Parents and Friends Association

The P&F annual general meeting last Wednesday evening provided the opportunity to offer thanks and fresh welcomes.

On behalf of the many parents who were not able to be at the meeting, but who share in the huge sense of gratitude to our outgoing P&F Executive, I echo the thanks given at the meeting; to Di Johnston who has served as secretary through the past year, our Treasurer Tanya Coldham who has sat on the Executive for three years and, of course, Sandra Kaynes who finished five years on Executive and three years as President last week.

In the style that we have come to expect from these dedicated parents, they have offered their ongoing assistance as the new team settles in and prepares for the April rugby carnival in particular.

The meeting also welcomed the new Executive and I offer my congratulations and best wishes to them. Sue Cartwright is our President. Sal Molesworth is our new Secretary and Mandy van Duijnhoven has taken on the role of Treasurer.

I am very conscious that these responsibilities are both significant and absolutely essential for the operation of the P&F activities that are so important to our School. I am looking forward to working with our new Executive and offering all the support of the School in their efforts.

The Sandilands Brothers – ‘Not in Their Father’s Footsteps’

Most parents and students will be familiar with McCrossin’s Mill museum and I am sure that many have visited this outstanding facility in Uralla. The museum currently features the exhibition ‘Not in Their Father’s Footsteps’, which presents the tragic story of TAS Old Boys James, John and Geoffrey Sandilands, three brothers all killed in World War II.

This exhibition was curated, designed and installed by McCrossin’s Mill Honorary Museum Director, Kent Mayo, a very creative and passionate individual with a special talent for preserving fascinating stories in the museum. This latest work tells a compelling story with a very close link to our school and I recommend it to you as worthy of a special visit to Uralla.

Cadet Leaders’ Courses

Over 50 of our most ambitious and dedicated cadets took part in the leadership courses that ran over five days through to last Sunday afternoon. All reports from both the intense theory instruction sessions and demanding fieldwork indicate that our future leaders have taken up this new challenge with courage and commitment.

As I have commented before, I believe that the rigour and genuine opportunity provided by this leadership training is what separates our outdoor education training from other structures. That so many of our young men choose to tackle something that they know will test them now and demand more from them in future is hugely encouraging to me and I congratulate them on it.

TAS Triathlon

Later in this edition of TAS you will find a report from Jim Pennington on the latest feats of our senior triathletes. Ten TAS cyclists, including two TAS fathers, joined the 110km and 70km sections of the famous Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic.

This race is now a feature of the national road racing calendar and gave our boys the rare opportunity to ride, for some time at least, alongside elite cyclists.
I am hopeful that the experience has inspired those boys and others to continue to take up challenges like this and I thank Mr Pennington for making it possible.

TAS Cattle Team

Our cattle team was also busy over the weekend as they headed to the Guyra Show for the first outing of their show season. The start was a very good one indeed and I congratulate the boys and Mr Ball on the success that is reported later in TAS Talks. I also take this opportunity to wish the team well as they move toward the big challenge of the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Fire Plan for Botswana

I offer best wishes to our Business Manager, Pat Bradley, who has taken leave to travel to Botswana with one other senior member of the NSW Rural Fire Service to prepare a bushfire risk management plan for the Central Kalahari Game Reserve.

The Central Kalahari is the second largest game reserve in the world and the fire plan that Pat and his partner are preparing will be its first.

That Pat has been invited to be a part of this is recognition of his skill and experience in this area and I congratulate him on his generosity in sharing it with Botswana.

CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

This year, we will be attending SISER KYCK on the first weekend of the holidays.

If you are interested in joining us, please email Mr Newton on rnewton@as.edu.au.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
The film ‘Nelson Mandela: Long Road To Freedom’ provides some insights into his life and times. It was a harsh and cruel period in South Africa’s history. A sub plot of the film explores the reasons for the increasing rift in his relationship with Winnie.

The long years of Nelson’s imprisonment on Robben Island enabled him to gain deep understanding of his own life and that of others. He realised that the only way ahead was to develop an inclusive vision of the future that would enable all people to participate in the emerging life of South Africa. That was the only way to avoid catastrophe and increasing bloodshed. While he was in prison the struggle outside had become increasingly violent, bitter and divisive. Winnie had become part of that too, seemingly consumed by hate and the desire for vengeance.

