The annual rugby fixture against Kinross Wolaroi School took place at Coonabarabran last week and it was truly a TAS community event. Nearly 250 rugby players left the school at 6.40 am accompanied by their coaches and managers for the four hour journey. Upon our arrival we were greeted by an incredible number of parents and family who had also travelled to support the school and spend the day watching the games. The impact that this level of support has on the boys and the staff cannot be understated and is greatly appreciated by all.

Our assembly this week was enhanced by a performance from TAS Singers conducted by Ms Leanne Roobol. They performed a traditional Irish song in Gaelic and it was a wonderful rendition. This was followed at lunch time by a piano recital by Patrick Williamson (Year 12) who performed his AMusA program for half an hour as a soloist and again, it was a most memorable occasion.

I mention this because on Thursday night in the Memorial Hall starting at 6 pm there will be a number of performances by our elective music students and I encourage anyone with a bit of time on their hands to sit in and listen to the variety of musical experiences that are on offer at the school and as a foretaste of the Armidale Eisteddfod that begins next week.

On Friday our students will be on the road again driving down the hill to Tamworth to engage Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in the Dick Hodgson Shield in a variety of sports. Competition in rugby, football, tennis, hockey and chess are on offer and I am sure that the boys will relish the challenge.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Red Shield Appeal**

**Salvation Army Door Knock Appeal**

Next **Sunday 25 May** is the Salvation Army’s annual Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. If students are interested in volunteering as collectors, please email Ms Boydell.

Students will be able to gain three hours of Community Service for participating in this event.

If any parents would like to volunteer as drivers, please also email Ms Boydell on cboydell@as.edu.au
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

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

Thursday 22 May
Metals Work Placement (Year 12)

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

Saturday 24 May
TAS Company Members AGM

Sunday 25 May
CIS Football Trials in Sydney
Red Shield Doorknock
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
Inter School Rugby 7’s
Tournament at TAS
Dubbo Bull Sale

Sun 1 Jun
Year 12 Careers/University Expo in Sydney
NW Equestrian Expo
Dubbo Bull Sale

Week 6

Monday 2 June
Years 9/10 Mid Year Exams
NW Equestrian Expo
Dubbo Bull Sale

Monday 3 June
Years 9/10 Mid Year Exams
NW Equestrian Expo
Dubbo Bull Sale

Wednesday 4 June
Years 9/10 Mid Year Exams
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5 June
Years 9/10 Mid Year Exams
Eisteddfod Strings & Chamber Ensembles
Classes conclude

Friday 6 June
Staff PD Day
Boarders Depart for Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend (School Closed)

LOST PROPERTY

Callan Creighton has lost his school jacket and school jumper at the end of last term. Both have his name in them. Please check at home in case your son has accidentally picked up the wrong items. If you see them/have them, please return them to Reception and we will ensure that they are delivered back to Callan.
Year 9 and 10 Parent and Son Service Opportunity

At the recent Year 9 Parent Teacher Information Session Barney Buntine flagged an opportunity for students in Year 9 to travel to Alice Springs to stay at Yipirinya School and work with indigenous school students and conclude the visit with a three day trip to Uluru.

Students from NEGS and PLC have been invited to participate with us.

For several reasons we have made some changes to the timing and format of this opportunity and would now like to open up the invitation to Years 9 and 10 to either participate as an individual or with a parent. There will be an accompanying staff member.

The service program offered runs from Saturday 5 July returning to Armidale Monday 14 July (last week of July school holidays). The cost is $1550, inclusive Armidale to Armidale.

Yipirinya School has been offering service learning programs for some time now and is currently developing its first ‘holiday’ program for indigenous children. We are very excited to be the first school to be part of this very worthwhile service opportunity! Your task would be to assist in running the activities and interacting with the children from outlying communities for four days at the school. This would be followed by three days at Uluru.

WHAT NEXT?? If you are interested, please contact Mr Barney Buntine or Mrs Anna Barnier asap - we will have to move quite quickly to finalise travel arrangements etc.
Knowing God #4
Hebrews 1:1 & Numbers 12: 6-8

You can only learn so much about someone by what they do. You would think that Englishmen who invented rugby would know something of the game. You would think so, their actions suggest they would, but when the mouth is opened more than just your lunch is revealed.

According to an SMH quote, a survey of over 2000 Brits found that there was much ignorance regarding the noble game of rugby. As they completed the surveys, as their words came forth, it was clear that fewer than a quarter know how many players take the field despite the commonly displayed Roman numeral sign for fifteen ‘XV’. Half the respondents suggested the ‘blood bin’ referred to the pitch, while 22% thought it was where the players met for a post match bevy.

It is often said talk is cheap, or actions speak louder than words – but does this mean that our actions tell the truth, or for that matter that they are interpreted truthfully?

If the British rugby survey is any indication, actions speak, but words reveal the truth.

