

TAS TALKS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19 September 2018 Term 3 Week 9

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Mr Murray Guest

Cadet Celebrations

The parade, held in sparkling Spring conditions last Friday afternoon, was both a spectacle and a tribute to the efforts of the cadets and officers involved. Whilst military drill has long since been relegated to a secondary role in a cadet program that gives pre-eminence to challenge, teamwork, resilience and the enjoyment of the outdoors, all on parade last week will have recognised the significance of the event for those symbolically leaving the Unit on the day and the pride on display was palpable. Such a show cannot be created without considerable commitment from the lead players involved and support from those under them and whilst I know that the practices for the day would not be considered as personal highlights by many, the result was its own reward and all who were a part of it deserve to be proud and to be congratulated for it.

The Passing Out Parade was followed on Friday evening by the military gala that is the 'Cadet Dining In Night'. This very formal affair, complete with white 'mess dress' for seniors and full military protocol is designed as an experience to take our senior cadets and their parents into a world that has such an important place in our country's heritage, but is known by very few. Though unfamiliar to most there, it was carried beautifully once again and was enjoyed by all. I offer special thanks to our Unit Commander, Major Murray, for his leadership through the year and to Sergeant Ball and Gail Rogers for their excellent work in setting up and running the night.

Reunion Weekend

The activities that surrounded and then followed our Passing Out Parade made last weekend one of the feature events on the TAS calendar and it was a very happy occasion for the School. Hundreds of Old Armidalians from generations that spanned well over 60 years descended on the School to share memories and reconnect with TAS. Local hotel gatherings, 5 v 10 year leaver rugby on Backfield, a more formal dinner for our senior past students in the Dining Hall and chapel for those who could rise early enough on Sunday morning made the weekend a busy and happy one for all.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Unlike reunions in most schools, the weekend at TAS is designed to bring current and past students together through lightly contested and good spirited competition across a number of 'accessible' competitions. That began on Friday afternoon and evening with hockey, swimming and debating and continued on Saturday with chess, shooting, tennis, an inaugural foot race and the traditional tug-o-war. All this culminates in the award of the 'Croft Cup' which, despite serious contention over legalities in both the foot race and tug-o-war, was retained by the Old Armidalians with the score at 4 – 4.

That so many will travel long distances to make those connections after so many years highlights the impact that the relatively short time at school has and that is a humbling realisation for those of us who are involved in those experiences for the students with us now. It is clear that the time spent in a community like this one in those important formative years creates a legacy that lasts a lifetime for many and the values and character that begin to be shaped at school are reflected in lives to follow. Beyond the sense of burden that this reality presents is a sense of purpose that I know drives the staff at TAS to offer so much beyond the expectations of their roles. Friendships that last a lifetime, lessons that can be drawn upon as future challenges are faced and the formation of values and a state of mind that frame decision making are all a part of that legacy and, I hope, that reality encourages parents too to seek to ignite the spirit in their children while they are here and surrounded by so much opportunity.

Winter Season Closes

The Winter sporting season comes to a final close this weekend with a number of teams in netball and football finals and our Director of Co-curricular Activities, Will Caldwell, has offered encouragement to all in this edition of TAS Talks to support those students contesting them. Like Will, I am sorry that the clash with the GPS Athletics Championships in Sydney will prevent me from being amongst the supporters on Saturday as well as the Football dinner on Saturday evening, but I join with the School as a whole in wishing those teams well and congratulating all who have committed to and enjoyed a very full sporting season over the past two terms.

Valedictory Week Ahead

Whilst the Winter season is closing for our students generally, those in Year 12 are rapidly approaching the completion of their school years and the coming week may well one that is full of the mixed emotions that come with farewelling the demands of school life, knowing that friendships will be further apart, preparing for the looming exams and making decisions for the future. As a school we will have the opportunity next week to thank our Year 12s for their leadership and wonderful support, especially over the past year, and I look forward to that.

Murray Guest









WEEK 9	
Monday - Friday	Year 11 Course Exams
Saturday 22 September	GPS Athletics
	Opens Football Dinner
WEEK 10	
Monday 24 September	International Round Square Conference (Canada)
Tuesday 25 September	Inter-House Basketball
Thursday 27 September	Jump Rope for Heart (Junior School)
	Classes Conclude
Friday 28 September	Valedictory Day
	Year 12 Formal
	Fiji Service Trip

NOTICE BOARD

Student Driving

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

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

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

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

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

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

Student Services

Coach and rail bookings for Term 3/4 vacation calling for bookings for the upcoming vacation period.

Dates of travel

Depart Friday 28 September

Return on Monday 15 October.

Please email travel@as.edu.au before Friday 7 September to secure your booking.

Mrs Meg Sadler

Uniform Shop

Summer Uniform available from 14 September

Clothing Shop Hours over upcoming holidays-

Friday 28 September - Closed

Open during the holidays - Friday 12 October 9 am to 5 pm

Monday 15 October 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday 16 October Normal hours resume

FROM THE P&F

BRANDY WANTED

The famous TAS P&F Christmas Pudding bake is coming up on 21 October and prior to that we need heaps and heaps of brandy to soak the fruit in – this is what gives the puddings that spectacular taste!! If you can donate a bottle of brandy please either drop it in at Main Reception or contact Pudding Co-ordinator Heather Williams on hwilliams@tmsmp.com.au

TAS@DUSK – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER AND ART SHOW

Thanks so much for the fabulous suggestions for our headline TAS@Dusk event. We had some wonderful ideas – so many in fact that we've decided to we might use several of them!!

And the winner is ...John McDonald wins the \$100 gift voucher for his suggestion of a Rural Obstacle Course – watch this space to see more... However, Millie Coupland, Ethan Bellman and Abbott White also had great ideas for a Vinnies Fashion Show, Mechanical bull and Back Track/Dog jumping and we will be investigating these further too! They win a movie voucher each.

PLEASE START MAKING TOMBOLA JARS -

This is always popular and we can never have enough full jars of goodies. Anything from marbles, lollies, colouring pencils, hairclips, soaps and shampoos packaged into a jar would be wonderful. Please leave all jars at Main School Reception.

