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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 15 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 7

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Year 12 Advice

Late last week Year 12 parent-teacher interviews and information sessions offered advice that we hope will provide a spur to students and help guide parents in the journey toward the HSC and the conclusion of school life over the next 6 months or so. Whilst it is important to recognise that the HSC will not define our senior students or determine their path through life, it is nonetheless an important milestone and for the great bulk of our Year 12 it will play a major part in determining what doors will open to them in 2018 and 2019.

It is our philosophy at TAS that the journey to the HSC is best taken as a collective, with student, parent and school travelling as one. There will be times when students are happy to lead the way, but others when the guidance of school staff is needed to keep them on track and others when the encouragement of parents is what keeps the student feet moving ahead.

I hope that the feedback from individual teachers was helpful and, equally, that the advice on the management of wellbeing from Barney Buntine, careers information from Mark Taylor and the academic presentation prepared by Seonia Wark were valuable. For those who were not able to join one of the parent presentations, and I know there were a number, the slides are available on the following link. Following slides from a presentation can be difficult, but Barney, Mark and myself will be happy to speak to any parents keen to know any details that are not apparent there.

TO VIEW THE YEAR 12 PRESENTATION [CLICK HERE](#)



Head of the River Rowing

Like other summer sports, our rowers are heading into the pinnacle of their season with the boys' GPS Head of the River this weekend and the corresponding girls' Head of the River on Saturday Week. Unlike many other sports that build through the season to the possibility of competing in a final, our rowers train with great commitment through the Summer, building capacity and teamwork that will be called upon in a single season finale. In committing to such a public crescendo, our rowers reveal themselves in a way that many would find daunting and that is to be respected. The School will have the chance to celebrate our representatives at these big events over the next two weeks as they are farewelled in the Quadrangle and I am sure that all in the wider school family will join me in echoing the encouragement for them.

Inverell Toughen Up

Taking the opportunity to test yourself, whether it is academically, on the sports field, on the stage or physically in the mud somewhere is an essential part of the TAS experience and always wonderful to see. Though it might be expected of school life here, having 12 teams head to Inverell for the 2017 Toughen Up was quite extraordinary and enormously encouraging. Jim Pennington, as our leader of these challenge activities, has reported on the results in TAS Talks this week. Beyond the individual successes, the story behind Jim's words speak of an appetite for challenge from our boys and girls that is quite inspiring. I hope that all those involved know that their efforts have been noticed and that they are admired.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 7

Wednesday 15 March	NCIS Football (TAS) Thailand Information Evening (7.30pm) Rev Newton's Room
Friday 17 March	Activities Day No. 2
Saturday 18 March	GPS Head of the River (Sydney) Autumn Festival Parade

Week 8

Thursday 23	Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher interviews Batyr (Years 10-12) The Government Inspector
Friday 24 March	Years 6 and 7 Parent Teacher interviews HMCT – Glen Innes The Government Inspector Batyr (Years 10-12)
Saturday 25 March	The Government Inspector Girls Head of the River (Sydney)

Uniform and Book Shop

Winter Uniform will be available from Wednesday 15 March.
No appointments necessary.

We will be open Saturday 1 April (Athletics Carnival day)
9.00 am to 5.00pm

The Clothing Shop Hours over the holidays and start of Term 2

Wednesday 19 April - 9 am to 5pm

Tuesday 25 April - 9 am to 5pm

Wednesday 26 April - Normal Hours resume.

Mrs Vivienne Tearle



End of term travel for boarders - call for bookings

Transport for NSW – School Student Transport Scheme

The dates of free travel available on charter buses and trains for the upcoming Easter vacation are:

Depart TAS on Friday 7 April AM

Return to school on Tuesday 25 April (ANCAC Day) PM.

NSW Train Link Services available to save carers/parents a long drive are:

- Sydney via Tamworth, Hunter Valley, Newcastle. (Train OR coach)
- Dubbo and destinations south and west via Mullally and Gunnedah

Lightning Ridge via Inverell and Moree
Bourke via Tamworth, Narrabri, Wee Waa, Burren Junction and Walgett

Port Macquarie via Bellingen, Dorrigo and Coffs Harbour
Tenterfield via Glen Innes

Bookings are required by the end of this week, including the return to school on Tuesday 25 April.

Please note that school 'breaks up' at 3.30 PM on Thursday 6 April.

Boarders who stay overnight on 6 April will be supervised by House staff and meals will be provided until the coaches depart on the morning of 7 April..

Should you have any queries, then please send them to transport@as.edu.au

Cancellations can be made at any time up until departure, but bookings will NOT be accepted for the coaches after 17 March, so if in doubt, book anyway.

Half Day Public Holiday

TAS will NOT be closing for the half day public holiday on Monday 20 March (Armidale Cup Race Day). All buses will be as per normal morning and afternoon, although some buses may arrive a little earlier than normal as some schools are closing.

Jeffery Buses PTY LTD, Guyra 1 and Guyra 2 buses, will be operating to our normal contracted timetable.

CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

The Sunday Roast - Our Saviour? (An extract from The Newton's blog Thailand....)

Well, as mentioned last week we have made a habit of eating at a little food seller on the side of the road - last week, this proved to be salvation for our family.

While continuing to recover from the flu we were very thankful for the fact that we don't eat our meals with the Agape family on Sundays. Other than Saturday lunch and breakfast we eat all our meals with the children of Agape at the home's dining facility. The food is normally made by the loving hands of Nid and Dtahn (spelling is questionable on those names). However, last Sunday the food was brought in via the generosity of someone from outside the home to help celebrate the birthday of one of the children. As it turns out this food had been contaminated with salmonella (source unknown)! This is never desirable, less so for children who had reduced immune systems due to being HIV positive (although not all children are in this boat). The situation was made worse by the fact that many of the workers, carers and nannies were also struck down ill. We can laugh now at Amnoy, who in the middle of sweeping dropped his broom and raced off unannounced - little did we know how close to death he and many would edge.

