As I sit here writing, Years 9 and 10 are sitting their mid year examinations and gaining invaluable experience with regard to preparation, revision and writing responses in a formal examination situation. These skills become more and more important as they move through the senior school advancing towards the HSC.

All of our students are asked to make the most of their opportunities during their time at the school and in assemblies this term I have been impressed with the level of involvement of our students. Being small in number as a school, the boys “punch well above their weight” in many fields of endeavour and they can be justifiably proud of their achievements. By the same token not everything goes smoothly or well all of the time and the great lessons of life that our boys begin to perceive as they mature are - that success is based on application and dedication, that often you have to fail in order to succeed and that triumph can emerge through perseverance and resilience. These concepts holds true for academics, sport, the creative arts, activities at all levels of skill and involvement. As the students leave for home for the long weekend maybe the contemplation of these two quotes below from two very diverse, but famous and well regarded people will offer some perspective on how they may approach the rest of their school lives and indeed life beyond school.

“ I have missed more than nine thousand shots in my career. I have lost almost three hundred games. On twenty six occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot……..and I missed. I have failed over and over again in my life. And that is precisely why I succeed.”

Michael Jordan

“ You may never know what results may come of your action but if you do nothing there will be no result.”

Mahatma Ghandi

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UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP

The Uniform and Book Shop operating hours for the Queen’s Birthday long weekend

CLOSED Friday 6 June

OPEN Monday 9 June - 9 am to 5 pm

LOST PROPERTY

Joe Makeham in Year 11 has lost his senior blazer. It has his name on the label on the internal breast pocket. Please keep an eye out for it and return it to Reception if you happen to find it.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Week 6**

**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 - Queen's Birthday  
Long Weekend (School Closed)

**Saturday 7 June**  
School Closed  
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

**Sunday 8 June**  
School Closed  
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

**Week 7**

**Monday 9 June**  
School Closed  
Boarders return 5pm

**Tuesday 10 June**  
Eisteddfod Pop/Rock/Jazz Ensembles

**Wednesday 11 June**  
Eisteddfod Primary Ensembles  
Year 6 - 8 Exams  
JS Maths Olympiad

**Thursday 12 June**  
Eisteddfod Secondary Ensembles  
Year 6 - 8 Exams  
MTA Assessment Day (Year 12)  
Year 7 and Year 9 HPV, Boostrix and Varicella Vaccinations

**Friday 13 June**  
Year 6 - 8 Exams

**Saturday 14 June**  
TAS v Sydney Grammar School at TAS  
OBU Committee Meeting

**Week 8**

**Monday 16 June**  
Activities Day No. 4

**Tuesday 17 June**  
ICAS Junior School Spelling Exam in class  
Inter school Chess challenge v Farrer  
Board Meeting

**Wednesday 18 June**  
5pm Twilight Concert  
5.30pm Foundation Meeting  
(Upper Maxwell)  
6.30pm Choral Communion

**Thursday 19 June**  
3.30pm Classes Conclude

**TAS Website Latest Development Secure Online Payments**

The feedback we have received so far about the new TAS website has been universally positive and we are very pleased to let you know that the next development is now complete. Over the past few months we have worked to improve our electronic on-line payment system to make paying school fees and co-curricular activities much easier to do. At this time of year, before the end of the financial year, you can use this new system to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation as well.

So, today we are very pleased to launch our new secure Westpac on-line payment system. It can be found within the Parent Portal under the Make A Payment heading at the top of the left menu bar. Have a look and let us know if you have any questions by calling the Business Office on 6776 5800.

Remember, the Parent, Student and Staff Portals on the home page are designed to direct you to all the relevant information you need as easily as possible.

Any questions about the website, please contact Cressida Mort on cmort@as.edu.au  
Ms Cressida Mort  
Director of Development and Marketing

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**Select a payment option**

Select the option you want to pay for and click Next to proceed to the payment details page where you can enter your payment details.  
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- **ICAS**  
- **Extracurricular School Activity** (fee on your School Fees statement)  
- **Extracurricular Sport Not Listed** (fee on your School Fees statement)

**Registration Fee**  
- $50 (domestic) + $75 (international)

**Enrolment Acceptance Fee**  
- $500 (domestic) + $1,000 (international)

**Recurring Payments**

Please contact the Business Office for more information.

**Return to TAS Home page**

Clicking on this link will open a new browser window.

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TAS TALKS — 2
Last week I spoke to the parents and boys of Year 11 about a variety of pastoral matters and was able to reflect on, among other things, the nature of bullying at TAS. On the whole, it's probably fair to say that we are seeing less bullying at TAS, especially in any hierarchical form between older and younger boys, and the bulk of bullying exists within peer groups, and the younger years at that. We know bullying comes and goes, sometimes just with the arrival or departure of a particular student even, and we are forever on the lookout for any behaviour of this type.

