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# TAS TALKS

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21 November 2018 Term 4 Week 6

## FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

### Bringing the Community Together

The end of last week saw the confluence of some of our major community events for the year and it was wonderful to see so many friends of the School coming together. On Friday three hundred grandparents of children from all sections of the School joined us for school tours, special classroom activities, a Middle School debate, virtual reality goggles, micro:bit designs and 3D printing and a spectacular concert in the Memorial Hall. The joy on the faces of our students as they proudly showed their grandparents their school was palpable and that connection across generations was clearly quite special.

On Friday night it was the turn of Year 10 students, partners and parents to be the centre of attention as they headed to 'The Stro' at UNE for their Year 10 Dinner. For the students and their partners, this was a much anticipated party and it was certainly a lot of fun. For parents and the School though, it was more than a night out. This event at the end of the year marks a critical juncture in the school lives of these students as they sit on the cusp of becoming senior students and taking on all the challenge, opportunity and hard work that involves. Marking that moment is important and there was a real and significant sense of growing up on the night.

For others, Friday night was perhaps less glamorous, but just sophisticated as our biennial TAS Art Show opened in the Hoskins Foyer. This fifth show drew a record number of artworks and artists and there was a good audience on hand to appreciate (and purchase) the work, listen to the program of music from our students and hear from the show's curator Philippa Charley-Briggs. Philippa has presented each of the 5 TAS Art Shows over the past 9 years and her efforts in making the 2018 show such a success again were extraordinary.

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

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Saturday saw hundreds of TAS families and friends descend on the School for TAS@Dusk and the carnival atmosphere with activities that ranged from the Backtrack Dog Show to the Country Ninja Challenge, whip cracking, food, games and stalls was really quite special. That our School is able to draw together the efforts of so many in our community to create this wonderful event is quite extraordinary and I both thank and take my hat off to our P&F for their incredible efforts.

What this eclectic collection of events has in common is the focus on community; that sense that we are part of something bigger than ourselves and that there are many others who are interested in this school. That is an important lesson for our students and a great encouragement for us as adults too. It was humbling to be a part of it and congratulate all who were a part of creating this special weekend.

## **Bivouac and Activities Week**

With exams for the year now behind us, we are moving into the most intensive section of our outdoors program. The two days of Bivouac this week and Activities Week in ten days time will make up well over half our time in the outdoors this year. It is the culmination of the days that preceded it in Terms 1, 2 and 3 and a natural progression from the previous year.

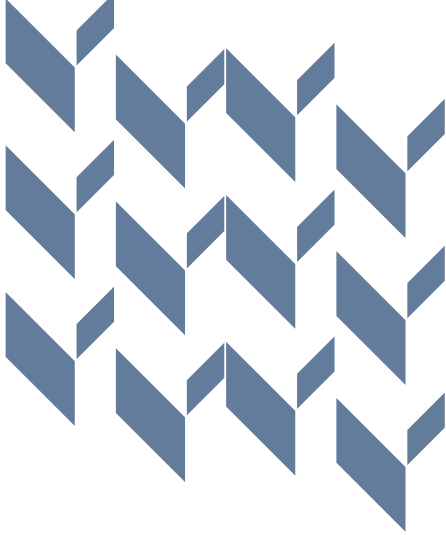
The Activities program at TAS has held a coveted place within our curriculum for many years and the fact that we devote 12 days is evidence of our deep belief in its importance.

It is the centrepiece of our program for character development and we know from the comments of generations of senior students leaving the School that it creates many of the most memorable and most significant events of school life. The philosophy behind our Activities program is relatively simple; if we aspire to create character traits such as courage, self-awareness, teamwork, responsibility, resilience and compassion, then we must have a deliberate, comprehensive and scaffolded curriculum to develop them.

This is what the coming Bivouac and Activities Week are all about. There will certainly be moments of challenge, sweat and discomfort, but there is purpose in it and it is worthwhile. I look forward to joining our students and staff in those activities and to seeing the growth that comes from them.

***Murray Guest***





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

## WEEK 6

Wednesday 21 November	Foundation Board Meeting
Thursday 22 November	Bivouac
Saturday 24 November	Junior School Musical Working Bee

## WEEK 7

Wednesday 28 November	P&F Meeting (7pm)
Friday 30 November	JS Bike Day and Triathlon Year 5 Dinner

## WEEK 8

Thursday 6 December	Junior School Musical - <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> <i>Matinee 1.30pm</i>
Friday 7 December	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (6pm)
Saturday 8 December	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (6pm)
Sunday 9 December	Grafton Rowing Regatta

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform and Book shop will be closed Friday 23 November.

In emergencies Kate Lawrence may be contacted on 6776 5892.