CALL OUT FOR PLANTING POTS

We are on the hunt for 100mm planting pots. If you have any that you are happy to donate for the plant stall please drop off at TAS Reception.

TAS@DUSK & ART SHOW ORGANISING MEETING TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Given that TAS@Dusk and the Art Show are coming up fast in Term 4 we will be having term time weekly organising meetings.

Our first one – where we determine the stalls and who is responsible for them – is tonight at 7pm in Lower Maxwell. If you would like to help please pop on in. All are welcome – hope to see you there!

Mrs Rachael Nicoll







CONFERENCES 2018-2019

	10/12 years Regional Conference	13/15 years Regional Conference	15/18 years Regional
			Conference
2018	The Armidale School, Australia –	Keystone Academy, China	Bunbury Cathedral Grammar
2010	22-26 April 2018	31 March to 4 April – 13/14 yr olds	School, Australia
			Dates 14-18 April
2019	British School Jakarta, Indonesia –	Woodleigh School, Australia (13-15 yo)	Shenzhen Concord College of
2017	26 April – 1 May 2019 (10-12 yo)	7-11 April	Sino-Canada 4-9 April
2019	International Conference – Emerald H	eights International School, Indore, India – Y	ear 11 (3-9 October. 2019)



DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Year 11 End of Course Exams

Year 11 end of course exams will be held in Week 9 (17 - 21 September). Please note normal classes will resume on Monday 24 September.

Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Information

Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Information has been sent to students with their personal code to select preferences.

The subject handbooks can be found online.

Stage 5

http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2018/09/STAGE-5-HANDBOOK-2019.pdf

Stage 6

http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2018/09/STAGE-6-HANDBOOK-2019-Web-Copy.pdf

If you have any questions in regards to subject preference or choices please contact Mr Luke Polson or Mrs Vickey O'Brien.



Mrs Seonia Wark

Library Extended Day Timetable – Remainder of Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9- 12
Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in:	Tutoring available in:	 Tutoring available in:
• English Yr 9-12	 Maths 9-12 (all 	Maths 9-12 (all
	levels)	levels)
		 English Yr 9-12
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Week 9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9- 12
Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in: Maths Yr 9-12 Science Yr 9/10 Physics Yr 11/12	Tutoring available in: • English Yr 9-12	Tutoring available in: • Maths 9-12 (all levels)	 Tutoring available in: Maths 9-12 (all levels) English Yr 9-12

Week 10

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9-12	Yrs 9- 12
Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm	Library 7-9pm
Tutoring available in:	Tutoring available in:	LIBRARY OPEN.	LIBRARY CLOSED
 Maths Yr 9-12 	English Yr 9-12	No tutoring.	School finished for
• Science Yr 9/10			term.
 Physics Yr 11/12 			



MR MARK TAYLOR

Parents of Year 12 – UAC, SRS, EAS and Early Entry

We are reaching the decision time for the year 12 cohort. All major applications are expected to be completed by the 28 September. (Unless otherwise specified by the relevant universities). The students have been repeatedly made aware of the timeline and the specific requirements for each, so I will be checking this week that they have it under control.

The direct Early Entry is the most rigid of the required applications. Student need to be very sure of their choices as they are difficult to change once submitted. I have posted a list of the Early Entry applications on the school's careers website. The students have received a copy earlier in the year. The list of Early Entry Program can be found at the link below.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ careers/2018/04/30/university-early-entryschemes-uees/

UAC, QTAC and VTAC applications close on the 28th as well. These are not as rigid as students are able to change the order of their preferences once the application has been submitted. The important thing is to get the applications completed before the 28th as there is a large increase in the cost for late applications.

Educational Access Scheme applications need to be finalised by the 28th as well. If you were considering applying for these then the process should be well under way as they generally involve a large amount of documentation. These are application for students who have experienced prolong hardship while studying their HSC.

School Recommendation Scheme (SRS) forms part of the UAC application which the students should be completing as part of the UAC application. Due to a number of questions with regards to SRS I have resent the SRS booklet to the Year 12 group.

Booklets explaining both schemes can be found at the link below.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/ careers/2018/09/17/schoolrecommendation-scheme-srs-educationalaccess-scheme-eas/

I will be speaking with the year group again before the end of week to reiterate the message, that they should complete the required applications well before they get caught up in the celebrations for Valedictory week.

New degree for High Flyers -UNSW Arts & Social Science: Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

UNSW has sent out a flyer about a new course they are offering in the Arts Social Science school.

They are combining the popular courses from three faculties in order to give students the opportunity to expand their understanding of the related areas.

Below is a link to the website where you can get more information.

https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/degrees/bachelor-of-politics-philosophy-and-economics/?_cldee=dm9icmllbkBhcy_5IZHUuYXU%3d&recipientid=contact-031e6229e34fe71180f970106fa39b51-6e2_c627f0d2f4788a306ebcb2a3d13a0&esid=7_473175f-c7b4-e811-8157-c4346bde3591

PREMED Projects

International Learning opportunities are available for students interested in careers as doctors, nurses or dentists.

One provider is especially looking for students who are aged between 16-18 who dream of a career in healthcare and we offer International learning camps during school holidays.

Go to the link below for more details.

https://mailchi.mp/dc36eba97a4d/ info-for-students-considering-medicinecareers-1668645?e=6ef3663a6d

Mr Mark Taylor

ACADEMIC

TAS Students Take to the Skies – Again!

On Saturday 15 September, six Aviation Elective students took to the skies for their Trial Introductory Flight (TIF). Were Old Armidalians to have looked up they would have seen current students flying overhead as they took the flight controls, under the supervision of flight instructor Jack Hanly, from Aspect Aviation. Aspect Aviation is the latest flying school in Armidale and an initiative of SuperAir.

In somewhat windy conditions, the TIF took students on a 30 minute flight in the Sportstar light sport aircraft. On return, students and their parents were able to step inside the Superair hangar and workshop, getting a feel for the domain of an aircraft mechanic. Superair very kindly put on a barbeque lunch for all involved.

Mr Alasdair Hey



Alex Hall, Year 9. Alex was also part of the 2018 GPS rifle team



Enrica Geloso, Year 10. Enrica is an exchange student from Canada



Yann Garrivet, Year 10



Bonjour!

