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TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 6 September, 2017 Term 3 Week 8

HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Winter Sporting Season

As the Winter season comes to a close in these last few weeks of term there are plenty of celebrations happening. The end of season dinners already had in rugby and hockey have highlighted the positive seasons enjoyed in those sports and I am sure the same will be true for the netball and football dinners to come. Whilst the netball season finished for TAS last weekend, we have a large number of TAS teams playing in finals in hockey and football this weekend, as well as home fixtures in rugby, and I wish all those players involved well for them.

TAS Hockey

Amongst the highlights of the Winter sporting season, TAS hockey stands out as having enjoyed a stellar season and the trajectory of growth and development over the past decade in particular was celebrated in fine style at the senior hockey presentation dinner last night. With 12 teams now competing across the age groups, it has grown from a lesser light to a major sport in that time and the TAS hockey club has become a significant player in the New England competition. I am well aware that this success has come on the back of great commitment from many, including parents, players, coaches and administrators, and I offer them congratulations. From the TAS staff, Alex Portell, Mike Ball and Tania Ball deserve special praise for their long and clearly very successful efforts. I am sure that all who appreciate the sporting opportunities here will join in congratulating them and with TAS hockey continued success into the future.

Chess

TAS chess has had its most successful season at First IV level last year and I congratulate the team on winning the New England North West regional final against Narrabri last week. As regional champions they have won the right to represent the region at the NSW Regional Finals in Sydney later in the year and I am sure all at TAS will join in offering congratulations to the team.



Inter-house Public Speaking

Representatives from each of the six senior houses went head to head yesterday in front of all Middle and Senior School in the 2017 Inter-house Public Speaking competition and it was a very impressive show. Topics this year ranged from what success really means to perspectives on tradition, feminism, marriage equality and even “how to be a cool nerd” and they clearly impressed and entertained the big audience. Whilst house pride was in contention and the ambition to entertain clear, the most significant outcome of yesterday’s event was the role model presented to both peers and younger students. That each speaker had researched and prepared their topic so thoroughly and that they all presented articulately, clearly and confidently in the challenging setting of the gym with no microphone was a fine example of the power of public speaking. I am sure that every student in the audience imagined, at some stage, what it would feel like to be speaking to the whole School and I would hope that imagining was as enticing as it might have been daunting.

P&F Meeting

The P&F will hold its last meeting for the term tonight in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7:00pm and all are warmly invited to come along. After the great success of the music and movies trivia night, the focus is now on the next big community event, TAS at Dusk, and all with ideas and contributions they might be able to offer are especially encouraged to attend.

Passing Out Parade

The TAS Cadet Unit will formally farewell its Year 12 leaders on Friday afternoon at our annual Ceremonial Passing Out Parade. This is a special occasion for those cadets who have maintained their commitment to the Unit, often with significant leadership responsibilities, right through their time at the School and it is fitting that we recognise it as a whole school. Our reviewing officer and special guest this year will be Old Armidalian Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) James McTavish who will be with us for the weekend as he enjoys his 30 year reunion. An invitation with details of the parade is included in this edition of TAS Talks and I hope that as many parents and friends of the School as possible will join us for this very long standing and impressive show of respect to our senior cadets.

TAS Reunion Weekend

On Friday afternoon hundreds of former TAS students will descend on the School for TAS Reunion Weekend and I look forward to welcoming them. For the bulk of those Old Armidalians who are coming to celebrate 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50+ year reunions it will give the chance both to reminisce with old friends and connect again to their old school and I am sure that both will be happy experiences. For the School and our current students in particular, it provides us with the opportunity to interact with those who have gone before us, whether it be in friendly competition (hockey, swimming, debating, shooting, chess and tug-o-war), on the sidelines for rugby or other sporting finals or around the campus as past students visit their old haunts. That connection to those who are part of our long school history is a privilege that I know is valued here and it offers that sense of being a part of something much larger than ourselves that I think is so important today.

I hope that current parents as well will feel welcome to share in this experience, particularly through those activities that they are closest to. For a coverage of the full program, follow the link to: <http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2017/09/OAU-Weekend-Schedule-FINAL1.pdf>

Murray Guest

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 8

Wednesday 6 September	NCIS Netball/Tennis (Grafton) MS Inter-house Public Speaking Passing Out Parade Practice (No sport) P&F Meeting (7pm)
Thursday 7 September	Passing Out Parade Practice Year 5 PYP Exhibition MS Inter-house Public Speaking
Friday 8 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Passing Out Parade (2pm) OAs v TAS Debate (Hoskins) Cadet Dining In Night
Saturday 9 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Bell Tower Society Brunch (10am) Rugby, Rugby 7s, Netball TAS v Scots PGC & TACAPS
Sunday 10 September	TAS Reunion Weekend Old Armidaliens' Chapel Service (9.30am) OAU AGM (11.00am) HCC Training

Week 9

Monday 11 September	Year 11 exams begin (all week) Year 10 First Aid Courses (all week) NAPLAN Online Testing
Tuesday 12 September	JS Hockey BBQ (5pm in JS Covered Area)
Wednesday 13 September	HSC Music 1 Practical Exam
Thursday 14 September	HSC Music 2 Practical Exam
Friday 15 September	HSC Music 2 & Extension Practical Exam
Saturday 16 September	Myall Classic GPS Athletics (Homebush) Shooting Dinner (6pm Bowling Club)
Sunday 17 September	Fiji Parent and Student BBQ (12.30pm) Open's Football Dinner (6pm Hoskins Centre)



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**The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer Cadets,
LT (AAC) Angus Murray**

request the pleasure of your company
at

**The Annual Ceremonial
Passing Out Parade of
The Cadet Unit**

on Adamsfield

**Friday 8 September, 2017
at 2.00pm**

Reviewing Officer

**LTCOL (retired) James McTavish,
CSC, ESM**

Military personnel are invited to meet
in the Archdall Room at 1.30pm
Dress: Service Dress with medals

**followed by Afternoon Tea
in Big School**

FIRST AID COURSE - compulsory for all Year 10 students - Week 9

Year 10 will be completing the practical section of their First Aid Course in groups of around 20 students on an allocated day next week in the McConville Centre. Classes will be as normal for the other four days of the week. The theory component will need to be done online in order to complete the qualification and students will be given all the necessary information to carry this out. The cost of the course will be charged to student accounts.