## TAS@ DUSK

TAS@Dusk is our premier P&F showcase to the Armidale community and wow!! The weather came to the party and it was great to see so many families both from TAS and the wider community enjoying the vibe and atmosphere. We had yummy food, beautiful music, Mr Guest dunked again at the dunk tank, gorgeous plants, whip cracking and the amazing BackTrack Paws Up Show.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

I can't say 'thank you' enough to all the people that helped make TAS@Dusk a wonderful afternoon but know that all your endeavours are deeply appreciated. I won't list everyone here – it would take the whole of TAS Talks! However, special thanks must go to all our sponsors, the Organising Committee, TAS staff, stall organisers, Liaison Parents, OAU barbequers, Community Service helpers, and everyone else who pitched in– these people really do give a lot.

As a new event this year we had the Country Ninja Challenge Ninja Pig House Cup Races. What fun and thanks to the House Captains for organising the teams. Congratulations to Tyrrell House for winning the Girls race and Abbott for winning the Boys race. The overall Pig Cup (and Mars Bars) also went to Abbott with Green coming second and Tyrrell third.

Congratulations also go to John McDonald for winning Guess the Weight of Rambo the Ram, Kirsty Brundson for going home with the snail garden ornament raffle and OA Jock Mitchell for winning the fabulous chocolate cake raffle.

Finally, we are having a debrief about TAS@Dusk at 7pm next Wednesday 14 November. If you would like to come and give us your feedback please feel free.

## ART SHOW

Not content with doing TAS@Dusk the P&F also hosted our biennial Art Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. My sincere thanks to Philippa Charley-Briggs and her dedicated group of helpers for showcasing 165 works of art by local artists. The caliber of the art was excellent and the atmosphere in Hoskins, particularly at the opening on Friday night, was wonderful.



Mrs Philippa Charley-Briggs





# TAS@DUSK







## 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.

### WE NEED YOU!!!! NEW LIAISON PARENTS WANTED

Liaison Parents have an important role in being the 'first port of call' for people wanting to know what is going on in their year and at school. The P&F could not operate without them. So that we can hit the ground running next year and make sure all new families in 2019 feel the love and support right from day one, we would love to have all our Year Group LPs for 2019 sorted before the end of this term.

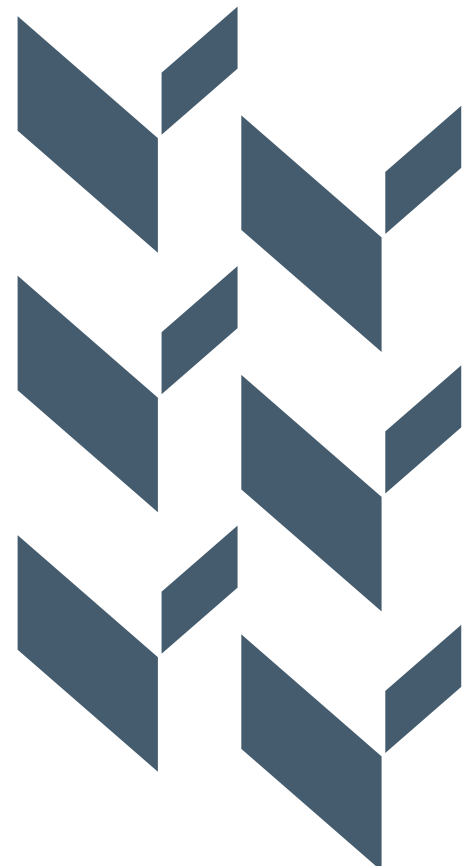
If you are interested in becoming a Year Group Liaison Parent for 2019 or would like to know more about the role please contact Jo Neilson [jneilson@as.edu.au](mailto:jneilson@as.edu.au)

### P&F CHRISTMAS MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 7pm

We will not be having a meeting this week to debrief regarding TAS@Dusk – I think we all need a rest – however, if you have any feedback please either email me [nicollfamily1@gmail.com](mailto:nicollfamily1@gmail.com) or come to our meeting next week.

It is our final P&F meeting for the year next week on Wednesday 28th November at 7pm. Please come along and join us for some early Christmas cheer in celebrating an amazing year, having a debrief about TAS@Dusk and the Art Show and looking forward to 2019. All are welcome and we would love to celebrate a fantastic year with you.

*Mrs Rachael Nicoll*  
P&F President



Exams for all year groups have now been completed for the year, but learning in the classroom continues and students will continue to receive homework until the end of the school year. As students begin to receive exams back and comments from their teachers, this is an important time of reflection on what has been done and planning for what is to come. Concerns or questions regarding results and/or progress should be directed to the class teacher, advisor or Homeroom teacher if in Middle School.

