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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 28 November 2018 Term 4 Week 7

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

P&F Meeting Tonight

Tonight our P&F will gather for the final time this year in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7:00pm and all parents and friends of the School are warmly invited to join them. This will be an opportunity to both look ahead and to reflect on what has been a big year for the P&F. TAS@Dusk, the biennial TAS Art Show, welcomes to new families, dinners and catering for a raft of school events have been achieved through considerable commitment right through 2018 and tonight will allow us to offer thanks to the many who have been a part of that. In particular, it will be the chance to offer thanks to the P&F Executive who have led that process and been behind the funding decisions that have benefitted all our students and I look forward to celebrating them and their work.

Douglas Shield Cricket

The cricket season for our First XI continues apace as we approach the end of the school year and they have been enjoying some very promising success. Beyond the Armidale grade competition where they have enjoyed wins over Guyra, Hillgrove and City, they have been playing in the Douglas Shield schools competition. The Douglas Shield is a 50 over knockout competition that attracts teams up to Year 11, our current senior year, from across country NSW. The early rounds are played between schools in reasonable proximity and thus far TAS has had good wins over Carinya Christian School in Tamworth and St Paul's Grammar School in Western Sydney, both played at TAS. Today TAS will play at home for a third consecutive time, this time in the quarter final against St Philip's Christian College from Cessnock. I offer thanks to the players and coaches from St Philip's who travelled up yesterday to stay with us overnight and I wish both teams well for a good game.

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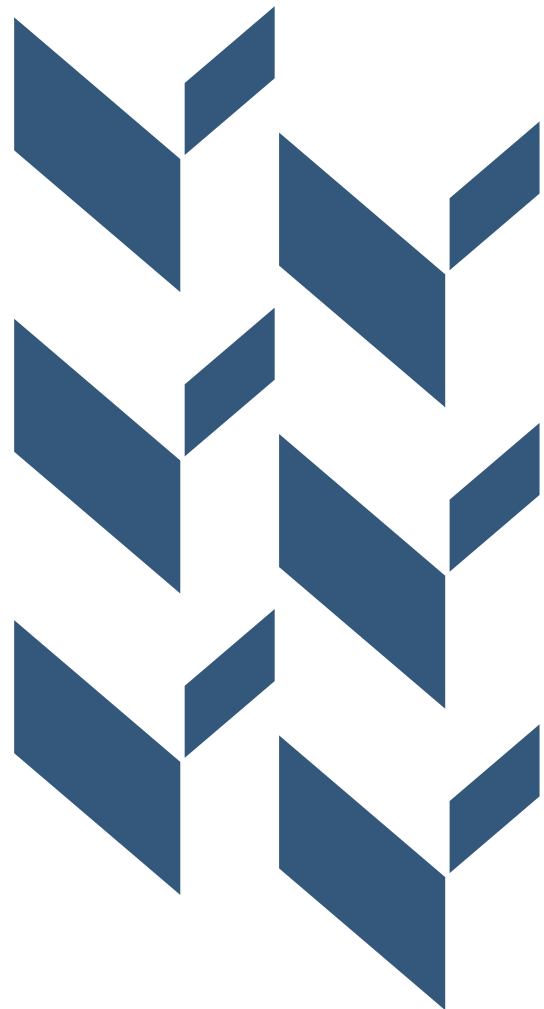
Public Speaking and Performance at TAS

The end of the year brings public speaking and performance to the fore and a good number of our students from right across the School will be involved. After success a fortnight ago in the Lions Youth of the Year competition where Will Forsyth and Henry O'Neil represented TAS with Will's moving speech on the importance of community taking him on to the next level of the competition, our Middle School debaters will have their chance to shine today in the Tri-Schools debating competition and I wish all our speakers well for it. Other students will be preparing to entertain on the stage in different ways as Junior School rehearses for their production of the classic *Alice in Wonderland* next week and I know students and parents alike are looking forward to that. Middle and Senior School students will move into intensive rehearsals for the annual Inter-House Cash Cup Creative Arts competition when they return from Activities Week and parents will again be welcome to join us for the performances which begin at 1:30pm on Tuesday 11 December in the Memorial Hall.

Activities Week

This week students across Middle and Senior Schools are preparing for the coming Activities Week, with meetings yesterday to discuss arrangements and final gear issue and logistics being put in place. As I wrote last week, this coming week is the culmination of the program for the year and something that we invest in heavily. Almost all our teaching staff and a good number of our support staff will be in the field with our students and that reflects their collective belief in its importance as the centrepiece of our character development curriculum. Every Old Armidalian I know, through generations, has memories of their experiences in the Activities Program and of Activities Week in particular and I have never heard a past student say that they regretted their participation. Even those who admit that they did not delight in the prospect at the time, and there will still be some now, can readily see the personal benefits that the program gave them. This is because it is through experiences of stepping away from our comfort zone that we are able to test our boundaries and find character traits that perhaps we did not know we had. This is the central reason for our program and why we commit to it so heavily, rather than taking an easier path. It is an experience that is central to being a TAS student and I am looking forward to sharing it with our students in the bush and at the beach next week.

