

TAS TALKS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 14 March, 2018 Term 1 Week 7

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Junior School Excursion Week

The half-way point in First Term saw most of our Junior School head into the field for what was designated as 'Round Square IDEALS Excursion Week', whilst our youngest students were entertained at school by special speakers and got out and about in town as well. The IDEAL that was focus for Years 2 to 5 at Lake Keepit was clearly adventure and the excitement for outdoor challenge from these young students was quite inspiring. Genuine camping and challenges such as ropes courses, bridge building and canoeing are rare in primary schools but, in our thinking at TAS, entirely appropriate to this age group and a great vehicle to build confidence, resilience, independence and teamwork skills. I have enjoyed hearing the excited reports about the week from our students and congratulate our Head of Junior School lan Lloyd and the staff who made this opportunity possible for them.

Summer to Winter

As we move into the second half of this first term and the exciting finish to the Summer sporting season, preparations for the Winter season are already emerging. TAS Talks readers this week will see news of the considerable success of our most elite swimmers at the NCIS championships recently with nine new records set and four age champions and four runners up amongst the TAS term. This week our GPS rowing crews head to Penrith on Friday and our First XI cricketers move into finals after another strong win last Saturday ensuring they are the 2018 minor premiers.

At the same time it seems that the Winter season is approaching, as preparations are being made for our internal athletics season and TAS hosting the NCIS Football carnival this week, with both our senior boys' and girls' teams making it through to grand finals. I am conscious that this is an exciting time for many of our students and I wish them well for the conclusion to their Summer season and preparations for new sports later in the term.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Inverell Toughen Up

The 'toughen up' event in Inverell last weekend was the biggest to date for TAS and I offer congratulations to the huge contingent of almost 100 TAS students and staff who took on the mud and physical challenge this year. This was the fifth year of this great community event and it has now cemented its place as one of the most popular physical challenge milestones in the school calendar. That so many of our Middle and Senior School students are excited about testing themselves physically and mentally in what the wider community might think were thoroughly unpleasant tasks is testament to the great spirit in our student body and flies in the face of those who would tell us that teenagers today prefer their phones and laptops to old-fashioned fun in the outdoors.

Special thanks are due to Jim Pennington who led the TAS presence again. He has reported on the event in TAS Talks this week and I recommend it to you. Jim will back up again this Saturday at the Campus City Canter in Armidale and I encourage all students who are able to be there to get involved and enjoy what is a healthy and positive local community event.

Open Day and Country Tour

With the 2018 school year now well and truly underway, our Enrolments Office is busy preparing to welcome new students to TAS in 2019. The Scholarship and Open Day on Monday of this week was very well attended and it is clear that the strong interest in TAS that we have been experiencing in recent years will continue into 2019 and that is very encouraging.

The next phase in this process begins next week as our Director of Enrolments Pip Warrick, Director of Boarding Michael Holland and I head away on the first leg of the annual Headmaster's Country Tour. Next week will be in Inverell on Monday hosted by Gundi Rhoades, Moree on Tuesday hosted by Mark and Natalee Cook, Gunnedah on Thursday hosted by Mark and Amanda Tydd. We will be interviewing prospective students through the day and meeting socially with our current families in the evenings. This is always a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the TAS Community away from the school and I am particularly grateful to the Rhoades, Cook and Tydd families for their wonderful support in hosting our evening functions.

For those who may not yet have made arrangements to catch up or who would like to pass information on to friends, the following link will show our schedule for the week. <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Murray Guest







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK 7

Thursday 15 March Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 16 March Year 6 and 7 Parent Teacher Interviews

Middle School IB MYP Information Session

Saturday 17 March AAGPS Head of the River

Autumn Festival

WEEK 8

Wednesday 21 March P&F Meeting 7pm (Lower Maxwell)

Friday 23 March Junior School Athletics Carnival

Saturday 24 March Cloisters Run

MS/SS Athletics Carnival (9.30am)

WEEK 9

Tuesday 27 March Easter Service

Internet Safety Presentation (Hoskins Centre)

Thursday 29 March Easter Long Weekend (No Classes)

Staff Day

Friday 30 March Good Friday

Keystone Academy Regional RS Conference

WEEK 10

Monday 2 April Easter Monday (No Classes)

Tuesday 3 April Classes Resume

Thursday 5 April Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 6 April Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Opens Cricket Dinner (6.30pm)

Sunday 8 April Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim



Uniform and Book Shop

Winter Uniform will be available from Wednesday 21 March Hours over Easter

CLOSED Thursday 29 March

OPEN Easter Monday 2 April - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Tuesday 3rd April Normal Hours resume

End and Beginning of Term

CLOSED Thursday 12th April

OPEN I uesday 24 April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm OPEN Monday 30 April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Tuesday 1 May Normal hours resume



Young Regional Round Square Conference

TAS is excited to be hosting this conference commencing Sunday 22 April and finishing on Thursday 26 April, 2018. It is open to Year 5 and 6 students and has the theme 'Humanity in Action. Remembering our Past, Appreciating our Present, Building our Future.'

There will be students attending from other Round Square schools throughout Australia along with international students, so it will lead to a memorable experience for all involved. Students from TAS will be required to board with the visiting students. We have some interesting guest speakers lined up and activities that will stimulate the students to think about their place in our past, present and future.

All Year 5 and 6 parents and students have been emailed the information and application form last Friday.

If you did not get the email please contact Mrs Brunsdon on kbrunsdo@as.edu.au.

Navigating the Internet – Brett Lee Tuesday 27 March at 7pm in Hoskins Cenre

There is much happening at TAS in the space of technology and adolescence, and many parents would know we have recently begun a five-week Digital Detox Programme in the Middle and Senior School.

There is increasing evidence to suggest (among adults also) that screen time and social media use is exponentially increasing and, while technology is great in many ways, heavy usage is often leading to unhealthy habits and mental health consequences.

We are very excited, then, to be hosting one of the leading Australian figures in safe internet use – Brett Lee, a former QLD police detective – who will present to students, staff and families in sessions running on 27 March.

I would like especially to encourage parents to attend the evening session (7pm in Hoskins Centre), where Brett will cover matters relating to:

- Protective and Preventative Measures
- The Law and the Internet
- Social Networking
- Instant Messaging and Online Gambling
- Cyberbullying
- Sexting

This event has been planned to coincide with the Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival the following day and hopefully many of our boarder parents can attend.

