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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7 November 2018 Term 4 Week 4

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Weekend of Fitness

Summer sport is well underway and with that comes a number of special events that are again attracting real attention amongst TAS students. On Saturday 35 of our best mountain bikers took part in the annual '12 Hours in the Piney' event and we were well represented across the U13 years, U18 years and Open categories. Our MTB Coordinator, Jo Benham, has reported on the results in this edition of TAS Talks and I echo her congratulations to all the teams who took part. On Sunday morning 34 TAS runners joined the Armidale community for the annual Armidale Fun Run, with many backing up from a big day of triathlon on Saturday. Both of these purely voluntary activities are set apart from the usual sporting program and commitments and that makes the level of participation very pleasing indeed.

Our students seem to thrive on physical challenges like these and that is a credit to them.

Rugby Representative Honours

Congratulations go to Year 10 student Leon Kelly who has been selected in the NSW U17 Indigenous Rugby 7s team following his participation at the Lloyd McDermott Development Camp held at TAS in late October. Leon was one of 12 boys selected for the team that will compete at the 2018 National Youth Championships in Brisbane in the first week of December. Lloyd McDermott was the second Aboriginal person to represent his country in rugby union, and was also Australia's first Indigenous barrister. Set up by his Lloyd McDermott Sports Foundation with the Australian Sports Foundation, the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team works with young people to achieve their dreams through development camps, educational scholarships and mentoring. It was a pleasure to be associated with the Development Camp this year and to see Leon progressing. I wish him every success for his training with the team and the competition.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Upcoming Activities

As we look ahead there are a number of activities that will be of interest to many parents, both at the School and elsewhere. It is an eclectic cross section of TAS life that I know will appeal to many. Tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 in the Hoskins Centre our Year 11 music and art students will present their new creative collaboration 'ArtSound'. This will be the first opportunity for the community to see our new senior students putting their creative talents on show and parents are very welcome to join us. On Friday afternoon our rowing families and friends will gather at Malpas Dam for the official launch of the 2018/19 rowing season, complete with barbecue and rowing demonstration. This has become a tradition and is a rare opportunity for the community to see our highly committed rowers on their 'home ground'. For Junior School parents, Saturday will bring an afternoon of 'work' for those who are able to join the first of two working bees for costumes and set construction for the production of 'Alice in Wonderland' that comes to the stage in Hoskins in Week 8 of this term. Finally, TAS will be represented at the Armidale commemoration of Remembrance Day on Sunday in Central Park. The centenary of the signing of the armistice makes this a particularly significant event this year and we will hold our own commemoration on Tuesday of next week.

Looking further ahead to the following weekend the confluence of Grandparents' Day, the biennial TAS Art Show, Year 10 Formal and TAS@Dusk will see hundreds of friends of TAS descend on the School and I look forward to encouraging all to join us for those events in TAS Talks next week.

Murray Guest





GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON

The Armidale School wishes to acknowledge the special role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren by welcoming them as guests of the School at our biennial Grandparents' Afternoon.

Friday 16 November

2pm-4pm

Join us for afternoon tea, tours of the school, a special concert, debate and other activities. On display in the Hoskins foyer will be the P&F Art Show featuring art works for sale by New England artists. Then on Saturday, there will be attractions aplenty at TAS@Dusk, the annual P&F Fete, from 3-8pm.

This weekend offers a wonderful variety of events for grandparents to experience with their families and we encourage all to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP for for afternoon tea for catering purposes by Friday 9 November.

We look forward to welcoming our TAS grandparents to TAS!

WEEK 4

Monday 5 - Friday 9 November	Year 6-10 Exams
Thursday 8 November	ArtSound Year 11 Art/Music Collaboration (Hoskins Foyer - 4.30-6.30pm) STEM Trip information evening (5pm) Musica Viva Concert (Armidale Town Hall - 6.30pm)
Friday 9 November	Rowing Season Launch (5pm)
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Day Service (St Peter's Cathedral 7.15am)

WEEK 5

Tuesday 13 November	TAS Remembrance Day Service (11.15am)
Friday 16 November	Grandparent's Afternoon (2-4pm) P&F Art Show (2-7pm)
Saturday 17 November	TAS@Dusk (3-8pm) P&F Art Show (9am - 8pm)
Sunday 18 November	P&F Art Show (10am-2pm)

The library will be closed from 4.00 pm on
Friday 9 November, 2018.
We apologise for any inconvenience.

Library staff



TAS@DUSK – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER & ART SHOW – ONLY 10 DAYS TO GO!!!

TAS@Dusk this year is having a 'Back to the Country' theme... we are looking at going a bit 'old school' and also trying to reduce, reuse and recycle in order to keep costs down for all families... Our Marquee event for this year will be the TAS COUNTRY NINJA CHALLENGE – think Australian Ninja meets rural NSW obstacle races. We will also have Backtrack with their amazing dogs and a whip cracking demonstration.

Not content with TAS@Dusk then come and look at our biennial ART SHOW on the same weekend. A great opportunity to see some fabulous local artists and perhaps get some Christmas shopping done. The Art Show will be open for Grandparents Afternoon and will also have it's official opening on Friday 16 from 5-7pm. Art will also be available for viewing and purchase all day Saturday and Sunday from 10-2pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please sign up to help and please think about donating some lovely items as well.

