIS Cross Country Ballina

The annual journey to Ballina for Cross Country continued last Friday for NCIS. A strong team of 32 runners, across the three spheres of TAS made the trip, keen and ready to run!

This is a terrific event, which allows for representative athletes from all schools, Year 2 and above. First cab off the rank was Sam Marshall in the 18s, covering a 6km course. Racing sensibly Sam strode out over the final 3km lap to finish an impressive 3rd overall. In the 16s, Sam Jones ran at the front throughout the race to finish a solid 2nd, with Yann Garrivet in 4th, John Moore 6th, Patrick Brennan 18th and Clancy Roberts in 21st. For the ladies, Katie Allen continued her great run of form, crossing the line also in 6th place. In the 15years Albertus Hattingh was consistent across his 4km journey, placing 17th. In the 14 years, Mac Orr raced to a terrific 5th place, Hudson Eichorn 17th and Oliver Ledingham to 20th spot. For the girls 14s, Emily Palfreyman and Karen Baker ran side-by-side for a joint 12th place with Grace Pennington coming in 23rd. In the 13s Emily Buntine hammered the entire course, finishing 2nd overall with cousin Eliza Crawford not too far behind in 11th. Louis Ross, as usual, ran hard and finished just outside the CIS qualifying point in 9th. James Barton was simply too fast for the 12 years secondary, racing away to a pleasing 1st place. Not to be outdone in the 12 years primary, Max Rogers dominated the distance, also winning, with Sam Hynes, James White, Thomas Dundon and Harry Pennington not too far behind.

Congratulations to the following students who have now qualified for CIS next month in Sydney.

Sam Marshall, Sam Jones, Yann Garrivet, John Moore, Katie Allen, Mac Orr, Emily Buntine, James Barton, Max Rogers and Theo Munsie.

Mr Jim Pennington



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Rugby

What a start to the 2018 rugby season with four trial games down, three of which have been at fixtures here at TAS. Limited success has been seen on the score board however, as intended these trial games have allowed for creases in each age group to be ironed out and the team to develop the skills of working together. This has seen excellent development of all our teams, putting them in a good position to start the GPS season. This weekend presents us with a new adventure against an opponent that would be foreign to most students at TAS. We are heading to St Gregory's Campbelltown for another trial match prior to the commencement of the GPS season, which will begin against Scots College on 2 June.

Meanwhile planning for the New Zealand Rugby Tour is progressing with flight details, staffing and itinerary finalised. This will see TAS students doing a range of activities from the famous Shotover Jet Boat and Skyline Gondola through to skiing at Mount Hutt. However the tour would not be complete without rugby, three fixtures against some very tough New Zealand opposition, including Mt Aspiring College and the famous Christchurch Boys' High, as well as several training sessions with elite Canterbury level coaches and to complete the rugby experience a Super Rugby match featuring the Crusaders and the Highlanders.

As per usual the term is very busy, however I encourage all to come and support students involved in the rugby program if you get the opportunity, it really makes a difference.

Mr Todd Currell



RUGBY – TAS v St Gregory's College

25-26 May 2018

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 25 May:

- BUS 1 (Edwards 5944MO) (57) – Opens: **3:00pm (Dinner 6.30pm)**
- BUS 2 (Oxley 7192MO) (62) – 14s & 13s: **2:30pm (Dinner 6.00pm)**
- BUS 3 (Oxley TV5803) (57) – 16s: **2.00pm (Dinner 5.30pm)**
- BUS 4 (Oxley TV8656) (57) – 15s: **1.30pm (Dinner 5.00pm)**

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 26 May:

U13s – U16s approx. 8:00pm,
Opens approx. 9:00pm. *Updates will be published on Team App.

TAS	St Greg's	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	1 st XV	SGC 1	11:30am * (2 x 35 min halves)
TAS 2 nd XV	2 nd XV	SGC 1	10:30am * (2 x 30 min halves)
TAS 16A	16A	SGC 1	9:30am
TAS 16B	16B	SGC 4	10:30am
TAS 15A	15A	SGC 1	8:30am
TAS 15B	15B	SGC 3	10:30am
TAS 14A	14A	SGC 4	9:30am
TAS 14B	14B	SGC 4	8:30am
TAS 13A	13A	SGC 3	8:30am
TAS 13B	13B	SGC 3	9:30am

Accommodation: @ St Greg's - Swags required for all players & staff*

*** Boys without swags should collect a mattress from Sandilands room upon departure**

Meals: Friday Dinner- Belmore Hotel Scone,
Saturday Breakfast at St Greg's
Saturday Lunch- Provided by St Greg's prior to departure home
Saturday- Dinner en route (McDonalds)

Dress: Year 7-8: Full TAS Tracksuit (**to be worn to school**)
Year 9-12: **TAS formals**, to be worn for all travel and on game day.