Despite their best efforts Nelson and Winnie had moved too far apart for the relationship to survive once he came out of prison.

When we understand the contexts of people’s lives and experiences we are able to move away from judgement and harsh criticism.

We can all be wise in retrospect in the light of the unfolding of history. Identifying what it means to be truly human and to live out of that place in the most difficult of circumstances and in the face of abuse and violence to oneself and others, is what makes a few people great.

We need them with all their flaws and weaknesses to show us how to live, to help us identify our real aspirations, to overcome our distortions and our littleness. In our own limited and individual ways we can each aspire to greatness.

Perhaps we can provide some light for others.

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**NSW Parents Council Newsletter 2014 - T1**

- Government Engages Parents in 2014
- Arts Make Kids Smart
- 2014 Awards for Excellence
- Parents keeping a connection with their secondary school

Click the link below to read the NSW Parents Council Newsletter in full.

http://www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au/Newsletters.htm
**P&F ASSOCIATION**

**SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT**

**AGM**

Our Annual General Meeting was held last Wednesday night. Special thanks to the outgoing executive for all their time and effort over the last year (or many), helping make this wonderful school an even better one for our boys.

Thanks must also go to those who supported the evening and voted in the new executive for 2014.

The new executives for 2014 are:

- **President**  Sue Cartwright (mum of Ben in Yr12 and Mitch in Yr 9)
- **Treasurer**  Mandy van Duijnhoven (mum of Nathan in Yr 8) – outgoing Treasurer Tanya Coldham has kindly offered to provide support
- **Secretary**  Sal Molesworth (mum of Saxon in Yr 9 and Henry in Yr 8)

**ARU Junior Gold Cup match**

More thanks – this time to the dedicated bunch of both rugby parents and non-rugby parents who pulled together at short notice to provide the catering for the ARU Junior Gold Cup matches held at TAS Backfield on Sunday. BBQ and sweet bites were provided to over 200 people, and it provided a good opportunity to get to know just what happens at such events.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

**MEG SADLER**

Planning has commenced for boarders end of term travel. You may wish to make use of the free coach services heading out to various destinations.

These coaches can make life easier for you, especially if you can collect some of your son’s gear the week or so before break-up, as the coach drivers are within their rights to refuse to carry large items such as bikes, boxes of books and swags.

Each boarding house has limited space in which large items can be stored so speak to your son’s Housemaster at your convenience.

Please let me know if you wish to avail yourself of the free service to your home town.

Deadline for bookings is Friday 7 March, with changes possible up until Monday 24 March.

Cancellations may be advised at any time.

Coaches are free to students travelling to their designated home, however, friends are welcome to travel at the standard fare for children which can be charged to your school account, or that of the visitor.

**Athletics Carnival**

Junior School Athletics carnival is on Wednesday 19 March followed by Middle/Senior School on Friday 21 March. Lunch is provided for parents and students on both days and the Liaison Parents will be looking for volunteers to bake cakes and biscuits, and roster on the Cake Stall for each day. This will work on a roster system with each year group covering an hour.

Please help where you can.

**Scheduled meetings**

All parents are warmly invited to attend P&F meetings throughout the year, and we only hold one general meeting per term.

With our two big fundraisers being the Rugby Carnival on 12-13 April, and the Fete on November 1, we will be looking to form committees to work together to ensure these events are as successful as years past.

If you feel you can spare some time to work as part of a committee, sharing expertise and responsibility, we would love to hear from you.

Our meetings this year are scheduled for Wednesday nights on May 21, July 30 and November 12.

We look forward to meeting you.

When timetables and tickets are received from School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Newcastle, I will email individuals with pdf images of both.

If you decide to collect your son(s) on the Thursday night 10 April, then please drop me a line so I don't hold up the bus on the Friday morning looking for him/them. It’s not enough to tell only the Housemaster or a mate, I need to know too.

Note that Year 9 Parent/Teacher interviews and the TAS Junior Rugby Carnival are end of term events that will impact bookings on the boarders’ buses.

Thanks in advance for communicating your plans and/or concerns regards end of Term 1 and start of Term 2, in the near future.

I can be contacted by email on travel@as.edu.au.
Cadet Activity Day 1

27-28 February (Week 5)

Activity Day 1 commenced with a back brief by the SUO and Coy Commanders to the CO MAJ Thatcher on Tuesday 18 February at 1.15pm.

