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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 12 September 2018 Term 3 Week 8

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Winter Sporting Season

As the respective seasons for our major Winter sports come to a close over these last weeks of the term, senior players, parents and coaches are coming together for dinners and presentation evenings to celebrate what have universally been positive seasons. Those dinners that have been held thus far in shooting, hockey, rugby and netball have been full of good cheer and focus on the efforts of the team above the individual and it has been a pleasure to be a part of that. They have also, as expected, given attention to the results of games and it would be surprising if many of our players did not judge their seasons on the basis of their wins and losses. As a school though this is not, of course, our primary measure of whether a season has been a good one or not.

For our students we want sport to be a part of their development as they learn the lessons that come from winning and losing and develop personal traits and values like commitment, teamwork, resilience, good sportsmanship and how to celebrate the camaraderie that makes school sport so special. All those things have been front and centre through the past Winter season and that has been wonderful to see.

International Baccalaureate Events for Years 3 to 5

For our primary stage students the end of Term 3 offers the opportunity to present the fruits of major projects that have been worked on over the last two months. For Years 3 and 4, this work has been in the area of 'Student Led Conferences' that stretch interest based research learning from the classroom to collaboration with parents and brings the important habit of critical reflection into focus. For Year 5, our senior year in Junior School, the culmination of the work through the term was seen yesterday in their 'Exhibition' on the cross-curricular theme of 'sharing the planet'. Both of these projects are part of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme curriculum and their ability to engage, excite and motivate your minds is clear. Our Head of Junior School, Ian Lloyd, has congratulated students and teachers in TAS Talks this week and I echo that sentiment.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Inter-house Public Speaking

The Middle School and Senior School inter-house public speaking competitions for 2018 were completed over the past week and our public speaking coordinator, Tim Hughes, has reported this week on what were thoroughly entertaining and highly impressive events. Each and every speaker was well prepared and the intellectual approach to the social commentaries presented had our audiences gripped. Adjudicating the closely contested and high quality senior competition was no easy task (and it is a shame that the good number who have offered their opinion on it after the event were not able to join me in adjudicating at the time!) As I remember it, any of the six speeches last week may well have won the event some years ago, and that is a reflection on their quality. The upward trajectory of public speaking across the School over the last few years has been a pleasure to behold and much of the responsibility for that lies, I think, with Tim Hughes and I thank him for inspiring it.

Passing Out Parade

This Friday afternoon at 2:00pm the TAS Cadet Unit will take parade on Adamsfield for their major ceremonial occasion for the year as they formally farewell the Year 12 students who leave us at the end of Term. The TAS Cadet Unit is the third oldest school unit in the country and the tradition of our annual Passing Out Parade has a long history. Whilst rehearsal for parade may not be a favourite afternoon activity for all, every cadet will know the parade is an important recognition of the service provided by those senior cadets through the past 5 years and the memorable moment that it is for them.

For those who have not seen this annual event before, I can assure you that it is an impressive display. All parents and friends of the School are welcome to join us and I look forward to offering my welcome on Friday.

Reunion Weekend

As the School comes together for Passing Out Parade on Friday afternoon and senior ranks of the Cadet Unit join for the very formal Cadet Dining In Night on Friday evening, hordes of Old Armidaliens from different generations will be descending on the School for Reunion Weekend. For most joining us this will be a significant anniversary of their school leaving, whether it be 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or more years and it is something that I know is keenly looked forward to. It gives a chance to catch up with old friends, reminisce, tell tales and re-acquaint and the enthusiasm for that reflects how close our student body becomes through their time at TAS. Beyond the reunions, there will be the chance to connect to the School itself through competitions with current students in a range of activities and that promises, once again, to be great fun. I look forward to welcoming our Old Armidaliens back to the School and wish them all well for a great weekend.

