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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5 September 2018 Term 3 Week 7

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Da Vinci

Over the final three days of last week, TAS had the privilege of hosting the 6th NSW Regional da Vinci Competition that drew more than 620 students from dozens of schools across the north of NSW for a day of immersion in intellectual challenge across the full spectrum of learning disciplines. I wrote last week about the significance of this opportunity for schools in our region and how fortunate we are to be supported by Knox Grammar in presenting it and I echo that again. I also again pay tribute to and thank Catherine Boydell who has led and managed this event at TAS through its six year history. 2018 was another great success and the event seems to just get better and better.

TAS STEM Academy Launch

If there had been any trepidation in wondering how popular an afternoon of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities would be, it was short-lived as hundreds of students and parents flooded into the school on Saturday and the place became abuzz with interested and engaged young minds. The idea of a TAS STEM Academy has clearly inspired our teachers and other staff too as those from STEM areas and beyond volunteered their expertise and their afternoon to present a raft of activities that ranged from robotics to liquid nitrogen ice-cream, drone coding, egg-parachuting, brain, paper and even spaghetti puzzles, virtual reality glasses, the fascination of non-Newtonian matter, the ever popular 'slime' making and more. It was both a spectacle and a showcasing of all that is good in education; engagement, discovery, testing of limits and fun. Any who might have been cynical or despondent about the ambitions of young people today would have been inspired by what they saw here on Saturday.

There were dozens of TAS staff involved in the day and I offer thanks and congratulations to all for creating such a wonderful team effort. I also offer special thanks to the pair who created this concept and followed the project through, our Director of Studies Seonia Wark and our Director of Development Cressida Mort. Their vision is matched by a deep understanding of what is important in education and an ability to get things done and that is what is needed to turn a great idea into a great success.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

TAS P&F's 80th Birthday

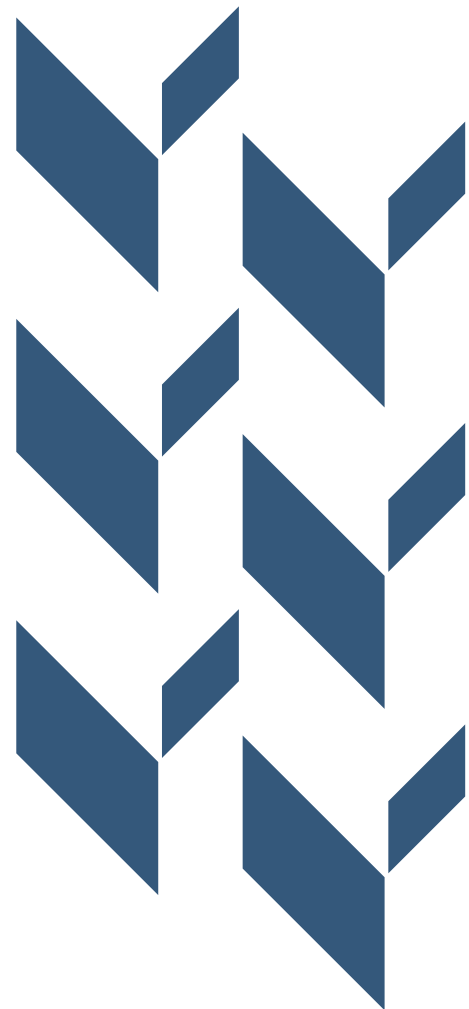
Following the frenetic STEM activities through the afternoon, we welcomed older generations as past and present members of the TAS P&F joined together in Big School to celebrate the 80th birthday of this tremendously important support group for our School. No less than 10 presidents of the P&F were there for the party and they were joined by Pearl Moffatt and Barbie McConville as past 'dames' of the TAS Music Hall and Graham White as the son of our second P&F president, along with many other members of generations of P&F executives. I particularly thank our current P&F president Rachael Nicoll and her team for creating such a happy and enjoyable event.

The recognition of the P&F and its importance to TAS continued on Monday as our annual Founders Day focused attention on the P&F and students from Junior School through to Year 12 spoke about the history of the P&F, including the difficult times for the School when the P&F was called to 'come to the rescue'. Both the birthday 'soiree' and the Founders Day recognition offered the opportunity to highlight how important this body is in creating the sense of community and family that we enjoy today and it was a great privilege to be a part of them.

Whitlam Institute Writing Competition

Congratulations to Year 10 student Sancia Ridgeway on her success in the recent 'What Matters' competition run by the Whitlam Institute. The Whitlam Institute is a public policy institute within the University of Western Sydney and the competition is inspired by the desire to see young people more involved in the shaping of Australia's future. Students in various age categories from across NSW, the ACT and Tasmania are invited to write an essay of 400 to 600 words on a topic that matters to them. Sancia's essay titled 'Totem' not only won her Year 9/10 age group, but was also named the overall winner of the competition from the 120 finalists selected. In addition to the honour of the award that was presented by TV personality and competition patron Lisa Wilkinson, Sancia received a cash prize, an invitation to write a commissioned piece for the online mental health service for young people 'ReachOut', professional training as a writer, an engraved iPad and a VIP invitation to spend a day at the Museum of Australian Democracy. The judges of this prestigious competition heaped praise on Sancia's piece and I look forward to hearing her present it to our assembly and seeing it published in TAS Talks next week.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

