Excursion Week 2014

I write briefly from Canberra where I am based for the week with Year 10.

Excursion Week is a demanding week for many staff whom I thank in advance for spending time away from their families whilst accompanying our students far and wide. From Year 5 at Myuna Bay, Year 6 and 8 in Sydney, Year 7 at Pindari Dam, Year 9 at Yarrahapinni and now Years 3, 4 at Lake Keepit, students are enjoying a range of focus outside the school and I look forward to hearing reports of all these activities next week.

To our senior boys, I trust that they have entered this exam week well prepared and wish them well as results filter back next week.

Our ANZAC Service last Thursday must not go without mention. The Armidale School places great emphasis on ANZAC and in remembering the Old Boys of the School who lost their lives in war and this Ceremony will continue to be one of the very special events on the school calendar. Thank you to the cadets and staff who braved the chilly morning, parents and friends of the school, our guest speaker Squadron Leader Scott Harris (OB 1997) and most deservedly the catafalque party who so ably performed with dignity and ceremony.

Best wishes also to our GPS Athletes who will compete in Sydney on Saturday.

Alan Jones
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 2

**Wednesday May 7**
- Years 11/12 Exam Week
- Year 10 to Canberra
- Year 9 at Yarrahapinni
- Year 8 to Sydney
- Year 7 Pindari Dam
- Year 6 Mosman Prep
- Year 5 Myuna Bay
- Year 4 Lake Keepit

**Thursday May 8**
- Excursion Week continues

**Friday May 9**
- Excursion Week concludes

**Saturday May 10**
- GPS Athletics

**Sunday May 11**
- 11.00am Service at Kellys Plains Church

Week 3

**Tuesday May 13**
- NAPLAN Testing

**Wednesday May 14**
- NAPLAN Testing
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday May 15**
- NAPLAN Testing
- MTA Assessment Day (Year 12)

**Friday May 16**
- Year 8 Maths Day
- NSW Boarding Schools Expo (Dubbo)

**Saturday May 17**
- Rugby vs Kinross at Coonabarabran
- NSW Boarding Schools Expo (Dubbo)

Week 4

**Monday May 19**
- Metals Work Placement (Year 12) all week

**Tuesday May 20**
- Board Meeting
- Metals Work Placement (Year 12)

**Wednesday May 21**
- Metals Work Placement (Year 12)
- Maths Olympiad (Year 5)
- 7.00 pm P&F Meeting

**Thursday May 22**
- Metals Work Placement (Year 12)

**Friday May 23**
- Metals Work Placement (Year 12)
- 4.00 pm TAS Rugby vs Farrer at Farrer
- Foundation AGM

**Saturday May 24**
- TAS Company Members AGM

**Sunday May 25**
- CIS Football Trials in Sydney
- Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
- Familiarisation Paddle - Malpas Dam
- 6.00 pm Boarders to St Peter's Cathedral

Week 5

**Monday 26 May**
- CIS Football Trials in Sydney

**Tuesday 27 May**
- CIS Football Trials in Sydney
- Eisteddfod Choirs & Choral Night
  (Lazenby Hall, UNE)

**Wednesday 28 May**
- Motivational Media presentation
  (Yrs 6-11)
- New England Sings’ Primary Choirs Workshop
- TAS/NEGS/PLC Combined Chapel Service at TAS

**Thursday 29 May**
- Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
- da Vinci Decathlon
  (Knox Grammar, Sydney)

**Friday 30 May**
- Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
- NW Equestrian Expo (Coonabarabran)
- Dubbo Bull Sale

**Saturday 31 May**
- NW Equestrian Expo
- Intra School Rugby 7’s Tournament at TAS
Confirmation 2014

On the last Thursday of Term 2, 19 June, at 9am the 2014 TAS Confirmation Service will be conducted in the school chapel.

The confirmees will be presented to the Bishop of the Diocese of Armidale, whereby they will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. We will all then pray for the confirmees and in a sense stand with them in demonstration of our commitment to nurture and encourage them in their walk with God.