Media Attention

I hope that all parents and Old Armidaliens received and read my letter sent last week regarding the deeply regrettable child abuse matter that has now been finalized in the courts and, with previous court suppression orders lifted, reported widely. I have had the opportunity to speak to our Middle and Senior School students at their regular assemblies twice over recent days to offer my understanding that an incident such as this and the criticism that comes with it is felt by our current student body and teachers too. I also had the opportunity to explain that the School is not commenting further through the media as there is little to be gained from that. We do not wish to be lured into comments on what we might believe to be incorrect or unfair statements and thereby imply criticism of the students or families who deserve our support rather than any argument. Most importantly though, it was an opportunity to publicly remind our students of our primary responsibility to protect them from exposure to anything like this and the channels that are available to them to voice any concerns for themselves or others. I have also been able to keep our staff briefed over recent days, offer them support and encouragement regarding that primary responsibility. It is equally important that our parent body hears this message too and passes on any real or potential concerns to us.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

WEEK 8

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)

WEEK 9

Monday 17 September

Year 11 Course Exams

Saturday 22 September

GPS Athletics
Opens Football Dinner

WEEK 10

Monday 24 September

International Round Square Conference (Canada)

Tuesday 25 September

Inter-House Basketball

Thursday 27 September

Jump Rope for Heart (Junior School)
Classes Conclude

Friday 28 September

Valedictory Day
Year 12 Formal
Fiji Service Trip

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

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

P&F MEETING TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 7pm

Our last meeting for Term 2 – and the big one for organising TAS@Dusk is on tonight 12 September at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

Mrs Rachael Nicoll





CONFERENCES 2018-2019

	10/12 years Regional Conference	13/15 years Regional Conference	15/18 years Regional Conference
2018	The Armidale School, Australia – 22-26 April 2018	Keystone Academy, China 31 March to 4 April – 13/14 yr olds	Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Australia Dates 14-18 April
2019	British School Jakarta, Indonesia – 26 April – 1 May 2019 (10-12 yo)	Woodleigh School, Australia (13-15 yo) 7-11 April	Shenzhen Concord College of Sino-Canada 4-9 April
2019	International Conference – Emerald Heights International School, Indore, India – Year 11 (3-9 October. 2019)		

FOR APPLICATION FORMS OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT the ROUND SQUARE REPS:
Mrs Barrier at abarnier@as.edu.au or Mr Buntine at bbuntine@as.edu.au



Year 11 End of Course Exams

Year 11 end of course exams will be held in Week 9 (17 - 21 September).
Please note normal classes will resume on Monday 24 September.

Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Information

Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Information has been sent to students with their personal code to select preferences.

The closing date for subject preferences for Stage 6 (Year 11 2019) is today - Wednesday 12 September.

The closing date for Stage 5 (Year 8 and Year 9 2019) is Monday 17 September.

The subject handbooks can be found online.

Stage 5

<http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2018/09/STAGE-5-HANDBOOK-2019.pdf>

Stage 6

<http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2018/09/STAGE-6-HANDBOOK-2019-Web-Copy.pdf>

If you have any questions in regards to subject preference or choices please contact Mr Luke Polson or Mrs Vickey O'Brien.

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) 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths 9-12 (all levels) English Yr 9-12

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) 	Tutoring available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths 9-12 (all levels) English Yr 9-12

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. No tutoring.	LIBRARY CLOSED School finished for term.