It is worth reminding ourselves what bullying is – and what it isn’t - and the points I outline here are drawn from a more detailed document at the front of the School diary.

Bullying involves deliberate and repeated actions to hurt, threaten or frighten another person either physically or psychologically. Bullying is also based on power, dominance and intimidation that leaves a victim feeling shamed or humiliated. It may involve verbal (teasing, racial/sexual insults and the like) or physical (such as hitting, moving/damaging the property of others, passing on images through social media) and much of this is now performed in the cyber world.

It is important also to identify what bullying is not, and this includes: just not getting along with someone, a one-off fight or argument, being left out of a group or incidents which especially lack the features of being deliberate, repeated and based on power imbalance.

There are a variety of strategies we teach our students to employ that will minimize bullying, that will offer them support if they are being bullied and, very importantly, that empower not only victims but also highlight the responsibilities of bystanders. We encourage responsible intervention and assertiveness from bystanders, based on core values, and educate against the concept of ‘dobbing’. Overarching this is a firm behaviour management policy designed to deal with infractions.

May I also remind parents of our email address – bullying@as.edu.au - that any member of our community, and indeed the broader community, may use to report incidents of bullying.

We believe that all members of our community have the right to a safe, supportive and caring life at TAS and we do not tolerate bullying in any form. That said, it is a constant battle for all schools and one we are very keen to fight.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care

Catering requests
A significant part of our fundraising efforts revolve around catering, and we depend on our parents and friends to help us cater for and provide hospitality to visiting schools on many occasions through the year.

The next two weekends sees TAS hosting Rugby fixtures. The first is the NSW Country for the Country Schools Championships and TAS plays host to players from across NSW on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June. And the following weekend sees TAS hosting the players from Sydney Grammar School on Saturday 14 June. For both of these events we have been asked to coordinate the catering for players and supporters.

Are you able to provide some delicious goodies, either home-made or store bought, some home-made soup to warm tummy’s on a cold day or even an hour or two of your time to work on the canteen? All donations of tasty tucker can be delivered to the kitchen or main office on Friday, or directly to the McConville Centre on Saturday. If you can spend some time in the canteen, please contact me directly on scartwr2@une.edu.au or 0409 973 247.

Remember, all funds raised are to benefit our school.
TAS TALKS — 4

Senior Round Square Conference Opportunity January 2015

The CheongShim International Academy Senior Conference for Round Square is happening from 26 - 31 January, 2015 in South Korea.

The theme of the conference will be Building Bridges Beyond Borders and will be a unique look into the peace makers of the world.

The conference participants will hear presentations from guest speakers and from students from South Africa, India and Korea about the late Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Kurt Hahn and the founder of CSIA, Dr S M Moon.

The discussions will focus on the solutions that these very different change-makers have proposed, the legacy they have left behind, and what could be the best for our present day and age.

Conference trips will include visits to cultural sites, winter snow sports and service activities.

This is an exciting leadership opportunity for current Year 10 and 11 boys. Register your interest with Mrs Barnier and keep watching this space for further details.

Mr David Slade and Mr Allan Moore

Information Meeting – TAS Excursion to Tezukayama

Thursday 12 June – Japanese Classroom at 5.30 pm

Parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to attend an Information Evening about the Excursion to Tezukayama in December on Thursday 12 June. It is an opportunity to find out more about this exciting opportunity. The excursion to Tezukayama is open for all Year 4, 5 and (for the first time) Year 6 students.

As the supervising teachers, we are very excited to be part of this trip and invite you to join us for our first evening information session, to be held on 12 June at 5.30 pm in the Japanese Classroom, on the top floor of the Moyes building.

This will be the seventh time TAS has made the trip to Japan, and as in previous years, it offers an exceptional chance to see and benefit from this opportunity to travel to Japan and experience the culture and use the Japanese learnt in the classroom.

While some detail of the trip is to be finalised, the topics covered will include:

• Proposed itinerary and costs, and documentation requirements
• Outline of the cultural experiences they will encounter
• Ideas to assist with the preparation for billeting

It will be an informal meeting designed to introduce the major components of the trip and some ideas which will assist with the preparation of your child, all of which we know will contribute towards gaining the maximum benefit from this wonderful experience.

If you have any questions about this amazing opportunity please contact Mr Allan Moore (amoore@as.edu.au) or Mr Neil Druce (ndruce@as.edu.au). For catering purposes, please let us know if you will be attending.