Cost: All students \$110 charged to school accounts.

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

The behemoth that is the Armidale Eisteddfod pushes forward with some wonderful reports coming through about the great spirit and wonderful reception of all TAS students involved. And I make special mention of our dance student who did incredibly well at the Armidale Dance Eisteddfod (which I believe is a first for the school). As always I acknowledge the hard work and tireless work of our teaching staff, peripatetic tutors and parents who are all instrumental in inspiring and supporting our young musicians and performers.

Next Friday 1 May Melbourne City Ballet is bringing *Carmen* to the Hoskins Centre stage in what promises to be an amazing and spirited performance and a first for the venue. Opportunities to see a professional dance company perform in Armidale are very few and far between so whether you're a dance student, a fan of the opera or simply a patron of the arts make sure you get your tickets from the Hoskins Centre website (hoskins.as.edu.au) as they are selling fast.

A plug for TAS Art Attack! every Monday and Thursday afternoons as an opportunity for students in Years 6 - 12 to work in the upstairs classroom learning new skills, participating in Art competitions or working on their own artmaking or Body of Works. With the University of New England School Acquisitive Prize (UNESAP) closing on Friday 15 June now is the perfect time to get along there and get busy in the Visual Arts space.

And after a productive working bee on the weekend for *Shrek the Musical Jr.* we continue to press ahead with rehearsals as that performance date creeps ever closer. The next working bee will be on Saturday 2 June and we'll be inviting our scenic painters along to help with the set, as well as anybody who is keen to complete the last of the costumes and props. Contact Mrs Cleaver (lcleaver@as.edu.au) if you can come along and assist or keep your eyes on this section of TAS Talks for more information.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



TAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
of

 **SHREK**
THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

TAS Hoskins Centre

Thursday 21 June 7pm
Friday 22 June 2pm & 7pm
Saturday 23 June 7pm

Tickets

\$15 adults \$10 students

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/VLTD>

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford

"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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TAS THE ARMIDALE
SCHOOL

School Life

Last weekend it was Cranbrook at TAS. By lunchtime on Friday, this place could suit the schoolyard scene from Cormac McCarthy's amazingly, indeed, grippingly graphic novel, *The Road*. After a busy 'feed and water' station atmosphere in the Dining Hall students will pile into coaches to spend the better part of Saturday in Sydney. Within minutes, the only things left at school will be fewer students and greater silence really. No ash though, thank goodness (a further reference to McCarthy's award winner). These kinds of weekend activity are, again, a great recommendation of the School. Please encourage your children to make the best of all things that come their way.

Indeed, as part of their Middle School experience, I want your children to 'take the initiative' in a much broader sense during their time in Middle School. As indicated in past TAS Talks inclusions, I am happy about the prospect of working with all people for whom I'm directly responsible. Something that should make our time together universally worthwhile is a work place that encourages the collaborative efforts of students and staff. The only realistic and sensible way to ensure such an atmosphere is to invite their comments in a place that encourages the level of confidence necessary for each girl and boy to be resourceful and to have a 'voice'. Specifically, your brief is to encourage your children to 'speak out' in a respectful manner: ours is to ensure that the level of respect is 'followed through' and reciprocated. Yes, I know that this style of environment is the ideal and am acutely aware that we're dealing with young adolescents for whom school life, in particular, can be characteristically challenging, indeed, daunting. I also know that if we don't continue to try to effect such an environment here in Middle School, then we're not doing the right thing by these young people as it's our collective brief, as parents and teachers, to ensure that they're happy and, as such, resilient enough to meet the greater challenges, independence and responsibilities of Senior School life.

As you know, exams are looming and they can be challenging. Over the past week I have been speaking to students across the year groups, encouraging them to ask for advice, seek clarification and to be sure about expectations. From today's Staff Meeting I also know that some staff have been in contact with you about exams. Such communication is good as our vested interests are in the same people - our students are your children. At this week's Town Meeting I advised all people that we want to know how they're 'faring' in relation to curriculum demands. In short, I want them simply to try hard and to perform as well as they can perform.

