Headmaster’s Country Tour

The country tour that I reported on in TAS Talks last week has continued over the past few days as we have visited Moree and Walgett. As has been the case through our travels this year, the interest from prospective families and the support from our current parents have been unparalleled. The gathering on Monday night at the Wyatts was reflective of that spirit and I thank Marguerite and Terry very much for again opening their home to us with such generous hospitality. Tuesday’s drinks and dinner at the ‘Sporto’ in Walgett was a similarly positive experience and I am grateful to all those who travelled to be with us mid-week in both Moree and Walgett.

Whilst the regular section of the annual country tour is now complete, our Registrar Pip Warrick will be continuing visits in Term 2 and I know that she is feeling greatly encouraged by the interest from new families that continues to flow in.

Rugby 7s

TAS was fortunate to be amongst schools from around Australia and overseas invited to the Scots College International Rugby 7s Tournament last weekend. This wonderful opportunity was taken up with great enthusiasm by players and coaches alike and their commitment at the tail end of a demanding and very full term was impressive.

After winning the (unrelated) New England regional 7s tournament, the TAS team acquitted themselves very well indeed and, importantly, I have heard equally positive comment on the way they carried themselves off the field. I offer special thanks to Dr Lambert and his staff at Scots for the invitation for our boys to be a part of this special experience and congratulate them on the success of the carnival.

I also offer congratulations to Buddy Mumbulla who was selected for the Lloyd McDermott National Indigenous 7s side at the Scots tournament. Reaching this level of representation is a fine achievement.

Old Boys’ Working Weekend

There are some activities that go unnoticed by the majority of our school community, but that should not be. One of those was the weekend of labouring work at St John’s Chapel, Kelly’s Plains last weekend. This was the third time in the last 12 months that a group of dedicated TAS Old Boys have organised themselves and set about working for a cause that would directly benefit the School in an area in need.

The work on this occasion was focused on the chapel and its surrounds; clearing, painting and cleaning gutters as high as the belltower with the assistance of scaffolding erected for the job. The team of workers included not only TAS Old Boys, but also their friends, sons and some current parents.

The work is highly valued of course, particularly as it comes at a time when our grounds and maintenance team is so keenly focused on preparation of the TAS grounds for the carnival this weekend – a job that takes many months. Just as importantly though, the expression of continued connection with the School and physical, personal support for it offers an excellent message to our current TAS students; that making a contribution to your community is a habit for life. For that, as much as the physical achievements of the weekend, I offer my considerable thanks to our Old Boys.

Winter Sports

As the rowing and cricket dinners for our senior teams tonight signal the completion of the summer sports season, the winter sports program is now underway. Hockey, football and rugby (albeit 7s) started last weekend with matches for our senior
teams. Whilst the rugby 7s team was away, our senior hockey players began well in the Armidale Men’s B Grade competition and our 1st XI footballers hosted St Paul’s from Sydney as the Newton brothers went head to head as opposing coaches.

I know that very many of our students at all levels of the School have been looking forward to winter sport getting underway and I hope that the good start from our senior teams will be encouragement to them.

TAS Primary Rugby Carnival

Beginning on Friday at around lunch time, a horde of around a thousand junior rugby players and thousands of parents, coaches and friends will descend on TAS for the 10th TAS Rugby Carnival. Very many in the TAS community have seen or been a part of this enormous event in the past and will be aware that its place as the biggest junior rugby carnival in Australia is a significant one. It is also a very significant event in the annual calendar of Armidale and the accommodation and other visitor resources of the city will be stretched to capacity.

Preparations for the carnival have been underway for many months and the sense of anticipation is palpable. The carnival that was the initiative of Jason Lincoln and led by him and his close team for the past nine years is being managed this year by the team of Sarah Broadbent, Alan Jones and Cressida Mort. I offer my considerable thanks to Sarah, Alan and Cressida for their great generosity and commitment and I am looking forward to the carnival very much.