From 1 January 2015, the Australian Government requires any students undertaking nationally recognised training to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This means that every student completing a First Aid course will require one of these numbers. Your son or daughter should have gained their USI through Careers classes this year. Please see the link below for information about this Government initiative-

<http://usi.gov.au/About/Pages/default.aspx>

Mr Alan Jones
Deputy Headmaster



P&F PRESIDENT, MRS RACHAEL NICOLL

P&F MEETING TONIGHT – TAS@DUSK

We have a P&F meeting tonight, Wednesday 6 September 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.

Over the next few weeks we will be starting to send out requests for items or helpers so please help where you can. Firstly, please start saving jars for the Tombola Stall as this is always popular and we can never have enough full jars of goodies. Anything from marbles, lollies, colouring pencils, hairclips, soaps and shampoos packaged into a jar would be wonderful.

For the Plant Stall we urgently need

- 10 cm pots for potting tomatoes and herbs – please deliver to the TAS garden shed behind the tennis courts. Leave at gate if unattended.
- Parents to re-pot and prepare any plants that may be suitable for sale in November (weather permitting)
- A new convener or team for the Plant Stall for 2018 – Suzie Wright has been amazing but this will be her last TAS@Dusk and we'd love to show a new person the ropes before she leaves.

If you'd like to know more please contact either myself on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or Suzie on suziejwright@bigpond.com

TAS REUNION WEEKEND

This weekend it is TAS Reunion Weekend and the Old Armidaliens will be holding a barbecue and canteen on Saturday from 11 until 2pm near the MS tennis courts whilst the rugby games are on. If you would like to bake or bring something or whip up some soup to help the OAU it would be much appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY FROM TRIVIA NIGHT

We have a couple of items – bowls, a jug and a black coat with safety pins down the arms, that were left in the Gym after the Trivia Night. If you're missing anything please contact me so that these 'lost souls' can be reunited with their owners.

Mrs Rachael Nicoll



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

UAC Applications

UAC Applications close on Friday 29 September 2017. Ensure your application is submitted by this due date to avoid late fees. You are still able to change your preferences up until 17 December for consideration in December Round 2 when Guaranteed Entry offers will be made. For further information visit the UAC website - uac.edu.au

Student Recommendation Schemes

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission, using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. After you've applied to UAC for undergraduate admission, you can apply for SRS using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. You can only submit one application. There is no separate charge to apply for SRS.

Southern Cross University

Student registrations for Southern Cross University Early Entry has been extended until 15 September. Students will be notified of the outcome of their STAR application by email from 13 November. Successful STAR applicants will receive their offer direct from the University.

Year 11 End of Course Exams

Year 11 End of Course exams will be held next week (Week 9). Students and parents have received a copy of the exam timetable.

Full school uniform is to be worn to every exam and students should arrive at the exam venue at least 15 minutes before the scheduled exam start time. If a student is unwell and unable to attend an exam they should contact Reception as soon possible and collect an Appeal Form as soon as they return to school - a doctor's certificate must be supplied.

Study hard - you owe it to yourself to get the best marks you possibly can.



2018 Subject Selection

Subject preferences for Year 11 2018 should now be completed and submitted by students. If they have not submitted their preferences they should do so as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien if there are any difficulties.

Year 8 and Year 9 students have now received the link and their webcode to select their subject preferences for Year 9 & Year 10 2018. Handbooks have also been distributed to students. The email they received will indicate when these subject preferences are due. Please discuss with your child their subject choices. If you have any questions please contact Vickey O'Brien - 6776 5806 or vobrien@as.edu.au

NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will participate in NESA's Online readiness test next week - Week 9. A letter from the Headmaster and a flyer accompany this newsletter and have also been emailed to parents.

Please note: student laptops should be fully charged the night before the online test and all students are to bring their own headphones or earbuds. Please read letter for further information.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies



5 September 2017

Dear Parents of students in Years 3,5,7 and 9

Next week your child will be involved in NAPLAN Online readiness tests. These will be conducted in the areas of Writing and an Omnibus test; comprising of elements from the reading, conventions of language and numeracy domains.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online which will come into effect in 2018. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability, but aims to allow schools to; become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes; check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online and to provide students in NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format.

TAS will be conducting NAPLAN Online readiness tests during week 9. Please see below to find details of specific days allocated to your child's year group. **Your child is required to bring a set of headphones (earbuds or ear phones) to the test.**

	Monday 11 September	Tuesday 12 September	Wednesday 13 September	Thursday 14 September
Year Group	Year 5	Year 3	Year 9	Year 7
Online Test	Writing Omnibus	Writing	Writing & Omnibus	Writing & Omnibus
When	Periods 1 & 2 Periods 6 & 7	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 1, 2 & 3	Periods 1, 2 & 3
Where	Classroom	Classroom	PDHPE Classroom	PDHPE Classrooms

Attached is a flyer with a more comprehensive outline of NAPLAN Online. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Catherine Boydell for year groups 7 & 9 – cboydell@as.edu.au or Mrs Veronica Waters for year groups 3 & 5 – vwaters@as.edu.au

Yours sincerely



Mr Murray Guest
Headmaster

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Round Square Regional Conference

Round Square Regional Conference for 13 – 15 year olds will be hosted by the International School of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 22-27 September 2017. This will be preceded by a pre-conference cultural experience from 18-22 September.

Best wishes to the delegation of Stewart and Cassidy Williams, Fergus Menzies, Frank Perrottet and Mr Polson and Ms Heagney for safe travel and a wonderful experience.

Round Square International Conference

Year 11 students Bonnie Bremner, Henry Hughes, Ben Louis, Kitty McPhie and Anthony Russell-Thomas combine as the delegation to attend the Round Square International Conference being hosted by three Round Square Schools in Capetown, South Africa over the September holidays. Their trip will also be preceded by a pre-conference experience at Kruger and surrounding area, hosted by Stanford Lake College.