This can be true in the case of us knowing God as well. We may see what he has achieved in creation, we may observe His great acts throughout history, but does this mean that we know God? Or is there need for further revelation? Is there the need for some commentary to the story we see in history?

We can observe a number of truths about God, but to know him intimately we need Him to speak. And speak he does.

We heard in the reading that he has spoken specifically to individuals over time. One example is Moses. He also spoke in the past to and through the prophets, those people who acted as God’s messengers to the people of Israel.

The Bible does not suggest God is a mime artist, He is not the “the dreaming, dark, dumb Thing” as Thomas Hardy describes. He is the personal, speaking and revealing God who cares to show Himself.

Yet we are still left wondering can God be known by us, by me? It was good for Moses all those centuries ago, but has the cat got God’s tongue, can we know God?

Public discourse and dialogue, especially when it is political in nature, is often characterised by the absence of accurate listening. Misrepresentation, deliberate distortion, interruptions, personal ridicule and the pursuit of domination, are much more common. Life in organisational settings can also deteriorate into these destructive dynamics. Personal relationships also can be characterised by these same qualities. Sometimes, the coffee shop seems to be the only safe place for a civil exchange of thought, feeling and perspective, where there is some chance that the other person will understand us or where we might try that little bit harder to understand accurately the other person’s way of seeing things.

Attentive and accurate listening may become a dying art unless we appreciate its elements and practice them constantly. So often, in my work with people, the task of learning and applying these communication skills, is a deliberate part of what we do. The steps involved are not difficult conceptually, just difficult to apply when our emotions are aroused, when we want to override the other person’s point of view, when we are determined to win, or when the pursuit of genuine understanding is laid aside. Sadly, one of the few places where a person may have the wonderful experience of being heard accurately, is a visit to a Counsellor’s room. Even there, sadly, accurate listening is not always a foregone conclusion. But when we experience being deeply heard and understood by somebody who refuses to judge us, something begins to change in us. We start to see things differently, to stand back a little from the immediacy of our reactions, feelings and thoughts, to gain some perspective.

Be part of the counter-culture and learn to listen.
Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Parent Teacher interviews will be held next Thursday 29 May 3.30pm-6pm and Friday 30 May 1.40pm-5.30pm.

Details have been sent via email regarding the link to book parent/teacher interviews online and also the Information Session which will be held on Friday 30 May beginning at 11.45am in the Hoskins Theatre and conducted by Mr Bunting.

If you are having any problems with online process please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien 6776 5806.

Academic Achievement Highlighted

As mentioned in last week’s TAS Talks, six boys currently in Year 12 were presented with Academic Gold and Silver Colours for their academic achievements in 2013.

In addition, Gold, Silver and Bronze Academic Medallions were presented to 21 Year 11 boys for their effort and achievement as Year 10 students, while 17 boys in Year 10 were honoured for their efforts achieved in Year 9. Congratulations again to these boys, who are pictured here below.

P&F ASSOCIATION
SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT

TAS P&F Meeting – Wednesday 21 May

The TAS P&F holds only four general meetings each year and the next one is particularly important. It will be held TONIGHT Wednesday 21 May at 7.30pm in the Lower Maxwell Room. In addition to our general business, this is the meeting where we will discuss funding requests from different parts of the school, and we invite open and frank discussion of the individual requests before we vote on the distribution of our funds raised through the good work of very many parents and families over the last 12 months. The diversity of the funding requests are interesting and it provides a good insight into parts of the school you may not normally be familiar with. All parents are welcome and I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend, allowing all requests to receive fair and considered deliberation.

FLAG THE DATE – Saturday 1 November

The annual TAS fete is our largest fundraiser for the year, and it will be held on Saturday 1 November. Please save the date and come along to support all the stands and activities.

But not only that, please start saving goods to donate to the White Elephant stall, and pots for planting, and think about all the different ways you may be able to help your year group and others. Perhaps you have a shearing shed that needs a good clean out underneath?
Congratulations to all involved in what was a wonderful day out in Coonabarabran. We especially wish to thank the Coonabarabran Rugby Club for hosting both schools. It was a brilliant day of rugby played on outstanding grounds.

This Friday night we look forward to travelling to Farrer en masse as we compete in multiple sports including Football, Rugby, Tennis, Chess, Clay Target Shooting & Hockey.

We thank Farrer in advance as we compete for the Dick Hodgson Shield.

All information can be found on the sports page of the website:  http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2014/05/FARRER-2014.pdf

In next Tuesday’s assembly we will be presenting Colours to many of our young men for their efforts in Summer Sport and in coming weeks we will be presenting Performing Arts Colours to all of those who shone in West Side Story.

