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TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 24 May, 2017 Term 2 Week 5

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Armidale Vampire Cup

At the initiative of Year 12 student Saxon Hughes, a group of 18 students from Years 10 to 12 have taken up the local challenge to see which school can donate the most blood to the blood bank. In the process, these students have learned a good deal about the many important uses for donated blood and the connection to those we know who are requiring blood donations right now has made it quite personal. Blood donors are now notified when their blood is going to be used and this highlights the importance further and offers a real motivation to make donating a lifelong habit rather than a one-off event.

Linking this service to an appreciation of its importance to those in need and inspiring a habit of donation distinguishes it as service learning rather than simply an act of community service and that is central to our ambitions as a school. I congratulate those who have taken up the challenge and given something of themselves and look forward to blood donations becoming a part of the right of passage for senior TAS students.



NCIS Cross Country

Congratulations to the TAS Cross Country team that competed at the North Coast Independent Schools Championship event last Thursday. As cross country coordinator Jim Pennington reports in this edition of TAS Talks, there were some outstanding results from our athletes, with 14 girls and boys being selected to represent the NCIS association at the Combined Independent Schools Championships in Sydney next month and I am sure all will join in wishing them well. Cross Country as a sport is enjoying considerable growth at TAS and it is very encouraging to see so many students keen to push themselves physically in what is always a demanding distance event.

Local Sport

With no major rugby fixture last weekend, our senior students took the opportunity to organise some serious support for our local competitions in hockey, netball and football, providing something special for our netballers and hockey players in particular who always play away from school. Beyond presenting a good social outing on an otherwise free Saturday, this was an expression of the ambition of our senior students to make sure that every school activity is valued and supported by the student body and this was very encouraging to see.

The support from our students was noticed by the public too and I was very pleased to receive an unsolicited email on Monday morning from a visitor to UNE who wrote, "I am compelled to write to you after witnessing the behaviour of some of your students today at the UNE gym reception/cafeteria. Their behaviour, presentation and manners were impeccable. They were a credit to the school, let alone themselves."

Creative and Intellectual Competition

As I write, TAS students are competing in the 2017 da Vinci Decathlon at Knox College and I look forward to hearing about their experiences. This major event, initiated and hosted by Knox, attracts some of the most able students from across Sydney and beyond and the experience of competing in that intellectually charged atmosphere must be a powerful one. TAS will have the privilege of hosting the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon, under licence from Knox College, in late August and I look forward to that.

After a solid win over Farrer College 10 days ago, our senior debating team has maintained their momentum, winning through to the semi-finals of the national virtual debating competition. TAS took the negative position against Walford Anglican School for Girls in Adelaide on the topic 'that a fat tax should be mandated' and will now move on to debate Canberra Girls' Grammar. I am sure all will join me in wishing our senior debaters well for their semi-final.

Still looking ahead, I also offer best wishes to our Year 11 students who will compete in the NSW Shakespeare Carnival Regional Finals hosted by TAS in the Hoskins Centre this Friday. With a range of competition categories on offer our students will have the opportunity to present their dramatic skills in different forms, all with an appreciation of the great bard in mind.

Murray Guest



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 5

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| Monday 22 May | Year 6-8 Semester Exams |
| Tuesday 23 May | ICAS Digital Technologies Competition |
| Saturday 27 May | Rugby v Riverview (Sydney) |

Week 6

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| | Kokoda Information Evening (Big School) |
| Thursday 1 June | Year 11/12 Vaccinations |
| Friday 2 June | Coonabarabran Horse Expo Coffs Harbour Boarding Schools Expo Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i> |
| Saturday 3 June | Rugby vs Scots (Sydney) Middle School Play - <i>Into the Woods Jr</i> |

Week 7

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| Tuesday 6 June | Eisteddfod Band Night |
| Wednesday 7 June | Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday 8 June | Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews Year 11 Parent Information Evening |
| Friday 9 June | Staff Day No Classes (June long weekend) |

Medical Centre

Consent forms for Year 11 & 12 Meningococcal Vaccinations are being sent out last week. Could parents please complete & return to Reception or the Medical Centre as soon as possible.

Vaccinations will occur at the Health Centre on Thursday 1 June.

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday 27 May is the Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. If you would like to volunteer it would entail being available from 9am until Midday on Sunday. You will be paired with another TAS student, who you will work with collecting money. A volunteer driver will take you to a specific area of Armidale. If any parents are available to act as drivers, the Salvation Army would be very glad to have you volunteer.

This equates to approximately 3-4 hours of Community Service. If you would like to volunteer for this event please email Ms Boydell.

STUDENT TRAVEL

Boarders' Travel Bookings

End of Term 2 and Start of Term 3. Classes conclude at 3.30 PM on Thursday 22 June.

Train and charter coaches depart in the morning of Friday 23 June. Boarding Houses are supervised until such times as every student has left the premises.

Dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday is provided for students overnighing.

Please note the deadline for booking for the upcoming winter vacation is Friday 26 May.

Cancellations may be notified any time up until the departure date of 23 June.

Air travel bookings are the responsibility of carers/parents and it is advised that they be made as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Inquiries should be directed to travel@as.edu.au

ACTING CHAPLAIN, CAMERON PATRICK

Self-Control

We live in a world that gives conflicting messages when it comes to self-control. On the one hand our culture says indulge your cravings, please your desires. Kraft cheesy frozen pasta slogan proclaims, 'Satisfy your cravings,' continue to walk through Aldi, and you may see the salted caramel 'Indulge' ice cream 1 litre tub for \$4.49, calling your name. This is the attitude of our age, indulgence, no limits, freedom from restrictions. You have an itch, scratch it, you have a need you get it, you have a craving make sure it is satisfied, do whatever you feel is best, no boundaries equals no worries.

Satisfy your cravings is one message our culture teaches us but running parallel to this view is the knowledge that without restraints and guidelines there are issues. Too much food and we are end up with health concerns, too much TV and we aren't getting the exercise we need, too much social media and people are realising they can't foster real time relationships. Millions are spent trying to help people with self-control say no to too much alcohol, say no to smoking and drugs, saying yes to exercising and healthy eating. These industries are built on promoting self-control, to those how lack it.

On the one hand you have Jenny Craig telling us to be self-controlled, yet on the other hand you have 'Indulge' ice-cream telling us to "go for it!" Who should we listen to? Jenny or Aldi ice-cream? Yet we should all know the answer don't we, that freedom with no restraint, no boundaries is a problem and that being self-controlled is a liberating, healthy choice.

Self-control is when you control your desires and your desires don't control you.

We know self-control is good, right and healthy but these facts won't change us. Simply telling someone to be self-controlled is like telling Lachy Knowles or Jim Orr to stop playing football, it's never going to happen.

Our passage today provides the motivation we need to live a self-controlled life. It is God grace that provides us with the motivation to live such lives, teaching us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. (Titus 2:11)



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

Well, already we are half way through the term... I can't believe how fast it is going by... Before we've even blinked we'll be at the end of Term 2!!

Before that there are a few things that the P&F have going on. The main item on our horizon is the Funding Meeting on Wednesday 14 June at 7pm in the Lower Maxwell Meeting Room. If you would like to come along and help us determine where the money we have raised in the past year should be allocated we'd love to see you there. Meetings are open to all parents. Alternatively, if you wish to put forward a proposal for the use of funds please send these to Mr Guest – but get in quick - all proposals need to be evaluated and there is a holiday weekend just before hand.