This service is for any boy who is ready to take this step, but normally for boys in Year 8 and above who were baptised as infants and seek now to confirm the promises made on their behalf by their parents and godparents. It is also possible for boys who have not yet been baptised to proceed with Confirmation if they too wish to make a public declaration of faith in Christ Jesus.

Such students will be baptised at a suitable time prior to the Confirmation service. Confirmation is not compulsory and should only be undertaken by students who have a clear understanding of, and faith in Jesus Christ. The preparation will take in lunchtime sessions at school. Dates will be announced once the group has been established.

Interested students should pick up a Confirmation application form from the front office or from myself. Parents may request a form be faxed or posted to them if that is more convenient. Any enquiries may be made to myself by phone, again through the front office.

Richard Newton

HEAD OF PASTORAL CARE, BARNEY BUNTINE

Cybersafety and adolescents

In recent months I have been lucky to present to several parent groups on issues of wellbeing at TAS and in life generally for adolescent boys. I enjoy this tremendously and sense that parents are similarly pretty engaged with these issues, perhaps in a healthy mix of fear and excitement as they watch their boys journey to manhood.

One of the salient issues is that of cybersafety: teaching our boys to be responsible digital citizens. And it’s a fairly foreign world to those of us who recall the limits of technology and adolescence stopping at pinball machines, Space Invaders and Pac-Man. Great games but it’s an entirely different landscape today.

Boys are not tremendously strong at anticipating the consequences of their behaviour at times but, while they may not always understand the legal framework of digital behaviour, they almost always know what is fundamentally right and wrong. However, they just often forget or overlook the impact of their actions until it is too late. I am confident that through explicit classroom teaching, homeroom and advisor time and even guest speakers, for example, the boys receive the information. The challenge comes in them calling on this, consciously or otherwise, before they act.

Our job, as the adults in their lives, is to “keep tapping the wheel” of their mind so that we keep the relevant information foregrounded. Like the upturned bike wheel, hitting it once in a while is okay but it will slow down. Constant taps, that is constant reminders and conversations about sensible decisions, is the best approach.

With that in mind, I recommend parents familiarise themselves with the following Government website: www.cybersmart.gov.au. There is a particularly good parent section. While striking the balance between being armed with information as a parent and intruding into, or hovering over, your child’s life is a delicate matter, it is imperative that none of us as adults ever has our head in the sand on these issues.

On the whole, the digital world is exciting and enabling. It also contains some horrid pitfalls. Our job is to understand this world and do our best to help our boys do the same. I hope you find the website interesting.
Over the last weekend the final of the A-League was played out between Western Sydney Wanderers and Brisbane Roar. We all know the result. A fascinating game saw Roar take it out in extra time. The next day Wanderers were off to Japan to play in the Asian Cup. Having been crushed by their defeat the previous day they now had to recover and step up again within a few days for another important game. They probably didn’t feel like winners but in fact they have been able to show everyone what it takes to be one of the best teams in the A-League.

One day the cup will be theirs. In the meantime it takes a lot to keep bouncing back from disappointment. They will do that too. Elite sport can teach us a lot about digging deep and finding what it takes to keep getting up off the floor.

We all have our life challenges to face. Sometimes we will know the bitter pain of defeat. What matters is what happens next, how we respond after the disappointment. It is right to feel what we feel in the aftermath of defeat. What matters is incorporating that within a larger picture of how we want to live, who we are and who we can become. This of course takes time, some wise counsel from those in a position to help, and a willingness to keep living life to the full.

Youth Spectacular

Good luck to our Senior Jazz Combo who are performing at Lazenby Hall this Friday night as a part of the inaugural NE Youth spectacular.

GPS Athletics

We wish all athletes representing TAS at the AAGPS Carnival this weekend the best of luck. I look forward to hearing of our results.