Reports for Year 11 students will be posted home to parents by the end of this week and reports for students in Years 6-10 will be posted in the first week of the school holidays.

The Library Extended Day program will continue until Activities Week. Students can continue to access support of an evening during this time, however, they need to ensure they are bringing their work or assignments with them to complete. Please see below the library hours for the remainder of this term. Tutoring will conclude this week.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Week 7 - library open until 9pm Monday - Thursday.

Week 8 (Activities Week) - library will be open until 6pm

Week 9 - library open until 6pm Monday - Wednesday.

*Mr Luke Polson*



Mr Luke Polson



### Women in Defence Information Sessions

Defence Force Recruiting invites students and their families to its upcoming Women in the Australian Defence Force information session.

This information session will show how you can do what you love in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Led by currently serving female personnel, this is the opportunity to discuss what life is like in the Navy, Army and Air Force and where a career in the ADF can take you.

They will be in Armidale on the 20 November at the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

Please go to the link below for more information.

<https://app.defencejobs.gov.au/mp/messenger/webversion/?messageSend=e8096faf-9dbc-4738-b435-c7b3183637ac&recipient=f8837e3e-7364-4459-86b4-48cd8fb0e177&contenttype=Html>

### Hello from EducationUSA! (Received as an email 19/11/2018)

Just a quick update with our School Holiday General Information Sessions dates for January. Please share with any interested students, parents or colleagues.

#### Session 1:

16 January 2:00pm – 4:00pm

U.S. Consulate General Sydney

Booking essential: <https://edusajan16.eventbrite.com.au>

#### Session 2:

23 January 2:00pm – 4:00pm

U.S. Consulate General Sydney

Booking essential: <https://edusajan23.eventbrite.com.au>

**The sessions are identical so those interested only need to attend one.**

Also, if you know any students currently applying to the U.S. for a 2019 commencement please share this link for our 2019 Celebratory Afternoon Tea: <https://edusa2019.eventbrite.com.au>

We will contact all students next year to see if they were successful.

Sarah O'Reilly  
EducationUSA Coordinator  
U.S. Consulate General Sydney  
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# LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

## THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

### BIVOUAC AND ANNUAL CAMP 2018

#### General

1. Bivouac and Annual Camp represent the culmination of the year's training. Bivouac will be conducted on 22-23 Nov at Styx River State Forest and surrounding properties. Annual Camp will be conducted over the period 1-7 Dec at Nymboida. Q Store & Advance Party will depart Fri 30 Nov. Signals Platoon & B Coy will depart on Sat 1 Dec, A & C Coys on Sunday 2 Dec.

#### Outline of Activities

2. Activities to be conducted include:

	Bivouac	Annual Camp
<b>Activities</b>	Navigation Trekking Field craft Abseiling & Prusiking (B Coy) River crossing (B & C Coy) Obstacle Course Competition (B Coy) Mountain Biking (A Coy)	Trekking Canoeing & Kayaking Ropes course River crossing Radio communication Search & rescue Orienteering Abseiling Solo over night camp (B Coy) Duo over night camp (C Coy) Canyoning (B Coy) Mountain Biking (A Coy)
<b>Location</b>	Styx River State Forest and adjoining private property	Nymboida via Grafton Lake Angourie & surrounds (A Coy)
<b>Timings: Depart TAS</b>	<b>Thursday 22 Nov</b> All Coy parade at TAS: 0840hrs All Coy depart: 0900 hrs	<b>Friday 30 Nov</b> Advance Party depart 1400 hrs or as directed <b>Saturday 1 Dec</b> Q Store, Signals depart at 1230hrs or as directed B Coy departs at 1230hrs <b>Sunday 27 Nov</b> A Coy depart at 1230hrs C Coy depart at 0830hrs
<b>Return to TAS</b>	<b>Friday 23 Nov</b> Parade: 1515 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs	<b>Friday 27 Nov</b> Parade: 1500 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs

#### Attendance

3. Bivouac and Camp are an essential component of the school's outdoor activity program and curriculum. As such, all students are required to attend and participate.

#### Organisation

4. Cadets will work in platoon groups of up to thirty, guided by their leaders and supervised by members of staff and Nymboida Canoe Centre guides.

5. Cadets will camp in pairs in military style hootchies with their platoon, and amenities blocks will facilitate showering and washing at Camp HQ – Nymboida Canoe Centre.

