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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20 February, 2019 Term 1 Week 4

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Vale Rev. Bill Howarth

I report with sadness the death last weekend of past TAS chaplain and long standing friend of the School Rev. Bill Howarth. Bill was a member of the TAS staff for 20 years from 1975 and Head of Junior School as well as chaplain for a good deal of that time. I know that many parents knew Bill well as he presided over the weddings of many in the school community. A service for Bill will be held at St Peter's Cathedral this Friday at 10:00am. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this sad time.

Swimming and War Cries

It was a pleasure to have so many parents with us last Thursday evening and Friday for both the Middle School information sessions and the swimming carnivals.

The swimming carnivals and War Cries Night play an important role in bringing houses together early in the year and highlighting, especially for students who are new to TAS, that the spirit of mass participation that we value so much is something that everyone can enjoy.

That spirit was certainly alive and well last week and I congratulate every student who threw themselves into that with such enthusiasm, whether competitively or otherwise.

Rowing and Cadet Leadership

While many of our boarders took the opportunity for time at home with family after a busy first three weeks of school, others were testing themselves away from the school. Our rowers are now at the business end of their season as they competed in the first of several regattas at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and I congratulate them on some very promising results in the NSW Rowing Championships.

At the same time, more than 60 cadets undertook the first section of their leadership course at junior, sergeant and CUO levels and this commitment from so many is very heartening to see. They will be out in the field again this weekend and I wish them well for it and look forward to hearing the reports of their activities.

Murray Guest

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

UNIFORM SHOP

New Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

1.30pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday

7.30am to 2.00pm

MEDICAL CENTRE

Parents of Year 7 students will have received Year 7 Vaccination packages in the last few days. Could you please complete these and return them to your child's teacher or the Health Centre as soon as possible please. Vaccinations will occur on the morning of Thursday 7 March at the Health Centre.

STUDENT SERVICES

Parents/Carers who are eligible for the NSW Govt subsidy for driving over 1.6 kms to transport pickup point are advised to go to this link to apply.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/applyNowSchoolDrive>

Advice is also available from Mrs Meg Sadler msadler@as.edu.au

WEEK 4

Wednesday 20 February

Friday 22 February

Liaison Parents Lunch

Founders Day

WEEK 5

Tuesday 26 February

Thursday 28 February

Friday 1 March

Saturday 2 March

Summer Photos

NCIS Swimming (Alstonville)

Twilight Concert (Y12 students only)

Activities Day

Rowers depart for Sydney

Rowing (Sydney Rowing Club)

SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Come and Celebrate at one of our 125th Anniversary Events

This year is the School's 125th Anniversary and our approach to the celebrations is less about being ostentatious and more about being understanding of the conditions our families are facing.

In addition to the events listed below, we will have a small range of merchandise on offer that will be promoted in the coming weeks.

We really hope that you will be able to come and join with us at any of these events that mark a historic moment for TAS as we recognise and reflect on our past, celebrate our present and and look forward to an exciting bright future ahead.

Here is the list of events below - Save the dates in your diaries - more details will follow.

22 February	TAS Founders Day	TAS	All students and staff
20 March	Inverell	Regional event	Current parents, alumni and friends of TAS
21 March	Glen Innes	Regional event	As above
27 March	Scone	Regional event	As above
28 March	Tamworth	Regional event	As above
1 April	Moree	Regional event	As above
2 April	Narrabri	Regional event	As above
3 April	Gunnedah	Regional event	As above
25 April	London	London dinner	Old Armidaliens in UK and Europe
2-4 August	TAS Reunion Weekend	TAS	Old Armidaliens and school
	<i>Opening of the Chapel Street Gates - the OAU gift to the School</i>		
9 August	OAU Sydney Branch	Sydney	Alumni
16 August	Canberra	OA event	Alumni
31 August	Brisbane	OA event	Alumni
6 September	Melbourne	OA event	Alumni
10 -12 November	125th Anniversary Adventure Classic		
	125km Hike, Ride, Paddle		Students, staff with some alumni and parents
16 November	P&F's 125 Celebration	Armidale	Parents, students and friends of TAS
4 December	Foundation Dinner		
	<i>TAS Official Opening of our restored Dining Hall</i>		Parents, alumni and friends of the school

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

Thank you so much to everyone that baked or bought goodies for the Swim Carnivals or helped on the stalls or BBQ. Both days were very successful and it was wonderful to see such great TAS community spirit. The amount of baking that was donated was amazing... and believe it or not it all went!

Our sports carnival cake stalls (and the War Cries BBQ) raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are missing a container please pop into main Reception or contact Veronica Lucas on 6776 5800 or reception@as.edu.au

FACEBOOK

You may have been contacted by your Year Group Liaison Parents to let you know about our Facebook pages... Each year has a Closed Facebook Group for parents and carers (no students please). If you haven't been contacted please still join up...