The Sydney Royal

As I write, the TAS Cattle Team is settling themselves and their animals into the pavilion at the Homebush showgrounds for the Royal Easter Show. This, of course, is the pinnacle of competition for our team and comes at the end of the local show season. It is also the longest of the shows by a big margin and the commitment that both boys and our stud manager Mike Ball show in spending over a week tending and showing their cattle in Sydney is significant.

TAS is the only school that competes in the stud cattle section of the Sydney Show and their presence is the subject of comment and admiration every year that they are there. I know that the boys enjoy talking to the public in the pavilion as part of their showing responsibilities and that they would welcome a visit from any TAS families who are thinking of a day at the Show this year. The big day of judging for our cattle this year will be on Sunday and I wish the team every success.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day will once again fall in the school holidays this year, on the final Friday of the holiday break, but our Cadet Guard will put holidays on hold to be on duty for the services at Dangarsleigh and then in Central Park. The Guard have been in preparation for this important national day of recognition and I offer thanks and best wishes to them for the contribution they will make.

TAS will recognise ANZAC Day once term begins with our own service on Thursday May 1 at 7:00am and I hope that many parents will be able to join us. Our special guest will be 1997 Old Boy and current RAAF Squadron Leader Scott Harris and I am very grateful to him for returning to the School to speak to us.

Holiday Activities

The coming holiday break will see large numbers of TAS students representing the School in a number of significant events. This begins, of course, with the cattle team who are already away and the TAS Rugby Carnival this weekend and continues with the TAS delegation travelling to the Young Round Square Conference at Kings College in Auckland, the big TAS team who will ride in support of the fight against cancer in the Tour de Rocks, the large group who will head to the Blue Mountains with the chaplaincy team for KYCK, the football players touring to Melbourne, the work of the Ceremonial Guard at ANZAC services in Armidale and a number of senior rugby players selected to travel to the United States as part of the NSW Country Schools Development Tour.

I would like to thank the concerned parent who came to my office this morning alarmed by what she had just seen. A junior school student had just crossed the road in Douglas St, outside the Chapel, forcing a car to stop, before weaving between two moving buses and entering the busy Chapel gates. By all reports, it was a very close call and it goes without saying that the consequences would be unthinkable. This incident reinforces our appeal for care, particularly during peak arrival and departure times. We ask that all Junior School students are dropped off and collected in the Chapel St car park at all times. While the system here requires patience (and further education for those who do not use it regularly) it is improving. The school will continue to work with all drivers to ensure that the safety of our children remains paramount and I thank you for your support.
Young Round Square Conference, Kings College, Auckland, NZ

Best wishes to the delegation of Tom Deshon, Henry O’Neil, Jason O’Keefe, Joshua Danke, Alistair Le Surf and Jack Waters who travel to New Zealand on Friday 18 April under the care of Mr Luke Polson and Mrs Anna Gayner. After a three day pre-conference tour of the wider Auckland region the delegation will spend six days being hosted by the Kings College in Auckland and interacting with many other delegations from Round Square schools in the Australasian and South East Asian region. The theme of the conference is Our Planet, Our Future, Ours to Change.

We look forward to hearing of their experiences next term.

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

The Headmaster
Mr Murray Guest
and Commanding Officer
TAS Cadets
MAJOR Trevor Thatcher

invites you to attend

TAS ANZAC CEREMONY

on Adamsfield

Thursday 1 May 2014
at 7.00am

Guest Speaker

SQNLDR Scott Harris
RAAF

April Holiday Activities

April 10 - 13  KYCK Convention (Katoomba)
April 12 /13  TAS Rugby Carnival
April 18 - 26  Young Round Square Conference
               Kings College, Auckland, NZ
April 24 - 26  Tour de Rocks
April 25       Anzac Day - Guard
TAS Rugby Carnival

This year the TAS Rugby Carnival (TASRC) celebrates its 10th anniversary.