With only about 20 children of about 115 not ill, this was a serious time for the home. On Monday night the car park was alight with approximately nine ambulances as children were taken to four different hospitals. On top of that the upstairs area of the home was converted into something resembling a war time MASH unit, with drips set up and volunteers working around the clock to care for those who were becoming violently ill. Meanwhile, at the hospitals, workers and volunteers were frantically trying to care for their chargers - changing nappies every moment. Fourteen were placed on a critical condition list.

When resources are stretched to breaking point, when your power over a situation is exhausted, what is left?

Prayer!

Lisa Simpson once said "prayer, the last refuge of a scoundrel." Seems harsh, but I agree entirely with her. Dependence on God is our refuge, particularly when we acknowledge we are scoundrels, in other words when we know we need God, we are not perfect - but it should be our first sanctuary. It is when we find our deep security in the Lord and His promises that we can find comfort. It is then that we can say with Paul that we have learnt to be content in all situations - whether in times of plenty or want.



Philippians 4:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

The Lord is still Lord, He is still in control, and it is because of this that we can have confidence in the words also from Paul when he is writing to the Philippians when he says:

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

So thank you for your prayers, please keep praying. For, Jesus is our saviour!



HSC Tutoring

PLEASE NOTE:

English Tutoring will not be on this week but will resume next week - Week 8.

HSC tutoring is now available for Year 12 students in Biology and Chemistry. This will be held on Monday evenings in the Cash Building.

See times below.

Year 11

Tuesday	2U Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)
Wednesday	Maths Ext (7 - 8pm - Cash Building) English - 8 - 9pm (F1-2) (not on Wed 15 March)
Thursday	General Maths (7 - 8pm - Cash Building)

Year 12

Monday	Biology (7 - 8pm - Cash Building) Chemistry (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
Tuesday	2U Maths (8 - 9pm - Cash Building)
Wednesday	Maths Ext 8 - 9pm - Cash Building English 7 - 8pm (F1-2) (not on Wed 15 March)
Thursday	General Maths (8-9pm - Cash Building)

Year 6 & 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher times will be allocated at the end of this week. You will receive another email to indicate that this has been done and you will be able to log on using the same personal code to check your times.

If you have any questions regarding these interviews please contact Mrs Alison Evans in Middle School on 6776 5819.





Thailand Service Trip Sunday 24 September - Tuesday 3 October, 2017



EXPLORE

All our schools are driven by a desire to genuinely and transparently reflect our Christian foundations. This service trip is designed to live out what we proclaim.

The nature and emphasis of the trip will be heavily on Christian service and all the institutions we will visit have strong Christian connections.

However, the whole trip will provide a rich cultural experience that will significantly inspire and stretch every student regardless of their own personal beliefs.

It will be an opportunity:

- To experience a new and diverse culture, with very unique customs, arts, crafts, music and language
- To learn about various missions and organisations who serve the needy daily
- To work without monetary reward, volunteering our time and labour to assist people less fortunate
- To meet new people
- To embrace and love Thai kids and young people who have been neglected by their own culture and families
- To volunteer our time and energy to work and play as a team to make a positive difference in other people's lives.

Information Evening

To find out more, we encourage you to attend the information evening on Wednesday 15 March at 7.30pm in Rev's room, top floor of Fisher Wing or visit the TAS website www.as.edu.au

Contacts: Cameron Patrick (TAS), Ms Jennifer Leahy (PLC)
NEGS: Reception

EXPERIENCE

During the past four years, the Thailand service trip has offered help and hope to those less fortunate, and a sense of purpose and meaning to those who have found it a privilege to attend.

There is no doubt that as a service trip, there will be plenty of giving at both the McKean Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre and the Agape AIDS Orphanage - physically, as we undertake important work to improve these places for their residents, and emotionally, as we build relationships and take time to offer friendship, understanding and support.

Our students often find the trip a transformative experience that energises them with a new sense of compassion, gratitude and perspective:

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Open to Year 10 and 11 Students

Accommodation

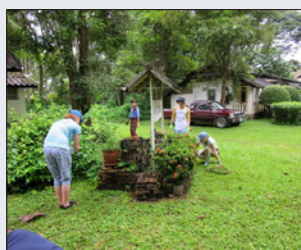
Chiang Mai – Green Lodge Hotel

Food

Apart from breakfast in Lampang which will be included in the hotel costs, we will eat local Thai food, this will be bought locally or cooked for us by locals – there will be no Western alternatives.

Cost

\$2500 (Approx) – the figure includes airfares, accommodation, food, transfers and outings.





FIJI SERVICE TRIP 2017

Fiji Service Trip Friday 22 September to Sunday 1 October



ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME

St Christopher's is a Home run by an Anglican Order of nuns – Community of the Sacred Name. The majority of the children at the Home are orphans and the other children are there because they have been abused, neglected or abandoned by their families. The Sisters are amazing women who are constantly giving and caring for these children. The staff from TAS, PLC and NEGS fully support the efforts of the students as they seek to make possible their involvement in this trip by raising funds towards their work at the Home.

Our intention is to offer ourselves in service to St Christopher's in any way we can while we are at the Home. Thus, we will participate in the upkeep and daily maintenance of the Home and offer friendship to the children. We hope to extend some love and kindness, through our presence. For ourselves, apart from this voluntary service, we look forward to experiencing a different cultural environment, gaining a better understanding of ourselves, and learning to consider the needs of others.

The aims of this service opportunity are:

- To give voluntary service
- To experience and participate in a culture different to our own
- To gain a better understanding of ourselves
- To live and work together, learning how to consider one another's needs
- To experience overseas travel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Open to Year 8 in 2017. Please complete the online application form located on the TAS website to express your interest in the Fiji Service Trip. You will be notified if your application is successful.

Cost

\$2750 (Approx) – Includes airmiles, ten nights accommodation and all meals at St Christopher's Home, travel insurance and departure tax, all activities and day trips.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 is required following acceptance of your application.

Dates

Friday 22 September to Sunday 1 October, 2017.

Information Evening

An information evening will be scheduled after all successful applicants have been notified.