Ah, and by the way – if you appreciate the crisp clarity and brilliance of a beautiful autumn day such as those we're experiencing in Armidale (we've been treated to loads of these over the last few weeks, actually) and, if you're in the mood for appreciation of opposites, you might look at McCarthy's novel one day. But, I warn you, it's definitely confronting.

I hope your week is a good one and that it's raining – somewhere.



Mr Mark Harrison

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Cancer Council Fundraiser – Australia's Biggest Morning Tea – Friday at 10.15 am

Millie Coupland has led our SRC recently in discussions that have resulted in Junior School hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in the Junior School Undercover area, this Friday at 10.15am Millie (Year 5) and Ava Wats (Year 3), on behalf of our SRC, made a presentation to both the Prefect body and the Senior and Middle School Assembly this week and they were impressive with their pitch.

We would like to invite all parents that can attend to come along and join Junior School this Friday for Morning Tea. Students have been asked to provide a small amount of morning tea on the day as well as a gold coin (or more) donation to support the cause. I hope you can come along and join with us for this important fundraiser.



Mr Ian Lloyd



Camp Quality

Today, we are fortunate to be watching a puppet performance from the team at Camp Quality, designed to educate and inform children about the role of the Organisation in supporting children who are living with cancer. Bringing hope and happiness to children and their families is fundamental to the notion of providing ongoing support, so we have chosen to do what we can to contribute to the cause. Camp Quality is a not-for-profit organisation that passionately believes in the power of fun in helping children and that laughter is the best medicine!

Giggle Disco

And on that note, on Friday 8 June 2018, Camp Quality is holding a Giggle Disco at Armidale City Bowling Club. The disco will start at 6.00 pm and conclude at 7.30 pm. The age bracket is for 5 to 13 year old children. The disco promises to be a fun filled night that focuses on bringing the community together to help support local families. The funds raised are used for recreation camps, fun therapy activities and other support services that are provided for our local children and families who are living with cancer. Tickets can be pre-purchased at Armidale City Bowling Club on 6772 5666 and the Camp Quality poster is attached.

Tezukayama Trip to Osaka

Parents of students in Year 4 and 5 should have received a letter recently informing them about the proposed trip to Osaka, Japan in December as a part of our ongoing exchange with this school. Please return any expressions of interest when you can to assist with our planning.



The opportunities for our students are endless as they travel to Japan to visit TEZ

da Vinci Decathlon – An academic challenge in Sydney

This week, two teams of academic athletes will travel to Sydney to compete in the annual Knox Grammar School daVinci Decathlon. This is a great opportunity for our two teams from Years 5 and 6 and offers the chance to be with many other schools who then compete at a high level of academic competition. Part of the experience for all our students, is the challenge of travelling away with teachers and friends and pitting themselves against others. The problem-solving nature of the day is really appealing and often, those teams who work well together in the spirit of cooperation are the ones who produce the goods. No matter the result, I wish the team well and hope that they all thoroughly enjoy the time away.

The Year 5 Junior School team is:

Millie Coupland
Flinders Ward
Austin Pease
Nicholas Thomas
Ty Schalk-O'Brien
Sam Strelitz
Iles Baker
Theo Munsie

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 2

WEEK 4

Wed 23 May

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Thur 24 May

Camp Quality Puppet Show from 9.00 da Vinci Decathlon, Knox Grammar School

Fri 25 May

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in Junior School – 10.15 am
PSSA Cross Country

WEEK 5

Tue 29 May

ICAS Science Exam

Wed 30 May

Year 5 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

WEEK 6

Wed 6 June

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 8 June

Staff Day
Camp Quality Giggle Disco

WEEK 7

Mon 11 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 13 June

Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm
ICAS Spelling Exam

Happy Birthday

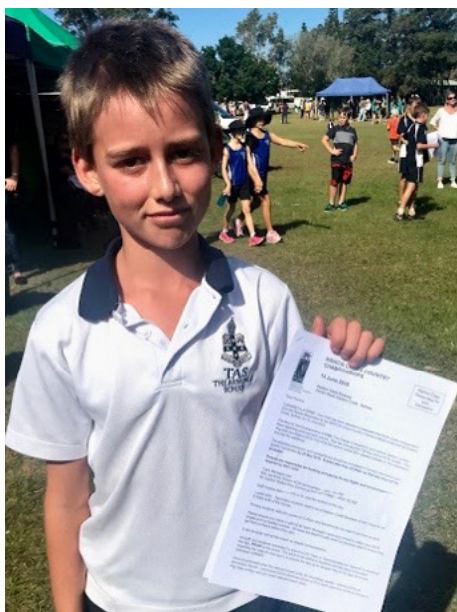
Mila Nexo is our only Junior School student celebrating her birthday this week so a great big Happy Birthday to you Mila.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