New England Rugby

Well done to all our boys who travelled to Newcastle to represent NE at the Country Championships for 14s and 15s last weekend. Particular congratulations to Percy Duncan who was awarded Best Back for the U15s, and Charlie Radford who was given the Encouragement Award for outstanding effort. Percy was also selected into the NSW Under 15s side as number 12. This is a great acknowledgment of his talents and we wish him well for a busy training and playing schedule which will culminate in a tour to Fiji in September. Best of luck to those representing the 12s and 13s this weekend in Nowra.
Hockey

U13’s

Friday saw the beginning of the U13s Boys hockey competition and the TAS U13s players proved they were out for a competitive season with a 5-0 win in the first round against ESC. It was wonderful to see many of our existing players continue to show development after a good Summer indoor season, but it was especially good to see just how keen some of the new recruits to TAS Hockey were, even though a few had never picked up a hockey stick before! The boys played in good spirits, which will be a key focus of this season, and with the addition of another 13s TAS side to the U13s competition beginning in Week 3, there should be plenty of opportunity for leadership roles in both teams. The teams will be selected over the upcoming week ready for publication in Week 3.

B Grade (TAS Firsts)

TAS Firsts played two games over the weekend, one on Friday evening against ESC B and one on Sunday against old B Grade adversaries United.

Despite being short a couple of key players, including Matthew Kaukiainen and Will Brissett who were representing Hockey New England at the U18s NSW State Championships, our boys rallied together wonderfully to put in two impressive performances. On Friday evening, we were confident of a good show against ESC having beaten them in the first round game prior to the holidays. They were moving the ball around well and it took some excellent defence and a fast short game to maintain and hold the lead that forward Ben Moffatt created after a stunning shot high into the ESC keeper’s top left net. Even down to the last 30 seconds or so, it took a well timed deflection from Mr Ball to ensure that ESC did not even the score as the siren sounded. In less than ideal conditions, TAS were scrambling to get enough players following the C Grade win over City, and thanks to the likes of Jack Bishop, Matthew Turnbull and Mr Simon Chamberlain, we were able to field a side that proved to be dynamic in attack, moving the ball well both centrally and wide. Many opportunities arose around our attacking circle, however things were not quite going our way and United were quick to take the offensive in what was a see-sawing first half. Through goals from Mr Portell and Ben Moffatt, TAS went to the sheds 3-2 up at the end of the first half. United, however, have not earned the reputation of dogged persistence without an uncanny knack for pulling a deficit back, and did not take too long to even it at three all.

All three of the Hockey captains, Hamish McPhie, Duncan Carmichael and Jack Simmons put in a stellar effort and were never too far off the ball, as were David Williams, Ben Moffatt and Sam Wright who was a standout replacement and earned many positive comments from the United defenders. The final 3-3 scoreline was a disappointment given the general flow of the game and some missed opportunities, however will no doubt pave the way for some healthy competition later in the season.

Mr Portell

U11’s

TAS U11’s hockey took to the field on Friday afternoon to play City and to see what they had remembered from their experiences last year. We had some really exciting runs down the field and some terrific defense from numerous players. Cameron Le Surf did an outstanding job as goalie, saving many attempts by the City players. Hugo Catterill made some amazing shots considering he has never played before and Dimity Chalmers and Isabella Rutledge showed some gutsy behaviour by returning to the field after injuries. It’s great to hear that Chloe Moore has recovered from the hit she had to her hand.

It is terrific to have Jack Simmons, one of the TAS hockey vice captains, helping us this year. Thanks also to Sally Streitiz for the oranges at half time.

It is going to be a wonderful year as the team is motivated, keen to learn and wanting to improve their skills.

There is no hockey in Week 2 due to excursions but training and games will commence again in Week 3.

Mrs Brunsdon

C Grade

TAS C grade showed they are going to be one of the teams to watch in the 2014 New England Hockey Competition.