WEEK 7

Wednesday 5 September	NCIS Tennis/Netball (Grafton) Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal
Thursday 6 September	Inter-House Public Speaking (MS)
Friday 7 September	Shooting Dinner (McConville Centre) 6.30pm
Saturday 8 September	Rugby Dinner (6.30pm) Wicklow Hotel
Sunday 9 September	TACAPS visit to TAS (Rugby & Netball)

WEEK 8

Monday 10 September	PYP Exhibition (Year 5) Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 September	Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 September	Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal P&F Meeting
Thursday 13 September	Cadet Passing Out Parade Rehearsal
Friday 14 September	Cadet Passing Out Parade (2pm) Cadet Dining In Night (Bowling Club) TAS Reunion Weekend
Saturday 15 September	TAS Reunion Weekend
Sunday 16 September	Old Armidaliens' Chapel Service (9.30am) Old Armidaliens' Union AGM (11am)

NOTICE BOARD

Student Driving

With more students in senior years striving to achieve their L or P licences, students and parents are reminded that no L or P plater drivers (whether they be students at TAS or another school) are permitted to drive a vehicle into the school grounds at any time, including the beginning and end of term when boarders are departing/arriving at school. This is outlined in the School Rules and Regulations that can be found on the website, in both the Parents and Students Portals.

Other driving regulations are outlined below. Thank you for your support.

A day student may drive to school provided he/she and their parents have provided the 'Permission to Drive to School' form in duplicate, available from Reception or the school website. Students are to park in Douglas St or Mann St only. The vehicle is not to be used between the commencement of the school day and 3.30 pm (unless permission has been sought for Late Arrival/Early Leave in the case of Year 12 students). The vehicle is not to be brought on to school property.

Students are forbidden to drive other students in their cars without the written permission of parents of the passenger, which should then be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster.

Boarders are not to have the use of a motor vehicle in Armidale unless parents have presented a case for good cause and the Deputy Head of House has approved. A separate Boarders Drivers form is available from Reception and the website.

No L or P plater drivers of any age are permitted to drive a vehicle into the school grounds at any time.



The Headmaster, Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer Cadets,
Major (AAC) Angus Murray

request the pleasure of your company
at

**The Annual Ceremonial
Passing Out Parade of
The Cadet Unit**

on Adamsfield

**Friday 14 September, 2018
at 2.00pm**

Reviewing Officer

Colonel Andrew Plant, CSM
Director of Training Australian
Army Cadets

**followed by Afternoon Tea
in Big School**



Student Services

Coach and rail bookings for Term 3/4 vacation

Calling for bookings for the upcoming vacation period.

Dates of travel

Depart Friday 28 September

Return on Monday 15 October.

Please email travel@as.edu.au before Friday 7 September to secure your booking.

Mrs Meg Sadler

Uniform Shop

Summer Uniform available from 14 September

**Clothing Shop Hours over upcoming
holidays-**

Friday 28 September - Closed

Open during the holidays - Friday 12 October
9 am to 5 pm

Monday 15 October
9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday 16 October
Normal hours resume

P&F 80th BIRTHDAY SOIREE

The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association turns 80 this year and to celebrate we had a Soiree in Big School on Saturday night.

What a great night. It was marvelous to see so many people with deep roots in the P&F attend.... We had 10 past presidents and many past executive present including the son (Graham White) of the second President Mrs H E White attend on his late mother's behalf. Graham was only a young 88!!

The buzz in Big School was incredible and it was great to catch up with some old friends and meet some new ones.

For those that couldn't attend – do not think we forgot what wonderful people you are. Every cake baked, bbq cooked, working bee attended, event participated in - is all very much appreciated. The numerous fund raisers and friendly events that the P&F have hosted or been involved with over 80 years is quite staggering. Hopefully, you have enjoyed participating and being involved in the wider TAS community and made some lifetime friendships. I know I have!

My thanks for those that helped make such a great night – the Decorating team, cake baking duo, Margie Roberts for the personal invites to key P&F people, the rest of the Organising Committee, the great Community Service helpers and Nasala and his amazing team in the kitchen for the delicious food.

TAS@DUSK – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!



TAS@Dusk – our annual fete on Saturday 16 November is fast approaching... At this stage we do not have a marquee event now that the Pig Races have 'done their dash' so to speak... So the TAS P&F needs your help!!!

We want your suggestions for the new major fundraiser at this year's TAS@Dusk. The winning suggestion will receive a \$100 gift voucher – students I'm sure you'd love to win this!!

Please consider the following when you make your suggestion:

- Has to be something we can hold on the TAS Grounds
- Not require too many people to operate
- Fun for all ages
- A draw card for the wider Armidale Community
- Something we can organise at short notice and not too expensive or difficult to get to Armidale – bringing a circus up from Sydney is probably not an option!!
- Let your imagination go wild!!!!