In order to make TAS@Dusk a fun, fabulous event we will require lots of helpers. Each year group has been designated a stall and your liaison parents will be contacting you asking for help and/or donations. Please, if you can, lend a hand. We only need an hour or two of your time and some lovely donated goodies but without this help the job falls to a few and becomes a burden. LPs are your contact points but they are only supposed to be doing as much work as anyone else in their year group – so please, please ask how you can help. We have a great TAS Community and with your support we can make this a great TAS event.

Signup sheets are available online to sign up to help for both the Art Show and TAS@Dusk

TAS @ DUSK - use this link

<http://signup.com/login/entry/1136985030637868052>

ART SHOW - use this link

<http://signup.com/login/entry/152867388055>

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS – please use this link

<http://signup.com/login/entry/657025728310658052>

ITEMS NEEDED - please have a hunt round at home and if you can help with any of the following please do so. Items can be left at Main School reception.

- **Good quality second hand sports gear, toys and books** – clean, good condition items for our second hand sports gear, and Toys and Tales stalls – barely used hockey sticks, cricket pads, perfect rugby boots, great books, lovely toys etc
- **Tombola Jars** - this is always popular and we can never have enough full jars of goodies. Anything from marbles, lollies, colouring pencils, hairclips, soaps and shampoos packaged into a jar would be wonderful.
- **Items for the 'regifting stall!** Things you've been given and never opened or used that could make great gifts for someone else.
- **Jams, sauces and other 'home made' goodies for the Produce Stall** – think CWA, Back to Country type things... home baking, chutneys, maybe some fresh veges, flowers or eggs (dated please)

- Boxes, plastic bags and recycled bags – for taking home goodies in particularly from the plant stall

For all the second hand stalls – please only nice things – if you wouldn't buy it then please don't give it to us – we have to dispose of everything we don't sell and that can be tricky!!

Also if you would like to be a sponsor of the TAS Country Ninja Challenge please contact Fiona Nash on jf.nash@bigpond.com

TAS@DUSK MEETING WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 7pm

Our organising committee is in full swing but if you would like to help or find out what is going on please come to our meeting tonight in the Archdall Room at 7pm. All are welcome.



FAMOUS TAS CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS – AVAILABLE FOR SALE – GET IN QUICK

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings are now for sale. Puddings are \$25 each and can be paid for on TryBooking.com <https://www.trybooking.com/ZDNC>

Puddings can be collected from TAS Main Reception once they have been ordered or can be bought at TAS@Dusk at the Produce Stall. But get in quick - at this stage it is highly unlikely we will have any available for sale at Speech Day.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



TAS @ DUSK

Saturday 17th November 2018

TAS Country Ninja Challenge

Kindergarten - Year 5 Races 3 - 4 PM

Year 6 - Year 8 Ninja Challenge 4 - 5 PM

Year 9 - Year 12 Ninja Challenge 5 - 5.45 PM

“NINJA PIG CUP” - HOUSE CHALLENGE - 5.45 PM

**ARE YOU UP FOR
THE CHALLENGE?**

Complete a course of country obstacles

**K - 5 - JUST TURN UP AT
3 PM READY TO RACE
INDIVIDUALS - NOT TEAMS**

**YEAR 6 - YEAR 12 - ENTER
YOUR TEAM OF FOUR
\$10 PER TEAM**

**STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF
TAS WELCOME**

**CASH PRIZES FOR WINNING
TEAMS - 1ST, 2ND & 3RD**



Entry forms are available from TAS Reception, Middle School Reception (Entry forms not required for K - 5)
Completed Entry Forms can be sent to vlucas@as.edu.au . \$10 Entry Fee to be paid at TAS @ Dusk.
For further information please call Karen Morgan 0407 636 121

I Vow to Thee My Country Proverbs 3:13-18

I Vow to Thee My Country is a great hymn to belt out, but again we must ask, what are we belting out? Like many other hymns, it had a former life as another piece of literature, this time a poem by Cecil Spring Rice, written in the early 1900's, entitled Urbs Dei ('The City of God') or sometimes known as The Two Fatherlands. The poem described how a Christian owes loyalties to both homeland and the heavenly kingdom.

In 1908, Spring Rice was posted to the British Embassy in Stockholm. In 1912, he was appointed as Ambassador to the US, where he influenced them to join Britain in the war. In 1918, he re-wrote and renamed Urbs Dei, significantly altering the first verse to concentrate on the themes of love and sacrifice rather than "the noise of battle" and "the thunder of her guns", creating a more sombre tone in view of the dreadful loss of life suffered in the Great War.

So what's it all about?

Firstly, to be devoted to your country is not a bad thing, to care about liberty, freedom of speech and the welfare of your fellow citizens, particularly the disenfranchised is a good thing – even a Biblical notion. Where your country values those ideas, it is to be protected and desired, through love and sacrifice. So, it is with confidence that we can sing about a devotion to a country that holds high those ideals, Biblical ideals.

Secondly, the hymn shifts, to speak of another country. A country the author has heard of, a country that also has devotees. This speaks of not the United Kingdom, but the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom which is altogether better, and yet is less tangible at times.