Our next home rugby fixture is also coming up on Saturday 17 June. We're playing against Sydney Grammar. If you would like to bake or bring something, whip up some soup or help on the P&F Canteen and BBQ please feel free. The Rugby Committee of the P&F are also hosting a function afterwards in the Hoskins Centre. 'Wallabies at TAS' including watching the Wallabies play Scotland on the big screen and a legendary TAS Wallaby speaker. All are welcome. More info can be found at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/

Also remember that if you're in Sydney on Saturday 3 June a casual get together has been planned for after the TAS vs Scots Rugby games. More info at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/

Working with Children Check

I'm going to date myself here by quoting Bob Dylan but, "the times they are a changing..." Members of the P&F (and students over 18) who regularly volunteer to help at TAS functions where children are present – that is most P&F events – are going to need to have passed a Working with Children Check. The NSW government is tightening up on requiring these and the P&F supports this.

Applying (and obtaining) a WWCC is not hard to do... and if you're only going to do volunteer work it is free!! You need to follow this link <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>, fill in the application and take proof of identity into a Support NSW Office. Generally, the check only takes as long as it takes you to drive home afterwards!

Once you've obtained the WWCC we need you to provide us with a copy of the registration number, your date of birth, the expiry date and full name. This can be sent to nicollfamily1@gmail.com

We know this is annoying but we appreciate your support in helping us to meet these requirements.

Contacting the P&F

If you have anything you would like to raise with the P&F please either contact your Year Group Liaison Person or any member of the Executive or send me an email on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

Even better - if you want to know what's going on in the P&F join us on Facebook! We regularly post updates on what we are doing, what events are coming up and any other useful information that comes to mind.

We have our own Facebook page – use the keywords TAS Parents and Friends and then 'like' us.

Save the Dates

- 11-12 August Supporters trip to Sydney to attend TAS vs Kings games. More info at www.as.edu.au/rugby-committee/
- Saturday 26 August Trivia Night in the Gym – All welcome. Be prepared to out dress, outwit and outplay everyone else!!!

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



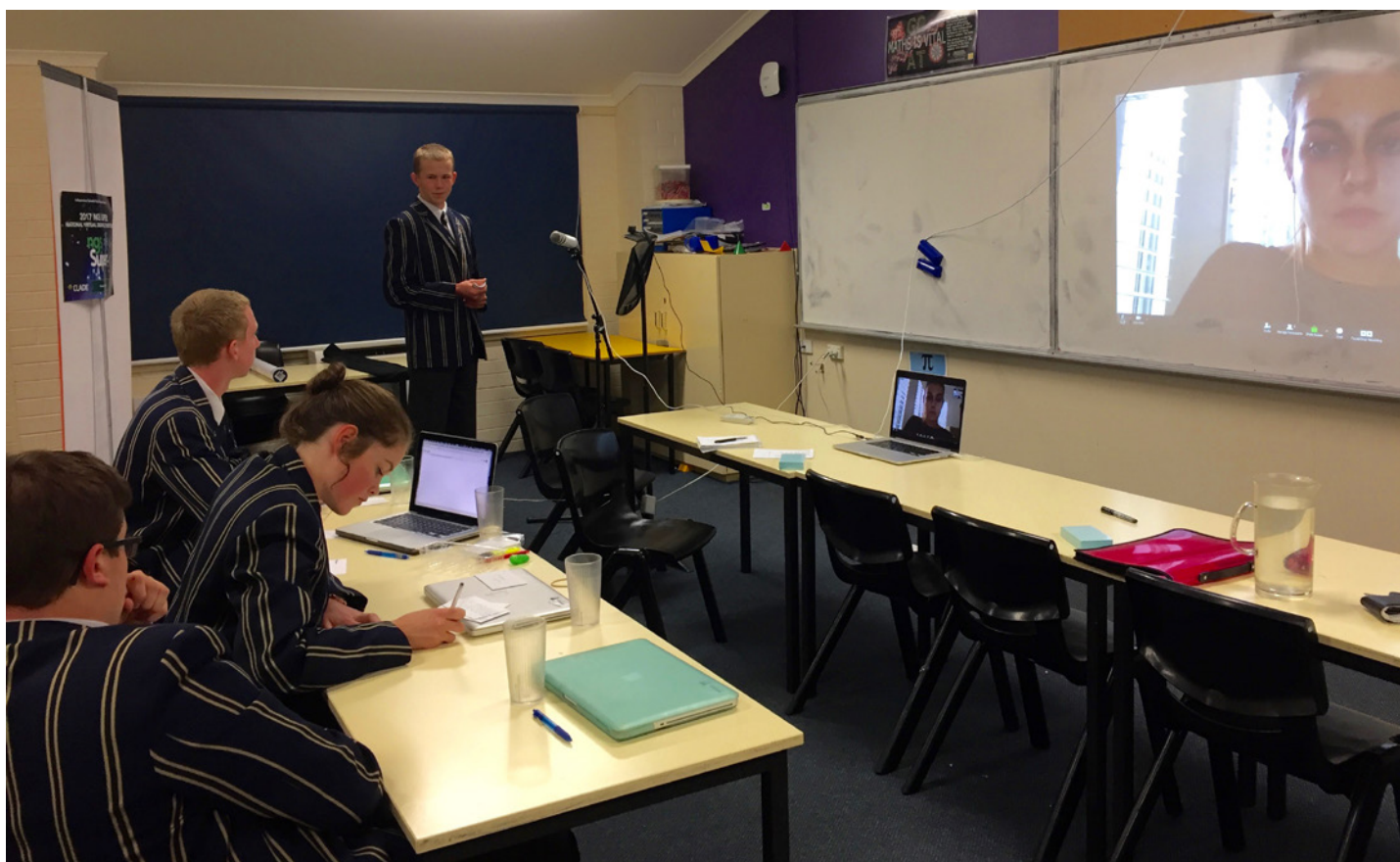
Teams continue to argue their way through national competition

The TAS Opens debaters are now officially national semi-finalists, having won the third round of the National Virtual Debating Competition last night. Being given the Negative case, Tom Wright, Hugh Worsley, Katie Miller and Owen Chandler had to work successfully to argue against the topic 'That the government should deploy a fat tax', as affirmed by Walford Anglican School for Girls, Adelaide.

While at times both teams focused on the mechanics of a consumer v producer tax at the expense of a more expansive discussion, TAS' example of the failure of the cigarette tax to reduce smoking rates in communities that are the most vulnerable to price rises, as well as proposing that education rather than taxation be the more effective tool of change, won them the debate. Having won each of their three rounds, they now meet Canberra Girls' Grammar for a place either in the grand final or in another semi in which they will still have another chance.

The Open's win follows on from a strong victory for the Year 9/10 team (Lucy Ball, Jack Nivison, Henry O'Neil, Harry Mason) last Wednesday against Cooloola Christian College Gympie, the topic being that 'That we should establish parliamentary quotas for candidates under 35 years of age'. When the Affirmative defined 'quota' as a 'limit' – thereby agreeing with much of the sentiment of the Negative's case, much to TAS' shock and surprise – the TAS team held its own and did a fine job getting out of the quagmire and taking on the bigger picture about how such artifices as quotas or limits compromise the true democratic process. While the team is out of finals contention, they will have one more debate, against Hunter Valley Grammar School. Well done TAS!

Mr Tim Hughes
Debating Coordinator



Hugh Worsley takes to the stand for TAS, watched by teammates Owen Chandler, Katie Miller, Tom Wright, the adjudicator in Brisbane and the opposition team in Adelaide!

ACADEMIC

Sunday 21 May was the second day of Trial Introductory Flights for Aviation Elective students at TAS and, after a foggy start, we were treated to more beautiful Autumn weather.