One of the best ways to truly enhance visual, auditory and verbal learning is to experience it first-hand. The Study Tour of France is an opportunity for TAS French students from Years 8 to 10 who are continuing their French studies in 2019, to totally immerse themselves into 'frenchness'. As well as advancing their French language skills, students will experience French culture and every-day life, adding new depths of understanding and meaning to the topics being studied.

By keeping a journal of their trip along the way, students will be putting a magnifying glass on everyday aspects of French language and culture, noting new vocabulary, expressions and cultural and historical aspects learned. Language skills will be extended by challenging their knowledge and courage to use French as much as possible in speaking, reading, listening and writing in French. From the Louvre and Eiffel Tower to the Mont St Michel and Monet's garden at Giverny, students will be absorbing France, it's language and culture by engaging in everyday activities such as buying food and drink, eating at restaurants and cafés, purchasing souvenirs and visiting famous monuments in the City of Light, the Loire Valley and Brittany. They will appreciate the architecture and layout of Paris, interact with French people, experience café culture, get their portrait painted if they wish and explore the historical quartiers of Paris. French students will spend two nights with a French host family, giving them an opportunity to experience family life in France, eating dinner and putting their language skills into action. A challenging and exciting prospect! This immersion experience will improve students' language skills considerably, as well as providing them with greater cultural knowledge of life in a French family. Family and Daily Life are both topics studied in Stages 5 and 6 French.

This type of real-world engagement aims to energise and motivate students' passion for language learning, enhancing enjoyment and appreciation of the language through first-hand, authentic experiences which will have long lasting benefits for all those who participate.

Proposed Itinerary

Depart - Saturday, 29 September 2019 Armidale > Sydney > Paris

Return-Saturday, 13 October 2019Paris > Sydney > Armidale

KeyDestinations:

Paris; Château of Versailles; Castles of the Loire Valley, Brittany; Saint Malo, Abbey of Mont St Michel, Normandy; Monet's Garden and House at Giverny, World War I, II landing beaches...

Approximate cost: \$5950.00



Mme Chloe Prado-French | cprado@as.edu.au

If you would like your child to benefit from this opportunity and to receive further information as it comes to hand, please email Mme Chloe Prado with your expression of interest.

cprado@as.edu.au

Grand Finals

Congratulations to our 16s Girls Hockey team who were crowned Premiers on Saturday after taking the game against PLC into extra time. Whilst our 13s, 16s and B grade men were defeated in their grand finals, it caps off a very successful Hockey Season for TAS. This Saturday will see our First XI Football and TAS 1 Netball teams competing in finals along with 16 White and 12 Blue Football teams and the TAS 2 Netball team.

I realise that it has been a busy term and it is tempting to take this last weekend off to recover, although, I urge you to lift for one more effort and go and support at least one of these fixtures. A bus will leave from the flagpoles at 1:00pm on Saturday, travelling to Lynches Road for the TAS 1 Netball grand final before heading down to Rologas at 2:40pm for the First XI Football grand final. Could all students supporting please wear formals.

I am disappointed to miss the grand-finals myself but I am looking forward to attending what is arguably the premiere event on the GPS calendar; the AAGPS Athletics Championships. A committed team of 13 athletes will represent TAS at the Championships. These athletes will compete against the best in GPS and some of the best in the nation. My thanks go to Jim Pennington for not only leading the TAS team but for taking on the huge responsibility of convening the GPS Championships. I wish both Jim and the team every success.

TAS Reunion Weekend

There was a fun, friendly and welcoming atmosphere that is befitting of a 'TAS Reunion Weekend'. It was wonderful to see so many Old Armidalians returning and enjoying the fixtures. Thank you to all those who helped organize and manage the fixtures, to those who travelled to compete, and to all the students who played in fixtures throughout the weekend both on and off campus.

Congratulations to the Abbott/Ross combination who were the winners in both the Inter-house Rugby 7s and Netball.



Mr Will Caldwell

Summer Sports Schedule

Please find attached: the Summer Sports Schedule.and

Summer Sport Information can be found on the following page. If students would like to participate in a second sport they should:

- 1. ensure that it does not clash with their first sport,
- 2. email dcc@as.edu.au with their request.

No request is required for Strength & Conditioning, although, students are required to complete an induction in the gym with Chris Doherty.

Mr Will Caldwell





SUMMER SPORT CHOICES 2018/19

Full Sports:

Basketball Rowing
Cricket Shooting
Kayaking Squash
Mountain Biking Tennis
Triathlon

Extra Sports:

Swimming Dance

Health, Fitness, Strength & Conditioning

Every student must select **ONE full sport** unless given permission by the Director of Co-Curricular to do otherwise. One extra sport may also be selected once the training schedule for full sports is determined. Please note that some sports have limited numbers.

In addition to your full sport, Senior students are invited to lodge expressions of interest to coach Junior teams, under the supervision of an academic staff member. This is a very rewarding experience and a tremendous boost to the TAS sporting program. Please email Mr. Caldwell if you are interested: dcc@as.edu.au

Summer Full Sports

Basketball: MIC: MS Phoebe Wood - pwood@as.edu.au

Basketball this season will involve one training per week and three Saturday game-based training sessions throughout each term. Each team will play in a competition game, at night, during the week. It is expected that the Armidale Basketball Association will run a schools' competition in which all our teams will compete. Competitions will be divided into Seniors and Juniors.

Registration, insurance, competition, court and umpiring fees apply and will be approx. \$130 for the season. All equipment supplied. Competition games are held at The Den at Armidale High School and/or the TAS gym. A school mini bus will operate to transport players to and from the venue.

Cricket: MIC: Mr Mark Taylor- mtaylor@as.edu.au Admin: Ms. Rachel Harrison- rharriso@as.edu.au

The Cricket program at TAS looks to support those students who are passionate cricketers and are keen to improve their cricket skills in a friendly and competitive environment, whilst upholding the "spirit" of Cricket.

Your commitments as a TAS cricketer include compulsory attendance to the game, and two training sessions per week. Most junior games are played on Saturday mornings, and Open cricketers play on a Saturday afternoon. Registration for junior players is approximately \$130 & registrations for seniors \$180, inclusive of insurance and umpires' fees.