Please send any suggestions to Jo Neilson, Secretary of TAS P&F on jneilson@as.edu.au by Wednesday 12 September 5pm so that they can be considered at our P&F meeting that night.

BRANDY WANTED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Pudding bake is coming up on 21 October and prior to that we need heaps and heaps of brandy to soak the fruit in – this is what gives the puddings that spectacular taste!! If you can donate a bottle of brandy please either drop it in at Main Reception or contact Pudding Co-ordinator Heather Williams on hwilliams@tmsmp.com.au

HOME RUGBY GAMES THIS SATURDAY AGAINST TACAPS and SCOTS PGC

TAS Rugby are playing our final home games for the year at TAS this Saturday 9 September. Due to the game schedule there will be no P&F BBQ and Canteen running.

P&F MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 7pm

Our last meeting for Term 3 – and the big one for organising TAS@Dusk is on next Wednesday 12 September at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS TAS P&F



Seemed Like A Good idea at the time... Phil 3:1-11

In the eyes of a two year old there are few things more beautiful, more desirable, few things that you would be more single minded about than chocolate. Then, if it's a well-branded, easily identified chocolate like a Freddo Frog, there is only one thing to do – consume! This is precisely what one of our daughters did at age two. With the swiftness of a Labrador pouncing on a half eaten sandwich in a deserted playground, she swooped and devoured. The trouble was this was no Freddo, not all that looks like a Freddo is a Freddo when you find it lying on the back lawn, particularly when you own a dog. I don't think I need to spell this out any further. None the less to our cute/ now disgusting little girl; it seemed like a good idea at the time.

In the reading Paul looks to his own life and he sees what he once thought was so beautiful, so attractive, so seemingly irresistible and considers it filth, in some translations, refuse. What he thought would almost certainly taste sweet to God actually is like refuse. What he once thought would win favour with God – doing the right things; being the right person, coming from the right family, he now knows will only leave a bitter taste in his mouth, for these things are not what God desires. He was a man of law, a man of standing, a man of reputation and pure bloodlines.

What he needed to be was a man of faith.

A man who would stop trusting his own self-righteousness and trust in the righteousness that comes from God, that is accessed by faith in Jesus.

The only thing that will taste sweet will be faith in the real thing, the one that is truly worthy – Jesus – who lived the perfect sinless life and then became refuse for us. Became nothing in his death so that we might be made beautiful and attractive.

Mr Richard Newton



Mr Richard Newton



Launch of the TAS STEM Academy

The creation of the TAS STEM Academy, focusing initially on Junior School and Middle School, is a natural development in our Academic strategic planning given the synergy it has with the trans-disciplinary approach of the International Baccalaureate PYP and MYP.

So what does this mean I hear you ask?

You may have heard about the concept of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) over the past few years because it is an area of serious focus for Australian schools and universities. The linking of these subjects together to solve problems and design solutions may seem obvious but it actually requires considerable work to take each of these disciplines and develop a cross - subject or trans- disciplinary approach without losing the rigour of each subject. It requires all the teachers of these subjects to work together to create education programs that still delivery the curriculum but also enables our students to think outside the square to solve problems.

So why would we do this?

It is simple really; the skills that are built, and the knowledge that is shared is invaluable to young minds first encountering these subjects from Transition to the end of Middle School. We want them to never lose the curiosity and fascination that we saw on the weekend at the launch. TAS already has many STEM focused Electives in our program for Years 9 and 10, and the HSC must, by necessity, be the focus for Years 11 and 12. The TAS STEM Academy will focus on Junior and Middle Schools so we can build on what we already offer with our unique engineering and coding clubs and our Year 8 Forensic Science Camp. It will enable us to offer more clubs, excursions and overseas academic opportunities. The possibilities are endless and we are all very excited about what this will mean for our students.

The launch of the Academy is over, and now it is time for the real work to begin.



Mrs Seonia Wark

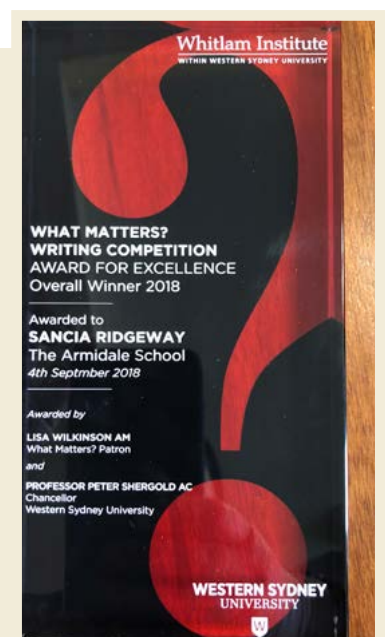
Ms Seonia Wark

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sancia Ridgeway who not only took out the Year 9/10 category of Western Sydney University's Whitlam Institute's 'What Matters?' writing competition with her piece called 'Totem', Sancia was named the overall winner ahead of 119 other finalists from Years 5-12 from NSW, the ACT and Tasmania!!

Competition patron, TV presenter Lisa Wilkinson presented the award to Sancia and they are pictured here with her father Dr Aden Ridgeway.