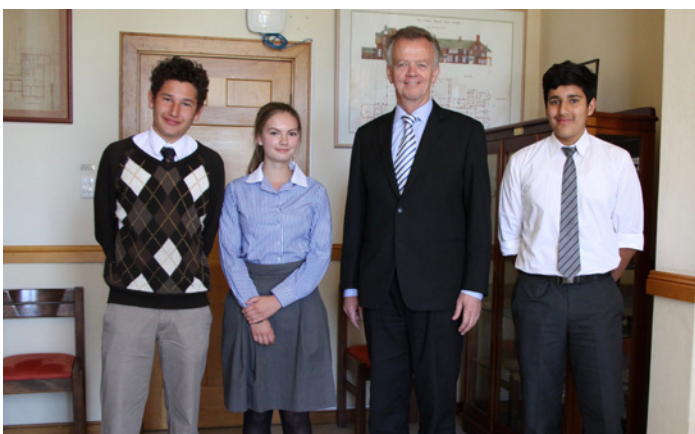
Exchange Students

We have enjoyed the company of three exchange students here at TAS this term – Luca Sampson from Woodride College in South Africa, Molly Gibson from King William’s College, Isle of Man and Devansh Rewat from The Doon School in India.

We, as a school, are fortunate to have exchange students immersed in our community – to learn about their lives in different schools and countries. We have had eight students to date with us this year, with another two coming in Term 4.

Our Heads of House are to be thanked for their ongoing support of the exchange program, making our visitors feel welcome and at home in their boarding houses, along with the teaching staff who manage extra in their classrooms.

Any family who would like to extend an invitation for weekend outings to any of our exchange students are encouraged to do so – this really does provide a richer experience for them.



TAS Exchange Students

We have eight students either having been on exchange this year, currently on exchange or about to depart. They are: Michael Paul and Lachlan Oates (Gordonstoun, Scotland Term 1) Wally Bremner (Stanford Lake College, Sth Africa currently on exchange)

Erin Page (King William’s College, Isle of Man currently on exchange)

Will Forsythe (Appleby College, Canada currently on exchange)

Ben McElroy (Athenian School, USA Term 4)

Henry O’Neil (Hackley College, New York – leaving late this week)

Chloe Lawson (Lakefield College, Canada Term 4)

Please see Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine if you are interested in a Round Square experience.

Mrs Anna Barnier
Round Square Representative



ACADEMIC

Chess

Congratulations to the Chess 1st IV who on Friday 1 September defeated Narrabri High School in the final of the NSW Junior Chess League. The team will now represent the New England North West at the state regional finals to be held in Sydney in November. Our players were: Board 1 Harry Pollard, Board 2 Liam Treavors, Board 3 Darcy Smyth, Board 4 Mike Nyathi.

Ms Catherine Boydell



Pictured is Liam Treavors on winning board 2



Japan Study Tour 2018

I am pleased to announce the plans for the 2018 Japan Study Tour. The trip is a combined Japanese/HSIE Study Tour and will involve a three day stay in China before travelling around Japan for 10 days.

Students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to participate on this Study Tour. It is estimated that 15 students will participate and at this stage the Study Tour will take place from Friday, 28 September to Friday, 12 October 2018. This trip will take place after the completion of next year's course 'Traveling in Japan' in Semester 1 for Year 9/10 students.

The Study Tour will allow the students to use their language skills in an authentic environment and experience the history, culture and lifestyle of two fascinating Asian countries. The previous trip in 2016 was very successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. At this stage we will be visiting Beijing, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, our Sister School Meitoku Gijuku, a two day homestay and many other interesting places.

We will be having an information evening early Term 4 outlining more details and answering any questions you may wish to ask. If you would like your son or daughter to participate on the Japan Study Tour could you indicate your interest by emailing Mr Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting me. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mr Allan Moore



Living Lessons: French/HSIE Study Tour 2018

The study tour is open to current French/HSIE students in Years 8, 9 and 10 interested in enhancing their understanding of French culture, history and language in 2018.

The study tour will complement topics studied within the Stage 5 Year 9/10 electives Travelling in France and Living in France and the Stage 6 French Continuers course, together with topics studied in both Stage 5 and 6 History curriculums.

The study tour will include a homestay experience and students will travel by métro in Paris and by TGV, the high-speed train, as they explore beyond the capital. The tour will also include a two-day visit to the Somme battlefields of World War I and day trips to Geneva (Switzerland) and Monte Carlo (Monaco) by rail.

Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday 28 September 2018 – Friday 12 October 2018 (Term 3 school holidays)

Paris, Amiens, Naours, Beaumont-Hamel, Arras, Pozières, Corbie, Villers-Bretonneux

Lyon, Geneva, Marseille, Monte Carlo, Nice

The estimated base cost is \$3500 for the 12-day study tour, understanding that currency changes over the next 12 months may change. This figure does not include food, entrance to some museums and sights, or spending money. A more accurate figure will be determined at a later date.

An information evening will be held in Term 4, 2017.

Enquiries and expressions of interest to Mr David Toakley (HSIE Coordinator) dtoakley@as.edu.au and Ms Majella Christensen (French) mchrste@as.edu.au

Ms Majella Christensen



GIRLS' EDUCATION DIRECTOR, ALEX POLLITT

The value of the 'seconds'

Did you know history was made last week at TAS? What, you didn't know? In all honesty I didn't realise it either, but its significance hit me last Monday.

Girls have been a part of Senior and Middle School at TAS for over 18 months. I have been watching with great pride as we as community do what all strong and vibrant communities do, evolve. New initiatives come like IDEALS Week, and working teams to strategise over literacy and numeracy implications in light of the government benchmarks that have been set. Groups such as the service learning team are established to take 'service' in the school to the next level. New subjects in our elective program are offered and curricular endeavours pop up. I could go on, but all I'm highlighting is that TAS is not a school that rests on its laurels. This attitude inevitably comes with lots of 'firsts' and it's one of the main reasons I crossed the country to work at TAS. I like being part of building something and I am buzzed by the 'firsts' because when you focus on creating/ planning/ setting up 'firsts' there's possibility and potential and its incredibly 'freeing'!