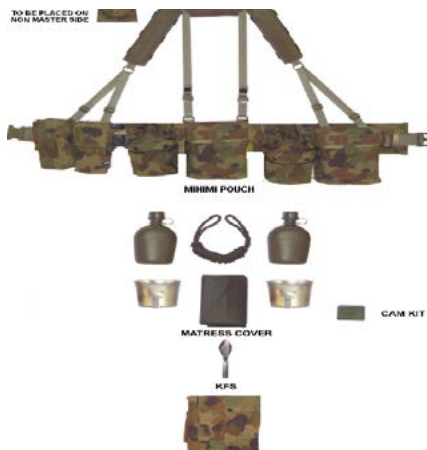
6. Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally at the Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

#### Dress and Equipment

7. Dress: • All cadets - DPCU uniform. See list below:

	School Issue	Cadet Provided
<b>Bivouac</b>	<p><b>Webbing</b> (see diagram below) web belt x 1 water bottles x 2 bum pack x 1 ammo pouches x 2</p> <p><b>Back Pack</b> Hootchie x 1 DPCU Trousers x 1 DPCU Shirt x 1 DPCU Bush Hat x 1 DPCU Jumper x 1 Boots Bush x 1 Ground Sheet</p>	<p>Sleeping bag Knife, fork and spoon set* Kidney Cup* Mug Torch* Green thermal or undershirt* Swimmers Towel (small) Socks x 2* Raincoat (poncho)* Toiletries (incl. sun cream, repellent) Change of underwear Pegs x 8 (for hootchie)* Rope/Cord x 10m (for hootchie)* Compass Notebook in plastic bag Pen* 2 x Plastic Garbage Bags (for waterproofing back pack and dirty laundry)</p>
<b>Annual Camp</b>	<p>As above</p> <p>*available at TAS Clothing Store</p>	<p>As above plus: Long sleeve shirt x 1 Jeans trousers x 1 Gym shoes old (Dunlop Volleys or similar for canoeing &amp; canyoning) Underwear x 5 Socks x 3 Shorts x 2 T Shirts x 2 Kit Bag Basic Sewing Kit</p>

- N.B. 1 Pocket knives are not to be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders can bring their own small folding pocket knife.  
2. An additional set of DPCU/greens will be available at camp on a one for one basis.  
3. Shoes are mandatory for water activities – Dunlop Volleys (or similar) should be purchased.



### What not to Take

8. Cadets are **not to bring** the following:

- **Aerosol Cans**
- **Mobile Phones**
- **Matches/Lighters (except leaders)**
- **Other Electronic items (i.e Ipods, laptop, video games, etc)**
- **Anything valuable**
- **Lollies or soft drink**

## Medical

9. First Aid kits will be carried by each section and staff will have access to more sophisticated medical kits. Serious cases of injury or illness will be evacuated to Armidale (bivouac) or Grafton (camp).

10. Sister Murray will be attending Annual Camp this year and will provide the valuable medical support that she has in past years. Please be sure to notify Sister Murray of any medical problems or medications that are not already known to the School.

## Other

11. **Discipline:** Normal School discipline applies, particularly with respect to contraband and behaviour.

12. **Haircut:** Students are to ensure they parade with appropriate length hair, Boys hair should be above the collar and ears, and cropped on top and their fringe. Girls must have their hair tied back and away from the face. This will significantly aid hygiene in the field. Please note, this is a requirement of the Australian Army Cadets and is a school expectation.

13. **Laundry at Annual Camp:** Laundry tubs are available at Camp. Cadets are expected to wash their own clothing where necessary.

14. **Weather:** November & December is usually hot and humid. Cadets must be prepared for this and carry an adequate supply of sun cream and insect repellent. Spring thunderstorms are also prevalent and cadets should bring an army style rain coat or can purchase a rain jacket from the TAS Clothing Store.

## Meals and Water

15. All cadets must carry 2 L of town or purified water and maintain a high daily fluid intake.

16. Food will be supplied via School catering and commercially purchased cadet ration packs. Please note:

*The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child's best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.*

## Conclusion

17. This document is designed to give parents and students early warning, in order to provide time for planning and preparation for both Bivouac and Annual Camp. Further details will be issued to cadets during briefings prior to each event, and any enquiries should be directed to CO Cadets Major (AAC) Angus Murray or the Quartermaster Sergeant Simon Ball.

**Major (AAC) Angus Murray**  
**Commanding Officer TASCUC**

9 November 2018



# 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

# LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

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## **Bush Skills Bivouac**

Year 6 will be attending school on Thursday until 2:30pm when they will make their way out to a property near Dumaresq Dam to try out all of the skills they have been working on. The first will be to get their tent upright and have it stay up for the night. They will be assisting with cooking dinner and cleaning up and partaking in night time games before settling in for the night. On Friday there will be walk to the dam and then a walk around the dam to learn some hiking skills for future years of cadets. Once we return to the property we will be doing some damper cooking and small fire lighting. Once the tents pulled down it will be time to return to TAS by 3pm to pack away gear. The following packing list is important - particularly with the weather forecast - it has changed slightly from the one sent out earlier in the term. Students are to come to school in their bush skills clothing - collared shirt, jeans, belt, socks, joggers and cap/hat.