Well done Sancia!



ACADEMIC

Year 11 End of Course Exams

Year 11 End of Course exams will be held in Week 9 from Monday 17 September - Monday 24 September.

Students and parents have been sent a copy of this timetable.

Subject Selections for Year 11 2019

An email with a link and personal code has been sent to Year 10 students to log in and select subjects for 2019.

Please note : these subject preferences will determine the lines for 2019 - you will then receive a second email which will indicate subject lines and you then select your subjects for next year.

If you have any questions in regards to this process please see Mrs Wark, Mr Polson or Mrs O'Brien.

The Stage 6 handbook can be found online at: <http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2018/09/STAGE-6-HANDBOOK-2019-Web-Copy.pdf>

Information in regards to the Stage 5 Handbook and subject selection will be sent out in the coming week or so.

Library Extended Day Timetable – Remainder of Term 3.

Week 8

Monday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Tuesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Wednesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Thursday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths Yr 9-12 Science Yr 9/10 Physics Yr 11/12 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Yr 9-12 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths 9-12 (all levels) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutoring available in: Maths 9-12 (all levels) English Yr 9-12
Liam Treavors	Belinda	Julian	Julian/ Belinda

Week 9

Monday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Tuesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Wednesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Thursday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths Yr 9-12 Science Yr 9/10 Physics Yr 11/12 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Yr 9-12 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths 9-12 (all levels) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutoring available in: Maths 9-12 (all levels) English Yr 9-12
Liam Treavors	Belinda	Julian	Julian/ Belinda

Week 10

Monday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Tuesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Wednesday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm	Thursday Yrs 9-12 Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths Yr 9-12 Science Yr 9/10 Physics Yr 11/12 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Yr 9-12 	LIBRARY OPEN. Last night in houses for boarders, no tutoring.	LIBRARY CLOSED School finished for term.
Liam Treavors	Belinda		





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

One of the best ways to truly enhance visual, auditory and verbal learning is to experience it first-hand. The Study Tour of France is an opportunity for TAS French students to totally immerse themselves into 'frenchness'. As well as advancing their French language skills, students will experience French culture and every-day life, adding new depths of understanding and meaning to the topics being studied. By keeping a journal of their trip along the way, students will be putting a magnifying glass on everyday aspects of French language and culture, noting new vocabulary, expressions and cultural and historical aspects learned. Language skills will be extended by challenging their knowledge and courage to use French as much as possible in speaking, reading, listening and writing in French.

From the Louvre and Eiffel Tower to the Mont St Michel and Monet's Garden at Giverny, students will be absorbing France, its language and culture by engaging in everyday activities such as buying food and drink, eating at restaurants and cafés, purchasing souvenirs and visiting famous monuments in the City of Light, the Loire Valley and Brittany.

They will appreciate the architecture and layout of Paris, interact with French people, experience café culture, get their portrait painted if they wish and explore the historical quarters of Paris. French students will spend two nights with a French host family, giving them an opportunity to experience family life in France, eating dinner and putting their language skills into action. A challenging and exciting prospect!

This immersion experience will improve students' language skills considerably, as well as providing them with greater cultural knowledge of life in a French family. Family and Daily Life are both topics studied in Stages 5 and 6 French. This type of real-world engagement aims to energise and motivate students' passion for language learning, enhancing enjoyment and appreciation of the language through first-hand, authentic experiences which will have long lasting benefits for all those who participate.



ITINERARY

Depart on Saturday, 29 September 2019
Armidale > Sydney > London > Paris

Return on Saturday, 13 October 2019
Paris > London > Sydney > Armidale

Contact
Ms Chloe Prado by email cprado@as.edu.au

UNE School of Rural Medicine Rural Scholars Summer School

The applications for the UNE School of Rural Medicine Rural Scholars Summer School is now open. The link to the online application form is on the Rural Scholars Summer School webpage: une.edu.au/ruralscholars. The direct link for the application form is at: <https://www.une.edu.au/about-une/faculty-of-medicine-and-health/school-of-rural-medicine/rural-scholars-application>.



An opportunity for rural, regional and remote school students, school leavers and anyone interested in redirecting their career to take the first step towards a career in medicine.

What A five-day long residential camp to experience what it is like to be a medical student in our school.

Who The Rural Scholars Summer School is open to anyone 15 years and over who is interested in pursuing a career in medicine, and lives in a rural, regional or remote area. Regardless of whether you are a high-school student, school leaver or someone interested in redirecting their career - if you are passionate about making a difference in rural, regional and remote areas, we want to help you succeed.

Where The School of Rural Medicine, the University of New England, Armidale, NSW.

When 3-7 December 2018.

The very first step of accessing a medical education is often the most difficult, and we would like to demystify the study and practice of medicine in a rural context.

The school is fully subsidised for successful applicants and for an accompanying parent/guardian for participants under 18 years old (costs covered include accommodation on campus, meals and transport).

Apply online at
une.edu.au/ruralscholars

For further details contact
Gabrielle Solomon (02) 6773 2955 or
ruralscholars@une.edu.au

The Rural Scholars Summer School is funded through the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program, Department of Education and Training.