Last Monday, I sent a text out to the boarding girls requesting that they be at our evening meeting by 6.30pm (10 minutes earlier than usual) , to hear from the Year 11s wanting to be the next Girls Boarding Captain and Deputy. I got to the common room by 6.25 and what I saw was a roomful of girls showing respect for a process and support for those coming through who were brave enough to put their hands up and say 'I want to be your leader'. I listened as my 'first' boarding captains spoke about the need to elect someone who cares and who will come alongside and the pride they feel in being leaders of this incredible group of young women. I listened as Year 11 girls talked about leaving legacy and how they wanted to 'be there' for the house. Talk is cheap, as we know, but both the present and future leaders all spoke with conviction and a real understanding of what we expect of a TAS leader, a TAS leader of the Girls Boarding House.

I feel like I've been living in the midst of 'firsts' for 18 months. So much of what I have been involved with has been new, each step has been about creating and building foundation - the 'firsts' of things. So why was history made on a fairly average Monday night in girls boarding last week? Well it wasn't just because I had all my Year 8-12 cherubs, 37 of them, early for a meeting! As I listened to the girls and looked around the room at my ever growing boarding house, I felt a new kind of jolt... not the euphoria of 'first', but the pride of the 'second'. I suddenly realised that my boarding house was heading into a 'second' life cycle. We have had our 'first' leaders and now we are about to have our 'second' and with that comes a different set of opportunities.

On a larger scale I believe the girls boarding house reflects the co-ed journey of the school. I realise we have been doing 'seconds' for a while, and upon reflection I have probably been so preoccupied with the last of the 'firsts' to realise the true significance of these seconds. So, I'd like to raise a metaphorical toast, in honour of the 'seconds', you know what and who you are... The firsts have been incredible, but because you, all the seconds, we can now say that The Armidale School really is 'developing and growing' as a co-education school.



Miss Alex Pollitt

DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, WILL CALDWELL

Look after Yourself

As we returned from last Friday's Activities Day, the boys from 1 and 2 Platoon reflected on their experiences paddling up and down the Clarence River. The exercise provided many opportunities to look after yourself or to look after your partner, your platoon, your team. I asked them two simple questions and their answers were immediate and unanimous.

Q: If everyone looks after themselves, how many people are looking after you? A: One; You.

Q: If everyone looks after each member of their team, how many people are looking after you?

A: Everyone in the team.

Of all the benefits provided by the Co-curricular program at TAS, arguably the greatest is the opportunity to be part of a team; to connect, to feel secure in the knowledge that someone else has your back. As humans, I think we are inherently selfish. We want what is best for us. However, the experience of being part of a team teaches us that what is best for us is to give rather than to take; to support our team-mates. Teams who embrace this culture will look back upon their season and cherish, above all else, the camaraderie and mateship they have experienced.

NCIS Netball and Tennis

Best wishes to the 29 boys and girls competing in Grafton today at the NCIS Netball and Tennis events. I know the students cherish the opportunity to play against other schools in a competitive yet friendly set of games. My thanks go to the staff who consistently give of themselves to make these opportunities available to our students.

Finals March On

It is wonderful to see so many of our teams still in the finals race. Six of our hockey teams, eight football teams and the TAS 5 netball team, are fighting it out for a place in the finals. We wish them well and I would encourage students to take the opportunity to support. All students are invited to come and support our First XI Hockey team as they face off against the Old Armidaliens at Sport UNE at 5pm this Friday. Buses will depart Q store at 4:30pm and return to TAS at 6:15pm.

A full schedule of events for the TAS Reunion Weekend can be found [here](#).



Inter-house Public Speaking

It just gets better each year.... Good public speaking is engaging. The audience connect with the speaker and are captivated by the message. Yesterday, Middle and Senior School students had the privilege of witnessing speakers from each of the six houses, stepping outside their comfort zone and sharing part of themselves; their values and their passions. Whist all speakers deserve praise for their courage and ability to engage the audience, it was Owen Chandler, representing Ross House who won the favour of the judge, Mr Guest, as he evaluated the virtues of tradition.

The Middle School competition continues tomorrow and I thank Mr Tim Hughes and the Public Speaking Captains, Tom Wright, Katie Miller and Hugh Worsley for their drive and commitment which has inspired the growth of public speaking at TAS.

Chess

Congratulations to the First IV, made up of Harry Pollard, Liam Treavors, Darcy Smyth and Mike Nyathi. The team won the NSW Junior Chess League for the Region, defeating Narrabri High School. We wish the team all the best as they move onto the next stage in Sydney.

Mr Will Caldwell

Director of Co-curricular

Public Speaking

Narrow win to Ross in Senior Public Speaking

Big issues and personal passions were the topics in focus at the Senior School public speaking competition held during Assembly on Tuesday. Despite facing an extra challenge of having to project their voices in the gym without amplification (due to technical issues), the thought-provoking speeches, of their own choice, were heard and digested by an engaged audience of students from Years 6-12, and staff.

Henry O'Neil (Green House) got the competition off to a fine start with a reflection on what is success, outlining the difference between resume virtues and eulogy virtues, and echoed Einstein's notion that it is better to be a person of value, than of 'success'.

Owen Chandler (Ross) exploded out of the blocks and after reassuring everyone he was not going to speak about Communism – a personal fascination – explored the notion of traditions and change with great confidence and delivery.

The current debate about same sex marriage was the topic chosen by both Flynn Ihle (Croft) and Dan Lethbridge (Tyrrell) who similarly arced their advocacy for the 'yes' case in the upcoming plebiscite. It is always unfortunate if a second speech on a similar topic repeats some of the content as the first, however this in no way diminished Dan's courage and commitment to stand up for something he believes in. Humour was the order of the day for Nicholas Bohlsen, whose comedic advice on how to be a cool nerd included the suggestion to always hang out with people even more uncool than you are.

The final speaker was Katie Miller from Abbott, on the topic of feminism. Warning against misandry, she said that true feminism was important for both genders, because it also liberated men to be able to be who they truly are and want to be without being derided as being 'girly'.

In the end only two points separated the six speakers, with Owen Chandler declared the winner.

It's one thing to get up and read a prepared document, but to prepare a speech, often revealing something about one's self, is not an easy gig.

Giving his adjudication, the Headmaster said that each year the standard of speeches improved every year and credited the speakers for their preparation, articulation and confidence.

Congratulations to all the speakers for their contribution to the inter-house Clemson Cup; tomorrow, it's the turn of Middle School.