The Facebook groups have been named according to the year that the group will be in Year 12. ie. TAS Year 12 2019, is the current Year 12, right down to TAS Year 12 2032, which is the current Transition class. So search for these in Facebook and join the fun!!

These are a way of building community within a cohort and an easy way for LPs and parents to communicate with each other about school and group activities. These pages can also be used for information sharing, such as reminders about whether formal uniform is required the next day, uniform or sporting gear

trading, supporting families experiencing ill health or crisis, or as a way to meet new people.

Key information from the P&F will still be sent via Liaison Parents through email as well but we encourage all parents and carers to use your Year Group Facebook Pages as a friendly way to quickly keep in touch.

Please use these groups wisely, they are not for promoting products or events that are not relevant to the TAS School Community. Comments should be polite, inclusive and relevant, or they may be deleted.

Also, don't forget that the P&F have our primary Facebook Page as well (search TAS Parents & Friends).

P&F EMAIL ADDRESS

The P&F now have an email address – if you would like to contact us please use pandf@as.edu.au – this will also be the main address we will send emails from in future.

P&F MEETINGS

We have two main meetings a term – usually these are held in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7pm on a Wednesday night. These meetings are open to all and we would love to see you there.

Term 1 – 13 March

Term 2 – 8 May and 12 June

Term 3 – 31 July and 11 September

Term 4 – 23 October and 20 November

KEY DATES FOR 2019

Friday 29 March – Junior School Athletics Carnival – P&F Cake Stall

Saturday 30 March – Middle & Senior School Athletics Carnival – P&F Cake Stall

Other events will be advertised throughout the year via email, TAS Talks and on Facebook.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll

SAVE THE DATE – TAS RUGBY CARNIVAL

The TAS Rugby Carnival is coming up at the start of the April holidays on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 of April. This is the biggest event of the year for TAS and the P&F and showcases TAS far and wide – we have well over 1000 kids, coaches and managers to feed each day – plus their families ... phew!!!

If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. The Rugby Carnival does clash with Tour de Rocks this year so we would love if you can help.

More information will be sent out through TAS Talks, emails and Facebook in the next few weeks.



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Famous Last Words

Thomas Andrews who designed the Titanic and died in it when it sank on April 14, 1912, said, "No, not even God could sink the Titanic."

Also on the Titanic was Lieutenant Wilde - "I have a good feeling about this cruise. Eye, Captain Smith, she's a fine vessel, completely unsinkable."

Sometimes we can get it wrong. The tragedy is when it's based essentially on the overinflated view that we might have of ourselves.

Goliath in our reading said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said in his famous last words, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

Those involved in the Titanic, did have good reason for optimism, this was an impressive boat. Goliath had good reason for feeling confident, he was an impressive man. What's more, David was anything but impressive. He was not much more than a little boy with a juvenile weapon.

This hall is filled with impressive people, young men and woman who will do amazing things, many of you who have already achieved things that many, including myself will never accomplish. You have good reason for optimism.

The optimism based on the enormity of the Titanic or on the strength of Goliath was not their undoing. It was that they believed their impressiveness rendered God useless, unnecessary, or irrelevant and in the case of Goliath, lesser.

God is not so small. Let's get our last words right, let us be found humble before God.

Mr Richard Newton



Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 6 & 7 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 14 March (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 15 March (2.30pm - 5.30pm).

An email will be sent to parents containing the link and password to book interviews with your child's teacher. You will receive this mid next week.

Year 12 Parent teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of term - Thursday 11 April and Friday 12 April.

Please direct any queries in regards to Parent Teacher Interviews to Mrs Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or email - vobrien@as.edu.au



Mrs Seonia Wark

Assessment Calendars Years 6-10

Parents and Students have been sent an email with the link to the TAS website where the Assessment Calendars for Years 6 to 10 can be located.

Please encourage your child to read the information carefully and take note of the dates that assessments are due in order to be more organised.

If you have any questions in regards to the Assessment Calendars please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Vickey O'Brien - vobrien@as.edu.au

Academic Support

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Year 6/7/8	4pm – 5pm English/Maths/Science		4pm – 5pm English/Maths/Science	
Year 9/10	7pm – 9pm Maths/Science/ English- (general assistance)	7pm – 9pm Maths/Science/ English- (general assistance)		
Year 11/12	7pm – 9pm Maths/Chemistry/ English- (general assistance)	7pm – 9pm Maths/Chemistry/ English- (general assistance)		
Year 9/10/11/12			7pm – 9pm Maths – all levels	7pm – 9pm Maths – all levels

ACTIVITIES DAY I

Cadets: Activities Day 1 (1 March)

Activities Day 1 will be held on 1 March, Friday of Week 5. Cadets will be briefed on their activities and required equipment on Tuesday 26 February.

Cadets conducting overnight bivouac (4 & 8 Platoons) are required to meet at TAS Adamsfield for parade on Thursday 28 February at 3.45pm.

All other cadets will assemble at TAS Adamsfield for parade on Monday 1 March at 8.40am.