For more information about this service project please contact:

Middle School
Mrs Alison Evans
Tel: 02 6776 5819
Email: middle@as.edu.au
Web: www.as.edu.au



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT



This Term is racing by – we are already halfway through March and the Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships are just around the corner. I do hope you are giving thought to lending a hand to your P&F in whatever way you can – baking, buying or selling goodies to students, teachers and parent/friend supporters – particularly as the Middle/Senior Carnival is on a Saturday, and we can probably expect more spectators.

This year we are also putting on a Brekkie BBQ for the Middle/Senior Carnival and this means we could use some self-proclaimed experts on the BBQ as well! To get you started, we have set up a roster as follows. Please give some thought to contacting your LP (or me) and putting your name down:

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL ROSTER

Saturday 1 April 2017

8.30 – 9.30	Year 8 (Set up) and anyone who can help
9.30 – 10.30	Year 7
10.30 – 11.30	Year 12
11.30 – 12.30	Year 10
12.30 – 1.30	Year 11
1.30 – 2.30	Year 9
2.30 – 3.30	Year 6 (pack up)

And, as I mentioned last week, to build on this weekend, I know your LPs have started to get in touch about social events that weekend, and I encourage you all to make the most of this opportunity to meet up with your fellow parents.

TAS Rugby Carnival

The annual TAS Rugby Carnival (TASRC) is the largest event hosted by TAS each year. It involves the whole TAS community and is a fantastic promotion for our School and also a great fundraiser for the P&F. It is a unique Under 12s regional carnival for 11 & 12 year olds from Primary School, Club and Representative teams across NSW and Qld. Visitors to the event each year heartily enjoy the weather, the grounds and the hospitality of the TAS community. To ensure our visitors have a wonderful time at the TASRC there will be coffee vans, the TAS Emporium, and loads of food and refreshments, coordinated by the TAS P&F.

The P&F need heaps of volunteers for various roles at the TASRC, and all help from parents and friends will be gratefully accepted. It is also an opportunity to gain Community Service hours for Middle and Senior School students.

Last year we ran out of helpers and baking!!! So please help and/or buy/bake up a storm if you can. And, given that it can be chilly in April, we also sell a lot of soup. Please deliver all food to the school on Friday afternoon OR first thing Saturday morning (more info next week)

If you would like to help please follow the links below and sign up. Alternatively, please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662.

We are again using Signup.com to co-ordinate the helpers. Once you've clicked on the link, just enter your email address (you do not need to register an account) and choose your spots. You will be sent an automated confirmation and reminders. Your email address will not be shared. If you have any problems please contact Rachael.

Community Service Helpers: <http://signup.com/go/cX2TUF>

Parent Helpers for Canteen and BBQ: <http://signup.com/go/RPeCdr>

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 22 March at 7pm. Come along to Big School and join us as we plan for the events above. We'd love to see you.

Save the date – Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 10 May. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and, under our Constitution, some of our Executive are unable to stand for re-election as they have served the maximum allowable tenure.

Please give some thought to putting yourself forward and becoming involved. It is a great group, very dynamic and friendly, and the present and future of TAS is always at the heart of everything we do.

Mrs Sue Cartwright



ACADEMIC

Japanese

Last Friday our Year 8 Japanese class was incredibly lucky to have a real Japanese experience. Saya, Kanami, Shiroy and Miyuki from Chubu University in Nagoya came to visit the school and to experience the Japanese classroom of TAS. They appeared with their summer traditional dress 'Yukata' which is a beautiful kimono made of cotton fabric. In the classroom, we made origami paper cranes with Japanese craft paper and ate onigiri which is a Japanese rice ball. This Japanese experience was a real motivation for the whole class.

Piyumi Ekanayake



Chess

The Sydney Chess Academy will be hosting a Chess Tournament for Secondary and Primary students at TAS Memorial Hall on Tuesday 28 March. This is an Individual 'Swiss' competition with 7 rounds, meaning that no-one is knocked out of the tournament. Chess clocks will be used in this event, with a time limit of 15 minutes per player per game. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament. The cost to enter is \$14 per player. If this sounds like something you would like to take part in please see Ms Boydell to register your name. Registration of TAS players will close Wednesday 22 March.

Remember - Chess Club is Wednesday Mornings in F1-6 from 8:10am.

Ms Catherine Boydell

Aviation Students Soar

The Year 9/10 Aviation Elective kicked off this year with 19 students keen to learn what it takes to become a qualified pilot. The course introduces the elementary concepts of aerodynamics and airmanship, including radio communication and aerial navigation.

It might not surprise you to learn that some of the students have already commenced flight instruction outside of TAS and that one student has already 'gone solo'.

There was a palpable buzz in the class when they learned that the Armidale Aero Club (AAC) had kindly offered to allow us to visit their hanger and perform a pre-flight check of their Cessna 172.

A pre-flight inspection includes checking the equipment, control surfaces, fuel and oil prior to commencing a flight. So, we used our Wednesday class time to take our first field trip and an opportunity to put some of our theory into practice.

Our sincere thanks to Mr Alex Kiriczenko from the AAC for generously giving his time to guide students through the inspection.

Mr Alasdair Hey

Below: Student Angus Martel sits in the left hand seat as pilot-in-command with Kim Banges as co-pilot in the cockpit of the C172.



ACTIVITIES DAY 2 , CADETS

Activities Day 2 (16-17 March Week 7)

Activities Day 2 commenced with a back brief by the SUO and Company Commanders to the CO 2LT Angus Murray on Thursday 9 March at 1.30pm. A full briefing was delivered to all cadets on Tuesday 14 March during Period 3.

Q-Store will be available during lunchtimes of Week 7 for cadets to replace clothing or boots that they have outgrown.

All cadets are issued with one full set of equipment on enrolling in TASCUC, including clothing, boots, hat, field equipment, pack and webbing. This equipment should be swapped for replacement if a cadet grows out of that issued equipment. Students wishing to replace items that are lost or damaged should visit the TAS Uniform Shop, and can obtain a range of suitable items at their own cost including hats, tent pegs, compass, torch, hootchie cord, socks, drink bottles, kidney cups, ground sheets and hexi stoves. In the near future, suitable sleeping mats and sleeping bags will also be available for purchase.