Packing list: Torch, Roll-on Insect repellent, water bottle, sunscreen, spare shirt and jeans, underwear, jumper, raincoat, small hand towel, toothpaste/toothbrush, sleeping bag, yoga mat to lie on, any medical requirements including puffers and epipens, beanie, small hand sanitiser bottle.

***Mrs Kirsty Brunson***

# DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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## **A big three days for the TAS community!**

It was a celebration of the sense of TAS community when parents, grandparents and friends came together for three special events last weekend.

On Friday afternoon around 280 grandparents attended Grandparents Afternoon, enjoying glimpses of TAS life with their descendants. Junior School classrooms were filled with colour and children proudly showed off their work to the special seniors in their lives. In the Hoskins theatre a Middle School debate between two teams comprising students from every year group showcased the interest in debating at TAS and entertained the audience. Other grandparents looked to the future in a different way, engaging in STEM-related activities in the library, where experiencing Virtual Reality goggles was the hit of the day! A musical concert in Memorial Hall was well attended, with students from Transition to Year 12 showing why Music is so strong at TAS - from Voice to Strings, Organ and Piano to Guitar.

After a delicious afternoon tea with scones and jam and cream in the Dining Hall, many then stayed on for the opening of the P&F Art Show in the Hoskins foyer. Open also on Saturday and Sunday, the exhibition brought together around 150 works from local and regional artists, with quite a number of works selling.

Then there was TAS@Dusk. Congratulations to the P&F and all who helped make the annual fete such a success. Demonstrations from the Backtrack Boys and their jumping dogs and student champion whipcracker Henry Pitman, a diverse showcase of student music, homewares books and plants, and food stalls with catering from various year groups and the OAU and the enormously popular Country Ninja Challenge entertained the hundreds in attendance.

Photos of various events can be found on the school website. [CLICK HERE](#)

## TAS RUGBY 2019

### TERM 2 2019

4 May	Trial Game: TAS v Kinross (Coonabarabran)
11 May	Trial Game: TAS v St. Greg's College (Home) Rugby Season Launch- McConville Centre
18 May	Trial Game: Cranbrook v TAS (Away)
25 May	GPS Fixture: TAS v St Joseph's College (Home)
1 June	GPS Fixture: Shore v TAS (Away)
8 June	Long Weekend
15 June	GPS Fixture: Sydney Grammar v TAS (Away)
22 June	GPS Fixture: Kings v TAS (Away)



Mr Will Caldwell

### TERM 3 2019

27 July	GPS Fixture: TAS v Sydney Boys High (Home)
3 August	GPS Fixture: TAS v Scots (OAU Weekend) (Home)
10 August	GPS Fixture: Riverview v TAS (Away)
31 August	Downlands v TAS (Away)

*Other fixtures TBC: Ambrose Treacy College, Farrer, TACPAS, Scots Warwick*

As in previous years each age group for TAS will have a home game duty; other than Opens Rugby (11 May 2019) the dates for younger age groups will be confirmed once all home game "other fixtures" are secured in the 2019 calendar.

Team Liaison Parents: Would you like to be a Rugby Liaison Parent in 2019? If so, please contact Mrs Rachael Edmonds at [redmonds@as.edu.au](mailto:redmonds@as.edu.au) for more information.





# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

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## Inter-house Cricket

### The Mrs Palmers Cup for House Cricket

Monday 26 November: Abbott v Ross (Umpires- Croft/Green)

Tuesday 27 November: Tyrrell v Broughton (Umpires- Ross/Abbott)

Wednesday 28 November: Croft v Green (Umpires Tyrrell/ Broughton)

Thursday 29 November- Final

- All Games played on Wakefield
- Games start at 1.15pm
- Players wear House sports uniform
- 7 Players from each House: any ages, girls encouraged
- Teams will bowl 7 overs. Each team is permitted a designated Wicket Keeper, and the remaining 6 players must all bowl on over each with one bowler to do the 7th Over.
- Teams will face all 7 overs (batsmen can be 'recycled' in same order once all out)
- Hit six = 10 runs on the scoreboard
- Wides and No Balls will not result in an extra delivery being bowled however will be worth 2 runs.
- All overs will be bowled from the same end, and with a maximum 5m run up allowed
- Final will be based on total/wickets (The Mark Taylor Formula)
- A basic Kit will be provided for players

Lunch will be provided for players and umpires only at Wakefield.

Friday is available as a wet weather game day if needed

***Mrs Rachael Edmonds***



## Grandparents' Afternoon

The musical concert at TAS Grandparents' Afternoon was a great success. Memorial Hall was packed to the rafters by adoring grandparents watching what TAS music students have achieved. What a wonderful snapshot of Music at TAS and the hard work put in by our students throughout the year.