Murray Guest





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

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 - *Alice in Wonderland*
Matinee 1.30pm

Friday 7 December *Alice in Wonderland* (6pm)

Saturday 8 December *Alice in Wonderland* (6pm)

Sunday 9 December Grafton Rowing Regatta

WEEK 9

Monday 10 December MS/SS Carol Service
Confirmation Service

Tuesday 11 December JS Pool Party (Monckton Pool)
Cash Cup

Wednesday 12 December Middle School Lunch
Middle School Final Assembly
Junior School Speech Day
Classes Conclude
Community Farewell to Pip Warrick and
Barney Buntine
Girls' Boarding Dinner

Thursday 13 December Speech Day (Memorial Hall)
Special Guest, Mr Kurt Fearnley

Farewell to Pip Warrick and Barney Buntine Wednesday 12 December - 5pm

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend a special drinks function to farewell our Director of Enrolments, Pip Warrick and Director of Pastoral Care Barney Buntine as they depart TAS at the end of Term 4 after many years on staff.

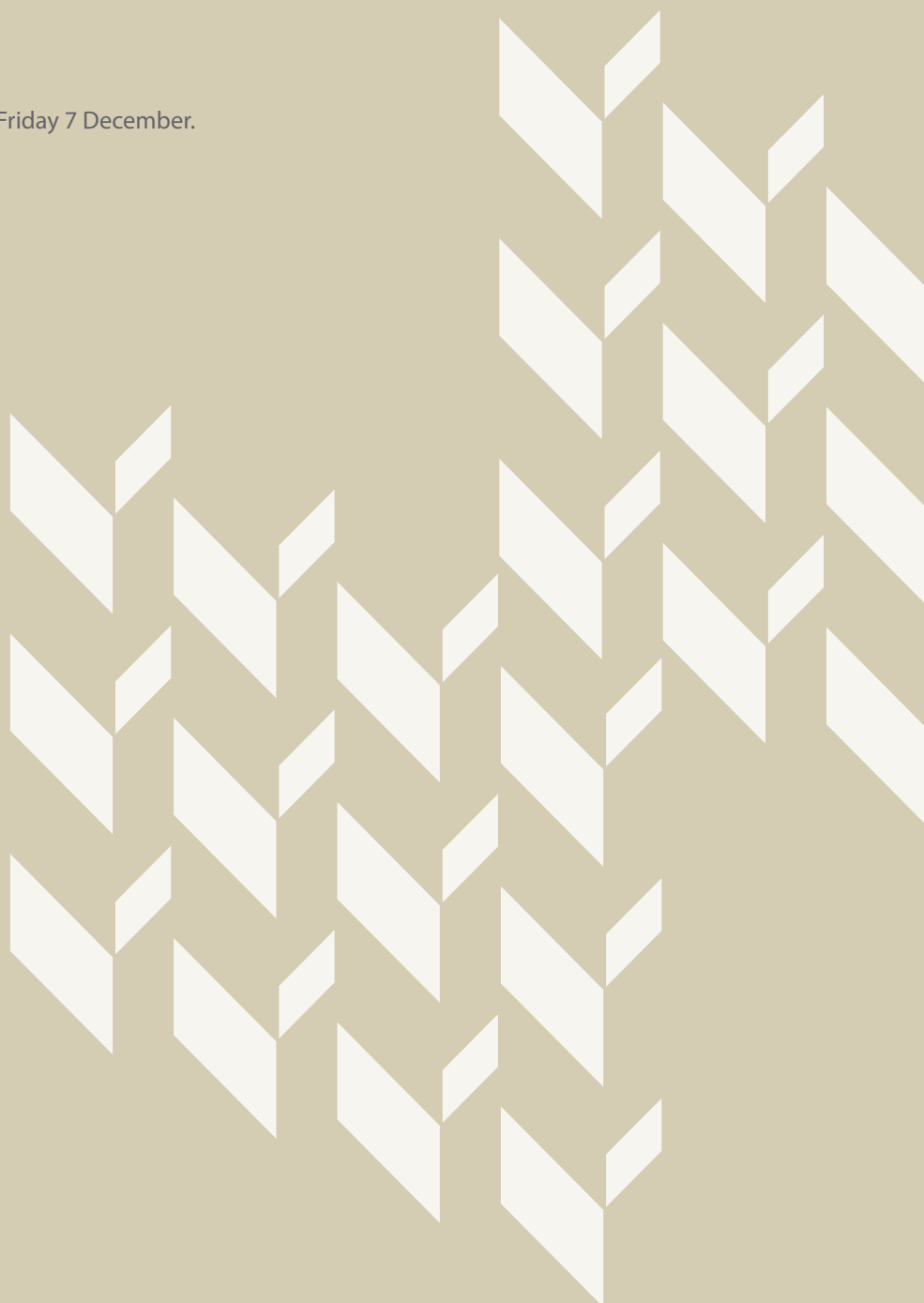
When: Wednesday 12 December

Where: Hoskins Centre

Time: 5-7pm

Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#) by Friday 7 December.