Activities will cease and cadets released on completion of parade at 3.30pm Monday 1 March.

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 Platoon: Mountain Biking, Black Mountain to Armidale via Puddledock.
2 Platoon: Kayak touring at Malpas Dam.
3 Platoon: Abseiling in vicinity of Gara Gorge.

B Company

4 Platoon: Night harbour and routine in vicinity of Newholme property (UNE). Trek to Dumaresq Dam.
5 Platoon: Kayaking & water activities at Dumaresq Dam.
6 Platoon: Abseiling in vicinity of Gara Gorge.
7 Platoon: Abseiling in vicinity of Gara Gorge.

C Company

8 Platoon: Night harbour and routine in vicinity of Peatfield's Overflow. Trek to Dumaresq Dam. Canoeing activities at Dumaresq Dam.

9 Platoon: Navigation & fieldcraft training at Kirby Station (UNE)

10 Platoon: Canoeing activities at Dumaresq Dam.

11 Platoon: Navigation & fieldcraft training at Kirby Station (UNE)

Cadets conducting an overnight bivouac (4 & 8 Platoons) should note the below packing list as a minimum. There may be additional equipment required by platoon leaders for cadets. These will have been discussed at activities briefing.

Back Pack (issued)

Compass*	Hootchie (issued)
Spray jacket* / raincoat*	5m hutchie cord/rope*
Kidney Cup* (issued)	Pegs x 4* (issued)
KFS set*	Ground sheet (issued)
Water bottles x 2 (issued)	Sleeping bag* & mat*
Towel (small)	Olive Green thermal or cotton undershirt*
Notepad (in plastic bag)*	Jumper (issued)
Torch + spare batteries*	Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)
Plastic bag for wet gear	Bush Hat* (issued)
Sun screen & insect repellent (tube or roll-on only)	
Change of underwear & socks*	
Toilet bag (toothbrush + paste, baby powder)	

**Available for purchase from TAS Clothing Shop*

All members of The Armidale School Cadet Unit (TASCU) will be issued with required equipment by the TAS Q-Store on joining the unit. If this equipment is lost or damaged, it must be replaced at students' own cost. Many items in the list above can be purchased from the TAS Clothing Shop and have been selected specifically for their suitability for TASCU use and reasonable cost. Clothing that has been outgrown can be replaced at no charge at Q-Store by arrangement with the Quartermaster.

If cadets have questions about their activities, they should in the first instance approach their platoon leader for more information.

MAJ (AAC) Angus Murray
Commanding Officer Cadets

The annual War Cries evening is a good indicator of school spirit, and this year's event didn't disappoint with all houses putting in polished performances. Congratulations to all houses, particularly Abbott House who were the deserving winners. The Swimming Carnival is also a great opportunity for students, family and friends to come together and highlights the unique spirit of TAS. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet a number of parents throughout the day who all enjoyed watching their children compete while catching up with friends old and new. The sportsmanship of all students was evident throughout the day and credit must go to the house leaders who ensured the support from the grandstand was always positive. All three boarding houses were well represented across all events with Tyrrell House winning the coveted points per house member shield. It was pleasing to see the mass participation, synonymous with Tyrrell House, continue this year. Both Mr Ben Cook (Abbott) and Mr Chris Cook (Tyrrell) have had great starts to their Head of House roles, taking home silverware at their first inter house event. The highlight of the day for me were the relays, particularly the Senior Boys 6 x 50 metre which saw Hilton Jackson, from Croft House, narrowly hold off the fast finishing Jesse Streeting over the final 25 metres.

The feedback from parents and students on the Term 1 Recreation Activities, particularly the leather saddlery course which was held on the weekend of Week 2 and will continue every second weekend this term, has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Recreation Activities for Term 1 have now been finalised, planner below, with a number of activities planned including; Ten Pin Bowling, Touch Football Competition and Heritage Train Ride. Mr Michael Baumgartner will continue to communicate the planned events to parents and carers throughout the term. At this stage the activities are primarily for Middle School students but will be opened up to all boarders should there be sufficient interest. I encourage all boarders to support Michael and the planned activities this term.

With War Cries and the Swimming Carnival now over, it will be back to normal evening routine over the coming weeks. Evening prep for Middle School is 6.30pm – 7.30pm and Senior School 7.15pm – 9.00pm. Can I ask all parents and carers to avoid calling their son or daughter during evening prep as it is vital that this time is used as productively as possible. Allocated time is given to all boarders to call family and friends of an evening.