Mr David Slade and Mr Allan Moore

EXCURSION TO TEZUKAYAMA
Eisteddfod

A huge congratulations to all members of the community for TAS’ outstanding performances in the Choral section of the Eisteddfod last week. I would like to recognise the significant leadership and contribution of Ms Leanne Roobol who has driven this program with such success in such a short period. We look forward to witnessing the efforts of our bands in coming weeks. The performance of our TAS Singers was ‘spine tingling’ in the least and were worthy of their numerous accolades including gaining 1st place in the U19s competition.

Farrer Fixture

Last Friday night our school attended the annual TAS/Farrer Day in Tamworth. Our boys performed well in the numerous competitions although I was most proud of the way our young men represented our school with their show of sportsmanship and positive cheering for their peers. Congratulations to Farrer for winning the Dick Hodgson Shield on the night by defeating TAS 8-7 overall within the sports competed.

Coonabarabran Horse Sports

Currently 10 of our young men are competing in Coonabarabran against hundreds of other riders from schools across this state in this exciting event. We wish them well in these endeavours. I would also especially like to thank Mrs Belinda Murray for her ongoing efforts in supporting our Horse sports program in recent years. Belinda has done an amazing job in managing the team and we look forward to ongoing support from our parents as our boys pursue these wonderful opportunities.

Staff Sporting Appointments

In recognition of their significant contributions some staff have been appointed to positions worthy of acknowledgement beyond TAS.

Mr Richard Newton who has been coach of the North Coast Independent Schools Football team has been appointed to the Position of Manager of the NSW Combined Independent Schools team in recognition of his outstanding contribution to football.

Mr Alex Smith has been appointed to the position of Coach of the Presidents Cup U16 team which is the ‘unofficial’ GPS U16 team to compete at the state championships. Mr David Drain has been appointed as AAGPS Selector again this year for the Opens teams to compete at the State Championships.

I would also like to offer sincere thanks to Mr Jim Pennington who has filled the role of Secretary of NSW Country Schools Rugby and Carnival Convenor of these Championships which are hosted by TAS for a number of years. Jim’s work in promoting this pathway for our boys has assured we have had young men who have gone on to represent NSW Country, NSW Combined States and a number of our recent graduates are now leading first grade Colts teams in Sydney and Canberra and some have gone on to play 1st grade rugby pushing for higher representative honours at this extremely competitive level.

Kayaking Success

Congratulations to all those boys who attended the state championships last week. It was wonderful to see from Mr Nexo’s report and feedback I’ve been offered that many successes were gained and that our boys represented themselves and their school so well over the weekend.
Middle School Play

Auditions begin this week for our inaugural Middle School Play. I thank in advance Mr Andrew O’Connell for his leadership of this exciting initiative and look forward to witnessing our young men shine as they courageously put themselves out there for this unique opportunity.

NCIS Football

A huge congratulations to our young men who represented NCIS at the NSW CIS Football Championships last week. A highlight was the teams ability to hold GPS 1 to a nil all draw. These young men are enjoying an impressive season and results in the ADFA competition indicate that we have our most competitive side we’ve produced in some years. Congratulations again to Mr Richard Newton and our Captain of Football Saxon Hardingham for their leadership and drive.

Rugby - Years 5 and 6

The under 12’s travelled to Tamworth last Sunday for the Junior Blues carnival, with about 25 TAS boys out of 40, split up into two teams. Overall the two teams played seven games and their performance was excellent. It is fantastic to see the boys getting better and better at each game. The improvement of our back line defence forced more errors from the opposition and with great support from the likes of Asher Game-Lopata as winger, Liam Smith setting up a number of tries, Nick O’Neil scoring five tries in the four games he played, Tom Price scored four and Cooper Johnson scoring two tries also. We came away with five wins, one draw and only one loss, an extremely pleasing result that shows the hard work the boys have put in during training and games over the past few weeks. We look forward to this continued improvement for our next carnival in Moree in two weeks time.

Ms Alice Hudson

Cricket Representative Honours

Three TAS cricketers have (last week) been selected as members of the Northern Inland Cricket Development squad. Kieran Dennis and Nick Corderoy in Year 7 and Jack Berry in Year 8 received invitations last week. The boys will train with around 30 other U13-U17 players from the region during the off-season. They were selected by Northern Inland Cricket based on impressive representative performances last season.

The Northern Inland area is vast - Tamworth, Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah, Inverell etc and the three boys are excited to have been named in this squad!

A wonderful achievement by these young men as is testament to their ongoing efforts and passion for the game.

Pictured above are Kieran Dennis, Nick Corderoy and Jack Berry
Tennis

As can be seen in the information below sent from our newly appointed MIC Tennis Mr Justin Sherriff, some of our young men are thriving in their tennis pursuits this winter. A number of our boys are backing up this focus with outstanding contributions to our winter sports offering and I offer congratulations to these young men who continue to give so much of themselves for others.

Mr Sherriff makes note also of the efforts of Nicholas Barnier in Year 7 whose outstanding commitment has seen him recognised with a national tennis ranking.