We look forward to welcoming 50 different schools and clubs along with thousands of families and supporters that flock to Armidale from NSW and Qld over the weekend.

The award winning carnival is the largest event of its kind for 11 and 12 year olds in Australia. In past years the event has attracted many former rugby greats including, as special guests, former Wallaby captain Nick Farr-Jones, current Wallaby Paddy Ryan, and former Australian assistant coach and current Scotland coach Scott Johnson. Former Wallabies Phil Kearns and John Eales have also attended, in a private capacity as parents. The event has also received national media publicity, recognising its status and importance.

The carnival expresses all that is great about junior rugby, bringing together boys from city, coast and country in an atmosphere of friendly competition. It is truly a community event and could not be held without support from many organisations including NEGS, PLC and the UNE Colleges who are assisting with player accommodation.

If you would like additional information about the event or registration, please visit our website by selecting the following link.

**TASRC**

All enquiries for this event should be directed to the TASRC Administrator, Mrs Sarah Broadbent by email or telephone 0428 765 836.

Old Boys help Perrott Chapel

St John’s Church Kellys Plains - also known as the Perrott Chapel - was a hive of activity over the weekend, thanks to a working bee organised by the TAS Old Boys Union. Many of you will be familiar with the chapel, which was given to TAS by the Perrott family in 2008.

On Friday afternoon and again on Sunday morning, various Old Boys, a current father, a past TAS parent and grandparent and a current student, mowed grass, pruned dead limbs, towed away fallen branches, painted the graveyard railing and cleaned out the chapel's gutters, with the help of the school's portable scaffolding. Indeed, one Old Boy literally dug out decades of leaf mould from the belfry flashing which was highly sought after for garden mulch!

The chapel may be officially TAS property but it was clear there was a sense of wider community ownership - it was where one participant was married, where two daughters of another were christened, and where others attend an annual Christmas Carol service.

Full credit, and the school’s thanks, go to the OBU for organising the working bee which will surely help a management plan for the grounds and chapel itself, to be developed.

The chapel will be used for a recital for the Bach Festival early next month, and parents, Old Boys and friends are warmly invited to the next St John’s community church service to be held on 11 May at 11am.
TAS Rugby Carnival - it's time

The TAS Rugby Carnival is the single largest event on the TAS calendar and it is both a super weekend of rugby and a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school to the broader community. Not only its physical assets, but also the way our school family pulls together to make things happen and the hospitality we offer. It’s also a great opportunity to meet up with friends both old and new.

It’s not too late to help

We are looking for volunteers to cook (cakes, slices, soups and the barbecues at school), sell on the cake stalls, make up lunches and generally assist in the McConville Centre. Keep an eye out for a note from your Liaison Parents, or feel free to contact Sandra Kaynes directly on 0438 373 189 or skaynes@bigpond.com to confirm a time slot if you are able to spare any time over this huge weekend.

We’d love to see you there.

And then it’s time for a well-earned rest for our children and their teachers. On behalf of the P&F I would like to wish all families and staff a very happy Easter and safe travels.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual Photos - Years 9 to 12

This week is the last chance to collect your individual photo orders from the Front Office.

Please help us to reduce loss and/or damage and collect your photographs before the end of term.

Summer Sports Photos - Years 3 to 12

Look for the order form for Summer Sports Photos coming home in the end of term mailout.

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Open Wednesday 23 April 9.00am to 5.00pm
Open Monday 28 April 9.00am to 5.00pm
Open Tuesday 29 April 10.00am to 5.00pm

NORMAL HOURS RESUME WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

Monday 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00 pm
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TAS Ensembles in Term 2 under the new Director of Music - Ms Leanne Roobol

With Ms Leanne Roobol commencing in Term 2, we have some exciting updates to our ensemble program!

Ms Roobol is an accomplished vocal teacher and experienced choral conductor. Next term she will be taking on TAS Singers and the TAS Trebles - now called TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble and would like to see all members for rehearsal in the first week of school next term.