The University of New England respects and acknowledges that its people, programs and facilities are built on land, and surrounded by a sense of belonging, both ancient and contemporary, of the world's oldest living culture. In doing so, UNE values and respects Indigenous knowledge systems as a vital part of the knowledge capital of Australia.

University of New England CRICOS Provider Number 00003G



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



Health
Central Coast
Local Health District



Macquarie University

Co-op applications close 5pm Friday 28 September 2018

For students interested in Actuarial Studies or Accounting, the Co-op program is designed for high-achievers who have potential to become great leaders. It's a future-focused program, co-created with Macquarie University's industry partners and guarantees 15 months of placements while being financially supported by its industry partners.

Interested students must apply online and submit their resume and 2-3 minute application video by the closing date.

They will need to ensure that their nominated school contact submits an academic reference and trial HSC results before the application closing deadline.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/why-study-here/employability/cooperative-education-program>

If students have questions regarding applications, please contact Future Students on (02) 9850 6767 or at futurestudents@mq.edu.au.

Bond University Clubs and scholarships

Bond University is sending out information about the structure of the clubs/programs and scholarships on offer. These can often be lucrative and if you have an interest in Equestrian and Rugby please go to the link below on the school's website for more information.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/09/03/bond-university-clubs-and-scholarships/>

Mr Mark Taylor



THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

Passing Out Parade

Friday 14 September 2018

Passing out Parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above shall be held on Adamsfield on Friday 14 September (Week 8) commencing at 2.00pm. **The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.**

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

Week 5

- 21 August (Tuesday) – Activities Briefing 10.35am. **All 1 & 2 Platoon uniforms to be collected for laundry.**
- 23 August (Thursday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 6

- 27 August (Monday) – Activities Day No. 5. **All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade. DPCU Uniform to be inspected on parade.**
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **B & C COY only** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 29 August (Wednesday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

Week 7

- 4 September (Tuesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs
- 5 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)

Week 8

- 10 September (Monday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** – Adamsfield
- 11 September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 12 September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no sport training**)
- 13 September (Thursday) - Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00pm **Whole Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield (**no Pd 6&7 or sport training**)

14 September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade -- Cadet Unit – 11.40am – 3.30pm
(cadets required from 11.40am P4/5 for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
Parade commences at 2.00pm.

MAJ (AAC) Angus Murray
Commanding Officer

STEM Academy Open Day

The official launch of the TAS STEM Academy was celebrated with around 400 people coming to TAS to participate in a whole raft of fun STEM-based activities like the coded drone challenge, making liquid nitrogen ice-cream, forensic science crime solving, seeing the power of virtual reality through Oculus Go, Digital Design creations, robotics and engineering. The fact that behind each activity is the fascinating world of science, engineering, technology and maths did not daunt the 4 - 14 year olds as they occupied themselves with our fabulous staff learning the theory behind the fun.

Now that the STEM Academy is formally launched, stay tuned for information about next year's STEM Day which we will do again .. only bigger and better!!

Thanks so much to all our fantastic staff who are always going above and beyond.

Cressida



Celebrate the Team

Q: If everyone looks after themselves, how many people are looking after you?

A: One; You.

Q: If everyone looks after each member of their team, how many people are looking after you?

A: Everyone in the team.

Of all the benefits provided by the Co-curricular program at TAS, arguably the greatest is the opportunity to be part of a team; to connect, to feel secure in the knowledge that someone else has your back. As humans, I think we are inherently selfish. We want what is best for us. However, the experience of being part of a team teaches us that what is best for us is to give rather than to take; to support our team-mates. Teams who embrace this culture will look back upon their season and cherish, above all else, the camaraderie and mateship they have experienced.

NCIS Netball and Tennis

Best wishes to the 27 boys and girls competing in Grafton today at the NCIS Netball and Tennis events. I know the students cherish the opportunity to play against other schools in a competitive yet friendly set of games.

Inter-house Public Speaking

Yesterday, Middle and Senior School students had the privilege of witnessing speakers from each of the six houses, stepping outside their comfort zone and sharing part of themselves; their thoughts and feelings. Whilst all speakers deserve praise for their courage and ability to engage the audience, it was Owen Chandler, representing Ross House who won the favour of the judge, Mr Guest, as he analysed one of life's greatest questions: "To be or not to be".

The Middle School competition continues tomorrow and I thank Mr Tim Hughes and the Public Speaking Captains, Owen Chandler, Nicholas Bohlsen and Ashini Ekanayake for their drive and commitment which has inspired the growth of public speaking at TAS.

Inter-house Futsal

Friendly competition continues tomorrow afternoon on the Belfield courts, where houses will compete in Inter-house Futsal. Spectators are welcome to fill the middle court from 3:45 – 5:30pm as games are played simultaneously on the two end courts.