As Aero Club members went ahead with their monthly proficiency day, another six students took the pilots seat and experienced the true joy of flying an aircraft. When they return to earth, the smiles on the faces of our students is priceless – you have to see it to believe it.

Showing that the day was not just going to be for the kids, several parents once more took to the air taking a local flight in the Aero Club Cessna 172.

As an added treat Old Boy Lachie Onslow from Fleet Helicopters cracked open the cockpit of their L39 Albatross Jet allowing those present to have a seat. Several mums took advantage of a rare chance to jump into the jet.

Special thanks to Mrs Kirsten Hey for welcoming students and their parents on arrival. Once again an enormous thanks to Armidale Aero Club and especially members Mr Alex Kiriczenko and Greg Cox for making all feel welcome. For those interested in taking a local flight, the Armidale Aero Club holds its open day on the third Sunday of each month.

Expressions of interest: any parent wishing to find out more information about Trial Introductory Flights or a local flight in the Aero Club C172 please contact Alasdair Hey at ahey@as.edu.au

Mr Alasdair Hey



Parent Kerrie McMaster hopping into WYZ for a local flight



Toby McMaster in the pilots seat for his TIF with flight instructor Tim Cullen.



Parent Jenny Friend in the cockpit of the Albatross



Angus Martel in front of the Grob

State da Vinci Decathlon



The state da Vinci Decathlon is being held this week at Knox Grammar school with Years 9 and 10 competing on Wednesday 24 May and Years 5 and 6 on Thursday the 25 May. This year students will be taking part in the following ten disciplines: English, Maths, Science, Engineering, Code breaking, Drama - Creative Producers, Art and Poetry, General Knowledge, Cartography and for the first time this year Ideation. Ideation is real world problem solving and our Philosophy class lessons on Ethics have been good preparation for this. We wish all teams the best of luck as they tackle the theme of 'Power'.

Ms Catherine Boydell

Motor vehicle regulations

With more students in senior years striving to achieve their L or P licences, students and parents are reminded that no L or P plater drivers (whether they be students at TAS or another school) are permitted to drive a vehicle into the school grounds at any time, including the beginning and end of term when boarders are departing/arriving at school. This is outlined in the School Rules and Regulations that can be found on the website, in both the Parents and Students Portals.

Other driving regulations are outlined below. Thank you for your support.

A day student may drive to school provided he/she and their parents have provided the 'Permission to Drive to School' form in duplicate, available from Reception or the school website. Students are to park in Douglas St or Mann St only. The vehicle is not to be used between the commencement of the school day and 3.30 pm (unless permission has been sought for Late Arrival/Early Leave in the case of Year 12 students). The vehicle is not to be brought on to school property.

Students are forbidden to drive other students in their cars without the written permission of parents of the passenger, which should then be submitted to the Deputy Headmaster.

Boarders are not to have the use of a motor vehicle in Armidale unless parents have presented a case for good cause and the Deputy Head of House has approved. A separate Boarders Drivers form is available from Reception and the website.

No L or P plater drivers of any age are permitted to drive a vehicle into the school grounds at any time.

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE , BARNEY BUNTINE

Mental Health focus continues

Following on from the visit from Batyr in Term 1, the School has formed the Senior School Batyr Chapter. Comprising mainly Year 10 students and aided by a few Year 11 and 12 students, this group is meeting weekly to foreground continued awareness of mental health through the School.

This term's focus in the One Sock One Goal day (17 June), centring on the fixtures against Sydney Grammar School. Players from both schools will be wearing the Batyr socks to acknowledge their support for understanding 'the elephant in the room' – that being mental health.

We are also excited to welcome James Holbeck (Old Boy and former Wallaby) back to the School that weekend. As a passionate supporter of wellbeing, James spoke to all students in 2015 and is keen to remain connected to TAS.

I'd like to take this chance to pass on some good resources from the Association of Independent Schools on wellbeing.

Thursday 15 June 3pm

MindMatters are hosting a free webinar showcasing a proactive approach to Wellbeing and Mental Health

<https://www.mindmatters.edu.au/get-involved/events/event/2017/06/15/default-calendar/webinar---mindmatters-implementation-support-meeting>

Tuesday 27 June 3pm

MindMatters are hosting a free teacher webinar related to Relationships, Belonging and Inclusion

<https://www.mindmatters.edu.au/get-involved/events/event/2017/06/27/default-calendar/webinar---mindmatters-implementation-support-meeting>

Wednesday 2 August 7.45pm

Parent and Teacher Webinar – Michael Carr Gregg: Student Mental Health and Technology

<http://www.isdcn.edu.au/Events/Pages/EventRegistration.aspx?NbnEventDateld={92f7765d-f239-e711-8c1a-005056b8125b}>

As parents and community members, just follow the links and log in on the day.



DIRECTOR OF BOARDING, MICHAEL HOLLAND

By the end of next week, a very busy period of examinations will come to an end. I have been very impressed by the large majority of boarders from Year 6 through to 12 who have tackled these assessments with determination and vigour. I am also very grateful for the efforts of staff from Heads of Houses, Duty Staff and Academic Staff who have guided and supported boarders through what can often be a very stressful time.

Amongst the work and pressure of assessments it is always good to find some time to relax and maintain some balance. Middle school boys and girls have done this by practicing the ancient art of fishing. They have had trips to exotic locations such as Dumaresq Dam, Guyra river and Croft Dam. Under the supervision and tutelage of Mr Junge, Mr Green and Mr Watts, they have even managed to entice a few Redfin onto the end of their lines. Believe it or not, Croft Dam has been the most productive waterway they have fished. If word gets out, it could become the next iconic fishing spot in the region.

With the Queen's Birthday long weekend approaching, I would like to extend the invitation to our community, day and boarding, to host an international or Round Square Exchange student over the break. These students are living a long way from home in a very unfamiliar environment and they, like other boarders, would enjoy some time away from school towards the end of a very busy term. Further to that, it would be fantastic for them to experience Australian family life and all concerned would benefit from the cultural exchange. If your son or daughter shares a class or sporting team with one of our internationals, or even if they don't, it would be wonderful if you could play host over the long weekend. If you are interested, you can either contact their Head of House or me directly.

It was great that so many boarders could take leave on the weekend due to a rugby bye but this weekend sees our first away game in Sydney. For Year 9 and 10 students especially it will be important that they manage their time on Sunday to ensure they are rested and ready for the commencement of their examinations.



CAREERS

BOND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Bond University has sent a letter detailing the application process for their 2018 scholarships.

Bond University offers a wide range of courses and scholarships to support incoming students. These vary in size and conditions but can be very lucrative. If you are considering further study and Bond University was on your radar please have look at the website.. Applications are now open.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/17/bond-university-scholarships-2/>

Scholarships at University of Sydney information evening

Year 12 students are invited to attend the University of Sydney Scholarships Information Evening to find out more about the University of Sydney scholarships and awards.

The scholarships provide recognition for students who achieve an excellent Year 12 result and have the skills, attributes and passion to succeed.

Attendees will hear from current students and staff about a range of scholarships including Sydney Scholars Program, Residential College scholarships and the Elite Athletes Program. Those attending will also hear tips on how to write a competitive application and about the internship, networking and leadership opportunities available to recipients.

- Date: Tuesday 20 June
- Time: 6 - 8pm
- Location: Darlington Campus
- Registration: sydney.edu.au/scholarships-info-evening

For any information about this event or about the University of Sydney in general please contact Darcy Keogh, Schools Network Officer.