*Murray Guest
Headmaster*



FISH' BAGS FOR SALE

\$20 EACH

Below is a picture of the 'fish' bags that residents of the Agape Home for children with HIV, in Thailand made this year.

There are more designs as well.

TAS paid for the materials for the making of these bags, we have then had them made at the home by Agape sewing teacher and some of the children. We then sell them back here in Armidale and send the proceeds on to Agape. This helps to pay for the sewing teachers wage, and means that she can afford to stay at Agape and teach the children a skill that may just help their futures.

Thank you for your support.

The bags are available in the Junior School office for \$20 each, just in time for Christmas...



Mr Richard Newton

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PLANTS 'SALE' FRIDAY 3.30-5pm

The Plant stall at TAS@Dusk was a huge success and we have had requests from people for further plants so in a one off event we are selling the remaining plants on Friday afternoon this week from 3.30-5.00 pm at the TAS garden shed. (On the road off the Chapel Street turning circle near the Junior School tennis courts.) Purchasers will need to have correct money (cash only) and bring a box or bag to carry their spoils in.

P&F CHRISTMAS MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 7pm

It is our final P&F meeting for the year tonight (Wednesday 28 November) at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. 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.



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. 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 a vitally 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.

Being an LP is not an arduous job – primarily it is to be a conduit for P&F matters to parents and also to create a sense of community within your year, particularly when new families start at TAS. Arranging the odd Year Group get together, managing your Year Group FaceBook page, organising year group helpers for sports day cake stalls and finding someone (not necessarily yourself) to organise your year group stall at TAS@Dusk is basically what's required. Essentially, think of yourself as a year facilitator... you don't need to be an 'old hand' to take it on – you just need to be able to befriend your year group.

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

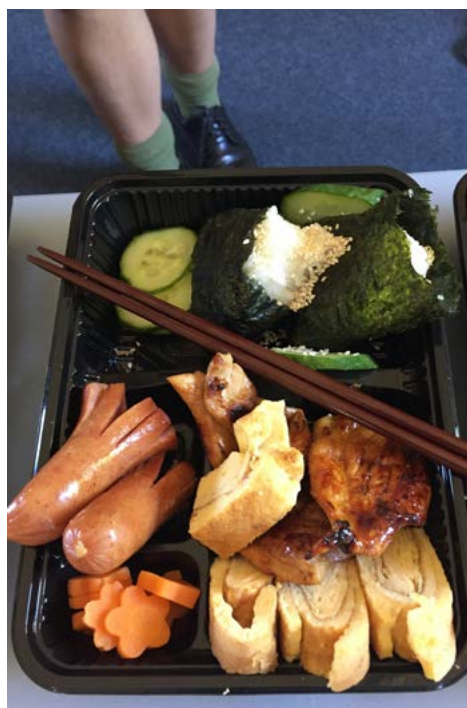
Mrs Rachael Nicoll
P&F President

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The Year 9/10 Japanese Obento and Festival class completed the course by making a Japanese Obento to share. The students designed the Obento, found the recipes and made the many dishes that make up the Japanese lunch box. It was all part of learning that food not only needs to be delicious (おいしい) but also needs to look good (おlish しょう). The kitchen looked like a Masterchef kitchen with the students working on one aspect of the obento.

The dishes included Teriyaki chicken, Onigiri (rice balls with seaweed), tamogoyaki (rolled egg), tako sausage (a ham sausage cut into the shape of an octopus), star shaped carrots and cucumber. One students said 'It was the best meal he has had at TAS'. That's a big compliment considering the wonderful food we have here.

Mr Allan Moore



As the year draws to a close our boarders might be forgiven for taking the foot off the accelerator, so to speak. Not so for our Middle School boys, who, led by Ms Macri, have been undertaking some community service that will bring some Christmas cheer to our troops deployed overseas.

A number of boys gathered on a Sunday morning to write letters to a random soldier deployed for Christmas. Some of the boys even included a photo with their family. Ms Belinda Macri (White House duty staff) is very proud of the amazing job they all did expressing their thanks for the sacrifices our defence personnel make in service to our country. The impact on our soldiers of receiving a personal letter should not be underestimated.

After writing the letters, the boys ventured into town and, with a budget of \$15, they set about purchasing some goodies to further show their appreciation to our soldiers spending Christmas overseas. The boys had some thoughtful ideas about what the soldiers might like including Vegemite, Tim Tams, Milo, Christmas socks and funny Australian themed Christmas hats, games etc...

They were all super excited to think that a soldier overseas would get these for Christmas and, as they walked back to the house together, the boys shared stories about different family members who have served our country and the importance of their role for our nation. It is so heart-warming that these young men gave up their time to bring some joy to others.

This is part of an initiative of the Department of Defence, who will be sending the packs with other supplies free of charge to lift the Troops' spirits over the holiday season. Please check out the link for more information: <http://www.defence.gov.au/Events/SupportTheTroops/>.

