

# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 29 March, 2017 Term 1 Week 9

# HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

# Headmaster's Country Tour

I write this week from the road as our Registrar Pip Warrick, Director of Boarding Michael Holland and I travel through Gunnedah, Inverell, Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Moree on the final leg of our annual tour through the North West. This time away gives us the opportunity to meet with families considering TAS for 2018 through the day and then join gatherings of our current parents in the evenings. This intensive period of enrolment interviews is central to our preparation for the coming year and, predictably and pleasingly, it has been our busiest ever. The opportunity to meet with current families away from the School is important too and I thank those who have made the time to join us in Gunnedah and Inverell this week. We head to Walgett for meetings today and are looking forward to seeing parents at Lightning Ridge tonight and Moree tomorrow evening when we will be hosted, no doubt in fine style, once again by Linda and Glenn Bourke.

# The Government Inspector

The major stage production for 2017 ended its season of five shows in the Hoskins Centre on Saturday night to great acclaim. The selection of a Russian farcical comedy was a major change of pace for TAS and it worked brilliantly well, showcasing some wonderful comedic talent that filled the theatre with laughs. TAS audiences have come to expect great things on stage and genuine quality from our major production in particular and they got just that this year.

Productions at TAS are certainly professional in their standard, but their smooth operation does not imply that they are simple to produce. A large team of actors, teachers, technical crew, stage crew, set and costume designers and make-up artists commit over a long period to produce the quality of show seen last week. They all deserve our applause and I offer congratulations to them through our Creative Arts Coordinator and the Director and driver of the play, Andrew O'Connell.



#### Girls' Head of the River

As our Director of Co-curricular Activities and rowing coach Will Caldwell comments in TAS Talks this week, school history was created last weekend as TAS was represented for the first time in the Girls' Head of the River at the International Regatta Centre in Sydney. This huge event draws the best female rowers from right across the state and, like Will, I was delighted to see our girls offering their best in this elite company. I have no doubt that the great recognition received by our crew, both at school and at Penrith, will see girls' rowing grow at TAS and that there will be many head of the river regattas to come.

#### **Chess Tournament**

I was delighted that TAS was able to host the Sydney Academy of Chess for their tournament in Armidale yesterday. Our chess coordinator, Catherine Boydell, has reported on this big day and I offer her thanks and congratulations on its success. It is very encouraging to see chess growing at TAS in such healthy fashion and I encourage any students of any age who are interested to get in touch with either Ms Boydell or Mrs Hine about getting involved.

# **Athletics Postponement**

I hope that all are now aware that the 2017 Athletics Carnival scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed until the end of Week 3 next term on Saturday May 13. The recent rain has soaked Wakefield and with more heavy rain predicted for tomorrow the events simply couldn't be run in any proper fashion. I thank parents, students and staff for their forbearance with this change and ask that all ensure that 13 May is available for this important and compulsory day.

Murray Guest



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Week 9

Thursday 30 March HMCT (Moree)

Twilight Concert (6pm) Hoskins Centre

Friday 31 March Activities Day 3 Sunday 2 April Coffs Ocean Swim

#### Week 10

Monday 3 April JS Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Memorial Hall)

Tuesday 4 April JS Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 5 April MS Tri-Schools debating

TAS Cross Country

Thursday 6 April Last day of classes Friday 7 April School Holidays

#### Term 2

Week 1

Tuesday 25 April ANZAC DAY – Central Park in

Armidale

Wednesday 26 April Classes Resume

Thursday 27 April TAS Anzac Day Service – 7.00 am

Front of School.

# **Uniform and Book Shop**

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

Due to the postponment of the Athletics Carnival. The Shop will NOT be open Saturday.

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

Thursday 6 April - 10am - 5pm

Friday 7 April - Closed

Wednesday 19 April - 9 am to 5pm

Tuesday 25 April - 9 am to 5pm

Wednesday 26 April - Normal hours resume.

**Mrs Vivienne Tearle** 

#### **Student Travel**

#### Transport for NSW School Student Concession Cards

Students over 16 years are advised to apply for a Concession Card which entitles them to travel for child's fare on most forms of public transport. Students issued with a green card last year are advised that this card will be invalid after 31 March.

Please email travel@as.edu.au and you will be notified when to collect the 2017/18 blue card.

Mrs Meg Sadler



The TAS Hockey Club will hold its AGM on Friday 31March at 4:00pm in the McConville Centre.

All TAS hockey members and families are invited to attend.

Mrs Tania and Mr Mike Ball

#### **Medical Centre**

Flu vaccination consent forms were emailed out last week. The vaccinations have now arrived & it would be good if we could get them done before holidays. That will mean students will return with immunity. If you would like your son/daughter vaccinated please return the consent form to the Health Centre asap.

Sr Jenny Murray

# ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK





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# DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE, BARNEY BUNTINE

# Mental Health – The Elephant in the Room

Last week, we were fortunate to have Batyr back at TAS, continuing the relationship of recent years that gives a clear and loud voice to mental health.

Year 10 enjoyed a full day entry-level program where the Batyr team de-stigmatised common interpretations of mental health, had two 'lived experience' speakers reflect on their personal battles and then devoted the bulk of the day to recognising when things are not going so well and different strategies to help with this. The day also included a terrific Q and A session with a GP, a mental health nurse, a psychologist and me, and the students asked a range of probing and mature questions. It was a very productive experience and I thank the students for their contributions

Year 11 and 12 participated in the 'Look Out For Your Mates' and 'Stressed Out?' (dealing with HSC anxiety and the like) programs respectively and loved not only the messages in each session but also the chance to reconnect with the Batyr team.