## TAS@Dusk

Thank you to our students who performed at TAS@Dusk, they wowed the crowd with their energetic performances. We were entertained by TAS Big Band, TAS Piano Trio, and two of our rock bands 'The Rolling Oats' and the Year 12 rock band '2Loud'. A number of solos and duos were performed by our talented musicians Hannah Neilson, Lily Neilson, Will Nash, Ruby Straker, Jeremy Carter, Phoebe Ellis and Anouska Byrnes.

Special thanks to all the TAS students who performed and to their parents who support them. We extend our thanks to Mrs Rachel Butcher, Mrs Bekk Baumgartner, Mr Paul Marshall, Ms Camilla Tafra and Mr Denis Dos Santos Arakaki for their wonderful work with the performers.



## TAS P&F Art Show Performances

Thank you to Sorena Barzegar Nafari (Piano), Will Nash (Voice and Guitar), Lucian Tsang (Piano), Will Mackson (Piano) and Heath Chandler (Guitar) who performed at the opening of the TAS P&F Art Show. Our talented musicians provided the perfect background music in the Hoskins Foyer during the Art show. Many people stopped and listened, commenting on the high standard of the performances. Well done to our performers!



### **Ensemble Rehearsals Reminder**

Our ensembles are rehearsing for some very important events this term including Final Assemblies and Speech Day. We require full attendance at all rehearsals each week to ensure we can achieve the high standard of performance required. As a matter of courtesy please notify your Ensemble Conductor or the Director of Music, Ms Leanne Roobol on lroobol@as.edu.au if you cannot attend a rehearsal.

### **Instrument Recall**

On Thursday 29 November, before Activities Week, we will again be collecting all the TAS hire instruments that are currently being borrowed by students.

While you are away on Activities Week these instruments will be serviced and repairs will be carried out if required. Middle and Senior students will then be able to pick up their hire instruments again when they return from their week away. TAS Junior School students will also need to hand in their TAS hire instruments for servicing and can pick them up once they are ready.

***Ms Leanne Roobol***





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](http://hoskins.as.edu.au)  
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### Not long now

As I said at Tuesday's Town Meeting, it's difficult to believe, not to mention daunting to know, that we only a few weeks away from our Final Assembly and the whole school Speech Day. The term has been accelerating at seemingly exponential rate and the fact that we're still in one piece indicates that we've been fairly successful in its overall management. I've told students that we need to 'stick together' over these weeks as people are showing signs of wear and tear and it's our job to support one another.

Marking is in its 'death throws' (probably not the best of descriptions, but it's all I can think of at this late / early hour) and academic reports are now well underway and the process of their being pasted into the system as I write this to you has begun. I'm in the middle of managing my Middle School ones and my mood, again, is conservatively optimistic because I've begun reading teacher comments about students who have done their best to navigate the examination period. What is immediately clear is that so many have studied effectively and well and that their success is deserved. The exams, largely written the week before last, have constituted a significant goal towards which our students have worked. Again, further to my previous communications with you on this topic, I endorse the system of exam periods for Middle School students. By the time our people reach Senior School life they've already begun to develop coping mechanisms that equip them for their academic futures. Exams cannot be avoided. Every adult I know has a time frame within which to work and I'm sure exams were, when we were children, our first encounters with future adult expectations about performing under time conditions.

The other important aspect of reports is that they catalogue wider curriculum achievement, including Community Service hours. Clearly most have been busy with sports, many with full service hours and an increasing number are availing themselves of opportunities in the areas of community sports participation, Music and Drama. As I've indicated on a number of occasions now, it's so much healthier to be busy than it is to be bored. It's also affirming to be working in a school where the social, emotional and physical growth patterns of students are catered to and complemented by their academic needs.

Week 8 heralds a mass exodus with the Year 6, 7 and 8 students travelling to Annual Camp. Activities Week these days gives students the chance to engage in a range activities that allow them to be in mutually dependent exercises and others that encourage them to develop individual strengths. The students are fully supported by seniors and staff.

### Other news

It's been well over a week now that we welcome Year 5 parents to an information session, beginning in the Year 12 Study Centre. Preceding the Year 5 students' experience day Friday week ago. This occasion gave Kirsty Brunsdon and me opportunity to talk about Middle School curriculum, Homeroom structures, wider activities and philosophy respectively.