Mr Will Caldwell



Mr Will Caldwell



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

TAS v SCOTS PGC & TACAPS

7-8 September 2018

Accommodation:

	Friday - Scots PGC, arrive 7:30pm	Saturday - TACAPS, arrive 11:30am
PE Classroom 1	15s (15)	17s (10)
PE Classroom 2	13s (15)	15s (10) 13s (10)
PE Classrooms	5 staff (linen blanket and pillow provided)	5 Staff (fresh linen provided)
Green Room		Girls (20) + (10)

Saturday 8 September:

Time	TAS	Visitors	Venue
9:30am	Rugby 13A – 15-a-side	Scots PGC	Backfield
10:30am	Rugby 15A - 15-a-side	Scots PGC	Backfield
12:50pm	Rugby 14 – girls 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
1:10pm	Rugby 16A – boys 7s	TACAPS 17s	Backfield
1:30pm	Rugby 15B – boys 7s	TACAPS 15s	Backfield
1:50pm	Rugby 17 – girls 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
2:10pm	Rugby 14B – boys 7s	TACAPS 13s	Backfield
2:30pm	Rugby 16B – boys 7s	TACAPS 17s	Backfield
2:30pm	Netball Senior - girls	TACAPS	MS Courts
2:50pm	Rugby 14 – girls 7s	TACAPS 14s	Backfield
3:10pm	Rugby 14A – boys 7s	TACAPS 15s	Backfield
3:30pm	Rugby 13B – boys 7s	TACAPS 13s	Backfield
3:30pm	Netball Junior - girls	TACAPS	MS Courts
3:50pm	Rugby 17 – girls 7s	TACAPS	Backfield

Change rooms for Visitors: The Sports Centre change rooms.

SATURDAY

Breakfast	in TAS Dining Hall	7:30am Scots PGC 8:00am All other TAS boarders
Lunch:	in TAS Dining Hall TASCAPS)	11:30am to 1:00pm: All Students (incl. Scots PGC &
Dinner	BBQ on Backfield	5pm TACAPS and hosts <i>All other TAS Boarders dinner as usual</i>
SUNDAY		
Breakfast	TACAPS:	Continental (collect from dining room at 5pm Saturday)

By the time you read this our HSC Drama students will have probably just finished their performance examinations in the Hoskins Centre. For many in the class, this comes on the back of all the HSC Visual Arts students submitting their Body of Works on Monday. This is an incredibly demanding time of year and so I know I speak for the whole school community when I congratulate those students on everything they have achieved in their courses - having seen all the work firsthand I am blown away by both the range of styles and the overall high standard. I would also like to draw attention to Mrs Cleaver and Ms Xeros, whose dedication and expertise has been of tremendous value to our students. In a little under two weeks the HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music students will have their performances and so I wish them all the best in their preparations (particular those who have done all three Creative Arts subjects!).

Today the audition information for 2019's TAS Production *Oliver!* goes live. All the audition information and material can be found through the following link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GTd-ArwDBUC6RFdEDAisRDxIO8wzDtpN?usp=sharing>. Once you have read through that information carefully you can book an audition by following this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HG1Elts_rT_NIYLnDFycdtS_tF_HF1Hlon4tNmboBkg/edit?usp=sharing.

Next week in most lunch times there will be sessions on audition technique and song preparation so come on down to the Hoskins Centre if you are particularly keen to put your best foot forward in the auditions.

I for one am tremendously excited about the project before us and I encourage everyone in Middle and Senior School, be you an old hand on the stage or completely untested, to have a read of the materials and consider an audition as I am sure it will be a wonderful show to be involved with.

Next Friday 14 September we have the Sydney Comedy Festival Roadshow coming to the Hoskins Centre. After the success of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow earlier in the year this is again sure to be a fantastic night of wicked entertainment, though I would again recommend this one for only the Senior students and parents and friends as nobody can be certain of the territory these comics will stray into.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



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TAS STEM Academy

Staff connected with the STEM Academy weekend (and the efforts of the organisers, in particular) need to be both acknowledged and thanked for their many efforts over Saturday: they went above and beyond the (normal) call and have fronted for a new week as if nothing unusual occurred over the weekend. Students, especially our current Middle School ones, also need to be acknowledged for their assistance, participation and especially for their enthusiasm. We are very lucky in that these students who simply have to 'be themselves' showcase the wider school so well.

Time tends to get away from us rather too often I'm afraid. We are more often than not very busy, and this is how we should function as a school, I think. Something different this week is the fact that students who ably represented us at the da Vinci Decathlon last week have sent through reports for you to read. I hope you enjoy reading their personal recounts of this excellent time which again, showcases the school. On behalf of all in the Middle School, I want to thank William Jubb (Year 8), Emily Buntine and Jasper O'Neil (Year 7) and Henry Kirton and William Gilpin (Year 6), for their contributions to TAS Talks.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Da Vinci Decathlon 2018 Year 8

Da Vinci Decathlon is one of those events that seem to get better and better every year. In teams of 8 students, schools presented their best students possible to come together to attend this event and to test their intellectual prowess against similarly minded individuals in a test of wits. The Year 8's did just this, and with a team of our brightest we had a blast; the joy experienced in this event is not just that of the main event but also the opportunity to forge long term friends both in and out school. We forged ahead getting one first and two seconds, from all of us doing our best and having the joy of this event.