We may not see The King on the news or sitting on his throne, but we do see the evidence of His Kingship. We may not see this Kingdom's armies, and pride isn't found in the tickertape parade on the return of her soldiers. But for now, we see faithful hearts, we see the suffering of it's citizens, we see gentleness, we see the wisdom of peace (as quoted in the hymn from the 6-7th century BC Biblical book of Proverbs). Peace which is from God, a peace which goes beyond understanding, which is between the citizen and the King and only won through the sacrificial actions of the King, and subsequently a peace is found between it's citizens. We see this Kingdom very quietly growing, one person at a time, it's shining bounds increase. It is this Kingdom that the Christian calls home, it is of this Kingdom which the one who follows Jesus is a citizen and will hold their greatest devotion and it is of this Kingdom that we sing.



Mr Richard Newton

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A TAS Confirmation Service will be held on Monday 10 December in the TAS Chapel at 2pm. If you would like your child to be Confirmed please contact Reverend Newton on rnewton@as.edu.au to discuss.

HSC Exams

HSC Exams will conclude on Friday 9 November. We would like to wish all Year 12 students all the best in their chosen pathway and wish them well for life beyond TAS.

Year 6-10 Exams

Exams for students in Years 6-10 continue this week and next week. Students should be referring to the exam notification to guide their study and revision. Please direct any questions regarding the upcoming exams to your child's class teacher or advisor. We wish all students well for both the exams and their individual preparation for these.

2019 Year 11 Subject Selection

Outstanding subject choices for Year 11 2019 need to be submitted as soon as possible. Mr Mark Taylor (Careers advisor - mtaylor@as.edu.au) is also available to answer queries regarding subject selection.

2019 Year 9 & 10 Subject Choices

Students and parents have been emailed the lines for Years 9 and 10 in 2019. Students have been sent the webcode to submit their final choices online. The deadline for these choices was Friday 2 November. Subject choices not yet submitted must be done so as soon as possible. Please ensure you have discussed with your child their subject choices.

If your child is having difficulty completing either of these online forms for subject selection, please contact Mrs O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5806.

Library Extended Day

A friendly reminder that the library is staffed and available for student use from 7:30am - 9pm (Monday -Thursday) and from 7:30am - 5:30pm (Fridays). Tutoring is available in the library on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon for Middle School students. Parents should book for this tutoring by emailing dos@as.edu.au. Students can still access the library to complete their prep or other work of an afternoon. Parents do not need to book in for this. Please see below details of the subject specific tutoring offered to Years 9-12 of an evening.



Mr Luke Polson

		Wednesday 7/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 8/11 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 12/11 No tutoring	Tuesday 13/11 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 14/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 15/11 7-9pm – Maths 7-9pm -Science 9/10 & Physics
Monday 19/11 7-9pm – Chemistry, Bio, Maths, Science Yr 9/10	Tuesday 20/11 7-9pm – Chemistry, Bio, Maths, Science Yr 9/10 Maths 7-9pm – English	Wednesday 21/11 7-9pm - Maths	Thursday 22/11 Library closed from 6pm – Bivouac



Indonesia - A Journey to Java

Round Square Indonesia Conference 2019

Over 17,000 islands spreading between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, more than 200 ethnic groups with over 300 spoken languages bridging the continents of Asia and Australasia, a multitude of amazing landscapes and biodiversity stretching along the equator: this is Indonesia, a land of endless spectacular wonders!

The Round Square Regional Conference 10-12 year-olds British School of Jakarta, Indonesia is running from the 26th April -1st May 2019 with a pre-conference tour to Singapore 24th-26th April. TAS students who are 10-12 years old on the 1st May 2019 are invited to apply to attend this unique conference.



The proposed itinerary for this trip is:

- Wednesday 24th April** Fly Armidale to Sydney (Qantas). Sydney to Singapore (Singapore Airlines) (overnight).
- Thursday 25th April** Day in Singapore, and Thursday night accommodation in Singapore.
- Friday 26th April** Fly from Singapore to Jakarta (Singapore Airlines).
Conference begins at British School of Jakarta.

An opening ceremony, providing insight into Indonesia's diverse archipelago, an Indonesian banquet and welcome to the conference.
- Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April** Enjoy guest speakers and barazas discussing the biodiversity of Indonesia. Also, absorb Javanese arts and crafts, encapsulated with a cultural performance.
Explore the rural agro-forests and hill farms of Mega Mendung, taking in the padi fields, village livelihoods and coffee plantations.
- Sunday 28th April – Wednesday 1st May** Get your hands dirty on a sustainable organic farm, helping with the planting and harvesting of eco-friendly vegetables. Go behind the scenes at Taman Safari Park, meeting Indonesia's endangered species such as the Sumatran tigers, Borneo orangutans and Komodo dragons, considering ways in which we can prevent the risk of extinction.
- Wednesday 1st May** Concluding the week with a closing ceremony, celebrating our experiences, friendships and successes from the last five days.
Sightseeing in Jakarta. Overnight flight from Jakarta to Sydney (Qantas).
- Thursday 2nd May** Fly into Armidale (Qantas) at 9:30am.

Miss Channon and Mr Polson will accompany the delegation of 6 students. At this early stage, the cost will be approximately \$2950. Expressions of interest need to be emailed to echannon@as.edu.au and an application form will be forwarded to you. Expressions of interest close on Friday, 9th November.