Mr Mark Harrison

It is good that all who are new to the Middle School have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings before the first school day of 2019. Special thanks go to Kirsty Brunsdon and Gill Downes for their organization of appropriate and enjoyable activities for all students during the Year 5 Welcome session earlier in the day and also to Robyn Frost who organized the finer details of the day, being food, name tags, greeting of parents and other matters. It was very good, yet again, to have our very supportive Director of Enrolments Mrs Pip Warrick there, too. I had an opportunity to meet the Year 5 students who were invited to the afternoon session and I want to acknowledge the very supportive Lachie Thomas (Year 7) who ably made comment at appropriate moments.

I was then invited to dinner with the new parents and students – and I enjoyed myself very much. Last week, I was also invited to the Year 7 parent' dinner – a real bonus for me and I had a brilliant time there, too. I like talking to you people. Schooling nowadays is definitely a shared responsibility and requires easy and sensible parent and staff, both academic and boarding, communication. It's



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imperative that we table ideas and concerns as they relate to the young adolescents we co-manage. We need to be fully aware of the fact that we're dealing with people who, in every way, are growing very quickly and who, as a result, need a number of mutually dependent support systems. Since they are, in effect, our future this is the least we can do for them in their preparation for it.

Granparents' Day, last Friday, was a major success for the Middle School: you're children are becoming tired but when the occasion is a public one, they still acquit themselves well. The Middle School debate was a real success and all speakers were entertaining – I enjoyed adjudication very much. The music afternoon in the Memorial Hall was phenomenal – largely because it featured so many of our people. Their undisputed talent was a fitting prelude to the Granparents' Afternoon Tea in the dining hall.

Likewise, TAS @ Dusk was tremendously successful. Yet again, Mrs Rachael Nicoll and the wider P&F performed miracles. There were so many families there and the afternoon and evening activities, more this year than in previous ones I reckon, were strongly supported by parents and, being the day after Grandparents' Day, wider families, not to mention others from the community.

## This week

It's a short one, actually, as all students are going out on Thursday and Friday for bivouac activities in their respective year groups. I know that lists have been posted about 'What to take' and am thinking that if you're at all unclear, you'd call us for clarification.

**Mr Mark Harrison**  
**Head of Middle School**





## TAS at Dusk - Year 1 Return and Earn

Well, what a blast! I know that the Fete was a huge success for the large numbers of our students that attended - we talked about it on Monday and it was great to see the number that turned out. (After I dried out from the dunking machine), it was magic seeing the hard work that everyone had put in coming to fruition - none more so than the Year 1 Return and Earn Project so ably orchestrated by Mrs Tania Haardin. Hats off to them all - the process they went through to reach this point has been extensive and the photos tell the entire story What a great example of learning through doing.....

## Working Bee - Saturday 24 November

This Saturday will see our final working bee for our Musical - Alice in Wonderland. With the success of our first session, there is less to do so we anticipate that it will not take the full 3 hours as advertised. We will start again at 12.30 pm with a sausage sizzle and move from there to the Hoskins Centre for instructions from our intrepid leader. Again, this year's production would not be possible without your generous support so we thank you in advance.

## Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - November 30

Our Bike Safety Day and Triathlon are upon us!. Please be reminded that it is very important that all bikes are in good shape to make the day a success for everyone...

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to William Minter for your special day this week.

## School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 5

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

Lachie Wood, Pippi Goudge, Jack Wood, Ruby Ogilvie, Andrew Alkhouri, Maitha Alshammari, Will Ogilvie, Ani Anderson and Bailey Miller.



Mr Ian Lloyd

## LOOKING AHEAD

## TERM 4

### WEEK 6

Wed 21 Nov

No Assembly due to JS Musical Rehearsal

Sat 24 Nov

JS Musical Working Bee – Set Building (12.30- 3pm)

### WEEK 7

Mon 26 Nov

Final week of training for Junior School Sport

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

### WEEK 9

Mon 10 Dec

JS Christmas Service 2.30

Tue 11 Dec

Pool Party – Monckton Aquatic Centre 9.00-11.00

Wed 12 Dec

JS Speech Day 5.00 – 6.00

Thu 13 Dec

TAS Students depart for Tezukayama, Japan

Senior School Speech Day

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 8 of the Book Club has now been distributed, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Friday 30 November, 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.

Gift Function is also still available in LOOP! The Gift Function allows parents to place a separate order as a surprise gift for their child. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to school, along with other Book Club orders. They will be marked accordingly as a gift (not gift wrapped), so they can be set aside at the school office for parents to collect.

Thank you to all parents for your support of the book club again this year. Your purchases have accrued rewards which Junior School and the library have used to purchase some wonderful new resources.