EARLY ENTRY SCHEMES

I have posted on the school's website on the Career page, a list of the early entry schemes offer by the various universities in the state. These schemes are individually offered by the universities and allow the students to apply directly to them for selected courses. I have sent a copy of the document to all year 12 students and their Heads of House.

I would highly recommend a quick look by all. <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/05/22/early-entry-schemes-2017/>

Budget: Regional STEM scores \$24m

"Young Australians living in regional areas will have access to \$24 million in scholarships to undertake STEM studies as part of a new government initiative.

Announced in the federal budget on Tuesday night, the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships will provide at least 1,200 rural and regional grants for undergraduate, post-graduate and VET students to undertake science, technology, engineering and maths studies.

The students will receive up to \$20,000 each for undertaking these students in "priority fields", including STEM."

If this sounds attractive to you read the article below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

St Paul's College University of Sydney

During the Year 12 excursion to Sydney for the HSC and Careers Expo, we will be visiting the residential colleges of St Andrew's, Women's and St Paul's at the University of Sydney campus. Below is a small paragraph of what St Paul's is offering and a prelude to next week's trip.

St Paul's College is a residential College within the University of Sydney's campus. The College is a home for similar minded young men who are comfortable living in a community where they can make life-long friendships, share ideas and dine together each night discussing their university course and just hanging out together. A historically beautiful building and grounds that opened its doors to young men who are full time students of the University of Sydney in the 1850's, is situated within walking distance to the University. St Paul's offers mateship, pastoral care, tutorial classes that mirror those classes given at the University of Sydney, three meals per day, individual bedrooms with king single beds, competitive sports, fabulous onsite events and much more. Applications for 2018 are open now and interviews have commenced. If taking a Gap in 2018, please apply now for 2019. To apply visit <http://www.stpauls.edu.au/home/live-with-us/apply> or email registrar@stpauls.edu.au

Mr Mark Taylor

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

The Highs and Lows

Being part of a team is something special. Whilst it is rewarding to achieve individual success, to share this with teammates is euphoric. Celebrating a goal, a try saving tackle, a catch, the perfect pass, a win or a personal best, is all the more satisfying when shared.

However, the value of teammates when things are going well pales in comparison to their worth when things go bad. A runner who breaks the start and is disqualified is left to battle his demons by himself; the feeling of regret and failure tearing away inside. Whereas the netballer who misses a shot at goal is consoled and encouraged by her teammates. Unfortunately there are occasions where players are critical of their teammates. I can recall one such occasion.

I was coaching the U14 Rugby team at TAS. It was a local competition and we had made it through to the grand-final. The game was tense and we were ahead by 1 point when, with five minutes to go, the opposition scored in the corner. It was going to be tough from here. To make matters worse, one of our strongest players made his way from the field immediately after the try was scored. When I asked him what was wrong he replied "I was sent off". Not by the referee but his own captain. Why? Because he criticised his teammate for missing the tackle.

Sport is full of highs and lows. Whilst I understood that the offending player was frustrated and upset, I was disappointed that he took it out on his teammate. Despite this, I will always be inspired by this event. ... The fact that he accepted the decision of the captain indicated that he recognised his error...and the captain, under pressure, with the game slipping away from them, was prepared to make a stance. He was willing to sacrifice one of his best players and most probably lose the game, to stand up for his teammate. As fate would have it, TAS scored and converted on the bell to win the game. I would say a just reward for placing team ahead of all else.

Every player makes mistakes. Some seem more crucial than others, however, the team that supports each other, through thick and thin, will ultimately win.

Athletics Age Champion - Correction

Congratulations to Ruby Straker who was U12 Girl Champion at the recent Athletics Carnival. Apologies for the error in last week's edition of TAS Talks – the online version is correct.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular



Girls Rugby 7s

We are fortunate to welcome Kath Little to TAS this afternoon. Kath is one of the leading referees for NSW Country Rugby and is passionate about creating opportunities for girls to play the game. She will run a coaching session for our senior girls who are keen to try Rugby 7s, ensuring that they are developing both skills and an understanding of the rules of the game. Our intention is to gauge interest from our students and then look for opportunities to play; initially entering one-off tournaments but with an open mind to playing in a regular competition – watch this space.

Mr Todd Currell

Netball

Our TAS 1 team played ACSC Vixens on Saturday and once again they had an extremely close game but unfortunately lost by just one point in the end. It was great to have some supporters at the game cheering our girls on, thanks to all who made the effort to be there. Our other teams played some good netball, they are showing signs of improvement and are playing well together.

Many thanks to the girls and coaches who put in extra time and effort to catch up on deferred games due to the athletics carnival.

Good luck this week to all of our teams.

Ms Rachel Harrison

Kokoda Trail 23 September - 3 October

Information Evening

The 96 kilometre Kokoda Track still bears its battle scars in the shape of scattered ammunition, guns, helmets and stirring campfire stories. Trekking the Original Kokoda War Track is a right of passage all Australians should aspire to achieve. There are steep rugged mountains, treacherous ridges, jungle terrain, unforgiving rivers and rainforests with giant trees that will tower over you.

If you would like to find out more please come to the Information Evening. Mark Taylor has completed Kokoda twice. He will present an overview of the trek and answer all your questions.

Date: Wednesday 31 May, 2017

Time: :15 – 8:15pm

Venue: Big School (Main reception)

If you have decided that you will not be participating in the expedition this year, could you please email me at wcaldwel@as.edu.au.

Mr Will Caldwell



RUGBY – TAS v RIVERVIEW

26-27 May, 2017

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.

Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 26 May:

- BUS 4 (Edwards 5944MO) (57) – 13s + 16A: **2:15pm**
- BUS 3 (Oxley TV 301) (53) – 14s: **2.15pm**
- BUS 2 (Oxley 4025MO) (57) – 15's + X-country runners: **2:15pm**
- BUS 1 (Oxley 7192 MO) (62) – Opens, 16B: **3.00pm**

Return to TAS front of school Saturday 27 May : U13s – U16s + X-Country 9:00pm (16B on 14s bus)
Opens: approx. 10:00pm. (Updates will be published on TeamApp).

| TAS | SIC | Venue | Time |
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| TAS 1 st XV | 3 rd XV | Riverview 1 | 1:00 pm |
| TAS 2 nd XV | 5 th XV | Riverview 1 | 9:00 am |
| TAS 16A | 16B | Riverview 1 | 10:00 am |
| TAS 16B | 16D | Riverview 4B | 9:00 am |
| TAS 15A | 15B | Riverview 4A | 11:00 am |
| TAS 15B | 15C | Riverview 4A | 10:00 am |
| TAS 14A | 14B | Riverview 1B | 12:00 pm |
| TAS 14B | 14C | Riverview 1B | 11:00 am |
| TAS 13A | 13B | Riverview 6 | 12:00 pm |
| TAS 13B | 13D | Riverview 6 | 10:00 am |

Accommodation: *A sleeping bag and pillow will be required at all venues*

- 13s + 16A: SHORE Boatshed (**mattresses provided**)
- 14s: GRAMMAR Boatshed (**swag required**) *
- 15s: RIVERVIEW School Gym (**swag required**) *
- OPENS + 16Bs: Sydney High Boat Shed (**mattresses provided**)

* **boys without swags should collect a mattress from Sandilands room upon departure**

Meals: Dinners en route, breakfast at accommodation, lunch at Riverview.

Dress: 13s – 15s TAS tracksuit (change at lunch-time);

16s & Opens TAS formals to be worn for all travel and on game day.