I trust our boarders are looking forward to the challenges of Activities Week and I am sure there will be plenty of stories to tell afterwards. As challenging as the week might be for some, many wonderful memories will also be made, and they will learn a lot about themselves and their ability to cope, which is something TAS students in particular do so well.

Before long, Speech Day will be upon us and I hope to see many of you there.

Mr Michael Holland



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 1 Dec, A & C Coys on Sunday 2 Dec.

Outline of Activities

2. Activities to be conducted include:

	Bivouac	Annual Camp
Activities	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)
Location	Styx River State Forest and adjoining private property	Nymboida via Grafton Lake Angourie & surrounds (A Coy)
Timings: Depart TAS	Thursday 22 Nov All Coy parade at TAS: 0840hrs All Coy depart: 0900 hrs	Friday 30 Nov Advance Party depart 1400 hrs or as directed Saturday 1 Dec Q Store, Signals depart at 1230hrs or as directed B Coy departs at 1230hrs Sunday 2 Dec A Coy depart at 1230hrs C Coy depart at 0830hrs
Return to TAS	Friday 23 Nov Parade: 1515 hrs Dismissal: 1530 hrs	Friday 7 Dec 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.

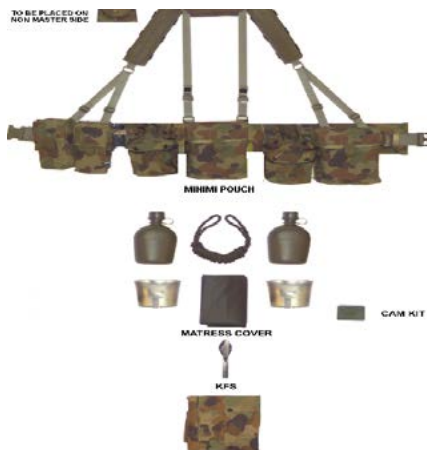
6. Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally at the Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

Dress and Equipment

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

	School Issue	Cadet Provided
Bivouac	<p>Webbing (see diagram below) web belt x 1 water bottles x 2 bum pack x 1 ammo pouches x 2</p> <p>Back Pack 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>
Annual Camp	<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 & 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

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Activities Week – Year 11 Expeditions Group

Schedule

Monday

8:45am: Meet F1-2 (TAS)

8:45am-10:15am: Help JS Musical Production (TAS)

10:15am -10:35am: Recess (TAS)

10:35am – 3:30pm: Cooking (lunch will be the food cooked) (TAS and Armidale Town)

Tuesday

8:45: Meet F1-2 (TAS)

8:45am -10:15am: Careers and Finance (TAS)

10:15am – 10:35am: Recess (TAS)

10:35am – 12:25pm: Careers and Finance (TAS)

12:25pm -1:10pm: Lunch (TAS)

1:00pm – 3:00pm: Travel to Rhoades' family property Inverell (Bus)

3:00pm - 11:59pm: Rhoades' Property (Inverell – Activities include fly fishing lessons, fishing for Yellowbelly and Murray Cod by boat canoe and land based using bait lures, guided walks around the lake identifying bird species, preparing meals using the commercial kitchen, indoor games, swimming and tube rides)

Wednesday

12:00am – 3:00pm: Rhoades' Property (Inverell)

3:00 pm – 5:00pm: Return to TAS (Bus)

Thursday

8:45am: Meet F1-2 (TAS)

8:45am – 10:15am: Art Activity (TAS)

10:15am – 10:35am: Recess (TAS)

10:35am – 1:10pm: JS Production Help (TAS)

1:10pm – 1:30pm: Lunch (TAS)

1:30pm – 3:30pm Matinee Performance (TAS)

Friday

8:45am: Meet F1-2 (TAS)

8:45am – 12:00pm: Preparing Christmas Hampers at St Vincent de Paul (Armidale Town)

12:00pm – 3:30pm: Picnic and Swim at Town Pool (Armidale Town)

Gear List

Monday

- Wear casual clothes that you are happy to get makeup and food on and comfortable shoes
- Laptop
- Water bottle

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- Sunscreen
- Recess for students who don't eat in the Dining Hall

Tuesday

- Recess and Lunch for students who don't eat in the dining room
- Wear casual clothes appropriate for outdoor activities and joggers
- Laptop
- Inverell:
 - Overnight bag
 - Hat, sunglasses, water bottle, sunscreen
 - Long-sleeved, collared shirt
 - Swag/Sleeping mattress, Sleeping bag/bedding, pillow
 - Sturdy shoes for the walk
 - Shoes that can get wet/muddy
 - Plastic garbage bags for wet clothes
 - Towel
 - Fishing gear suitable for this style of fishing if you have to or can borrow - do not purchase!!!!
 - Toiletries

