



## FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

### Swimming and War Cries

The swimming carnivals and war cry competition traditionally held in the third week of Term 1 are, in my mind, a very good indicator of how the new school year has begun. Houses have had opportunities to get together to practice war cries, students have signed up for swimming races that they may or may not feel confident about and the carnivals brings the School together for the first time in the year to see the outcome. By any measure the carnivals this year, both junior and senior, were a great success and the support from the big parent presence certainly added to that. I enjoyed hearing from a good number of staff and parents that the war cry competition on Thursday evening was the best that they had seen, and I agree, and our house leaders deserve congratulations for the way they brought their houses together so positively.

Performances in the pool complemented that in fine fashion, whether that be through the impressive record breaking swims or the determination from those who find the pool a less comfortable place.

The fundraising for Childhood Cancer Support has been very strong too with \$3,100 raised already. The appeal for this most worthy cause will continue through the term with fresh focus when we reach the athletics season and parents are encouraged to join the effort by donating directly to the Go Fund Me page by following the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/childhood-cancer-support-fundraiser>

### Rowing in Sydney

The 2018 rowing season is moving into its final exciting phase with major regattas in the coming weeks. After the important learning experience of rowing on the Sydney International Regatta Centre course with buoys defining the lanes at the Kings / PLC regatta the weekend before last, all crews will return to SIRC for the Sydney Rowing Club regatta on Saturday and the boys' quad scull will compete in their final race for the season on Sunday at the NSW Schoolboy Head of the River. The races on Saturday will be the final preparation for the Schoolgirl Head of the River the following week and the GPS Head of the River on 17 March.

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Whilst TAS rowing largely happens out of the sight of the School, I am confident that all in our community understand the dedication and huge effort that our rowers make and will join in wishing them every success for the big regattas ahead.

## **Leaders Course**

I wrote last week about the strong start that our aspiring cadet leaders had made in the first part of their leadership training course and I am pleased to report this week that the course finished very successfully indeed. In total 57 cadets completed the corporals', sergeants' and CUOs' courses and the reports from their efforts have been very positive. The final challenge of the course involved breaking into teams on a moonless night under the command of the 10 CUO applicants to use grid references to find four keys that had been hidden in a 1200 acre paddock, whilst avoiding contact with any of the other teams. All keys were found and that reflected the excellent performances of our CUOs right through the course.

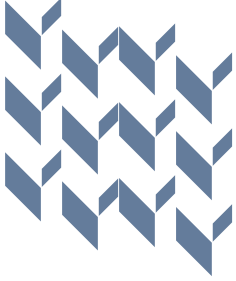
As is the case with other cadet activities through the year, the leaders' course relied on the support of local landholders and I particularly thank the Pease family and Mike Hoskins for making their properties available for us. Similarly the course would not be possible without the willing support of a good number of TAS staff as well as members of our supporting unit, the 12/16th Hunter River Lancers and I offer all those who gave up the past two weekend for this cause our special thanks.

## **NCIS Hockey**

Those who have been following the upward trajectory of TAS Hockey will not be surprised to hear that we had a strong presence at the North Coast Independent Schools Association hockey trials yesterday. Eleven students trialled or have been directly nominated to represent NCISA at the Combined Independent Schools trials later this term and this puts them at the elite level in their sport. Our teacher in charge of hockey, Mike Ball, will report on the trials and the NCISA selections in TAS Talks next week and I look forward to offering congratulations to those selected.

## ***Murray Guest***





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

## WEEK 4

Monday 19 February	Encore Year 11/12 Music ( Sydney)
Thursday 22 February	BATYR Year 10
Friday 23 February	BATYR Year 11
	AYO Music Camp ( Sawtell)
Saturday 24 February	NSW Schoolboy Head of the River

## WEEK 5

Tuesday 27 February	NCIS Swimming ( Murwillumbah)
Saturday 3 March	School Girl Head of the River

## WEEK 6

Wednesday 7 March	NECOM Music Days ( Year 11 and Year 12)
	Year 12 Geography Excursion ( Narrabri)
Friday 9 March	NECOM Year 10 Music Day

## Parking and Stopping in School Bus Zones

With so many new families joining us this year, parents and carers are reminded of the need to observe rules regarding parking and stopping in designated pedestrian crossing zones and bus areas, particularly in Douglas St.

Apart from jeopardising the safety of students and the smooth flow of traffic, there are penalties that may be enforced by Armidale Regional Council rangers.

Please take note of the regulations in the leaflet at the back of TAS Talks.

## Skoolbag app for iPhone and Android users:

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## School Drive Subsidy

Residents of NSW are eligible to apply for a subsidy if it is necessary to drive your car between home and school (or nearest bus pick up point) for distances over 1.6km. For complete information about eligibility and the application process, please go to this internet site. <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#wholsEligibleSchoolDrive> or contact Mrs Meg Sadler [travel@as.edu.au](mailto:travel@as.edu.au) for advice.

## Public and charter travel options for boarders

Boarders are eligible for free travel between home and school on services provided by Transport for NSW School Students Transport Scheme (SSTS).

As well as the daily Xplorer train (Armidale - Sydney Central) and the connecting coach (Armidale - Tenterfield), there are charter services which run at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and beginning of Terms 2, 3 and 4. These services are extended to the Easter break and the Queen's Birthday weekend when the school is closed and no sporting matches are scheduled.

Coaches depart on the day after 3.30 break-up, so AM Thursday 29 March for Easter - returning on Monday 2 April (in time for supper) and end of Term 1 - depart AM Friday 13 April - returning on Monday 30 April (in time for supper)

## Charter Coach Routes

Armidale - Coffs Harbour - Port Macquarie  
Armidale - Tamworth - Narrabri - Burren Junction - Walgett - Bourke  
Armidale - Inverell - Moree - Lightning Ridge  
Armidale - Gunnedah - Coonabarabran - Dubbo  
Armidale - Sydney, via Hunter Valley - runs parallel to the train

Please contact Meg Sadler [travel@as.edu.au](mailto:travel@as.edu.au) for further information.