For more information on the awarding of ‘Colours’ please go to: http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/sport/wiki/42ca9/Awards.html

Equestrian

I would like to introduce myself to all parents, students, staff and friends of the school as the new staff contact for Equestrian. Having commenced this role at the beginning of this term, I am already enjoying being involved with this wonderful sport on behalf of TAS, as it takes me back to my own high school days of preparing my horse for competitions, attending lessons and travelling around the countryside to events. My role involves liaising with students and families who compete within the many areas that make up the Equestrian discipline, reporting on student performances to the wider school community and assisting with the organisation of events where a TAS team is entered. As such much of my communication to students and families will occur in TASTALKS, so please keep posted.

In addition we always want to know of any recent student achievements or upcoming events so we can pass this news on to our wider TAS community, so please always feel free to contact me at amurray1@as.edu.au with any news or information.

In regards to upcoming events there is an Interschool event at SIEC from the 18 - 22 June. If you would like further details you can find them at www.nsw.equestrian.org.au. Also, congratulations to Nick Murray who received a champion ribbon in C grade, representing his pony club at the recent event held at NEGS.

Second term is one of our busiest term in regards to Equestrian, with 10 of our boys representing TAS at the Coonabarabran High School Horse Expo. These boys include; Hamish Edmonds, Ben McElroy, Michael Paull, Tom Deshon, Ben Hamparsum, George Rodgers, William Archer, Nick Murray, Lachlan Mack and Pierce Hayden. They shall be competing in a range of both team and individual events including Hacking, Show Jumping, Sporting Events, Polocrosse, Team Penning, Horseball, etc. This is one of our biggest teams yet, so we wish all these boys well as they complete their final preparation and then head of to Coonabarabran next Friday for five days of competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a large thanks to our team manager Mrs Belinda Murray, who has spent many hours organising the boys for this event, and who shall then be managing the team for the five days of competition. Such events could not occur without volunteers, such as Belinda, and we are very grateful for her efforts. I would also like to thank the previous staff contact, Mrs Joanne Benham, who
spent many hours last term and early this term collating entries and replying to emails, your efforts have also been much appreciated. Finally I would like to wish all the boys and their horses all the best at Coonabarabran and I look forward to being able to report on your efforts soon.

Mrs Alexandra Murray

Football News - Week 4, Term 2

Congratulations to Richard Newton

I offer my congratulations to Richard Newton on his appointment as manager of the CIS Football team and we wish him all the best in this role for the upcoming season.

Farrer Fixtures - Friday 23 May

This Friday our U15s squad and our 1st XI squad will travel to Farrer as part of our annual schoolboy fixture calendar. I thank Mr Nexo and Mr Newton for taking these teams and supporting them on the day. Our fixtures against Farrer are a highlight of the sporting calendar and we are looking forward to these matches on Friday. Please ensure full football uniform and gear is taken. Mr Nexo will supply the U15s with their kit shirt on the day.

Details are as follows:

Buses will depart TAS at 1.30pm sharp.
3.15pm Farrer 15s vs TAS 15s Field 5 (2 x 25 minute halves)
4.10pm Farrer Open vs TAS 1st XI Field 5 (2 x 30 minute halves)
Return to TAS approximately 7.30pm

Training Changes - Thursday 22 May

Due to TAS running a coaching session for our staff, there will be no training for the 16s, 2nd XI and 12As on Thursday afternoon. Training will run as scheduled for any other times and teams.

Football Caps - Now available

TAS Football supporters caps are now available at the Clothing Shop for purchase. This is a fantastic way to raise the profile of football at our School and the caps look fantastic. Please go and take a look!

Absences & Registrations

Last weekend there were a number of absences at games on Saturday morning, resulting in several teams being short of players. It is absolutely essential that any absence is communicated to the coach of the team prior to the game, allowing the coach to ask another player to fill in if possible. Please ensure that this occurs. Additionally, any player who takes the field for TAS must be registered. All players who appear on TAS team lists are registered to play.

Draws for Saturday 24 May (correct as of 20 May) - Around the grounds this week:

- TAS 1st XI - 3pm TAS Adamsfield against Uralla Rangers
- TAS 2nd XI - 1pm TAS Adamsfield against Uralla Thirsties
- TAS 3rd XI - 1pm Jack Vallance 1 against Ex-Services Westside Blue
- TAS 16As - 8:30am Phil Wheaton Oval against North Armidale Redmen
- TAS 16Bs - 8:30am TAS Adamsfield against Guyra Pumas
- TAS 14As - 10:10am TAS Adamsfield against Demon Knights Thunderbolts
- TAS 14Bs Blue - 10:10am North Oval 2 against North Armidale Spartans
- TAS 14Bs White - 10:10am Walcha 1 against Walcha United Mustangs
- TAS 12As - 10:10am Rologas 2 against Guyra Titans
- TAS 12Bs - 9:00am Rologas 1 against Guyra Dragons
- TAS 10s Tornadoes - 9:00am Rologas 13 against Guyra Rockets
- TAS 9s Typhoons - 10:50am Rologas 16 against Ex-Services West Leopards
- TAS 8s Trucks - 10:10am Rologas 14 against North Armidale Crystals
- TAS 7s Tigers - 10:50am Rologas 5 against South Armidale Sea Squirts
- TAS 7s Taipans - BYE
- TAS 6s Joeys - 10:00am Uralla 1 against Uralla Tigers
- TAS 6s Tadpoles - 9:00am Walcha 5 against Walcha Strikers

As draws are subject to change, please check the Football Website the Friday evening before your games.

