



**TAS**  
THE ARMIDALE  
SCHOOL

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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 16 August, 2017 Term 3 Week 5

## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

### City to Surf

Congratulations to all involved in the huge team from TAS that took on the challenge of the 14km City to Surf run last Sunday. With over 130 students, and an even larger overall team including staff and parents, TAS was by far and away the largest school presence in this iconic event that attracts over 80,000 runners each year. The force behind the TAS team was once again Jim Pennington and I offer our considerable thanks for his inspiration. Providing the link to Old Armidalian and muscular dystrophy sufferer Drew Schofield and his charity "Stand Tall for a Cure" gave real purpose to our team and I was very proud to see such willingness to be a part of such a worthwhile cause.

Jim Pennington has reported in some detail on the City to Surf in this edition of TAS Talks, including some of the outstanding results, and I recommend that to you. He has also provided a link to the "Stand Tall for a Cure" donation page and I hope that our community will take up that opportunity. For convenience, the link is: <https://tinyurl.com/ybzne8j2>. (Please click on 'Other Activities' and follow the prompts.)



### IDEALS Week

Our inaugural IDEALS Week for Years 6 to 11 is now complete and we are in the process of reviewing the feedback from student and staff surveys and preparing reports that will come from each of the year groups in TAS Talks next week. What is clear already though is that whilst adjustments and enhancements will no doubt need to be made for next year, we have a good working model and the responses from students and staff alike to the experience has been hugely encouraging. Our belief that the value of IDEALS Week in the overall package of a TAS education is profound remains firmly in place and I am confident that it will, through the years, impact positively on the values and character of our students.

## Tezukayama Visit

I join with a very excited Junior School in looking forward to welcoming our visitors from Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka, Japan who will arrive this afternoon for their week long visit to TAS. The 'TAS/Tez' relationship that sees students from both schools visit one another has been in operation for over 20 years and the cultural enrichment it presents every year has impacted hundreds of children and helped shape their view of the world. As our students do when travelling to Tezukayama, our visitors will be hosted by TAS families and this immersion into Australian culture will be remembered for years to come. I offer special thanks to the teachers and host families for all the planning for the visit and hope that all are looking forward to the fun of the week ahead.

## Macquarie Marketing Group Survey

All current parents should have received an email with the link to the TAS Survey being conducted by Macquarie Marketing Group and I once again exhort you to find the 45 or so minutes that will be needed to complete this critical input to our planning for the future. All students from Year 5 to Year 12 will undertake the survey during the school day and I expect that all staff will complete the survey too. For our total results to provide the very best picture of the opinions of our stakeholders, we really need a very high response rate from parents too and this is the reason for my keen focus in recent weeks on encouraging you to participate.

The survey will close on Sunday 27 August and I look forward to bringing news on the level of response after that.

## P&F Trivia Night

In the P&F column of TAS Talks this week you will find details of the Trivia Night to be held on Saturday week (26 August) and I recommend that to you. The event last year was a great success and a lot of fun for the big gathering of parents and I have no doubt that it will be just as good this year. There are few opportunities for TAS parents to get together for an adult event that is just about having some fun with friends and this is one of them. I hope that as many parents as possibly can will take up the invitation to put a table together and come along.

### Murray Guest



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Week 5

Wednesday 16 August Tezukayama visit to TAS  
NCIS Athletics (Coffs Harbour)

Friday 18 August **Bourke Headmaster's Regional Visit  
(Diggers on the Darling from 5.30pm)**

## Week 6

Tuesday 22 August AgQuip  
Fiji Trip Meeting 6.30pm  
**Final Note - HSC Music Showcase  
Masterstroke - Visual Arts Showcase**

Wednesday 23 August AgQuip  
Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

Thursday 24 August Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon  
AgQuip  
Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 25 August Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon  
Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**Year 8 Parent Information Session  
in Big School at 5.15pm**

Saturday 26 August P&F Trivia Night

Sunday 27 August Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Training

## Week 7

Monday 28 August Passing Out Parade Practice

Tuesday 29 August Passing Out Parade Practice (No Sport)  
3.30-5pm

Wednesday 30 August Passing Out Parade Practice

Thursday 31 August NAIDOC Assembly  
NAIDOC Dinner (6pm-7.30pm)

Friday 1 September Activities Day 5

Saturday 2 September TAS v Downlands ( at TAS)  
Grafton Night Paddle

Sunday 3 September Rugby Dinner at Wicklow Hotel

## Medical Centre

Influenza continues to spread throughout the school. Year 9 students returning from excursion are experiencing a very high number of infected students.

If your child shows signs of headache, sore throat, cold symptoms and feeling unwell please keep them at home. It is requested that they stay at home for at least five days.

If you are unsure of whether to keep your child at home, please call the Health Centre on 0428 152 291

## IMPORTANT – change to beginning of Term 4 Arrangements

Boarder families – please note that the Train Link transport will be running boarding students back to school on Sunday 8 October, with classes commencing on Monday 9 October. This is contrary to the school calendar which has now been adjusted to reflect the change.

Day students will also resume classes on Monday 9 October as there will not be a staff day as previously calendared.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Mr Alan Jones**  
Deputy Headmaster

## MMG Survey

Parent and Staff - Please complete the MMG Survey.

**Cut off date is Sunday 27 August.**

Students will be given the opportunity to complete the survey with a unique link being sent to them soon.

## P&F TRIVIA NIGHT – ONLY 10 DAYS TO GO!!!

### PLEASE, PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS!!

Our P&F Movies and Music Trivia Night complete with a DJ for a little dancing at the end, will be held next weekend on Saturday 26 August at 6.30pm (for a 7pm start) in the Gym.

So, how about putting a team of 8-10 together?

Please get dressed up!!! We hope to see some wacky and wonderful movie stars and pop icons rock up on the night.

There will be prizes for the best dressed table and also for the winning table of Trivia Gurus.