### Thanks for the Help!

Thank you so much to everyone that baked or bought goodies for the Swim Carnivals or helped on the stalls or BBQ. Both days were very successful and it was wonderful to see such great TAS community spirit. The amount of baking that was donated was amazing... and believe it or not it all got sold!

Our sports carnival cake stalls (and the War Cries BBQ) raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are missing a container please pop into main Reception or contact Mrs Veronica Lucas on 6776 5800 or [reception@as.edu.au](mailto:reception@as.edu.au)

### Save the Date – TAS Rugby Carnival

The TAS Rugby Carnival is coming up on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April. This is the biggest event of the year for TAS and the P&F and showcases TAS far and wide – we have approximately 1250 players, coaches and managers to feed each day – plus their families ... phew!!!

If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. More information will be sent out through TAS Talks, emails and Facebook in the next few weeks.

### NEXT P&F MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm in Lower Maxwell Room – all are welcome.

***Mrs Rachael Nicoll***  
**President**

### FACEBOOK

You may have been contacted by your Year Group Liaison Parents to let you know about our new Facebook pages... Each year now has a closed Facebook Group for parents and carers (no students please). If you haven't been contacted please still join up...

The Facebook groups have been named according to the year that the group will be in Year 12. ie. TAS Year 12 2018, is the current Year 12, right down to TAS Year 12 2031, which is the current Transition class. So search for these in Facebook and join the fun!!

These are a way of building community within a cohort and an easy way for LPs and parents to communicate with each other about school and group activities. These pages can also be used for information sharing, such as reminders about whether formal uniform is required the next day, uniform or sporting gear trading, supporting families experiencing ill health or crisis, or as a way to meet new people.

Key information from the P&F will still be sent via Liaison Parents through email as well but we encourage all parents and carers to use your Year Group Facebook pages as a friendly way to quickly keep in touch.

Please use these groups wisely, they are not for promoting products or events that are not relevant to the TAS School Community. Comments should be polite, inclusive and relevant, or they may be deleted.

Also, don't forget that the P&F have our primary Facebook Page as well (search TAS Parents & Friends).





Mr Richard Newton

**TAS KYCK 2018 Permission Slip**

**When:**

Departing Armidale 8:00 am Friday 27 April 2018  
Returning to Armidale 5:00 pm Monday 30 April 2018  
(Via school bus)

**Accommodation:**

Blue Mountains Grammar, Wentworth Falls

**Cost:**

Approximately \$260 (accounts will be charged post trip with exact amount)

**Any Questions?**

Contact Richard Newton  
0429 157 905

**Other staff attending:**

Cameron Patrick, Jo Benham, Liam Treavors  
More details to come – in the meantime, visit <http://www.kyck.kcc.org.au/> for more info

**Please return this slip to show your interest in coming.**

Name of student: ..... Parent/Guardian's Signature: .....

Contact email of parent/guardian: .....

## Extended Academic Day Program - Library

A reminder of TAS' Extended Academic Day Program and the opening hours of the Library.

The extended library hours will be staffed by Mrs Bremner or Mrs Polson. They are both trained teachers and will oversee students working quietly and assisting them with organising and completing homework. They will give general guidance but they are not there to provide specific tutoring in areas of concern.

### Early Morning Program (7:30am – 8:45am Monday to Friday for Years 6 to 12)

The Library will open from 7.30am for students who are at school for early commitments or just want to work quietly or read before the school day starts.

### Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 6 to 8)

Literacy and Numeracy sessions are available. Charges apply for Day students at \$15 per afternoon.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O'Brien [vobrien@as.edu.au](mailto:vobrien@as.edu.au) if you wish to book your child in for one of these sessions.

Day students must be collected by 6pm.

Years 6-8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3.45 -5pm	Literacy and/or Numeracy Support	Literacy and/or Numeracy Support	Literacy and/or Numeracy Support	Literacy and/or Numeracy Support

### Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 6pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9 to 12)

The library is open for all students in Years 9 to 12 to work quietly until 7pm.

### Evening Program (7pm - 9pm Mondays to Thursdays for Years 9 to 12)

Years 9-10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7-8pm	Academic Workshop	English	English	Maths/Science
8-9pm	Science/Maths			

Years 11-12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7-8pm	Maths	Biology	Advanced Maths	Mathematics Standard/General
8-9pm	Academic Workshop	Chemistry or English	Maths Extension or English	Physics



Mrs Seonia Wark

Academic Workshops will not occur every week but aim to address particular needs of students at specific times of the year. Day students accessing the tutoring sessions above will be charged at \$10 per hour session.

### Friday Afternoon Program (3:30pm – 5.30pm for Years 6 to 12)

The library will be open for all students in Years 6 to 12 to work quietly until 5.30pm. There is no specific academic support available during this time.

### Weekend Program (Saturdays & Sundays - 2pm - 5pm for Years 6 to 12)

There is no specific academic support available during this time but Mrs Bremner or Mrs Polson will give general guidance and assist with researching and referencing. There is no cost for this and students do not have to book in.

Boarders are always required to sign out of their boarding house and return when required.

Day students are able to access the Dining Hall at breakfast or dinner by swiping their Student Card at the door. Costs associated with meals will be added to their TAS account.