With youth and experience on their side they crafted a solid game of hockey on Sunday to beat an experienced City team 3-1. An early goal by Sam Wright and two conversions in the second half by Angus Simmons was the result of solid defence and clever short passing amongst the fast moving midfielders and forwards. Jack Bishop showed he was cool in the keepers shoes only letting one ball past the post. All players deserve the player of the week award as there was commitment in every pass and tackle. Well done Mr Portell for getting us to this point. A big Thank-you to coach and gap student Mr Michael Cursons for stepping up to umpire in the icy conditions at the last minute.

Mrs Suzie Wright
CHESS

Last Friday the TAS Chess team played Glen Innes High School in the second round of the NSW Junior Chess league.

The TAS team of Joshua Stevenson, Charlie Wyatt, Harry Pollard and Lachlan Tonkin were victorious in all games.

Congratulations to all players. Round 3 will be played in June.

MUSIC MATTERS

New England Conservatorium is to hold a Junior Orchestra Workshop on Wednesday June 25 and Thursday June 26.

To download the application form click here.

Additional information can be found on the following page.

STUDENT SERVICES, MEG SADLER

Bookings are now being taken for the Queen’s Birthday weekend and end of Term 2, start of Term 3 charter coaches and Sydney Xplorer rail services.

Dates of travel are

Queens Birthday Weekend – Friday 6 June and return Monday 9 June.

Winter Vacation – Friday 20 June and RTN Monday 14 July.

Note that the School is ‘closed’ for the Queen’s Birthday weekend, i.e. no classes on Friday 6 June or Monday 9 June.

Boarding Houses will also be ‘closed’, however, this does clash with the NSW Country Rugby Championships hosted by and played at TAS.

In addition to the above services TAS is running a user-pays minibus service to Moree via Narrabri and Tamworth on Friday 16 May and return Sunday 18 May. Note that this does clash with Rugby vs Kinross at Coonabarabran. There are a small number of seats available for those interested.

Thanks to those parents who have already made their tentative plans and sent back their forms.

For bookings please contact Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

CANBERRA EXCURSION YEAR 10

This week year 10 is on excursion in Canberra. Click on the image below to view photos.
They’re away

Well, this morning involved saying goodbye to boys and buses that are now heading in all directions. Today I’m spending time with the Year 7s who will travel to Pindari Dam tomorrow morning. They’re gainfully employed at School today, completing a range of activities and I’ve visited them on their ‘rotations’. Most (activities) require a deal of moving around – not a bad thing as the Winter has paid us its first call and, well, it’s freezing, to put it bluntly.

I’m travelling to Sydney this afternoon to spend some time with the Year 6 boys and their Mosman Prep counterparts. I’m sure you’ve read, by now, the itinerary for the week. It’s going to be a full and wonderful one for them and I’m looking forward to being with them for the day on Wednesday.

Likewise, the Year 8 students are on their way to the ‘big smoke’ to begin their cultural and languages excursion. I’m going to visit these boys, as well – on Thursday, actually. I’ve been on a Year 8 excursion before and they’ve been fabulous experiences: so much to do, see, hear and remember.

It’s really good the boys can do a deal of their learning away from School this week and I believe the experience will be of real benefit to them. These ‘ventures’ don’t appear out of the ether. So much, months in fact, preparation has gone into them and it’s timely to thank Excursion Leaders: Year 6 (Kirsty Brunsdon and Luke Polson); Year 7 (Andrew O’Connell); Year 8 (Fiona Taber). Without these people and their supporting staff members, these things would never ‘get off the ground’. In short, these people are ‘gold’ and we’re really lucky to have them.

Just because I too will be absent from School for most of the week, doesn’t mean that I can’t be contacted. I can answer emails and I’ll be taking my school mobile, so if you need to contact me, I’ll be able to ‘get back’ to you. I expect also that you’ll be able to contact most of the Year 8s.