We will also be running a raffle on the night – Tickets will be \$5... Prizes are:

- a weekend at the lovely Northcott B and B in Armidale (2 queen rooms self contained accommodation) – great for visiting family or friends or boarder families
- 3 months membership to Bikram Yoga – just in time to shape up for Christmas, and
- lamb meat trays - yum!

Tickets for the Trivia Night are \$30 pp and can be booked at <https://www.Trybooking.com.au/RAVX>

Please choose a table number and then let everyone in your team know so they can book on the same table. If you don't have a table or enough people on your table please contact your year group Liaison Parents – they'll set you up with some new friends.

This is an adult only event and you will need to BYO food and drink, however tea and coffee will be provided, as will plates and glasses.

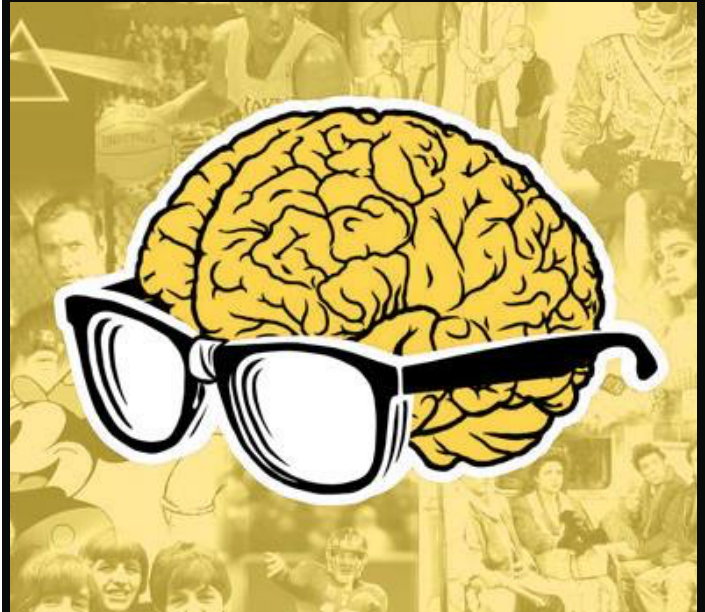
## BRANDY NEEDED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Puddings get made in October. If you would like to make a donation of a bottle of brandy to help the cause please drop it into Big School reception.

## NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7pm in The Lower Maxwell Room. This meeting starts the big push to organise TAS@Dusk and we would love to see Liaison Parents and anyone else interested in helping come along.

## SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THING AND ENJOY A LITTLE QUIZ SHOW!



### CALLING ALL LOVERS OF MUSIC & MOVIES!

IT'S TIME FOR THE PARENTS TO HAVE SOME FUN, SO COME ONE AND ALL TO THE 2ND ANNUAL P&F TRIVIA NIGHT.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS MUSIC & MOVIES – COMPLETE WITH A DANCE PARTY!

### DETAILS:

Saturday 26 August, 2017  
6.30pm, TAS GYM

*Gather your best brains into tables of 8-10 and come dressed as your favourite band, rock star or movie character.*

### BOOKINGS:

Tickets are \$30 / <https://www.trybooking.com/RAVX>

BYO Food and Drinks

Contact: Mrs Margie Roberts  
E: [mg.r@bigpond.com](mailto:mg.r@bigpond.com)



**TAS**  
PARENTS  
& FRIENDS

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## DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

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### NAPLAN Results

Parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 should expect NAPLAN results in the post early next week.

### Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 24 August (3.30pm - 6pm) and Friday 25 August (2pm - 5.30pm).

Information and your code to book interview times has been emailed to parents. If you have not received this please contact Ms Vickey o'Brien [vobrien@as.edu.au](mailto:vobrien@as.edu.au)

Please note interviews will be held in the Hoskins Foyer and there is no parent information session for this year group.

### Tutoring

Tutoring continues to be available for students in Years 11 and 12. See tutoring schedule below.



DAY	SUBJECT	TIME	VENUE
Monday	Biology (Year 12)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Chemistry (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Tuesday	2U Mathematics (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics & Science Year 9&10	7-8pm	Cash Building
	2U Mathematics (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Wednesday	Chemistry (Year 11)	8-9pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics Ext (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building
Thursday	English (Year 11)	8-9pm	F1-2
	English (Year 12)	7-8pm	F1-2
Thursday	Mathematics General (Year 11)	7-8pm	Cash Building
	Mathematics General (Year 12)	8-9pm	Cash Building

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# ACADEMIC

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## UN Youth Final

Wednesday 9 August saw Owen Chandler and Sam Jeyakumar compete in the final of the NSW UN Youth EVATT competition. This competition is named after Herbert Vere Evatt an Australian judge, lawyer, parliamentarian, writer and former president of the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, leaving a reputation and legacy of successful and often bold diplomacy.

Competition was held in the NSW Parliament House Jubilee Room which houses three floors of leather bound tomes of Parliamentary records, capped by a magnificent stained glass ceiling. The venue itself certainly set the scene for inspirational and passionate debate. Owen and Sam, representing Spain, were quick to learn that at finals there is no time to watch and observe. No free-time, you had to lobby delegates from each country to ensure your amendments were accepted and they reassured you that you could count on them. When it came to 'point of interest time' and general 'caucus' the delegates showed their skills as both speakers and diplomats. Included in the final were impromptu debates on the Sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, or prepared debates on peace in Colombia and how to engage diplomatically and effectively with cocaine lords. The EVATT finalists also had the great honour of hearing from guest speaker Mehreen Faruqi, an Australian politician and Greens MP appointed to the Legislative Council in 2013. She encouraged the students to ensure they always had a say in their own future. She cited examples of two recent debates held in Parliament inspired by young people determined not to give up fighting for human rights of vulnerable and marginalised university assault victims; youth of NSW. These young people through their passionate campaign forced the government to debate their issue. Young voices can make a difference. There is no doubt that some of our future leaders were debating in the Jubilee Room. Congratulations to both students who did a wonderful job representing TAS and Spain.