Orders were delivered to all cadets on Tuesday 25 February during Period 3 (normally Assembly).

All cadets in Year 7 (C Coy) & Year 8 (B Coy) will have their uniforms and equipment issued in Week 5, class time will be allocated.

Cadets in 1 Platoon and 4 Platoon will attend an overnight bivouac on Thursday night 27 February.

B Coy

4 Platoon - Peatfields Overflow (Little Mt Duval)
Overnight Bivouac
Parade 3.45pm Thur 27 February
Dismissal 3.30pm Fri 28 February

5 Platoon - UNE Property ‘Kirby’
Navigation Training
Team Building Ex
Tri-Lesson
RATEL
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 February
Dismissal 5.00pm

6 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam
Canoeing
Water Safety / Survival
First Aid / RATEL
Tri-Lesson
Field Cooking
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 February
Dismissal 5.00pm

This Friday is our first Activities Day. C Company (Year 7) have been given a list of what to bring plus other details, in a briefing today.

Just in case the list doesn’t make it home, here it is again.

Basic field webbing containing: notebook/pen/pencil, 2 full water bottles, water (old) shoes, shorts or boardies, long-sleeved shirt, sunscreen.

Lunch will be supplied to all cadets. The boys should come to school dressed in their ‘greens’, which were issued this morning.

2LT Fiona Taber
OIC C Coy

A Coy

1 Platoon - Mt Duval/Kirby
Overnight Bivouac
Parade 3.45pm Thur 27 February
Dismissal 3.30pm Fri 28 February

2 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam
Canoeing
River Crossing
Fieldcraft Exercise
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 February
Dismissal 5.00pm

3 Platoon - Gara Gorge
Abseiling
Roping Acty
RATEL
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 February
Dismissal 5.00pm

C Coy - Dumaresq Dam
7, 8 & 9 Platoon
Water Team Activity
Fieldcraft – Hoochies
Team Building / Initiative Activities
Intro to Drill
Navigation
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 February
Dismissal 3.30pm

Rolls:

Rolls will be posted on the cadet noticeboard and webpage. Leadership appointments will not be notified until completion of the leadership course.

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
Commanding Officer

MEDICAL CENTRE
JENNY MURRAY

TAS Medical Centre is again offering flu vaccinations to all boarding students.

It is hoped that all vaccinations will be completed by the end of the term, depending on the supply of vaccine.

A consent form can be found on the last page of this newsletter and ask that parents complete this and return it to the Medical Centre.
Cricket On Fire

I was lucky enough to witness our 1st XI run sessions with Junior School players on Monday afternoon this week. To see first hand the looks on the faces of the younger students as our senior boys ran drills with them and supported them throughout the afternoon made me very proud of the young men we have at our school. Our 1st XI will play on Wednesday against Kinross Wolaroi School in the semi final of the Douglas Shield and we look forward to our community supporting them in the same fashion that they availed themselves to guide our youngest players.

Thanks to Mrs Helen Dennis I’ve also been informed of the outstanding effort by five TAS Middle School boys who were involved in the Armidale U14s rep cricket team that came top of the table in the Northern Inland rep competition which ended last weekend.

The comp covers a large area and takes in teams from Moree, Narrabri, Coonabarabran, Quirindi, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Inverell and Glen Innes. The team played Inverell in the Final on Sunday, and while they didn’t win the Final, they showed great sportsmanship on the day, as they have done all season. The boys involved were Nick Farrar, Jack Berry, Henry Smith (Yr 8), and Brendan Knowles and Kieran Dennis (Yr 7). Well done boys!

NCIS Swimming

A letter has been sent home by Mr Jim Pennington MIC Swimming and Mrs Chris Wright Junior School Sports Coordinator about NCIS Swimming in Lismore next week. I look forward to reporting to you on our teams performance in next weeks TAS Talks and wish them every success for the tour.

Rowers working hard

Our rowers competed in the Kings/PLC Regatta in Sydney on Saturday with all crews improving on their times and making solid progress in the lead up to the Head of the River. Our boys continue to make us proud with their efforts and I was lucky enough to join them up at Malpas Dam last week for training where they were working very hard in preparation for the races ahead.