The term ahead

As indicated last week, it’s a short one and characteristically full. It’s a formal assessment one too, which culminates in a battery of exams, I’ve already spoken to some parents about the exams and would be happy to field enquiries about them. I want the boys’ experience of them to be as palatable as possible, meaning that questions and concerns must be addressed before the exam week. So, doesn’t be hesitant to call or send an email to us, especially if you do have concerns. It’s our job, as far as possible, to allay your concerns about them as well. The boys, of course, will be receiving information that relates directly to their management and completion of these assessments. The best advice anyone can give to all is ‘work well and do your best’. Don’t worry, between us, we’ve considerable experience dealing with preparation, management of time and execution (of examinations, of course!).
Excursion Week

With Year 5 safely in bed for the evening (although the night is still young!), Mrs Anne Hine, Mrs Veronica Waters and I sat and discussed the various individuals who have travelled to Myuna. While it is fascinating for us as teachers (and we have done a few of these trips) to observe the individual as well as the group as a whole, the really interesting part is to see their growth throughout the week. Tonight is all about excitement and trying to keep emotions under control. As the week unfolds, we see amazing growth and I am sure the stories you will hear on our return will keep you well entertained. No doubt there will be similar scenes at Lake Keepit and I thank all the staff who accompany the students on these excursions, for their time and support. I also thank the Senior and Middle School teachers who have helped the Junior School staff supervising in the playground while we are away. The wonderful team effort makes all this possible.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) and NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3-5 should have received an email outlining our approach to these competitions. We find the assessments are a good opportunity for many to showcase their knowledge and skills, and receive recognition for their achievements while competing against a broad range of their peers throughout Australia. Please read the information in the email carefully and contact the School if you do not wish your child to participate. Next week, Years 3 & 5 will also be completing their NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and we wish our students well for these tests. In so saying, it is important to acknowledge that a more complete indication of growth and development comes from a much wider variety of assessments and experiences both in and outside the classroom.

Winter Sport

Last weekend was a stark reminder of the stoicism required to be the supportive, sideline supporter as the weather turned nasty just in time for the first run on for the season of many. What impressed me was the enthusiastic participation shown by all I saw through the weekend, despite the driving wind and rain. Surely, it can’t get much worse than that? Thank you everyone for showing the sportsmanship and positive encouragement that is so important for our children. If we can smile and enjoy ourselves in those torrid conditions, it augurs well for the remaining season. Thanking the coaches and all those who help make the games possible on the weekends is really important as well, and I encourage you to do so whenever possible.

Mothers Day

And while we are on the topic of thanking important people, Transition to Year 2 had a wonderful morning tea with their mums today in the Junior School playground, an opportunity to share some of their work and say thank you to their mothers, playing host. It was a lovely gesture and one which will provide the opportunity to bring our parent community together.
PE Gear to School

On special sporting days, such as for the Cross Country, we ask for the sport uniform to be worn correctly. Identifying with your House in such a manner reflects a pride that we all feel is important and worth promoting whenever possible. PE gear is only to be worn to and from school when students have school sport that afternoon and will be travelling straight from school sport. It is not the intention for it to become commonplace if indiscriminately worn to school.

Looking ahead

Wednesday 7 May  No Assembly
Years 3 Excursion Lake Keepit from the Train Station at 8:35am
Friday 9 May  All return from Excursion (for updates on returning excursions please call the front desk on 6776 5800)
Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN Year 3/5 -Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 14 May  Transition & Kinder Assembly Dance Club performing at Assembly NAPLAN Year 3/5 – Reading
Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN Year 3/5 – Numeracy
Friday 16 May  NAPLAN catch up day
Wednesday 21 May  Year 2 Assembly Maths Olympiad (Year 5 only)
Friday 23 May  Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea PSSA Cross Country event. Venue in Armidale yet to be decided

Happy Birthday

We would like to say Happy Birthday to Lochlan Gerdes.

Uniform

School uniform is flexible for this week in the Junior School as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to School in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From Week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform. Please keep in mind that full formal uniform is required to be worn by all children for any Eisteddfod performance.

ICAS

Junior School children again have the option of sitting the ICAS exams in 2014.

The exams open to children are: Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

If you would not like your child to sit any of these exams please contact your classroom teacher before 14 May and we will ensure your child does not participate.

