



FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Year 11 Parent Teacher Meetings

With mid-course reports now ready to be received, Year 11 parent and teacher interviews are being held today and tomorrow. Parents should know that it is our preference that students attend those interviews alongside parents. This fits with our belief that the educational journey, through the HSC years in particular, is best travelled as a collaborative team of student, school and parent. There will almost certainly be times for every student when the knowledgeable support of parents will make a difference, whether that be in advising on strategy, pushing the motivation along or offering empathy and helping to keep perspective. Knowing where things are up to at this half-way point in the Preliminary HSC Course will make a difference to the quality of that support and it is important that the feedback from teachers is shared openly with students as well as parents so that all are on the same page.

To complement the parent and teacher interviews, information sessions will be held this evening at 6:15pm and tomorrow at 11:45am in Big School. At these sessions our Director of Studies will provide important information on the HSC that all parents should hear. The HSC is a complex beast and having a clear understanding of matters such as scaling and ATAR calculation, university entry pathways, appeals processes and final subject selection for Year 12 will enable parents support their children more effectively. Parents will also hear advice from our Director of Pastoral Care on how to manage the HSC journey from a personal and family perspective and this is equally important. Please note that unlike the parent and teacher meetings, students are not required at these sessions as they receive this information at HSC study day sessions.

CIS Hockey

Readers of TAS Talks this week will see the report from the Combined Independent Schools hockey trials last week and I recommend that to you. Our own Mike Ball coached the combined NCIS, GPS and CAS side and I echo his congratulations to the team, including the four TAS players in this high level representative side and also to Sam Wright who was named in the Combined Independent Schools team to compete at the All Schools Championships in July. We are fortunate to have coaching at

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the level that Mike is able to provide at TAS and it is no surprise that hockey is thriving and growing rapidly here.

North West Equestrian Expo

Tomorrow, the first riders in the TAS Equestrian Team will head to Coonabarabran for the annual Horse Expo, whilst others will travel from Sydney after rugby on Saturday. This huge schools event will again attract up to 600 riders this year and the opportunity to be a part of it is the highlight of the year for many horse sports students. This year TAS will have a team of 16 riders competing, the biggest number that I believe have ever entered from TAS, and this is very encouraging to see. They will compete in a huge range of events, from show jumping and dressage to the stockman's challenge, polocrosse, one day eventing, the working horse challenge, equestrian pentathlon which was added last year and others. I wish all our riders the very best of luck for their events, including the polocrosse teams that I have heard are showing great promise and accomplished showjumper Oliver Ledingham who will be competing with his new horse.

In other equestrian news, I offer special congratulations to Polocrosse riders Tom Hamilton and Cameron Frear. Tom has been selected in both the State and Australian Polocrosse teams and will compete with the Australian Junior squad in July and travel to Perth in October to compete for NSW at the nationals. Cameron has also been selected in the NSW squad to compete in Perth and has been named as a reserve for the Australian squad for July. Reaching this elite level in any sport is quite special and I offer both boys every success for the competition.

Eisteddfod Strings

As readers will see on the Notice Board page of this edition of TAS Talks, a comprehensive list of results will be published at the conclusion of the Eisteddfod. In advance of that though I offer special congratulations to Year 11 student, Disa Smart, who won the 15-18 years String Championship on Monday night. Disa competed alongside some very talented players, making her achievement a significant one. It will not come as any surprise to Disa's peers who heard her play in stunning fashion in assembly last week. I know that playing at this level requires great dedication and long hours of practice, as well as natural ability, and my congratulations is as much for that dedication as it is for the award won.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2

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

WEEK 6

Monday 4 June	Years 6-10 Semester Exams NCIS Touch Football (Lismore)
Tuesday 5 June	Years 6-10 Semester Exams Mufti Day Eisteddfod Band Night (Lazenby Hall)
Wednesday 6 June	Years 6-10 Semester Exams
Thursday 7 June	Years 6-10 Semester Exams Classes Conclude
Friday 8 June	Staff Day (No classes)

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
OCTASCU

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.

CITY TO SURF

If you would like to participate in the TAS team for the 2018 City to Surf please contact Mr Jim Pennington on jpenning@as.edu.au to express your interest in the event.

This opportunity is open to parents and staff, as well as students.

Armidale Eisteddfod Results

At the conclusion of the Armidale Eisteddfod, TAS will run a special feature in TAS Talks with results from all TAS students. If you would like your child's results included in this report, please send their name, event name and result to Mrs Rachael Edmonds at redmonds@as.edu.au

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.