Mrs Seonia Wark



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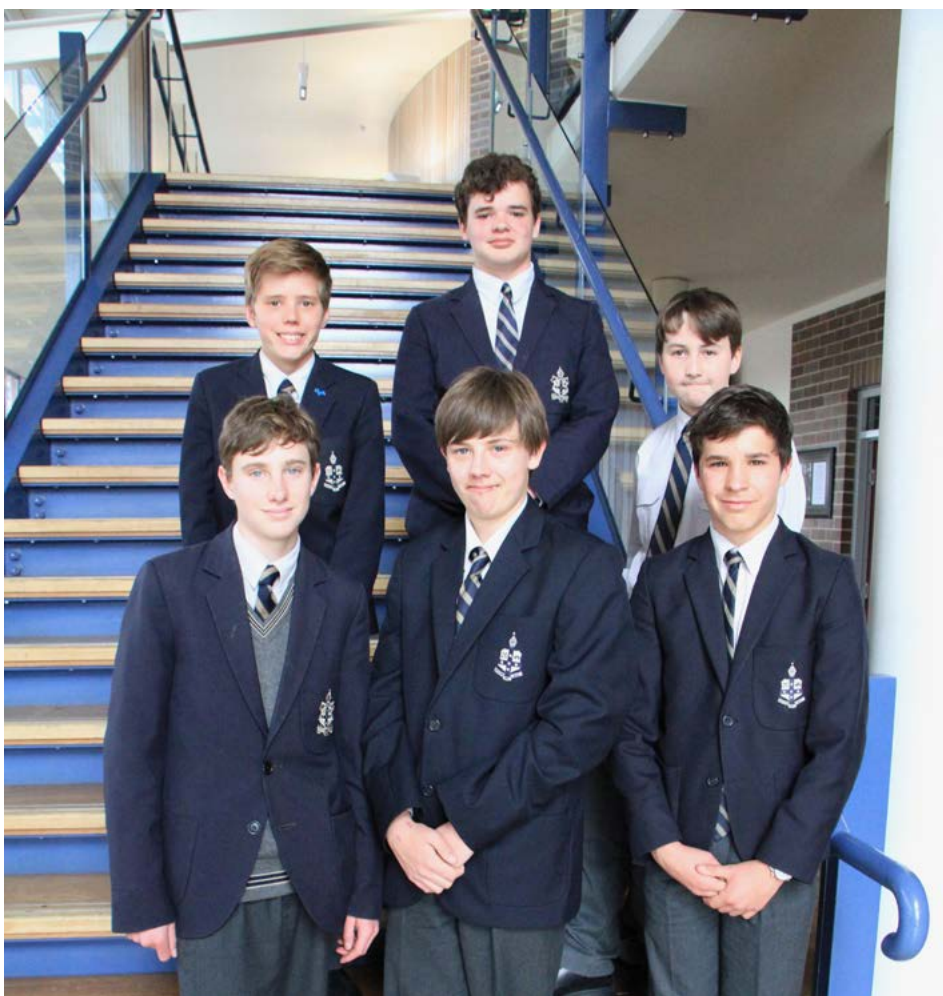
Inter-House Public Speaking

It's often cited as a person's greatest fear... but confidence was the order of the day in the inter-house public speaking competitions held last week. In the seniors, students selected from one of three phrases ('couch surfing', 'green light', 'to be or not to be') with winner Owen Chandler (Ross House) choosing the Shakespearian quote to raise questions about the meaning - and value - of life. Also selecting the line from Hamlet was Henry O'Neil, while Phebe Hunt, Will Almond and Lucy Fenwicke each took different takes on green light. Will Forsyth selected 'couch surfing' and informed us all about a more affordable alternative to Air BnB.

Middle School students were each given a different image to interpret as they wished. In his winning speech, Mac Orr (Croft) was inspired by a smiling green frog to opine on the importance of young people embracing their uniqueness so they can empowered to stand out and not just blend in - "it's not easy being green". Also representing their houses admirably were Will Jubb, Hugo Catterall, Jasper O'Neil, Frank Perrottet and Charlie Carter.

Well done to all speakers on delivering such thought-provoking, passionate and carefully crafted speeches.

Mr Tim Hughes
Debating & Public Speaking
Coordinator



Representing their houses in Middle School were (back) Hugo Catterall, Will Jubb, Jasper O'Neil, (front) Frank Perrottet, Charlie Carter and Mac Orr.



Participants in the Senior School public speaking competition were Lucy Fenwicke, Owen Chandler, Will Almond, Henry O'Neil, Phebe Hunt and Will Forsyth



French Study Tour 2019

French Students Years 8 - 10

Bonjour !

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 from Years 8 to 10 who are continuing their French studies in 2019, 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, it's 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 *quartiers* 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.

Proposed Itinerary

Depart - Saturday, 29 September 2019
Armidale > Sydney > Paris

Return - Saturday, 13 October 2019
Paris > Sydney > Armidale

Key Destinations:

Paris; Château of Versailles; Castles of the Loire Valley, Brittany; Saint Malo, Abbey of Mont St Michel, Normandy; Monet's Garden and House at Giverny, World War I, II landing beaches...

Approximate cost: \$5950.00



Mme Chloe Prado – French | cprado@as.edu.au

If you would like your child to benefit from this opportunity and to receive further information as it comes to hand, please email Mme Chloe Prado with your expression of interest.

cprado@as.edu.au

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

Pride in the Crest

The common theme at all end of season dinners has been the passion for their sport and the pride in their School. At this time of year, we recognise that sport has less to do with scores or even skills and more to do with character and values. Over the past week I have attended several dinners; hearing players and coaches espouse the virtues of sport.