There is a cost per exam and this will be added to your account.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club due: Friday 16 May, 2014

By now, your children will have brought home some brochures from the Scholastic Book Club. If you would like to purchase from these brochures, simply select any books your child would like and return the order to the RED LETTER BOX, which can be found in the Junior School office by Friday 16 May. Make sure your child’s name and year is on each order.

Payment can be made by cheque or credit card using the Scholastic Online Payment System. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. The Book Club is now being run from the TAS Library, so if you have any questions, please pop in, phone on 6776 5833, or email to nramazan@as.edu.au.

Happy Reading!

Natalie Ramazani, Book Club Co-ordinator

Sport

2014 Cross Country Event

Last Friday, 2nd May we were fortunate enough to have a beautiful autumn afternoon to host our annual Cross Country event in our magnificent TAS grounds.

All children participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I would like to congratulate all involved for a terrific afternoon.

Thanks must go to the staff and Gappies involved for their efforts with recording, supervision, organisation of games and assistance with the children during the event.

Thank you also to the wonderful support the children received from parents, grandparents and carers who supported our afternoon.
Special congratulations must go to our place getters on the day:

5 year girls – 1st Penny Pezzutti
6 year girls – 1st Peyton Slade
6 year boys – 1st Blake Whitehill 2nd Ted Chick 3rd Mitchell Evans
7 year girls – 1st Annabelle Pennington 2nd Mia Lincoln 3rd Scarlett Buntine
7 year boys – 1st Banjo Lawrence 2nd Lachlan Litchfield 3rd Evan Kwan
8 year boys – 1st Tom Ball 2nd Lennox Neilson 3rd Jack Lincoln
9 year girls – 1st Emily Buntine 2nd Poppy Broun 3rd Chloe Lincoln
9 year boys – 1st Sam Meehan 2nd Jonathan Harris 3rd Daniel Morgan
10 year girls – 1st Isabel Newton 2nd Sophia Rutledge 3rd Isabella Rutledge
10 year boys – 1st Asher Game-Lopata 2nd Hugo Catterall 3rd Hudson Eichorn
11 year girls – 1st Casey Smith
11 year boys – 1st Nicolas O’Neil 2nd Stewart Williams 3rd Alexander Gibson

Overall House Points for this event:
Broughton and Ross – 61 points
Green – 68

Congratulations Green on a job well done!

PSSA Cross Country

PSSA Cross Country event will be held on Friday, 23 May. The following children have been selected in this team. It would be a great idea to continue your running now in preparation for this event in a few weeks time. Please take note of the distances each age division will run for this event.

8/9 Years – 2 km
8/9 Year Girls: Emily Buntine, Poppy Broun, Chloe Lincoln, Beatrice Henzell, Dimity Chalmers

8/9 Year Boys: Sam Meehan, Jonathan Harris, Daniel Morgan, Harrison Price, Peter Evans, Cal Simmonds

10 Years – 2 km
10 Year Girls: Isabel Newton, Sophia Rutledge, Isabella Rutledge, Chloe Moore, Zoe Strelitz
10 Year Boys: Asher Game-Lopata, Hugo Catterall, Hudson Eichorn, Arчи Lawrence, Harry Litchfield, Frank Perrottet

11/12 Years – 3km
11 Year Girls: Casey Smith
12 Year Boys: Harry Ashton, Liam Matherson, Cotter Litchfield, Will Young, Sam Behrend, Luke Evans

Netball

TAS Turquoise played very well in Saturday’s match against Ben Venue in the Primary 2 Division of Netball despite the extremely cold conditions. Having not trained as a whole team since before the holidays, the girls did very well, all showing improvements since the holidays. Some hot chocolate during half time was just the motivation and warmth the girls were looking for to continue in the miserable conditions. Whilst the heavier rain led to an early finish in the final quarter, the girls showed improving teamwork and ball skills. Girls showing major improvement in this round were Casey Smith, Dimity Chalmers and Sophie Mason (Martins Gully) who worked tremendously on court. Looking forward to next weekend’s game with hopefully some warmer weather!