Please visit Internet Safe Education
www.internetsafeeducation.com if you would like to find

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK

Our sport carnival cake stalls raise a significant amount of money for the P&F and this money is used to make TAS better for our children so if you could support this worthy cause by baking or buying some yummy food and helping on the stall it would be appreciated. The dates are:

Junior School – Cake Stall - Friday 23 March

Middle School/Senior School – Cake Stall - Wednesday 28 March

Anything will be gratefully received and can be dropped off to the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield prior to the start of your athletic carnival. Remember this cake stall is mainly for the kids to buy things to munch on (so don't forget some pocket money) and a little bit for the adults.

Suggested baked/food items include cupcakes, biscuits, cake and slices (cut into single serve portions), jelly cups, savory goodies, gluten-free and dairy-free items (with labelling and a list of ingredients). However, please remember all items should be nut free. If you bring in a container that you would like returned, please clearly mark it with your name and collect it after the carnival.

Stall times are:

JUNIOR SCHOOL (Friday 23 March)

8am – 9am Set up Anyone who wishes to help

 9am - 10am
 Year 5

 10am - 11am
 Year 4

 11am - 12pm
 Year 3

 12pm - 1pm
 Year 2

 1pm - 2pm
 Year 1

2pm onwards and pack up Kindergarten

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL (Wednesday 28 March)

8.30– 9.30am Set up	Year 10
9.30 – 10.30am	Year 7
10.30 – 11.30am	Year 9
11.30am – 12.30pm	Year 8
12.30 – 1.30pm	Year 11
1.30 – 2.30pm	Year 12
2.30 onwards & pack up	Year 6

BREAKFAST BBQ SATURDAY 24 MARCH - CLOISTERS RUN & SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

For 2018 the Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival will be spread over two days – the morning of Saturday 24 March and all day Wednesday 28 March.

To feed hungry tummies the P&F will be hosting a breakfast *Bacon & Egg Roll BBQ* on *Saturday 24* (the cake stall will not be operating on the Saturday). The BBQ will be under the P&F tent behind the gym on Wakefield from 8.30am – 12 noon. B&E rolls will be \$5 and soft drinks and water will be available so that you don't starve during the morning. We will also have a coffee van to make sure you get your morning caffeine fix!

If you'd like to help please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail. com

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

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 kids, coaches and managers to feed each day – plus their families ... phew!!!

We need your help to make the weekend fabulous... you don't have to have a child playing or be interested in rugby... but if we could have a few hours of your time it would be wonderful... If you can help or bake or both for this event it would be much appreciated. Helpers and Community Service volunteers can sign up using the following link http://signup.com/go/UosTCih

More information will be sent out through TAS Talks, emails and Facebook in the next few weeks. We will also be having planning meetings so if you would like to be a part of the core team please give me a call on 0418 980 662 or email nicollfamily1@gmail.com – our next planning meeting is Wednesday 4 April at 7pm

Interviews

MRS SEONIA WARK

Years 6 / 7 Parent Teacher

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 6 and 7 will be begin tomorrow, Thursday 15 March, 3.30pm - 6pm and Friday 16 March, 2pm - 5.30pm. Interviews with teachers will be held in the Memorial Hall.

Academic Workshops

A reminder that there is a final repeat Academic Workshops on Monday 19 March. This will be a condensed version of what has already been done in the previous weeks workshops. So if your child was unable to attend in the first half of the term - this is their chance to attend these valuable workshops.





Mrs Seonia Wark

Monday Years 9-10			esday s 9-12		nesday s 9-12	Thursday Years 9-12 Library		
	ibrary	Library		Lib	rary			
7-8 pm Workshop Yr 9-10	7-8pm Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm Chemistry Years 11/12	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm Advanced Maths Years 11/12	7-8pm English Years 9/10	7-8pm Maths Years 9/10	7-8pm English Years 11/12	
						8-9pm Mathematics Standard Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 9/10	
				8-9pm Maths Ext Years 11/12	8-9pm English Years 11/12			
8-9pm Workshop Years 11/12	8-9pm Science/Maths Years 9/10	8-9pm Biology Years 11/12	8-9pm Physics Years 11/12					

ROUND SQUARE



John Moore, Year 10 Croft, has recently returned from several months on exchange at The Marvelwood School in Connecticut, USA. From all reports John has made a wonderful impression, eagerly giving everything a try and fitting into the school and community with an easy going approach. Of note, though, is that John moved from 'recreational' skiing to be included in the school ski team where he competed in the League Championships at Butternut Ski Area in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Congratulations John for being a great ambassador for TAS.

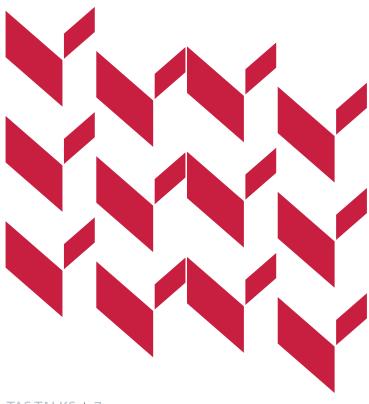
Mrs Anna Barnier Round Square Coordinator











ACTIVITIES DAY 2

Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 2 Monday 19 March 2018

Travel

Depart Monday 19 March

- 6:30am Brown Street
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am Return
- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.30 pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 4.30pm

Staff

Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984 Mr M Ball, Mrs G Chick

Organisation

Monday

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am. Unpack bus.

- 9.30 am 10.30 am Beach Session 1
- 10:30am 12:00pm Beach Session 2
- 12.00pm-1:00pm Beach Session
- 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell
- 4.30pm Arrive Armidale

Requirements

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

Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

Dress

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

Meals

Breakfast: Cereal/toast spreads at TAS Lunches: Rolls, salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

Mr Jim Pennington



CADETS

Activities Day 2 will be held on 19 March, Monday of Week 8. Cadet have been briefed on their activities and required equipment on Tuesday 13 March.

Cadets conducting overnight bivouac (5, 9 & 11 Platoons) are required to meet at TAS Adamsfield for parade on Sunday 18 March at 3.45pm.