Limited equipment is supplied - with the expectation that a player supplies their own practice ball at trainings. There are a variety of opportunities which may be presented to you, including the Douglas Shield, Wiburd Shield, TOAD Cup and possible tours and visits to other schools, and your selection for those is based upon a commitment to improving your cricket, a commitment to TAS cricket and to a lesser extent, individual performance.

Kayaking: MIC: Ms. Emma Channon <u>echannon@as.edu.au</u>

Kayaking is offered as a full time sport this summer. The main objective of this sport is to improve the skills in whitewater kayaking. This will mean that there will be one intensive training weekend in term 1 leading into both the regional and state championships as well as other events (to be advised) throughout the season. Kayaking will encompass both whitewater events as well as canoe polo and a commitment to both will be required if you choose kayaking as your full-time sport.

Canoe polo and whitewater trips will be optional for all other students as an extra sport and can be attended on a casual basis, however, your first sport must always take precedence over an extra sport. Canoe polo will develop rolling and paddling skills, and this will be conducted in the TAS pool at nights during the term (times to be advised). Trips to Penrith Whitewater Stadium will also be arranged on selected weekends with 9 hours of training over a weekend costing \$220 (including equipment) plus additional costs for accommodation, transport and meals. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. Channon.

Mountain Biking: MIC: Mrs Jo Benham-<u>jbenham@as.edu.au</u>

Mountain biking will consist of 2 trainings and one race per week. In term 4, trainings will be on Mondays and Thursdays after school, with races on Saturday morning. In term 1 the races are Monday evenings with training Thursday and Saturday.

The TAS MTB team caters for both male and female students, from beginner to experienced riders. To be eligible for mountain biking, students must be able to ride a bike confidently, supply their own mountain bike and helmet that meets Australian Safety Standards, carry their own water, spare tube/patch kit and multi tool at every training and race. Students must also be highly organised and responsible in maintaining and repairing their own equipment. Along with the above equipment detail, students need to come to the sport ready to work hard while having fun and being challenged. The approximate cost of mountain biking is \$200 for the season. This includes \$80 for Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) Membership, \$60 for the TAS MTB Jersey and race entry fees.

Rowing: MIC: Mr. Will Caldwell - wcaldwel@as.edu.au

Rowing trials and squad selections are conducted in Weeks 5 & 6. Rowing is only open to students currently in years 10 and 11 (coxswains from years 7-11)

TAS will enter five Regattas during the season including the Schoolboy / Schoolgirl Heads of the River. All crews are required to attend a training camp during the Christmas Holidays: 7 -13 January 2019. The cost for the season of \$850 includes camps, uniforms, regattas; transport, meals, registration and race entry fees.

Shooting: MIC: Mr. Dave Lawrence - dlawrenc@as.edu.au

The TAS Rifle Club shooting program this summer will include Clay Target Shooting (Shotgun) at the Guyra Gun Club as well as Smallbore (.22 LR) target rifle shooting conducted on Monday afternoons. We will also be conducting Fullbore (.308 win and .223 rem) target rifle practice at Wollomombi and various prize shoots throughout northern NSW and southern Queensland.

At this point in time TAS does not own any shotguns suitable for competition, however, a limited number of guns will be available. If you have your own gun you are encouraged to use it. We can arrange for safe storage here at TAS.

The opportunity to be a part of the TAS Rifle Club is open to students from year 9 and older or younger students by application to Mr. Lawrence.

The Smallbore shooting program is focused on developing competent shooters, providing a positive lead into the Fullbore shooting season. The highlight of this is the prestigious AAGPS Fullbore Shooting Premiership held in Sydney in July each year. If you require further information, please contact Mr. Lawrence by email: dlawrenc@as.edu.au

Costs for shooting are as follows:

Smallbore \$ 60.00 per term

Fullbore training \$35.00 per training session

Clay Target Shooting \$35.00 per session.

Competition cost will vary depending on location and entry fee.

Squash:

Conducted at Smith House and at Sport UNE squash courts, squash focuses on fitness, skills, etiquette, scoring and tactics, singles and doubles practice and competition. Training will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Squash is available to students in years 9 - 12. Fees are charged on a per term basis to cover court hire.

Tennis:

MIC: Ms. Julie Flanagan - jflanaga@as.edu.au Mrs. Gill Downes – gdownes@as.edu.au

Tennis this season will involve students participating in school-based competition one afternoon per week and alternate Saturday mornings (as per published schedule). Students from Junior School up to current Year 9 will receive a group lesson from Mr. Justin Sheriff as part of their school-based competition. All students are invited to arrange private lessons with Justin Sheriff (0423 915 850) or Dave Bunn (0412 743 967) in addition to their scheduled session times.

Triathlon: MIC: Mr. Jim Pennington - jpenning@as.edu.au

Triathlon incorporates swimming, cycling and running, combined with circuit/weights training to suit obstacle and adventure races. Training sessions are programed throughout each week, with students choosing between 2 and 6 sessions per week depending upon their enthusiasm, ability and drive. Competitions are held most weekends, usually on a Sunday. Students participate in events ranging from triathlons, fun runs, adventure and obstacle races along with ocean swims across the region including Coffs Harbor, Inverell, Ballina, Tamworth and locally in Armidale. For the more competitive athletes, there is also the opportunity to compete at both NSW and QLD State Championships. Triathlon can also be participated in as an extra sport where you will be required to attend the events only.

Summer Extra Sports

Dance: INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Jane Chivers. Email: jchivers@as.edu.au

All interested students in a variety of dance styles including modern contemporary and jazz. Students require a black t-shirt and leggings. Numbers are limited and cost tbc. Any questions via email to: dcc@as.edu.au

Golf: Mr. David Toakley - <u>dtoakley@as.edu.au</u>

Students are invited to take part in a round of golf at The Armidale Golf Club on Sunday afternoons. Tee off times are flexible, and may depend on competition events at the club, but the expected time will range from 2-3pm. Students will be required to join the Armidale Golf Club as junior members, and membership fees range from \$5 to \$20 per annum, depending on age. Green fees for all junior players are then \$1 per round, which is very cheap entertainment for hours of play. Any student who is interested in obtaining a handicap to play in regional competitions will need to submit three 18-hole cards, and this can be done with my support over the course of the summer season. Students should have their own sets of clubs. This summer we are looking to run training and development sessions with the support of regional coordinators who are part of the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation, and we are also looking to become a part of a Tamworth junior golf teams-based competition that will be starting towards the end of the year. This is not a full TAS sport and students are expected to commit to their TAS sport if they wish to be involved.