CONTACTING THE P&F

If you want to know what's going on in the P&F join us on Facebook! We regularly post updates on what we are doing, what events are coming up and any other useful information that comes to mind.

We have our own Facebook page – use the keywords TAS Parents and Friends and then 'like' us.

Don't forget each year also has their own Year Group Facebook Page... These are closed groups for parents to catch up on what's happening... Please search for TAS Year 12 and then the year your class will graduate from Year 12. For example, this year's Year 12 Facebook page is TAS Year 12 2018.

Finally, if you have anything you would like to raise with the P&F please either contact your Year Group Liaison Person or any member of the Executive or send me an email on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

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



LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE



KOKODA 2018

Are you looking for an adventure of a life time? Walking on an incredibly historic track that diggers before us walked? Through the heartland of Papua New Guinea? Applications for Kokoda 2018 are now open!

Departing Brisbane 30 September, returning 10 October - this 10 day, 130km track is filled with rich history you will never forget. TAS students, parents and their friends are all welcome to join this experience.

Lodge your application at <https://www.ourspirit.com.au/> for dates 30 September - 10 October or email expressions of interest and any questions to Miss Emma Channon on echannon@as.edu.au

Miss Emma Channon



Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher Interviews will be conducted for Year 11 on Wednesday 30 May (3.30pm - 6pm) and Thursday 31 May (2pm - 5.30pm) - in Memorial Hall.

Bookings have now closed. If you wish to make times or change your interview times please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au.

Parent Information Sessions will also be held on these dates in Big School (just outside Reception) - Wednesday 30 May beginning at 6.15pm and a repeat presentation on Thursday 31 May beginning at 11.45am.



Mrs Seonia Wark

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.

Tutor Timetable - Years 9 - 12

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 Maths Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm Chemistry Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10	7 – 8pm Advanced Maths Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm English Yr 9/10	7 – 8pm Maths Standard Yr 11/12	7 – 8pm Maths/Science Yr 9/10
8 – 9pm Science/Maths Yr 9/10	8 – 9pm Biology Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Maths Ext Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm English Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Maths (all levels) Yr 11/12	8 – 9pm Physics Yr 11/12

Wellbeing and Technology

We have been very heartened by the impact the changes to our Mobile Phone Policy have had on school life, and for the manner in which our students have made a relatively seamless change. In the words of many, they saw the sense behind it and they have already seen more positive social interaction around TAS.

Just a reminder that our expectation now is that mobile phones are kept out of sight between 8.30am and 3.30pm, unless a student has permission from a staff member. We appreciate also the support of parents in this and we have only had to speak to a handful of students about their compliance with the policy.

Most parents would also be aware of quite a lot of change in other areas of the IT world. With the introduction of Cyberhound LiveView, students now can observe their own internet usage more, and teachers, with the knowledge of students, can also check a student's computer usage (for the last hour and last 24 hours) to see that they are on task academically during class or prep, and that they are generally using their computer responsibly at other times.

This extends upon other Cyberhound functions that have been in place for almost two years now: to filter certain sites, to send wellbeing alerts to key staff based on trigger words in internet searches and to provide summaries of student download quantities. In some circumstances, we have placed students on internet quotas but students generally are becoming more disciplined with their use of the internet which is wonderful.

It is a complicated and dynamic world, and I thank our Head of IT, Ken Secker, for all his support in helping to implement these changes. We are all the better for them.

Mr Barney Buntine

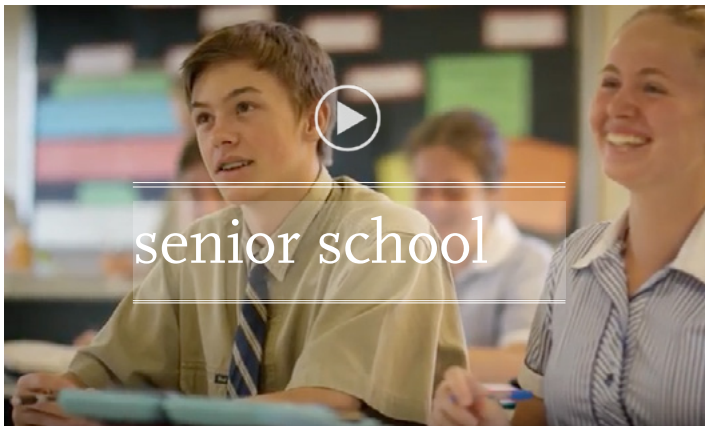


Development Office

Proudly announcing the launch here in TAS Talks of our new TAS Videos. Click on the links below to see the four 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 !!