NCIS Cross Country

Ballina was the host city for the annual NCIS Cross Country. As our pathway onto NSW CIS, this is a key event for our stronger athletes. NCIS is a wonderful pathway as it includes Junior/Middle and Senior Schools, in both girls and boys divisions.

The Opens boys attacked the course first, with a 6km adventure before them. Although small in numbers, the race was tightly fought, with less than 2m separating 1st-10th. Bayley Fellowes displayed a tremendous last km, surging past several competitors to register a fantastic 2nd place, with Saxon Hughes less than 30s behind in 4th. The 16 years boys race was a titanic struggle throughout the race, with Nicholas Barnier-Merzliakov a great 2nd, Samuel King in 5th place, Toby Markerink 7th, Joseph Sewell 15th and Duncan Chalmers in 18th. In the 15 years Samuel Jones battled hard for 4km taking a very close 2nd, with John Moore in 9th, Fergus Gidley-Baird 11th and James O'Brien in 12th. The 14 years saw Albertus Hattingh fly the TAS flag solo with a solid 10th place finish being his reward. The 13 years saw Liam Hunt take a great 6th place, with Mac Orr in 10th, Augustus White 12th, Xavier Munsie 14th and Henry Starr in 17th. In the 12 years, Louis Ross ran a great race to finish in 8th place with Will Nash a solid 10th. In the 11 years, we witnessed easily the closest race of the day, with James Barton racing side-by-side with a competitor from Bishop Druitt College, and then surging away with only 30m to run and claim a great victory. Max Rogers stayed in the game and flew to a 3rd place, with Lennox Neilson 10th, Lochlan Gerdes 14th and Lachlan Carter in 17th.

The ladies of TAS performed incredibly well, led by a blitzing run from Emma Ward in the 16years. Emma hung tough throughout the 4km course, registering a great 2nd place. In the 15 years, Disa Smart stormed home to a wonderful 2nd place with Lily Neilson 3rd. Eliza Ward dominated the 14 years event, winning comfortably and displaying awesome strength. Emily Palfreyman hung tough in a very fast race to finish 12th in the 13 years girls, the same position as Eliza Crawford obtained in the 12 years primary. Lettie Kerr rounded out the day with a lovely 5th place in the 12 years secondary.

The following students have been selected to represent NCIS at the NSW CIS Championships next month in Sydney.

Emma Ward, Disa Smart, Lily Neilson, Eliza Ward, Lettie Kerr, Bayley Fellowes, Saxon Hughes, Nicholas Barnier-Merzliakov, Samuel King, Toby Markerink, Samuel Jones, Liam Hunt, James Barton, Max Rogers.

Mr James Pennington



CREATIVE ARTS

We are just two weeks out from *Into the Woods JR* with the first showcase performance next Thursday 1 June. A lot will happen before then with rehearsals, costume design and set construction now happening at full intensity. I encourage all our young performers to be organised with rehearsals and look carefully at the schedule that has been emailed to them - I promise that all your hard work will pay off one hundred times over when you take your bows in front of delighted friends and family. Just in case you need an extra reminder here is the schedule for rehearsals this week:

- **Wednesday 24 May 3.30 - 5.30 pm FINAL SCENES (Hattie, Chloe, Tim, Essie, Felix, Hannah, Alex F, Kade)**
- **Thursday 25 May 12.25 - 1.10 Lunch DANCE REHEARSAL (Full Cast)**
- **Thursday 25 May 3.30 - 5.30 pm SHOW RUN (Full Cast)**
- **Friday 26 May 7.00 - 9.00 pm SHOW RUN (Full Cast)**
- **Saturday 27 May 10am - 3pm SET AND PROPS WORKING BEE (Anyone)**
- **Sunday 28 May 1:00 - 5:00 pm Cue Walk Through Full Costume Makeup (Full Cast)**

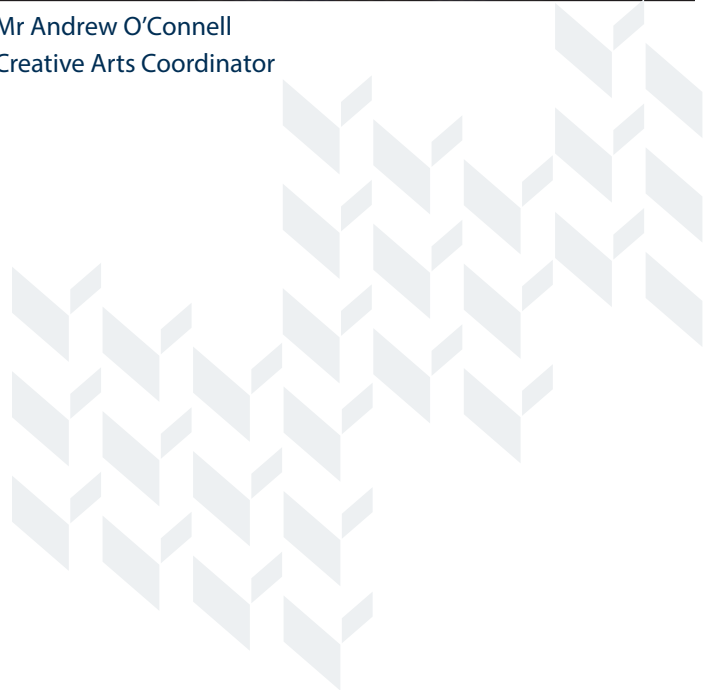
And don't forget to grab your tickets to the show - we've already had to add some extra seating for Closing Night and all the best seats are being taken for the other performances. It is guaranteed to be an extravaganza not to be missed!

Submissions are now being taken for the 2017 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize (UNESAP), which is held annually with the purpose of encouraging talented young artists in regional New South Wales. Students have until Friday 16 June to submit a work and could be in the form of digital art, photography, mixed media, assemblage or collage, painting (acrylic, oils, or watercolour), graphic work, 2D relief sculpture, jewellery or textile work. If you are interested in being involved talk to Mr McPherson or Ms Harvey and see if you can get to the Visual Arts Club either Wednesday or Friday afternoon to have some assistance with your entry.

And the beast that is the Eisteddfod slouches forever forward, with huge numbers of TAS students performing across most of the sections and using this as an opportunity to showcase their dedication and talent. Juggling the Eisteddfod whilst sitting exams, completing assessment tasks and participating in other curricular and cocurricular opportunities is very demanding and so this could be a time to develop personal management skills as much as your chosen instrument. I wish everyone the very best, be them musicians, singers, public speakers or actors.



Mr Andrew O'Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator



MUSIC MATTERS

Armidale Eisteddfod Continues!

The Armidale Eisteddfod has kept our musicians busy with TAS students, staff and Ensembles performing in the Choral, Brass, Woodwind and String events so far, with the Vocal events commencing on Thursday evening.

Thank you to the many families, friends and support crew who came to Lazenby Hall last week for the Primary and Secondary Choral events and to the Old Teachers' College for the instrumental events. We appreciate the wonderful support our students receive from parents and friends.

Over the coming weeks many TAS students will compete in individual sections of the Eisteddfod. Parents please let our acting Creative Arts Administrator, Mrs. Rachael Edmonds, know of your child's Eisteddfod results for publishing in TAS Talks. Email all results through to music@as.edu.au; results will be placed in TAS Talks at the end of the Eisteddfod.

With many individual events occurring in the Eisteddfod over the next few weeks, please be aware that parents are responsible for the travel arrangements for their child's events. Students must sign out when leaving, then when they return. Please ensure they let their home room/advisor know also that they will not be at school at the time of their performance and any rehearsals prior to the event.