The TAS Beginner Band will be commencing in Term 2. This band will be available to those students who have recently started learning an instrument at TAS or have been learning for a little while but are not yet in a TAS ensemble.

TAS Beginner Band will start in Week 3 next term. The day for the rehearsal will be advised in the first TAS Talks next term.

All beginner instrumental students will be welcome to attend.

The schedule for TAS ensembles for Term 2 is below and there are a few small changes.

*Rehearsals for all bands will commence in Week 1 Term 2*

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**TAS INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES**

**Rehearsal Times Term 2 2014**

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Term 1 - a busy term

Term 1 has been another extremely busy term at TAS. Our boys have represented our school, themselves and their families so well in an enormous range of fields. I have been extremely proud of their efforts and contributions which has enabled our school to continue to shine on so many levels. I think at this time it is also fitting to acknowledge the wonderful commitment of our staff who assist in providing these experiences through both their expertise and goodwill. I for one feel very honoured to be surrounded by so many professionals who have the best interests of the students at heart, as our young men pursue opportunities beyond the classroom. No doubt this great sense of inclusivity, support and encouragement will continue next Term as our young men become engaged in their new seasons, ensembles, productions, events and clubs. I look forward to continuing to share their many successes with you during the term ahead.

TAS Hockey - Hockey New England winter season begins

Sunday saw the commencement of the 2014 Winter Hockey Season with TAS Hockey nominating teams in both the B and C Grade Mens Competition. With a number of boys unavailable to play due to prior commitments, largely brought about from the early season opener, the decision was made not to field a team in C Grade on Sunday and to amalgamate the available players into a competitive B Grade outfit to go up against Servies. This proved to be a good decision despite the disappointment of C Grade forfeiting their first round game. TAS Hockey look forward to two full strength Mens teams hitting the pitch when we resume the competition on Sunday 4th May, following Easter Holidays. The Junior competitions will also commence the weekend from Friday 2 May. Training will begin on Wednesday 30 April with Juniors training from 4-5pm and Seniors 5-6pm.

In the B Grade clash, our TAS Firsts were keen to get the season off to a good start and it was obvious that the youthfulness, enthusiasm and skill shown by the likes of Matthew Kaukiainen, who did a fine role directing from the midfield, would be a valuable element of the team. With coach Michael Young rotating our subs with regularity, all players, despite their relative lack of fitness, were able to work hard and show grit in the unseasonably warm midday conditions. The team showed good promise to break the nil-all half time deadlock through a clever tap in by Jonathon Chamberlain early in the second stint, and some great defence and excellent keeping from Will Brissett left Servies searching for an answer until the final whistle.

TAS Hockey would like to welcome all new players to the club and thank those existing players and families for their continued support in 2014.

Mr Portell - MIC Hockey

Rangers overnight trip

The Year 6 boys headed out to Grant Harris’ property on Thursday afternoon with much excitement about what was to happen during the next 24 hours!

On arrival the first chore was to set up the hoochies. We must admit we were terribly impressed with their ability to work as a section to sort out their ropes, spread the hoochie over the ropes and place the canvas underneath, then tie down all the ropes to the ground. Even taking turns with the various hammers and tools to assist in this task was impressive.

After having the hoochies set up to the satisfaction of Miss Bock and Mr Polson the boys got to discover the delights of “the ration packs!” Food for a day was packed together and included such treats as a casserole, muesli with milk powder already included, baked beans, muesli bars, sweetened condensed milk, jam and yeast containers, sweet and plain biscuits, 2 minute noodles, tinned peaches, hot chocolate packets and packets of chocolate lollies! What more could a young man need?

The boys then discovered how to set up their hexistove to cook on and received a piece of hexitab – glorified firestarter! There was excitement all round with the prospect of cooking their own meal and having ownership of whether they wanted to have their noodles or casserole or baked beans for dinner! The mind did boggle a bit with the combinations chosen and what was eventually left for lunch on Friday but no one starved!