David Drain
Director of Boarding and
Head of Croft House



Mr David Drain



Recreation Planner Term One 2019

Week	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr
MS Boys						Armidale Show				
Activity	Coast Weekend	Saddlery	Ten Pin Bowling	Saddlery / Heritage Train ride	Combined Movie & Pizza Night with MS Girls	Saddlery / Inverell Toughen Up Challenge	Mini Touch Footy Comp	Saddlery / Fishing Trip	End of Term BBQ with MS Girls'	Coffs Ocean Swim
Coordinator	Jamie Brauer	Alix Gouge	Michael Baumgartner	Michael Baumgartner	Michael Baumgartner	Jim Pennington	Michael Baumgartner	Michael Baumgartner	Michael Baumgartner	Jim Pennington
Staff #1										
Staff #2										
Staff #3										
Venue	Coffs Harbour	Trade Centre	Armidale Rec Centre	Amidale Station	GBH	Inverell	Wakefield Oval	Dumaresq Dam	McConville	Coffs Harbour
Cost		\$150/term		\$10 p.p.						
MS Girls						Armidale Show				
Activity	Coast Weekend		The Great Girls' Boarding Bakeoff (all girls)	Ten Pin Bowling	Combined Movie & Pizza Night with MS Boys	Inverell Toughen Up Challenge	Making Teddies for Children's Ward (all girls)		End of Term BBQ with MS Girls'	Coffs Ocean Swim
Coordinator	Bekk Baumgartner		Julie Crozier	Michael Baumgartner	Michael Baumgartner	Jim Pennington	Bonita Sampson & Anna Gayner		Michael Baumgartner	Jim Pennington
Staff #1	Freya									
Staff #2	Dakota									
Staff #3	Jane									
Venue	Nambucca Heads		GBH		GBH	Inverell	GBH		McConville	
Cost	approx \$200									



Saddler Mr Jon Galletly with Middle School boy boarders at the weekend activities outing

Year 11 Students are invited to apply for

The Round Square International Conference
Emerald Heights International School, Indore, India
2 – 8 October 2019



Theme

Sarvodaya - "The World we wish to see"

Applications are open for Year 11 students (who will be turning 16 years old by the end of 2019) for the RSIC 2019 in India.

The cost for this trip is yet to be determined, as is the pre and/or post conference trip. It will, however, include Agra and the Taj Mahal and hopefully some time in the lower reaches of the Himalayas and rafting the Ganges River.

This will be a culturally rich experience with all Round Square member schools attending the one conference, unlike the last two years where schools have been split for some or all of the conference. India is a country full of life, colours, tastes, noise and fascination.

Further information can be found at <https://www.rsic2019.org/the-conference>
Password is: **RSIC2019**

Please see Mrs Barnier for further information or an application form.

2019 Swimming Championships

The success of a carnival can be measured by many criteria. However, at TAS, we place the level of participation above all others. I congratulate all those that broke records, were awarded age or division champions, or swam a personal best and applaud everyone who had a go.

The Champions were spread across the Houses, and the title of '2019 House Swimming Champions' was split between Green House who were awarded the 'overall pointscore' and Tyrrell House who were awarded the "greatest number of points per house member". Abbott House took out the War Cries Competition, although, it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and passion from all Houses and the camaraderie that exists between them. Finally, Green House were the winners of the resurrected combined Relay Points trophy.

The success of the day is testament to the motivation and commitment from House Leaders and the support and dedication from TAS staff and the wider TAS community. I thank all for their efforts both on the day and in its preparation.

Age and Division Champions

[CLICK HERE FOR BOYS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR GIRLS](#)

New Records:

Jesse Streeting 18 yrs 50 metre butterfly 26.41
Jesse Streeting 18 yrs 50 metre backstroke 28.69
Emma Ward 18 yrs 50 metre breaststroke 40.81
Emma Ward 18 yrs 100 metre freestyle 1.12.31

Winter Sports Choices

Whilst we are still firmly entrenched in Summer Sports, it is time to get organised for winter. Please find below a list of choices. Students will submit their choices next week in their Advisor time. If you have any questions please contact the MIC of the sport or dcc@as.edu.au

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

Summer Group Photos

A small number of Summer Group Photos will be taken at school next Tuesday 26 February. The schedule is attached for you..

[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)



Mr Will Caldwell

Director of Co-curricular



Guest of Honour Mr Len Streeting, father of the Captain of Swimming Jesse Streeting, with the Headmaster.



North West Equestrian Expo

Seeking interest in the 2019 North West Equestrian Expo held in Coonabarabran from Friday 31 May to Tuesday 4 June.

Students will be responsible for their own transport and that of their horse, and accommodation for the expo. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the event.

Please email Mrs Genevieve Chick at gchick@as.edu.au to notify the school of your interest. Registrations are completed through www.nominate.com.au and open on 4 March.

Mrs Gen Chick



Winning Houses: House Captains pictured with trophies are Kim Bange and Will Swales of Tyrrell, which took out the points-per-house-member trophy; Liam Smith and Disa Smart from Ross, which won the Tooth & Nail Relay, and Joe Sewell and Georgina Draney (Green) which won the Trophy for the house that wins the most relays, and the overall point score. Abbott House took out the War Cries competition on Thursday night.

DROUGHT SUPPORT FOR COMPETITORS

The Committee of the North West Equestrian Expo, with the support of local and state bodies, is pleased to announce half priced entry to the 2019 event for every competitor impacted by the current drought.