**Ms Catherine Boydell**



### THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

#### Passing Out Parade

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Passing out parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above will be held on Adamsfield on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September (Week 8) starting at 2.00pm. **The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.**

**Uniform** is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

#### Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

##### Week 5

- 17th August (Thursday) – Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

##### Week 6

- 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Wednesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **B & C COY only** - Adamsfield  
**(no sport training) DPCU Uniform to be worn for inspection.**  
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs

##### Week 7

- 28<sup>th</sup> August (Monday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit & Year 12** - Adamsfield
- 29<sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield **(no sport training)**  
Sword Drill practice at lunchtime 1.25 – 1.55pm for CUOs  
**Activities Briefing 10.35am - All 1 & 2 Platoon uniforms to be collected for laundry.**
- 30<sup>th</sup> August (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 1<sup>st</sup> September (Friday) – Activities Day No. 5. **All 3PLT, B & C Company DPCU uniforms to be collected for laundry/pressing following dismissal parade.**

##### Week 8

- 4<sup>th</sup> September (Monday) - Lunchtime 12.40 – 1.05pm (Yr 8) 1.25 – 1.55pm (Yr 9 & 10) **Cadet Unit** – Adamsfield  
3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Year 12** passing out rehearsal – Adamsfield
- 6<sup>th</sup> September (Wednesday) - Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield  
**(no sport training)**
- 7<sup>th</sup> September (Thursday) - Afternoon 1.30 - 5.00pm **Cadet Unit** - Adamsfield  
**(no Pd 6&7 or sport training)**

**8<sup>th</sup> September (Friday) - Passing Out Parade — Cadet Unit – 11. 40am – 3.30pm**  
**(cadets required from 11.40am P4/5 for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)**  
**Parade commences at 2.00pm.**

**2LT (AAC) A. Murray**  
Commanding Officer

## City to Surf 2017

Our biggest team of 145 students, staff and parents (and largest school team overall) descended upon Sydney for the 2017 edition of the City to Surf on Sunday. A majestic event, it starts near Hyde Park in the City, through the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney to finish at the iconic Bondi Beach.

Such a magnificent turnout this year was largely due to the school's decision to support Old Armidalian Drew Schofield in his fight with Muscular Dystrophy. Drew's charity, Stand Tall for a Cure has become the centerpiece for the event in 2017. Following Drew's inspirational speech to students and staff at assembly last month, this galvanized a large part our school community. As a result we saw such a fantastic diversity of students wishing to take on the challenge of this unique race. That so many of our students, even before an eight hour bus trip, had played rugby, netball, football or hockey and still gave their all on Sunday, is a testament to their willingness to step out of their comfort zone, confront the course and support such a worthy cause.

Sam Jones was the first student home in 60 minutes 30 seconds, with Emerson Browning (1:01:59) and Nicholas Barnier (1:05:23) hot on his heels. Disa Smart again dominated the ladies field crossing the line in a cracking 1:08:44, and was the 12th runner home in the womens 13-15 year category, with Lily Neilson and Lucy Fenwicke rounding out the top three.

This race though is not just about performance, it's about finishing, about another leg of the Triple Crown, about proving something to yourself - and this year, it's about dance! Unbelievably, not long after the finish Tom Bailey and George Lane moved over to the side of the road and joined in the cheering and encouragement of those still running along Campbell Parade. A DJ soon set-up and the boys joined in dancing along. Within half an hour there were 50 TAS students dancing and supporting those still competing. This truly sums up the event, it's for the community and it's not about yourself.

For those still willing to support Stand Tall for a Cure, donations can be made here <https://tinyurl.com/ybzne8j2> (Please click on 'Other Activities' and follow the prompts.)

### Mr James Pennington



The team before the race



Cheering others along to finish



Getting into the spirit - a great way to warm down!



### Camps USA

I have posted on the School's Careers webpage a poster that was sent to me about the Camp USA programs. If students are looking for a short term GAP program that generally has a very strong collegial element as well as a great opportunity to meet people in new and different circumstances then I would recommend you have look at the webpage below.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/08/15/camp-usa/>

### Au Pair USA

Similarly, AU Pair USA offers the opportunity for students to work in the USA. Please look at the webpage below for more information.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/08/15/au-pair-usa/>

### AFTRS

Australian Film and Television & Radio School is Australia's leading screen and broadcast school. Their purpose is to empower Australian talent to shape and share their stories with community by delivering future-focused, industry relevant education research and training.

They hold an Open Day on the 12 August, at Moore Park in Sydney. For more information please go to the School's Careers webpage for more information.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2017/08/15/aftrs/>

### Women in Medicine Information Evening

Below is an extract from an email that I received detailing the relevant information about the planned evening above. Please read if you were considering a career in the medical field.

"I am writing to inform you of a 'Women in Medicine Cocktail Evening' that I am helping organising as a part of the University of New England Medical Students Association.

This event will be held at 6pm on 26 August 2017 at UNE and is a fairly new initiative to raise awareness of the potential issues faced and celebrate the work of women in the healthcare field. We welcome all ages, genders and education levels to attend and enjoy this event.

We will be having four speakers from various field of medicine and nursing sharing their journey through their careers and provide insights for future members of the medical field. They will be sharing their key rewards and challenges experienced they have had in their medical training, work and everyday life.

We are contacting local schools as we thought students currently in Years 11 and 12 who are thinking about and interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare industry, specifically in medicine and nursing. Given that these final school years are such a decisive period, we hope to open this event up to interested students, to educate and inspire them to pursue a career in this field.

Please note that while this is a cocktail evening and alcohol will be served, we will have security checking ID's and alternate non-alcoholic options provided for those under 18 years of age.

We have attached a poster and link to the Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1972682599684000>) as well as a link to ticket sales (<https://unione.unelife.com.au/Clubs/unemsa/Products/36>) if you feel it is appropriate to advertise this event to the relevant students. Please note that ticket sales close this Friday 18 August.

If you, any other staff member or student have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself at this email or the event convener, Alexandra Winters at [academic@unemsa.org](mailto:academic@unemsa.org) or 0425 612 916. We hope to talk to you soon and are excited to meet any interested students!"