# ACADEMIC

## Japanese Exchange

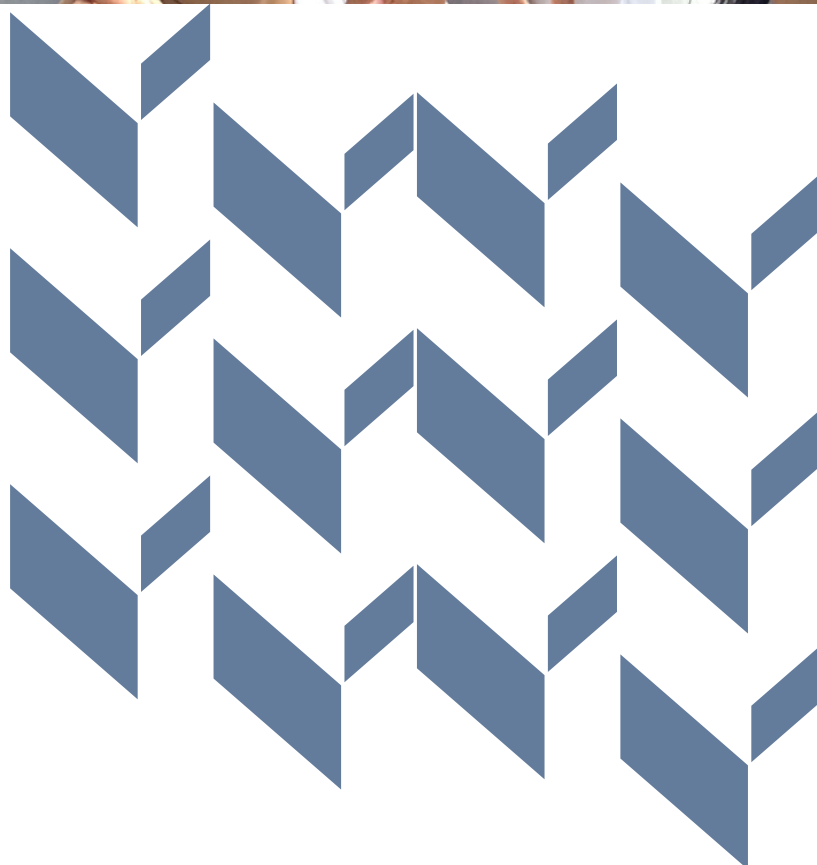
During Term 4 of last year I went on an exchange to Meitoku Gijuku in Japan and it was the trip of a lifetime. The exchange was at one of Japan's most successful sporting schools and I was lucky enough to spend 9 weeks at this school and I had the most amazing experience.

During the week days I would have classes with the other Year 10 students from Japan as well as Japanese language classes and also cultural activities like calligraphy and cooking. Every day after school for a minimum of 3 hours, I would train with the Karate club. It was an amazing experience and something that will stick with me for a lifetime.

For weekends I would go on trips such as going to the snow, caving, visiting many temples and shrines, going to festivals around the area and doing karaoke from time to time just to name a few.

This trip was truly amazing and is ultimately life changing and I would recommend this exchange to all students studying Japanese.

***Nicholas Ward***





## 2018 Health Careers Forum – Tamworth Education Centre, 114-148 Johnston Street, North Tamworth

The University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health (UONDRH) will be conducting the annual Health Careers Forum for North West New England Secondary schools for Years 10, 11 and 12 students who may be interested in a career as a health professional. The invitation is also extended to parents and carers of the students attending.

The forum will include presentations and workshops by academics, clinicians and current UONDRH students from health disciplines including; Medicine, Nutrition & Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Medical Research, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Mental Health, Radiation Science, Nursing and Speech Pathology. If you are interested in attending I need to give final numbers and reply by the 27 February. If we get enough interest we might be able to organise a mini bus for the event. Please send me an email to register your interest.

## EA Ski and Snowboard Training

EA has been offering traineeships in Skiing and Snowboarding for a number of years now and offer a different approach to a GAP year or possibly a future career.

If this is of interest to you or is something that you have been thinking or considering, please use the link below to the careers webpage on the school website for more information.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/02/19/ea-ski-snowboard-training-2/>

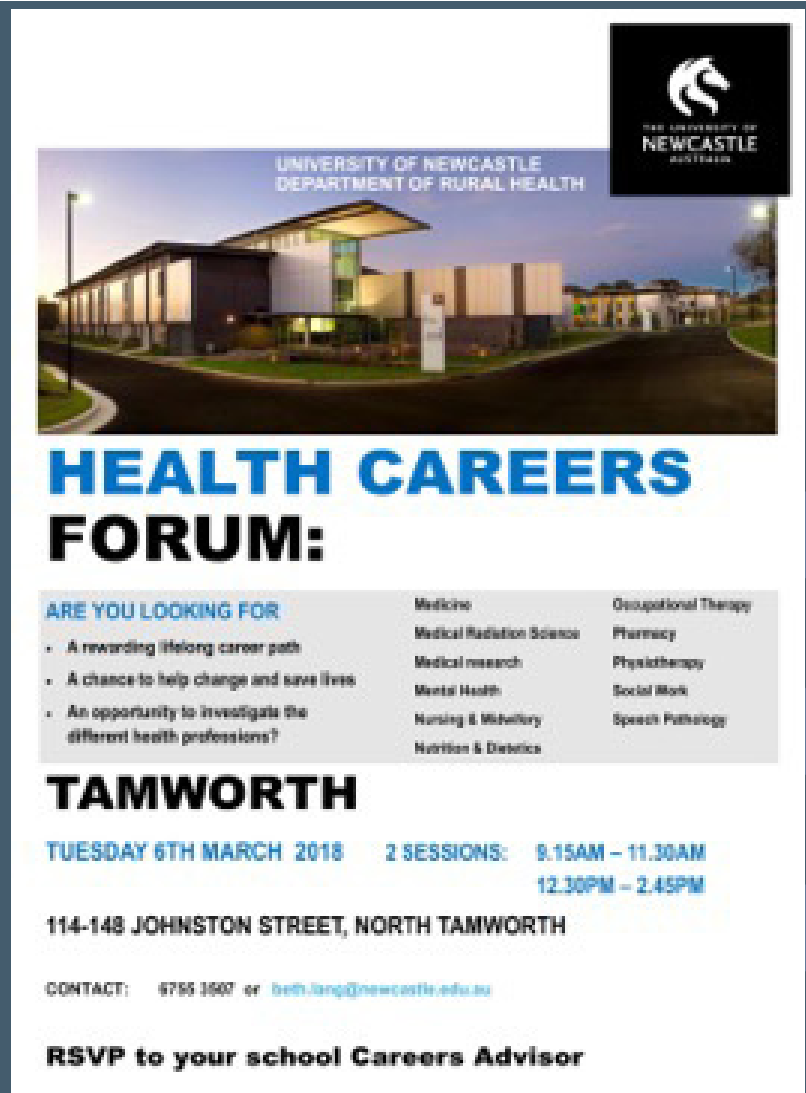
## 2018 Build Cambodia Trip ‘A Volunteer Adventure for High School Graduates’

Grad Trips is an organisation offering a positive and more constructive alternative to the usual ‘schoolies’ trip at the end of Year 12. This is a new offering to the school and one that seems to carry some major personal benefits for students and the communities with which they work.