A busy week ahead for Football. Best wishes.
Mr Luke Polson - MIC Football
**TAS U13s Representative Success**

Congratulations to Middle School boys Sebastian Etheridge, Jack Halliday, Sam Behrend, Zac Matherson and Liam Matherson of TAS Hockey who have been selected in the Hockey New England U13s Representative side to contest the State Championships later in the season. It is a fine achievement individually to gain selection in what is a competitive field of young players, but even more so a fine reflection on the school and TAS Hockey Club to have such high representation at this level. Well done boys.

**TAS Hockey Supporter Caps**

TAS Hockey supporter caps are now available for the 2014 season. Please show your support for the TAS Hockey Club and widen our profile in the Hockey New England community by donning one of these fine caps out and about at the Hockey Fields. Purchases may be made at the Clothing Shop. TAS Hockey Navy Mens Socks (B and C Grade only) will also be available shortly.

**Registration**

Thank you to all families who are now fully registered online with Hockey NSW. If you have not yet done so, please attend to this ASAP using the Register Here link on the Hockey NSW homepage.

**Under 13s - TAS 2 16 May**

In the first opportunity for the newly divided TAS 13s sides to play, the TAS 2 side, under coach Mr Portell, was matched against City Scorpions. With the TAS 1 side having the bye, and an online HNE draw confusion, some of the TAS 1 players filled in for a couple of ill team mates, which is another great advantage of having such a strong and growing body of young hockey players at our club. It is also to see the enthusiasm and willingness of some of the younger 11s players stepping up to join the 13s sides so that they can learn more about the full field game and develop their skills. The Matherson brothers, Zac and Liam, along with the versatile Sam Behrend did a good job providing structure in attack and were backed up competently by the likes of Lochlan Nicoll, Aiden Rogers-Ellis and Olivia Strelitz. Stewart and Cassidy Williams did some fine work as defensive midfielders, alongside Isabella Rutledge, whilst Sophia Rutledge brushed off a bruising strike to the leg in the first half, to resume bravely in the second half. TAS 2 withstood some blisteringly fast City breakaways through some confident keeping by Jack Sewell, but despite two great TAS goals, they were pipped at the end, 3-2 in a closely contested and enjoyable match.

**B Grade - 16 May**

With another double header on the weekend against Guyra Spuds, TAS Firsts were keen to maintain their unbeaten record in the B Grade competition. Friday night saw an energetic TAS side take the field full of confidence with the return of 2013 team member Mr Tim Moffatt. Suffering a bad case of spectatoritis, the father of forward and attacking midfielder Ben, couldn’t wait to get back on the turf, and with regular defender Mr Ball out for the weekend’s games, it couldn’t have come at a better time. The game looked to be a TAS affair from the very start, with a Guyra hit off quickly being turned around by the TAS attack to see us in the D within the minute and scoring off a cunning strike from Ben Moffatt to put us straight into the lead. The TAS play was proving to be dynamic in the midfield and up front, with some patient coaching from 2013 leaver Michael Young baring fruit. Matt Kaukiainen was exceptional as centre half, directing play and keeping a cool head under pressure, whilst Captain Hamish McPhee and Vice Captain Jack Simmons were leading by example in their work rate off the ball. One could go on about all the players, as it was a fine team effort and the quality of young players this team has bodes well for a strong future over the next couple of seasons and beyond. Eventually, despite Will Brissett’s outstanding keeping, Guyra were able to hit the backboard once, but it was no match for Hamish Coupland’s bewilderingly good drag push goal from well outside the circle that left the stick just inside the D, Matt Kaukiainen’s clever double and Ben Moffatt’s well earned triple to secure a 6-1 ‘mashing’ of the men from the top of the range.