Regards,

Emma Channon

Luke Polson

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

TAS Surf Lifesaving Bivouac

November 22/23 2018

Travel

Depart Thursday 22 November

- 6:30am Brown Street. Pack trailer and bus at 6:15am.
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am.

Return Friday 23 November

- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 3.30 pm (approx.)

Accommodation

Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club

Staff

Mr J Pennington 0419250984; Mrs G Geyle-Chick

Mr M Ball

Organisation

Thursday

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am.

Unpack bus.

- 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Beach Session 1
- 12.00 noon Lunch- Club
- 1.00 pm- 4.30 pm Beach Session 2
- 5:30pm Girl Fit
- 7.00 pm Dinner
- 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm Theory Session
- 9.30 pm Bed

Friday

- 5:45am Beach
Session 3
- 7.30 am Breakfast-Club
- 9.00 am -12.30pm Beach Session 4
- 12.30pm Lunch- Club
- 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell

Requirements

Swimmers, goggles. Pens, Manual and Workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes. Sleeping bags and roll up mattress, pillows, Swags if possible (Boys only). Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

Dress

To travel - School sports uniform - Full **school** tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

Meals

Breakfast: Cereal/toast/BBQ Spreads

Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

Dinners: Fish'n'Chips



Inter-house competition

The new house leaders are eager to develop house spirit as they prepare for the inter-house cricket in Week 7 and the Cash Cup on Tuesday 11 December. The cricket will be conducted during lunch times from Monday 26 – Thursday 29 November. This will set the tone for some healthy competition and is sure to attract a crowd on Wakefield.

The Cash Cup format has been refined to include an improvised production on the day as well as three prepared elements; whole house musical extravaganza, a lipsync and an artwork – all inspired by an image and a quote that were handed to house captains on Monday.

Houses will meet during advisor time on Mondays and Wednesdays, commencing next week. Parents are welcome to share the entertainment on Tuesday 11 December with all houses performing in Memorial Hall from 1:30-3:30pm.

Rowing Season Launch

Malpas will be alight with fluorescent bucket caps as the rowing team are presented with their 'baggy yellows' to launch the 2018/19 season. All are welcome to join the rowing community at 5pm at Malpas Dam for a BBQ dinner, to enjoy the serenity and to wish the crews well for the season ahead.

Mr Will Caldwell



Mr Will Caldwell

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Congratulations to the 272 TAS students, staff, parents and Old Armidalians who completed this years City 2 Surf. As part of your efforts, \$1,000 was donated to "Doing it for Dolly"

The Armidale Fun Run once again saw a strong turn out of TAS students in attendance. With many from Triathlon at the end of a two day training camp, a 5km race seemed like a great idea! Perfect conditions greeted the 34 TAS runners and it was wonderful to see students from Years 6-11 keen for the course. The leaders ripped out the 1st km, with Sam Jones hanging tough in the second pack and Albertus Hattingh not too far behind. Isabella Gooch, Karen Baker and Katie Allen were solid amongst the women as the race developed. Sam finished 4th male (18:31) and Isabella (25:35) was the 9th female overall. Given that both were at the end of a hectic and tough weekend's Triathlon training, this was a terrific result. It was also pleasing to see the Perrottet and Ditchfield siblings battle it out along with Amelia Bonnici and Georgia White. A massive congratulations to Will Ledingham, who on top of a huge training load, was still sparkling at the end of the 5km.

Mr James Pennington





The Armidale School Students
For raising \$1,000 as part of City2Surf 2018

01/01/2018

Your support of Dolly's Dream has helped to make a real difference to the lives of those affected by bullying.



Kate and Tick Everett



www.dollysdream.org.au

Dolly's Dream, proudly brought to you by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation (ABN 96 514 115 810) in conjunction with Kate and Tick Everett.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

The annual 12 Hours in the Piney was well represented by the TAS MTB team on Saturday. There were over 35 students and staff who participated across three categories: the under 13s racing for four hours, the under 18s racing for eight hours and the open riders racing for the whole event. In the under 13s event, TAS fielded two teams with Blair Eichorn, Will Brett, Banjo Lawrence and Max Rogers' team placing second and Abbott White, Jack McCook, Henry Kirton and Will Gilpin's team finishing in fourth place. The under 18s race saw six TAS teams competing in this category, with Duncan Chalmers, Hamish Chalmers, Archi Chick and Joe Kermod's team placing second and Josh Armstrong, Riley Simmons, Isla Maidment (racing for NIAS) and Toby McMaster' team placing fifth. The staff also enjoyed some riding in-between supporting the students, with our team participating in the mixed opens division. Meanwhile Mr Michael Harris, OA and one of our coaches this season, set the fastest lap time of the event and his team won the open mixed division. Full results can be found here <https://my6.raceresult.com/111464/?lang=en> and photos here <https://www.facebook.com/UNE-12-Hours-In-The-Piney-421719024551612/>

A hearty congratulations must go to all students who participated, whether your team podiumed or not! It was a huge day of riding in the warm weather, you all should be proud of your individual and team performances, and your conduct on and off the track.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers and New England Mountain Bikers for making this event possible, and the parents and staff for supporting our riders.