**Laura Mallett**  
**UNEMSA Academic Convener**

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## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

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### The Myth

You can brush your teeth whilst packing your bag.

Whilst you may think that you are being efficient by doing both at the same time, the truth is that putting your laptop in your bag requires two hands. Whilst I constantly encourage students to bite off more than they can chew and then chew like crazy, I urge them, in equal measure, to play smarter.

How else can students manage Trial HSC Exams and IDEALS Week, games of hockey, netball, football and rugby, as far a field as Sydney, then return to train for Hawkesbury Canoe Classic or stay to run in the City 2 Surf. All this requires careful planning. So whilst brushing your teeth, set your goals; prepare the next move.

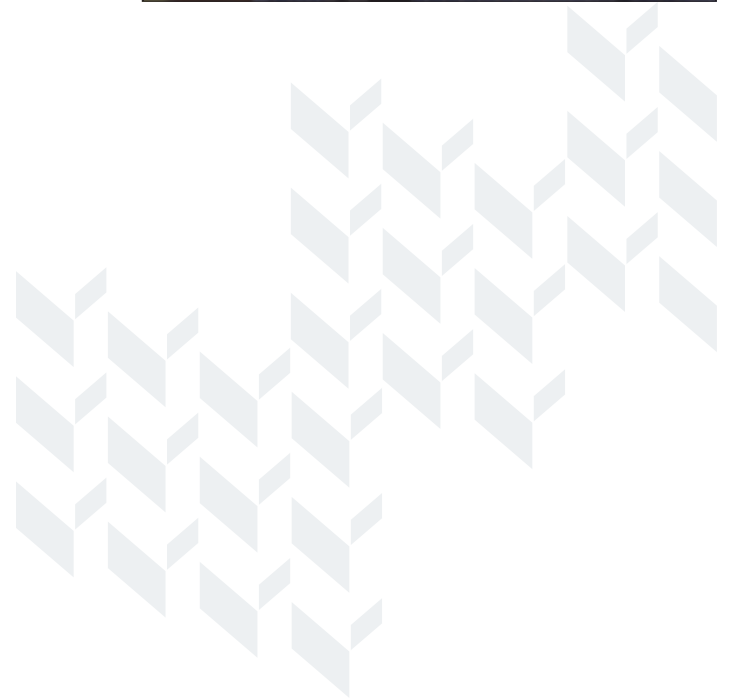
Maintain your commitment to the job at hand but prepare for what is around the corner.

It is with this in mind that we start to consider summer sports choices. Students will select their summer sports next Wednesday 23 August. An explanation of all sports offered is [attached](#) and has been emailed to students. Could I please encourage parents to discuss these choices with their child and contact the relevant Master in Charge if you have any questions.



### NCIS Athletics

As you receive this edition, 50 TAS Athletes are competing at the NCIS Athletics Championship in Coffs Harbour. This event attracts athletes throughout the North Coast and provides a second pathway for many of our athletes to compete at the CIS Athletic Championships in September, the other being the AAGPS Championships. I wish all those competing the best of luck.