Triathlon

The TAS triathlon team descended upon Inverell on Saturday 22 February 24, to compete in two different legs of the Grafton to Inverell Cycle Sportif. This event, which gives cyclists the opportunity to ride either the full 242km, or sections of, the famous Grafton to Inverell Cycle Classic, has in recent years become a noted cycling event in its own right, attracting cyclists from across the eastern seaboard.

Five members of the TAS team (including one father) competed in the 110km Mt Mitchell to Inverell section, and a similar makeup, in the 70km Glen Innes to Inverell leg. In the 110km course, Pierce Hayden and Tom Lane set the early pace in a large peloton of 30 riders. A few gnarly climbs before Glen split the peloton and the TAS group worked in with other riders from Yamba and Inverell. KB Fergusson and Ian Rees (father of Brent who was also riding) took turns at the front and with 20km to go, Brent and Pierce charged for home. The boys crossed the line together with the rest of the squad three minutes behind in a time of 4 hours and 5 minutes.

The 70km offering attracted Jack Boydell, Sam Zuill, Callum Bourke, Sam King and his father Theron. Sam who is only in Year 7, pushed his Dad all the way and recorded the fastest time amongst the TAS boys averaging 29km/hr. Jack, Sam and Callum rode together and finished in fine spirits, justifiably proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to the boys and thanks also to Mr Wayne Sadler, Ms Isabel Casiss, Mr Todd Currell and Michael Slobodetsky for driving the support vehicles and ensuring that all riders had plenty of food and sports drink throughout the race.

Jim Pennington
MIC Triathlon
**Equestrian Events**

The Manilla Horse Sports Day is on Friday 21 March. Entries close 7 March.

*The North West Equestrian Expo held at Coonabarabran is on from Friday 30 May to Tuesday 3 June. Entries open 28 February and close 11 April.

For more information about these events or to enter, please contact Mrs Joanne Benham at jbenham@as.edu.au if you would like more information for TT, this can be found at [http://www.coonabarabranhigh.com/2012/North_West_Equestrian_Expo_2012.htm](http://www.coonabarabranhigh.com/2012/North_West_Equestrian_Expo_2012.htm)

**Armidale Junior Cricket**

Armidale junior cricketers, including many from TAS, are raising money this month for the McGrath Foundation.

There are two raffles - the first raffle includes prizes such as memorabilia signed by Michael Clarke, Glenn McGrath and Pat Cummins, plus sports gear donated by Sportspower and Independent Sports. In the second raffle you could win a full-size bat signed by the current Sydney Sixers squad.

Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and available from TAS reception until the end of February.


**The Kings/PLC/RNSW Regatta – Sydney International Regatta Centre**

“It was awesome. We beat our previous time by ten seconds and we had a great battle against Shore throughout the race. We managed to pull away from them in the last 500 metres and finish a whole boat length in front.”

The fact that there were five other crews in front of the TAS crew did nothing to diminish the sense of satisfaction felt by the 3rd IV. All three TAS Fours rowed with composure and determination and were justifiably pleased with their efforts and progress.

It was an invaluable experience for the boys to row at the Olympic venue. With less than three weeks until the Head of the River, the boys are quietly confident that they can continue to improve.

They are an amazing group of young men who have encouraged and supported each other throughout the season. Yet on the 15 March it will come down to one word: “YOROW”.

Will Caldwell
MIC Rowing
**West Side Story** is nearly sold out!

It’s been a thrilling few weeks here at the Hoskins Centre watching the ticket sales going through the roof.

‘West Side Story’ involves the largest number of participants ever seen at the Hoskins Centre, with 120 performers, crew members and musicians busily preparing for the show night and day in the lead up to the season from 26 - 29 March.

While working with students from four different schools has been a challenge logistically, the production has reaped the rewards of a wide pool of talent.

Our brilliant choreographer from O’Connor Catholic College Melissa Killen has been working miracles with a huge cast of students from TAS, NEGS, PLC and OCC, many of whom had no previous dance experience.

Be prepared to be surprised!

**Bookings:** www.trybooking.com/DXAQ

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**Ensembles**

- **Drum Corp** directed by Mr Craigie is practicing on Monday after school from 3.45 – 5pm. We are looking at a big performance soon, simple parts but great fun!

- **TAS Trebles** is on at 8am on Monday morning. What a way to start the week, singing with friends! We are preparing for a fantastic performance in the next few weeks so we really need all members to attend regularly.