Health, Fitness, Strength & Conditioning:

Health, Fitness, Strength & Conditioning is an EXTRA SPORT which provides the opportunity for all of our aspiring athletes to further develop their sport. The program itself will endeavour to complement and supplement their existing sport as well as promote health and wellbeing. There will be activities that focus on joint stability, injury prevention, hypertrophy, strength, power, speed, agility and cardiovascular endurance.

Students will need to sign up for sessions at the beginning of term 4. Irrespective of which sessions they choose their access to this program will be dependent upon them committing 100% to their full sport.

Swimming: MIC: Mr. Jim Pennington - jpenning@as.edu.au

Squad training will be available Tuesday, Thursday morning 6.15 – 7.15am and Saturday mornings 7 - 8.00am. Students may also join the Alligators Swimming Club if they wish to compete at Swimming Carnivals in the district. Details available at the TAS Sports Centre. This is not a learn to swim program; you must be a competent swimmer.



Summer Sports Training Schedule- Term 4 2018

FULL SPORTS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BASKETBALL Opens	Competition -The DEN (See draw for times)	1 st VIII - GYM 3.45pm-5.00pm		GYM- 3.45pm-5.00pm		Inter-house Basketball
16s		Comp. 4.20pm- The DEN		Belfield courts 3.45pm-5.00pm		Weeks 2, 4 & 6 All courts 9.00am-
14s		Comp. 4.20pm- The DEN	Belfield Courts 3.45pm-5.00pm			9.00am-
CRICKET Opens		Turf Nets & Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Turf Nets & Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Saturday 12.45pm Games
16s		Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm	Synthetic Nets 3.45pm-5.00pm		TBC Games	Saturday 8.45am Games
14s		Synthetic Nets 3.45pm-5.00pm		Cricket Oval 3.45pm-5.00pm		Saturday 8.45am Games
KAYAKING	TAS Pool 6:30-8:30pm			Croft Dam 3.45-5.00pm		Trips Away 2/term TBC
MOUNTAIN BIKING	NEMT 5.00-6.00pm			Doody Park 3.45-5.00pmpm		Sunday-Race Day
ROWING		Malpas Dam 5.15-8.15pm		Wakefield 6.15am-7.15am	N	Malpas Friday 4.00pm to Saturday 11.00am
SHOOTING	TAS Range 3.45-5.00pm 5.00-6.00pm			TAS Range 3.45-6.00pm 5.00pm-6.00pm		Comp. Saturday or Sunday TBC
SQUASH		Smith House 3.45pm-5.00pm		Smith House 3.45pm-5.00pm		
TENNIS		Competition (All Courts) Years 10-11 3.45pm-5.00pm	Competition/Training Tennis (Park Courts) Year 8-9 3.45pm-5.00pm	Competition/Training Tennis (MS & Park Courts) Year 6-7 3.45pm-5.00pm		Inter-house Weeks 1, 3 & 5 All Courts 9.00am-10.00am Yrs 6-7 10.00am-11.00pm Yrs 8-9 11.00am-12.00pm Yrs 10-11
TRIATHLON	Please refer to Triathlon Schedule					

Extra Sports	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
DANCE			3.45pm-5.00pm			
DANCE			McConville Centre			
STRENGTH &	3.45 5.00	6.00am-7.30am	6.00-7.30am (Girls Only)	6.00am-7.30am (Boys only)	6.00am-	
CONDINTIONING	3.45pm-5.00pm	3.45pm-5.00pm	3.45pm-5.00pm	3.45pm-5.00pm	7.30am	
SWIMMING		TAS Pool 6.15am		TAS Pool 6.15am		

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

Debating and Public Speaking

If it is finals season in sport it also the business end of this year's National Virtual Debating competition, with all three TAS teams having considerable success defining, synthesising and prosleytising their way across the ledger.

In the Opens competition TAS fielded two teams, with the campaign of the Year 12 team (Sambavan Jeyakumar, Owen Chandler, Nicholas Bohlsen, Will Almond) yielding to Scotch College Melbourne in Round 8 yesterday afternoon, with only a few points the margin. The close result came on the back of a TAS win in Round 7 over PLC Perth – last year's runners up – reflecting how much the team has grown and developed the art of persuasion throughout this competition. To get there, they had a bye in Round 1, defeated St Andrew's Anglican College Sunshine Coast in Round 2, had a forfeit win against Camberwell Girls' Grammar, lost to Pittwater House (Sydney) in Round 4 where they learnt the difference between a criteria and policy debate, before facing PLC Perth. Scotch will now debate Pittwater House for a berth in the grand final against defending premiers Canberra Girls' Grammar School; it is a great credit to our most senior debaters who have set a high example to those that follow and the school's burgeoning debating program.

Also in the Opens competition was a Year 11 team (Phebe Hunt, Henry O'Neil, Jesse Streeting, Harry Mason) which developed strongly through a win over Scotch Oakburn College Launceston, a defeat at the hands of Scotch College, victory over Silkwood College Sunshine Coast, and a very narrow loss to Kilvington Grammar Victoria in round 6.

Meanwhile as TAS Talks hits your inbox, the Year 9/10 team of Lucy Ball, Jack Nivison, Hudson McAllister and Hannah Neilson is this afternoon stating its case in Round 7 against the 'other' TAS – Trinity Anglican School, Cairns – to see which progresses to the minor semifinal. The team has so far recorded three wins (over St Lukes Anglican School, Belmont Christian College and Scotch College Melbourne) before a loss to Scotch Oakburn College Launceston, which has made it to the grand final. Whatever the result, the TAS debaters have revelled in the format, sharpened their skills and look forward to whatever lies ahead next year!