5 Platoon, 8 Platoon and 10 Platoon will conduct an overnight bivouac on Thursday night 16 March. All platoons will be dismissed on Friday at 3.30pm.

Cadets is a compulsory component of the TAS curriculum. Any absences from Cadet Activities should be accompanied by an explanatory note or phone call to TAS Reception on 02 6776 5800 or reception@as.edu.au.

A Company

1 Platoon – Gara Gorge
Advanced abseil

2 Platoon - Mountain biking. Black Mountain & Puddledock
Bikes to be provided but cadets are encouraged to provide their own.

3 Platoon - Malpas Dam
Flat water kayaking
Touring

B Company

4 Platoon - Gara Gorge
Abseiling/Prussic
Rope Activity
Field Lesson

5 Platoon - Claremont (Little Mt Duval)

Over night bivouac
Navigation / Trekking
Fieldcraft Harbour

6 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam

Kayaking
Raft Construction
RATEL

C Company

7 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam

Canoeing – C2
First Aid / RATEL
Bush cooking

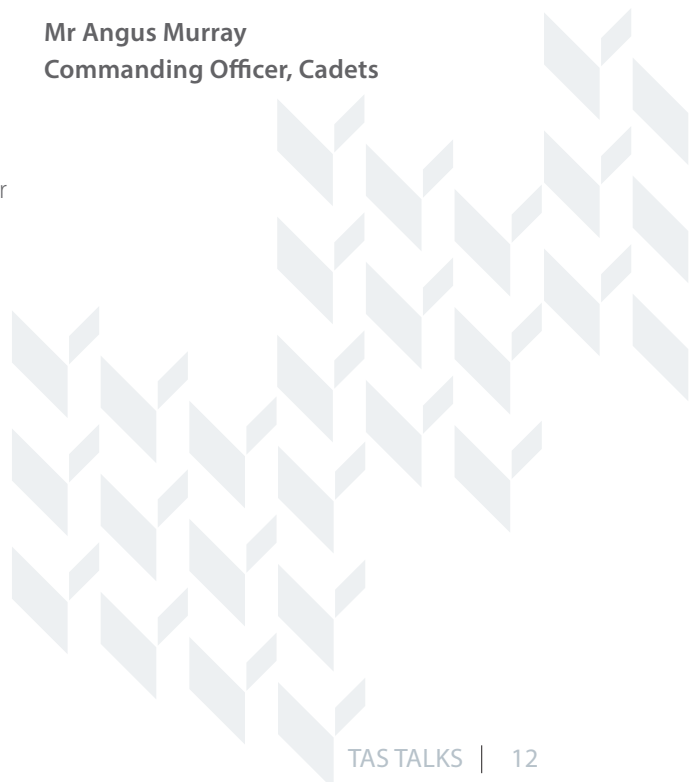
8 & 10 Platoon - Peatfields Overflow (Little Mt Duval)

Over night bivouac
Platoon Harbour
Ration Cooking & Hygiene
TASCUC/Customs
Navigation / Trekking

9 Platoon - UNE Property 'Kirby'

Navigation \ Training
Team Building & Initiative Exercises
Engineering Task

Mr Angus Murray
Commanding Officer, Cadets



DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Raise the Bar but Give me a Boost

On Thursday and Friday afternoon, I met with Parents of Year 12 students for Parent / Teacher Interviews. A recurring theme was just how busy their sons and daughters are.

This week includes Boys and Girls Football teams representing the school at the NCIS Carnival – hosted at TAS today. The 16 White Cricket team are preparing for their Grand-Final on Saturday, the First XI Cricket team are preparing for a Grand Final on Saturday 25, Triathletes are joining the wider community at the Campus to City Canter, an Activities Day on Friday, Netball season commencing on Saturday, boys crews competing at the AAGPS and the NSW Schoolboy Heads of the River and the final dress rehearsal for *The Government Inspector*.

Yes, life at TAS is busy. However, I was reassured by the number of parents who recognised how important this experience is for life beyond school. None of them sought to lower the expectation or limit the experience but rather to provide support and encouragement throughout. We will all struggle from time-to-time; students, staff and parents. We rely on each other for motivation, support and inspiration.



Head Injury Survey/Test

All students from Year 5-12 should now have completed their 'head injury survey' and received a link via email that will allow them to access the 'head injury test'. Any student who does not receive the link should contact dcc@as.edu.au . This test provides us with a base line from which any head injury can be assessed. I cannot highlight enough the value of this test in ensuring that head injuries are effectively managed.

Inter-house Cricket

Congratulations to Tyrrell House on a convincing victory in the Inter-house cricket last Friday. Croft House were confident going into the Final having scored 140 runs, (sixes were worth 10 runs) in six overs against Broughton House. However, Tyrrell's tenacious bowling attack kept them to a total of 34; a figure that they achieved in one-and-a-half overs.

Athletics

Preliminary Events commence next week with High Jump and 800m events during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Lunchtimes. This is aimed at all students, however those wishing to be in the Championship Division for the 800m must contact Mr Pennington by Monday 20 March. Schedules can be found [HERE](#).



Inverell Toughen Up Challenge 2017

From one team in 2014 to 12 teams in 2017; this is the allure of the Inverell Toughen Up. An event which circumnavigates half of the town, although not in the usual manner that one would, should one be site seeing. That is unless of course you enjoy table drains, mud pits, storm water channels, hay bales, hill sprints and endless burpees over a distance of 5.5km.

Students from Years 7-12 contested the event, with eight of the Year 12s backing up for the third and fourth time. The TAS one team of Josh Jones, Lucas Atkin, Toby Markerink and Sebastian Etheridge placed 6th outright, a pretty awesome result considering that there were over 70 teams racing. All teams finished strongly, most with a certain amount of contentment over their achievement. It was terrific to see Miss Curtain (our new PE teacher) smash through the pain barrier and encourage her team throughout the day.

Mr James Pennington



Mountain Biking

Monday's summer series race was cancelled due to the wet weather, so most students were able to have a rest this week from racing.

In other news, five TAS students competed in the Oceania XCO Championships at Toowoomba over the weekend. They were: Angus Apps, Harry Graham, Samuel King, Duncan Chalmers and Hamish Chalmers.