After dinner Mr Polson told the story about the dropbears and that the only way to prevent them attacking you was to spread vegemite all over your face! Well as if any boy does not want to do that!
Then we had a game of ‘Capture the lantern’ where the teachers had the joy of lying down in dewy grass and hiding from the boys whose job it was to creep toward the lantern and try and touch it without being hit by the teacher’s spotlights. This proved a thrilling game and all enjoyed the challenge of beating the teachers – even those who were bitten by ants from lying in the grass for too long.

After this the boys were lucky enough to have Mr Derrin telling them amazing facts about the planets and stars that were so visible that night. He is a fountain of information and it is amazing what the boys remembered on their return to school.

Finally the boys got to sit around the campfire and heat milk to make hot chocolate and toast marshmallows. Lastly it was time to test out those hoochies and see what it felt like to spend the night sleeping on the ground in just a sleeping bag! The majority of boys were very quick to fall asleep after such a busy day but a few kept the teachers busy reminding them to get to sleep!

The next morning dawned nice and early – before 6am – and voices were heard as the boys discussed their nights sleep – or lack of it. As the sun rose it was time to pack up the hoochies and all the gear before having breakfast.

Once packed up the boys headed to Mt Yarrowyck where they hiked up the path to see the rock art. Lastly it was off to Yarrowyck Crossing to have lunch and do a hygiene lesson which basically involved getting into swimmers and taking a bath in the river!

Lastly it was back to TAS on the bus. The trip back was certainly a lot quieter than the trip out. Apparently the boys are already wondering what the next trip will entail in Term 2 after having such a wonderful experience on this trip.

We’d like to thank Miss Bock, Mrs Pollard and Mr Derrin for helping us so competently on the trip.

Mrs Brunsdon and Mr Polson
The Final Week

Well, we've made it. I'm pleased that the longest term of the year is the first. I think the Christmas break has been long enough to sustain us all. Clearly, boys are tired, but they have, as indicated, acquitted themselves well, having achieved much that is good both individually and collectively.

What's left now is ‘clean up’ – of desks, lockers and, for boarders, the House. This certainly won't be an arduous task as most rooms are still presentable and, honestly, considering the length of the term, this is no mean achievement. The term has been very ‘full’ in almost every way.

Leasa Cleaver

I'm pleased to introduce to you Mrs Cleaver, Andrew O'Connell's Year 7 Homeroom replacement, who will assume her teaching and pastoral load from the beginning of next term. Leasa has been teaching in Grafton for the last 10 years and is a Drama specialist. Such experience will enable Leasa to implement dramatic activities into her Humanities subjects and such combination will enable her to develop new learning perspectives for the boys in her classes. In characteristic Middle School fashion, Leasa's primary focus is pastoral care and, related to this, academic wellbeing of students under her care. I'm looking forward to working with Leasa and also to introducing her to you when the opportunity arises during the second term.

Easter Chapel Service

This Tuesday’s Assembly slot was one ‘with a difference’. The Middle and Senior Schools attended an Easter Service in the Memorial Hall. Middle School boys that were selected as readers of lessons were prepared well ensuring a ‘word perfect’ delivery. Well done!

Boarders’ Prep

I've been speaking recently to Middle School Housemaster, Andrew Junge, about the methods we employ for Middle School Prep and the necessity of student support mechanisms to ensure that these night sessions are most successful. As such, we’ve agreed on a revised ‘assistance’ program that will be implemented from the beginning of next term. I'm hoping your boys will keep you informed of ‘developments’ and that you, in turn, will keep me informed of your views about how they are faring in this important aspect of school life. As previously indicated, the next session is an examination term and we need to address, as well as we can, the needs of students and facilitate the process of effective study methods so they’ll be able to perform as well as they can at school.