Mr Tim Hughes



Accommodation:

PE Classroom 1
PE Classroom 2
PE Classrooms
Green Room

Friday - Scots PGC, arrive 7:30pm

Opens (15)
15s (15)
5 staff (linen blanket and pillow provided)
13s (15)

Saturday – TACAPS, arrive 11:30am

Girls (23)
4 Staff (fresh linen provided)
Boys (18)

Friday 8 September

Time	TAS	Visitors	Venue
5:00pm	TAS Hockey	Old Armidaliens	UNE Hockey Fields
6:30pm	TAS Swimming	Old Armidaliens	TAS Pool
7:00pm	TAS Debating	Old Armidaliens	Hoskins Centre

Saturday 9 September

Time	TAS	Visitors	Venue
8:30am	TAS Shooting	Old Armidaliens	Small Bore Range
8:30am	TAS Tennis	Old Armidaliens	Belfield Tennis Courts
9:00am	TAS Chess	Old Armidaliens	Archdall Room
9:30am	Rugby 13A	Scots PGC	Backfield
10:30am	Rugby 15A	Scots PGC	Backfield
12:00pm	Rugby 1 st XV	Scots PGC	Backfield
1:00pm	Netball 16s - girls	TACAPS	MS Courts
1:15pm - Tug-O-War	TAS 1 st XV	Old Armidaliens	Backfield
1:30pm	Rugby 16A – boys 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
2:00pm	Rugby 14A – boys 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
2:00pm	Netball 14s - girls	TACAPS	MS Courts
2:30pm	Rugby 16 – girls 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
3:00pm	Rugby 16B – boys 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
3:30pm	Rugby 14B – boys 7s	TACAPS	Backfield
4:00pm	Rugby 14 – girls 7s	TACAPS	Backfield

Change rooms for Visitors: The Sports Centre change rooms.

SATURDAY

Breakfast: in TAS Dining Hall
7:00am TAS Shooters and Tennis Players
7:30am Scots PGC
8:00am All other TAS boarders

Lunch: Students: 11:00am to 1:00pm walk through in TAS dining room

Dinner: BBQ on Backfield 5pm

SUNDAY

Breakfast: Continental (collect from dining room at 5pm Saturday)

A canteen run by the Old Armidaliens' Union will be selling hot food and drinks from 11am–1:30pm at Backfield.

Netball

With mixed emotions we come to the end of our netball season, we are sad it is over but we are so grateful for such a fantastic season of netball, thank you very much to all of our amazing coaches who have tirelessly assisted our girls play the best netball they can.

TAS 1 played some skilful games of netball over the season with a number of extremely close matches, in the end they just missed out being in the semifinals and coming fifth in their division.

TAS 2 worked hard in a tough competition, developing their techniques and improving in leaps and bounds over a few months. They ended up coming sixth in their division and showed perseverance to continue to try their best right up to the last game.

TAS 3 had a very enjoyable and social season, they always had smiles on their faces and played with such enthusiasm. They had a few wins under their belt and ended up coming sixth on the ladder.

TAS 4 started and ended the season extremely well, they were moved up to be in a division with TAS 3 after the first couple of games as they showed such strength. They played a great season and were challenged in the tougher division which only fuelled their fire and drove them to continue to improve. They made it into the semifinals, however, unfortunately they lost last Saturday to a very strong PLC team.

TAS 5 have shown the greatest improvement this year, they have steadily reversed the results on the scoreboard and have had some great wins in the second half of the season. They finished fourth in their division and played a great game in the semifinals, winning them a place in the finals that will be played this Saturday, if they win this game they will continue through to the grand finals on Saturday 16 September. We wish TAS 5 all the best for this weekends game at 12pm, we know they would love to see you there showing your support.

We are so proud of all of our players and feel blessed to be a part of such a great team. Thanks to all who contributed and supported us this year.

Ms Rachel Harrison (MIC Netball)

Ms Alice Hudson (Netball Administrator)



CREATIVE ARTS

Over the last few weeks Creative Arts has been an incredibly busy place finalising Yr 12 major works for Drama, Music and Visual Arts. The standard of work this year has truly been impressive and all works and performances have been received with incredible support and admiration. As well as congratulating the students on their achievements I also recognise the countless hours that Mr Ian McPherson and Ms Leanne Roobol has invested in getting these students where they are.

With all the Creative Arts works, compositions and performances nearly completed with the final performance exam for Music being held next week, Year 12 students will be turning their attention to the written components of the course. I encourage them to invest the same level of care and effort in those exams as they have in their major works to achieve the results they truly deserve.

The Hoskins Centre will play host to a number of fantastic shows over the next two weeks. I encourage you all to come along and experience the amazing performances on offer.

ANU Jazz Faculty Tour

This Wednesday 6 September, some of Australia's finest jazz musicians from the Jazz Faculty at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra will be performing at the Hoskins Centre at 7pm. The ANU School of Music has long been one of Australia's most well respected centres for Jazz Education, and they are in Armidale for only a single concert.

Special guest singer at this concert is our own Mrs Bekk Baumgartner. Everyone is welcome. Tickets (\$12 adults, \$7 school age students) can be purchased from Trybooking

<http://www.trybooking.com/RQDA>

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase

The tickets sell like hot cakes each year and it's back again on 15 September 2017! The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase will be tearing up the freeways of Australia for the fifth year in a row to bring the crème de la crème of the 2017 Festival right to our doorstep in Armidale. The funniest comedians from this year's Sydney Comedy Festival are hitting the road and bringing an all-star comedy showcase right to your doorstep! Expertly curated and lovingly presented the showcase will feature:

MC: Bart Freebairn: One of Melbourne's great rising stars of the comedy scene, Bart has written for Good News Week, co-hosts the Something for the Drive Home podcast, and regularly features on Triple J.



Mrs Leasa Cleaver
Acting Creative Arts Coordinator



Micky Bartlett (UK): All the way from Northern Ireland, Micky is gathering both momentum and acclaim as one of the fastest rising stars on the live stand-up circuit.

Luke Heggie: Heggie's hilarious no-nonsense brand of comedy has made him one of the most in-demand comics in Australia and awarded him the coveted Director's Choice Award for Sydney Comedy Festival among many others.

Angella Dravid (NZ): Taking out the prestigious Billy T Award at the 2017 NZ International Comedy Festival, Dravid is a truly unique, fresh comedy voice.