NCIS Cross Country, Ballina

Eight Junior School runners travelled to Ballina last week to compete in the NCIS Cross Country. The beautiful waterside course was complemented by lovely warm conditions. We spent the morning cheering on our Senior School friends and taking tips from their experiences in long distance running. By the afternoon, the Junior TAS students were fired up and ready to go! The Under 9 and 10 runners completed a 2km race while the Under 11 runners had a whole 3km to do. All runners gave their very best effort and should be proud of their achievement. Special mention must go to Theo Munsie who came in 5th in the Under 11 boys and in doing so, has qualified to travel to Sydney and compete all over again.

Miss Anna Frost



Theo Munsie has qualified to compete at the CIS Cross Country



HOCKEY

Friday afternoon saw TAS U11s win their first victory of the season, against a well disciplined Armidale City team. The final score was 2-0, two very well defended goal attempts saw Archer Starr on his goalkeeping debut, prove himself as a formidable and very capable goalie. However Archer was not the only player on the field on Friday who deserves recognition, the entire team, made up of Will Ogilvie, Mosie Wright, Mitch Evans, Ted Chick, Charlie Ryan, Sinclair Little, Sam Ford, Lachie Brett and Archer Starr really stepped up this week and played like superstars. Considering that half the team had never held a hockey stick, let alone played a competitive game of hockey before this term, this was an incredible result. The TAS U11s should be very proud of themselves.

Mr Norm Cowan Coach



Above: Paige Sutton showing grit and determination in her NCIS Cross Country

L: Blake Whitehill crossing the line at NCIS

FOOTBALL

TAS White 12s

The Year 5 team had another cracker game after the loss in Guyra last weekend. They played Easts and won 9-1. Easts scored the first goal and the TAS heads went down, particularly after last weekend's loss but the players rallied and went ahead to score again and again. Goals were scored by Sam, Lachie and Sam with Evan scoring eight of them! The team passed the ball between them well, developing improved teamwork. They worked hard on defence, which was a skill that was lacking last weekend. This weekend the team are playing Souths Sonics at the New England Mutual Armidale Showground at 11:10am. A huge thanks to Paul Kwan for taking the team for me last weekend.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon



There's no stopping Evan Kwan who was on the scoring end of some wonderful attacking play for TAS



Lachie Litchfield joined in the scoring as well.....

TAS Blues

TAS Blue ran out onto the field in much warmer conditions than last week's game and the day was a roaring success. The five members of the team are working so well together in terms of dribbling and passing and taking turns with kick-ins. Rudra Tandon once again demonstrated some very strong kicks down the centre which assisted in three goals being scored by Ethan Downes and two by Baxter Carruthers. Evelyn Brownlie celebrated her first goals for the season with two excellent kicks into the back of the net delivered within a few minutes of each other. The Armidale City Tigers were eager to stop our team from scoring any more goals but the TAS Blues were persistent to the last whistle with Xander Dell delivering the final successful attempt after an excellent pass from Baxter Carruthers.

In addition to the succession of goals, the five little troopers showed excellent team spirit and good sportsmanship. Well done TAS Blue - see you in Uralla on the weekend for a 10am kick-off.

Mrs Gill Downes

TAS Blue U/7

From the warm up on Saturday TAS Blue had the focus and steely resolve to get their season back on track with a strong performance against the North Red Taipans. All players arrived in ample time and showed a willingness to practise their passing and kicking well before kick-off.

The positivity amongst all team members was evident from the start with TAS Blue finding ample space through the middle and out wide allowing Layla Abu Assab to find the back of the net three times in quick succession. Once again Layla was well supported by the energetic Mila Nexo and Pippi Goudge who both deserve credit for their willingness to chase down the ball in defence and quickly turn defence into attack.

The accurate re-starts of Rebecca Billingsley and Cecilia Price caused continual havoc for the opposition, giving TAS strong field position in attack. It was great to see all team members spreading across the field on re-starts and testing the defence at any opportunity. George Drain was once again a great link man until his day was cut short by injury. His encouragement from the side line was appreciated by all. Andrian Zhang had his strongest game of the season, his ability to safely kick the ball into space to alleviate pressure was a highlight of his game. William Cooper-Fillios was once again solid at the back with both his sliding defence and strong clearing kicks getting TAS out of trouble on a number of occasions. His willingness to support Layla up front was also a highlight.