All other cadets will assemble at TAS Adamsfield for parade on Monday 19 March at 8.40am.

Activities will cease and cadets released on completion of parade at at 3.30pm Monday 19 March

The activities will be conducted as follows:

A Company

1 Platoon: Abseiling in vicinity of Gara Gorge.

2 Platoon: Mountain Biking, Black Mountain to Armidale via Puddledock.

3 Platoon: Kayak touring at Malpas Dam.

B Company

4 Platoon: Abseiling in vicinity of Gara Gorge.

5 Platoon: Night harbour and routine in vicinity of Mount Duval. Trek to Dumaresq

6 Platoon: Kayaking & water activities at Dumaresq Dam. 7 Platoon: Kayaking & water activities at Dumaresq Dam.

C Company

8 Platoon: Canoeing activities at Dumaresq Dam.

9 Platoon: Night harbour and routine in vicinity of Peatfield's Overflow. Trek to Dumaresq Dam.

10 Platoon: Navigation & fieldcraft training at Kirby Station (UNE)

11 Platoon: Night harbour and routine in vicinity of Peatfield's Overflow.

Trek to Dumaresq Dam.

All members of The Armidale School
Cadet Unit (TASCU) will be issued with all
required equipment by the TAS Q-Store
on joining the unit. If this equipment is
lost or damaged, it must be replaced at
students' own cost. Many items in the list
above can be purchased from the TAS
Clothing Shop and have been selected
specifically for their suitability for TASCU
use and reasonable cost. Clothing that
has been outgrown can be replaced at no
charge at Q-Store by arrangement with
the Ouartermaster.

If cadets have questions about their activities, they should in the first instance approach their platoon leader for more information.

CAPT (AAC) Angus Murray Commanding Officer Cadets

Cadets conducting an overnight bivouac (5, 9 & 11 Platoons) should note the below packing list as a minimum. There may be additional equipment required by pool leaders for cadets. These will have been discussed at activities briefing.

Back Pack (issued)

Compass* Hootchie (issued)

Spray jacket* / raincoat* 5m hutchie cord/rope*

Kidney Cup* (issued) Pegs x 4* (issued)

KFS set* Ground sheet (issued)

Water bottles x 2 (issued) Sleeping bag* & mat*

Towel (small) Olive Green thermal or cotton undershirt

Notepad (in plastic bag)* Jumper (issued)

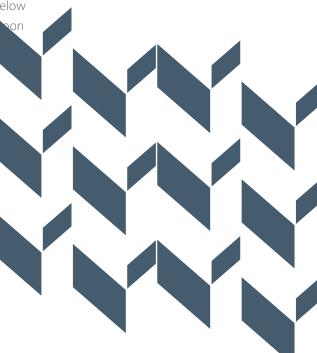
Torch + spare batteries* Wet gear (swimmers, shirt & shorts)

Plastic bag for wet gear Bush Hat* (issued)
Sun screen & insect repellent (tube or roll-on only)

Change of underwear & socks

Toilet bag (toothbrush + paste, baby powder)

*Available for purchase from TAS Clothing Shop



CAREERS ADVISOR

MR MARK TAYLOR

ADF GAP Year

ADF Gap Year applications for 2019 have opened. It's a unique opportunity for your students to try out a career in Navy, Army or Air Force and get a feel for a military life without committing for a longer period.

Through an ADF Gap Year you'll:

- Gain valuable skills and work experience
- Enjoy a great salary package plus free healthcare
- Live a varied, active and healthy lifestyle
- Make friends with like-minded people
- Get the opportunity to see more of Australia

In 2019 there are 14 roles to choose from ranging from admin to artillery and even flight crew, plus this year they are offering 30 Army Officer roles - places are limited.

Please click HERE for more details.

A visit from Stephen Foley Head of College and Chief Executive at St Leo's University of Queensland

A quick reminder that Stephen will be with us on 15 March between 1.30-2.00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room to speak to any Year 11 or 12 students who are considering studying and attending a residential college in Queensland. He gives a very good overview of all the colleges at UQ and is available for any questions after his presentation.

If you are thinking of further study north of the border in Queensland I would encourage you to come and listen to Stephen's presentation.

LetzLive (Tutors Worldwide) – Information evening at NEGS

Carl Palmer from LetzLive will be holding an information evening at NEGS on 15 March and has kindly invited any Year 11 or 12 students who were thinking of a GAP year and having difficulty finding a position to come listen to the services they offer. I have posted the flyer for the event on the school's careers webpage.

Carl does share very interesting news with regards to visa to the UK for prospective GAP students. He says that visas will not be issued to students who are not 18 on the date of travel to the UK. This severely affects the UK GAP prospects of those students who do not turn 18 until 2019. I will attempt to find out more information but he says they can offer GAPs to other destination such as Thailand.

Please be sure to register your attendance via the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/letz-livetutors-worldwide-gap-year-information-evening-armidale-tickets-43679332058

Also the flyer for the evening can be found on the TAS career webpage link below.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ careers/2018/03/05/letzlive-tutorsworldwide-information-evening-at-negs/

UNSW Co-Op Scholarships

UNSW Co-op Program scholarship offers more than financial support, it aims to develop our scholars into professionals, not just graduates at the end of a university degree and makes sure our scholars have lots of fun along the way.

There are now 24 programs available in the fields of Business, Science, Engineering and Built Environment.
All programs offer industry experience, however the schedules vary with respect to program duration and the number/length of placements.

UNSW Engineering Rural Scholarships Program

At UNSW Engineering offers a number of scholarships specifically to encourage and assist students from rural and isolated areas.

Each year approximately 20 scholarships, valued at \$12,000 per annum (tax free) for four years, are awarded to rural students to undertake one of the 20 full-time engineering programs offered by the Faculty of Engineering at UNSW.

Below is a link to where you can collect the brochure detailing the relevant information on what the scholarship offers and how to apply for it.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ careers/2018/03/12/unsw-engineeringrural-scholarships-program/

Mr Mark Taylor



Middle & Senior School Athletics Championships 2018

Program

Please find attached both the 'Pre Days' and 'Main Day' Programs for the Athletics Carnival. All events are held on Wakefield except for the Cloisters Run which is held in the main quadrangle.

Overview:

Tuesday 20 - Thursday 22 March (lunchtimes): High Jump and 800m (Students MUST attend the qualifying event for high jump to be eligible to compete in the final.)