**18 May**

Sunday saw a rematch of the Friday night game against Guyra. Knowing what to expect, the Spuds came out ready for action like a fresh bag of washed and waxed Desirees ready for the baking tray - far more polished and knowing that the heat was bound to turn up over the ensuing 70 or so minutes. TAS, however, even with Ball, Carmichael, Williams and Kaukiainen out, were cool under pressure, having once again brought in the superb talents of young Sam Wright and his Year 8 comrade Sterling George, who was making his B Grade debut on the field, after a stellar game in the goals a couple of weeks earlier. The defensive troupe of Drew Ferguson, Mr Tim Moffatt, and Harry Wright, who shone this weekend in his role of delivering quality ball to the midfielders, were solid and despite initially lacking support to clear the ball off our 16 yard line, they were steadfast in disallowing the more dynamic Guyra forwards a way through. Heading to the break with a 2-nil advantage, TAS were looking and feeling confident, especially given Sterling George’s first B Grade goal for the season. Coach Young was happy with the defensive press and enjoying seeing the ball moved wide, which continued in the second half to good working beautifully together with many
great opportunities being created from good efficient ball movement. It was through a surprise solo effort from Guyra forward Lach Fulloon, that the Spuds got their breakthrough, after Brissett valiantly stretched to snuff the attack but in doing so fouled Fulloon’s attempt, thus conceding a penalty stroke which Guyra half Will Maloney slotted through low and left. Despite this minor resistance, TAS were able to put another on the board through a nicely finished team play by Ben Moffatt to finish the game 3-1 up. Not so much of a ‘roasting’ this time, but another fine win against the Spuds to keep that precious undefeated tag intact.

**C Grade - 18 May**

After worrying the United team a week ago, TAS went down 7-2 in a closely fought match. The scoreline didn’t reflect the number of TAS short corner attempts and the closeness of the match. On the day United seemed to control the midfield play especially when they moved the ball out of defence. Goal scorers were Jonathon Chamberlain who converted a goal from some textbook passing involving the complete forward line and Lachlan Tonkin who was positioned for a perfect left post deflection. Mr Simon Chamberlain and Sterling George were very solid in defence. A thank you to Harry Williams and Max Cushway for stepping up to fill the keeper’s shoes.

Mrs S. Wright

**Rugby**

For those that were at Coonabarabran on Saturday, I am sure you enjoyed what was a wonderful day of rugby. The hospitality and quality of the grounds were outstanding and we are very grateful to the Coonabarabran Rugby Club. For those that could not be there I hope you appreciated the live results on Team App.

On behalf of all the boys and coaches, I would like to thank the RSG again for funding this trip, the staff for driving buses, the boys, staff and parents who helped officiate, the first aid staff, coaches managers and supporters. It is very special for all involved to be part of such a strong community.

We will be doing it all again on Friday afternoon at Farrer (not Saturday as was published earlier in the year), along with football, chess, hockey, tennis and clay target shooting. Details are on the TAS Rugby site http://wordpress.as.edu.au/rugby/

Boys are expected to travel on the bus to and from away fixtures unless we are otherwise informed. Could parents who wish to take their son (and friends) directly from the ground please notify their son’s team manager (see contact information on TAS Rugby site) before Thursday training. It is sufficient to cc the manager in emails directed to Housemasters.

Mr Will Caldwell
MIC Rugby

**Hawkesbury Classic Familiarisation Paddle**

There is going to be a familiarisation paddle this Sunday from 9am up at Malpas Dam (turn right at Black Mountain Roadhouse then immediately left over the ramp and follow the signs).

A bus will leave from Q-Store at the school at 8.20am if you require a lift.

This will be an opportunity to try out different kayaks and find one that will suit your Hawkesbury training.

There will be other opportunities to join in Term 3 if you are not able to attend this paddle.

Mr Tim Wheaton
MIC Hawkesbury Classic
**Senior Jazz Combo at Armidale Youth Spectacular 9 May**

Well done to the members of the TAS Senior Jazz Combo who performed as the final act at the recent Youth Spectacular at Lazenby Hall, UNE. The event was held on Friday night, 9 May as a fundraiser for the new Town Library and Performing Arts Centre featured loads of talented students from local schools. It is wonderful for our TAS boys to be part of a community event like this and we thank our students for their commitment. Many thanks also to TAS Old Boy and guest drummer, Mr Chris Bradley and to Ensemble Director, Mr Warwick Dunham.

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**Elective Music Soiree this Thursday 22 May at 6pm**

Our Year 9 - 12 elective music students will perform in a Soiree this Thursday in Memorial Hall from 6pm. This concert is open to everyone and along with solo performers and class groups will feature TAS Singers and the TAS Senior Jazz Combo. Eisteddfod commences next week with Choirs on Tuesday 27 May. The following week our Guitar Ensembles will perform. The dates and session times next week for the K-2 Choir, 3-5 Choirs and TAS Trebles are below if parents want to come along to see them perform.

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**Eisteddfod 2014**

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Please see the Eisteddfod Timetable below.

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**TAS Beginner Band**

Don’t forget that TAS Beginner Band commences tomorrow! The Beginner Band is open to any student in Junior School who is currently having lessons on their instrument. The band will be conducted by Mr Finco and Mrs Butcher. The first rehearsal is this Wednesday at lunchtime. Students are to eat their lunch first from 1pm and then come over to the music block by 1.15pm at the latest. Please remember to bring your own instrument with you.