RUGBY - TAS V SCOTS COLLEGE - 1-2 JUNE

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 25 May:

- BUS 1 (Oxley 7192MO -62) – 14s & 13s: 1.15pm (Dinner 5.00pm)
- BUS 2 (Oxley -57) – 16s & 15s: 2.00pm (Dinner 5.45pm)
- BUS 3 (Oxley-57) – Opens: 2.00pm (Dinner 5.45pm)

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 2 June:

15s & 16s: approx. 6.00pm

13s, 14s: approx. 8.30pm

Opens: approx. 9:30pm. Travel updates will be published on Team App.

TAS	Scots	Venue	Time
TAS 1 st XV	3 rd XV	Scots Main Oval	1.00pm
TAS 2 nd XV	5 th XV	Scots Main Oval	10.00am
TAS 16A	16B	Parade Ground 8	8.00am
TAS 15B	15B	Parade Ground 7	9.00am
TAS 14A	14B	Christison Park 3	12.00pm
TAS 14B	14D	Christison Park 3	10.00am
TAS 13A	13C	Christison Park 2	12.00pm
TAS 13B	13E	Christison Park 2	10.00am

Scots Main Oval: Victoria Rd, Bellevue Hill

Parade Grounds: Grand Drive Centennial Park

Christison Parks: Old South Head Rd Vaucluse

Bedding/Accommodation:
 13s: Sleeping Bag & Pillow-Shore Boatshed
 14s: Swags – Grammar Boatshed
 15s & 16s: Swags- Newington Gym
 Opens: Sleeping Bag & Pillow- SBHS Boatshed

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

Meals:
 Friday Dinner: Belmore Hotel Scone
 Saturday Dinner: 15s & 16s will return for dinner in Armidale
 13s, 14s & Opens will have dinner en route home.

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.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

CIS Under 16's and Opens Combined Hockey Trials

On Thursday 24 May I had the pleasure of coaching a combined NCIS/GPS/CAS 'Barbarians' side at the NSW CIS combined Under 16s and Opens hockey trials. TAS was well represented in this team with Sam Wright, Sebastian Etheridge, Toby Smith and Sam Behrend included in the Barbarians team. The team played three games against other CIS associations and received the silver medal.

The skill level and quality of play at this tournament was exceptionally high with current Australian U16 and emerging Kookaburra opens representatives all trialling. The four TAS players did themselves extremely proud and played outstanding hockey at this level and were integral players within our team.

Congratulations to Sam Wright who made the NSW CIS opens side to play at the all schools tournament later in July. This is an outstanding achievement given to quality of the players trialling. Whilst not making the squads, feedback from the selectors on our other three players was that their skill levels and game play had them very close to selection. This is an outstanding result for our TAS Hockey Club and shows the depth of talent we have and representative pathways available to our players.

Mr Mike Ball
MIC Hockey

Rugby

Last week saw the end of the trial games for 2018 and the beginning of something amazing - a delicious meal at the Belmore Hotel in Scone. This initiative, led by the parents in the P&F Rugby Supporters Group has been welcomed and a valued relief for staff and students alike. With the opportunity to have a healthy, sit-down meal with time saving logistics, this will make the trips to Sydney during the rugby season proper, just that little easier.

This week is the beginning of the GPS season and TAS teams playing in different venues around Sydney so be sure to check what field your son is on and where that is.

I look forward to see you there if you can make it, otherwise stay tuned to Team App for the live updates.

Mr Todd Currell



FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

Things are definitely heating up in the run towards Middle School's *Shrek the Musical Jr* with only three weeks until production week! To help us get there we have a huge Working Bee planned for this Saturday in the Hoskins Centre from 10am to work on Set, Props and more Costumes. If you can paint, lift, build, sew, craft, or are simply enthusiastic to be involved we would love to have any and all along to help. And if you could let Mrs Cleaver know you're coming and what you're interested in working on (lcleaver@as.edu.au) that would help us plan for the day. For our performers I really encourage them to up the ante in their preparation for the show, making sure they're practising lines and songs outside of rehearsals so they can show up there keen and focused (and on time!) to make sure it is the polished, striking extravaganza it deserves to be.