Last Tuesday the Eisteddfod commenced with the Choral events. Well done to the TAS Trebles, who performed their two pieces beautifully and earned 3rd place. K-2 Choir entertained the audience with their two pieces including the delightful song 'Once an Austrian Went Yodelling'. Congratulations to the TAS Year 3-5 Choir who achieved 1st place in their Unison K-6 section Division, receiving many positive comments from the adjudicator Luke Byrne.

The Choral Night at Lazenby Hall was another wonderful evening of music with six TAS Choirs performing in a number of sections. It was exciting to present two of our new ensembles - TAS Young Voices (Middle School Vocal Ensemble) and our TAS Staff Choir who thoroughly entertained the audience. Congratulations to all our choristers.

This week is Eisteddfod Strings week with many of our talented string soloists performing as well as our Chamber Ensembles.

We will let you know about our TAS ensemble achievements once the Eisteddfod concludes.

Individual Eisteddfod Achievements

Last week a Music Composition Workshop was held at NECOM, hosted by acclaimed Composer Luke Byrne. A number of TAS Music students attended this workshop, which was followed by an Award Presentation for successful compositions. Student finalists in each section performed their compositions. It is always so interesting to see these works come to life.

We are delighted to announce that in the Year 7 Music Composition section, Will Mackson achieved 1st place for his evocative piece '3619', which is the service number of his Great, Great Uncle Thomas Walsh who fought in World War One. In the Year 12 section Sam Thatcher received a Highly Commended for his Choral piece. In the Open Popular Song Composition section all the finalists were TAS students from the Year 11 and 12 Music Elective classes. Congratulations to Jonathon Chamberlain – 1st place, Kaliya Alldridge – 2nd Place, Bonnie Bremner – 3rd place and Madison Alldridge – Highly Commended.

Armidale Eisteddfod New England Championship Event at TAS

We are delighted to be hosting the Armidale Eisteddfod New England Championship Event in the TAS Memorial Hall at 2:00pm on Sunday 28 May. This event is open for anyone to attend, and this year the entrants are for Voice, Organ, Piano, Harp and Recorder. First prize is \$500, Second \$250 and \$100 for Third prize. This is a wonderful event that we encourage everyone to attend. Entry is \$3.00 Adults, \$1.50 Students/Concession.



NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop

28-29 June

The New England Conservatorium's annual Junior Orchestra Workshop gives students an intensive two days of invaluable performance experience playing in a large ensemble under the leadership of conductor and music education specialist Ann Phelan and 12 NECOM musicians and guest tutors. The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-9 who can read music and have at least 6 months experience playing one of the following instruments:

Strings Violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp

Winds Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone

Brass Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba

Percussion Orchestral percussion (interested pianists may apply)

NB. There is a strict limit of five percussionists.

Fee: \$99 for 2-day workshop OR Early Bird Discount \$90 if payment made by 5:00pm Friday 19 June (Bursaries for financial assistance are available -contact NECOM for an application form).

This rewarding 2-day workshop will allow students to develop their instrumental technique and ensemble skills while having a great time with like-minded musical friends. For more information and to register for this fantastic opportunity, please follow the link <http://necom.une.edu.au//index.php?id=139>

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



**Armidale Eisteddfod New England Championship
23 Years and Under**

2pm Sunday 28 May 2017,

The Armidale School Memorial Hall

Entry \$3.00 Adults, \$1.50 Students/Concession

The event is open for general public/community to attend as audience members, and this year the entrants are for Voice, Organ (hence why being held at TAS so Sam Thatcher can play the big organ), Piano, Harp and Recorder. First prize is \$500, Second \$250 and \$100 for Third prize.

Competitors must perform two contrasting pieces for the Adjudicators, and at least one of them must be from memory.

The five entrants are (if you want to know):

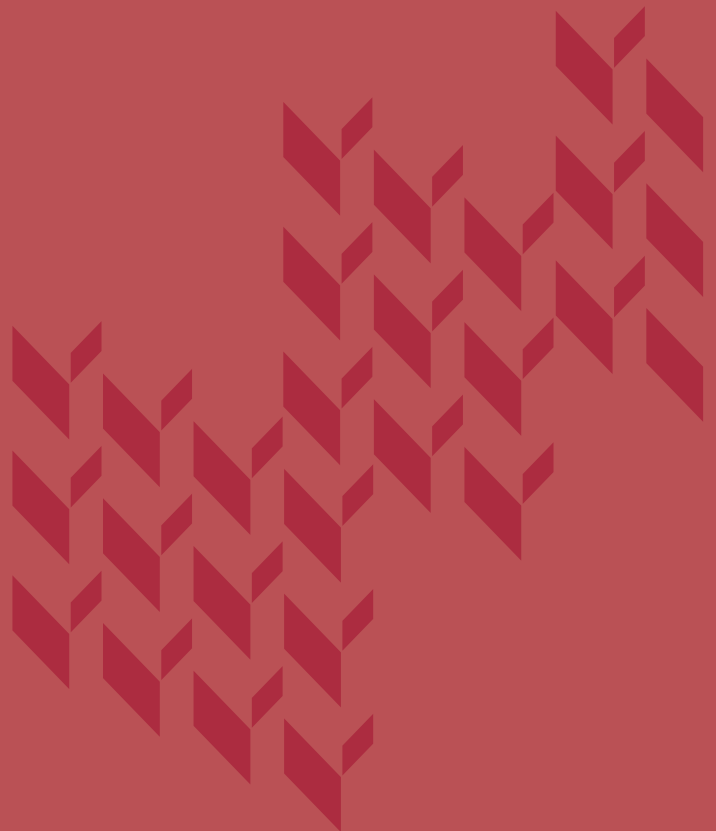
Isla Biffin (PLC) Harp

Annika McGushin-Deak (AHS) Piano

Amy Roff (Adult) Voice

Ben Ridges (AHS) Recorder

Sam Thatcher (TAS) Organ



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Working to the end

The term, as well you know, is a comparatively short one, but it is characteristically 'full'. Accordingly, students will be too tired if exams 'fall' later in the term – that's why they are upon us, now. I know that staff members are working through marking and developing exam feedback and that students will be assisted wherever possible. But, when 'it all boils down' students need to take responsibility for their performance during the Exam Week. I ask that you do as we do, being to encourage and advise them in every productive way, so that they benefit ultimately from the feedback given over the next weeks.

Please, if you have any enquiries about the exam preparation, writing and feedback times, I ask that you contact, in the first instance, your child's Homeroom teacher, so that we can discuss issues that arise from your advice / enquiry. These are the people who best know 'specifics' as they relate to individual year groups and pupils within specific classes.



Queen's Birthday Weekend – it's on its way

While they will be at home in two weeks students will be aware of advice given to them by their teachers and they should sit down to reflect on this. Time permitting, it would also be good if you could assist them or, ask them how they are 'faring'. If there are any issues, I'd appreciate it if you could contact Homeroom teachers (again, in the first instance) or me. As indicated, it is important that we are aware of all 'computations and permutations' as they relate to this important aspect of school life. They also need some time out, meaning there's a bit of a balancing act required.

Debating and Eisteddfod

Well, later in the term we're hosting the next round of Tri-Schools: and I'm hoping to adjudicate at least one section of it; it's a healthy sign that students are jockeying for positions to be actual or silent speakers and, generally, the next round of the debating cycle will be as enjoyable as its predecessors. Tri-Schools coincides of course with the Armidale Eisteddfod so time, as always, is precious. The debating activity is healthy too, but its organization, including timetable, meal and break times, venues, prizes, organization of adjudicators just doesn't miraculously appear. It occurs because Mr Tim Hughes and some of the seniors make it occur. On your behalf and on the behalf of all staff, I want to thank these people - yet again!