Rugby U12 Junior Blues

A number of our rugby players from Years 5, 6 and 7 play with the U12 Armidale Junior Blues. We kicked off the season with the Walcha Carnival on Sunday 4 May, the coldest day of the year so far! The boys were spread over two teams, both teams benefited greatly from the experience, with noticeable improvement over the three games. In a situation where many boys were playing for the first time in their positions, Hamish Chalmers at half-back provided good service and direction for the back line. The boys were buoyed by the addition of a couple of more experienced players in the last game, giving them a greater sense of purpose and enthusiasm. We now look forward to the carnival in Gunnedah next Sunday.
Football

TAS U6 Terriors

Congratulations to the U6 boys on their first game of soccer. The boys played well considering the weather and temperature that they played in. We are looking forward to a fun and enjoyable season.

Ms Jayne Heagney

TAS Tigers Under 7s

Nothing like warming up in the sleet! Yes the TAS Tigers were ready to play against the Guyra Strikers. Within the first five minutes of the game Evan Kwan and Sam Strelitz scored a goal. Unfortunately Sam did an interesting back kick that actually scored a goal for the opposition. We had a good laugh and reminded the boys the direction of our goal.

Flinders Ward and Nicholas Thomas defended well. It was Lachlan Litchfield who scored our last two goals for the day. Although the boys played hard in the snow and sleet, unfortunately the Guyra Strikers were the stronger team on the day winning 6/4.

A big thank you to Mr Kwan who held the goal in place to stop it from blowing away and the parents who despite the apparently -10 wind chill factor, sleet and snow, rallied on the side line to support our team.

Now we are ready for next week!

Ms Bromwich

TAS Tornadoes U10s

The Tornadoes made a brave start to the season in bitterly cold and wet conditions on Saturday morning.

The team is getting used to the bigger size field and the longer games, and the demand this places on fitness.

Good performances this week by Lewis Graham and Henry Douglas-Menzies.

Mr Sebastian Hempel

TAS Trucks Under 8s

What a fantastic start to the season for TAS Trucks. The commitment and enthusiasm, despite the weather conditions, was outstanding. From the beginning player, to the students who have been playing for a number of years, the team effort of sharing the ball and cooperation as a team was terrific.

Thank you to Mr Tim Lawrence (Banjo’s Dad) for his assistance and also to the parents and grandparents for your support for our very first game.

Mr Druce
Pottery Classes with Rick Hatch

Pottery Classes are available during Term 2.

K - 3 Tuesday 3.45 - 5.00pm
4-7 Thursday 3.45 - 5.00pm

If you would like additional information or wish to arrange classes with Rick, please call (02) 6772 5371 or email to weemalapot@yahoo.com.au

Kellys Plains Community Church Service at Perrott Chapel, Kellys Plains Sunday 11 May, 11.00 am Followed by morning tea

All welcome

For more information please contact Rev Newton 0429 157 905

The annual Foundation AGM will be held at 5.30pm on Friday 23 May in Lower Maxwell, All welcome to attend.
NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
presents

2014 JUNIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP
WED 25 & THURS 26 JUNE 2014

The New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) annual Junior Orchestra Workshop gives young musicians an inspiring two days of invaluable performance experience playing in a large orchestra under the leadership of specialist conductor Anne Phelan and NECOM tutors.

The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-8 who can read music and have at least 6 months experience playing one of the following instruments:
violin, viola, cello, double bass | flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone | trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba | Orchestral percussion (pianists may apply)

Dates: Wed 25 & Thurs 26 June 2014
Times: Wed 9:30am-3:30pm
           Thurs 9am-3:00pm
Free concert: Thurs 26 June, 2:30pm
Venue: NECOM, Armidale
Dress: Casual (no uniforms)
Lunch: Bring lunch both days
       Morning tea provided
Fee: $90 OR $75 Early Bird Discount*  
    *Discount paid by 4pm Fri 13 June  
    Bursaries available

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