The Regional NSW Shakespeare Carnival will be held next Wednesday with schools as far as Ballina and Grafton coming to TAS to compete in this prestigious competition. We are in the midst of finalising the school representatives in both the Drama and Music sections and with the competition sure to be fierce there will be a lot of work to be done over the coming week.

While on Drama I send my encouragement to the TAS students involved in the Drama section of the Armidale Eisteddfod this week. With events ranging from Improvisation and Prepared Monologues to Choral Speaking it is definitely varied and I am sure all the hard work and preparation will pay off.

This Friday we have Melbourne City Ballet bringing an amazing and spirited adaptation of *Carmen* to the Hoskins Centre stage. As part of this our aspiring dancers can register to do a workshop with them for the chance to be selected to perform as part of the evening. Go to the MCB website <https://www.melbournecityballet.com.au/carmen> and scroll to the bottom of the page for more information. And if you're still yet to get your tickets from the Hoskins Centre website (hoskins.as.edu.au) I'd encourage you to hurry as they are selling very quickly.

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

It's almost June

Well, we've just completed the half way mark for second term and very soon, we'll have completed the half year. It's a frightening thought, isn't it – in no time at all we'll be thinking about Christmas gifts – again. Perhaps you'll even be wondering about something for me.

Well, the exam period has begun and, fingers crossed, thus far it has done so without a hitch really. The Green Room is an excellent venue for our people – largely because they've all completed some form of testing, like NAPLAN papers, there before. The Special Provisions papers have been much easier to manage as well – so, full credit to Mr Luke Polson and Mrs Regina Pollard for their quiet, methodical and competent management of mid-course exams in the Middle School. Next week of course, so many students will come home to you for an extended weekend break. All will be tired; many may be emotional as a result; a few won't want to return to school. If your child is one such person, be thankful that he / she is constructed in such a way that can be characterized as normal. It's not so strange to think that day students, especially after an exam period will feel so tired that they would prefer to stay at home, too.

Despite the conventional wisdom associated with keeping all Middle School students gainfully employed it would be supremely naïve to think that none is missing home – regardless of the time of the year. As indicated, sometimes this feeling will come when routines change: the exam period is a break from normal routine as is, in fact, a long weekend. While their reactions are as various as their individuality, missing home, or simply wanting to stay at home is natural and considering this feeling is an affirmation of 'things familiar' and people they know well and trust, it's actually a very normal reaction and something we should, from time to time, expect. Despite tiredness, in fact because if it, you can be assured that your children are displaying the signs of having completed a very healthy time at TAS as we all approach the half year mark.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



Mr Mark Harrison

Australia's Biggest Morning tea

Junior School would like to thank the entire school community for supporting our venture last week in hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. It was a concerted effort from our SRC to prepare and organise the event but it was the contributions from families and then donations from parents, staff and students from TAS that enabled the grand sum of \$759 to be raised. Well done to all involved, especially our SRC

Eisteddfod

As the Eisteddfod juggernaut continues, we wish both the individuals who have entered various public speaking events and our classes entering the Choral Speaking the best of Eisteddfod luck. I know there has been a lot of time and effort spent in preparing for the events. The benefits of embracing this type of challenge are well documented but I also I hope they are enjoyable for everyone involved.

Tezukayama Trip to Osaka Japan - December 2018

Travel dates have now been confirmed from TEZ as 15-22 December and the preparations are now well under way for our trip to Japan. If you would like to enquire about this fantastic opportunity, please give me a call at school.



Mr Ian Lloyd

Giggle Disco

A reminder that on Friday 8 June 2018, Camp Quality is holding a Giggle Disco at Armidale City Bowling Club. The Disco will start at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.30pm. 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 Cap Quality poster is attached.

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 3 & 4

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

Sophia White, Rudra Tandon, Cecilia Price, Charlie Ryan, Harry Brownlie, Harriet Coupland, Oliver Robb, Arthur White, Ruyuf Al Malki, Tommy Blanch, Andy Hardin, Cormac Downes, Connor Ryan, Reema Al Malki, Jock Taylor, Sam Strelitz, Grace Ryan, Charlotte Coupland, Ty Schalk-O'Brien and Azoz Alshammari.