Many thanks
Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent

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**TAS Timetable**

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HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

I warned you (about time) and informed you (about exams)

By the time you've scanned this one, we'll have completed the first half of the term! Amazing, isn't it, the apparently accelerated pace of time in this place? Despite the pace, boys and staff are settling into the steady period of those pre-exam weeks so necessary to the establishment of a sense of calm and increasing confidence so that the approach to them is serious, though not stressful.

Already I've received communication from a number of you about the exams – such a good and healthy thing, too. Please be assured that students will begin to receive, beginning next week, exam and study packages containing information about examinable topics, ‘styles’ of questions, including marks values attaching to each of the ‘above’. I've already spoken to a number of students about the wisdom of ‘study groups’. Those I’ve discussed this with are receptive to the idea, too.

They’re necessary components of school life: exams. While people don’t look to them with the kind of enthusiasm that attends a sporting fixture or a cultural pursuit, the ‘new’ attitude that attaches to them is healthy challenge, or, increasingly calm resignation. But it isn’t a kind of resignation that carries a negative charge; rather, it’s a resignation that academic testing is part of normal life at this school and, as such, something that isn’t to be feared. The current Year 10 group is the first cohort to have been subject to formal exams from their first senior school years and I’m really interested about the effect the initiative may have on the quality of their final results in two years.

I spoke again to the boys at our Assembly on Monday, indicating the necessity of utilizing the Study Packages that will be received very soon. I’m sure that they’ll give the exercise their ‘best shot’ and have advised that we’re here to assist them – but that the day before an exam may not be the best time to do this. In other words I’ve told them to determine problem areas as soon as possible, being proactive and alerting us to issues of concern over the next week.

Coonabarabran and Doody Park

This last weekend saw hundreds of TAS boys in Coonabarabran: the first big Rugby fixture, against Kinross, of the year. I went to dinner with the Middle School boarders last Friday night and to say that excitement characterized them is almost to understage the palpable nature of the atmosphere I felt when there. They’re still so young and not at all awkward showing how they really feel about events in their lives. They were weary on their return of course, but have had the whole of Sunday to rest before getting back into academic mode. You know, that’s one of the greatest recommendations of TAS: it keeps boys gainfully employed, provides enough variety to stave off the mind-numbing nature of boredom and allows enough R&R so they’re not exhausted. Effectively, there’s balance to life here and, as parents, you should be encouraged that you’ve made the right decision sending your boys to the School.

While on a subject where the subtext concerns the ‘benefits of balance’, I want to add something else. On Thursday evening I went to Doody Park to watch the 1st XI football game against Pacific Heights College. While Prep time is normally sacrosanct, I was really encouraged to see most boarders, including your sons, who had permission to watch the first half of the game, before returning to TAS to complete the Second Prep period. They were there to see the Soccer game and to support the players. It’s a ‘smart’ game, Soccer (or Football for those of you who wish to use the international name of the game) and I really liked it. Also encouraging was the number of day boys who came back to school (after a fashion) to watch the senior boys play. Yes, definitely a good and healthy school, this one.

PSSA Cross Country & Year 5 / 6 da Vinci Decathlon

On behalf of the wider Middle School, I want to wish our Year 6 boys much luck for the PSSA Cross Country this coming Friday and also those others who will travel to Sydney for the da Vinci Decathlon.

I’ll be in touch next week,

Mark Harrison
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

This Friday we are very pleased to be hosting our version of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community for the common goal of raising awareness and funds for cancer research and we warmly invite you to attend. It will be held in the Junior School covered area and begin around 10.15am. We have also a large contingent of senior school staff, many of whom will be joining us so we anticipate that this will be an occasion not to be missed.

We have been an Allergy Aware School at TAS for many years now, and while this protocol is currently under review, it is timely to get another reminder out into our community that we have children in our School who live with Anaphylaxis. These students are well aware of the condition, and are able to self-monitor, but knowing this and having our own understanding of the condition allows us all to carry some of the responsibility for their care. When providing food for the school, please do not use nut products and please take the time to visit the following very informative site: http://www.allergy.org.au

Choral Program

We have been so fortunate to have Ms Leanne Robool step into the role of Director of Music and her influence has already impacted very positively on Junior School. With the Armidale Eisteddfod looming, we look to use such events as opportunities to further the choral program and to perform for the elderly in the CWA Hall with the Vocal Ensemble. This is a direction we wish to promote in the future. You should have received a letter outlining our approach this year to the New England Sings concert to be held on Sunday 28 October. In my time in Junior School, we have not embraced this event as we should in the past, and I feel that it is a tremendous opportunity for our students in so many ways. Please call me to discuss this program and I look forward to your ongoing support in this and other projects.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 21 May during recess at 11.20am in our School library. All across Australia, libraries will be reading the same story at the same time. This year the book choice is ‘Too many elephants in this house’ by Ursula Dubosarsky. Junior School and their families are very welcome to come to the library to listen to this story. Feel free to bring your morning tea to munch on. Everyone welcome but as usual more suited to the younger ones.
**Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Japan - Excursion 2014**

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Neil Druce and Mr Allan Moore will be accompanying our bi-annual trip to Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Japan this December. Letters have been sent to those families expressing an interest with information about an introductory meeting on Thursday 12 June at 5.30 pm in the Japanese Languages classroom. This is an outstanding opportunity for our students and I encourage those who are yet to consider this trip do so as soon as possible.