Saturday 24 March: Cloisters Run, 8:30am, followed by events 9:00am-12:30pm Monday 26 March: 3000m and Catch Up events - 3:45pm.

Wednesday 28 March: Main Day: 8.45am – 4:30pm

Participation

The TAS Athletics Championships is a mass-participation 'event'. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in all events on all days. Attendance is compulsory on 24 and 28 March. Participation in the 100m (where a roll will be taken) and two field events is the minimum expected on the main day.

U/14 and U/16 Cricketers who are involved in Grand-Finals on Saturday 24 March should prioritise cricket and may attend catch up events on Monday 26 March, after school.

Age groups are based on how old a student turns this year eg. a student turning 15 this year is in the 15yrs age group.

Team selections

These Championships will be used as a guide to select our athletics teams for the GPS, NCIS and PSSA carnivals.

Dress

Students are to wear their House polo shirt, or House athletics singlet, and navy TAS shorts to all events. If socks are worn they must be white. If tracksuits are needed they must be TAS tracksuits. When not competing students should wear a TAS cap.

BBQ lunch

On 28 March, lunch will be provided for all students (including day students) and their parents from 12:00pm at Wakefield.

Results

Results will be published outside the weights room after each event. Students are encouraged to check results and notify the recording room if there are any errors.

Wet Weather Plan

In the case of continuous rain leading into the carnival or extreme conditions on the day, events will be rescheduled.

NSW Country Rugby Championships

The U/12, U/13 and U/14 Country Championships will be held in Armidale on 12 May and the U/15 and U/16 Country Championships will be held in Bathurst on 19 May.

Both these events clash with school fixtures and players have been informed of the importance of these fixtures. If you require further information please contact Will Caldwell dcc@as.edu.au



Mr Will Caldwell

Women's Rugby

Mahalia Murphy, from the Australian Women's Rugby Sevens team, will be visiting TAS on Thursday 15 March. She will be sharing both her own experiences and information regarding opportunities for TAS girls to try rugby. All girls are invited to hear Mahalia speak in the McConville Centre from 8-8:45am.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-curricular

Rugby change of Venue

Scots College are celebrating their 125 year anniversary this year and have requested a home game for Rugby against TAS on the 2 June. We have graciously agreed to their request. They have indicated that they will reciprocate for our 125 year anniversary in 2019.



PRE DAYS AND MAIN DAY PROGRAMS FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.

Date		TUESDAY 20 - MONDAY 26 MARCH, 2018						
Age	12	12 13 14 15 16 17 Open						
Tuesday Lunch 20/3	High jump - qualifying							
Wednesday Lunch 21/3		800m - Lunch						
Thursday Lunch 22/3	High jump - qualifying High jump - qualifying							
Monday 26/3 4pm	OPEN 3	OPEN 3,000m (from 12 yrs & under to 18 yrs & over - all in one race) + catch-up events						

Date		SATURDAY 24 MARCH, 2018												
Age	1	2	1	3	1	4	1	5	1	6	1	7	OF	EN
Gender	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В
8:30						CLO	ISTERS RACE IN	THEQUADRA	NGLE					
9:00		Shot put	Discus		Discus	Javelin		High jump		Triple jump	Long jump	400m		
9:15				400m										
9:30				Long jump			400m		400m			Discus		
9:45	Triple jump		Triple jump				Shot put		Shot put		Javelin		Javelin	High jump
10:00		400m												
10:15		Triple jump			Javelin			400m		Long jump	Discus			
10:30						400m		Shot put						
10:45			Long jump	Discus			High jump		Triple jump			Javelin		400m
11:00											400m		400m	
11:15		Longjump				High jump				400m				Shot put
11:30	400m		400m	Javelin	400m			Triple jump		Discus				
11:45									Longjump		·		High jump	
12:00	Shot put													

Date						W	EDNESDAY 2	8 MARCH, 20	18					
Age	1	2	,	13	1	4	1	15	1	6	1	17	OF	PEN
Gender	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В	G	В
8:45am	100m	100m					Javelin	Long jump	Discus			High jump	Shot put	Triple jump
9:00am			100m	100m										
9:15am			Javelin		100m	100m								
9:30am		Discus		Triple jump	High jump	Shot put	100m	100m						
9:45am	Long jump								100m	100m				
10:00am										Javelin	100m	100m		
10:15am								Discus			High jump	Shot put	100m	100m
10:30am	150	00m												Long jump
10:45am			150	00m					Javelin				Triple jump	
11:00am	High jump		High jump		150	00m								
11:15am		Javelin			Shot put	Triple jump	150	00m						Discus
11:30am							Long jump		150)0m				
11:45am				Shot put						High jump	150	00m		
12:00pm	Discus				Triple jump	Long jump		Javelin					150	00m
12:15pm														
12:30pm	200m	200m					Discus		High jump			Triple jump		
12:45pm			200m	200m							Shot put		Long jump	
1:00pm				High jump	200m	200m								Javelin
1:15pm					Longjump	Discus	200m	200m						
1:30pm							Triple jump		200m	200m				
1:45pm	Javelin	High jump								Shot put	200m	200m		
2:00pm											Triple jump	Long jump	200m	200m
2:15pm													Discus	
2:20pm	100m	n Final												
2:25pm				n Final										
2:30pm			Shot put		100m	Final								
2:35pm							100m	n Final						
2:40pm									100n	n Final				
2:45pm											100n	n Final		
3:00pm													100m	n Final
3:05pm		Sub-junior	Boys relay											
3:10pm							oys relay							
3:15pm						Open G	irls relay							
3:20pm											Senior B	oys Relay		
3:45pm								O-War						
4:00pm							Presen	itations						

Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids vouchers are available for all students playing sport with registered Clubs. For TAS Winter Sports vouchers may be used for Football. Hockey & Netball. Parents must apply for their youchers through www.service.nsw.gov.au

MIC of each of these sports will be in touch with parents over the next two weeks to organise registration using the vouchers Please note this process may change for each sport.

If your child is not playing Football, Hockey or Netball, your youchers may be used for their Summer sport choice

Mrs Rachael Edmonds
Co-Curricular Assistant

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

NCIS Swimming

Nine records set by the dynamic duo of Lucy Fenwicke and Jesse Streeting was the standout of the NCIS Swimming Carnival held in Murwillumbah. Despite a torrential downpour the night before, the day allowed for ideal racing conditions on Tuesday.