I have posted the companies promotional brochure on the school’s career webpage at the link below. I would encourage the school community have look at what is being offered and to consider the benefits of the program as opposed to the traditional ‘schoolies’ alternative.

<http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2018/02/19/2018-build-cambodia-trip-a-volunteer-adventure-for-high-school-graduates/>

*Mr Mark Taylor*



The poster features a photograph of the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health building at night. In the top right corner is the University of Newcastle logo. The main title 'HEALTH CAREERS FORUM:' is in large blue and black letters. Below this, a grey box lists 'ARE YOU LOOKING FOR' with three bullet points and a grid of health professions. The event details for Tamworth are listed in blue and black text, including the date, time, and location. Contact information and an RSVP instruction are at the bottom.

**UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL HEALTH**

**HEALTH CAREERS  
FORUM:**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR**

- A rewarding lifelong career path
- A chance to help change and save lives
- An opportunity to investigate the different health professions?

Medicine	Occupational Therapy
Medical Radiation Science	Pharmacy
Medical research	Physiotherapy
Mental Health	Social Work
Nursing & Midwifery	Speech Pathology
Nutrition & Dietetics	

**TAMWORTH**

**TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2018    2 SESSIONS:    9.15AM – 11.30AM  
12.30PM – 2.45PM**

**114-148 JOHNSTON STREET, NORTH TAMWORTH**

**CONTACT:    6755 1607 or [beth.ling@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:beth.ling@newcastle.edu.au)**

**RSVP to your school Careers Advisor**

# FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

## The TAS Photo Gallery for 2018 is up and running!

The photo gallery on the school's website has been updated with snaps from some of the big events of the year so far: Coast Weekend, the Junior and Senior Swimming Championships, and Cadet Leadership Course.

To go to the gallery, click on the camera icon next to the Round Square logo on the front page of the school website, or bookmark the link [www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery](http://www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery). Photos can be downloaded easily for your personal records.

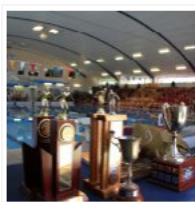


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## Photo Gallery



Cadet Leadership Course  
2018



Swimming Championships  
2018



JS Swimming  
Championships 2018



Coast Weekend 2018



Rowing Season 2018

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If you have any questions please contact TAS Reception.

## 2018 Swimming Championships

The success of a carnival can be measured by many criteria. However, at TAS, we place the level of participation above all others. I congratulate all those that broke records, were awarded age or division champions, or swam a personal best and applaud everyone who had a go.

The Champions were spread across the Houses, and the title of '2018 House Swimming Champions' was split between Green House who were awarded the 'overall pointscore' and Tyrrell House who were awarded the 'greatest number of points per house member'. Croft House took out the Warcry competition, although, it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and passion from all Houses and the camaraderie that exists between them.

The success of the day is testament to the motivation and commitment from House Leaders and the support and dedication from TAS staff and the wider TAS community. I thank all for their efforts both on the day and in its preparation.



Mr Will Caldwell

CHAMPIONSHIP	BOY	GIRL
12 & Under Runner Up	Toby Inglis	Samantha Price
12 & Under Champion	Tom Ball	Phoebe Ellis
13 Years Runner up	William Nash	Emily Buntine
13 Years Champion	Toby Michell-Smith	Ruby Straker
14 Years Runner up	Mitchell Cutler	Lydie Taylor
14 Years Champion	Samuel Ball	Karen Baker
15 Years Runner Up	John McGregor-Thew	Lily Etheridge
15 Years Champion	Lucas Cotterell	Eliza Ward
16 Years Runner Up	Hilton Jackson	Lily Neilson
16 Years Champion	James O'Brien	Lucy Ball
17 Years Runner Up	Hamish Cannington	Georgie Orman
17 Years Champion	Jesse Streeing	Lucy Fenwicke
18 & Over Runner Up	Samuel Wright	Georgiana O'Brien
18 & Over Champion	Ben Louis	Kathleen McPhie
Sub-Junior Runner Up	Tom Ball	Emily Buntine
Sub-Junior Champion	Toby Michell-Smith	Ruby Straker
Junior Runner Up	Lucas Cotterell	Eliza Ward
Junior Champion	Samuel Ball	Karen Baker
Senior Runner Up	Hamish Cannington	Kathleen McPhie
Senior Champion	Jesse Streeing	Lucy Fenwicke

Please clicks on the following link to view Records for Boys and Girls.

[Boys](#)  
[Girls](#)

## Athletics Carnival

It is hard to replicate the hype and colour of the swimming carnival but that is what we intend to do when we hold our TAS Athletics Carnival on Saturday 24 March commencing with the cloisters run at 8:30am and events finishing at 12:30pm. This is followed by a full day of events on Wednesday 28 March, leading into the Easter Break. Once again, this is a mass participation event and all students are expected to attend.

*Mr Will Caldwell*  
*Director of Co-curricular*

# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

## Year 7 Rangers

Year 7 on Activities Day 1 (28 February), will remain at school. The main focus of Activities Day 1 is to issue the Rangers uniform and organise students into groups.

Year 7 students can come to school in their own clothes, but must wear joggers, as there will be some physical activities involved in the day. We kindly ask that the clothes that students wear are sun smart (no singlets etc) as we will be spending some time outside, and that a hat is worn.

They also need to pack:

- Swimmers (TAS swimmers preferable)
- Old t-shirt/shorts to wear in swimming pool
- Towel

**Ms Rachel Harrison**

## Equestrian

Seeking interest in the 2018 North West Equestrian Expo held in Coonabarabran from Friday 1 June to Tuesday 5 June.

Students will be responsible for their own transport and that of their horse and accommodation for the Expo. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the event.