William Jubb

Da Vinci Decathlon 2018 Year 7

The Da Vinci Decathlon was held on the 29 August at the TAS Memorial Hall. The schools started arriving at 8:30 for an 8:45 start. During that time, we met our team and other students from our year while the boarders caught up with friends from their home towns. The TAS year seven team consisted of Louis Ross, Alex Donoghue, Angus Wallis, Felix Hruby, Guy Hardin, Harry Turnbull, Jasper O'Neil and Emily Buntine.

We started off feeling pretty confident, we had a good team. That ended approximately three seconds after they handed out the worksheets. We got started with our subjects, filling out multiple choice, writing short stories, reading information and transferring it into something more readable. After session one everyone went outside to enjoy the dining hall doughnuts, only to be back inside after 15 minutes for another jamme packed session.



Mr Mark Harrison

Session Two included art and poetry, engineering, cartography and creative producers. As we got into the next session we all started to turn our brains on and concentrate. The people attempting engineering had the task of designing a house that could survive water issues (AKA a house that floats on water) while the Cartography people focused on mapping and geography.

To the relief of all participants, it was then time for lunch. Getting through the lunch line just before Middle School's lunch broke out. We then had an hour to play soccer, tip or simply relax on Front field.

Da Vinci Decathlon was a great opportunity and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants. We want to thank Ms Boydell, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Tutt and the gappies for their help during the day.

Emily Buntine and Jasper O'Neil

Da Vinci Decathlon 2018 Year 6

Da Vinci was a great experience for everyone involved. This year's topic was "memories". The TAS Year 6 team came out better than we thought, with three thirds (Mathematics, Art and poetry, science) and a great achievement of getting a first in Ideation (problem solving). The Year 6 team consisted of William Gilpin, Henry Kirton, Harry Hopkins, Sorena Barzegar Nafari, William Glover, Tom Ball, Lennox Neilson and Jacob Thorsen. To all our teammates surprise, we also won the competition of most uses for a fork (which was just 47 random objects!).

The Da Vinci regional decathlon consists of 10 different tasks, with three periods to complete them in. The first period consists of all the pen-to-paper tasks, (Maths, English, ideation, and Science). The second period was more creative, with Art & Poetry, Engineering, Creative Producers, and Cartography. The third period consisted of more trivia tasks, with Code-breaking & General knowledge.

The ideation task (which consisted of Henry Kirton and William Gilpin) was about "real world problems with real world answers". Our task was to create an invention that could measure lucid dreams and enable the user to watch their dream later. Henry and I created a device that consisted of two electromagnetic pulse readers that you placed on your temples, and measured the dreams to store on a 2 TB hard drive. You could later watch your dreams in a VR headset with a 360 view of your dream.

In conclusion, da Vinci was an extremely exiting experience and a mentally challenging task. Henry and I recommend da Vinci to anyone with a challenging academic mind. It was an extremely enjoyable experience and we would hope to do it again.

Henry Kirton and William Gilpin



Busy times in Junior School

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and friends who have supported the School over the last week. It was a huge week for us all, with the Book Week parade and Activities Day on Monday, a wonderful Transition Assembly, the da Vinci Decathlon, the Meaningful Male's /Father's Day lunch, the brilliant STEM Academy launch on Saturday, all after the normal week of academic and co-curricular pursuits. Without the support and planning from our wonderful teachers none of this would be possible and I would like to publicly thank them all here.

You are all invited to the Special Yr 1 Assembly in the Gymnasium - Wednesday September 5

Year 1 will be hosting a very special assembly in the School Gymnasium which will involve most of our students in exhibitions of gymnastics and martial arts, along with other Assembly items. We expect it to be very exciting and we hope many parents and friends can attend.

da Vinci Team at the Regional Decathlon Competition at TAS

Hearty congratulations to our Year 5 da Vinci team, consisting of Camilla Coupland, Austin Pease, Flinders Ward, Bailey Miller, Ty Schalk-O'Brien, Gus Sevil, Tom Crowley and Evan Kwan, who won not one, but two divisions in their age group last week, collaborating effectively while being able to challenge themselves academically. Theirs was a very impressive result.

Farewell and Bon Voyage

We would like to let you all know that Mrs Sandra Lasker will be away from the Junior School Admin desk from Monday September 10 until the end of term, and we wish her well for her upcoming travels. In her absence, JS Reception will be partially manned and while business will be as usual, please bear in mind that getting to messages through the school system will take a little more time. Please be aware that all phone messages and emails will come to a small number of Admin staff (as well as myself) and the usual contact details will therefore apply: 6776 5817 for the Reception Desk or junior@as.edu.au for the Junior School contact email.

After very successful placements on Years 1 and 2, we farewell Hollie McMahon and Emily Maunder. They have both distinguished themselves in the last few weeks as very promising teachers and we thank them for the time and effort they have dedicated to their time with us.