Thus far, at the Eisteddfod last week, I saw the Middle School Singers as a single group and then, later, as part of the other choral groups. The most enjoyable aspect I witnessed was the fact that the boys and girls were thoroughly enjoying themselves. They particularly enjoyed the Staff Choir, but I suspect it was more the novelty of seeing some of us looking awkward than appreciation of the quality of delivery that caused such mirth. Still, if you have the opportunity to see these people in action, then I recommend strongly that you come to NECOM to support the day or evening sessions: individual performers are on this morning.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School



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2ND 2.00 PM & 7.00 PM
3RD 7.00 PM

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HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Da Vinci Decathlon – An academic challenge in Sydney

This week, two teams of academic athletes will travel to Sydney to compete in the annual Knox Grammar School da Vinci Decathlon. This is a fantastic time for our two teams from Years 5 & 6 and, along with the opportunity to be with many other schools at such a high level of competition. Part of the experience of course, for all our students is experience they receive from travelling away with teachers and friends and pitting themselves against others in healthy competition. The problem-solving nature of the day is also appealing and often, those teams who work well together in the spirit of cooperation are the ones who produce the goods. No matter the result, I wish the team well and hope that they all thoroughly enjoy the time away. The Year 5 team is:

William Gilpin
Sam Hynes
Harry Pennington
Abbott White
Lennox Neilson
Harry Hopkins
Tom Ball
Henry Kirton

Congratulations

I would like to acknowledge the latest 2 Junior School students to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge (and it has been remiss of me not to do so before now) as their success

is worth noting. While all our students are presented with their certificates in assembly, I would like to highlight their achievements in TAS Talks as well. This week, congratulations go to Ryan Connor and Marcus Robb.

On another note, Max Rogers in Year 5 competed with others in our Cross Country team representing the NCIS Association in Ballina and was placed 3rd in a very competitive field.

He is now eligible to compete at CIS level and we congratulate him on this is fantastic achievement.

And lastly, Of a more general nature, I have been speaking to many students at school recently about the importance of treating each other with respect and courtesy. At lines and in our classrooms, we have been reinforcing the Learner Profile that we promote as an IB World School. We openly encourage our students to be good inquirers, to be enthusiastic explorers of ideas and concepts, to seek to be open to a range of opinions and perspectives. The more we use this language, the more our students begin to live the principles behind it.



Today, I spoke to all students about being principled and caring. This translated into 'doing the right thing' and taking care to help others do the same. More particularly, we spoke of the types of games and interactions we experience in our playground (a challenging environment at times). Recently, with two nasty falls from the playground equipment and games that have escalated at times to become overly competitive, we spoke of looking after each other and seeking support from others if necessary.

Please find the time to talk to your children and find out about play time at TAS. I would be happy to hear about their thoughts and experiences in the hope that we can further enhance their experiences at school.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Jacqui DuBois and Mila Nexo a very happy birthday for this week.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

Week 5 – School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 24 May Assembly in Hoskins Centre - 2.45 pm – Year 2

da Vinci Excursion departs to Knox Grammar – 1.00 pm

Thursday 25 May da Vinci Excursion returns from Knox Grammar – 10.00 pm

Week 6 – School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 31 May Eisteddfod Performance SD 57 & 58 (Year K, 1, 2 & 4)

Old Teachers College – approximately 10.00 am

Assembly in Hoskins Centre - 2.45 – Year 1

Dance Club begins – Lunch time in Hoskins Centre Classrooms

Week 7 – School Spirit – Co-operation

Wednesday 7 June Assembly in Hoskins Centre - 2.45 – House Leaders

Friday 9 June Staff PD Day – School closed for June Long Weekend

Tuesday 13 June School resumes

PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

PYP and STEM

STEM is the new 'buzz' word in many areas of the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) syllabus documents. I hear you asking, "What exactly does STEM stand for?" Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All of which are taught in an interdisciplinary approach and, as such, a natural connection to our Transdisciplinary Units of Inquiry in the PYP.

Our Units of Inquiry are enhanced, through the incorporation of STEM, as they involve students researching, designing and building with the use of technology. Many STEM teaching and learning experiences are founded on big questions where students are continually encouraged to ask "Why?" to further develop their inquiries and understanding of the world around them. Students investigate by posing questions, making predictions, gathering information and drawing conclusions.

As many are aware, Mr Tim Scott has been working with classroom teachers to add depth to their Units of Inquiry, utilizing his expertise in the areas that come under the STEM umbrella.

Many classes have embarked on new adventures with Mr Scott's guidance including:

- How to effectively use Google Earth
- Skyping other schools internationally
- Learning how to use and navigate Google programs such as Google Draw, Google Docs and Google Classroom
- Assisting with Science experiments
- Introduction to 'Grok', which introduces students to programming and links with the Position and 2D shape Mathematics outcomes.
- With new skills in Google Earth, Year 4 are using this tool to find great expanses of water in Australia and across the world.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Junior School Athletics Championships

Congratulations to all competitors for their fabulous efforts at our recent Athletics Carnival. What a wonderful day was had with the weather being kind to us, and all children competing with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Children were presented with their ribbons on Monday. If you were a Division Champion and received a trophy on the day, could you please return them to Mrs Lasker so we can have both the trophies and medallions engraved.

Results from the day

Age Champions

Boys

- 4 years Boyd Rogers
- 5 years Baxter Carruthers and Lachlan Wood
- 6 years Oliver Robb
- 7 years Cameron Carruthers
- 8 years Hugo Broun
- 9 years Blake Whitehill
- 10 years Evan Kwan
- 11 years Max Rogers

Girls

- 5 years Cecilia Price
- 6 years Evelyn Junge
- 7 years Izabel Glover
- 8 years Katie Hynes
- 9 years Charlie Ward and Paige Sutton
- 10 years Camilla Coupland

Division Winners

- Sub Junior Girl – Evelyn Junge
- Sub Junior Boy – Oliver Robb
- Junior Girl – Katie Hynes
- Junior Boy – Hugo Broun
- Intermediate Girl – Camilla Coupland
- Intermediate Boy – Evan Kwan
- Senior Boy – Max Rogers

Highest Point Score

- Girl – Camilla Coupland 94
- Boy – Max Rogers 88
- Winning House – Broughton



PSSA Cross Country – Bellevue Oval

On Wednesday 17 May, TAS Junior School sent a squad of athletes to the Armidale Zone PSSA Cross Country, held at Bellevue Rugby Field at UNE. We were unable to send the usual numbers due to a clash with NCIS Cross Country, which meant that our Year 5 and 6 runners were readying themselves for competition in Ballina, however, the remaining students from Years 2-4 competed at a high level and were exemplary in the way they represented the school in sportsmanship, effort and overall participation.

Apart from the glorious sunshine, highlights of the day included Year 4 runners Evan Kwan and Theo Munsie who finished 2nd and 6th respectively in their 10 years' boys race, whilst Blake Whitehill just missed out on a top ten finish with 12th. Most impressive, however, was the positive attitude and determination shown by all athletes, with the clear majority of athletes simply happy to be out having a go, experiencing something different and meeting new friends, regardless of their finishing place.

Mr Alex Portell

NCIS Cross Country

Congratulations to the boys in Year 5 who travelled to Ballina with Mr Pennington last week to participate in the NCIS Cross Country event. Max Rogers performed tremendously with a third place in his 11 years event, qualifying him for CIS in Sydney on 15 June. Well done Max!