**Please make a time to drop in....**

It is a whirlwind second term – and we are almost half way through it! As noted in earlier articles, it is a very busy term with a reporting period at its completion. Written reports are an important record of assessment and statement of progress, but there is no doubting the value of calling in to discuss your child or indeed any issue with us. So whether you would like to have a chat with the classroom teacher or sample the excellent coffee in my office (or both) please feel free to contact us and drop in.

**Looking Ahead**

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**Happy Birthday Wishes**

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Cassidy Williams, Stewart Williams, Jonathan Harris, Isabel Newton, Oliver Smart, Henry Moore and Isabel Newton.

**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

**Friday, 23 May**  
**Junior School Playground**

**Time:**  
10:15am

**Please note this important date in your calendar.**

Once again the Junior School will be hosting ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’ in our Junior School playground. Please come along, bring something to share and join in to support the Cancer Council of Australia. Watch the video from the link below to see how funds are used.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tk5OT7ebh8o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tk5OT7ebh8o)

Children are asked to bring a plate to share with their friends. (no nuts please)

We would also appreciate a gold coin donation on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Clothing Shop**

The Clothing Shop is open:

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Parents must be present for a Child to purchase any item and Children are also unable to sign for any item to be added to an account if they are in Junior School.

Please do not call the Clothing Shop and ask for items to be put on your account, as refusal may offend.

**Children's school bags**

Could parents please check the contents of their child’s school bag as some bags have items in them that are not necessary to be taken to school each day?

Thank you for your help with this. It is a good habit for children to get into emptying their bag each afternoon after school so that school notes etc are attended to promptly.
PSSA Cross Country – this Friday, 23 May

Our Cross Country team will compete this Friday in the Armidale PSSA Cross Country Event. We will leave TAS at 9:30am returning at 2:30pm.

Please note the following times for age divisions.

- 10:30am: Walk the Course
- 11:00am: 8/9 years girls (2000m)
- 11:20am: 8/9 years boys (2000m)
- 11:40am: 10 years girls (2000m)
- 12:00pm: 10 years boys (2000m)
- 12:20pm: 11 years girls (3000m)
- 12:40pm: 11 years boys (3000m)
- 1:00pm: 12/13 years girls (3000m)
- 1:20pm: 12/13 years boys (3000m)

If you are planning to attend the event to watch your child and would like to take your child back to school after their event please inform Mrs Wright either before the day, or at the event.

Mrs Christine Wright
JS Sports Co-ordinator

FOOTBALL

TAS Tadpoles

It was with great enthusiasm that the TAS Tadpoles (U6 Football) took to the fired against the Walcha United Giants, for their second game of the season. Within the first few minutes of the game TAS scored a goal - a beautiful shot by Charlie Ryan, who went on to score a second shot later in the game. The team showed great improvement from their previous match. Congratulations to Tom Rowe, Penny Pezzutti, Sophia White, Peyton Slade and Charlie, winning 3-2.

TAS Terriers

The Terriers achieved dramatic improvements in this week’s game despite going down. Congratulations to Mitchell Evans for scoring two goals throughout the duration of the match. All boys should be congratulated on their teamwork in defense, it was an experienced and competitive opposition and the boys held them out a number of times.

Ms Jayne Heagney

TAS Tigers VS Uralla Wolves

It is exciting to watch the boys transfer some of the skills taught at training into the game with success. The boys are passing well from the half way line. Nicholas Thomas displayed great trapping skills, Archie Douglas-Menzies kicked solid long balls down the sideline and Flinders Ward tackled the opposition well. It was Lachlan Litchfield and Evan Kwan who were fast on their feet and hungry for goals. Our final score was 8 nil.

It is wonderful to watch the boys become aware of each other and work as a team. Go the mighty Tigers!

Ms Bromwich

TAS Taipans vs North Armidale Corsairs

On Saturday the TAS Taipans took on North Armidale Corsairs on the Rologas fields.

This was the first game that I had with this group of boys and was pleasantly surprised at there attitude and how they played.

Some of the highlights were the big kicks in the midfield from Lance Latham, Ty Schalk-O’Brien and Will Tout and some close calls on goal from Iles Baker and Ted Chick as well as Andrew Knight who held together the defence.

A special thanks to the parents of the boys who made me feel welcome and supplied the boys with oranges at half time.