Please email Mrs Genevieve Chick at [gchick@as.edu.au](mailto:gchick@as.edu.au) to register your interest. Registrations must be submitted prior to 5 March to ensure all entrants are processed correctly. More information can be found at: <http://www.nwequestrianexpo.com.au/>



## TAS Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 1 Requirements

### Wednesday 28 February 2018

- Travel
- Depart Wednesday 28 February
- 6:30am Brown Street.
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am.
- Return
- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.30 pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 4.30pm

### Staff

Mr M Ball, Mrs G Chick 0458 006 829

### Organisation

Wednesday: Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am.

Unpack bus

- 9.30 am – 10.30 am Beach Session 1
- 10:30am – 12:00pm Beach Session 2
- 012.00pm-1:00pm Beach Session
- 01.30 pm Depart Sawtell
- 04.30pm Arrive Armidale

Swimmers, goggles, pens, manual and workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes.

Sunscreen; insect repellent; toiletries

### Dress

To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

### Meals

Breakfast: Cereal/toast, spreads at TAS

Lunches: Rolls, salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

**Mr Jim Pennington**

# CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

The TAS mountain bikers have been progressing well this term with the third round of NEMTB's summer series races completed this week. All students who attended have shown improvements in their lap times, and it's been great to see the sheer grit and determination many students show to complete this really tough race! The races have been complemented nicely with our weekly skills training at the great new up-and-coming MTB track at Doody Park and with our weekend rides at the beloved 'Piney'. Results from Monday's race can be found here [http://my6.raceresult.com/91325/?lang=en#0\\_9710F7](http://my6.raceresult.com/91325/?lang=en#0_9710F7)

In national news, the top mountain bikers from around Australia will descend on Armidale this weekend to contest the National XC MTB Championships. This is the first time the championships have been held in the region and they are definitely worth checking out! There are a number of TAS students who will be racing over the weekend. Some of these students have been training and racing incredibly hard for months in preparation for this event and I'm sure they would appreciate any support from the TAS community. The students who will be participating are listed below with their age category and time of racing. Racing starts on Friday and concludes Sunday, with races being held predominantly on the SportUNE mountain bike track.

The cross country eliminator (XCE) events however will be held around the university campus itself. The weekend's race schedule can be found here <https://www.mtba.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/MTBA-2018-MTBA-National-Championships-Event-Schedule-V1.3.pdf> and a map can be found below. We wish all TAS students the very best in their races over the weekend.

## Friday 12.00 - 1.30pm Cross County Relay (XCR) & Cross Country Eliminator (XCE) from 3.00pm

Fletcher Jackson  
Archi Lawrence  
Archie Chick  
Hamish Chalmers  
Duncan Chalmers  
Samuel King  
Harry Graham  
Angus Apps

## Saturday 1.30-3pm U17 Men Cross Country Olympic Style (XCO)

Archie Chick  
Hamish Chalmers

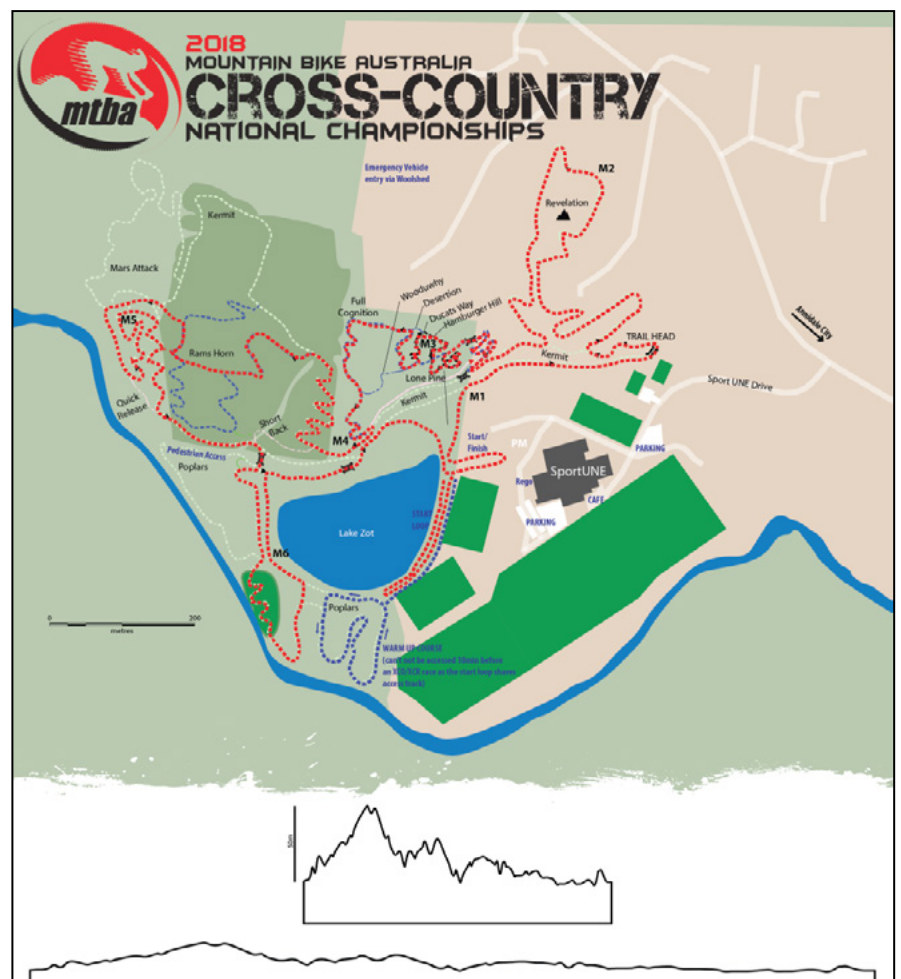
## Sunday 8.30 - 10.00am Junior Men Cross Country Olympic Style (XCO)

Duncan Chalmers  
Samuel King  
Harry Graham  
Angus Apps

## Sunday 1.00 - 2.30pm Elite and U23 Men (XCO)

Michael Harris (Old Armidalian)  
Brent Rees (Old Armidalian)

***Mrs Joanne Benham***



# FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

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On Monday we were finally able to announce that this year Middle School will be performing *Shrek The Musical JR* in Term 2! Audition materials were distributed by Mrs Cleaver via email with auditions taking place this Friday 23 and Monday 26 February at lunch and after school. Auditions can be booked through the Google Sheets link sent in that email but if you still have any questions about the show swing on down to the Hoskins Centre office. All Middle School students are invited to be part of the show regardless of past performance experience but we foresee great competition for the lead roles so make sure you take the time to practice your audition materials to give it your best shot.