Wednesday

- Inverell:
 - Overnight bag
 - Hat, sunglasses, water bottle, sunscreen
 - Long-sleeved, collared shirt
 - Swag/Sleeping mattress, Sleeping bag/bedding, pillow
 - Sturdy shoes for the walk
 - Shoes that can get wet/muddy
 - Plastic garbage bags for wet clothes
 - Towel
 - Fishing gear suitable for this style of fishing if you have to or can borrow - do not purchase!!!!
 - Toiletries

Thursday

- Recess and Lunch for students who don't eat in the Dining Hall
- Wear casual clothes that you are happy to get makeup and paint on etc and comfortable shoes
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Friday

- Wear smart casual clothes that provide good sun protection and comfortable shoes for walking in to town
- Swimmers
- Towel

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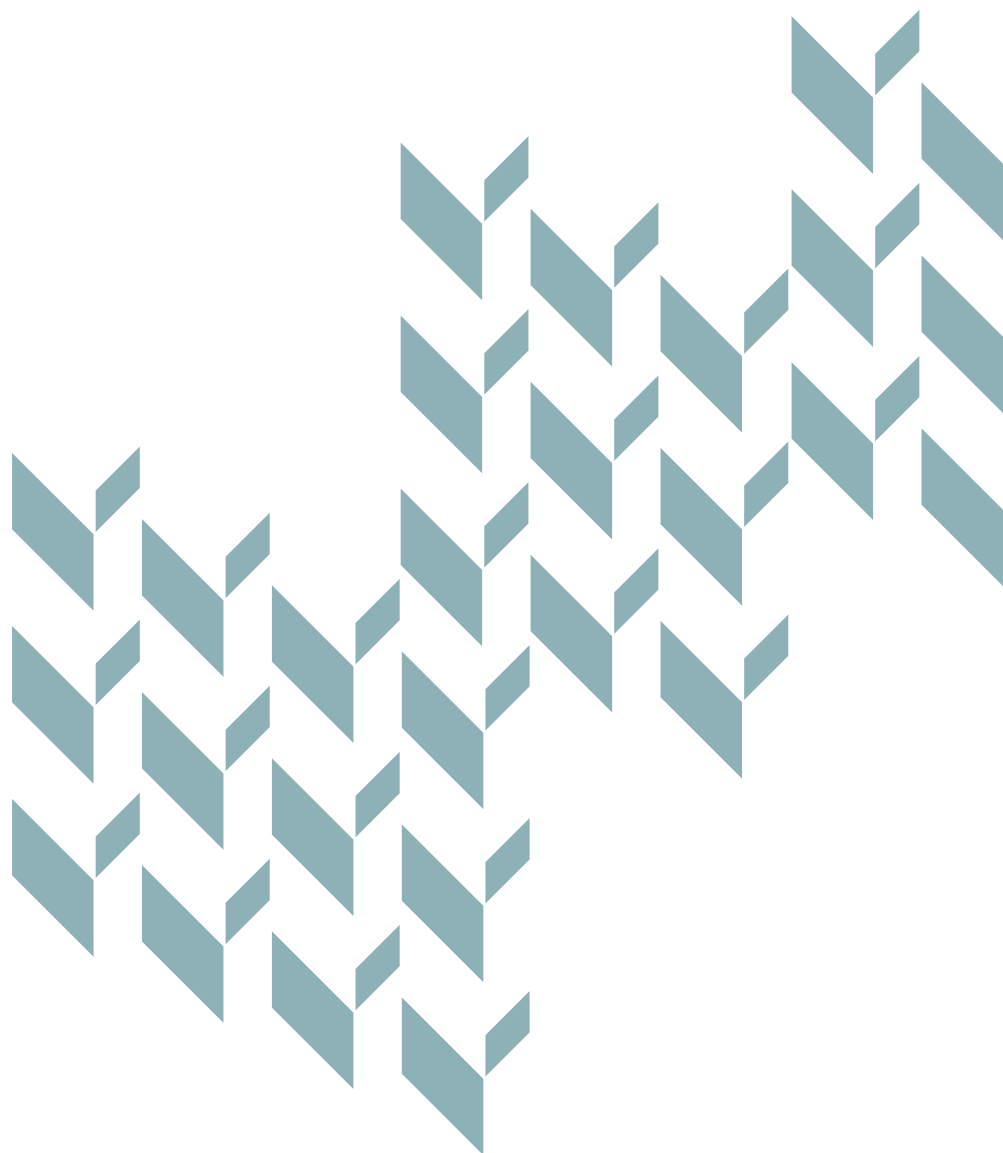
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Bag to carry gear

Staff and Contact Details

Reception (TAS and Armidale Activities): 026776 5800

Alex Murray (TAS and Armidale Activities): 042886 1654

Alex Pollitt and Michael Holland (Inverell): 0475 952 775 and 0417 099 215



Sport Week 9

As we come to the end of the term, some sports will finish this week with training and games. Basketball, Cricket and Rowing will continue to train after Activities Week (Week 9).

All Junior School Sports, Kayaking, Squash, Shooting, Tennis will finish training and games this week (Week 7).

Mountain Biking and Triathlon are yet to be confirmed.