It is a reflection of the commitment throughout the season; recognising the sacrifices made and the rewards received. It is tempting, after a gruelling winter, to look forward to a lazy summer. Surely it is deserved. However, where is the satisfaction in that? I would challenge all students to carry the same enthusiasm and commitment into their summer sport. What you get out of it depends entirely on what you put into it.

Student Coaches

Senior students are invited to lodge expressions of interest to coach Junior teams, under the supervision of an academic staff member. This is a very rewarding experience and a tremendous boost to the TAS sporting program. Please email dcc@as.edu.au if you are interested.

TAS Reunion Weekend

The School will be buzzing this weekend with Old Armidaliens reliving the glory days. Along with the various activities published in the official program, we are holding an Inter-house Rugby 7s and Netball competition, with a twist; there are only three teams, each being a combination of a day house and a boarding house. Please see below the draw and times.

Inter-house Rugby 7s and Netball

Games

Rugby	Junior – 13/14s	Intermediate - 15/16s	Senior -Opens
10:00 – 11:00am	T/G v C/B	A/R v T/G	A/R v C/B
11:00 – 12:00pm	A/R v C/B	T/G v C/B	A/R v T/G
12:00pm	Old Boys – 5yrs v 10 yrs		
1:00 – 2:00pm	A/R v T/G	A/R v C/B	T/G v C/B

Netball	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
1:00 – 2:00pm	A/R v C/B	T/G v C/B	A/R v T/G

Rules

7 on field/court at one time (must be minimum 3 from each house)

Game time 2x7 min halves.

Mr Will Caldwell

Director of Co-curricular



Mr Will Caldwell



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

This Thursday and Friday we have School Photographs taken by MSP Photography. All photos will be taken in Memorial Hall. Due to Passing Out Parade practice, and minimising class time losses, some photos are scheduled before school. Please check the schedules on this page to ensure your child is present for their photos, at least 5 minutes before scheduled time.

On Friday, at 10.25am the descendants of Old Armidaliens photo will be taken. Students involved in this photo are:

Sons or Daughters, Grandchildren, Great- Grandchildren, Nieces or Nephews of Old Boys. Please remind your child about this photo if they are eligible.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's involvement in this photo, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Tim Hughes at thughes@as.edu.au

Other than those photos noted, full TAS Formal Uniform must be worn.

** Please check times, as there have been adjustments made to these schedules.*



PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2018 Thursday 13 September 2018

DAY	TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:30 am	TAS Big Band	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:35 am	TAS Singers	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:40 am	TAS Camerata	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	7:45 am	TAS Cantique	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:00 am	Swimming: MS & SS Age Champions	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:15 am	MS/SS Athletics: GPS Team	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:20 am	Shooting: 2nd VIII	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:25 am	Shooting: 1st VIII	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:35 am	Cricket 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:40 am	SRC	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	8:45 am	Chess 1st IV	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	11:20 am	Equestrian Team	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	11:25 am	Senior Debating / Public Speaking	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	12:55 pm	MS/SS Cross Country NCIS & CIS	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:00 pm	JS/MS/SS -GPS/CIS Representatives	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:10 pm	Hockey: 1st XI Girls	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:15 pm	Hockey: 1st XI Boys	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:25 pm	Netball TAS 1	Memorial Hall
Thursday 13 Sept.	1:30 pm	Tennis 1st IV	Memorial Hall

HOCKEY: 1st XI Full TAS hockey uniform including boots

CRICKET: 1st XI Whites, Baggy Blue, School Blazers

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: Full FORMAL School Uniform

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos
- No 'Skins' are to be worn under sports uniforms for photographs
- Please ensure school shoes are clean and polished