We also had record numbers of students sign up to be part of the TAS Batyr Chapter, a student-led group that foregrounds mental health in the School, and we're excited about getting busy with this next Term and launching into other mental health initiatives through the year – including, like last year, the One Sock, One Goal sporting fixture against Sydney Grammar School.

It was great to have Batyr back.

#### **Mr Barney Buntine**



# P&F PRESIDENT, MRS SUE CARTWRIGHT

# Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Championships

By now you more than likely know that the Carnivals scheduled for this week have been postponed until Term 2 due to the condition of the track given all the recent rain. This also means that the P&F get together scheduled for Saturday night is also cancelled. If you were planning to participate in your year group get-together, please contact your LP directly to see if it has also been postponed, or if it is still going ahead.

# TAS Rugby Carnival – just over a week to go

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.

For those not too sure what all the fuss is about, it is a unique Under 12s carnival for 11 & 12 year olds from Primary School, Club and Representative teams across NSW and Qld. This year is looking like a huge event with over 1000 players and coaches confirmed to arrive in our beautiful city and school to 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, all 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. Please, please, please sign up to be a part of this truly exciting event. And for students, it is also an opportunity to gain Community Service hours.

Last year we ran out of both helpers and baking!!! And that puts an enormous strain on the smallish group of tireless workers who give their all to make this a better place for ALL of our children. Anything you can do to assist will be appreciaiated - remember, we are fundraising for the benefit of the whole

So please help and/or buy/bake up a storm if you can. Oh, 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

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: <a href="http://signup.com/go/cX2TUF">http://signup.com/go/cX2TUF</a>

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

# 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. We are also looking to present a revamped Constitution for review, and your input would be fabulous.

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.

#### And a final note...

I would like to remind everyone that the TAS P&F is first and foremost a fundraising body for the overall betterment of our school – generating funds to provide the 'nice to haves' that our children can enjoy. We also try to create opportunities for parents and friends to enjoy getting to know each other. What we are not is a lobby group. Our Association position is to support the School Executive in all decisions made regarding school operations and activities. Individual members of the P&F are certainly entitled to their individual opinion, but the Association is not, and will not become, a lobby group for any grievances that parents may like to air. We would appreciate your understanding in this area.

## **ACADEMIC**

# 200 players to TAS for Sydney Academy of Chess tournament

The pace was frenetic as 200 students from 17 regional schools used strategy and quick thinking to complete more than 350 games of chess when TAS yesterday hosted a regional tournament

Run by the Sydney Academy of Chess and hosted by TAS for the first time, the day brought together enthusiasts aged 10-18 for seven rounds of matches, played individual 'Swiss-style' with clocks counting down every second of each 15 minute game.

It was the largest tournament the Academy has ever held outside Sydney, and TAS was well represented on the boards with 19 students competing in the primary division and 15 in the secondary.

The spoils were shared across the region, with St Mary's in Armidale taking out the primary division ahead of Timbumbri Public School and St Xavier's School, Gunnedah, in third.

In the very closely contested senior division there was little splitting the top three placegetters, with Inverell High School pipping Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and TAS.

The top five players from each of these schools will be invited to compete at the regional semi-final in Term 3.















# **ROUND SQUARE**

Round Square Regional Sports Conference 13-15 year-olds – International School of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (22-27 September 2017) – pre-conference tour 18-21 September.

TAS students who are 13-15 years old this year are invited to apply to attend this unique conference. It is designed to bring together 13 to 15 year-old students through sport and the Round Square IDEALS. Students attending will be mixed together and form new teams to compete in a range of traditional and alternative sporting activities. Discussion groups will explore and reflect upon our diversities and similarities.

This unique opportunity has a focus on sharing the values of good sportsmanship in the presence of an international community, a chance to discover Mongolian culture in the warmest hospitality and form new relationships with other students.

The trip will include a pre-conference tour that will provide opportunites to experience the traditions, culture and history of Mongolia. Witness for yourself the vast wilderness of the steppes and immerse yourself in the nomadic lifestyle, stay overnight in a Ger; the ancient dwelling going back before the time of Chinggis Khan (Genghsis Khan) and help herd the stock on a remote mountainside. The things childhood dreams are made from. The pre-conference tour is from 18 – 21 September so will require missing the last week of Term 3.

Staffing is yet to be confirmed but two staff members will accompany the delegation of 6 students. At this early stage, the cost will be approx \$3700 tbc.

Application forms are available from Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine or can be downloaded from: http://www.as.edu.au/about/roundsquare-membership/round-square-conferences/



# **CONFERENCES 2017-2019**

	10/12 years Regional Conference	13/15 years Regional Conference	15/18 years Regional Conference
2017	Epsom College, Malaysia – 10-13 November	International School of Ulaanbataar, Mongolia – 23 to 26 September.	no
2018	The Armidale School, Australia – 22-26 April 2018	Keystone Academy, China 31 March to 4 April – this conference is for 13/14 years only	Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, Australia Dates 14-18 April
2019	British School Jakarta, Indonesia – dates May/ June tbc	Woodleigh School, Australia dates March / April tbc	Shenzhen Concord College of Sino-Canada 4-8 March

FOR APPLICATION FORMS OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT the ROUND SQUARE REPS: Mrs Barnier at abarnier@as.edu.au or Mr Buntine at bbuntine@as.edu.au

# LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE



# **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

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 heliefs

#### 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
- 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 7.15pm 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