Expo will run from Friday 31 May until Tuesday 4 June. Entries will open on the Nominate website www.nominate.com.au on Monday 4 March and competitors can obtain the discount through the confidential online entry process.

With the Warrumbungle Shire and many parts of the state still in the grip of drought the Committee hope this initiative will give some families assistance to attend the Expo.

The community of Coonabarabran is very supportive of Expo and recognize the financial benefits it brings to the community while the Expo Committee also see the social benefits that flow to the families and competitors who attend the event.

We are looking forward to welcoming riders from across NSW and interstate to our 2019 event.

If you require further information please contact Rebecca Moxham on coona.expo@gmail.com or visit the Expo website www.nwequestrianexpo.com.au

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

This past week saw our Music and Visual Arts students involved in a couple of excursions to extend their work in the classroom. Last Wednesday students went to Port Macquarie to watch *Bravissimo*, a showcase of excellent work from 2018 HSC Music students, of which TAS' Sam Wright was one of the performers. Many current TAS students shared the stage with him and the program was a fantastic source of inspiration for those students looking ahead to their HSC studies. And today the HSC Visual Arts and Music students return from several days in Sydney where they watched *Encore* (the HSC Music showcase in the Opera House), visited several galleries and even got to watch David Williamson's new play *The Big Time*. My thanks in particular to Ms Xeros for running that excursion, I know our students and families really appreciate the extra time that goes into providing such wonderful opportunities.

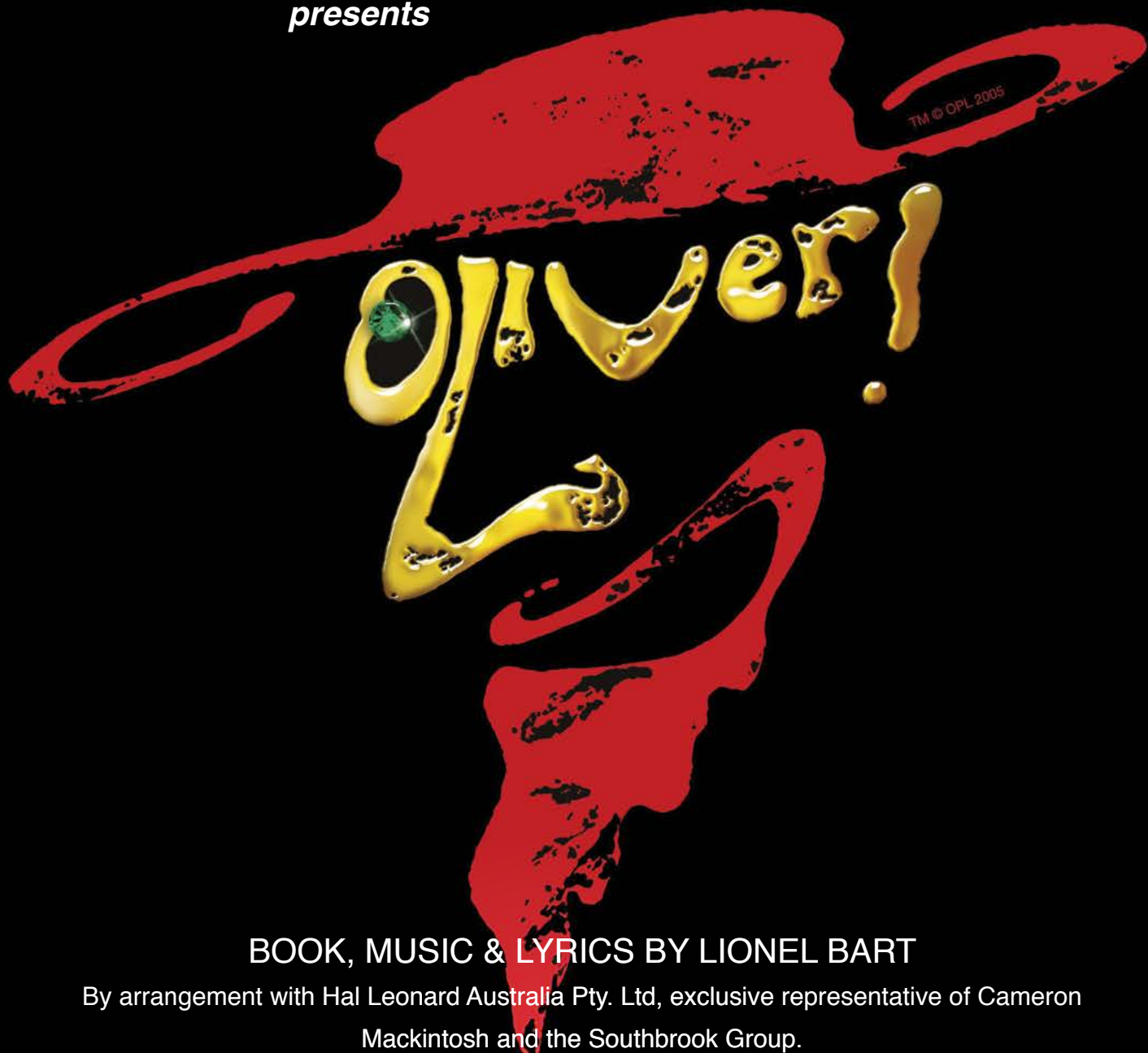
This Saturday we have the second Working Bee for *Oliver!* and we're hopeful that this could bring us close to the end of our set construction. Everyone with some free time are welcome to don old clothes and come to the Hoskins Centre from 10am to help build, brick and paint our way towards the finish line. Also, the posters for *Oliver!* should start popping up around town throughout the week as we start to get a move on ticket sales. Don't forget to buy your tickets from trybooking.com/BAMXV before all the good seats are taken!

Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



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PERFORMANCES - TAS HOSKINS CENTRE

THURSDAY 21 MARCH - SATURDAY 23 MARCH AT 7PM

THURSDAY 28 MARCH - SATURDAY 30 MARCH AT 7PM

1PM MATINEES 23 & 30 MARCH

BOOKINGS: trybooking.com/BAMXV



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125 YEARS

The brief of 'looking out' for the needs and interests of the 11 – 14 age group is something I refer to when you are around the school: the brief is a challenging one, and it is so, regularly. As I indicated before, 'fast and furious' would seem to be the best adjectives to characterise the pace and variety of Middle School activities. But, colourless this place is not – being young adolescents, these people don't fully realize the significance of moderation and arguably it won't become significant till later on in their lives. To be honest, it shouldn't be immediately significant either because students, especially younger ones, need to be profitably employed and such employment needs to be varied, especially during 2019's longest term. They'll be weary by the end of this one because they've tried so much that is new, but I guess this is one of the justifications for holiday and family time. All people were busy last week, regardless of age.

The next two weeks are important and they mark further change: as the term progresses at an inexorable pace, summer sports, as will be indicated in an upcoming full school assembly, will be making way for early winter options: Athletics schedules, for example, will begin for us soon as, while swimming carnival activity book ends the early part of the term, athletics will bookend the last part of it. Lunch time cricket and tennis sessions will be fewer for some because debating season, as was forecast during this week's formal assembly is about to begin, Year 7 lunches with the Headmaster and Mrs Guest are progressing and very soon we will be considering the extent of our involvement in the New England Festival and the 'Campus to City Canter'.

And, all the while, boarding and day house activities continue as do classes, prep work, assessment task preparation and more meaningful engagement in academic activity. Further, the fact that this last Monday welcomed to our TAS Scholarship and Open Day prospective students for 2020 is sure proof that that the term is 'flying'.

The following is included as a general response to some specific enquiries regarding work and homework schedules from our recent Middle School Families Afternoon. If your children have some difficulty completing tasks in the allotted time for prep sessions, be thankful that their awareness of this issue comes at Year 6, 7 or 8 level. What these people need to do is let their Homeroom teacher know and we'll do our best to employ the strategies necessary to the students' easier management of same. It is important that we're aware of the fact that the boys and girls are actually doing their prep over a number of nights, rather than at the 'last minute' as students in the past were wont to do. As those to whom I spoke last Thursday night are aware, we're much better at dealing with issues before they progress to the 'problem' stage. As teachers and parents our job is to 'be aware', assist where appropriate and monitor progress so that all students can gain greatest benefit from utilizing time available to them. The recently proposed move from the PDHPE rooms to Middle School rooms for prep is a sensible and welcome notion. Sensibly articulated expectations in relation to prep / homework are beneficial for all, productive for most, and even daunting for some at times, but I know that without it our students' awareness of their strengths, their capacity to manage challenge and gain knowledge of individual strategies to overcome such



Mr Mark Harrison

challenge just wouldn't factor into their school lives until the senior years. I've been teaching long enough also to know that the onset of academic self-awareness for a seventeen-year-old can be far more a problem than it is an issue. I've indicated the importance of being aware of Middle School students' work schedules and of encouraging them to do as well as they can to meet their commitments in all areas of school activity. I'm reasonably sure that Homeroom staff communicated this message to you before Swimming Carnival War Cries last Thursday.

Thank you for coming to see us last week: we're 'in this' together of course and our communication needs to be frank. You were frank last Thursday and Friday and you were also helpful in terms of comments you have made. The parent information sessions went very well, as did the light dinner and refreshments part of the evening. The War Cries, as predicted, were characterized by enthusiasm and volume and I feel sure that some managed instances of melodious function.

Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Swimming Championships – A huge success

Organising and running our Championships has become a huge task and without the support of our parent body (along with a really enthusiastic body of Gappies) the day simply would not be possible. You will see a thorough report from the day in our Sports section, and I congratulate all those that swam on the day. Of paramount importance however, was the outstanding efforts of some of our lesser swimmers and to see their persistence was very pleasing. Of course, none of this would be possible without the tremendous organisational skills of Mrs Christine Wright and I would again like to thank her publicly for the wonderful role she plays organising Junior School sport.