And finally... the students also also won the fourth annual School v Old Armidalians' fixture on Friday night as part of Reunion Weekend. Congratulations to Harry Mason, Owen Chandler and Will Almond for successfully arguing against the proposition 'That tradition is a thing of the past', as countered by 20 year leavers Mr Anthony White, Mr Andrew Cull and Mr Lachie Bell. Thanks, too, to OA and English teacher Mr Mark Harrison for adjudicating a very close contest that was enjoyed by around 60 former students, who ranged from five year to 55 year leavers. All were pleased to see debating at TAS alive and well.

Mr Tim Hughes Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator



L: Sambavan Jeyakumar opens the account for the TAS Year 12 team yesterday in round 8 of the National Virtual Debating Competition.

CO-CURRICULAR REPORTS

NIAS 2018 Coaching Clinic

The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) is pleased to announce it will be holding its NIAS 2018 Coaching Clinic on Saturday 10 November from 8.30am to 5.00pm at West Tamworth Leagues Club, Tamworth. Our guest presenter is Bill Nelson. Bill has 30 years + experience as an elite international coach spending time with the Australian Swim team during the Thorpe/Perkins era. His full credentials can be found on his website. http://www.totalperformanceconcepts.com.au/

We are opening this session up to any school or club coaches in the Northern Inland who would be interested in attending. Please circulate this to your coaches and ask them to email inquiries/bookings to niasoffice@nias.org.au. Spaces are limited to act now.

Mrs Pip Benham NIAS

Cricket

Dear Parents of all cricketers.

We are in need of your assistance, in that cricket is a labour-intensive sport requiring a number of roles to be filled in order for the game to run efficiently. There are too many roles for just the coach and manager. We are desperately in need of scorers, umpires and managers for all grades but especially the younger age groups of 14's, 12's and under 10's. There are also positions for assistant coaches in the under 10's.

Ideally, a semi to regular arrangement would be the best solution where all involved know the rules, routine, staff and players. If you are interested in assisting the cricket program please contact either myself (mtaylor@as.edu.au) or Rachel Harrison (rharriso@as.edu.au) to express your interest. Failing this option, then we might have to resort to a roster of families to assist with the team.

Cricket like most sports is having difficulty attracting younger players to the fold. It has specific skills, a large requirement of equipment and a solid time commitment by both parents and players. Even so, it is a great team game, part of our sporting culture from which all players can derive immense enjoyment from the game. It needs help.

Open Cricket Trials – Monday the 24 September – Sportsground

The school nets are currently unavailable due to ground staff being needed for Valedictory Week preparations, so we are holding Open Trials at the Sports Ground nets from 4.00pm until 5.30pm. Any students wishing to trial for the 1st team are invited to come along and tryout. School sports uniform required.

Mr Mark Taylor & Ms Rachel Harrison MICs Cricket

CREATIVE ARTS COORDINATOR MR ANDREW O'CONNELL

Auditions for 2019's TAS Production Oliver! have commenced this week and I expect we are in for a fearsomely difficult time trying to decide upon a cast with such an awesome field of enthusiasm and talent before us. All the best to everyone auditioning, I know how exciting and tense a time it can be, and I encourage everyone to see the opportunity to be involved in the show as the main ambition and that regardless of role you're in for a great experience. If you can't make an audition time this week, or would simply like to be part of the Young or Senior Ensemble, please send me an email and we'll sort something else out or make sure to include you on the cast list.

Yesterday our HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Extension Music students had their performance examinations and by all reports they absolutely smashed them. My congratulations to those students for all the hard work they've invested, the confidence they displayed is thanks to all their hard work and dedication. And I extend my congratulations to our HSC Music teachers Ms Roobol and Mrs Baumgartner and all the other peripatetic teachers, the time and effort you invest is truly appreciated and makes all the difference to our students.

There are a few important dates coming up for filmmakers. Firstly, entries for the REC Ya Shorts Film Festival close this coming Monday 24 September. With a huge array of fantastic prizes I hope we have some entrants and if there is any last-minute help we can provide come down to the Hoskins Centre office. And early next term entries for the North West Film Festival in Inverell are due on Friday 19 October. One of the biggest youth film festivals in our area, it sounds like the perfect holiday project - more information on that can be found at https://www. northwestfilmfestival.com/



Mr Andrew O'Connell

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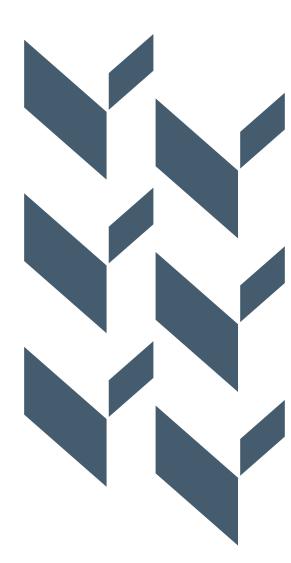
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MS LEANNE ROOBOL

Congratulations to Jack van Roy who received a B result in his AMEB 7th Grade Piano for Leisure exam. Well done Jack!

If you would like your child's results placed in TAS Talks, please email them through to Rachael Edmonds at redmonds@as.edu.au

Ms Leanne Roobol



HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

MR MARK HARRISON

Holidays: they are only a week away

Well, if you've been assiduously following the weekly news reports, this term is proving as characteristically 'full' as any of its predecessors. And we're only in the middle of this week, so what the next days have in store is anyone's guess. I know I've said this before but its importance warrants mention again: you do get your money's worth here, you know. You certainly get your money's worth from our school environment: the trees everywhere are green-dressed – translating to the fact that spring's certainly arrived the emphasis here being on the fact of the continuous present... And its impending end has been no less full than its beginning – nine long weeks ago. Only this last week, for example, we've had grand finals (girls' and boys' sports); an unseasonally warm Passing Out Parade (you'll find more about this below); football, week-merging cadet and sports dinners, assembly awards across the curriculum. Yesterday marked the beginning of assembly awards for cocurricular pursuit and the real promise of more to come.