Special thanks to Angus's dad, Richard, who sent through a report from this event. Overall it sounds like TAS students had a solid weekend of racing on a track that was reported to be rough and rated as the most taxing than any of the other national XCO round tracks. And it sounded like the Kiwis were the riders to beat across most categories. Here are the students' results from the weekend along with their national XCO championship standing after 5 out of the 6 national series rounds (the Toowoomba results are yet to be added into the calculation):

Junior Men:

Angus Apps 18/33 (currently sitting 13th/ 54 competitors)

Harry Graham 28/33 (currently sitting 28th/54 competitors)

U17 Male:

Sam King 18/34 (Currently sitting 34th/61 competitors)

Duncan Chalmers 23/34 (Currently sitting 24th/61 competitors)

U15 Male:

Hamish Chalmers - retired injured after a solid performance (Currently sitting 16th/34 competitors)

Congratulations to all students (and their families) who competed over the weekend, not only on your terrific results but also on qualifying for the National Championships to be held this weekend on the Gold Coast. We wish you all the very best for this event and look forward to hearing how you go!

Mrs Jo Benham

Duncan Chalmers



Angus Apps



Sam King

CREATIVE ARTS

There is but one week left in the preparation for *The Government Inspector* and the race to the finish is truly on. The set is being finished in leaps and bounds and is going to look - if I may say so - pretty darn spectacular. The cast have been throwing themselves at afternoon and weekend rehearsals and they are going to be incredibly busy in the days to come. And the band is sounding particularly lively and sure to be another rich part of the show. But what we still could do with next week is some more patrons in the audience for our talented actors to play to. So spread the word far and wide about this bright, bouncy and (at times) bizarre play that is a great piece of theatre for ages 10 to 10,000. You will also find on the Hoskins Centre Facebook page over the coming days some little snippets to tantalise your theatrical tastebuds and I encourage you to check them out.

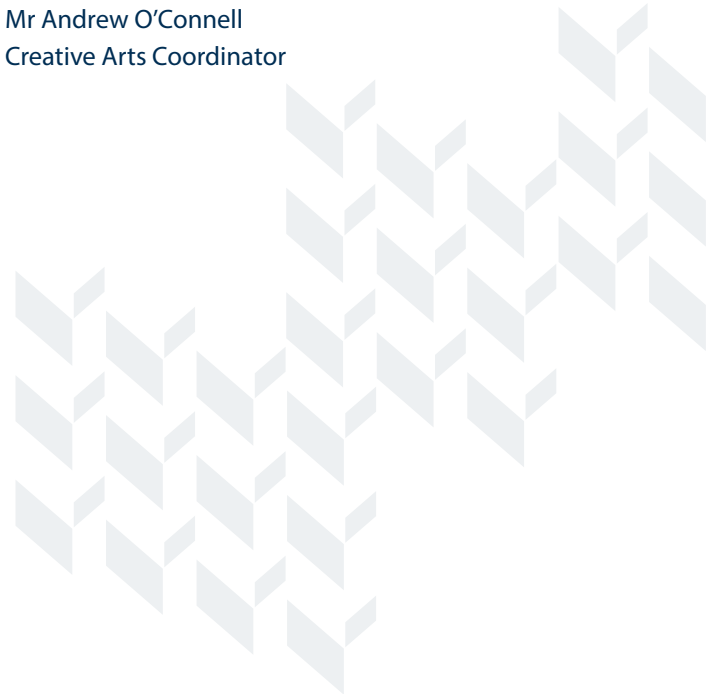
Middle School students are reminded that the poster competition for *Into The Woods Jnr* closes this Friday so all our talented artists should make sure to get their entries into the Hoskins Centre office by the afternoon - there is the promise of a fabulous prize so don't miss out! I hope many of them will be getting along to see *The Government Inspector* to take inspiration as they continue to work hard in their own rehearsals.

In the last two weeks the evenings have been getting a little bit spammy with ADMS commencing their rehearsals for *Monty Python's Spamalot* in the Music Centre and Hoskins Centre foyer. There are bound to be plenty of familiar faces on the stage and the classic Python silliness is guaranteed to make it a night of fantastic entertainment. Stay tuned for more information about tickets and until then mull over what the airspeed velocity is of an unladen swallow.

In the last week of term we have The Grigoryan Brothers returning to the Hoskins Centre to perform works from their forthcoming album. The album will include songs by composers such as Bach, Elgar, Dvorak, Rachmaninoff, Faure, De Falla and Ponce all masterfully arranged for them by their father Edward. Their last visit highlighted their masterful skill as musicians and this is an evening not to be missed. The performance is on Thursday 6 April at 7:30pm and tickets can be booked online through the [Hoskins Centre website](#) or by calling 6776 5800.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

MAR 23

MAR 24

7pm

MAR 25

2pm, 7pm



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/>
<https://www.tybooking.com/255135>

MUSIC MATTERS

TAS Drummers in Autumn Festival Parade Saturday 18 March

Each year a TAS Music ensemble performs in the Autumn Parade. This year TAS Drummers will be showcasing their skills and entertaining the crowds at the Autumn Festival Parade.

The plans for the TAS Drummer this year are as follows:

- 10.30 Meet at the TAS Music Centre to collect Drums and Rehearsal
- 11.45 Depart by TAS bus from outside Music Centre for Parade marshalling area
- 12:30 Parade begins
- 1:30 Parade finishes
- 2:00 Students arrive back at TAS by foot or by bus

Students in TAS Drummers will need to wear formals without blazer and in particular with your Akubra - so you don't get sun burnt! Many thanks in advance for your participation.

New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) Workshops

Year 9 & 10 Elective Music students were treated to a great day at NECOM on Wednesday last week as they came together with music students from around the region to explore all kinds of musical genres and instruments from around the world.

The day started with choral and movement workshops, and, as the day unfolded, students had the opportunity to play in an Indonesian Gamelan ensemble, a Ukulele orchestra, an African Drumming group, an Arabic Folk ensemble, and embark on the world of Middle Eastern Belly Dancing. A great day was had by all.