Consent Forms and Lake Keepit Consent and Medical Information

Recently, you would have received information from Junior School Reception about the General Consent Form (for local excursions) and, for our Year 2 to 5 parents, Consent and Medical update forms for the excursion to Lake Keepit. Please return these forms this week to ensure that all our records are complete. The Sport and Rec Office has contacted us about the number of online responses to date, so we would appreciate these online submission being completed as soon as possible.

Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School – visiting in Term 3, Week 5

With the date yet to be confirmed, early indications are that Tezukayama Elementary School will be visiting TAS from August 16 – 24 with a good number of students as part of our bi-annual exchange. Having had students visit Osaka in December last year, it is now our turn to repay their generosity. We will be asking our TAS community to again provide billeting assistance for their students so I ask that you have a look at these dates and consider this as a great opportunity to open your doors to a wonderful cultural experience for your whole family.



Mr Ian Lloyd



Out of School Hours Care – After School Care and Vacation Care

Please be reminded that our ASC booking system continues to be through junior@as.edu.au or 6776 5817. Our OSHC Coordinator Jacinta, would like you to know that 6776 5818 is the new, dedicated after hours number for direct contact with the service. This number also has a message bank that is accessed by Junior School Admin, Mrs Sandra Lasker and myself so messages can be left at any time.



Xavier, Cooper, and George chillaxing at After School Care



Xavier and George even managed time to tidy up their homework with the ASC Coordinator, Ms Jacinta Coats

Happy Birthday

Mila Wright celebrates her birthday this week so best wishes from all your friends in Junior School.

The Three Steps

Showing empathy, compassion and respect for the needs and feelings of others requires awareness and at the end of the day, practice. As part of our PYP, we emphasise the 'The Three Steps' at school and we would like you to discuss this at home and help all our students improve their understanding.

We believe our students can make a difference themselves when dealing with some difficult situations at school, while allowing them to have the support they may need in others. We explain that it is OK to miss step 1 or 2 if behaviour is dangerous or very serious, but it encourages them to take some ownership of the situation confronting them as well.

Rather than simply going to "tell" the teacher, we encourage children to say:

Step 1 - "Please stop doing/saying that. I don't like it."

Step 2 - "I've asked you to stop. If you do it again, I will go and talk to a teacher."

Step 3 - "I am going to talk to a teacher."

We encourage students to talk to the teachers, rather than "tell". In doing so, students have the opportunity to retain some of the responsibility for "fixing" the situation. Of course, this skill is a difficult one. So, please discuss this strategy with your children at home and perhaps let them explore this process when you have the chance. If we all develop a similar approach to such situations, I am sure it will pay dividends both at home and at school.

Uniform at School

The Junior School is doing its best to ensure the School uniform is worn correctly and we would like the support for families as we endeavour to maintain high standards. We would like to ask parents to support us at school by ensuring that the following message gets to all our children. All shirts need to be tucked in, socks need to be pulled up and ties worn correctly. Girls may wear silver, gold or pearl studs (5mm diameter maximum) with one earring in each lobe. No other jewellery, anklets or wristbands are allowed. At School, I have asked teachers to remind students to dress well as they leave their supervision and move elsewhere. It would be greatly appreciated if we all work together on this one!

Children may wear their PE uniform to school only when they have sport immediately after school in the afternoon. The PE uniform is to be the TAS navy shorts only, (no rugby or other shorts or skins). If your child has PE during the day, they are to wear their uniform to school and change for the PE session. Please ring Junior School if you have any questions about the wearing of our uniforms.

School Spirit Award Recipients - Week 3

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards at last week's assembly: Patrick Bourke, William Minter, Pip Ogilvie, Baster Carruthers, Will Dennison, Rebecca Billingsley, Edward Gillman, Mila Wright, Sophie Brett, Peter Thompson, Tommy Blanch, Andy Hardin, Mohammed Almokhtar and Peyton Slade.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Week 4

Wed 20 Feb Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Thu 21 Feb PSSA Swimming

Week 5

Wed 27 Feb Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Thu 28 Feb NCIS Swimming – Alstonville
Fri 1 Mar Activities Day 1

Week 6

Mon 4 Mar Year 5 to Lake Keepit
Tue 5 Mar Year 4 to Lake Keepit
Wed 6 Mar Year 3 to Lake Keepit
No Assembly
Thur 7 Mar Yr 2 to Lake Keepit
Fri 8 Mar All return from Lake Keepit

Week 7

Wed Mar 13 Lake Keepit Review Assembly – Hoskins Centre



Units of Inquiry

The table below outlines the current Transdisciplinary Themes each class is working under along with the Central Idea. The Central Idea is the primary conceptual lens that frames the transdisciplinary unit of inquiry and supports students' conceptual understandings through the exploration of a 'Big Idea'. Central Ideas are universal and can be explored through a range of disciplines. Each unit of inquiry also has lines of inquiry, which explore the scope of the central idea for each unit.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator



Kindergarten- learning about all the things they can do whilst enjoying water play.