Cameron James: With a prolific output and razor sharp wit, James has been called the "Next Big Thing" by TimeOut Sydney!

The Dapto Chaser

In Armidale for one night only after a knock out Sydney run and tour, *The Dapto Chaser* is off and running on Saturday 16 September. For the Sinclair family, the cutthroat world of greyhound racing is a religion. And their beloved dog Boy Named Sue is more than a greyhound; he's their heart and soul on four legs. With the crucial Winnebago Classic on the horizon, Cess Sinclair has one shot at reversing his family's fortunes for good. Against all the odds, he's betting on a miracle.

"Playwright Mary Rachel Brown has scripted a whippet smart play, a family saga set in the sub culture of dog racing. Fleet of foot, full of laughs and plenty of pathos, the play beats with the heart of a champion" – Australian Stage

"All in all, The Dapto Chaser is funny, rude, illuminating and a fine play that's meaningful and extremely entertaining. Not to be missed." – StageNoise

For information about these shows and bookings head along to the Hoskins Centre website or contact the centre directly.

Mrs Leasa Cleaver

Acting Creative Arts Coordinator

MUSIC MATTERS

ANU Jazz Faculty

The ANU School of Music has long been one of Australia's most well respected centres for Jazz education. We are privileged that some of their musicians will be visiting Armidale this week.

On Wednesday 6 September, Elective Music students from Years 9-11, and members of the TAS Big Band and Senior Jazz Combo, will be treated to a Jazz Workshop, to be held at the New England Conservatorium of Music.

In addition to this, some of our students will be auditioned in Armidale on Wednesday afternoon, for tertiary studies at the ANU School of Music. What a fantastic opportunity for these talented students.

At 7pm that evening, the Jazz Faculty will be performing a concert at the Hoskins Theatre, with special guest singer, Mrs Bekk Baumgartner. Everyone is welcome. The tickets are available from <https://www.trybooking.com/RQDA>. Cost is only \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Enquiries to New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) 6788 2135.

Thank you to NECOM and Mrs Bekk Baumgartner for facilitating these events.

HSC Performance Music Exams

Good luck to the Year 12 students undertaking the HSC Music practical examinations in Week 9.

Music 1: at TAS on Wednesday 13 September
10:45am – 4:20pm

Music 2 and Extension: at the Old Teachers' College (NECOM) on Thursday 14 September 2:05pm – 4:05pm

Music 2 and Extension: at TAS on Friday 15 September
10:50am – 12:00pm

AMEB results

Congratulations to the following students' outstanding AMEB Music examination results:

Erin Page – AMEB Grade 6 Musical Theatre exam: B+ Credit
Disa Smart - AMEB Grade 7 Cello exam: A Honours
Hayley Whitehill – AMEB Grade 4 Flute exam: A Honours

Please keep sending through results to music@as.edu.au. We love celebrating our students' achievements.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Director of Music



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Time tends to get away from me rather too often I'm afraid. We are more often than not very busy and this is how we should function as a school, I think. Something different this week is the fact that two students who ably represented us at the da Vinci Decathlon last week have sent through reports for you to read. I hope you enjoy reading their personal recounts of this excellent day. On behalf of all in the Middle School, I want to thank both Hudson Mc Allister and Marcus Hempel for their contributions to TAS Talks.

Mr Mark Harrison

Da Vinci Decathlon 2017 Year 8

This year a group of year 8 students participated in the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon. This year, TAS hosted the event, and so luckily, there was no six hour bus ride for us. At 8:30 the Decathlon got under way. Starting with an address by the headmaster, Mr Guest. The Da Vinci Decathletes were then introduced to the representatives from Knox Grammar. After these introductions, da Vinci officially started. With a frantic rush, the whole hall sprang to life, with debates in the new subject Ideation going on and hectic listening and writing involved in the English Spelling test.

The first section was a race against the clock. With four subjects running, the first section was certainly a hectic, but enjoyable rush to complete English, Ideation, Maths and Science. After an hour of debates about creativity, discussion on how to spell obscure words and multiple questions about what the humps of camels actually store (Water or Fat?) the first section ended, and morning tea began.

In the second section, creativity and imagination (this year's da Vinci theme) were the name of the game. Creative maps of the globe popped up in the cartography section, imaginary friends were brought to light in the Creative Producers, roller coasters of paper were made for looping marbles and finally, imagination was key in succeeding in Arts and poetry. Section two was incredibly fun and imaginative, and definitely a highlight of the day.

Finally, the third section started. This section was the shortest, however, it was certainly challenging. While there were only two disciplines in this part of the day, general knowledge and code breaking, this section was still a frantic race to figure out which country is the US and which is Mexico or what code was which. Overall this section was a fun challenge, which truly tested our knowledge outside of traditional academics like maths or English.



At the end of the day, after a series of fun geography and brain teasing activities we finally learnt the results of our efforts. While Year 8 did not win any disciplines, luckily the Year 7 teams were more successful, coming first, second and third in several disciplines. And while we may not have been successful in winning the da Vinci, I think everyone would agree, that the da Vinci was successful in both challenge and reward.

Hudson McAllister

Year 8

Da Vinci Decathlon

Da Vinci Decathlon is arguably one of my favourite events that takes place once a year. Although I'm too old to travel to Sydney (only year 6 and 5 get to do this you see), the Armidale da Vincis are always just as enjoyable, if not more. This Year I was in a team with Sam Carlon, William Jackson, Will Jubb, Harrison Price, Fergus Menzies, Frank Perrotett and Samuel Ball. The activities and tasks we were assigned, well, they were tough, but with some solid teamwork and a lot of trial and error, we managed to get through our first session, completing the tasks of: English, Maths, Science and the new task of Ideation. We felt confident after the first session, we then enjoyed recess (especially the donuts), and the confidence remained with us as we went into our second session, where we completed the Art and Poetry, Creative Producers (where we had to create a small performance), Engineering and Cartography. I personally worked on the Art and Poetry, which our team managed to collect the first prize award for, and for the Creative Producers. After a great lunch supplied by the dining hall, and socializing with our contestants, we went into our last session, where we worked on General Knowledge and Code breaking. We felt we did well in these two last tasks. The next part was by far my most favourite part of the day, all groups took part in answering different trivia questions for lollies, which you can tell got everyone excited and prepared. After stuffing our faces with many lollies and experiencing many sugar highs, It was time to announce the awards and prizes. The first session prizes were quite enjoyable, as we managed to pick up a first prize in mathematics and a third prize in English. We then managed to collect a first prize in Art and Poetry as well. Overall, this year's da Vinci was spectacular. It had a great mix of very complicated tasks, mixed with rewarding prizes, as well as an amazing emotion when I got to walk up to the front stage and collect our awards. I thoroughly recommend those wishing or even considering to try the da Vinci to sign up. You won't be disappointed.