The NCIS carnival is unique, in that it allows for Primary and Secondary to run as one. This creates so much more atmosphere and support for those athletes involved. The results attained by the TAS swimmers was tremendous, showcasing their numerous early mornings in the water.

Primary Age Champion

lles Baker 11 years boys

Primary Runner Up

Abbot White 12 years boys Tom Ball 12 years boys

Secondary Age Champion

Toby Inglis 12 years boys Lucy Fenwicke 17 years girls Jesse Streeting 17 years boys

Secondary Runner Up

Toby Michell-Smith 13 years boys Samuel Ball 14 years boys

The following records were set by TAS students at NCIS

Lucy Fenwicke 17 years girls
50 Freestyle
28:93
50 Breastroke
35:52
50 Butterfly
31:24
100 Freestyle
1:03:47
200IM
2:33:69

Jesse Streeting 17 years boys

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50 Freestyle			25:31
50 Bacstroke			29:37
50 Butterfly			27:17
100 Freestyle			55:81

The following students have been invited to compete at the CIS Championships Primary: Tom Ball, Iles Baker, Abbott White, Joe Fenwicke.

Secondary: Lucy Fenwicke, Jesse Streeting, Will Goodwin, Eliza Ward, Samuel Ball, Mitchell Cutler, Fergus Menzies, Ruby Straker, Toby Michell-Smith, Gane Harbutt, Toby Inglis.



Inverell Toughen Up

The dare was once again set, and the result? A huge turnout of 95 students and four staff attacked this unique and challenging course held within the town of Inverell. Girls and boys from Year 6-12 in teams of four and five, covered in mud, rolling around, push-ups, burpees, monkey bars (it had been a few years for some!), hay bales, tractor tyre flips, car tyre carries, sandbags, a hill slide, mud pits, cargo nets, prowler push, tyre drag, water carry and a lovely 5km through the town. That's a very brief description of this terrific event now into its fifth year. The team from TAS has grown from 12 in its first year, to now just shy of 100. This speak volumes for the students, as they actively not only seek these opportunities, but encourage those around them to join in, because its good fun. The pictures speak to the enjoyment of the day!

Mr James Pennington





CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

















Armidale and Walcha Shows

The TAS Poll Hereford Stud, Cattle Team and Year 11 Primary Industries class recently competed at both the Armidale and Walcha Shows with success. At Armidale show the team exhibited the Senior Champion British 1 Breed Bull with TASM001. Lachie Carter Year 9 was a finalist in the junior paraders coming 6th in the final. Sophie Tongue Year 12 won the junior Merino fleece jugdging.

Congratulations also to Tom Scifleet in Year 9 who came 4th in the intermediate class of the Merino sheep judging.

At Walcha TASM001 was named Senior Champion Poll Hereford and combined with TASM026 and TASM014 to win the champion Poll Hereford Breeders group. TASM026, TASM018, TASM012 and TASM015 were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in their classes respectively. Lachie Carter continued his good parading form winning his class and making the top 4 in the final. Harry Chandler Year 9 placed 3rd in his paraders class. A very rewarding couple of weekends for a new and inexperienced team. Well done to all involved







Womens Rugby

There are plans for a Womens Rugby 7s (or maybe 10s) comp here in Armidale. TAS have been invited to put together teams (along with other Armidale schools & Tamworth teams) so we will have an information session this coming *Thursday 15 March 8.00am-8.45am in McConville Centre*. Mahalia Morgan, Australian 7s and Wallaroo squad member will be there to talk you through the game and answer any questions.

Over the next three weeks there will also be 'Come & Try Rugby' sessions held on Rologas fields. They are held Wednesday afternoons, 3.45pm-5.00pm on Rologas Fields. Please note: as this will be an 'extra sport' you must attend normal sport training as usual if it scheduled on Wednesdays.

Rugby 7s will be an "Extra Sport" on the TAS Winter Sport list, and games will be held on Friday nights here in Armidale (with a possible game in Tamworth throughout the season). Mrs Goudge will be the Staff contact for this sport.

Are you keen to join a 7s/10s team? Please email your name and year group to Rachel Edmunds. Please note- teams will only be entered if we have the numbers.

Ms Alix Goudge

FROM THE

CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR

This week all our spooky energy is being directed towards *The Addams Family*, which takes the stage next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The cast is looking positively ghastly, their sonorous moaning is bone-chilling and their dance moves put MJ's *Thriller* zombies to shame. A final push on the set is happening tonight from 4pm - 8pm and all are welcome to attend and lend a hand or tentacle. I guarantee it is going to be a hauntingly outrageous spectacle so make sure you get your tickets soon. And each day at 4pm we're uploading a new video to the <u>Hoskins Centre</u> and <u>TAS Facebook</u> pages so tune in to get an update on the chaos the cast is causing around the school.