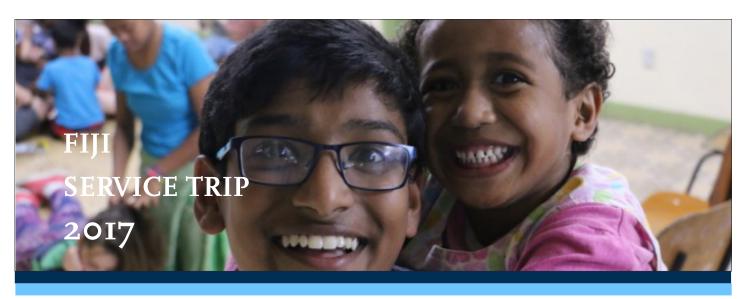
Apart from breakfast in Lampang which will be included in the hotel costs, we will eat local Thai food, this will be bought locally or cooked for us by locals - there will be no Western alternatives.

#### Cost

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







# Fiji Service Trip 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 airfares, ten nights accommodation and all meals at St Christopher's Home, travel insurance and departure tax, all activities and day trips.

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







# **ACTIVITIES DAY 3**

## **TAS Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 3**

#### Friday 31 March 2017

#### **Travel**

Depart Friday 31 March

- **6:30am** Brown Street.
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am.

#### Return

- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
- Arrive Brown Street\_at 4.30pm

#### Staff

Mr J Pennington 0419250984; Mr M Ball, Mrs G Chick

#### **Organisation**

#### Friday 31/3

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am.

Unpack bus.

• 9.30 am – 10.30 am Beach Session 1

• 10:30am – 12:00pm Beach Session 2

• 12.00pm-1:00pm Beach Session

• 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell

• 4.00pm Arrive Armidale

#### Requirements

Swimmers, goggles. Pens, Manual and Workbook.

Casual clothes including covered shoes.

Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

#### Dress

To travel - School sports uniform - Full **school** tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are

not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

#### Meals

Breakfast: Cereal/toast Spreads @TAS

Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

# GIRLS' EDUCATION DIRECTOR, ALEX POLLITT

## 'Its not fair....'

The girls in boarding have built wonderful relationships this term and I've been really proud of them, but last Sunday night was a blip. As in all families there are moments when something happens that seems to come from nowhere and everywhere at once. This was my boarding house last Sunday eve.

In the great scheme of things, the incident wasn't a huge deal, but it definitely got me to thinking. As I dealt with the fallout, I heard a couple of times, but 'that's not fair'. The girls were right, but in this situation, the unfairness was actually something they needed to accept and take responsibility for. Whether we like it or not, some people attract attention. It reminds me of Maggie Smith who says to Whoopi Goldberg in Sister Act, the 90s classic, 'You are designed to stand out.'

I was one of those students who tended to attract attention. If I was in a group, invariably I would be the one told to be guiet. I was usually the one picked out of a crowd, even if I wasn't a main instigator. Although I generally worked well and got decent marks, all my reports talk about me being 'social' and a 'distraction'. Initially it would enrage me; I felt it acutely unfair that I appeared be the one targeted. I remember ranting to my Mum, after a particular incident, who very calmly and wisely responded with 'Alexandra, you have to get used to it.'

That wasn't what I was expecting at all, why was she not as outraged as me?

I'll never forget it, she said 'Alexandra, whether you like it or not, you are leader which means people will notice you. It may not be fair, but this will happen a lot, so rather than fight it, recognise it and don't put yourself into situations where its an issue.' And don't forget that being seen can also be an advantage, so USE it to your advantage.

I'm not sure I fully grasped the importance of this advice as a 12 year old, but as I got older these were the words in my head. It didn't change things immediately, but over time I did learn to manage my behaviour better and I made a conscious effort to 'be seen' in ways that were positive.

As I listened to 'its not fair' claims, it reminded me how important it is, to pull aside those students who we can see are budding leaders and make sure they understand the 'unfairness' they face'. Some of our students through personality and presence will not be able to go under the radar. It's our responsibility to help them, as much as possible, to see how this can be a wonderful tool for them to use.



When they speak others are likely to take notice, when they act it has the potential to galvanise the masses and when they set an example it has the potential to set a tone. This is the flip side to the 'unfairness' they face, and if we can help our young people understand this, then we really have taught them a life lesson that has the potential to change how they view themselves and the 'opportunity' in front of them.

Miss Alex Pollitt

# DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

# Winter Training Schedule and Coach Allocation

Please <u>click here</u> for Winter Training Schedule and Coach Allocation. Sport specific information will be distributed by MICs of each sport.

There will be clashes from time to time. Staff will help to negotiate clashes, however, it is the responsibility of the students to manage their time. The key is for all parties to communicate and be willing to compromise. A few general premises will help this process:

- 1st sport should take priority over 2nd sports
- Creative Arts should take priority over sport on a Monday
- Boarders Chapel on Wednesday 6:30-7pm is sacrosanct.

Where there is a special event the priorities can be renegotiated - the more notice you give the better response you will get.



Last Saturday history was created when the First TAS Girls' Quad Scull competed in the NSW Schoolgirl Head of the River. Competing against the top crews from long established programs the girls were not overawed. It was the culmination of a season of fun, challenge, friendship and personal growth. Whilst they did not win the race, they won the admiration of the commentator and the crowd. We are very proud of the girls and the legacy that they have created.