Marcus Hempel

Year 7



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

International Baccalaureate PYP Exhibition for Year 5

I would like to commend the work Mrs Waters and Year 5 have been dedicating to their PYP Exhibition to be held this Thursday and Friday. With their mentors (senior staff from around the School), they have been toiling collaboratively on their exhibitions for seven weeks with a view of sharing their ideas with their peers, families and teachers. I know just how hard they have been working for event, our first Exhibition as an International Baccalaureate School and I am looking forward to their big night this Thursday. Knowing just how big this occasion is for them (and the challenges that go with this type of exposé), we wish them all well for their presentations.

Fathers' Day

We would like to thank all the Meaningful Males that were able to support the special BBQ and lunchtime activities for Fathers' Day last Friday. It was so good to see the large numbers joining us for lunch and the ensuing Tug O War, despite the odds, handsomely won by the adults. Making time to come in a be a part of the day was greatly appreciated by everyone and it provided a great opportunity for some serious competition as you can see in the photos.



Activities Day/Book Parade

It was also fantastic to see the time and effort everyone put in to participate in our Book Parade on Friday. Focusing on the theme "Escape to Everywhere", the opportunity to come together as a School was well rewarded with a great parade at morning tea and I would like to thank all our families for supporting this event.



Assembly Week 9 – Transition

Next week, with the Year 11 exams taking priority in both our Assembly venues, we have chosen to move the Transition Assembly from Wednesday to Thursday September 14 at 2.45 pm in the Hoskins Centre. Please make a note of this in your diaries to avoid confusion.

Looking Ahead

Week 8 School Spirit – Organisation

Wednesday 6 September	Assembly 2.45 pm Hoskins Centre - Kindergarten
Thursday 7 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Friday 8 September	Year 5 PYP Exhibition 9.00 – 10.00 am

Week 9 School Spirit – Co-operation

Thursday 14 September	Assembly 2.45 pm Hoskins Centre – Transition
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Week 10 School Spirit - Resilience

Tuesday 19 September	Parent Teacher Interviews (Details TBA)
Wednesday 20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews (Details TBA)
Thursday 21 September	Classes conclude

Parent/Teacher Interviews September 19 & 20

Please note that this terms' interviews will be held on the above dates. Information is being finalised and then advertised that will accommodate times when teachers are available on these days and this will be emailed to you soon. If you have any questions, or would rather contact your teacher or myself personally for an alternative, please do so.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Layan Alghamdi, Ryne Wilkinson, Ryan Sharkey, Gus Sevil and Alec Campbell.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, CHRISTINE WRIGHT

Armidale Park Run Saturday 9 September

Year 3 would love to invite anyone interested in joining us at the Armidale Park Run on Saturday, 9 September. This particular park run is a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer and we would love to support this for our friend Lucy Holland.

Children Under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Please get your friends together and join us for this great cause.

It is free to register at: www.parkrun.com.au/register

Please see flyer below.

Hanna Shield – Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 22 August

Our Junior and Senior primary boys relay teams won the combined boys Hanna Shield trophy for the 6th consecutive year. We were also very proud of our junior girls' huge effort on the day. Unfortunately, our senior girls pulled out due to the large number that were absent through illness.

This annual event is held at UNE however due to the closure of the UNE pool it was held at TAS this year. The combined Junior & Senior girl trophy saw joint winners PLC & St Mary's. The enrolment cup was won by Martins Gully. We thank the organisers from Sport UNE for all their organisation of this highly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyable event!!

Mrs Tania Ball



Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off

Thank you to all children who participated in our annual fundraiser, Jump Rope for Heart. To date we have raised over \$500 with last minute donations coming in. If you didn't get a chance to donate, it's not too late. Mrs Lasker will be collecting any last-minute donations this week before we complete our final tally.

Summer sports choices

Most children have returned their summer sports choices for Term 4. If you have not returned your form to your class teacher, please do so promptly as we are trying to finalise teams and groups this week.

General Information about Summer Sports (available to Junior School students for Summer 2017/2018)

Junior School students will be choosing their summer sport this week. With this in mind, a description of the various options appears below.

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in one summer sport in Terms 4 and Term 1, 2018. Students in Year 2 and below do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. If students in Year 2 or below do participate they will commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the duration of that season. Training times and sessions vary depending on the chosen sport.

Description of Sports available:

Cricket:

To make cricket enjoyable and fun, different age groups play according to different rules. All games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration and insurance fees apply. See separate cricket groups for costings.

The different competitions are:

Milo In 2 Cricket/'Kanga' for U6s:

'Milo In 2 Cricket' (skills development) will be conducted up until Christmas. This will be played on TAS Cricket Oval between 9:15am and 10:15am. It will mainly be for 5 and 6 year olds with the option of 7 year olds playing if they wish. Term 4 is usually working on skills and Term 1, 2018 will be starting games. Kanga Cricket is played between two teams on two adjacent 'fields' (still on TAS Cricket Oval) so that both innings go on at the same time. Games start at 9:00am and finish around 10:30am.

Teams consist of 12 players (24 over game). At any one time, there should be 2 batting on Field 1, 8 fielding on Field 2 and 2 preparing to bat. Players bat in pairs for 4 overs. Children turning 7 and 8 years of age are encouraged to play U9s cricket, rather than Kanga, if they have the desire and ability. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

‘Average Cricket’ for U9s:

(players must be under 9 on 1st September 2017) Teams consist of 8 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 11:10am (2 hour games). Each team faces 16 overs. The team’s score is determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost, plus one. The higher average score wins the match. Each player must bowl 2 overs. Cost will be approx. \$86 for the season.