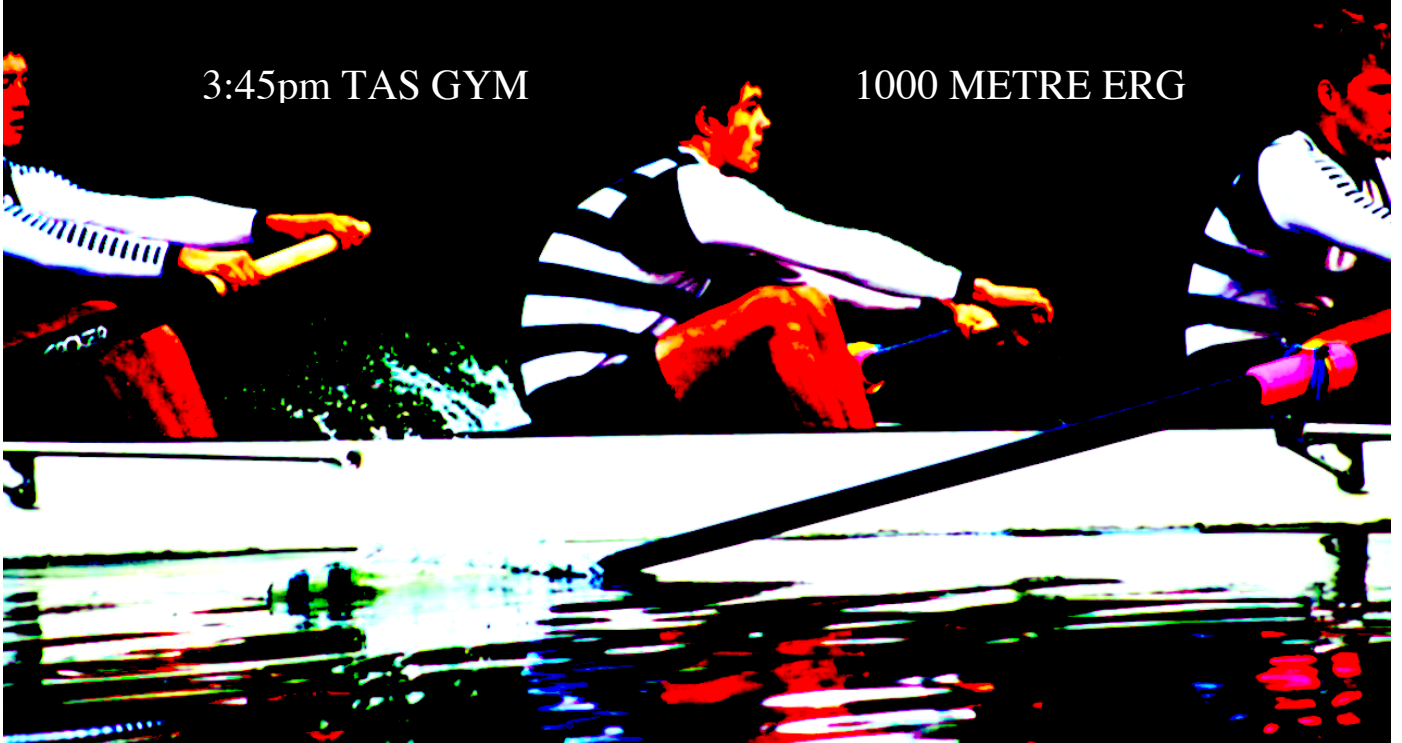


# YEAR 10 & 11 ROWING TRIALS

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST

3:45pm TAS GYM

1000 METRE ERG



## Rugby

At the end of a new and exciting week TAS Rugby traveled to Sydney for the final fixture in the GPS competition. Boys from all age groups showed true TAS spirit. Despite being amidst trial exams and coming off the end of ideals week, each student came together one final time to prove their position in the competition. With a list of varied results TAS showed true school spirit and banded together as their individual teams and made their opposition work for every point. It was another weekend full of proud moments, seeing captains rally parents and coaches alike together to recognise their contributions and support throughout the season and accepting defeat graciously while letting victory fall upon humble shoulders.

With two remaining rugby weekends the boys have a well deserved break to prepare and gather themselves before facing off against Downlands College on the 2 September and the under 16s and 14s against TACAPS on the 9 September. Lets not drop the ball now the GPS competition is done, we must continue to play at our best showing the QLD schools what we have to offer.

**Mr Todd Currell**

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## CREATIVE ARTS

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### Masterstroke and Final Note

I encourage you all to attend the Masterstroke and Final Note showcases next week. Final Note' will occur on two evenings this year with Music 1 performing at 6.30pm on Monday 21 August and Music 2 coinciding with the 'Masterstroke' exhibition on Tuesday 22 August at 6:30pm. These showcases will once again highlight the incredible talent and range of TAS students

### TAS Senior Musical 2018

Auditions for next year's senior musical *The Addams Family* are being held this week.

Please contact the Director Ms Colette Brus for more information or go to the Hoskins website

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/hoskins-home/the-addams-family-auditions/>



### 2017 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize

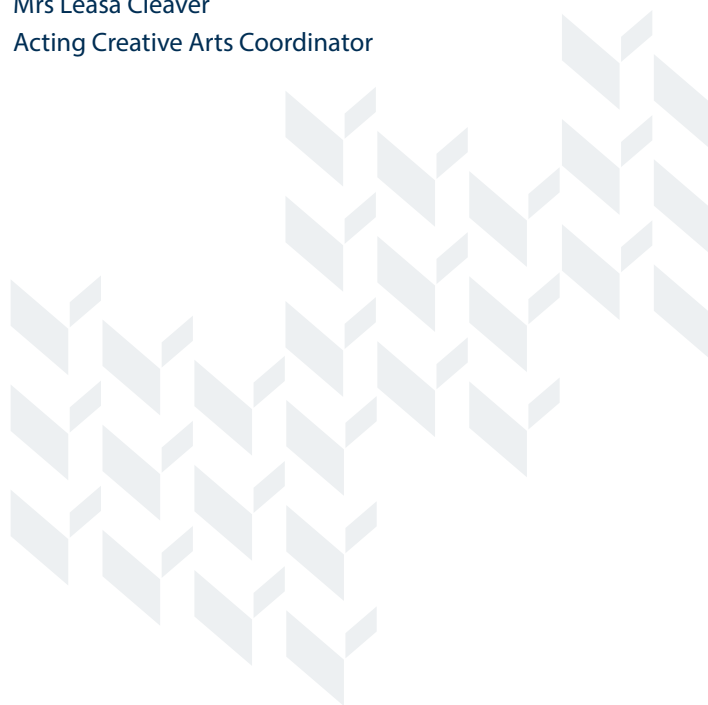
Established in 2001, the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize attracts strong support from artists, collectors and critics and is the first national acquisitive prize for an original, freestanding sculpture of up to 80cm in any dimension.

Over 600 entries from Australian and international artists are received annually and approximately 46 finalists' works are exhibited at the historic Woollahra Council Chambers in Double Bay, Sydney, Australia.

Michael Harrell was lucky enough to be one of those 46 finalists this year and will get to exhibit his work for three weeks in Woollahra, Sydney from Saturday 14 October to 5 November. The Announcement of the Winner of WSSP 2017 is announced on 13 October with Prizes totalling \$24,000.



Mrs Leasa Cleaver  
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator



"The Donald" is the official name of his sculpture and Michael is now considered a professional Sculptor. His sculpture of the American President is worth around \$3,500. Michael's success would not be possible if it were not for his life long teachers Suzanne Forsyth Hatch and Rick Hatch.

You can visit the Website and find out more info at <http://sculptureprize.woollahra.nsw.gov.au>



The 2017 REC Ya Shorts finalists' screening tour is just around the corner, showcasing the best and brightest new filmmaking talent from around regional NSW up on the big screen!

With more than \$30,000 in prizes to be won, students will be out in force to watch the top short films screened in front of their peers – and find out which lucky schools win one of seven \$3,000 film-making kits.

The schools screening for Armidale will take place at Belgrave Cinema on Monday 4 September from 12.30pm to 2pm (90 minutes), for students and teachers.

Students are welcome to bring lunch. The screening includes an awards ceremony and presentation.

If you want to come along or enter a film, please let Mrs Cleaver know before 21 August. See you there!

**Mrs Leasa Cleaver**  
**Acting Creative Arts Coordinator**





## SCHOOLS SCREENING INVITATION - ARMIDALE

It's arrived... the 2017 REC Ya Shorts finalists' screening tour, with the best and brightest new filmmaking talent from around regional NSW projected up on the big screen!

Find out which filmmakers make the final cut and who are the winners of the 2017 REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival.

(Don't forget, submissions are still open until August 21st!)

With more than \$30,000 in prizes to be won, students will be out in force to watch the top entries screened in front of their peers and prize presentations – and find out which lucky schools win one of seven \$3,000 film-making kits.