Early Leave Requests

For whatever reason, early leave requests come to us at the end of term. Unless they attach to very unusual conditions, strictly, these are not granted. Activities at school are all inclusive as a general rule. For example, at the end of next week all student from Years 4 – 11 will farewell the Year 12 leavers, by lining the School's main drive. This kind of farewell is a tradition at TAS and it's important that our Middle School students feel a sense of connection to the wider school – much like they will be in the whole school production of Oliver! In fact all Homeroom staff and I will speak to the students about the significance of such farewells. They know the importance of these final farewells to our Year 12 cohort. As such, I believe it is important that our boys and girls are here to participate in such an activity and ask for parent support in regard to the matter of early leave requests.







Mr Mark Harrison

Passing Out Parade

Friday 15 September at 2pm 2018. I was watching the passing out parade. From the band to all of the 10 platoons and the Senior Cadets they all looked important and official. I enjoyed the marching on to Adamsfield and the band playing with them. It couldn't have been a better start to the Old Armidalians' Weekend and I was proud to be there with all the other Middle School people.

Archibald Little: Year 7

The Passing out Parade was a nice thing compared to other schools I have attended. As this was my first experience I didn't really understand what was going on, but I enjoyed the band and seeing all the Cadets marching. I thought I was going to see someone pass out because that is what people talked about. Thankfully I did not see anyone pass out.

Pierre Morcellet: Year 7

MR IAN LLOYD

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Year K – 2 Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 September

Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will have received information about interviews occurring next week. These interviews will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Interview before 1.15 will be held in the classroom but those after lunch will be held in the School Library. It will be busy, especially on Tuesday, but the study rooms in the library will offer a fantastic venue for these meetings. If you are having trouble with the booking process, please contact the school and we will be able to help.

Last week, Years 3 and 4 were able to complete our inaugural Student Led Reflections, a move towards student agency and transparency with reporting. I was very impressed with the way our students prepared for and presented their thoughts about their achievements in the classroom. Evident on the day was the confidence and pride students displayed when talking about their learning and the warm reception this brought from parents. I would be very pleased to hear feedback about the afternoon, including the lessons parents were able to join both before and after their classroom meetings.

New Dance Classes - Term 4, Wednesdays after school

Junior School is proposing to offer a new sport Dance'provided by Australian Dance Enterprises under the instruction of Colette Brazier on Wednesday afternoons from Term 4. Students will learn a variety of dance in a fun and creative environment Classes will run for a full hour, this will help students to improve dance technique so they can execute more technical dance routines. The cost of these lessons will be \$14 and students that are already enrolled in the Wednesday dance club that will continue will pay \$8. It is important that interest is registered as soon as possible so planning can proceed. Please contact Junior School for further information at junior@as.edu.au

New England Sings – Main Performance Sunday 21 October

Parents of students in Years 3, 4 & 5 will have received a letter informing them of the final arrangements for NE Sings next term. Our choir forms a significant part of Choir No. 1 and we request that all students support this venture. For planning purposes, please reply to this letter so that we can organise morning tea and transport where required for all participants. Parents are reminded that tickets are selling FAST – we believe the morning concert is almost sold out. Please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased directly from Trybooking at www. trybooking.com/WXRS



Mr Ian Lloyd



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As in previous years the concert requests that all students in the Primary choir on the final weekend follow the dress code which is: coloured t-shirt (no logos), black trousers (no leggings), black socks & black school shoes - if students don't own black pants, these can be bought inexpensively at local chain stores.

Final Rehearsal Date: Saturday 20 October Time: Primary Choir 1 from 9:30am – 11:00am

Venue: Lazenby Hall, UNE

CONCERT:

Performance Date: Sunday 21 October
Time: Primary Choir 1 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

(arrive at 10:30am)

Venue: Lazenby Hall, UNE

School Spirit Award Recipients – Week 8

Congratulations to the following students for receiving School Spirit Awards during Week 8:

Rudra Tandon, Azoz Alshammari, Harriett Coupland, Mila Wright, Salam Alkathami, Josiah Baumgartner, Blake Whitehill, Lachie Hunter, Ella Crosby, Gus Sevil.

Mr Ian Lloyd Head of Junior School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing Lachie Brett and Xavier Stephen a very Happy Birthday for their special days this week.

Congratulations to both Charlie Ward and Joshua Burke who have represented TAS so willingly at the Liverpool Plains Equestrian Interschools Competition.

LOOKING AHEAD

TERM 3

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Wed 19 Sep Year 3 Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

WEEK 10

Tue 25 Sep K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews – School Library
Wed 26 Sep K-2 Parent Teacher Interviews – School Library
Year 4VW Assembly – Hoskins Centre 2.45pm

Thu 27 Sep Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off

School and Classes Conclude

Fri 28 Sep Staff Day – Student Free Day

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Mon 15 Oct Staff Day – Student Free Day
Tue 16 Oct Classes Resume
Thu 18 Oct NE Sings Rehearsal

Sat 21 Oct NE Sings Final Rehearsal – Lazenby Hall

9.30 am - 11.00 am

Sun 22 Oct NE Sings Concert – Lazenby Hall 11.00 am –

1.00 pm

WEEK 2

Wed 24 Oct Assembly TBA

Fri 26 Oct All Schools Orienteering Day

They have both achieved stunning results in their respective age groups (against significantly older competitors) a fantastic reflection of the dedication and talent.

R: Josh and Charlie and 'Olli' and 'Pickles' (Horse names)



MRS CHRISTINE WRIGHT

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

TAS Blue U/7 Football

After a welcomed week off to overcome some niggling injuries before the final two weeks of a demanding season, TAS Blue were fully fit and excited to put in a strong performance against the North Red Taipans.

At our last meeting, the North Red Taipans played expansively with long accurate kicks at goal. After consulting with the TAS Blue leadership group, the consensus was to beat them at their own game despite the windy conditions. The game plan worked well for the first 10 minutes with astute subbing allowing TAS Blue to play at breakneck speed. The Taipans looked visibly flustered and an upset for the ages looked on the cards.

Mila Nexo was everywhere in attack and defence pressuring the Taipans into uncharacteristic errors. Mila was rewarded with a great individual goal late in the game. Layla Abu Assab played with poise and control, threatening the Taipans defence at any opportunity. Layla was heavily marked toward the end of the game but still managed to mesmerise the defence with two late goals. George Drain slotted comfortably into his midfield role, accurately passing the ball at ease despite the windy conditions. George once again linked well with Bonnie Blanch in the midfield and both are to be commended on their unselfish team first mentality. Bonnie's subtle touches enabled William Cooper-Fillios space to attack on the edges. William's ability to push forward in attack and at re-starts put the TAS forwards into many goal scoring positions.