#### Chess

TAS played host to The Sydney Chess Academy Tournament for Secondary and Primary students yesterday, as Memorial Hall was transformed into a battlefield. 193 players from around the region converged on the cauldron to face off in the best of seven bouts. Both our Junior and Senior teams relished the contest with Darcy Smyth the best performer placing 5th out of all Senior students, winning six out of his seven games. The Senior team placed third overall. Congratulations to all players and a huge thank you to Mrs Anne Hine for her assistance all day and especially to Mrs Catherine Boydell who both organised and facilitated a very successful event.

# Athletics Postponed

Due to the condition of the track, the Athletics Carnival for BOTH Junior School AND Middle/Senior School has been postponed until Week 3 of Term 2.

New dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 9 May: Lunchtime (800m) All Ages
- Wednesday 10 May: 1.15 5.30pm (beginning with Cloisters Race)
- Friday 12 May: 9-3.00pm
- Saturday 13 May 8.30 4.30pm

# **Cross-Country**

Despite the postponement of the Athletics Carnival, the Whole School Cross-Country event will still be held next Wednesday 5 April. Students have a choice of distances with those vying for a position to compete at NCIS needing to select the long course. Please see details from Mr Pennington below.

#### Cricket

Congratulation our First XI Cricket team who were crowned Joint Premiers in the ADCA Second Grade Premiership. Whilst they were disappointed not to play on Sunday due to the weather, they should be very proud of their success this season. I hope all cricket players will be able to join in the celebrations at the Junior and Senior presentations this Sunday at Hoskins Centre.

#### **TASRC**

The planning is now in overdrive as we prepare the finishing touches for the TAS Rugby Carnival on 8-9 April. Current interest form the TAS community is encouraging but we really would like everyone to be a part of this event. It is a fabulous showcase of all that is good about TAS and the TAS community.

#### The First Jewel In The Crown

This Sunday a large contingent of more than 70 TAS students will journey to Coffs Harbour for the 2km Coffs Ocean Swim. For some it is a personal challenge. For many it's the first step to achieving the 'Triple Crown'; But for all it will be satisfying experience. Best wishes to all and be sure to enjoy yourself!

Mr Will Caldwell

# Hockey

The NCIS U16 Girls Hockey team came second in the NSW CIS Championships. Lily Neilson with four others from NCIS was selected in the possibles and probables.



TAS Students Lily Neilson and Lily Etheridge were part of the NCIS Hockey Squad.



Sport / 1	Гeam	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri/Sat/Sun
RUGBY 1st XV			Doody Park	Backfield	Doody Park	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XV		4:45 – 6:00pm	3:45 – 5:00pm	4:45 – 6:00pm	
16's Backfield			Wakefield Nth 3:45 - 5pm		Backfield 3:45 - 5pm	Game SATURDAY
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14's Wakefi		Wakefield Sth 3:45 – 5pm		Wakefield Sth 3:45 – 5pm		
	13's		Wakefield Sth 3:45 - 5pm		Wakefiled Sth 3:45 - 5pm	
FOOTBALL	Opens		Doody Park 4:30pm – 6pm	1 <sup>st</sup> XI - Doody Park 3:45pm - 5pm	Doody Park 4:30pm – 6pm	
	16's		Adamsfield 3:45 – 5pm		Cricket Oval 3:45 – 5pm	
14's 12's 10's			Cricket Oval 3:45 – 5pm		Adamsfield 3:45 – 5pm	Game SATURDAY
		Adamsfield 3:45 – 5pm		Adamsfield 3:45 – 5pm		Game SATURDAY
		Wakefield Nth 3:45 - 5pm				<u> </u>
	8's & 9's	Cricket Oval 3:45 – 5pm				
	6's & 7's	Dangarfield 3:45 – 5pm				
HOCKEY	Opens		UNE Turf 5 - 6pm	Green Rm 3:45 - 4:45pm		Game UNE Turf (SAT. / SUN.)
11'	s, 13's, 16's		UNE Turf 3:45 - 5pm			Game UNE Turf (FRI. pm)
SQUASH			Smith House 4 – 5:15pm		Smith House 4 – 5:15pm	
NETBALL	# 1		MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm		MS Courts 4:30-6pm	Game SATURDAY
	# 2		MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm		MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm	
	# 3,			MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm	MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm	
	4 & 5		MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm	MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm		
	Netta	MS Courts 3:45 – 5pm				
DANCE		Gym 3:45-5pm				
SHOOTING		Small Bore Range 3:45 – 5:15pm				Small Bore Range 3:45 – 5:15pm

#### ${\bf Please}\ {\bf refer}\ {\bf to}\ {\bf Sport}\ {\bf Webpage}\ {\bf and}\ {\bf Team}\ {\bf App}\ {\bf for}\ {\bf details}\ {\bf regarding}\ {\bf Fixtures}\ {\bf and}\ {\bf Competition}$