The schools screening for Armidale will take place at **Belgrave Cinema on Monday 4 September from 12.30pm to 2pm** (90 minutes), for students and teachers. Students are welcome to bring lunch along to have before the screening. The screening includes the finalists' films as well as the awards ceremony and presentation.

The screening is free to attend, but school group bookings are essential. Please **RSVP by August the 21st** to Saige Browne at [saige.browne@screenwave.com.au](mailto:saige.browne@screenwave.com.au)

There will also be an evening screening from 6pm for a 6.30pm start that is open to all members of the public. Please see [REC Ya Shorts Facebook](#) page for evening screening details and to book free tickets.

The screening tour marks the culmination of months of workshops in more than nine areas, and short-film making by young people across regional NSW. The screenings provide validation and recognition for young filmmakers in front of their peers. We hope to see you there!

For more details about REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival, visit [www.recyashorts.com.au](http://www.recyashorts.com.au)

# Masterstroke

HSC Visual Arts Exhibition

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*Featuring works from:*

**KALIYA ALLDRIDGE**  
**MADISON ALLDRIDGE**  
**REUBEN CHARLEY-BRIGGS**  
**SOPHIE CLOSE**  
**LUKAS COOK**  
**ELIZA CUNNINGHAM**  
**JESSIE DIGBY**  
**LIAM DONALDSON**  
**HARRY FORSYTHE**  
**THOMAS GOODFELLOW**  
**FLOYD HARDINGHAM**  
**DANIEL JACKSON**  
**DOMINICK JACKSON**  
**HARRY MACKENZIE**  
**CHLOE MORGAN**  
**KIRA O'CONNOR**  
**JAMES ORR**  
**EDWARD PITT**  
**HENRY PURKISS**

**Tuesday, 22 August**  
**TAS Hoskins Centre**  
**6.30pm**



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# MUSIC MATTERS

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## Final Note - TAS HSC Music Showcase

Our HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Extension students are preparing to perform a selection of their HSC exam repertoire at two 'Final Note' concerts next Monday and Tuesday evenings. These concerts are free and are open to all.

### HSC Music 1 6:30pm Monday 21 August

Kaliya Alldridge: Voice

Madison Alldridge: Voice

Jacqueline Barrett: Voice

Jonathon Chamberlain: Guitar

Reuben Charley-Briggs: Trumpet

Kobi Hall: Guitar

James Hartog-Smith: Saxophone

Daniel Jackson: Guitar

Dominick Jackson: Guitar

Sebastian Scott: Trombone

A huge thank you to our wonderful Music tutors and accompanists: Mr Dennis Arakaki, Mrs Bekk Baumgartner, Ms Laura Curotta, Mrs Deidre Rickards, Mr David Brown, Mr Warwick Dunham, Ms Joanna Fairs-Wu, Miss Arlene Fletcher, Mrs Wendy Griffiths, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Paul Marshall, Mr Matt Nolan, Mr Will Smidt, Mr Dave van Tongeren, Nicholas Bohlsen, Jonathon Bruhl, Imogen Gifford, Ziggy Harris, Emily Hempel, Dominique Holley, Jessica Hughes, Sophia Mackson, Disa Smart, David Tan and Matthew Turnbull.

**Ms Leanne Roobol**  
**Director of Music**

### HSC Music 2 and Music Extension 6:30pm, Tuesday 22 August

Commences in Memorial Hall and moves to TAS Hoskins Centre

This concert will coincide with the HSC Art showcase  
Masterstroke

Matthew Giakoumi: Violin

Imogen Gifford: Violin

Ziggy Harris: Violin

Samuel Thatcher: Organ





# FINAL NOTE

A SHOWCASE OF TAS HSG MUSIC

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## MUSIC 1

Kaliya Alldridge | Madison Alldridge  
Jacqueline Barrett | Jonathon Chamberlain  
Reuben Charley-Briggs | Kobi Hall  
James Hartog-Smith | Daniel Jackson  
Dominick Jackson | Sebastian Scott

## MUSIC 2

Matthew Giakoumi | Imogen Gifford  
Ziggy Harris | Samuel Thatcher



THIS IS A FREE EVENT. BOOKINGS NOT NECESSARY.

### MUSIC 1

MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017  
6.30PM TAS HOSKINS CENTRE

### MUSIC 2

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017  
6.30PM BEGINNING WITH A PERFORMANCE IN TAS MEMORIAL HALL  
LATER MOVING TO TAS HOSKINS CENTRE  
(GOING IDING WITH MASTERSTROKE VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE)



**TAS**  
THE ARMIDALE  
SCHOOL

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## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

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### Last Week

Well, it's done: all students are back; Year 6 are unscathed; Year 7 are unfazed (I hope this isn't a neologism); Year 8 are unwinding (there's a none too subtle difference between this word and unravelling) - in the best possible way. Seriously, the week was not easy – no week is worthwhile unless it is characterised by some kind of challenge. It was our first IDEALS Week and I need to acknowledge the mammoth efforts of staff. Collaboration, mutual support and willingness to 'give' extra were perhaps the most notable ingredients of success. It was challenging when people were, unavoidably, away but the Middle School component of the week was so appreciated by everyone attached to activities. I know you were treated to images last week – but there are many more we can share with you and somehow, these will be made available to you.

### Half Way and Busy

We're officially half way now and everything continues well enough. Life is very busy: students completed their IDEALS Week, some competed in the City2Surf, they are busily managing the next assessment block, Ag Quip will begin soon, we're preparing for our home games, we're thinking about the next lot of commitments and generally speaking, all is well with us.

### Clothing and Behaviour - reminder

It is important that you are aware of issues that concern your children in their daily interactions with one another. Uniforms, as well you know, are expensive. It's an unfortunate fact of life in school communities that, from time to time, items of clothing will go missing, being a cause for concern for everyone. Today items of clothing went missing for assembly. This concerns us greatly. I think it's incredibly unfair that students present for assembly having brought to school all they need to 'do the right thing'. We had an extra Town Meeting so that I could vent my concerns about 'borrowing' clothes of others and watching on as said others 'watch on' as the people, whose blazers and so on have gone missing, are 'checked' for having done the wrong thing. Please support us by telling your children to: look after their clothing; make sure that blazers and so on, when they're not being worn, are put into a special place; that, whilst it's kind to allow others to borrow clothes, in the long run this may not be good policy; that the current owner's name should appear clearly on clothes and, in the case of blazers, this name should appear in a number of places.