School Spirit Award Recipients - Week 6

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

Lucie Stephen, Arthur White, Oliver Robb, Hugo Broun, Ted Chick, Lachlan Litchfield, Pippi Goudge and Millie Coupland

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Mr Ian Lloyd



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Aamer Alazizi, Gus Sevil and Ryne Wilkinson for this week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 6 of the Book Club is now available, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Friday 14 September, 2018. If you would like to pay by cheque, please place your cheque and order form in the red letter box at Junior School reception. Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

Scholastic will again offer an incentive to parents to build up their home library and to keep the reading moment rolling among students. Parents who are registered with the Scholastic online ordering system (LOOP) and spend at least \$10.00 on three issues will then be entitled to receive bonus books. Thank you to all parents who have purchased from Scholastic throughout the year.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Library Assistant

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 7

Wed 5 Sep

Year 1 Special Assembly – Gymnasium 2.45 pm
– All invited

WEEK 8

Mon 10 Sep

Year 5 Exhibition – Hoskins Centre

Tue 11 Sep

Year 5 Exhibition – Student viewing

Wed 12 Sep

Year 3 – 5 Student Led Conference

Thu 13 Sep

NE Sings Rehearsal

WEEK 9

Wed 19 Sep

Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

WEEK 10

Tue 25 Sep

K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wed 26 Sep

K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thu 27

Year 4 VW Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Jump Rope for Heart

School Concludes

Fri 28

Staff Day

Year 5 Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition

Dates: Monday 10 September 6-7.30pm and Tuesday 11 September 9-10.15am.

Venue: TAS Hoskins Centre

Transdisciplinary Theme: "Sharing The Planet"

Central Idea: Management of the earth's resources requires fair, sustainable and innovative approaches.

Year 5's six weeks of inquiry will culminate next Monday in our Junior School Primary Years Exhibition. All families and friends are invited to come and share in the learning journey of our Year 5 students and to see the results of their inquiry.

They have essentially inquired into their central idea by looking at the sea, land and sky.

There has been much lead up to the exhibition as groups established relationships with mentors, came up with conceptual questions, developed lines of inquiry and conducted research.

Mrs Veronica Waters



Sam Strelitz and Gus Sevil constructing a model as part of 'Land' group.



Millie Coupland and Evan Kwan working hard to construct models as part of their Exhibition inquiry process.



Team "Sky" creating models to support research findings.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope for Heart has been launched!

We would like to encourage everyone to take part in this very worthwhile cause.

It's important you register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jump-rope-for-heart>

Thank you to those children who have already registered and have started their fundraising activities. Well done!

Summer Sports Choices

Please ensure you have returned your child's summer sports choice form if they are wanting to participate in a summer sport at TAS this season. It is important these forms are returned promptly so we can organise teams and coaches for the Term 4 start. Please email Mrs Christine Wright cwright@as.edu.au if you have any questions re: Sport or if you have not as yet returned your form.

Netball

The final game of the netball season was met with great excitement and a little sadness in knowing it is now all over! St John's is a tough team to beat and this week was no exception. It was nice to watch from the sidelines and reflect on how far the Magics have come as a team over the course of the season. Each player has come so far in their netball skills and the standard of play has climbed each week.

Big thanks to coach Chloe for passing on all her wisdom and making training and games so much fun and to the new friendships this season has brought. Good luck to the four remaining teams in the comp!

Miss Anna Frost



Netball Team

Physical Culture

Congratulations to Peyton and Maya Slade who have recently competed in an interclub Physical Culture competition in Tenterfield. The girls have been training very hard with great results. Peyton was placed 3rd in this recent competition. We wish the girls well as they prepare for regional competitions later in the year.



TAS Blue U7

Coming off the back of two strong performances, TAS Blue were keen to continue their purple patch of form against the Guyra Jaffas. All players arrived early for a warm up of short passes, shots at goal and running drills. The consensus of the team was to continue with the game plan of the past two weeks, playing tight in the early stages then using the width of the field later in the game.

TAS Blue started strongly with subtle touches by both Rebecca Billingsley and George Drain in the midfield. Mila Nexo was back to her best showing controlled aggression in both attack and defence. Unfortunately, due to Guyra's well organised defence, the midfield was unable to get the usual long and accurate passes to Layla Abu Assab up front. Full credit to the Guyra defence who had done their homework on our attacking structures limiting our shots at goal.

The injections of fresh substitutes upped the tempo and Pippi Goudge was on the ball at any opportunity. Pippi's tireless work in attack was rewarded with TAS Blue enjoying strong field position as the game wore on. Andrian Zhang was once again strong at the back in defence. His willingness to put his body on the line in defence is to be applauded. Cecilia Price was busy in attack and is growing in confidence in defence each week. William Cooper-Fillios had his strongest game of the season, showing great speed on the edges and introducing accurate long kicks to his game. William was deservedly awarded the coaches award for his contributions in attack and sportsmanship throughout the game. Congratulations William!

Mr David Drain



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Friday 7th September 2018

Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street



Tickets: \$8pp

Drinks and snacks available for purchase

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm

Ages: 5-13 years

Adult Supervision— all with Working with Children Check

Theme: Pirates & Mermaids

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

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