Interhouse Cricket

This week has seen the start of Interhouse Cricket on Wakefield during lunch. Clearly a wonderful spectator sport with mixed skills on the field- but many laughs and friendly competition. Monday saw Ross House (66 runs) win against Abbott (52 runs), yesterday- Broughton (63 runs) just won against Tyrrell (61 runs). Thursday sees Croft House playing Green House to see who will be placed in the final on Friday.

Congratulations to all House Captains who have made this competition successful for both players and spectators.

Douglas Shield Cricket

TAS First XI Cricketers today are playing St Philip's Christian College Cessnock in the quarter final of the Douglas Shield. Please feel welcome to come along to support our players at the TAS Cricket Oval. Thank you to St Philip's students and staff who are travelling to Armidale for the game.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular



Mr Will Caldwell



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Kayaking

On Friday 16 November, TAS students departed Armidale for the Mann River, near Grafton, to compete in a Slalom and Wildwater competition organised and run by the Big River Canoe Club. Hugo Catterall, Pierre Morcellet, Harry Turnbull, Stewart Williams and Remy Taylor paddled and competed in a number of events over the course of the weekend, not only taking home some medals, but having a great time doing it.

Big thanks to OA's Michael Taylor and David Williams who assisted over the weekend.

TAS took out 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the under 14 year age group for the down river race K1 category and 3rd in the 16 years age group. 1st and 2nd in the under 14 years Slalom course K1 and 3rd in the 16 years age group. An amazing effort for all who were involved and we look forward to another event weekend that will be held in Term 1 2019.

Miss Emma Channon



CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Armidale All Schools Triathlon Challenge

Last Sunday saw the annual Armidale All Schools Triathlon Challenge run at TAS. Schools from across the district were invited to compete in Primary, Intermediate and Senior Divisions.

TAS entered four teams in the Primary section, with the team of Tom Ball, Thomas Dundon and Max Rogers placing 2nd, Angus Ditchfield, Banjo Lawrence and Will Ledingham 3rd, Andy Hardin, Oli Goudge and Charlie Ryan 10th with Harry Pennington and Alec Campbell combining for an 11th place finish.

In the Intermediate division, Alex Hall, Albertus Hattingh and Ben Burwell not only won their section, but were also first overall with Samuel Ball, Harrison Ditchfield and Frank Perrottet in 2nd place.

The Open female team of Emma Ward, Kate Allen and Isabella Gooch crossed in 1st place, with Lucy Ball, Nichola Clarkson and Karen Baker 2nd. Congratulations to all involved.

Mr Jim Pennington



FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

While the Senior School heads off to Activities Week next week the Junior School will be explore the whimsical and wacky world of Wonderland with *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* taking the stage for audiences. They are already looking incredible on the stage and so the show promises to be particularly polished this year. A big thanks to our Mike team, Mike Baumgartner and Michael Cornford, who have been working feverishly on the set, which will look truly stunning. And I extend that thanks to all the staff and friends who have helped out over the last few weeks, your assistance is essential for the production to be a success. The absolute best to Mrs Cleaver, her production team, and the cast and crew of *Alice* - I am sure it will be brilliant and I cannot wait to see it myself next Friday.

Last week the Stage 5 'Comedy - it's all in the timing' class performed their Commedia dell'Arte (masked Italian theatre) scenes for surprised audiences during Middle School and Senior School lunches. While a daunting feat they enjoyed tremendously supportive audiences and and I thank the student body for being so attentive. There can be nothing more challenging than performing in front of your peers, particularly when they just stumble upon the show in a courtyard or playground, so I congratulate them for their achievement.

And with the end of the year not far away it means there are plenty of final practises for the various assemblies and ceremonies to tick off 2018. I encourage all students involved in our various ensembles, bands and performances to keep a close eye on the rehearsal schedule - it will be a busy final push but a great way to end the school year.



Mr Andrew O'Connell

Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



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.

Week 9 Music Rehearsals and Performances

Sunday 9 December

4:00pm – 5:00pm: Carol Service rehearsal at St. Mary's West

TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Secondary Choirs

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Carol Service at St. Mary's West

TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Secondary Choirs

Monday 10 December

7:45am – 8:45am: Carol Service rehearsal in Memorial Hall

TAS Secondary Choirs and TAS Chapel Choir

8:45am – 10:00am: Middle School/Senior School Carol Service in Memorial Hall

TAS Secondary Choirs and TAS Chapel Choir

10:35am – 11:30am: Middle School Final Assembly Rehearsal

Ethan Bellman, Aiden Swick, Will Jackson, Jeremy Carter, Emma Benahm and ensemble

11:30am – 12:25pm: Junior School Speech Day Rehearsal

FanTAStics and T-5 Choir

1:30pm – 2:00pm: Confirmation Service rehearsal in Chapel

TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Secondary Choirs

2:00pm – 2:45pm: Confirmation Service in Chapel

TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Secondary Choirs

3:30pm – 6:00pm: TAS Big Band and Camerata rehearsal in Music Centre

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Middle School Final Assembly Music rehearsal in Memorial Hall