Mrs Jo Benham

I begin by congratulating all the students involved in the huge double-header of Twilight Concerts held last week in the Hoskins Centre. Our cup truly does runneth over when it comes to musical talent, with exceptional performances from the very youngest of Junior School to the Senior Students commencing their HSC studies this term. And I particularly would acknowledge the number of students who gave their first public performance or solo performance - the confidence and resilience to handle such pressure is admirable. A spectacular night and my thanks go out to the amazing Music team making such events possible.

In *Alice in Wonderland* news we have our first big Working Bee this Saturday that kicks off with a 12:30pm BBQ lunch and will carry through until 3pm. We have heaps of work to be done on the set, props and costumes so everyone is welcome to come along and pitch in (and if you have sewing skills bringing a machine would be really helpful). More information can be found in the Junior School section of TAS Talks. We're also still appealing for the following items to help with the set:

- Any really large plastic plant pots (either black or terracotta, they will be painted)
- Any and all huge pieces of cardboard you have
- Any shaggy fabric, old shaggy rugs or pieces of synthetic grass that we could cut into shapes

Oliver! rehearsals continue each Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and I urge students to let us know if they will have absences so times can be adjusted. You should all have also received a show contract so please be getting that signed and returned at the next rehearsal - it not only lets us know you're aware of the expectations but allows us to know the ways your parents would be interested in being involved with the show.

Visual Arts Club is still meeting every Monday and Thursday and students are encouraged to come along and get busy with artmaking in the classroom. It's a great chance for students in Years 6 - 11 to develop new skills or work towards competitions so pop along to the upstairs Visual Arts room if you're interested.

Mr Andrew O'Connell



Mr Andrew O'Connell



Art Sound

EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE

Art Sound is the result of an exciting collaboration between the
Year 11 Visual Arts and Music Students

Hoskins Foyer

Thursday 8th November 2018

4:30pm

Refreshments available

Artwork by sound artist [Adam Basanta](#)

TAS Junior School
Production of

Disney



Alice in Wonderland

© Disney

JR.

Music and Lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver
Wallace and Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel and Ray Gilbert,
Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico

Based on the 1951 Disney film "Alice in Wonderland"
and the novels "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland"
and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Matinee 6 December 1.30pm
Evening Performance 7 & 8 December 6.00pm
\$15 Adults \$10 Children



For bookings visit hoskins.as.edu.au
or directly from www.trybooking.com/XTXZ

Twilight Concert last Thursday - What a night!

There is no doubt that Music is flourishing at TAS, and talent was well evident at last Thursday's Term 4 Twilight Concert where 37 performers took to the stage, many for the first time, to share their skill and passion. Piano, Voice, Saxophone, Strings, Organ and Guitar all featured, a reflection of the breadth of our programs. Well done to all who performed and the peripatetic teachers who nurture and inspire them. Each term our dedicated instrumental and vocal teachers nominate students from their studios, to perform in the Twilight Concerts. They work with these students to prepare them for these public performances. We thank all our peripatetic tutors for their ongoing commitment to providing broad musical experiences for students at TAS.

Thank you to Mrs Bekk Baumgartner, Mrs Rachel Butcher and Mrs Rachael Edmonds for all their hard work in helping to prepare and run this event. A special thank you also to Mr Warwick Dunham who accompanied so many of the students.

Remembrance Day Service @ St. Peter's Cathedral (Sunday 11 November, 7:00am - 8:30am)

We are honoured to have been asked to be part of the Remembrance Day Service to mark the 100th Anniversary since the end of World War 1. TAS Choirs have been invited to join TAS Chapel Choir and representatives of every high school in Armidale to lead the hymns and sing 'Soldier On' by Paul Jarman as the Anthem at this special service. Students attending this event are required to wear their Formal uniform.

Further details regarding timings and rehearsals will be sent out to students and their families.

Year 11 Art Sound - Hoskins Foyer

Art Sound is the result of an exciting collaboration between the Year 11 Visual Arts and Music students. Ms Fiona Xeros' Visual Arts students and Mrs Bekk Baumgartner's Music students will be on show at 4.30pm Thursday in the Hoskins Foyer. Please come and along and support our talented Creative Arts students. Refreshments will be provided.

St. Peters Gardens

Several of our musical students showed not just their talents but their community spirit, volunteering last Saturday to add to the atmosphere at the garden of Rae Andrews, one of dozens open for St Peter's Garden Weekend. Well done to Samantha Crossle, Alistair Le Surf, Lara Benham, Kimberley Glasson, Jeremy Carter and Jasper O'Neil, who gave up their time for the enjoyment of others!

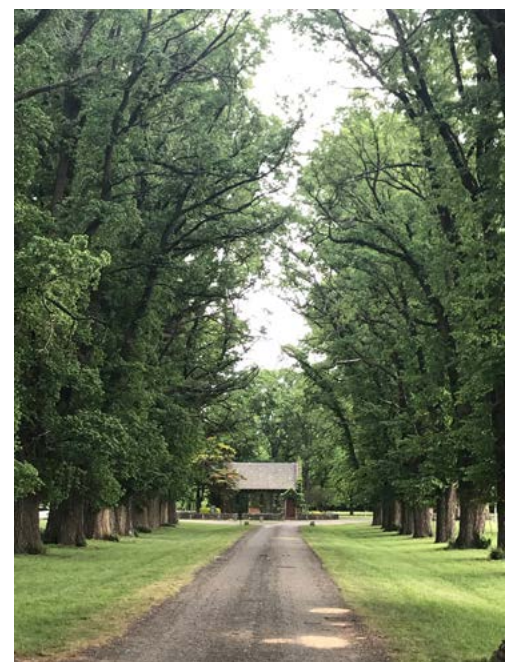
Gostwyck Chapel Service

TAS Chapel Choir were joined by students from the TAS Secondary Choir to sing at the Gostwyck All Saints Day service on Sunday, 4 November. The students sang 'Gostwyck' by Luke Byrne at the start of the service in remembrance of Major Clive Collingwood Dangar M.C. (1882-1918) on the centenary of his death. The chapel at 'Gostwyck' was built in his memory.