On Monday and Tuesday a big group of Years 9 - 12 Music students headed down to Sydney to see the Encore performances of the top 2017 HSC Music 1, 2 and Extension Music pieces at the Opera House. It was an incredible evening displaying the amazing work students are capable of in those courses and our group left thoroughly inspired. There was also time to visit the Australian Institute of Music, tour their facilities and learn about their courses, before have a fun workshop with one of the school's lead teachers, John Morrison (brother to James Morrison). My thanks go to Mrs Baumgartner for putting the trip together and Ms Roobol for giving her time to give our Music students this wonderful experience.

In a few weeks time on Friday 16 March at 7pm a professional touring show titled *The Story Only I Can Tell* will be held in TAS Memorial Hall. The show is a personal evening with renowned Australian independent artist William Yang. William grew up in North Queensland on a tobacco farm and has made his way in the world as an architect, playwright, photographer, visual artist, filmmaker and now a storyteller. The main thrust of his story is a search for identity and his poignant work exploring social diversity, belonging and travel and his keen storytelling craft has engaged audiences internationally. Some of our Senior students will be doing masterclass workshops on writing and public speaking with William to be involved in the evening performance to make the event even more special. Tickets are available from the Hoskins Centre website ([hoskins.as.edu.au](http://hoskins.as.edu.au)) so head there for more information or to secure your seat.

***Mr Andrew O'Connell***



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Arts North West ON TOUR network presents  
**The Story Only I Can Tell**  
**William Yang**

*"...he has a fantastic nose for the magic of ordinary life" The Australian.*

**Tues 6 March** Nundle Memorial Hall, Nundle

**Wed 7 March** Smithurst Theatre, Gunnedah

**Sat 10 March** The Playhouse Hotel, Barraba

**Sun 11 March** School of Arts, Tenterfield

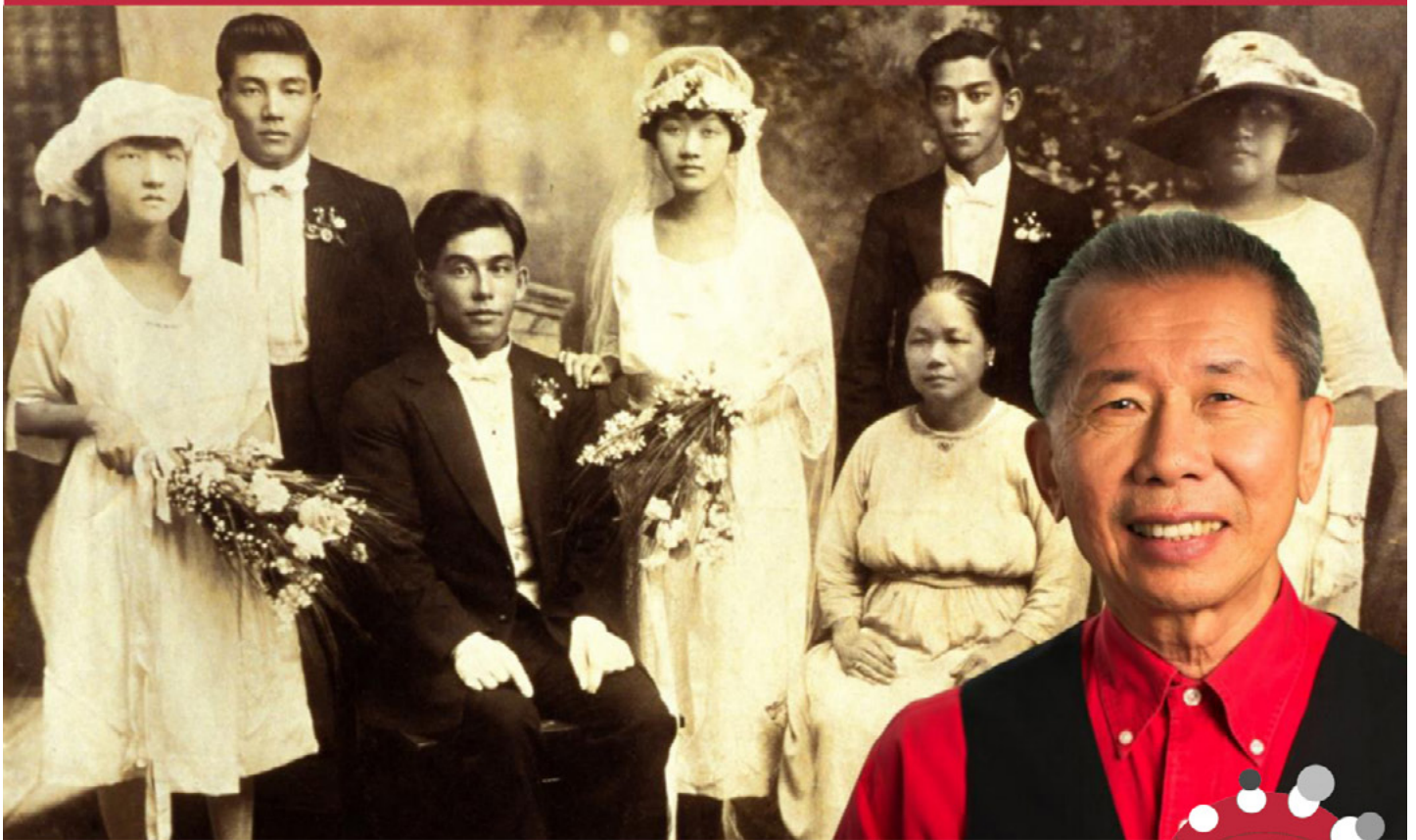
**Tues 13 March** Chapel Theatre, Glen Innes