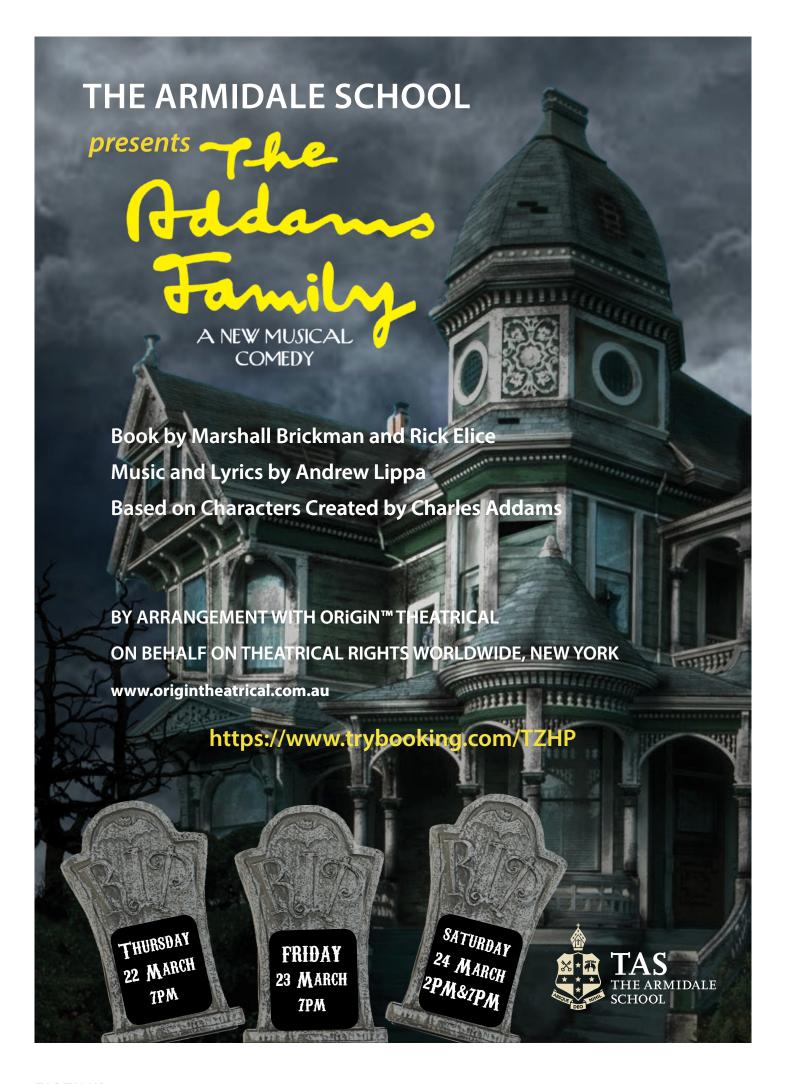
Don't forget about *The Story Only I Can Tel*l, the personal performance by William Yang happening in TAS Memorial Hall this Friday night at 7pm. Tickets for that event are available through the Hoskins Centre website or at the door on Friday. It should be an evening of intimate storytelling by a consummate artist and our Senior students, parents and friends should make it a priority.



Mr Andrew O'Connell

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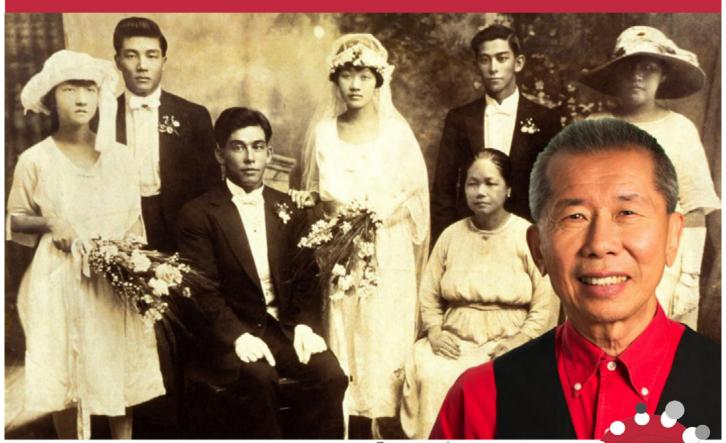


The Story Only I Can Tell William Yang

"...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
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MUSIC MATTERS

Peripatetic Music Lessons

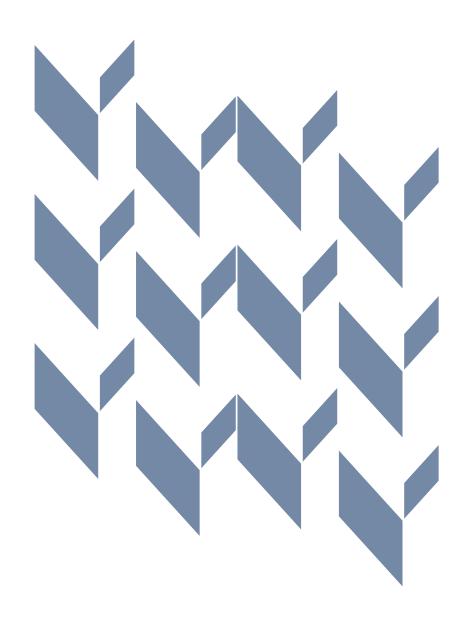
Lesson times with music tutors at TAS have been sent to all staff in the past week.

Teachers know when lessons are conducted so students do not miss more than necessary of their valuable academic lesson time. Students need only leave class five minutes prior to their lesson time, and must return to class no more than five minutes once the scheduled lesson time has finished

MS/SS Students sitting assessments in class that clash with their music lesson time must reschedule music lesson times with their tutor. Class assessments take priority over lesson times.

MS/SS students must notify class teachers of any lesson time changes. Junior School parents to please notify class teachers also. Any permanent music lesson time changes please email through to Mrs Rachael Edmonds redmonds@as.eud.au

Mrs Rachael Edmonds Co-curricular Assistant



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

MR MARK HARRISON

Activities Day 2 will be Monday 19 March

Again, I hope to be with as many students as possible on this second day of what will become an extensive program for Middle School students. Increasingly, students develop greater resilience and are able to involve themselves more fully in general activities with others who are not necessarily those with whom they share normal everyday activities in classes and sport.

Parent Teacher Interviews Year 6 and 7 Thursday and Friday 15-16 March

Certainly we look forward meeting as many of you as possible. We've now had seven weeks of classes and in a good position to inform you about progress, both social and academic. You are also in a position to answer some questions we may have and provide us with information that would inform our understanding of your children. For parents of students in Year 6, the interviews will be followed by an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme introduction by our MYP Coordinator, Ms Rachel Harrison and Director of Studies, Mrs Seonia Wark.



Autumn Festival

Middle School will again be participating en masse in this year's Autumn Festival, along with other representatives from across the Junior and Senior School. We are encouraging as many students as we can to participate, ensuring we have healthy numbers to enjoy the fun of the parade (and share the pizza and ice creams before the event). As in previous years we will meet in Beardy St (opposite TAFE) at 11.45 am. All students should dress in their TAS sports uniform, blue shorts and white socks (and TAS track suits if appropriate).



Mr Mark Harrison

Middle School IB MYP Information Night

A detailed session on the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years
Programme 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 coordinator to explain what the IB is and how we will be implementing it into Middle School.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR IAN LLOYD

'Round Square IDEALS' Excursion Week

I'm sure you would have heard a number of tales of adventure and excitement at the conclusion of our Round Square Excursion Week. It was a massive week and I know from the feedback I have received, it was very successful on all fronts.