TAS THE ARMIDALE EXTREMENT BOOKS		WINTER SPORT ALLOCATION 2017			
	Shooting			Rugby	David Drain (MIC)
Andrew Patrick		Alisdair Hey			Todd Currell (Co-ordinator)
Christian Nexo		Jacob Hunt		1st XV	Alan Jones / AJ Whalley
Cameron Patrick		Mark Morton		2nd XV	David Drain / Hugo Johnson / Mick Barry
Christian Gill / Jake Tucker				16's Mgr	Nicole Goldsworthy / Jen Goldsworthy
Aaron Lane / Jake Tucker	Hockey	Tanya & Michael Ball (MIC)		16's	Michael Holland / Matthew Nott / Amanda Wanninga
Alan Shortt	Opens	Catey Curtin		15's Mgr	Julie Flanagan
Patrick O'Connor		Brandon Sharpe		15's	lan McPherson / James Reynolds / Lachlan Truesdale
Jacob Hunt		Caleb Dobos		14's Mgr	Naomi Blackford
Kirsty Brunsdon	U16's	David Toakley / Patrick Cheboi		14's	Angus Murray / Andrew Junge / Jonno Green
Norm Cowan		Pheobe Wood / Julius Jensen		13's Mgr	Harriet Symons
Hannah Lo / Lachan Truesdale		Barney Buntine / Gillian Downes		13's	Mark Taylor / Jake Tucker / Luke Vagg
Nick Jackson	U13's	Brandon Sharpe		TASRC	Ian Lloyd
Donella Tutt		Michael Ball		Student Assistants	Henry Hughes (Opens)
Belinda Macri / Brandon Sharpe	U11's & U9's	Tania Ball / Alex Portell			Nick Makeham (15's)
Stephen Thompson / Patrick Cheboi	Student Assistants	Sebastian Etheridge			Angus Smith (15's)
Veronica Waters / Rami Bahmas		Lily Neilson			Ben Hamparsum (15's)
Lana Hawksford / Julius Jensen		Emily Hempel			Josh Jones (14's)
					Anthony Russell-Thomas (14's)
Amanda Robins	Netball	Rachel Harrison (MIC)			Toby Markerink (14's)
		Alice Hudson (Admin.)			Dan Letherbridge (13's)
Todd Currell	TAS #1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Sid Nalliah (13's)
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#### Netball

Well done to all girls who played our first game of netball on the weekend! TAS 4 had a very convincing win and our other teams played very competitive games with some outstanding netball play.

We had a number of girls volunteering to two games, their own and also playing up a division to help other teams who did not have enough players - a stellar effort!

Please be reminded that your team relies on your commitment to the game and requires your attendance at the game on Saturdays. All information on games is channelled through TeamApp so please ensure you have downloaded it.

Well done girls!

Ms Rachel Harrison

# Mountain Biking

And so, the final race of the New England Summer Series took place at Kookaburra Crest on Monday evening and what a turnout! TAS mountain bikers took to the jumps and berms with gusto, showing unflagging enthusiasm for this exciting sport. The weather finally smiled down on 'Kooka' giving our riders one last chance to show the 'stuff' they're made of and they did not disappoint. Each and every rider earned their share of the end-of-season sausage sizzle.

In the Under 19 Male category Angus Apps, Harry Graham and Angus Cornall dominated, taking 1st, 2nd & 3rd. In the Under 17 Male category Duncan Chalmers and Joe Sewell smashed the field coming in at 2nd and 5th with brilliant support not far behind from Hamish Tydd, Josh Armstrong and Jack Sewell. In the Under 15 Male category Archie Chick, Fletcher Jackson and Archie Lawrence demonstrated superb skills, taking 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions with a huge showing from Riley Simmonds, Jack Armstrong, Joe Kermode, Oliver Smart, Harry Chandler, Ethan Bellman and Jack Hook-Robinson.

Race 7 was also a great opportunity for our mountain bikers to test their fitness before the mammoth undertaking of the UNE 12 Hours in the Piney which takes place this Saturday, at Armidale Pine Forest. We have several teams taking part and this should prove to be a fun and exciting race, which is not only a great test of endurance but a tremendously social event. We wish all out riders a safe and successful race.

Ms Colette Brus

# **Cross Country**

After a 20 year hiatus, Cross Country is back at TAS.

Next Wednesday 5 April the whole school will head to Backfield for the TAS Championships. This will be a unique afternoon, as the Junior/Middle and Senior Schools will all be racing on the same program.

Events begin at 2pm for the Junior School, with Middle School commencing at 4pm. For Middle and Senior School students, there are two events. The mass participation 2km race and the Championship 5km.

The Championship is aimed at those students who wish to race for their age-group trophy and to compete at a higher level (NCIS-CIS-NSW). For those students wishing to race in the 5km event, they need to register their interest with Mr Pennington (jpenning@as.edu.au) by Tuesday 4 April.

#### Timings:

#### Junior School

2pm u/5-u/7

2:15pm u/8

2:30pm u/9

2:40pm u/10

2:50pm u/11

#### Middle School

4pm u/11-u14 5km Championships

4:10pm u/11-u14 2km Mass Participation

Senior School

4:30pm u/14-u18 5km Championships

4:40pm u/14-u18 2km Mass Participation

#### **Mr Jim Pennington**

# **MUSIC MATTERS**

# Activities Days affecting music lessons for Years 6-12

Please be aware that the third TAS Activities Day is on Friday 31 March.

Students in Years 6-12 who have private voice or instrumental lessons scheduled for that day, will not be available for their lesson.

Please communicate with your private music tutor to arrange catch-up lessons.

# Keyboard lab

The UNE Music Department has very generously donated a keyboard lab to the TAS Music Department. The lab consists of 10 keyboards and a teacher console which enables the teacher to listen and speak to individual students during activities. This keyboard lab is a wonderful resource for TAS Music, particularly for the Year 6 Keyboard program. We extend our thanks to UNE Music, Alan Davison and Gillian Willis for making this happen.



# Twilight Concert on Thursday 30 March at 6pm in the Hoskins Centre

We have a wonderful concert planned for this Thursday evening.

Tea, coffee and juice will be served from 5.30pm, prior to the concert. Parents are asked to please bring a plate of food to share for supper following the concert.