Year 11 and 12 Music Elective classes attended the NECOM HSC Music Workshops last Thursday and Friday. Thank you to NECOM for organising this fantastic workshop that gave our students the opportunity to work with two Senior HSC markers and a Composition specialist. These workshops are invaluable, particularly for HSC students in providing them with strategies and advice for their performances and examinations.

TAS elective Music students had the opportunity to mix with other student musicians and vocalists from around the New England region. Students were fortunate to have outstanding presenters such as renowned composer and conductor, Paul Jarman, leading sessions.

Reminder: Assessments and Instrumental Lessons

When school assessments or tests are scheduled for a time when students normally have a private music lesson they need to advise their tutor, giving adequate notice (at least 48 hours), so that a catch-up lesson can be arranged.

Piano Workshop – Will Mackson

TAS Year 7 student Will Mackson was selected to have a piano lesson with renowned pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska at the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM). This workshop followed a wonderful performance by one of Australia's great composers, Elena Kats-Chernin and renowned pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska, as part of the Musica Viva and NECOM series of concerts.

Thank you to NECOM for organising this workshop opportunity.



Photo: Tamara-Anna Cislowska, Will Mackson, Madeleine Lawrence, Elena Kats-Chernin.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

We are well over half way through the first term, summer sports are making way for winter options: Athletics events will begin this week, lunch time cricket and tennis sessions are fewer for some because debating season is underway, we're finalising the extent of our involvement in the Autumn Festival and the 'Campus to City Canter'. And, all the while, boarding house activities continue as do classes, prep work, assessment task preparation and more meaningful engagement in academic activity.

Autumn Festival

This year some of our boarders will represent TAS at the Autumn Festival Parade. Students participating in this event will be given community service hours. All students should dress in their TAS sports uniform

Parent Teacher Interviews – a reminder

Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Thursday, 23 and Friday 24 March. Interviews will be held in **Memorial Hall**.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Thursday, 23 and Friday, 24 March. Interviews will be held in **Memorial Hall**.

How to Make the Most of Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews are an important part of your child's education. I take this opportunity again to give some tips to make the most of the time you spend at your parent/teacher interview:

~ Try to be relaxed. Teachers don't want to put you on the spot or make you feel like you are being judged. They want a useful discussion that will help them teach better and your child learn better.

~ When you and the teacher are united, that's a powerful message from the most important adult team in your child's education.

~ Try to be on time and keep to the allotted time. If you cannot make the appointment, arrange one at a time that suits you and the teacher better.

~ Ask your child if there are any matters that you should raise at the conference.

~ If your child is not making progress, ask teachers for specific suggestions about how you can help your child do better.



~ Stay in regular touch with the homeroom teacher to discuss the progress your child is making.

Some good questions to ask:

- * Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- * How well does my child get along with others?
- * What are my child's best and worst subjects?
- * Is my child working at his / her ability level?
- * Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- * Has my child missed any classes other than ones I contacted the school about?
- * Have you noticed any sudden changes in the way my child acts?
- * What kinds of assessments are being done? What do the assessments tell about my child's progress?
- * How does my child handle taking tests?

Most importantly, try asking your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all.

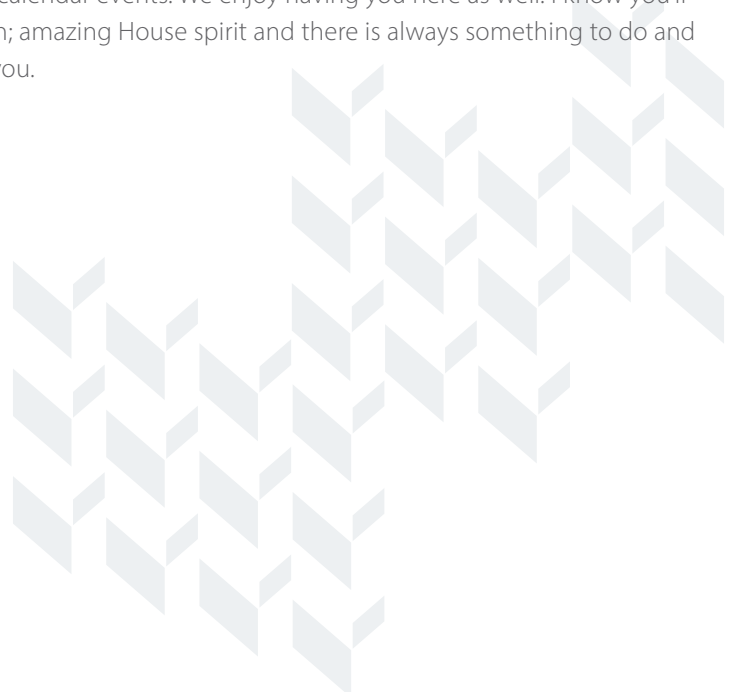
Student Leaders

Last week I met with our Middle School Monitors to canvass views on dining room behaviour, prep, assessments and school life generally. We're always busy here (a good thing, overall) and we need to assess how well we're doing things, how well these students think others are managing what, at times, can seem to be a juggling act. Because they're our primary focus, it's necessary and healthy to get student feedback – sometimes they see things that we teachers, for whatever reason, do not do not see. Again, I encourage you to let me know about how well you think your children are managing their time at TAS. It's important that we adults maintain contact.

Athletics

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and, like the Swimming Carnival in Week 3, I encourage you, wherever possible, to travel to Armidale to see your child's events. The day will be as well attended as the Swimming Carnival day and I know for a fact that the Middle School students love to have their families at such major calendar events. We enjoy having you here as well. I know you'll enjoy the events of the day: always entertaining; real competition; amazing House spirit and there is always something to do and many people to talk to. I'm looking forward to catching up with you.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

I would like to congratulate our students and their teachers for the wonderful support given to the Armidale Show last weekend by way of entries into the various sections for Children's Art and Craft. There were many successes and without naming them all, it was very pleasing to note that Mitchell Evans won 1st prize (and Grand Champion Section 13) for his Mixed Media Seasons Painting – 'Iceberg'. Supporting the Show is important for our community and I know the organisers were grateful to all contributors for the number and quality of entries across the board.