Ethan Bellman, Aiden Swick, Will Jackson, Jeremy Carter, Emma Benahm and ensemble



Tuesday 11 December

7:45am – 8:30am: TAS Secondary Choirs rehearsal in Memorial Hall

10:35am – 11:40am: Final Assembly Performance in Memorial Hall

TAS Secondary Choir

11:40am – 12:25pm: Junior School Speech Day Music Rehearsal in Memorial Hall

FanTAStics and T-5 Choir

1:30pm – 3:30pm: Cash Cup in Memorial Hall

2:00pm – 2:45pm: Junior School Christmas Service in Hoskins Centre

3:30pm – 5:00pm: MS/SS Speech Day Music rehearsal in the Gym

TAS Big Band, TAS Camerata and Yr 12 soloists

TAS Combined Choirs (until 4:00pm)

5:00pm – 6:00pm: PLC Carol Service rehearsal at St. Mary's Cathedral

TAS Singers and TAS Chapel Choir

6:00pm – 7:00pm: PLC Carol Service at St. Mary's Cathedral

TAS Singers and TAS Chapel Choir

Wednesday 12 December

7:30am – 8:30am: Camerata String Ensemble rehearsal in Music Centre

8:00am – 8:30am: FanTAStics rehearsal in Memorial Hall

2:00pm – 3:00pm: Middle School Final Assembly in Memorial Hall

Ethan Bellman, Aiden Swick, Will Jackson, Jeremy Carter, Emma Benahm and ensemble

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Junior School Speech Day in Memorial Hall

FanTAStics and T-5 Choir

Thursday 13 December

7:30am – 8:30am: MS/SS Speech Day Music rehearsal in Gym

TAS Big Band, TAS Camerata and Yr 12 soloists

TAS Combined Choirs (arrive 8:00am)

8:50am – 9:30am: Speech Day entertainment (prior to the Ceremony)

TAS Big Band (Gym) and TAS Camerata

9:30am: MS/SS Speech Day Ceremony

TAS Big Band, TAS Camerata, Yr 12 soloists and TAS Combined Choirs



TAS Junior School
Production of

Disney



Alice in Wonderland

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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



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Mrs Murrays Year 7 English class were recently given the task of writing a ballad using the same rhyming scheme and structure as Banjo Paterson's poem 'A Bush Christening'. Their poem was to be set in Australia and to focus on a celebration of their own choosing. Alex Donoghue's poem below was a stand out. Well done Alex!

On a hot summer night, when the moon was so bright
And the stars kept the dingoes at bay
Where there's naught but red dirt, and the dogs were alert
'Cross the sky came old Santa's sleigh

The maiden gave a shout, then the children came out
What a shock they got when they saw
Santa giving a cheer, "the reindeer are here"
But the children were frozen with awe

The eldest then said, "I thought you were dead"
But his eyes weren't failing him now
He didn't believe till young Ben shook his sleeve
And told him not to be such a cow

Rudolph's nose shone so bright, especially in the night
And the crowd cheered from down below
Santa pulled with his might, and the sleigh flew to the right
Till in sight was the sleigh's cargo

As the sleigh became near, everything was more clear
Piled behind him was millions of gifts
All the children then smiled when they saw the presents piled
All things from books to forklifts

He landed with a crash, presents fell from the stash
And the sleigh slid to a dusty stop
As a matter of fact, he wasn't used to the impact
Cause chimneys were usually his stop



Mr Mark Harrison



Out of the sleigh he got, out of his shirt his fat shot
As he hobbled towards the crowd
He shook his fat head, and to the children he said
"But alas your memories must cloud"

So, with a flick of his wrist, he created a mist
That wiped the nights memories away
He got in his sleigh, and flew quickly away
"Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, hooray!"

Alex Donoghue



Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - Friday, November 30

This Friday, the Bike Safety Day and Triathlon will bring the Junior School alive. Nothing makes for a challenging playground as 150 bicycles! This is a very busy and exciting day and I hope that preparations are all complete. Please ensure bikes (and/or scooters, training wheels and helmets) are all in great working order. All students should wear their House shirts and sports uniform and in the event of poor weather, an early call will be made via text message and email; it looks pretty good at the moment. If you get the chance, please come along and support either the Bike Day or the Triathlon in the afternoon.

Year 4 taking Action

You will find a great article from Year 4 outlining some work they are doing in their current Unit of Inquiry. Along with Year 1 Returning and Earning, I commend both these projects to you as fantastic examples of the PYP program your children are benefiting from at TAS. Similarly, you may have received information about the Transition project to support the fundraising efforts for those supporting the children at the Agape Orphanage in Thailand.

TAS has paid for the materials to make the bags (as seen below) and the sewing teacher and some children at Agape have made the bags in Thailand. The proceeds from each sale help to pay for the sewing teacher's wage and means she can afford to stay at Agape and teach the children a skill that may help with their own futures.

Transition will be selling 'fish' bags for \$20 and all funds for the bags sold go directly back to Agape Orphanage in Thailand. We hope you can support these worthwhile ventures.