Mr Ian Lloyd

Head of Junior School

WEEK 5

Tue 29 May
Wed 30 May

ICAS Science Exam
Year 5 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

WEEK 6

Wed 6 June

Fri 8 June

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm
Staff Day - School closed
Camp Quality Giggle Disco

WEEK 7

Mon 11 June
Tues 12 June
Wed 13 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Classes resume
Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm
ICAS Spelling Exam

WEEK 8

Wed 20 June

No Assembly
Activities Day No 4

WEEK 9

Wed 27 June

Thu 28 June
Fri 29 June

Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm
Classes Conclude
Staff Day

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Daniel Bayne,
Tom Rowe, Archer Starr and Paige
Sutton who are all celebrating their
Birthdays this week.

All Junior School classes have commended new Units of Inquiry exploring elements of Transdisciplinary Theme descriptors. All planned units have been centred around a Central Idea and Lines of Inquiry. The units have been carefully linked to Key Concepts. The concepts are the keys to unlocking inquiry. Conceptual questions are very powerful and allow students to view ideas through different lenses.

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea	Key Concepts
Transition	How We Express Ourselves	Senses are used to explore our environment	Form Function Perspective
Kindergarten	How We Express Ourselves	Our imagination grows through play, art, drama and stories from different cultures.	Perspective Form Reflection
Year 1	How We Organise Ourselves	Communities provide services designed to meet people's needs	Function Connection Responsibility
Year 2	Where We Are in Place and Time	Learning about changes from the past can help us make Connections to the future	Change Causation Connection
Year 3	Where We Are in Place and Time	Many people have contributed to a community and have influenced how the community has developed.	Change Connection Perspective
Year 4	How The World Works	Humans use their knowledge of materials to suit their needs.	Form Change Responsibility
Year 5	How The World Works	Understanding of scientific knowledge is constantly evolving and has an impact on people's lives	Change Connection Responsibility

If you have any expertise in any of the units mentioned above please do not hesitate to let your class teachers or myself know. Parent involvement can be a way to enhance learning.



Year 4 discussed the concept 'Change' when categorising materials. Some great discussions were had about whether the changes were 'physical' or 'chemical'



Year 1 explored friendship through conceptual lenses

PSSA Cross Country –

Friday, 25 May

Twenty five of our finest athletes braved the dreary conditions last Friday to compete in the annual PSSA Cross Country event at Bellevue Oval, UNE. The conditions were certainly not pleasant, however, our athletes made up for that with their fine sportsmanship, perseverance and determination. We had many fine results, PB's and exciting finishes.

Congratulations to all who participated and in particular the following children who did exceptionally well in their divisions:

Evan Kwan – 2nd in 11 year boys
Theo Munsie – 4th in the 11 year boys
Flinders Ward – 13th in the 11 year boys

Blake Whitehill – 16th in the 10 year boys
Oliver Goudge – 17th in the 10 year boys



FOOTBALL

TAS U7s Blue

Buoyed by their performance last weekend, TAS Blue arrived at Rologas 6 keen to continue their purple patch of form against the Guyra Goannas. From the kick off TAS Blue knew they were in for a tough game against a well drilled opposition.

Once again TAS Blue started strongly with plenty of positive talk amongst the team and many attacking raids through the middle of the Guyra defence falling agonisingly short of goal. Layla Abu Assab was once again busy up front questioning the Guyra defence at any opportunity. Mila Nexo is improving every week and pushed forward in attack giving Layla options near goal. George Drain, back to full fitness, was eager in defence and delivered deft link passes in attack. George was well supported by Rebecca Billingsley who is to be commended for her energy around the field and willingness to take re-starts at any opportunity. Cecilia Price continually put her body on the line in defence, particularly close to the TAS goal, saving a number of goals. Pippi Goudge was her usual busy self in both defence and attack, continually pressuring the Guyra defence at any opportunity. William Cooper-Fillios was a rock in defence at the back. William's ability to relieve pressure through clearing kicks or safety kicks into touch is to be applauded. The return of Bonnie Blanch gave the team a lift with all players appreciating Bonnie's ability to pass into space and stay on the ball in defence.

I am looking forward to working on our attacking drills at training this week and next weekend's fixture against the Guyra Squirtles at 9am Saturday on Guyra 8.