Leave Provisions

Exceptional circumstances notwithstanding, boys will conclude the term this coming Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm. I ask that any requests for early leave come directly to me so that we can discuss them.

Easter Break

I want to take this opportunity to wish all Middle School families a safe holiday break. It will be a time to regroup with wider family and, importantly, recharge for the short but very busy new term. I look forward to seeing you at some of the sporting fixtures and parent sessions during Term 2.

Mark Harrison
ANZAC Day in Armidale

This year, with Anzac Day falling during the school holidays, our plans are underway for Junior School to be well represented again for this very significant occasion. I have been able to attend the last three years with our students and it has been pleasing to see the growth in numbers of those able to support the School and their community. It would be fantastic to see another large contingent of TAS girls and boys attending. I will be writing to all families early in the holidays when the arrangements are forwarded to the School. In the past, we have gather in the Kmart car park before the event, marched with the school and then been collected from Central Park at the conclusion of the Service. Until further and more accurate details are available, please put this date in your diaries and speak to your children about attending.

Farewell to Ms Tabitha Dowse, Thabe Sebola and Callum Gibson

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Ms Dowse, and publically thank her for the dedication and commitment she has shown towards her role in Junior School this term. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff and I know that the boys have benefitted enormously from having her as their classroom teacher, having had a very positive start to the year. Thabe and Callum, our Gappies move from Junior School to other departments and we will miss them. Their enthusiasm (and dare I say, charm) has been refreshing and greatly appreciated. Even more so, the completely unselfish and cheerful way they have interacted with our students. They have been impressive from the outset and will be sorely missed from our classrooms. We hope they enjoy their new posts as much as we have enjoyed having them with us in Junior School.

Uniform for Term 2

For the first two weeks for Term 2, students are able to wear either their summer or winter uniform. From 12 of May, all students are then expected to wear the winter uniform.

We would like to make another request that all clothing is clearly named, especially second hand clothing. Please remove or erase the previous owner’s name and clearly replace it. There is a lot of clothing in our lost property box in the Homework Centre that has not been claimed as it only has the previous owner’s name on it. Please check for any missing items of clothing before the holidays.

The Junior School has also lent clothes to families for various reasons, and we ask that they are returned to Reception before the holidays.

Winter Sporting Season

This week has seen most of our winter teams training for the first time. It has been a great opportunity for teams and players to meet their coaches and begin to get a taste for the season ahead. Our thanks go to the many parents who volunteer their time and support by coaching and managing teams and I look forward to seeing our students competing in their various competitions.

And so, it is timely to highlight the importance of all that is good in sport. While it is difficult to compete with the poor reminders of sport at its worst that we are all subjected to through the media in this day and age of professionalism, I am constantly aware of the positive aspects of healthy participation. In last week’s TAS Talks, I applauded those with the discipline and commitment to dedicate large amounts of time and effort to their various pursuits. At this early stage of our season, remembering the importance of allowing our children to learn generosity and grace while competing is paramount. The example we set as coaches, spectators and supporters cannot be underestimated and I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines.

You will also see information about our annual Cross Country event held in week 1 Term 2. It is a fantastic opportunity to see our children running at a time of the year when the School (and Armidale) is looking its finest. I hope you can be here for the afternoon.

Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following students for this week and the Holidays:

Jack van Roy, Emily Buntine, Josiah Alcorn, Beatrice Henzell, Illes Baker, Nicholas Thomas, Sam Meehan, Calin Simmonds and Henry Maxwell.
Finally, this term.........

On behalf of us all in Junior School, we sincerely hope that the holiday brings with it an opportunity to be together as families and the chance to rest and replenish the energy supplies. It has been a long term by any measure in terms of activities both in and outside the classroom. Have a wonderful and safe holiday and we look forward to the exciting term ahead.

Holiday Borrowing

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow 6 books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow more books, parents need to sign the permission note, which is attached to this newsletter.