# Order of performance:

1	Andi Li	Violin
2	Max Junge	Voice
3	Daniel Jackson	Guitar duet
3	Jonno Chamberlain	Guitar duet
4	Thomas Rowe	Voice
5	Reuben Charley-Briggs	Trumpet
6	Max Guppy	Piano
7	Ruby Straker	Violin
8	Hannah Neilson	Voice
9	Felix Hruby	Piano
10	Jasper O'Neil	Voice
11	Alexander Gibson	Violin
12	Molly Dooner	Voice & Piano
13	Hayley Whitehill	Flute
14	Aiden Swick	Violin
15	William Nash	Voice
16	Will Mackson	Piano
17	Disa Smart	Cello
18	Hattie Oates	Voice & Guitar
19	Matthew Giakoumi	Violin
20	Emma Ward	Flute
21	Ziggy Harris	Violin

# Australian Youth Orchestra (AYO) Garden Party – supported by Rosemary Leitch

Sunday 2 April, 10.30am for 11am start.

The AYO Garden Party has been one of the highlights of the Armidale Youth Orchestras' calendar for almost two decades.

This year the party will be held at the magnificent Chevy Chase, 643 Dangarsleigh Road in Armidale.

The Garden Party is NECOM's major fundraising event of the year and helps to subsidise membership fees, fund instrument and score purchases, provide tutor fees, annual camps and other essential running costs of the orchestra.

The ticket price includes entrance to Chevy Chase for the performance followed by lunch served amid the beautiful Autumn garden scenery.

Tickets: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/OZFC">www.trybooking.com/OZFC</a> Adults \$45, Pensioners (no concessions) \$30, Children (under 12) \$20

Contact details: NECOM 6788 2135 or armidaleyouthorchestras@ gmail.com.

# TAS Trebles to visit Autumn Lodge

TAS Trebles junior vocal ensemble have been invited to perform at Autumn Lodge on Wednesday 5 April between 11.00 -11.30am. This is a great opportunity to perform for some of the senior community in Armidale and to practice performing the Eisteddfod songs. Students will be transported by TAS mini bus to Autumn Lodge at 10.40am and will be accompanied by Mrs Rachel Butcher and Ms Leanne Roobol. Students are required to wear formals.

Ms Leanne Roobol **Director of Music** 



Sunday 2 April 2017 **Chevy Chase** 643 Dangasleigh Road

A morning of beautiful music from the **Armidale Youth Orchestras** in the magnificent garden of Chevy Chase. Lunch and one free drink is provided. Cash bar available.

#### TICKETS:

www.trybooking.com/OZFC

• Adults: \$45 • Pensioner \$30 • Child \$20

Catering by Jazzamatazz

Thanks to Armidale High School, PLC and TAS



# **Grigoryan Brothers concert**

#### 7.30pm Thursday 6 April at TAS Hoskins Centre

A fantastic opportunity is coming up to see the Grigoryan Brothers play in Armidale. It is highly recommended for all guitar students. Bookings can be made through Trybooking. <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/OMJX">https://www.trybooking.com/OMJX</a>

Although regarded as Australia's finest guitar duo performing much of the instrument's standard classical repertoire, the Grigoryan Brothers' passion is to expand their horizons through new arrangements, their own compositions and commissions. This ambition can be heard as the brothers take the guitar into genres such as jazz, folk and contemporary music. There are no boundaries, only new frontiers to cross. In concert, mix it all together and you have a dimension to guitar-playing rarely seen in the musical world.

For this performance The Grigoryan Brothers will be performing works from their forthcoming release, which sees a return to classical repertoire. 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. This familial collaboration is not new, with Grigoryan senior arranging the music of Tchaikovsky's suite for piano 'The Seasons', for his sons' critically acclaimed 2012 release.

The program will also include other works highlighting the Slava and Leonard's diverse skills: their deep appreciation of a broad spectrum of musical styles has resulted in many collaborations involving music, both written and improvised. Combine this with their classical training and the result is a unique sound incorporating all these influences. It is not classical, not jazz, not world...it is the Grigoryan Brothers.



# HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

# Debating and other concerns...

There's a difference between Debating meetings now and those from years gone by: essentially, with the House points system there's greater facility and incentive for all students to become involved. This year we have so many Middle School students interested in this pursuit. The same principle attaches to our actual Debating teams where students are regularly encouraged by Mr Hughes and (recent Old Armidalian) Mr Hunt to 'try out' for teams such as the Tri-Schools competition on at TAS, NEGS and PLC. Again, due thanks go to our Director of Co-curricular, Will Caldwell, and his overarching co-curricular philosophy, arguably one that centers on such concerns as enabling and empowerment of the School's senior captains. Yes, granted, the House points system has been around for ever but, no disrespect whatever intended, the motivation, participation and encouragement of Senior House Captains seem to be undergoing a more 'user friendly' renaissance over the last three years, at least. I've seen these senior boys and girls in action; they've somehow perfected the 'omniscience and omnipotence' duality, being everywhere and all powerful at the one time.



#### **Activities**

The third full day of Activities will occur this coming Friday. Again, students will go to all 'four corners of'... Armidale and they'll benefit from having a 'day with a difference' as we near the end of this long first term. It's really healthy for them to be engaged in physical activity, working together as members of teams and also testing themselves as individuals. I know that I've indicated this before, but it's so good that that boys and girls get to know teaching staff on these as people who assist them. The days allow for and require mutual support mechanisms not to mention more informal and consultative interactions between students and adults and most, regardless of age, enjoy them very much. A good number of our students will be out overnight. It's good that most will have completed their 'overnighters' this time because the weather's still warm enough to 'make for' a pleasant experience. If anything, this week almost matches the scorchers we had very early in the term. As a general rule, from what I can glean, the majority of students enjoy these experiences, too.