After the service, Alexander Gibson and Aiden Swick both entertained guests on the Violin, accompanied by Dr. Sheila Guymer on Piano, at the afternoon tea at the Gostwyck homestead.

RYO Report by Disa Smart (Music Captain)

On 31 October Will Mackson and myself traveled eight hours to Bathurst in order to spend five days rehearsing as part of the Regional Youth Orchestra. The camp included long rehearsal days and was concluded with a performance on the Sunday morning as part of the Regional Art Conference. The repertoire consisted of a series of operatic works including Grand March from Aida as well as works by Carmen, Bizet, Mozart and Handel. The second half of the performance was Tchaikovsky's entire fifth symphony which was breathtaking and received a standing ovation from the crowd. The highlight of this trip was the experience of playing incredible works alongside some of the best young musicians and conductors from Regional New South Wales.



Exams: the finish line

By the time this arrives in your mail box the formal examination period will have finished and assessment marks that help us to determine semester grades will soon come in so that the report writing period can commence in earnest. However, all students and families need to know that academic work has not finished. This underlining is, no way, intended to be offensive – it's a reinforcement of importance, no more than this...

If this is your first time with us, you'll notice a subtle change in tenor at school: Academic and co-curricular programs will begin to run in tandem for the rest of the term and it's very important that all students participate fully in them. They culminate in the Middle School Final Assembly in the afternoon of 12 December and the School Speech Day early the next day. I know that your invitation to each function will be forthcoming. Needless to say, perhaps, your attendance at TAS to celebrate your child's end-of-year activities would be welcomed and, in anticipation of it, I both thank you on behalf of all staff and look forward to welcoming you to the School. I know for a fact that the Middle School students enjoy having their families visit them. Needless to say perhaps, so do we – the end of year is a time of celebration and it's good that we do this together.

Middle School students will be involved in bivouac activities soon after the exams finish. As I've indicated in the past, in relation to Bush Skills, Rangers and Cadets (Years 6, 7 and 8 respectively) these two days constitute excellent and, I believe, necessary preparation for Annual Camp activities later in the term. Our staff spend considerable time in their preparation of relevant activities for your children.

To facilitate the process of the Annual Camp I ask you to refer to information being sent so that all boys and girls are able to go away with everything that they need in terms of clothing, toiletries and so on, that they need for their absence from School. Your support of us in these matters is vital to the success of 2018's final term.

Involvement and inclusion at TAS

As you know, we've been busy, for well over two terms now, conducting a fairly healthy number of enrolment interviews for new students in 2019. As you know, we've even had new students begin at TAS this term, the latest being the beginning of this week, as a matter of fact – just in time for the second semester exam block. As such I've been thinking, especially lately, of the breadth of activity TAS offers to students and believe that the fees you pay certainly give you value for money. I've said, in response to questions generally concerning "Why TAS for my child?", words to the effect of those that follow: This is a place where the person, a 'concept' if you must that includes the pupil, is given many opportunities to develop as an individual. It is only through willing involvement in a range of activities that students can find a comfortable 'place' in relation to others and the wider school. Of course, there will be times when they are challenged. There are times when all of us are challenged – for me, as I'm about to embark on Middle School reports, the challenge is tantamount to a palpable presence, at once comfortable and also uncomfortable. Why comfortable? It means the end of the year is waiting for the 'taking'. I'm thinking you'd appreciate the uncomfortable bit, so won't waste your time with details. For all of us, personal challenge is necessary to the development of resilience, confidence and, increasingly, ease of interaction.



Mr Mark Harrison

Accordingly, the primary focus in the development of 'self' has to be on the willing nature of involvement earlier mentioned.

I think that now is an opportune time for me to have included the above in this edition of TAS Talks because we are heading towards a period of the year when students are experiencing the wider curriculum and our collective support of them in such undertakings is important to their development as individuals. It is only through involvement that students can realize that this environment is a mutually supportive one. Our staff 'wear a few caps' and their determination to support your children is part of their wider brief as TAS employees. I say employees advisedly because it isn't just the teaching staff that are involved in co-curricular activities. In relation to the wider curriculum, I think one of our distinguishing characteristics is our easy capacity to get to know TAS students as people. As important, it is vital to the success of education that students have the opportunity to get to know us as people. Arguably, it is only through involvement in 'whole school' activities that this process is possible. As vital to the success of such education is your support of our efforts to assist all students in the School.

Until next week, then

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Dance at TAS

I know that many of our parents could not be at our latest assembly to see the most recent performance of our JS Dance Club, managed by Ms Colette Brazier. It was fantastic to see the students enjoying their performance so much, but also the progress they are making. It was a great spectacle and I congratulate them all.