**Fri 16 March** TAS Memorial Hall, Armidale

**BOOKING INFORMATION**

**[artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour](http://artsnw.com.au/anw-on-tour)**

**Suitable for ages 15+**



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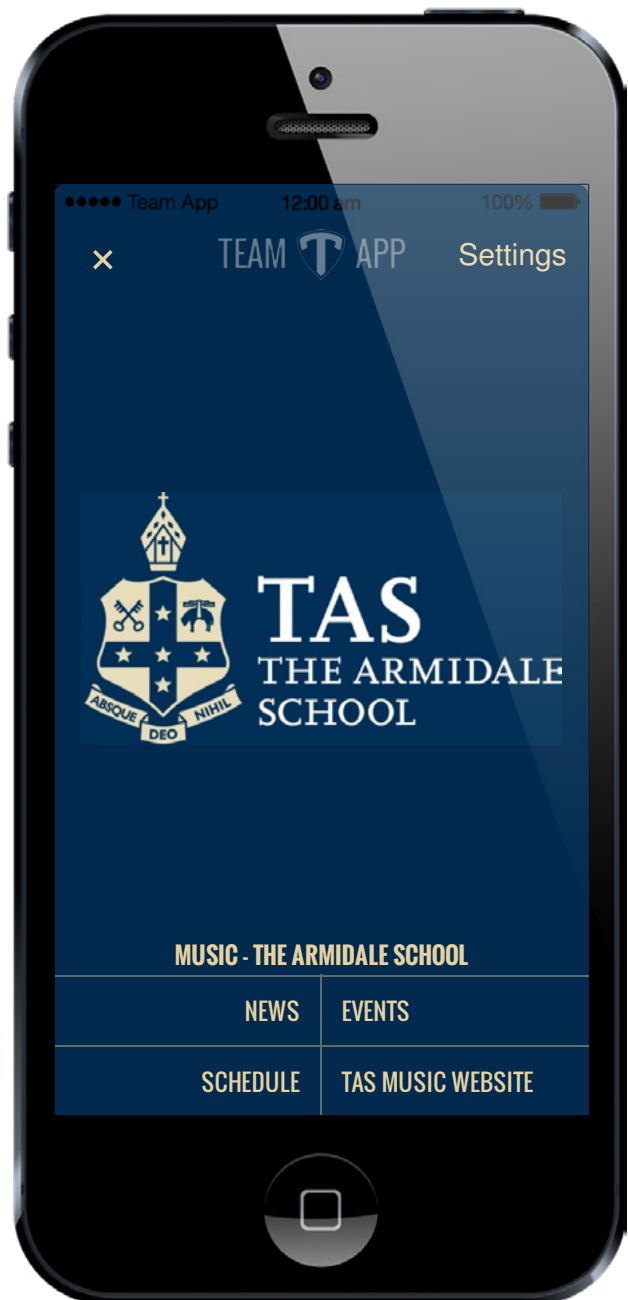
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## Parent Information Sessions on Thursday 15

It was good for us to greet all parents and I'm hoping the information sessions were useful to you. These sessions were deliberately brief in deference to the desire for you to meet us and have some time with us prior to the War Cry sessions in the pool complex. Now that we've been at school for three weeks, the 'dust is beginning to settle' and routines continue to help us to adjust to life in the Middle School.

## Swimming Carnival this week 16 February

War Cry won by Croft. Green and Tyrrell House won mass participation points. The sound was there, though it was no more melodic than in past years – but they loved it, didn't they. Even though it occurs each year, the carnival is an individual milestone of sorts in that almost all our new boarders see their families for the first time this term. I hope you enjoyed the weekend and want you to know that we're here should you want to speak to us about issues that, for whatever reason, we would benefit from knowing about. What's clear is that your children are probably more inclined to speak to you about concerns than they are letting us know about them – especially at this stage of their time with us.

## Year 7 lunches

Lunches with Mr Murray and Mrs Joanne Guest continue this week. They've all come back waxing lyrical about their experiences, though they've been reticent to articulate what it was they said - I'm hoping it's not too much about us. This is such a good idea – I want them to go and just enjoy themselves. They are settling now and their confidence increases significantly as a result.

## Students getting ready for first Activities Day on Wednesday, 28 February

Assembly / Advisor time this Tuesday has been devoted to briefings for the various activities scheduled for Wednesday of Week 5. Students will have been told what to wear, what to bring and what to do. This information will also be told to them several times and my advice to you is to look at TAS Talks and our website for updated information.

## Town Meeting

Topics discussed: Announcement of Middle School production to be Shrek Auditions will be held this week and next week for over 30 roles: some small parts and some large.

Also many roles backstage with the Tech Club.

Ms Hannah Lo spoke again about Basketball. Students should be using TECH APP to see when their games are on.

Students have been reminded about the use of cricket balls in playground – unless it's a fully supervised game of cricket, as sport, only tennis balls can be used.

Students have also been reminded that the McConville Centre is out of bounds.

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



Mr Mark Harrison

## Middle School Information Night

A detailed session on the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program into TAS Middle School will be held on Friday 16 March at the conclusion of the year 6 and 7 parent teacher interviews. This will be the chance for Rachel Harrison, our IB co ordinator to explain what the IB is and how we will be implementing it into Middle School. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time.

## Swimming Championships

Congratulations to all our swimmers for making last Thursday such a tremendous Swimming Championships. Continuing with the participative approach we take here at TAS, I was so heartened to see the number of students diving in to simply 'do their best'. It was a fantastic day, and I thank Mrs Wright and her wonderful team for ensuring it ran so smoothly. Particular thanks go to Mr Tim Scott for taking so many fantastic photos. These are now available on the school website.

It must be noted here, that the number of supporters and helpers continues to grow and so, to our parents and friends who assisted with the time-keeping, recording, cheering and the running of the canteen (I have never seen such an extensive spread), thank you. Your support truly made this a wonderful event. As the PSSA and NCIS Swimming carnivals loom, we congratulate those swimmers who have been selected and further details are included in the sports section of this newsletter.