Our association with Round Square began many years ago, with a desire to align and connect our School with others who valued the principles of Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure and Leadership and Service. Having a week to focus on so many of these elements at this early stage of the year has really enabled us to create the foundation for more exciting developments in 2018, as well as providing an opportunity to take our classes outside to collaborate and bond. For our younger students, visits to TAS from guest speakers informed us about aboriginal heritage and music, family history as well as an exhibition of some of our local wildlife. Visits to Saumarez House and the UNE Bootcamp provided plenty of opportunity for further inquiry and adventure.

As Year 5 to Year 2 progressively arrived at Lake Keepit, it was clear that the idea of being away from the comforts of home were being felt. There were some fantastic highlights for me (and I'm sure you have heard of a few already) but watching our students take on the Keepit outdoors was very gratifying. As you'll read in a report later in this edition of TAS Talks, even our younger students pushed themselves to paddle as one in a canoe or struggle to complete the low ropes course.

Our older students had to show real resilience as they camped under canvas (in quite difficult and windy conditions) and overcame personal challenges to complete the Keepit Kommando course, conquer the Giant Swing, collaborate to build a bridge or demonstrate leadership to instruct others through mini-Olympics competition – even help out in the kitchen scullery. I was impressed with the maturity and independence being shown throughout and witnessed many occasions where students were able to grow as a result contributing to their group. I would like to thank all our staff who planned the week and gave up their time to support our students.



Mr Ian Lloyd





Year 3 making waves on Keepit



Carrying a 20 kg pack around Keepit Kommando required mental toughness and teamwork (L to R) Lachie Litchfield, Austin Pease, Piage Sutton, Gus Sevil and Iles Baker



Getting to the top takes teamwork....Hugo Broun helping Xavier Leary

Parent Teacher Interviews – April 11 & 12 2018

Parent/Teacher interviews are a wonderful opportunity to discuss first hand, your child's progress and development for the term. It is the first step of our formal reporting for the year, following the pattern of interviews at the end of Terms 1 and 3 and a written report at the end of each semester. As a parent, I found the chance to talk about academic, social and other issues very informative and I hope you will find it likewise. An email containing a code for booking your interview with your child's teacher will be sent out over the coming weeks. Please contact us if you have any problems with the process.

Young Round Square Conference

Junior School is excited to be a part of the Junior Round Square Conference from April 22 – 26, to be held at TAS. This conference is open to 11 & 12 year olds (Years 5 and 6) and has already had registrations from China, Bangladesh and around Australia. The theme being focused upon is 'Humanity in Action'-Remembering our Past, appreciating our Present, Building our Future and our Year 5 parents have already received information about this. The Round Square Association of School has links with the International Baccalaureate and both promote intercultural understanding and respect. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I look forward to being involved and reporting back to our Junior School community once it has been completed.

Autumn Festival Saturday 17 March 2018

Junior School will again be participating en masse in this year's Autumn Festival this weekend, along with other representatives from across the Middle and Senior School. We have really healthy numbers again this year to enjoy the fun of the parade (and share the pizza and ice creams before the event).

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 1

WEEK 7

Wed 14 March

Sat 17 March

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre

2.45pm

Armidale Autumn Festival

WEEK 8

Wed 21 March

Fri 23 March

Activities Day 2

Year 1 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Junior School Athletics Carnival

WEEK 9

Wed 28 March

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre

2.45nm

Thur 29 March

Staff Day – No school for students Good Friday – School Closed

Fri 30 March

WEEK 10 Mon 2 April

Easter Monday – School Closed Classes Resume

Tue 3 April
Wed 4 April

Transition Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pr

WEEK 11 Wed 11 April Thurs 12 April

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews
Classes Conclude for Term 1

Please return your notes so we can anticipate numbers for supervision and catering purposes. You may have heard that the students have already been preparing in class, by making some St Patrick's Day hats (the theme for this year's festival.) I hope to see you there.

Armidale Interschool Chess Tournament

Having a number of our chess players attend the 2018 Armidale Interschool Chess Challenge yesterday was very pleasing and thanks all those who enabled our children to have this experience. We congratulate Andy Hardin and Archer Starr for representing TAS Junior School, and especially Peter Thompson, who came 3rd over all in the Primary Schools' Division.

Mr Ian Lloyd - Head of Junior School



Andy Hardin (L) with Peter Thompson, who came 3rd in the Primary School's Division.

Happy Birthday

Mila Downes and Charlie Ward are the birthday girls this week so Happy Birthday for your special days girls.

Lake Keepit Report

Last week, Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 went to Lake Keepit. We all went on different days. Year 5 went on Monday, Year 4 went on Tuesday, Year 3 went on Wednesday and we (Year 2) went on Thursday. Each class did different activities. Year 2 did archery, low ropes, double canoes and night activities. Our cabin was cabin 3. The other cabin was cabin 7. Before lunch we had a tour. For lunch, we had a wrap. After lunch, we did double canoes. My team was: Lucy, Aziz, me (Jack), Minnie, Izzie, Aziz and Henry. We had a swim before going for dinner. For dinner, we had a sausage sizzle. We went to night activities after dinner. We then went to bed. In the morning, we had breakfast. Then we went to archery. After that we had low ropes. It was three to a team. My team was Jack, Lucas and Henry. We got to go to the souvenir shop. I got a maze, pen and a boomerang. Then we had lunch. For lunch, we had a sandwich. Having the experience was fun.

by Jack Wood

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

MRS CHRISTINE WRIGHT

General Information about Junior School Winter Sports -Terms 2 & 3

Junior School Policy re Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in sport. 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 must commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the season. During the winter terms, students will have one training per week in each sport. For winter, training will be on Monday afternoons from 3:45 – 5pm for most sports. Students provide their own clothing, footwear, mouth guards and shin pads. Registration and competition fees will apply to all sports and will be debited to parents' accounts.

Please consider all requirements when choosing a sport for Winter:

Football

Training - Mondays

Games - Saturday mornings

Cost - \$100 - \$120 approx.

Equipment required - Shin pads, Football shirt from clothing pool.

Where – Armidale (occasional games in Walcha, Uralla and Guyra)

Teams – From U6 – U12

Football follows the small sided rules with younger teams having fewer players and smaller football fields.