I hope you have received an email from me yesterday outlining some changes to our routine at the end of term, impacting on the timing of our Parent/Teacher Interviews, our Athletics Championships, and the JS Cross Country. Please look closely at the Calendar of Events and note these in your diary. Further information will be forthcoming about the Username and Password required to book a Parent/Teacher Interview and as always, we invite you to contact Junior School for further information or assistance.

Autumn Festival – Saturday 18 March


Junior School will be participating en masse in this year's Autumn Festival, along with representatives from many areas across the Middle and Senior School. With the theme being '25 Years of Autumn Festival', we are encouraging as many students as we can to participate, ensuring we have healthy numbers to enjoy the fun of the parade. As in previous years, we will meet in Beardy Street (opposite TAFE) at 12.00pm. All students should dress in their TAS sports uniform.

Parent Teacher Interviews – April 3 - 4

Information for our Parent Teacher Interviews will be emailed out to families by the end of the week. Attached to the email there will be a username and password you will need this to access the online booking system. For separated families, a separate letter will be forwarded with information on how to book an individual appointment. If you have any issues with the system, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior School office.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School





Looking Ahead

Week 7 - Organisation

Wednesday 15 March	Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre
Friday 17 March	Activities Day No 2 - IDEALS theme - 'Environmentalism'
Saturday 18 March	Autumn Festival (see letter to parents)

Week 8 – Confidence

Wednesday 22 March	Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre Athletics Training - Wakefield Oval
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Week 9 – Persistence

Wednesday 29 March	Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre Athletics Training - Wakefield Oval
Friday 31 March	Junior School Athletics Championships

Week 10

Monday 3 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 4 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 5 April	Junior School Cross Country
Thursday 6 April	Last day of classes
Friday 7 April	Staff Day – Student free day

Junior School Birthdays

A big Happy Birthday wish to Charlie Ward this week for her special day.

Clothing and sporting goods

Please look through your child's belongings and ensure the correct item has been collected at the end of the day. Please return all lost items to the Junior School reception and these will be held in the After School Care centre before being moved to the School Laundry if not claimed by the end of term.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

We have had 18 students from Kinder to Year 6 register for the 2017 Premiers Reading Challenge which is great. It isn't too late to join up! If you would like to participate in the PRC this year, just have a parent/guardian fill in the permission note which you can pick up from the library, and return the signed note to the Library so we can register you online and give you a reading log and rules booklet. If any parents/guardians have any questions they can be emailed to library@as.edu.au, phone the Library 6776 5833 or call into the Library and see any of the library staff.

Mrs Janine Ranck



Year 2

Central Idea: People can establish practices in order to sustain and maintain the Earth's resources.

Lines of Inquiry:

More sustainable resource use can start at home and at school (Responsibility)

Improved technologies and understandings can aide in the maintenance of the earth's resources (Causation)

Year 2 have been exploring the central idea through the key concepts responsibility and causation.

Responsibility primarily has students exploring their responsibility to ensure the environment is cared for and to look at how they can take action on ensuring responsible resource use.

Causation has been explored by looking at what has caused pressure on resources and further exploration regarding how we can ensure a sustainable future for all.

The students have explored these concepts through many books including Jenny Baker's book 'Windows'. The UOI has been explored in English and each student was required to write a narrative recount based on a page in the picture book. This enabled the students to examine the impacts of human development on natural landscapes. They explored questions such as: Is the author an artist, an environmentalist or a writer? How does she use art to tell us her point of view? Would the person looking through the window have had a smaller or larger ecological footprint at the beginning or end of the book?

It is through his trans disciplinary approach that true inquiry is so naturally nurtured.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

R: Planting a vegetable garden is one way to sustain earth's resources



Keeping our playground clean helps Year 2 students become more responsible



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

As our summer sports season comes to an end, please note the following training sessions for all teams. There will be no sport during the final week of term due to Parent Teacher Interviews and our Cross Country event.

Tennis - to continue sessions with Justin Sherriff until Week 9.

Gymnastics - continue until Week 9.

Indoor Hockey – last training session this week. Weeks 8 and 9 children and coaches to attend Athletics training on Wednesday afternoons.

Cricket players - last training session this Wednesday. Children and coaches to then attend Athletics training during Weeks 8 and 9.

Swimming - last session this Thursday. Children to then attend Athletics training Weeks 8 and 9

Basketball - last session this Wednesday. To join with Athletics training for Weeks 8 and 9. Games for Basketballers will continue with the final game being in Week 10.

Winter Sports Choices to be made this week.

Your child will bring a Winter sports choice form to be completed this week. The sports on offer for our winter season this year are as follows:

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in sport. Students in Year 2 and below do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. If students in Year 2 or below do participate, they must commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the season. During the winter terms, students will have one training per week in each sport. For winter, training will be on Monday afternoons from 3:45 – 5pm for most sports. Students provide their own clothing, footwear, mouth guards and shinpads. Registration and competition fees will apply to all sports and will be debited to parents' accounts.

Sports offered

Football

Children will play in the Armidale Junior competition which includes a game on Saturday mornings during 'State school' term time. Games will mainly be in Armidale but will also usually include games in Walcha, Uralla and Guyra for each team. There is an all-day Sunday carnival held in Armidale, which some TAS teams may compete in. The competition will be run using 'Small Sided Game' (SSG) rules, ie U6s will have 4-a-side on the pitch; U7s & U8s, 5-a-side; U9s, 7-a-side; U10s, 9-a-side; U12s, 11-a-side. Registration fees will be approximately: \$100. TAS provides balls and training aids. Shin guards are compulsory. Training will be on Mondays.

Netball

Both boys and girls can choose this sport. Training will be at TAS on Monday afternoons. Games will be on Saturdays, normally at 11am, on the Lynches' Road netball courts.