Congratulations to | some of our horse riders

Charlie Ward, Joshua Bourke and Alexander Dell have excelled recently with their riding with their personal results outlined below. I congratulate them on their efforts.

Happy Birthday

We only have one birthday celebration in Junior School this week so Happy Birthday to Chelsea Miller.



Mr Ian Lloyd

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 6

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards last week:

Rupert Newton, Cecilia Price, Micael O'dell, Jack Shenko, Ava Watts, Josiah Baumgartner, Sophia White, Sonny Blanch and Evan Kwan.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue no. 8 (last issue for the year) of the Book Club has now been distributed, and orders should be placed through the Scholastic website by Friday 30th November. 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 the 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

WEEK 7

- Mon 26 Nov Final week of training for Junior School Sport
- Wed 28 Nov Kindergarten to Thalgarrah
No Junior School Assembly
- Fri 30 Nov Bike Day and Triathlon. Triathlon commences at 2.00 pm
Year 5 Dinner

WEEK 8

- Wed 5 Dec Final Assembly – Memorial Hall Years 3- 5 from 2.00 pm and
Transition to Year 2 from 2.45 pm.
- 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

- Tue 11 Dec Pool Party – Monckton Aquatic Centre 9.00-11.00
JS Christmas Service 2.00 - Hoskins Centre
- Wed 12 Dec JS Speech Day 5.00 – 6.00 - Memorial Hall
- Thu 13 Dec TAS Students and staff depart for Tezukayama, Japan
Senior School Speech Day

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

Sharing The Planet

Year 4 Take Action

Help Year 4 with the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

Year 4 are currently exploring ways to create a more peaceful world in their Sharing the Planet Unit of Inquiry. We had the idea of helping to bring joy and peace to families at Christmas by donating presents for the underprivileged through the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal.

We are asking Junior School families to contribute a gift to help this cause. This week, every Junior School student will bring home a tag that outlines the age and gender of the person they are asked to buy for. The gift does not have to be expensive. It is a good idea to think of a practical gift that will be used regularly. Great gift ideas include books, sporting items, instruments, educational games, stationery or items for the new school year.

Gifts can be brought to Junior School Reception and placed under the Christmas tree. We will accepting presents until the final performance of Alice in Wonderland on Saturday December 8.

Year 4 thank you for helping us spread the Christmas Spirit!

Year 4, 2018



This is our final week of sports training for the term. Thank you to all who have supported their children in their chosen sport this term. A big thank-you to our coaches and managers also, who coach and support our children throughout the season. Summer sport will continue next year, Term 1, 2019.

Indoor Hockey

Last week, the Hurricanes played PLC Fawns at The Den. It was a close game with the Hurricanes winning 2 - 1. Archer Starr scored the winning goal for the Hurricanes right in front of his dad.

Mosie Wright, Oliver Goudge were tenacious in both defence and attack. Mitchell Evans saved us many times in goal, putting his body on the line for his team.

A special thank you to Hannah Nelson for coaching us, especially as you had been away on Bivouac all week. And thanks to Mrs Hardin for being the team manager and our loudest supporter!!!

We all played well as a team and are looking forward to next week.

Charlie Ryan



Gymnastics

The Monday afternoon session commenced with an energetic warm up where an action was called and completed along with some stretches.

The group then completed an activity where they had to jump along the tumble tramp and jump into the pit. A favourite activity for many of the young gymnasts!

The rotation activities were as follows:

Activity 1- ring swings

Activity 2- clowns on beam

Activity 3: super wedge

Activity 4: tissue swings

Cool Down- Animal walks

A reminder that there will be no more gymnastics for the remainder of this year.

Mrs Veronica Waters and Ms Victoria Perrin



Baxter Carruthers having a wonderful time on the 'tissue swing'.



Equestrian Results for the Southern Zone

Charlie Ward- 9 and under 11 Girl Rider Champion

Kingstown, Inverell, Glen Innes, Tenterfield,
Emmaville, Bundarra and Armidale.

Reserve Champion

Guyra and Walcha.

Northern and Southern Zone Highest
Aggregate Point Score.

Joshua Bourke- 7 and under 9 Boy Rider Champion

Kingstown, Guyra, Inverell, Uralla, Walcha
and Armidale.

Reserve Champion

Bundarra.

Southern Zone Highest Aggregate Point
Score.

Alexander Dell- Under 7 Boy Rider Champion

Walcha

Reserve Champion

Uralla and Armidale.



ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

WEEK 1*: MON 17 - FRI 21 DEC 2018

WEEK 2: MON 21 - FRI 25 JAN 2019

**FULL DAY CAMP INCLUDES - LUNCH,
FRUIT, SNACKS, WATER, TREATS & PRIZES**

9.00am - 12pm HALF DAY (kids 5 to 7yrs)

\$50.00 per day

9.00am - 3.00pm FULL DAY (kids 8+)

\$65.00 per day

*WEEK 1 - Half day camp open for Private School kids

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