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS



PHOTOGRAPHS: Winter 2018

Friday, 14 September 2018

DAY	TIME	NAME OF PHOTO	VENUE
Friday 14 Sept	6:55 am	Abbott House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:10 am	Abbott House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:15 am	Croft House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:30 am	Croft House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:35 am	Tyrrell House	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:50 am	Tyrrell House Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	7:55 am	Middle School Boarding	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:10 am	Year 12	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:30 am	Girls Boarding	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:35 am	Prefects	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:40 am	Co-Curricular Captains	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:45 am	Football: 1st XI	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:50 am	House Captains & Vice Captains	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	8:55 am	Rugby: 1st XV	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:05 am	Junior School	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:30 am	JS Athletics: PSSA & NCIS Team	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:35 am	Cross Country: PSSA Team	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:45 am	Junior School Athletics Champions	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	9:55 am	Junior School Swimming Champions	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:05 am	TAS Trebles	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:15 am	FanTAStics	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:25 am	Descendants of Old Boys	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	10:40 am	Middle School	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:05 am	MS Debating	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:10 am	MS Monitors	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:15 am	Rugby: 2nd XV	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:25 am	Football: 2nd XI	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:35 am	Anzac Day Guard	Memorial Hall
Friday 14 Sept	11:45 am	Cadets: Officers & NCOs	Memorial Hall

CADETS: Anzac Guard: Olive Guard with hat and clean boots
Officers & NCO's: DPCU, no hat, clean boots

RUGBY: 1st XV- Full TAS rugby uniform including boots

FOOTBALL: 1st XI- Full TAS football uniform including boots

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: Full FORMAL School Uniform

The last few events for HSC Creative Arts subjects are coming to an end, with the HSC Music projects handed in on Monday and the Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music performances happening next Tuesday. The work of the HSC Music students is frequently on show at school assemblies and events like Twilight Concerts and once again we are very clearly gifted with some exceptional talent in a range of styles. On behalf of the school community I wish those students the very best and am sure that their hard work and commitment will be rewarded as they walk into those performances with confidence - and I extend that to their Music teachers, Ms Roobol and Mrs Baumgartner, who go above and beyond in preparing them for those exams.

Despite a bit of bumping and bumbling on my end with broken emails, *Oliver!* information has gone out and auditions are set for Week 9. It has been wonderful to hear about the number of students who have already tracked down copies of the film or seen clips online but just in case you weren't sure here are a few to look into to get a taste of what *Oliver!* involves:

* Here is Food Glorious Food from the classic 1968 film - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZQlku9mNw>

* The BBC 'Children in Need' special from 2008 has a wonderful selection of songs that includes 'Food Glorious Food', 'Who Will Buy', 'Consider Yourself' and 'I'd Do Anything' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVc4Zyw1F5E>

* A selection of snippets (that I borrowed for our announcement trailer) from a wide range of moments in the show - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouP-YMTfCX4>

* And from the 5th Avenue Theatre is 'You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YVAmZBGdXw>

We are running audition technique sessions this week for Senior School at Lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Middle School at Recess Wednesday and Friday and Lunch on Thursday. If you have any questions about your audition or what being involved in the show will be like please don't hesitate to swing by the Hoskins Centre office.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell



AMEB Exam Results

Name	Year	Item	Grade
Alexander Gibson	9	Musical Theatre Grade 4	A
Andi Li	3	Violin Grade 1	A+
Erin Page	11	Musical Theatre Voice Grade 8	B
Ruby Straker	8	Violin Grade 5	B+
Hayley Whitehill	9	Flute Grade 5	A

Thank you to those students who passed on their recent AMEB results. Congratulations to all students who sat exams- it shows great commitment and discipline to work on these results.

If you would like your child's results placed in TAS Talks, please email them through to Rachael Edmonds at redmonds@as.edu.au

Ms Leanne Roobol

Time continues to fly

As a general rule the final weeks of term are always a little fraught: students and staff are tired, assessments fall due at an inexorable rate, winter sport finally grinds to an inexorable halt (not a bad thing really, as these people have 'been on the go' for two very busy terms now) and the holiday break is almost in sight, but we've still another two weeks to manage before it arrives.

On the whole, Middle School students are still managing their commitments remarkably well. Despite the fact that their 'pace' is more measured (though only marginally), they're still smiling, largely meeting commitments throughout the campus and are generally getting on well with one another - and with us, I'm pleased to add. Last week, Ms Catherine Boydell had the pleasure of listening to and adjudicating the Middle School Public Speaking Finals: our students acquit themselves well and their speaking skills, across the board, compare favorably with those of their senior school counterparts. I want to thank Ms Boydell for her time, efforts and also for her generosity of spirit. There are times when choosing a winner is hard because every speaker's interpretation and presentation of topic deserved recognition last week. Every topic was fully researched and I can say confidently that, for the Middle School at least, there's again real balance between style and substance.