Mr Michael Cursons

TAS Typhoons vs Walcha United Wizards - 17 May

The Typhoons played very well in the first half and led 2-1 at the break. Sam Meehan and Oliver Smart scored the goals. There was plenty of good passing and teamwork. Charlie Repin was our first half goalie. Walcha had a strong team and came back in the second half and managed to score 4 goals with 3 in quite quick succession. Sam Meehan scored another goal the second half but, unfortunately, it was too late. Lachlan Costello was in goals in the second half and did his best but there were a few players in Walcha’s side who were quite strong. Once Walcha evened up the score the Typhoons tried to come back and had a few near misses at goals.

Overall is was a very good effort the first half but in the second half Walcha proved too strong.

Thanks to Mr Adam Pongrass for filling in as coach this week.

Mr Matt Meehan
NETBALL

TURQUOISE vs. Ben Venue Wizards
17 May

In pleasant late afternoon conditions, Turquoise met the Ben Venue Wizards for the second time this season. Their last game was memorable for being played in appalling weather at the beginning of May! However, this game was pleasant in all regards, with Turquoise showing pleasing improvements in their play. Ruby Straker, as captain, won the toss and took the first centre pass. Despite several attempts at goal in the first quarter by Ruby and Isabel Newton, a scoring shot eluded them. Poppy Broun and Grace Pennington had great games this week, showing terrific development in their movement around the court and catching skills. Likewise, Emily Buntine, despite some niggling injuries, displayed determination and dependability, particularly in defence. Sophie Mason and Chloe Lincoln were tireless in their efforts – their incredible energy and ability to cover the court so quickly is appreciated by their teammates. Casey Smith was our scorer this week with 2 great goals netted in the 2nd and 3rd quarter. A delicious supply of fruit and sweet treats helped restore energy levels at half time. Thank you to the Smith family for the sustenance.

The Wizards won the game 6-2.

Next Saturday we meet VIP CGA Rockstars at 12pm on Court 1. It would be appreciated if all players could be at the courts by 11:45am to prepare for the game

Mrs Trenerry

TOPAZ vs Ben Venue Lions

What an exciting game Topaz had on Saturday when they met the Ben Venue Lions! All 11 players tried their best, and importantly, played with a smile on their faces! From the outset, the girls tried to stay in their positions, moving well so that they could receive a pass. Scarlett Buntine was strong, taking some great catches and moving well around the court. Assisting her very capably was Millie Coupland, Lily Moore, Ruby Broun, Charlotte Portell and Mia Lincoln.

Also playing bravely and trying their best were Teya Catterell, Milly Keeping and Annabelle Pennington. Our opposition only had 6 players and it was encouraging to see Gabby Cotterell, Mia Lincoln and Lillian Maxwell offer to play so they had a full complement of players. All in all, Topaz showed real potential on the court and we are all looking forward to next week’s game when we meet ACSC Gems on Court 3 at 12pm. It is helpful if everyone can try to be at the court by 11:45am to ensure adequate preparation for the game.

Mrs Trenerry

HOCKEY

Under 9 Hockey

Another great game of hockey for our Under 9 team on Saturday. It was a friendly match against PLC who had some strong players. Once again our team work and passing saw us involve many players and score several goals. Effort and improvement was made by Alex Webber, Jonathan Harris and Michael Janda who both had runs up the field with the ball. Tom Ball, Lennox Neilson and Conal Nicoll are displaying some clever hockey with their ability to run onto the ball and often get it around the opposition. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Ball

U11’s hockey team

TAS players found themselves playing the same opposition as our first week - City! They have a couple of VERY competent players and in Week 1 we found it very difficult to get anywhere near our goal line.

Last Friday started off in the same manner - bang, bang, bang - goal, goal, goal - and unfortunately not ours! So we were about 5 goals down in the first 10 minutes!

Then something seemed to click with our team. Hudson Eichorn discovered the power of the foot as our goalie and did some amazing saves for the remainder of the game to the point that City were unable to score again for the remainder of the game. Our attack in the second half began to make inroads into their defence so that we even managed to get three short corners to us in the last five minutes.

It was certainly a much improved second half of the game and all the players should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Of particular note this week were Sophia Rutledge and Frank Perrottet in the backs and the improvements of Dimity Chalmers who really did some wonderful work once she found her confidence in where she should be playing.

Congratulations on a wonderful effort.

Mrs Brunsdon

Rugby

u12’s vs Coonabarabran Juniors

The u12’s enjoyed a great day on Saturday playing Coonabarabran Juniors and watching the older TAS rugby playing against Kinross Walaroi School. The boys played hard against a very strong team working well as a group and also showing great sportsmanship by playing for the opposition who didn’t have enough players. Josiah Alcorn and Harry Chandler are always consistent in their energy and enthusiasm in supporting the team and showing us a great example of giving it their best. The boys will play in another Junior Blues carnival next weekend at Barraba.
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