Mr David Drain

TAS Blue U/10

Last weekend, we played the Demon Knights Squirrels. It was a lovely day for sport. The sun was shining, and the sky was blue! We would like to thank all of our supporters for coming to watch the game. Unfortunately, we didn't have the right number of players, so two of the Demon Knight players, Darcie and Dominic, kindly volunteered to play for us.

In the first half, we were all playing in bunch which resulted in the score being 1-0 to our opponents. At half time, we listened to Mrs Hardin and Mr Ryan and tried really hard to stay in our positions and ended up winning the game with a score of 5-3.

The TAS Blues would like to thank everyone, but especially Oliver Goudge because even though he was hurt in the first half and had to go off the field he played on again in the second half. He defended really well and always got the ball up field. In the second half, we really played as a team, passing the ball

and playing our roles by staying in our position.

I think that next time we should focus on communicating more with each other and stick to our game plan. We would also like to thank Mr Ryan for umpiring us, Mrs Hardin for coaching the TAS Blues and Mr Lloyd for coming and watching us play!

By Braith Westaway (Year 4)

TAS Whites U10

On Saturday TAS Whites played DK. We did very well but lost 5-4. Tom, Felix, Blake and Mitchell were very strong throughout both halves. The girls were awesome. Sinclair and Archer did a great job in goals and DK were a very hard team to compete against as they were very tall compared to us! We are all looking forward to the game next weekend.

Charlie Ward (Year 4)

Under 8s – TAS White

The township of Guyra welcomed TAS White with a glorious, sunny Saturday morning and a very strong opposition, the Guyra Jets. Jack Wood demonstrated wonderful goalie skills again in the first half, as did Cam Carruthers in the second half as our players became fatigued from constant defending. It is lovely to see players gaining in confidence, some great kicking skills displayed by Oliver Robb, Hamish Leahy and attacking skills from Ruby Ogilvie. Xavier Stephen consistently strived to support his teammates on the field and congratulations to Arthur White for a well-deserved goal. Whilst not winners on the scoreboard, TAS White are to be commended on the sportsmanship skills and wonderful manners they displayed during the game.

Mrs Prudence Woods

TAS U6 Whites

Playing four a side TAS White ran onto the field with determination and smiles. The hard work at training was displayed by all players as they started dribbling and passing the ball to team mates which is a huge improvement! The team managed to score 3 goals with Maya and Ellen leading the goals, our very first for the season! Jock improved on his confidence and begun to tackle the other team which is a huge improvement and the entire team benefitted from his new skills. Dom (our middle man) used his dribbling and tackling skills to remove the ball from the other team and dribble it up the field and pass it on allowing the girls to kick it in!

The team played remarkably well and cannot wait for next weekend in Walcha at 10am with a full team. See you all there!

Millie Bonnici (Yr 11)



Ellen Adams scored a brace of goals for her team, the TAS



Jock Taylor was a powerhouse in defence

Under 9s

The boys started the game with an aim to pass the ball forward and this was generally successfully done. The four TAS goals were again shared between our forwards Hugo Broun, Joe Fenwicke and Sam Ford. Marcus Robb and Josiah Baumgartner were in goal and had only a few touches of the ball due to our strong defence. Cormac Downes, Peter Thompson, Harry Brownlie, Andrew Alkhouri and Andi Li were all involved with running defense and marked their opposition players well.

Mr Stephen Thompson Coach

Netball

Last weekend was our last game with the Uralla Kitty Cats and so the girls decided to leave the team with a bang! We were rotating positions each quarter, and it still seemed there was nothing these young TAS girls couldn't do! The umpire made special mention of Ruyuf and her excellent spatial awareness and 'game sense'. A well-earned victory girls! Next week we join the Armidale Magics and I'm sure a touch of Magic is just what the TAS girls will bring to their new team!

Miss Anna Frost



Thanks to Millie B for helping us out at training and for our games



KIDS FLURO DISCO



FRIDAY 8th June 2018

Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street

Tickets: \$8pp (drinks and snacks available for purchase)

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm

Age: 5-13 years (Adult Supervision—all with Working with Children Check)

Tickets may be pre-purchased from the Bowling Club, or on the night and must be presented at the door

Theme: Fluro Disco (come dressed in your brightest outfit)

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