‘One-day matches’ for U11s:

(players must be under 10 or under 11 on 1st September 2017) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. The first innings is limited to 25 six-ball overs per team. No more than 50 overs shall be bowled in a match. Each player must bowl a minimum of 2 overs with a maximum of 3 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 20. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

‘Two-day matches’ for 12s:

(players must be under 12 on 1st September 2017) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. A team’s innings consists of 50 overs, with each team batting and bowling for 25 overs on each of the two days. Each player must bowl a minimum of 1 over with a maximum of 4 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 50. Trainings will be Monday and Wednesdays. Cost will be approx. \$97 for the season.

Swimming: (This is not for beginners)

In choosing this sport, children should be able to competently swim at least two laps of the TAS pool (preferably in all 4 strokes). (Parents wanting ‘Learn to Swim’ lessons for their children are encouraged to contact the TAS Sports Centre on 6776 5866, to arrange lessons). All swimmers will train in the TAS pool on Thursdays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. The instructor concentrates on stroke correction and improving fitness. Additionally, students are expected to join the TAS based ‘Alligators Swim Club’ (approx. \$75 for the season) which holds Club nights every Friday night at the TAS pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. These are not only good opportunities to improve fitness and speed but are good social occasions as well. Costs will be \$10 per week and the Alligators membership.

Gymnastics: K-3

Held at the Armidale Gymnasium. The sessions will be on Mondays from 3:50 – 4:50pm run by qualified Level 1 coaches provided by Armidale Gymnastics Club. The cost is approximately \$190 for the season (Term 4 and Term 1, 2018). Children will travel by TAS minibus to and from the gym with staff members supervising all sessions and travel.

Tennis: Years K- 5

Hot Shots Tennis program

Students will participate in the MLC Tennis Hot Shots, led by Justin Sheriff. There will be 2 levels of the program offered. ‘Hot Shots Red Ball’ will be for beginners, and suited to students aged 5-8. (T-Yr 2) This will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:00pm - 4.45pm. Students in the Red stage play on a smaller court, use a larger ball, which doesn't bounce as high.

Students in Years 3 and above will participate in ‘3-5 Red and Orange Ball’. Training will also be held on Monday afternoons from 4:00pm - 4.45pm. The Orange stage of the program is also on a reduced court size and the ball has less compression.

These small group lessons are for 4 players @ \$128 for 8 weeks. Each small group will have their own tennis coach for these sessions.

More information on the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program, is available at: <http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/>

Ball Skills: Transition – Year 2

This training session is for T-2 only and will be based around the ball skills required for games such as tennis, cricket, basketball and netball. Children will participate in the Monday afternoon training session at TAS.

Basketball: Years 3-5

It is anticipated that Armidale Basketball Association will run two competitions: one for combined Yr 5/6 teams and one for combined Yr 3/4 teams. Games will be held at the Armidale High School Den from 4:00pm for Years 3/4 and from 5pm for Years 5/6 on Mondays. (Times yet to be confirmed) Trainings will be on Wednesdays at TAS. Registration fees are approximately \$110 per season.

Indoor Hockey

Indoor Hockey games will occur on Friday afternoons between the hours of 4-7pm. Training sessions will occur on Monday afternoons at TAS. Costs are yet to be advised.

Note that students who move into Year 6 at TAS in 2018, will continue to play the chosen sport from Term 4, 2017.

Mrs Christine Wright

COMMUNITY

2017 TAS Reunion Weekend 8-10 September (as at 1.9.17)



60+ Year Reunion

Mrs Donna Jackson
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Note: the cost of the OAU Dinner in the TAS Dining Room is \$95 pp including pre-dinner drinks and canapes followed by 2 course meal with wine. All Old Armidaliens and partners are welcome to attend.

50 Year Reunion

Ian Moffatt
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James Croft
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Friday, 8 September

2.00pm Cadet Unit Passing Out Parade (Adamsfield).
Reviewing Officer Mr James McTavish (83-87)
5.00pm School v OAs Hockey - Hockey Fields UNE Sports Centre
6.30pm School v OAs Swimming - TAS Swim Centre
6.45pm Official opening of TAS Reunion Weekend - Hoskins Centre
Drinks 'n nibbles in the Hoskins Centre - all welcome
7.00pm School v OAs Debate (20 Year Leavers) - Hoskins Centre

40 Year Reunion

David Coulton
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Steve Phipps
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Saturday, 9 September

TAS will be playing rugby, rugby 7s and netball against TACAPS & Scots PGC

30 Year Reunion

Josh Smith
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8.30am Shooting - School v OAs at Meadowfield Rifle Range
Tennis - School v OAs on the Park Courts
9.00am Chess - School v OAs in Archdall Room
10.30am NE Branch of Bell Tower Society, Morning Brunch in Lower Maxwell (OAs over 65 years) \$25 per person
11.30am Tours of the School depart from the McConville Centre
12.00pm Opens Rugby v Scots PGC
1.15pm Tug-o-War (10 Year Leavers) and Presentation of Croft Cup on Backfield
2.00pm Concert in Memorial Hall
2.00-5.00pm Hoskins Bar open for drinks
3.00pm Screening of 1968, 1989 and 2014 TAS film - Hoskins Centre
6.00pm Pre Dinner Drinks in Big School - Open to all Old Armidaliens and partners
7.00pm TAS OAU Official Dinner in the Dining Hall including 40, 50, 60+ year reunions. Old Armidaliens from other year groups and partners are encouraged to attend. Special Guest -Mr George Souris AM (61-67). Former NSW MP 1988-2015; former NSW Minister; Leader of the NSW Nationals 1999-2003.

20 Year Reunion

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10 Year Reunion

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Sunday, 10 September

9.30am OAU Chapel Service - TAS Chapel - Warwick Allen (02-07)
10.30am Morning Tea - Big School
11.00am OAU AGM, Venue - Lower Maxwell Room

5 Year Reunion

Josh Moloney
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OAU Sport Organisers 2017

Chess

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Debate (20 Year Leavers)

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Shooting (Meadowfield Range)

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Tennis

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1	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day _____
2	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day _____
3	Childs Name _____	Age _____	Whole / Half Day _____

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Any medical or other important information we should know about your child/ren?

Emergency contact Name: _____ Phone: _____



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