Mr Mark Harrison **Head of Middle School** 

#### Bob Wilson Walk for Kids Cancer

Al Zuber, Alexander Gibson and Frank Perrotet, on the epic 26 km walk from Sydney Harbour to Manly on Sunday for the Bob Wilson's Walk for Kids with Cancer. Well done boys!





# HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

# Athletics, CIS Swimming and Chess

As notified by email this week, the decision was made to postpone this term's Athletics Championships for the whole school due to the state of the ovals after the recent, heavy rain. Junior School will now have our carnival on Friday May 12 and will include the additional events in the lead up as planned. This includes the opportunity for some pre-carnival practice where possible, so there will be no training after school today. This is a disappointment for many, but it does allow all the events to be run fully and far more effectively and fairly which is much better for the competitors.

And speaking of competing, I would like to congratulate our CIS swimmers who travelled to Sydney, some for their first swim at Homebush. Travelling to compete is a wonderful experience and those that reach this level always benefit, sometimes in unexpected ways. Developing organisation, independence, maturity and overcoming nervous anticipation can be quite daunting and you will read that each of our swimmers did very well. You will see a report of their achievements later in TAS Talks.

We also had a swag of chess players competing yesterday at TAS from across the State and it was so good to see the Memorial Hall full of students fully focused on the board in front of them. I look forward to seeing the results and hearing the stories that come from this full day of competition.

# ANZAC Day Service during the holidays

I would like to remind all our families that we have a longestablished tradition of supporting the main Armidale ANZAC Day Service at 11.00 am, held in Armidale Central Park on April 25. I will send home a letter as a reminder of this but I would appreciate your support by including this in your diary if you can possibly join us. We join with many other students from Armidale and other from our community to support his event and students from across TAS, including Student Leaders, Cadet Guard and musicians represent our School together. It is a wonderful sight when we have plenty of Junior School students and I hope you can join us on this special day.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

The response to our invitation to attend these interviews has been wonderful. If you have experienced any difficulty with the booking system or have any questions relating to your child's interview, please give us a call.



# Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School visit to TAS

Thank you to those who have already offered to billet one or two students from TEZ. Arriving on 16 August and departing on 22 August, this is an opportunity for the whole family not be missed. Clearly, without support from our parents and friends, this exchange would not be possible so again we ask for you to consider hosting. A letter is in the mail to you all soon.

Mr Ian Lloyd **Head of Junior School** 

# **Birthdays**

Harry Pennington, Anastasia Anderson, Joshua Bourke and Peter Thompson are celebrating their birthdays this week so a big Happy Birthday to you all.

# Chapel Street Carpark

We continue to ask for our parents' cooperation in keeping the turning circle a safe and effective drop-off and pick-up area. Please help others waiting in the Chapel Street turning circle by:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area
- Please have your child's school bag in the car with them, so the driver does not need to get out of the car to open the boot
- Drivers should remain in their vehicle at all times and drop-off or pick-up within a 2 minute timeframe
- Make sure the children use the footpath-side-door when getting in and out of the vehicle
- Never double park or reverse your vehicle

If your child is not ready for collection at the time you are entering the turning circle, please continue around and park your vehicle or rejoin at the end of the turning circle queue.

#### **Student Absences**

Please note that it would be appreciated if parents would contact the Junior School by 9am to advise of student illness or appointments.

If your child will be absent on a family holiday or taking time off school for something other than illness, an application for Exemption form needs to be completed. This enables us to keep an accurate record of our students' attendances.

# **Looking Ahead**

#### Week 9 – Persistence

Wednesday 29 March Transition Assembly – Hoskins

Centre

Athletics Training - Wakefield Oval

for Basketball and Cricket

Junior School Athletics Friday 31 March

Championships

Sunday 2 April End of Daylight Saving (2am)

Week 10

Monday 3 April Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Memorial Hall)

Parent/Teacher Interviews Tuesday 4 April

(Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 5 April Junior School Cross Country

Thursday 6 April Last day of classes for Term 1

Friday 7 April Staff Day – Student free day

#### Term 2

Week 1

ANZAC DAY - Central Park in Tuesday 25 April

Armidale

Wednesday 26 April Classes Resume

Thursday 27 April TAS Anzac Day Service – 7.00 am

Front of School.

#### PARENT/TEACHER Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 3 April and Tuesday 4 April with bookings closing on Thursday 30 March at 4pm.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes only and the smooth running of our parent-teacher interviews relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end your interview on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

These are teacher/parent conversations and students are discouraged from attending as subjects of a sensitive nature may be discussed.

To make the most of your interviews, parents may wish to consider the following questions:

- 1. What are your child's strengths?
- 2. Where would you like to see your child develop further this
- 3. What are your child's interests?
- 4. Is there anything in your child's life outside school that could be impacting on their educational development?
- 5. Is there anything I could be doing at home to assist my child?

If you require more time with your teacher, please contact Mrs Sandra Lasker in the Junior School to make arrangements on 6776 5817.