Netball

Training - Mondays

Games - Saturday mornings

Cost - \$110

Equipment required – netball uniform from TAS

Where – Armidale Lynches Road Netball Courts- 11am Saturdays

Teams – Netta (5-7 yrs) Set (8-10 yrs) Go (9-10 yrs with 1 year experience)

Netta – 5-7 year olds –Netta is a skill based session

Set -8-10 year olds. Emphasis is on participation, trying out learned skills, the learning of new skills and sharing the play with others in the team. The rules are modified. Go -9-10 year olds. A further stepping stone to playing unmodified netball, developing skills learned. The rules are still modified to an extent, games are played on hard courts with lowered rings.

Hockey

Training - Tuesdays at UNE between 4 and 5pm. A TAS mini bus will take players to UNE

Games U9 Saturday mornings U11 Friday afternoons Cost U 9 - \$45 U 11 - \$130 approx

Equipment required – Stick, shin pads, mouth guards and Hockey uniform from clothing pool.

Where - UNE Turf

Teams - U9 and U1

Hockey New England will be doing Hookin2Hockey this year. This is a program for players new or in their beginning years to hockey.

It's an eight-week program, costing \$85 per player. This price includes a kit, bag, stick, shin pads ball and top that is delivered to your address when you register. HNE will be running Hook into Hockey on Friday afternoon's from 4pm for U9's & Saturday mornings 10am for U7's. The program will begin on 4 May. This is a Hockey Australia program.

Following is the link for registration and information which should be up and running in the next week.

http://hookin2hockey.com.au/

Please contact Mrs Tania Ball for any more information on the Hookin2Hockey programme.

Gymnastics Report

After a busy excursion week, we were still keen to get back to our exciting gymnastics lesson.

Our warm up session consisted of spring jumps into the pit, backward landings and mini tramp work.

The highlight of this week session was our long rope swings into a foam doughnut. Some found this incredibly tricky. Along with this we had static handstands, dance movements and backward rolls. You can certainly notice the improvements that the children have made with these moves.

Our final cool down was a lovely rocking and rolling session.

Mrs Lana Hawksford



Marvelous Agbasale celebrating her success of managing to swing into the doughnut

Tennis

There was much enthusiasm at tennis this afternoon with many rotating groups, words of encouragement and smiles. The students in Years 3-6 combined to initially refine forearm and back arm skills. Focus was key as all tried to make good judgement regarding the speed of the tennis ball. The collaboration amongst the teams was impressive as they were all very competitive.

Hand eye coordination was the focus for younger ages with all trying to throw and then hit the ball into the hop- attached to the fence. Having warmed up they were then using mini nets to have a mini rally.

Mrs Veronica Waters



Taking Action and The IB Learner Profile

The IB learner profile is at the heart of the PYP and links to all we do at TAS Junior School, including going on annual camp. PYP students aim to develop these ten attributes as they move through their schooling. At TAS, the leaner profile attributes are referred to on a daily basis. Staff aim to encourage students to take action by linking the IB learner profile to classroom units and activities such as the excursion to Lake Keepit. The attributes of the learner profile have an explicit focus throughout the 6 units of inquiry covered over the course of the year.

Student action was encouraged and celebrated whilst at Lake Keepit. The table below shows some examples of action at Lake Keepit.

Mrs Veronica Waters PYP Coordinator

IB Leaner Profile	Examples of Action on Camp
Communicator	 Engaging in respectful communication with camp instructors Communicating effectively with cabin members
Risk Taker	• Trying new things such as being away from home, sleeping in a tent and having a go on the Giant Swing
Principled	 Taking responsibility for own belongings Respecting the belongings of other campers
Thinker	 Sorting out what was required to take out to the campsite Ensuring all 5 items required for activities were ready when arriving at the Bull Pen
Open Minded	 Discuss a range of viewpoints on how best to put up a tent and fold it correctly Discuss a variety of ways to make a raft that would not sink
Balanced	Realising the importance of achieving balance with activity time, having fun in the cabin and sleep
Reflective	Taking time to look back over the events of the day and what worked well and what didn't and thinking about why
Caring	• Taking on tasks around camp such as setting up for an activity and helping out with serving and cleaning up after meal times
Inquirer	 Being curious about the lake and surrounding area Learning about the various safety requirements for the different activities
Knowledgeable	Finding out more about personal interests for example canoeing





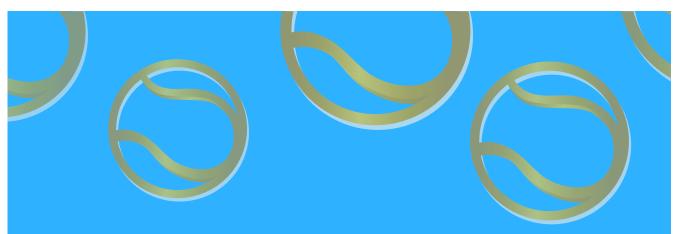




Pre-season Come 'n' Try Day For 5 - 12 year old boys and girls

Saturday 17 March 2018
12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
Consett Davis Playing Fields
at UNE, Sport UNE Drive, Armidale

Season commences Saturday 5 May ENQUIRIES: Rachel, Coordinator 0400 663 071 Email: armidaleauskick@gmail.com



ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY

EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

WEEK 1: MON 16 - FRI 20 APRIL 2018 HALF & FULL DAY CAMPS

FULL DAY CAMP INCLUDES - LUNCH, FRUIT, SNACKS, WATER, TREATS & PRIZES

9.00am - 12pm HALF DAY (kids 5 to 7yrs) \$50.00 per day OR \$225.00 for the week

9.00am - 3.00pm FULL DAY (kids 8+) \$65.00 per day OR \$300.00 for the week

For more info & to enrol -

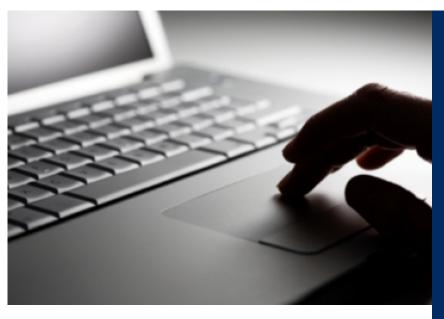
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