- **Guitar band** is on Tuesday lunchtime. Come along and try your hand at playing guitar with a great group of guitarists.

A reminder to all instrumental students that you need to bring your instrument to all lessons. The lesson will still go ahead if you happen to forget your instrument, but the lesson will be more theoretical. Also remember to put your lesson times into your diary and practice regularly for your lessons!

Well done to the performers who have played in the Senior School assembly this year! Great performances showcasing the excellence of our senior music students. The boys who deserve special mention are Patrick Williamson, playing a somber rendition of Bach piano, Will Smith playing the brilliant Haydn Trumpet Concerto and Clarry Butcher playing a funky version of Wiley Bossa!

And of course, a great thank you to Mr Warwick Dunham for assisting and accompanying the boys.
Challenge

One of the most challenging and, ultimately, enjoyable aspects of my job is student interview. I’m not referring to formal interview either; rather, I refer to those talks I have every day with individuals who come to my office to speak to me. The fact that they often come of their own volition is encouraging for me. Today, for example, one Year 7 boy came to inform me he’d done something wrong. He spoke, I listened and then we discussed a method of remedying the damage he felt he had done and then he went away – happily, too.

Why am I telling this to you? Misdemeanor aside, I am pleased that he came because he feels comfortable enough to do just that! He spoke to me as a person, not just a teacher. Our job, first and foremost, is to provide an environment that needs, as much as is practicable, parallels the home situation. It’s an environment characterized by trust; an environment that’s relevant and one in which boys feel able to speak freely to us about issues that concern them.

As I indicated to prospective parents this morning in our Open Day speeches, we must look out for the needs and interests of young people who, by virtue of age and inexperience, will make mistakes. On the proviso that they are confident enough to admit to having done the wrong thing and that they’ll do their best not to ‘do it again’, then we’re confident that what we’re trying to do is beginning to succeed.

Expectations

We’ve reached that ‘pointy’ part of term. Boys are amazingly busy and this is as it should be, but they’re showing signs of weariness as well.

Please, when speaking to them, would you acknowledge this fact and advise your sons that sometimes when we are tired we say and do things to others that people, for whatever reason, take exception to... In fact, if there’s nothing pleasant or positive to say, especially, say nothing at all.

This is one of those lessons we all learn as we grow up and now’s the time for our boys to start learning it or having it reinforced. I’ve indicated, both in Town Meetings and Boarding Roll times, that one of the surest signs of increasing maturity is the ability to accept others for who they are, regardless of our personal opinions – on the proviso that those others don’t interfere with our enjoyment of ‘self’.

There’s so much variety in the Middle School and, within reason, I want to keep it this way.

Dewey makes a strong case for the importance of education not only as a place to gain content knowledge, but also as a place to learn how to live. In his eyes, the purpose of education should not revolve around the acquisition of a pre-determined set of skills, but rather the realization of one’s full potential and the ability to use those skills for the greater good.

He notes that “to prepare him for the future life means to give him command of himself; it means so to train him that he will have the full and ready use of all his capacities” (My Pedagogic Creed, Dewey, 1897).

In addition to helping students realize their full potential, Dewey goes on to acknowledge that education and schooling are instrumental in creating social change and reform. He notes that “education is a regulation of the process of coming to share in the social consciousness; and that the adjustment of individual activity on the basis of this social consciousness is the only sure method of social reconstruction”.

Dewey advocated for an educational structure that strikes a balance between delivering knowledge while also taking into account the interests and experiences of the student. He notes that “the child and the curriculum are simply two limits which define a single process. Just as two points define a straight line, so the present standpoint of the child and the facts and truths of studies define instruction.”

Mark Harrison
Tezukayama

For over 15 years, TAS has been fortunate to establish a very close relationship with Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka Japan. This association has provided opportunities for excursions for both schools and some fantastic cultural, social and educational experiences for students and teachers alike. Parents of students in years 4, 5 & 6 will have received a letter asking for expressions of interest from me recently. Having been involved now for two years in this program, I can highly recommend it to you. It is a special opportunity to become involved either as a tourist, or by billeting a student when TEZ visit in 2015.

What is “Round Square”?