Mr Ian Lloyd



The start to the Individual Medleys

Below: Go Ross House - William and Andrian



Go Green House - Sophie, Edwina and Oliver



Lucy and her Broughton House mascot



House Champions...Green House with Ty and Lachie

### Eisteddfod 2018

At some stage soon, the School will contact you to ask you to encourage your child to participate in some of the categories available for individuals in this year's Eisteddfod. Generally, these events are held around the middle of May for four weeks. As a School, we enter our choirs, ensembles and classes into various categories but I would like you to consider the benefits of events such as public speaking, prepared speech, poetry and prose recital. While managing the students time and transport is a combined effort (and parents will usually have to become involved) it is surprising how often we hear how much individuals benefit from the challenge of speaking in public. We will be able to support students with some of our specialist teachers and help them from school to prepare. If you have further questions, please contact your classroom teachers for more information.

### Lake Keepit Excursions

Parents of children in Years 2 to 5 will have received information for these excursions recently. It requires some information for Medical and Consent forms to be completed online as soon as possible. If you have difficulties doing so, please contact us.

The excitement is growing by the day...  
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### WEEK 4

Wednesday 21 February

Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre  
2.45pm

Thursday 22 February

PSSA Swimming Carnival,  
Town Pool

### WEEK 5

Tuesday 27 February

NCIS Murwillumbah

Wednesday 28 February

Activities Day ( No Assembly)

### WEEK 6

Monday to Friday

Excursion Week ( No Assembly)

### WEEK 7

Wednesday 14 March

Excursion Week ( No Assembly)

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Mila Wright  
this week.

## Primary Years Programme

### Transition

It is fitting that our youngest members of the school have commenced their first year at TAS working under the transdisciplinary theme 'Who We Are'.

They are exploring some elements of the 'Who We Are' descriptor:

"An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means."

**Central Idea-** Learning takes place in different environments.

**Approaches to Learning:** This unit gives all the transition students the opportunity to focus on their social skills especially the very important skill, which revolves around the concept of co-operation. They are also learning more about communication skills such as speaking and listening.

Transition have been enjoying getting to know each other, going to specialists lessons and have been on some tours of the school to find out what all the other big buildings are!

They have been to the Junior School reception, the Library, the gym and for a walk up to the quadrangle. This week they are hoping visit Middle School.

They have certainly been very busy exploring and finding out all about their new learning environment.

**Mrs Veronica Waters**  
**PYP Coordinator**



### Junior School Swimming Carnival Results

A huge thank you to our parents and friends who helped to make the day such a success, by stepping up and helping in many areas during the carnival, from the cake stall to the timekeeping to swimming with their children in the Parent-Year 5 relays.

Family participation is what makes our Junior School carnival so successful.

Thank you also to the many children who eagerly and excitedly participated in many events on the day. The enjoyment from the novelty events to the more arduous races was evident on many little faces!

#### Official results from the day are as follows:

6 years girl champion:	Cecilia Price
6 years girl runner up:	Grace Ryan
6 years boy champion:	Baxter Carruthers
6 years boy runner up:	Lachlan Wood
7 years girl champion:	Mila Wright
7 years girl runner up:	Layla Abu Assab
7 years boy champion:	Oliver Robb
7 years boy runner up:	Joshua Bourke
8 years girl champion:	Edwina Newton
8 years girl runner up:	Minnie Chick
8 years boy champion:	Arthur White
8 years boy runner up:	Cameron Carruthers
9 years girl champion:	Katie Hynes
9 years girl runner up:	Sophia White
9 years boy champion:	Hugo Broun
9 years boy runner up:	Joe Fenwicke
10 years girl champion:	Charlie Ward
10 years girl runner up:	Mosie Wright
10 years boy champion:	Charlie Ryan
10 years boy runner up:	Mitchell Evans
11 years girl champion:	Millie Coupland
11 years boy champion:	Iles Baker
11 years boy runner up:	Lachlan Litchfield

#### Division Results:

Sub-Junior Boy:	Oliver Robb
Runner up:	Baxter Carruthers
Sub-Junior Girl:	Mila Wright
Runner up:	Layla Abu Assab
Junior Boy:	Charlie Ryan
Runner Up:	Joe Fenwicke
Junior Girl:	Charlie Ward
Runner Up:	Mosie Wright
Senior Boy:	Iles Baker
Runner up:	Sam Strelitz
Senior Girl:	Millie Coupland

Rofeta Cup Winner (Highest Point score girl): Charlie Ward

Macready Cup Winner (Highest Point score boy): Iles Baker

House Champion: Green – 613

Broughton – 435

Ross - 433

### PSSA Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 22 February

Children have been nominated for events at our local PSSA meet this Thursday.

Please ensure you have indicated to Mrs Wright whether you are catching the TAS mini bus on Thursday morning at 8:15am or meeting us at the Monkton Aquatic Centre. The day commences with the Open 100 Free and marshalling at 9am. Children need to bring \$4.00 cash for entry.

### NCIS Swimming Carnival

#### Tuesday, 27 February

You should have received your nomination letters and permission notes for this meet in Murwillumbah next Tuesday. More information about travel arrangements and accommodation will be sent out later this week. Mr and Mrs Ball will be accompanying this trip.

### Year 5 Basketball

TAS had a great start to the season with a convincing win against PLC last night. It was lovely to watch them all play so well as a team and be gracious and respectful winners. Skills have developed a great deal, which is fabulous to see. Possibly one of the best training sessions ever was held last Tuesday - thanks to the help of some wonderful senior school players who stepped in to help Mrs Hardin when Miss Pollitt was unwell. I cannot commend these boys enough. They were absolutely OUTSTANDING in the way they directed and interacted with the younger students!

**Mrs T Hardin**



New England Junior Nomads  
Come & Try / Registration Day

Thursday 1st March 2018

Bellevue Oval, Handel Street Armidale

4.30pm to 6.00pm Contact 0488 921 324

**Sign up for junior footy at [play.afl](http://play.afl)** 