In addition to successful Year 8 parent-teacher meetings at the end of last week, our Service Trip students, ably assisted by peers, parents and staff, are preparing for the Year 8 Fiji Service Trip and, like their Thailand counterparts, whose lunch I attended today, are still running their fundraising initiatives, and still squeezing in their characteristic manic pace of fund raisers. These latter activities, by the way, are regular and, again, it's good to see the year groups interacting in such a healthy manner in terms of their support of one another.

At this week's Town Meeting I've spoken yet again about the wisdom of non-contact games during the lunch breaks, the wearing of correct uniforms and the necessity of keeping classrooms in good order. I've also reinforced the non-negotiable issue of good manners when interacting with others, regardless of age or position in the wider school.

Enrolment Interviews and 'values'

Thus far, the interview process for our potential 2019 intake continues. Despite the ongoing frustrating weather forecasts and generally challenging times for so many, TAS continues to be a priority for families. My interviews invariably require a 'Report in; Report out' regime and this office continues a hive of activity. Again, in no small measure, the success of our new-style experience visits is still largely attributable the 'buddies' assigned to boys and girls who come to TAS to see what we're like. These 'buddies' are your children and also the Year 6, 7 and 8 teachers who so ably look after 'experience visitors'. These facts augur well for the health of the future - it also amply reflects and recommends those resourceful people who are Middle School Homeroom staff.



Mr Mark Harrison

As you know, our students are normal children and their capacity to 'get up to mischief' is a proven one. However, when new students arrive, current ones continue to be very passable and presentable models of probity and concern. Almost without exception, at the enrolment interviews we've had over time, mention is made of the generosity of spirit of our current students to those others who present for these new experience days.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Year 5 PYP Exhibition

Hearty congratulations to Mr Portell and the Year 5 class for the outstanding Exhibition they produced last night in the Hoskins Centre. Based on the Transdisciplinary theme "Sharing the Planet", groups of students collaborated to create in depth research and presentations that were very impressive. Beginning with a "tri-bate", three teams discussed the relative merits of our dependency on Land, Water and Sky and which was (potentially) the most important to us. It was a great start to their Exhibition demonstrating the group projects they had been working on this term and I commend them on their focus and commitment.



Ty explaining the potential for recycling polluted water....

This week, we are also celebrating our move to the concept of Student Led Conferences in Years 3 and 4. Each student has been preparing a presentation of their own, to discuss with parents and lead a reflection that allows for the sharing of their own strengths and weaknesses through assessments and reporting. It is a first for Junior School and I thank all the students and their teachers for preparing so thoroughly for this exciting venture.

Yr K – 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews September 25 & 26

Please note that this terms' interviews will be held on the above dates for Years K - 2. Information is Information about how to book a time has been emailed out to all parents. If you have any questions please contact your teacher or myself.



Mr Ian Lloyd



Formal Uniform for Friday School Photos

As published in this week's TAS Talks, we will be having the Junior School whole school photo this Friday. Please ensure that boys are wearing their formal white shirts with grey trousers and girls, their winter uniform with long grey socks or stockings. All children should have clean shoes, wear their blue pullover for the photo and Year 5 students, their school blazer.

If your son or daughter is a descendant of an Old Armidalian (Old Boy), please remind them about a group photo at 10.20am on Friday. Teachers will help organise students included.