Excursion Week Permission Notes

Please return your permission notes and other medical information for the various excursions next term. Planning is now being finalised and there will be very little time before the departure date in week 2 next term is upon us.

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TAS Junior School Cross Country – Term 2

Our Cross Country event takes place at TAS on Friday, 2 May. (First Friday in Term 2)

Lunch on this day will be from 12:45pm-1:15pm. Children will then be familiarised with the course before races start at 2pm.

Presentation of ribbons will occur in the Junior School under cover area at 3pm.

Children may wear their house coloured t-shirts to school on this day, ready for the event.

TAS Turquoise vs Red Rubies

In only their second game of the season on Saturday, Turquoise played a step up from the week before and impressed all those watching. In the first quarter, Red Rubies had much of the possession but, amazingly, scored only 2 goals due to the strong defence and teamwork of Emily Buntine as Goal Keeper, Sophie Mason as Goal Defence, Grace Pennington in Wing Defence and Chloe Lincoln at Centre. Red Rubies attacked strongly in the second quarter causing us to lose confidence a little but the determination returned and everyone tried their hardest. Isabel Newton was tireless in her defensive play.

Dimity Chalmers and Ruby Straker supported by Poppy Broun and Casey Smith tried hard to score with several opportunities but that 3.05 metre goalpost seems a lot higher than what we were used to in Netta! In the third quarter, Turquoise again showed their potential with some good driving and great passing, giving Chloe Lincoln the opportunity to try and score. She was so close on several occasions, well supported by Dimity! The final quarter saw Turquoise once again have a few opportunities to score with both Sophie and Isabel narrowly missing their great attempts. The Turquoise girls should be proud of their efforts as Red Rubies is an older and more experienced team. We will look forward to playing again after the holidays on Saturday, 3 May.

Mrs Trenerry

Assembly

A reminder that our wonderful K-2 Choir is singing at Assembly this week.
Mrs Trenerry is pictured above with the TAS Turquoise team of Isabel Newton, Ruby Straker, Casey Smith, Chloe Lincoln, Grace Pennington, Poppy Broun, Sophie Mason, Dimity Chalmers, and Emily Buntine pictured below.

Library Permission Note

Please return signed note to Library ..........................

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child ........................................ in Year ..................................

to borrow two books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2014.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

Signed .......................................................... Date.................................

This form can be downloaded HERE
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Year 10 Excursion - Canberra

For detailed information on the Year 10 Canberra excursion, Please click HERE.

Late Arrival to Senior School

Students arriving late to Senior School must sign in, or out at Reception. Senior School students needing to leave the school grounds for medical or other appointments during the normal school day (8.30am-3.30pm) must sign out accordingly.

PARENTING TIPS

Click here to view parenting tips for this week.

Alternative Gap Year Information

Please select the following link to access information about alternative gap year possibilities.

Getting involved globally.

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Fun Tennis Camps

April School Holiday 2014

Golf Links Road, Armidale; 0417 957 982

9:00am – 3:00pm for 7+ years
9:00am – 12.00noon for 5-7 years

- Improve your tennis game
- Loads of fun with tennis.
- A tournament/point play session is held every day after lunch.
- Lunches (sandwiches) are provided, fresh each day for those staying all day

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle something for morning tea and a racquet if you have one. Racquets can be borrowed free of charge.

Contact 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au

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Course 1 - Dalve May 17/18 8:30am – 3:30pm
Course 2 - Dalve November 15/16 8:30am – 3:30pm

Course Venue: Tamworth Sport and Recreation Centre Phone 8481 6284

Teaching of Infant and Preschool Aquatics (2 day course): \( \text{COST} = \$270 \)

Course 1 - Dalve October 11/12 8:30am – 3:30pm
Teaching of Infant Aquatics (2 day course): \( \text{COST} = \$270 \)

Course 1 - Dalve November 1 8:30am – 3:30pm
Access and Induction Course Date: May 24 8:30am – 3:30pm

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