Mr Ian Lloyd

Working Bee - 10&24 November

With the need for costume and set construction upon us, you will have received a request for assistance with two working bees, planned for this weekend and then again, a fortnight after that. Leasa Cleaver and her team have been working up a storm to prepare jobs that will be best completed by a number of people and so, after a sizzling start at 12.30 pm with a BBQ in the undercover area, tasks will be assigned to all those who can attend. With the busyness of the afternoon, it is great fun for everyone so I hope you can join us.

Please RSVP to junior@as.edu.au and we thank you all in advance for helping make this year's production a success.



Summer Sport

The first half of our summer season is now underway and it is a good time to remember that our ambition for our children is for them to enjoy and learn from the appreciation of a healthy pursuit of sporting activities. I have written at length in the past about the physical, social and emotional advantages of getting involved and doing your best - it is important that we remember this on the sideline. Our Junior School website has a copy of the AAGPS Code of Conduct for spectators and it is worthwhile reading. It can be found at <http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/tas-sport/gps-code-of-conduct/>

Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - 30 November

This exciting day is approaching soon so please start preparing bike (and training wheel) where necessary) to ensure your child is well prepared for the day. More details will be published in next week's TAS Talks..

Sporting teams/arrangements

The Armidale Cricket Association has now decided there is enough interest to hold the Into Cricket sessions on Friday afternoons at the Sports Grounds. If your child is still interested in participating you are welcome to go along each Friday afternoon for an afternoon of cricket. Parents would need to stay with their child from 4-5pm as there are no TAS staff attending these sessions. They are run by the association.

Staffing

Staffing for 2019 is currently being finalised - it is a complicated equation and it should not be rushed. While I understand the increased level of anticipation, I envisage that we will be able to announce next year's staffing in Week 6. In the meantime, we would like to welcome Mitchell Hamilton to Kindergarten as he completes his 4th year teaching practicum at TAS. We wish him well during his stay with us. I will be curious to garner his thoughts about our busy Term 4?

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 3

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

Ellen Adams, Layla Abu Assab, Edwina Newton, Henry Taylor, Euan Billingsley, Andy Hardin, Oliver Goudge and Flinders Ward

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

WEEK 4

Wed 7 Nov Combined Year 4's Assembly – Hoskins Centre
2.45pm

Fri 9 Nov All classes Orientation Morning

Sat 10 Nov Musical Working Bee – Costume Making –
12.30 – 3.00 pm

WEEK 5

Wed 11 Nov Combined Transition & Year 5 Assembly –
Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Fri 16 Nov Grandparents' Afternoon– 2.00 – 4.00 pm
P&F Art Show (2-8pm)

Sat 17 Nov TAS @ Dusk (School Fete)

WEEK 6

Wed 21 Nov No Assembly due to JS Musical Rehearsal

Sat 24 Nov JS Musical Working Bee – Set Building

WEEK 7

Mon 26 Nov Junior School Sport concludes

Wed 28 Nov Kindergarten to Thalgarrah

Fri 30 Nov Bike Day and Triathlon

Year 5 Dinner

WEEK 8

Wed 5 Dec Final Assembly – Memorial Hall

Thu 6 Dec JS Musical Matinee - 1.30pm Hoskins Centre

Fri 7 Dec JS Musical – 6.00pm Hoskins Centre

Sat 8 Dec JS Musical – 6.00pm Hoskins Centre

JS End of Year BBQ – JS Under Cover Area after Musical

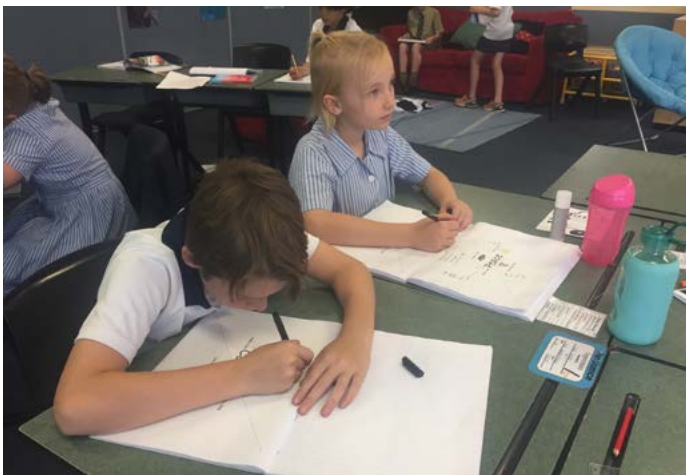


PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

All Junior School classes have commenced their new and final Unit of Inquiry for the 2018 school year. While this is the final unit for students, in readiness for 2019 staff have been actively reflecting on our Programme of Inquiry for 2018. Next year will see some new units planned around the new Science and Technology syllabus.

Mrs Veronica Waters

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea
Transition	Where we are in place and time	Journeys can lead to new experiences and opportunities
Kindergarten	Sharing the Planet	Daily and seasonal changes in the environment affect humans and other living things
Year 1	Who we are	People share their feelings, beliefs and values through cultural traditions
Year 2	How the world works	Changes in the sky and land impact our environment
Year 3	How the world works	We create materials for specific purposes
Year 4	Sharing the Planet	We have the responsibility to help create a more peaceful world
Year 5	How we express ourselves	The media influences the way we think and how we view the world



Year 4 students collaborated to explore the concepts of peace and conflict using their senses.