Year 3 went on an excursion to The Natural History Museum, UNE to explore the question: What is adaption?



Year 4 collaborate to complete a 'See, Think, Wonder' based on a stimulus picture as they explore what different cultures value.



Year 5 unpack their central idea and mind map focus areas they could inquire into to develop a greater understanding.

Year Groups	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea
Transition	Who we are	Learning takes place in different environments
Kindergarten	Who we are	Everyday we learn more about ourselves and our families
Year 1	Who we are	People share their feelings, beliefs and values through cultural traditions
Year 2	Who we are	Connections people have with places
Year 3	Sharing the Planet	Living things need to adapt in order to survive
Year 4	Who we are	Cultural backgrounds influence beliefs, values and action
Year 5	Sharing the Planet	Management of the earth's resources requires fair, sustainable and innovative approaches.

Junior School Swimming Carnival Results

A huge thank you to our parents and friends who helped to make the day such a success, by stepping up and helping in many areas during the carnival, from the cake stall to the timekeeping to swimming with their children in the Parent-Year 5 relays. This family participation is what makes our Junior School carnival so successful. Thank you also to the many children who eagerly and excitedly participated in many events on the day. The enjoyment from the novelty events to the more arduous races was evident on many little faces!

Official results from the day are as follows:

6 years girl champion:	Eva Cook	Junior Girl:	Mila Wright
6 years girl runner up:	Ruby Rice	Runner Up:	Katie Hynes
6 years boy champion:	Duncan Klabe	Senior Boy:	Mitchell Evans
6 years boy runner up:	Patrick Bourke	Runner up:	Ted Chick
		Senior Girl:	Charlie Ward
		Runner up:	Mosie Wright

7 years girl champion:	Evelyn Brownlie
7 years girl runner up:	Lucie Stephen
7 years boy champion:	Baxter Carruthers
7 years boy runner up:	Lachie Wood

8 years girl champion:	Mila Wright
8 years girl runner up:	Jacqui DuBois
8 years boy champion:	Oliver Robb
8 years boy runner up:	Micael O'dell

9 years girl champion:	Edwina Newton
9 years girl runner up:	Minnie Chick
9 years boy champion:	Cameron Carruthers
9 years boy runner up:	Arthur White

10 years girl champion:	Katie Hynes
10 years girl runner up:	Chloe Dennison
10 years boy champion:	Joe Fenwicke
10 years boy runner up:	Hugo Broun

11 years girl champion:	Charlie Ward
11 years girl runner up:	Mosie Wright
11 years boy champion:	Mitchell Evans
11 years boy runner up:	Ted Chick

Division Results:

Sub-Junior Boy:	Baxter Carruthers
Runner up:	Lachie Wood
Sub-Junior Girl:	Evelyn Brownlie
Runner up:	Lucie Stephen
Junior Boy:	Joe Fenwicke
Runner Up:	Cameron Carruthers

Rofeta Cup Winner (Highest Point score girl): Charlie Ward
Macready Cup Winner (Highest Point score boy): Joe Fenwicke

House Champion:	Ross – 499
	Green – 471
	Broughton – 374

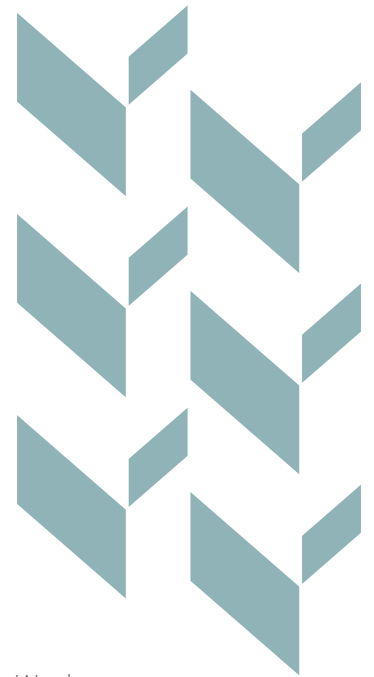
PSSA Swimming Carnival – Thursday 21 February

Children have been nominated for events at our local PSSA meet this Thursday. Please ensure you have indicated to Mrs Wright whether you are catching the TAS mini bus on Thursday morning at 8:15am or meeting us at the Monkton Aquatic Centre. The day commences with the Open 100 Free and marshalling at 9am. Children need to bring \$4.00 cash for entry.

NCIS Swimming Carnival – Tuesday, 28 February in Alstonville

You should have received your nomination letters and information for this meet in Alstonville next Thursday. All permission emails should have now been sent in to Mr Jim Pennington.

Mrs Christine Wright





Charlie Ward (11 Yrs & Senior Girl Champion) helps out with the novelty events



Green House were very competitive on the day coming second in the House Championship