Congratulations also to Lennox Neilson and Lochlan Gerdes who performed well on the day.

Winter Sports training and collection times

Now that our Winter sports season and training days are well underway, I would like to remind parents about the pick-up arrangements on training afternoons. Pick up time is 5pm at the turning circle. All coaches have been asked to endeavour to get their teams to the turning circle by 5pm, however, if your child is not at the pick-up point at this time we ask that you continue around the circle allowing free flowing traffic. As frustrating as this can sometimes be, we need to have a system that works for all, so ensuring this flow of traffic continues is imperative to helping the system to work. Please do not park along the yellow marked areas, which indicate a no parking zone. Thank you for your support with this. Ultimately, it is the safety of our children that is of the upmost importance.

SHOOSH FOR KIDS WEEK

Another fabulous week of sport, with our Junior School children participating enthusiastically in all sports. We would like to draw your attention to a NSW Government supported campaign, which encourages parents to support their children through positive encouragement on the sideline.

This campaign is being promoted around our state with all sports and is a gentle reminder to us all to encourage our kids with positive comments. Please take a moment to read the: SHOOSH FOR KIDS WEEK campaign posters in this newsletter.

Netball

Despite some drizzly weather, the TAS Net, Set, Go players represented their school beautifully on Saturday. Our little Setters enjoyed their skills session and participated in every activity with enthusiasm. As for the TAS Blues, they literally blew me away with their performance. They have grown so much as a team in such a short time and with Millie Coupland jumping in to make up our numbers they were simply unstoppable. The girls displayed great teamwork and had their footwork completely under control this week. A special thanks to Dimity Tearle for giving our players such a great introduction to the season! The 5-1 win was certainly well deserved.

Ms Tania Hardin



FOOTBALL

TAS Tigers

Despite the weather, TAS Tigers were pumped, ready for our game against the Walcha Dragons. It is wonderful watching how the children are now starting to spread out. Mila Nexo had some wonderful long shots. George Drain and Andrian Zhang defended well, while Eunseo Lee and Layla Abu Assab were tenacious with the ball, putting the heat on the opposition.

However, we were annihilated but that did not dampen our spirits! We had some very close shots at goals by Aamer Alazizi, including one in the wrong direction! So, in the true TAS Tigers spirit, we cheered that one goal like we had won the Olympics! Well done TAS Tigers!

Mrs Lana Hawksford.

TAS Trucks

We had a fabulous game this weekend and although we lost the game our team-play developed very well. William did a very good job and scored his first goal. Together with Joshua's very good dribbling skills that led to our goals, the positioning on the field has improved in a very short time and it's amazing how quickly everyone is learning. Cecilia and Bonnie played very well in the defence this week. We kept the pressure on throughout the game and scored two excellent goals.

Mr Julius Jensen

TAS Thunderstorms

The Thunderstorms really impressed with their strong passing game on Saturday, with everyone practicing moving into free spaces in attack. With Evan and Kyuseo doing a great job in goals, it was Lachie who stepped up as a pocket rocket in the midfield, seeming to be in ten places all at once! Gus, Ted, Iles also played strongly both in defence and attack. Fantastic goals from Evan, Lachie and Iles rounded off another great team effort from the Thunderstorms!

Ms Donella Tutt

TAS 2s

It's been a busy couple of days for the Year 5 Soccer Team with 2 matches in three days. Saturday saw the boys play away against the North Arrows. Right from the start the game was a fastpaced tussle between two evenly matched teams. The home team took the lead early but scored were levelled soon afterwards with a wonderful goal from Lochlan Gerdes. Kieran Sutton, who was captain on the day, was tenacious with his runs up the field and Abbott White was solid in the midfield and could stop many of the Arrows attacks.

The cross bar and side nets were peppered with shots from our forwards but unfortunately we weren't able to convert any more chances and the Arrows were able to come away with the win. Two days later and the team were back on the field this time to play the TAS Year 6 team. There was no need to motivate the boys as they came out firing and maintained their enthusiasm throughout the game. Sam Hynes and Lochie Gerdes both scored two goals each while Kieren Sutton scored his first for the season too. Will Brett came close to adding to the score but his shot deflected off the post. Blair Eichorn made some fantastic runs up the wing to keep pressure on the opposition and the boys were pleased to claim the win after a tough match.

Mr Michael Baumgartner



New England Conservatorium of Music



JUNIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP Wed 28 & Thurs 29 June 2017

The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-9 who can read music and have at least 12 months experience playing one of the following instruments:

- Violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp
- Trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba
- Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone
- Orchestral percussion (pianists may apply)

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1. **Keep it fun**
don't take it
too seriously
It's not the World Titles



6. Let **coaches**
do the
coaching



2. **Be enthusiastic**
but don't *scream*
& *shout* instructions
from the sideline



7. *Always remember,*
volunteers
run kids sport



3. Emphasise
trying hard
not winning



8. *Understand, uphold*
and *support* your club's
code of
conduct



4. **Cheer &**
acknowledge
good plays by
all players,
both teams



9. Allow your child to
play for
themselves
Let kids make the decisions
on and off the field



5. **Accept decisions**
by officials
they are human &
can make mistakes



10. **Think before**
you speak
Your words may
harm others



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CAMP WALLABY IS COMING TO TAS

Camp Wallaby is excited to announce their first rugby camp in Armidale during the school holidays 10-12 July with current Wallaby Lock, **Will Skelton** to attend!

This is a chance for boys & girls aged 5-14 years old to meet and train with a Wallaby.

Camp Wallaby is affiliated with the ARU's Pathways program meaning all players receive the best coaching and tuition with two program streams to cater for children of all skill levels.

To make this great opportunity available for all children, Camp Wallaby is offering a day option (5-14 years) as well as a residential option (10-14 years) with players staying in the school's boarding facilities, so they can live and breath rugby.

Early Bird Discounts are available until 28/05/17!

Camp Wallaby Armidale

Date: 10-12 July

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Location: The Armidale School – Wake Field

Address: 87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW, 2350

Early Bird Day Option (5-14 years): \$225

Early Bird Residential Option (10-14 years) : \$315

REGISTER HERE:

<http://www.campwallaby.com.au/camps/camp-wallaby-armidale-july-2017/>

For further information about the camp please contact Andrew

Mobile: 0407 860 650

Email: andrew@campwallaby.com.au





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Both programs include fun games and time out to train with and meet the Wallabies.

Venue: The Armidale School
87 Douglas St, Armidale, NSW 2350

Duration: 3-days
Date: 10-12 July 2017

| Day Option | Residential Option |
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| Drop off at 9am and pick up at 3pm each day. Lunch will be provided. | Drop off – 10 July at 9am and pick up 3pm – 12 July. 2 nights' accommodation and food (BYO linen). |
| Early Bird price \$225 (ends 28 May) | Early Bird price \$315 (ends 28 May) |
| Price \$250 | Price \$350 |

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YOUTH SPORT LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP CAMP

21 to 23 June 2017

Dates: Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June 2017

Ages: Between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp

Venue: Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre

Scholarships in: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football (soccer), Hockey, Golf, Netball and Rugby Union

Applications close: Friday 26 May 2017

Scholarships awarded: Friday 2 June 2017



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Interested applicants are encouraged to apply if they meet the following criteria:

- Aged between 16 and 22 at the time of the camp.
- Reside in the area encircled by the towns of Lithgow, Boorowa, Young, Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge, Tenterfield, Armidale, Kandos.
- Must be endorsed by a non-related community member.
- Parental permission required for under 18's.



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