With spring in the air, it is a great time to have a 'spring clean' with our uniforms. We are encouraging the children to take more pride in their uniforms, ensuring they arrive at school neatly dressed, hair brushed and shoes polished. There are currently a good number of hats that could do with a wash and/or replacement. The Chappell hat has been retained because it provides value for money with such a wide rim. Please remember we do have a no hat no play policy which becomes very important as the weather warms up. Girls should be wearing a navy-blue ribbon if their hair is tied up. I would like to remind students in Yr 5 that they should wear their blazers in public and that sports uniform worn on sports training days (only) continues to be the PE uniform.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

WEEK 8

Wed 12 Sep

Year 3 – 4 Student Led Conference –
No Assembly

Thu 13 Sep

NE Sings Rehearsal

Fri 14 September

Junior School Whole School photos

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

Year 4 VW Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Thu 27

Jump Rope for Heart

School Concludes

Fri 28

Staff Day

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Mon 15 Oct

Staff Day

Tue 16 Oct

Classes Resume

Wed 17 Oct

Assembly TBA

Thu 18 Oct

NE Sings Rehearsal

Transition Service Project

Following on from the recent Junior School Activities Day and Book Week theme 'Find Your Treasure'. Transition are leading a project to donate some of our pre-loved books to the TAS Senior School Thailand trip. In the October holidays a group of students, led by Reverend

Newton, will travel to Thailand to serve those less fortunate than us. Transition are asking for assistance with this project by donating a book you've loved that you would be happy to give to children who live in the Agape Home in Thailand.

Books can put in the 'Treasures for Thailand' suitcase located outside the Junior School staff room for collection. Other donations that may be helpful for this project include pencils, textas and other stationery items and we commend Transition and their teachers for this initiative.

Contact with Junior School

Please be reminded that while Mrs Lasker is away until the end of term, all messages should be relayed through the Junior School phone answering machine – 6776 5817 or through email at junior@as.edu.au

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 7

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly: Alexander Dell, Peter Thompson, Charlie Ryan, Sophia White, Izzie Glover, Andrian Zhang, Ryne Wilkinson, Ruby Ogilvie, Joe Fenwicke and the TAS Yr 5 Da Vinci Team.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



Cruze donating a book for the cause

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday wishes to Neave Drain and Tobias Whysall for their special days this week.

Student Led Reflections

A time to celebrate student achievement and progress!

The first Junior School student-led reflections are being held today with our Year 3 and 4 classes. There has been much excitement leading up to the reflections as students have been busy preparing their classrooms and selecting work samples to share with their parents and extended family members. The students have much to be proud of and have artworks, thought processes and projects on display to share with parents. There will also be an opportunity for all parents to attend and participate in a range of specialist lessons.

There are many benefits to student-led reflections:

- Promotes self-responsibility, communication and a celebration of learning
- To reflect on learning and set new goals
- Quality communication between parents and students
- A positive experience for students as they direct the conversation
- Student-led reflections enable students to demonstrate their knowledge, explain processes and instruct their parents.

It is critical to remember that student-led reflections are not a showcase about the child-they are a conversation with the child.

Mrs Veronica Waters

Primary Years Programme Coordinator



U11 Hockey

Whilst in terms of results, we did not have the most successful hockey season, we certainly had a very enjoyable season, one through which all players showed a great deal of improvement and commitment. We also had quite a few new players to hockey and it has been great to watch their interest in the game and their skills develop. I hope that these players continue to enjoy and hone their hockey skills while continuing on next season.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Ball, our parents for their support and ensuring that our players were organised and the logistics for games and training. Finally, I would like to publicly thank Sam Behrend for his invaluable help at training, sharing his passion and finesse for the game and mentoring the under 11's with skill and maturity well beyond his years.

Mrs Christine Wright





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School Holiday Program

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Sunday 9th September

Arrival of Matt Pilikington
Symposium Caz Haswell
Artists Dale Miles
Nameer Davis
Barbara Penrose
Artists Assistants
BackTrack

Monday 10th - Saturday 15th September

8.30 - 5.00pm Site Open
Walcha Showground

Tuesday 11th September

6pm Meet The Artists Dinner
Bookings essential
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Walcha Sports Club

Thursday 13th September

1pm - 4pm Open Studio Afternoon
Walcha Showground

Group Tours of Open Air Gallery - By arrangement

Friday 14th September

6pm Walcha Gallery of Art
Exhibition Opening
Symposium Artists Previous Works

Saturday 15th September

8.30 - 1.30pm Walcha Farmers & Makers Market
1pm Public Guided Tours of Open Air Gallery
Meet at Visitor Information Centre
2.30pm Sculpture Concluding Show
Walcha Showground
4.00 - 4.30pm BBQ and Event Close

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