Largely, we're dealing with teenagers: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. I loathe poor language – it's a sign of laziness. If I need to speak to children about appropriateness of language and general poor behaviour, I'll let you know as well. We want your support as parents.

**Mr Mark Harrison**  
**Head of Middle School**

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## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

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### Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School – August 16 – 22

It is with much excitement that I write this week's TAS Talks as this afternoon, the Tezukayama School is about to arrive at TAS. This wonderful exchange program has been ongoing for more than two decades and the benefits for all have been very well documented. Having students immersed in another's culture provides one of the greatest learning experiences we can offer.

This is no fleeting visit - we are hosting 30 Japanese students and staff in Junior School and in our homes for a week which brings with it all manner of opportunity and challenge. I have been fortunate enough to have experienced the same hospitality reciprocated in Osaka when our students travel and I sincerely thank our parents and friends who have opened their home to our visitors.

We have published a schedule for your information in TAS Talks and on the Junior School website and we invite you along to see, contribute to or simply enjoy the experience with us. It will be a lot of fun.

### Uniform

In discussions with the Headmaster, the Junior School staff have formed a committee that will be reviewing the Junior School uniform. Given the introduction of co-education and the increase in the number of students coming to TAS, there is good logic behind this timing. Always a complex process, we are not looking to make changes in the immediate future. However, there is a lack of clarity and consistency in some areas and therefore it is timely to begin the conversation for the future. At a later date, we will encourage more input but until then, if you have constructive comment that would be helpful to guide staff in their initial discussions, please feel free to forward them via email to [junior@as.edu.au](mailto:junior@as.edu.au)

In the meantime, with spring around the corner, it is a great time to have a 'spring clean' with our current uniforms. We are encouraging the children to take more pride in their appearance, ensuring they arrive at school neatly dressed, hair brushed and shoes polished. Girls should be wearing a navy-blue ribbon if their hair is tied up with the appropriate uniform. Please also ensure hats are clean and tidy and worn to school each day. If in doubt, please look at the photos found at the following link - <http://www.as.edu.au/community/uniform-shop/junior-school-uniform/>



I would like to remind students in Year 5 that they should wear their blazers in public and that all sports uniform worn on sports training days continues to be PE uniform and not the uniform of the sport (football or rugby gear etc.). We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

## IDEALS Week

I would like to make a brief comment about the success of the IDEALS week in Middle and Senior School and the fantastic time we had combining with Minimbah School to participate in a range of activities provided by Year 8 students. We have spent a good deal of our own time in Junior School, beginning to understand what it means to serve others and to have Year 8 with us as they put their own lessons into practice was both enjoyable and highly educational.

## Sport

Congratulations to all our students who have been participating in many areas of sporting endeavour. We have a large team of competitors who are away today in Coffs Harbour and you will see a report in this week's TAS Talks of our successful performance in the local PSSA Carnival. I have been very pleased with the level of sportsmanship and participation I have seen recently as I did the rounds over the last few weekends. It is great to catch up on the side line but even more enjoyable it has been the chance to see our children enjoying their sport. I am keen to see this level of participation continue and encourage you to support both your children's involvement each weekend and their performance as they play. Please ensure that, having made the commitment to a team, this is followed through with adequate notice to coaches if an absence is anticipated or occurs without notice.

**Mr Ian Lloyd**  
**Head of Junior School**



## TEZUKAYAMA TIMETABLE

Date	Place	Time	Activity
Tue 15/8	Narita Tokyo	21:05	Departing Flight JQ012
Wed 16/8	Gold Coast	6:55	Arrive Gold Coast
			Depart for Armidale
		13:00	Lunch
	Armidale	15:30	Arrive at TAS - Meet Host families and depart
		16:30	Staff Reception - Lower Maxwell room
Thur 17/8	Armidale	8:45 - 9:30	Welcome Ceremony
			Welcome to Country
			Welcome Speech
			Singing of the National Anthems,
			Giving of Certificates - Armidale Mayor
			School Presentations
		9:30 - 10:15	Period 2
		10:15 - 10:35	Break
		10:35 - 11:20	Period 3
		<b>11:20 - 11:40</b>	<b>Recess</b>
		11:40 - 12:25	Period 4
		<b>12:25 - 13:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
		13:15 - 15:15	Outdoor PE Activities
		15:30	Home - collected by host families
Fri 18/8		8:45	Arrive at TAS; depart for AKKP/Uralla - (TEZ Students Casual clothing)
		9:30 - 11:45	Group 1 & 2 Aboriginal Cultural Centre
			Group 3 Horse Riding/Damper Cooking
			Group 4 Damper Cooking/Horse Riding
		<b>11:45 - 12:15</b>	<b>Lunch From Host Family</b>
		12:45-14:45	Group 1 Horse Riding/Damper Cooking
			Group 2 Damper Cooking/Horse Riding
		13:00 - 15:00	Group 3 & 4 Aboriginal Cultural Centre
		15:30	Picked up by host family from TAS
		17:00	School Social & BBQ (K-2 from 1700; 3-5 from 1800to finish by 1900) BBQ Sausage sizzle provided outside hall from 5.45pm
Sat 19/8		All Day	Students spend time with host family
			TEZ Staff
Sun 20/8		All Day	Students spend time with host family
Mon 21/8		8:30	Arrive at TAS (All Students Formal Uniform)
		8:45 - 9:30	Period 1
		9:30 - 10:15	Period 2
		<b>10:15 - 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
		10:30 - 11.30	Period 3
		11.30 - 12:25	Period 4
		<b>12:25</b>	<b>Lunch - TAS Dining Hall</b>
		13:15	TEZ Prepare for Final Assembly
		14:00	Final Celebration Assembly
		15:30	Picked up by host family (sport as usual)
Tue 22/8		6:45	Meet at Front of TAS (Flagpoles)
		7:00	Departing Photo with host family
			Leave for Brisbane