Mr David Drain

TAS 12s White

The ups and downs of team sport are amazing - one weekend you are winning by heaps and the next weekend you are on the end of the defeat. And that was the tale of our game on Saturday. Missing several key players and playing a talented Souths team our players had goal after goal scored against them in the first half. After a pep talk at half time about getting to the ball first, working as a team and keeping their heads high they returned to the field with one missing - to prevent the same score lining happening in the second half. And they did this! The defensive players became more determined to stop their scorers from getting the ball into the net and pleasingly we only had three goals scored against us - and this was with only 10 players on the field for the second half. This was a huge step up in the second half that the players could be proud of and pleasingly a better way to finish the game. Congratulations to Ty Schalk O'Brien and Sam Strelitz for doing a great job in goals and preventing an even bigger goal margin from occurring. Next weekend we are playing TAS Blue at Adamsfield.

Mrs Kirsty Brunson

TAS U10s Blue

On Saturday we played the DK Daredevils at Rologas. The Daredevils were a very competitive team and they won by three points. It was not that cold compared to a lot other weekends and there were not too many clouds.

A special thing about the game was that it was 'Silent Saturday' and almost everyone on the sidelines was silent.

One player that I thought played well was Charlie Ryan because he helped the team by scoring two goals. Another player that I thought played well was Will Ogilvie because if you did something wrong he would always say, "It's okay!" instead of saying, "Why did you do that?" Mohammad's goal keeping was very good again this week and he was able to pull off some excellent saves. Mrs Hardin was very impressed with Braith Westaway's focus, he worked hard at playing his position and Sonny Blanch supported the team with quiet confidence!

I think our greatest strength is team work, always backing each other up in both defence and attack. I think that we should work on shooting goals this week.

I would like to thank Mr Ryan for helping out in our games.

By Lachie Hunter (Year 4)

FOOTBALL

TAS Whites

What a joy to watch Saturdays game! The improvement across the board was evident as all players are developing a greater awareness of positional play and are mindful of options when passing. To see the players in positions and playing so cohesively as a team was pleasing.

Felix Winslett and Archer Starr played exceptionally well in goals and were really well supported by the backs, Sinclair Little, Tom Rowe and Mila Downes. The students were guided at half time by coach Kelly Ward to ensure they were focussed on the ball and not the player coming towards them.

This had an enormous impact on the confidence shown by many players. Mitchell Evans, Blake Whitehill, Katie Hynes and Charlie Ward attacked with great strength, passing the ball effectively. It was a victory for TAS 7-1.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support, to Mrs Rowe for the oranges and Mrs Ward for coaching.

Mrs Veronica Waters

TAS U9s

The game this week was a tough one. DK Dagers had a fast and strong group of players keen to apply pressure. Due to some early game lethargy on TAS' part, DK took the lead with a quick goal. Sam Ford levelled the score with an impressive run and strike past the diving goalie. For much of the remainder of the game the ball surged backwards and forwards as both teams played hard and made strikes at goal. Unfortunately for TAS, a DK kick with difficult, bouncing ball made it into the net towards the end of the second half and they won the game 2-1. All the boys are to be commended for a very impressive game, with some fine passing, great teamwork and strong strikes at goal.

Mr Stephen Thompson

HOCKEY

Under 9s

It has been wonderful to see our youngest hockey players starting to develop some great skills after only a few weeks. Lots of 'hockey positions' and 'tic-toc' moves were to be seen at Saturday's games. Our boys' team played United and a fabulous goal from Xavier helped the team to a 1-all draw.

There was also a lot more running with the ball, especially from Lucas and Josh and some fabulous tackling from Levi, Ryne, Lachie and Henry. Azoz also had a great game, mainly in goalie, showing great determination not to let any balls pass by him.

Next up was our girls' team facing an enthusiastic St John's team. Once again it was fabulous to see the girls practising the skills they have been learning in training. They are learning to play a strong positioning game and also becoming more confident in tackling opposition players. Harriet and Minnie both proved to be formidable goalies, making some fantastic saves. Izzie, Ava and Grace were moving into free space time after time and Sophie and Martha were relentless in tackling opposition players.

Next week's games are once again 9:30am for the boys (TAS Yellow) and 10:10am for the girls (TAS Pink). Once again thank you to our fabulous senior student coaches -Georgia Kaynes, Belle Perrottet and Georgina Watson.

Mrs Donella Tutt

NETBALL

The TAS Junior netballers played their first game with The Magics last weekend. Coach Sharon reported that it was hard to believe the girls have only had two training sessions as a team as they were working together so well!

The GO competition is set up with the girls in a roster for each quarter of each game. This ensures that they try out new positions and all take equal time off the court. It is a great model for getting to know the game inside out! Although we did not see a win this week, much fun was had by all.

Miss Anna Frost

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