Netta – 5-7 year olds – 11am on Saturdays each week. Netta is a skills based session Registration cost – approx. \$40

Set – 8-10 year olds. Emphasis is on participation, trying out learned skills, the learning of new skills and sharing the play with others in the team. The rules are modified. Registration cost – approx. \$90

Hockey

Is divided into two 'age' groups, U9 and U11. Children must provide their own hockey stick but balls and training aids are provided by TAS. The U9 competition involves a format at UNE on Saturday mornings. The players will play a modified quarterfield game. Cost, approx \$65. A bus will take and return students to this training. Training will be on Tuesdays at UNE turf.

The U11 competition will be held at the UNE turf on Friday afternoons. Competition fees, registration fees and UNE turf fees are estimated to be about \$85 for the season. Training will be on Tuesdays at UNE between 4 and 5pm. A bus will transport children to and from UNE.

Wednesday Fresh Sushi Day

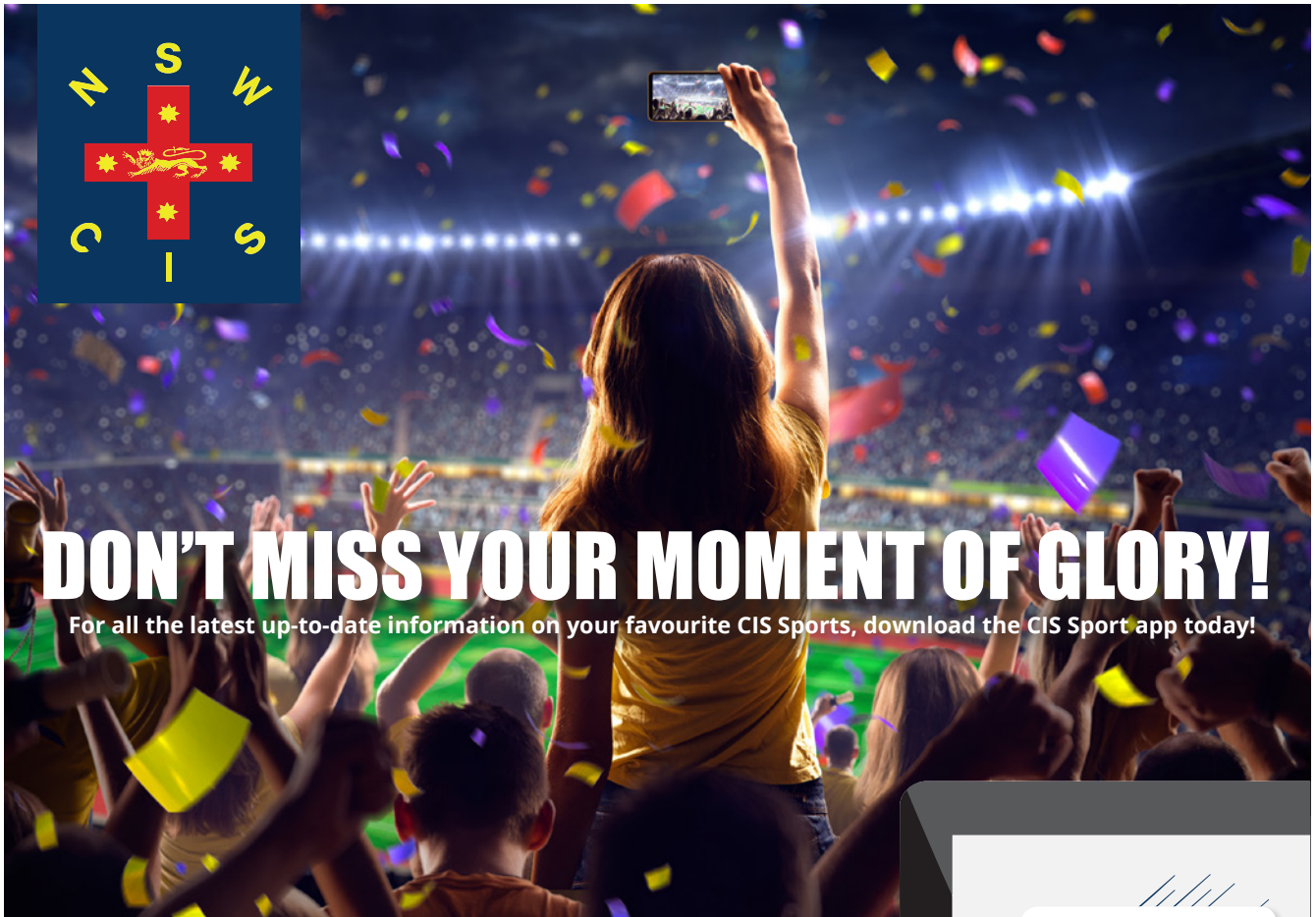


3 Varieties

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Tuna & Corn
- Vegetarian



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- AFL-Boys | sbaf17
- AFL Girls Trials | sgaf17
- Athletics Championships | sath17
- Baseball Trials | sbase17
- Basketball Girls Championships | SGBask17
- Basketball Boys Trials | Sbbask17

- Cricket Girls Trials | sgcrick17
- Cross Country | XCountry17
- Diving Championships | sdive17
- Football | sfoot17
- Football Cup 17 | FootCup17
- Golf Championships | sgolf17
- Hockey Girls Championships | sgdock17
- Hockey Boys Trials | sbdock17
- Netball Girls | snet17

- Rugby League Trials | SRL17
- Softball Girls | SGSoft17
- Softball Boys | SBSoft17
- Swimming Championships | Sswim17
- Tennis Girls Championships | SGTen17
- Tennis Boys Championships | SBTen17
- Touch Championships | Stouch17
- Volleyball Trials | voll17

EVENT CODES: **Primary**

- AFL Trials | paf17
- Athletics | paths17
- Basketball Trials | pbask17
- Cricket | cispck17
- Cross Country | XCountry17

- Diving | Pdive17
- Football - Boys Gala Day | PFootB17
- Football - Girls Trials | PFootG17
- Hockey Trials | phock17
- Netball Trials | Pnet17
- Rugby Trials | Prugby17

- Rugby League Gala Day | prl17
- Softball Girls | pgsoft17
- Softball Boys | pbsoft17
- Swimming Championships | Pswim17
- Tennis Trials | ptennis17
- Touch Trials | Ptouch17



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