What does Peace look like?

What does Peace feel like?

What does Peace sound like?

What does Peace smell like?

Basketball

The Year 3/4/5 team of basketball players have continued to impress with their willingness to improve their skills. After quite a long session on shooting hoops at last week's training, it was exciting to see so many players scoring goals on Monday night. As there were a few more players from other teams there this week the 16 players were put into four teams of 4, which opened up the court and allowed the players more room to move. It also meant they did a lot of running!

I was only able to supervise one team so these players get a mention this week. Cormac and Andrew for discovering they could shoot goals and the enjoyment you get from actually getting the ball in the hoop! Paige, for her fabulous goal shooting and Mila for thinking more about her position on the court. Please remember to bring a water bottle to all games and trainings as the weather is getting hotter and we need to stay hydrated.

Well done to all the players for their enthusiastic approach to all things basketball.

Mrs Kirsty Brunson

Gymnastics

It was a busy session this week! First up, there was a warm-up stretching session, followed by a game of 'pigs and pigeons'. Students then completed a brief circuit on the uneven and parallel bars and on the beams.

Group rotations were as follows:

Statics: ribbons

Locomotion: springboard jumps and hopping in hoops

Swings: uneven bars

Balance: beam

To conclude this week's session there was a lengthy, whole group session of jumps into the foam pit. As ever, this was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students.

Madame Perrin assisted with the ribbons rotations and appreciated the opportunity to try this activity.

Reminder:

Pick up at Gymnastics Centre 4.40pm

Pick up at TAS undercover area 4.50pm

Pick up at TAS Turning Circle by 5pm

Mrs Victoria Perrin-Baker



Indoor Hockey – TAS TIGERS

Last week, on Friday 2 November, the TAS Tigers versed the PLC Puppies in hockey. It was a great match to play and watch. Our coach, Dan had tonsillitis and Mr Portell and Sam were away. Assistant coach Sofia Wright was our coach. The PLC Puppies had two less at the start so Izzie and Mila were playing for PLC. Soon, two more PLC players came and the two girls were back with the TAS Tigers. The game was very tight, but the Tigers just got that last goal and the final score was 3 to 4. The PLC Puppies played really well. We got a great goal from Sam Ford and Hugo Broun played really well. Ava did some good passes and Sophie and Minnie did good communicating. Mila and Harriet were using the side boards well and I had a great time and look forward to next week.

Signing off, Izzie Glover.

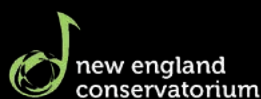


Armidale Town Hall
7pm, Thursday 8 November
www.trybooking.com/TDHC

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The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) has great pleasure in inviting you to the 2019 **National Football Camp (NFC).**

The NFC is an inclusive football camp catering for athletes of all standards for Primary and Secondary School students **aged U5 – U17 in 2019.**

The NFC will be held over the week **20th – 23rd of January** and will be hosted in the beautiful city Armidale is the thriving hub of the New England Region of NSW and is renowned for its amazing scenery and first-class education facilities.

The NFC will feature high-profile coaching and will provide participants to experience pre-elite pathway programming through an inclusive football camp.

The National Football Camp is a football (soccer) camp for both **boys and girls** aged U5- U17 from across the country taking place in a three-day comprehensive football camp. The NFC embraces **inclusivity, enjoyment, friendship in sport and sportsmanship** as its core values.

The NFC offers a **stay with us, stay out** and **juniors** (9am-3pm Monday/Tuesday, half day Sunday/Wednesday) option for all athletes. The stay with us option will feature accommodation hosted at **St Alberts College** and includes all meals. The stay out option includes lunch and daytime snacks.

Costs for the NFC are:

STAY WITH US – \$495 gst inc

STAY OUT – \$375 gst inc

JUNIORS 9am – 3pm daily - \$180 gst inc



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NFC

National Football Camp

NFC Itinerary

Saturday 19th January

3pm Coaches to arrive at St Alberts College
4pm-5:30pm Coach development session
6:30pm Dinner/Final preparations for Sunday

Sunday 20th January

9:30am Field preparation for camp commencement at 12pm
12pm-12:30pm Athletes arrive and confirm attendance
12:30pm-1pm Welcome and final participant briefing
1pm-5:45pm Camp
6pm Live in participants return to accommodation/dinner and bed, live out leave for the day

Monday 21st January

9am-12:30pm Camp
12:30-1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm-5:45pm Camp
6pm Live in participants return to accommodation/dinner and bed, live out leave for the day

Tuesday 22nd January

9am-12:30pm Camp
12:30-1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm-5:45pm Camp
6pm Live in participants return to accommodation/dinner and bed, live out leave for the day

Wednesday 23rd January

9am-12:00pm Camp
12:00pm Camp concludes



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NFC
National Football Camp

This is a wonderful chance for athletes to experience a football tour that is coordinated by international standard coaches who have worked at the highest level. You'll have expertise coaching sessions including competitive games against teams of your own standard from across the Eastern seaboard of Australia.



For further details, please do not hesitate to contact the NIAS team on 6766 2526 or you can contact NFC Director James Cooper directly on 0488 152 092 or via email:

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