*I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book. – J. K. Rowling.*

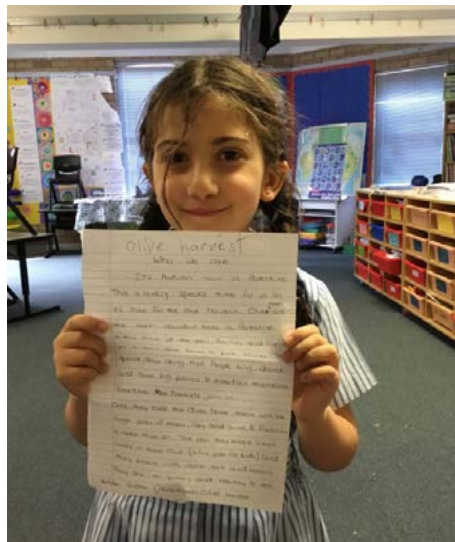
**Mrs Natalie Ramazani**  
**Library Assistant**



Year 2 have explored changes to the landscape through creating artworks of a bush fire and a crop.



Year 4 read the picture book "Peace Stick" and then created a joint "Peace Stick" as a class. Each child has added items that represent peace to them.



Layla 'Taking Action' with her topic related Show and Tell



Transition went on a journey to Thalgarrah for some new experiences!!

### Conclusion of Summer Sport

As our term draws to a close please note the following dates for the term.

- Week 7 Final week of sports training  
Final gymnastics, tennis, dance and basketball sessions.  
Final week of Indoor Hockey games for TAS students on Friday, 30 November
- Week 8 No sports training for any teams.  
Cricket players final games – Saturday, 8 December
- Week 9 Final week of school - No sport

### Triathlon – Friday, 30 November

Our annual Junior School Bike Day and Triathlon will be held in our beautiful grounds on Friday, 30 November. Bike Day will commence at 9.00 am with activities involving obstacle courses, long-distance rides and bike safety sessions.

Our Triathlon will commence at 2.00 pm after walking the course at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be as normal on the day.

Kindergarten and Year 1 children will all be involved in a team event, whilst students in Years 2 and above will have a choice of either entering as an individual or as part of a team.

Following are the distances each year group will have to complete as part of the Triathlon.

	Swim	Bike	Run
Kindergarten	1 lap	½ lap	½ lap
Year 1	1 lap	½ lap	½ lap
Year 2	2 laps	½ lap	½ lap
Year 3	2 laps	1 lap	1 lap
Year 4	3 laps	1 lap	1 lap
Year 5	3 laps	1 lap	1 lap

Please ensure your child has their bike in good working order ready for the day, along with their bike helmet, drink bottle and hat. Children will wear sports uniform for the day.

Presentations will be held from 3.00 pm on Wakefield Oval.

If you would like to assist with the Triathlon and are available to help direct competitors, please contact Mrs Christine Wright [cwright@as.edu.au](mailto:cwright@as.edu.au) or Mrs Sandra Lasker in reception.

### Junior School basketball

On Monday the players had the first opportunity to play as a team this season. Due to a shortage of numbers we only had two teams available to play so it was TAS v the Townies. TAS started with a huge bang and scored basket after basket. The team play between the players was wonderful to watch and the sportsmanship was fabulous. On numerous occasions the players who would often score goals passed the ball to some of their teammates who had a little more difficulty in getting the ball in the hoop.

It is exciting to see Andi and Lucas become more involved in the game as each week progresses. They are beginning to dribble the ball at a faster rate, take shots at the hoop and are even taking on the opposition player with they have the ball. Sam had an exciting game shooting some brilliant baskets and is gaining so much ability to avoid opposition players and his movement around the court is improving every week.

Well done to all players.

Next week - Week 7 - is our last week of training and games for the term due to JS commitments in week 8.

***Mrs Kirsty Brunson***



## The Dance Club

The dance group have been working on a number of exciting dances this term. However, the favourite dance style seems to be our ballet moves.

Ruyuf and Reema Al Malki are completing demi-plie' stances.

*Mrs Lana Hawksford*



## Gymnastics

There were some very enthusiastic gymnasts at our training session on Monday afternoon.

Our warm-up consisted of Frogs and Lily pads followed by some stretches.

This was then complemented with a whole group activity 'Spring and Land'. This used multiple springboards, jumps into the pit and mini tramp.

Students then rotated around the following 4 activities:

- Activity 1-Statics –handstand lead-ups.
- Activity 2- Locomotion-dance steps on the floor.
- Activity 3: Rotations- backward rolls.
- Activity 4: Swing-pommel.

Next week will be our final session for Term 4 2018.

*Mrs Veronica Waters*



Tom Ball, Lochlan Gerdes & Lennox Neilson with the Northern Tablelands Orienteering Club & Armidale Outdoors overall champion primary school trophy photographed with & presented by Andrew Coventry from Armidale Outdoors



Tom Ball, Lochie Gerdes and Lennox Neilson receive their awards for the best Year 5/6 team



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