Cecilia Price and Rebecca Billingsley were both heavily involved in defence, with Cecilia putting her body on the line to save a certain long range shot at goal. Both are skilled at counter attacking from the back and putting their teammates into space. Pippi Goudge's enthusiasm around the ball is infectious and her composure in attack allows her teammates to run into space and inevitably have the ball at their feet. Pippi's passing game has gone to a new level over the past three weeks.

Both Cecilia Price and Bonnie Blanch were deservedly awarded the coaches award for their contributions in both attack and defence and their sportsmanship throughout the game. Congratulations Cecilia and Bonnie!

I hope to see many parents and supporters at our final game of the season next weekend.

Mr David Drain

U10 Blue

Last Saturday was yet another fabulously sunny day for soccer and as usual the TAS Blue U10 team did not disappoint! Every single member of the team showed brilliant sportsmanship and skill. The game was a tough one against the Demon Knight Squires. We knew they had two rep players and that the game would be close, but we kept our cool, used our subs (thank you so much Archer Starr, Sinclair Little and Mitchell Evans) wisely and held our heads right to the last second. The final score was 3 – 2 to us and we are looking forward to what promises to be a fabulous last game of the season next Saturday.

Mrs Tania Hardin



U10 Blue

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to Charlie Ward and Joshua Burke who we believe they are the first students to represent TAS in equestrian events in the Junior School.

Charlie had a very successful weekend, competing in Show Jumping, Dressage, Working Horse Classes, Show Riding and Sporting Events. Her overall point score was high enough to claim 5th place overall in the primary school competition.

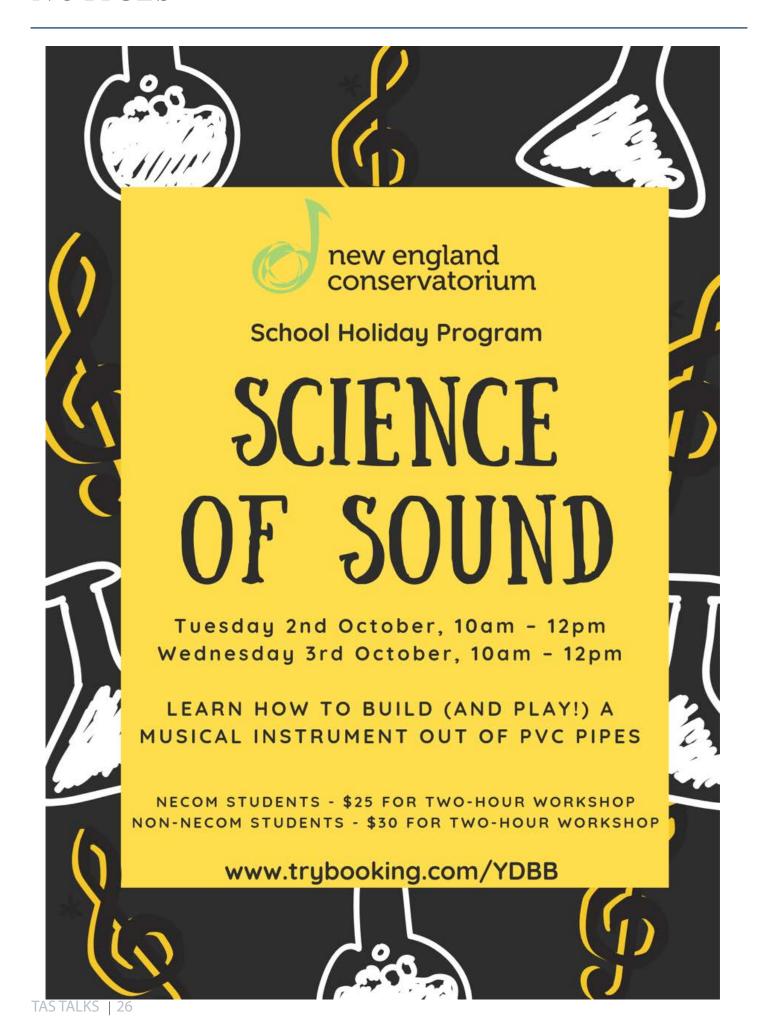
Joshua also had a very successful weekend, competing in Working Horse Classes, Show Riding and Sporting events. He was awarded Highest Point Scoring Sporting Horse 7 Years & Under and Reserve Champion Primary School Boy Rider (Under 13 years). This is a fantastic achievement and we congratulate them both.

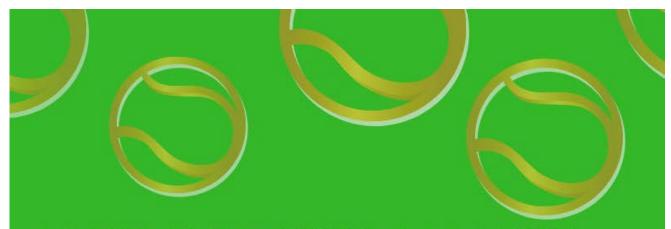


Joshua Burke









ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY

OCTOBER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

WEEK 1: TUES 2 - FRI 5 OCT 2018

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

9.00am - 12pm HALF DAY (kids 5 to 7yrs) \$50.00 per day

9.00am - 3.00pm FULL DAY (kids 8+) \$65.00 per day

For more info & to enrol -

https://www.facebook.com/armidaletennisacademy/ E: dave@armidaletennisacademy.com.au

Golf Links Road Armidale 2350





Sunday 23rd September, Kick off 1pm NSW Country Eagles vs Canberra Vikings Bellevue Oval UNE, Armidale

Gala Day Events commence from 9am

Curtain Raiser - The Armidale School vs Farrer

ENTRY - Adults \$10 Children under 18 free





Meet the NSW Country Eagles Team

Saturday 22nd September 4.45pm, Bellevue Oval UNE Watch the team train and then have a kick of the footy with your favourite players, all welcome!











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