## Looking Ahead

### Week 5 School Spirit – Resilience

Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths Exam
Wednesday 16 August	Tezukayama arrive in Armidale (Approx 4.00 pm – phone 6776 5800 for updates) Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 2 NCIS Athletics, Coffs Harbour
Friday 18 August	Junior School/Tezukayama Social/Disco (Memorial Hall – K-2 5.00 – 6.00 pm; 3 – 5 5.45 – 7.00 pm) BBQ provided at 5.45 pm

### Week 6 School Spirit – Confidence

Tuesday 22 August	Tezukayama depart Armidale at 7:00 am
Wednesday 23 August	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre – Year 3
Thursday 24 August	Da Vinci Decathlon at TAS

### Week 7 School Spirit – Persistence

Wednesday 30 August	Assembly 2.45 Gym for Gymnastics Demonstration
Friday 1 September	Activities Day No. 5 Father's Day Sausage Sizzle Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off day

### Week 8 School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 6 September	Assembly 2.45 Hoskins Centre - Kindergarten
Thursday 7 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 6pm
Friday 8 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 9 – 11am

## Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Grace Ryan, Rebecca Billingsley and Henry Taylor.

## TAS Junior School Social

### Friday August 18.....Save the Date!!

As the date for the arrival of the Tezukayama School visit rapidly approaches, I draw your attention to the Combined School Social we are holding on Friday August 18 with Tezukayama, PLC and NEGS. This will be held in the Memorial Hall from 5.00 – 6.00 pm (T – 2) and 5.45 pm – 7.00 pm (3 – 5). There will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments provided for all from 5.45 pm outside the Hall. We warmly invite our families and friends to come and join us as we join with Tezukayama for what should be a very entertaining evening.



## PYP PROGRAMME, VERONICA WATERS

Year 1 have been exploring the transdisciplinary theme 'How We Express Ourselves'. They have been investigating the meaning of the central idea 'Stories are vessels for timeless cultural and personal expressions.'

The children in Year 1 will explore this Unit of Inquiry through the following three lines of inquiry.

An inquiry into:

- the different purposes and structures of stories (Function)
- do authors 'paint a picture' with words (Reflection)
- how stories can be shared in many ways (Form)

To engage the children they all brought in their favourite children's book to share and discuss. They took action and interviewed their parents regarding their favourite children's books.

Throughout the unit the children will take an in depth look at the purpose and structure of stories and fables. Investigations will be taken further when looking at fables where they will explore how people express their thoughts and learn about other cultures.

The children have written some incredible fables independently and have enjoyed the opportunity to share these.

The class have had some wonderful excursions to the Education Museum and Town Library, which further developed their interest in stories.

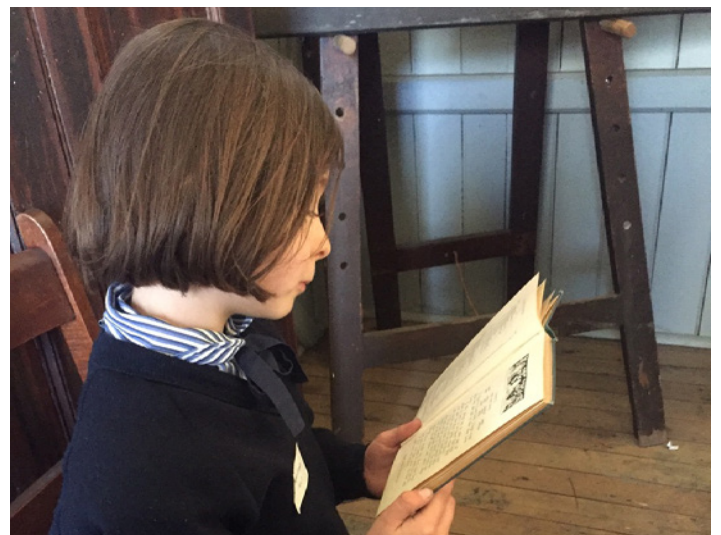
### Mrs Waters and Mrs Hardin



Out and about at the Library



Jack Wood exploring books and tales from Asia



Lucy Taylor  
Exploring books at the museum

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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### PSSA Athletics Tuesday 8 August

Last Tuesday TAS Junior School sent 19 athletes to the Armidale Zone PSSA Athletics to compete in a range of events throughout the day. All athletes showed great determination, wonderful sportsmanship and at all times supported their team mates and represented the school in exemplary fashion. Highlights throughout the day included Max Rogers and Lennox Neilson gaining second and third placings respectively in the 11years boys 800m, whilst Caleb Baumgartner achieved second placings in both the 11years boys Shot Put and Discus. Good luck to all competitors who will be competing at the upcoming NCIS Athletics Championships in Coffs Harbour.

**Mr Alex Portell**

### SOCCKER

#### Under 10s - TAS Thunderstorms

Another great win for the Thunderstorms on Saturday. A huge thank you to Sam and Hugo for volunteering to play for undermanned Walcha. Their sportsmanship and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated. The rest of the team also had a fabulous game - no subs meant everyone played the full 50 minutes with lots of sprints up and down the field. Some great goals were also scored off some 1-2 passing. Well done Thunderstorms!

**Mrs Donella Tutt**

#### Under 8s – TAS Taipans

The boys were fired up this week for a TAS vs TAS match against the Tornadoes. With Hugo Broun injured and Levi Broadfoot and Joshua Rucci out sick it was going to be a close match. The game was a tight contest with the ball making its way from one end to the other regularly. Max Junge, Peter Thompson and Josiah Baumgartner all made goals, with Marcus Robb and Andrew Alkhoury making strong passes forward. Cormac Downes had some good surges towards the goal too. A good match with a close win over the Tornadoes.

**Mr Stephen Thompson**







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