TAS has been a Round Square School for many years and I am keen to further our understanding of what a Round Square School is and in doing so, increase our involvement to support what our School is already doing. The Round Square philosophy aims to help students prepare for life by having them face it head-on and experience it in ways that demand courage, generosity, imagination, principle and resolution.

The Round Square network includes over 150 schools worldwide, providing students with an incredible opportunity to explore other cultures, develop international friendships and for older students, study in another country. International service projects, conferences and exchange programs all work to develop a truly international, diverse and exciting education for students.

Round Square Member schools believe that the pillars (of its founder, Kurt Hahn's insight) are the IDEALS on which our future is built. These are 1. An international understanding and tolerance of others. 2. Democratic governance and justice. 3. Environmental stewardship, 4. Self-discovery through adventure 5. Leadership 6. Service to others. More information about Round Square can be found at http://www.roundsquare.org

While all of these IDEALS apply in Junior School, their application may need some transposition. However, the opportunities that arise from this association are many and varied and this year we have continued to slowly investigate ways that we can become more involved. Our leadership model will be including the IDEALS as a way of including these principles in all we do, including already voting for House leaders, the formation of a new club and for Activities Day this Friday, looking to our Environment as a focus.

Japanese Script lesson - Learning about kanji, hiragana and katakana

Sport

Junior School sport has been under review this term and the School, especially our sport coordinators Christine Wright and Jason Lincoln have been reflecting on the program, our offerings and our approach.
Arrival and Departure of Students at TAS

I received a very concerning email today, as a result of a near miss with a child and a car in the Chapel St turning circle.

Any point in our School shared by students and vehicles provides a challenge for us all – to keep our children safe. Please drive carefully. The system of pick up and drop off is not a complex one but at times of high usage, it requires care and patience.

Please follow the instructions on the signs and understand the system – ask if it is unclear. After school and sport, a teacher is on duty but this is not the case before school. If you have concerns, as was the case today, please contact me with the details and I will follow it up. The consequences of not doing so are not worth considering.

In addition, it is imperative that students are collected from us by an adult who has the written authority to do so. At times, if this is not to be the case, contact must be made to inform us of changed arrangements. I have asked staff not to proceed with any arrangement if they are not certain that it has been sanctioned by the School. Please help us avoid confusion and delay by ensuring the School has your intentions in writing if you are not collecting your son or daughter in person.

Late arrival

Please be aware the impact of arriving late has on your child/ren and on the class. Arriving five minutes late can be disruptive in the teacher having to repeat instruction, the child missing information on class routine and activity. Testing may be starting and the class needing to wait while your child settles. Classes start at 8.45am and it is beneficial for children to be here 10 minutes prior to say hello to friends and then move into the classroom together.

Uniform

The Junior School is doing it's best to ensure the School uniform is worn correctly and we would like the support for families as we endeavour to change some poor practice that is creeping in. Shirts need to be tucked in, socks need to be pulled up (garters are available for purchase from the clothing pool) and ties worn correctly. Wearing the uniform correctly shows pride in ourselves and our School.

Correct sport shorts for Junior School girls

Navy shorts are the correct uniform for Junior School girls. Tight shorts, gym shorts, skins and other alternatives are not accepted as PE uniform to be worn on sport days.

Allergies

The start of a new school year is the time to reinforce our awareness of allergies and in particular those from foods such as peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, and shellfish. We do have children in our Junior School who are allergic to these foods so it is imperative that if you bring in any item of food, such as a birthday cake for your child's birthday that the class teacher be made aware of exactly what is in the food item. We would particularly like to encourage children not to bring in nut spreads also, such as peanut butter and Nutella spreads. We would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Please label all clothing

As the Year gets underway, please check all old clothing is still labelled and that all new clothing has been labelled. Having everything labelled is very important for items to be returned to the rightful owner should they be misplaced.

Junior School Calendar

- Friday 28 February: Activities Day – CSIRO visit
- Monday 3 March: NCIS Swimmers Depart at Lunch
- Tuesday 4 March: NCIS Swimming
- Wednesday 5 March: Year 1 Assembly
- Friday 7 March: Armidale Show
- Saturday 8 March: Armidale Show
- Wednesday 12 March: Kindergarten Assembly – Memorial Hall

Hot Shots Tennis - Ms Bromwich

This week we warmed up with a series of double handed warm up games. Then it was on to netball tennis. The idea was for the children to learn left and right, how to position their feet and the need for speed. The children really enjoyed this active game.