# Holiday borrowing from the library

Please note that children are able to borrow their usual 2 books from the library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow 3 to books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter and hand it in to the library or email the library at <a href="mailto:library@as.edu.au">library@as.edu.au</a>					
Please return signed note to Library					
Permission to borrow library books during the holidays					
I give permission for my child					
in Year to borrow 3 to 6 books from the TAS library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2017.  Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.					
Signed Date					

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading

# IB - PYP PROGRAMME, MRS VERONICA WATERS

Year Group	Transdisciplinary Theme	Central Idea
Kindergarten	Where we are in Place and Time	Family histories allow us to celebrate who we are and where we've come from
Year 1	How The World Works	Forces around us affect how things work
Year 2	Who We Are	People create a sense of belonging through their usage of accessible resources
Year 3	Who We Are	Neighbouring countries are similar and different
Year 4	Where We Are in Place and Time	Exploration leads to discovery and develops new understandings
Year 5	Where We Are in Place and Time	Migration is a response to challenges, risks and opportunities

There has been much excitement around the Junior School as all classes have commenced their new Units of Inquiry. Provocations have ignited interest and provided a platform for questions to be asked.

Tuning in activities have begun and, whilst many of these are great fun for the students, they are also an essential part of the inquiry process. Provocations allow teachers to establish the prior knowledge of students in their classes. This data is then used to plan for specific needs and interests. Tuning in is an important part of the learning process as it allows deeper thinking into the unknown. Tuning in time allows teachers to really 'tune in' to students' thinking and to allow them choice in how they communicate their existing knowledge.

Kath Murdoch states that: "Tuning in is a time for students to 'tune in' to their own thinking - to notice what they feel, see and think in relation to the concepts they will be exploring further. " (Kath Murdoch blog 18 August 2015)

**Mrs Veronica Waters PYP Coordinator** 



Year 5 'Tune In' to the key concept Change through creating Autumn artworks.



L: Year 1- What force is needed to make egg whites stiff?

# JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Please see the attached spreadsheet of Winter sports for this year. **CLICK HERE** 

As yet, most groups have not been put into specific teams. This will be done before the season starts and you will be notified which team your child is in and their respective coach/coaches. Please ensure you take note of the training days below each list in preparation for Terms 2 and 3.

If your child is missing from this list, or they have been placed in the incorrect list please email Mrs Christine Wright this week so she can make any alterations before teams are registered.

Looking forward to a wonderful winter season of sport in the Junior School.

# Junior School Athletics Carnival postponed

As you are probably now aware, our Junior School Athletics Carnival has been postponed until Friday, 12 May (Term 2, Week 3). We look forward to hosting a fun filled carnival on this day. If you are able to come along to support your child/children on the day we would love to see you. If you have a little extra time and would like to help out, please email Mrs Wright on cwright@as.edu.au

# **Cross Country**

Please note the date for our Cross Country event is next Wednesday, 5 April. Our Junior School events will start at 2pm and concluded by 3:30pm. Please come along to support this great whole school event. Senior students will be running after the Junior School children, so will be great to watch if you are able to stay on for the afternoon.

# CIS Swimming

Congratulations to all our Junior School TAS representatives who competed in the NCIS swim team last week in Sydney. All boys performed well, displaying great sportsmanship and gaining a few PB's along the way! Hugo Broun and Sam Ford swam well in their first NCIS meet, gaining great experience. Both Iles Baker and Toby Inglis also enjoyed their first experience in Sydney swimming in several events. Tom Ball swam PB's in all of his events this year, while Abbott White performed tremendously, gaining a place in the breaststroke final. They all swam well and we were all proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Tania Ball for accompanying the team to Sydney this year.





Above: Sam Ford, Tom Ball, Abbott White, Toby Inglis, Iles Baker, Hugo Broun at the Aquatic Centre.

#### **COMMUNITY**

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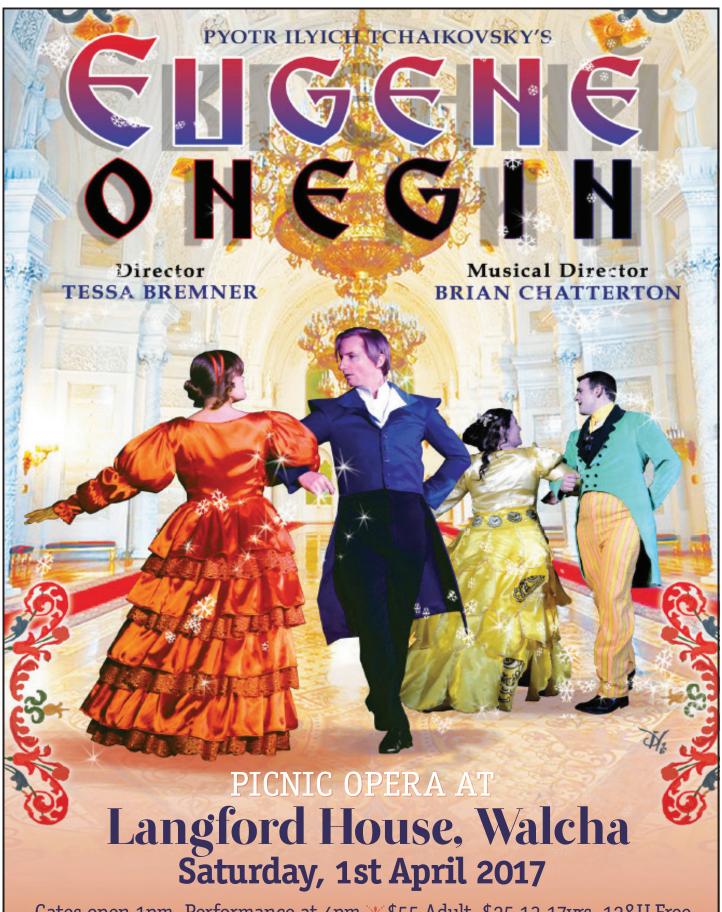
# **Songs Without Words**

# 7:30pm Thursday April 6 **The Armidale School, Hoskins Centre**

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