Then it was on to King Pin. The children had to serve from the double line. The King Pin rallied until they were defeated. The idea of this game was to try and get the children to think about where to position the ball for an optimum outcome. We replaced opponents quickly to ensure that the students were kept on their toes.

Another great session with Hot Shots Tennis.
Gymnastics - Mrs Trenerry

We were fortunate to have Terry Tomes, one of our South African GAP students, attend our gymnastics session on Monday. Terry was a top gymnast in South Africa and was able to give us a demonstration of his talent. Wow!

We all enjoyed the rotation of activities which saw us performing cartwheels and forward rolls; working on some acrobatic balances with partners; using our strength to do some great work on the rings and springing and landing in hoops and using the vaulting box.

The children all did their best, with improvement in cartwheeling one of the highlights.

Swimming - Mrs Brunsdon

The focus for swimming on a Thursday afternoon this term has been on stroke correction, starts and finishes, and turns for each different stroke. It has been really exciting to see the progression of all swimmers in at least one of these areas. Of special note, was the improvement the swimmers from last week made: Ruby with her breathing technique in freestyle and Chloe and Alexander on their tumble turns. Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed at PSSA and we will continue working on enhancing your skills for when you compete at NCIS.
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Mini Ball - Ms Dowse

The Year 4 boys have been having a wonderful time at Miniball this week. We played at the Den on Monday night and all made a brand new friend. Each week this team have a different player added to the team by the event organisers and the boys have embraced this in a very positive and mature manner, which they should be commended for. The addition of another player allows the boys to experience the game at a different level each week and also to widen their friendship group. The boys are training hard on Wednesdays and listen and follow instructions well. It is an absolute pleasure to coach these fine young boys and we have lots of laughs together and support each other at all times.

The boys are very keen to develop their skills further and support and encourage each other through the whole game. It is great to see a player supporting his fellow players by giving them a pat on the back even if they miss the shot. A standout player for this round who needs a special mention is Cameron Le Surf. Well done to all the boys and we look forward to training this Wednesday and the game the following Monday.
MEDICAL CENTRE VACCINATION FORM

February 25, 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians

As the Influenza season is approaching again, the school is offering Flu vaccinations to all Boarding students.

The vaccinations will occur at the TAS Medical Centre with the support of Dr L Bookallil.

The cost is $ 25.00 and will be charged to your school account.

If you would like to have your son vaccinated, please complete the following consent form and return it to the Medical Centre by Friday 21 March 2014.

Yours truly,

Jenny Murray
School Nurse

Students Name...........................................................................

Year Group...............................................................................

Boarding House...........................................................................

Allergies.....................................................................................

I give permission for my son to have an Influenza vaccination at TAS Medical Centre.

I understand the cost will be charged to my account.
COMMUNITY

Sandilands brothers feature in new permanent exhibition

The incredible service of three TAS brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Second World War features in a new permanent exhibition at McCrossin’s Mill in Uralla, which all members of the TAS community are encouraged to attend.

Curated by Uralla Historical Society’s honorary museum director Kent Mayo, the exhibition, called Not in Their Father’s Footsteps, tells the story of Geoffrey B Sandilands (TAS 1937-40), John D Sandilands (1926-30) and James W Sandilands (1924-30), all of whom lost their lives in the service of their country in World War II - Geoffrey in England, John in Africa and James in India. The Sandilands came from Uralla, where their father James Bruce Sandilands, also an Old Boy, was a grazier.

Here at TAS their brave efforts are commemorated in the naming of Sandilands Studio, adjacent to the Maxwell Rooms. The McCrossin’s Mill exhibition is well worth a visit.

INTERESTED IN REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY?

New England juniors are planning to field teams in the U12’s, 13’s, 14’s & 15’s (yes U15s too)!!

Trials for squad selection will be held at Moran Oval on Sunday 2 March 1pm – 4pm.

All rugby players within these age groups are encouraged to attend. The age you turn this year is the age group you would try out for (e.g turning 14 this year then U14s).

The country rugby champions will occur as follows:

* U12s & U13s: 10th-11th May at Shoalhaven
* U14s & U15s: 3rd - 4th May at Newcastle

Please check out the country juniors website at: http://www.countryjuniors.com.au/

Please see Mr Thatcher if you have any questions.