The Autumn weather has been perfect for tennis and now the French Open is upon us, hopefully inspiring our now “24” TAS players of all ages participating in the Sunday round robin events in the North West MJDS series.

This series consists of a record number of now 10 tournaments for 2014 with the best eight results counted towards the final score. The top four players in the nine and under events and the top eight players in the 11’s , 13’s , 15’s , 17’s boys and girls will play against the North Coast Region in September in Inverell at the Champion of Champions Event, with the best four-six players going on to play the State Titles in September 2014. Our TAS tennis captain Tom Kingham has been a positive role model and leading the score board in his age group while always supporting his team mates when ever possible. There are many outstanding performances with five players being current and former NIAS tennis squad representatives.

Nicholas Barnier who is the leading NIAS player in this years 13 and under MJDS series and also winning Australian Ranking Events in both singles and doubles at the last NIAS Silver tennis tournament in Forster NSW. Nicholas trains daily, early mornings and late evenings and with our Tournament Squad which includes other highly ranked NSW and Australian players, Nick also participates in our Tuesday night competition against higher ranked and Australian Veteran players while always keeping up to date with his studies.

Players also performed admirably this Sunday in the Gunnedah MJDS event and a number are headed to Grafton this weekend to compete in the North Coast Championships!

Hockey - Reminder - No TAS games this Friday or Long Weekend. Enjoy the break!

TAS 1 U13s - Friday 29 May

TAS 1 had another baptism by fire as they went down 7-0 to a very well drilled and proficient City side. Though the team lost, it was a marked improvement to the previous week as Sebastian Etheridge worked well with Frank Perrottet and Jack Haliday. The team was unlucky not to score as they had several opportunities which left the City team stretched and scrambling in defence. It was also a first for Lochlan Nicoll as he bravely donned the goal keeping equipment and saved several goals during the match.

It is really pleasing seeing the team begin to knit together and it is clear that the team is improving each match.

Mr Campbell Nicoll

TAS 2 U13s - Friday 29 May

Up against Servies, TAS 2 were raring to go, despite being down a player, and from the start they showed that they were beginning to trust each other in all areas of the field as the passing, ball movement and leading was looking honed. At one point, it was interesting to see some of our U11s team members playing for the other 13s side across on T1, but luckily we were matching the Servies attack so the player deficit was not an issue. At half time, with a 0-0 scoreline, it was agreed that the majority of the play had been focussed up the left hand side of the field, so with this in mind, the TAS players aimed at spreading the ball wide to both sides and before long we were regularly finding ourselves in the opponents defensive 25. Eventually, through some tenacious pressing, players Aiden Rogers-Ellis and Sam Behrend were able to break through for a goal each to seal a 2-0 win.

Commendations to Cooper Mills and Stuart Williams for their defensive roles and to Jack Sewell for taking on feedback regarding assertive, confident goal keeping, despite not having too much of a share of the action.

Mr Alex Portell

Nick Barnier is pictured left (inside the red circle) with his NIAS Tennis peers
C Grade - Sunday 1 June

Following on from their success last weekend against Guyra (win 11-0 and 3-1), TAS C grade played like they had been playing together for years. The boys built their attack from the defence, passing the ball wide and back to create space and opportunity. The experienced Ex Services team could not match the possession game of the TAS side. The boys were focused on and off the bench and coach Michael Cursons could not fault anyone's performance during this game. TAS won 4-0 in what was a very exciting game.

Goals were scored early by Matt Turnbull and Will Brissett and then in the second half by Jonathon Chamberlain and Sterling George. Goalie Jack Bishop didn't see much action during this game as his defenders and midfielders kept their defence very tight. Well done boys!

Mrs Suzie Wright

B Grade - Friday 29 May

With some key players out, TAS were anticipating a difficult game against City B, after our previous tightly fought draw with them a few weeks ago. To make things worse, we began the match with only 10 players and knew we would have to work hard and as a unit to go close to the skilful City side. Sometimes, however, when everyone knows there is nothing to fall back on and everyone needs to perform, special things happen. It seems this game may have been one of those moments as we wore down the City attack with some consistently solid defence and excellent teamwork to ensure that options were plentiful. Before the half time break we were up 2-0 through a cracking strike at the top of the circle by Portell, that resonated as it thumped into the backboard, and a lucky deflection off the City left post defender from a Matt Kaukiainen short corner strike, that redirected the ball in for TAS' second.

Early in the second half, Ben Moffatt, who had been an integral part of the TAS midfield, rolled his ankle awkwardly and had to leave the field for the remainder of the game. Spurred on to defend the lead and gain the win for 'Moff', everyone dug deep and despite being two players down, we managed to concede only one goal to end the game with a 2-1 win. Congratulations to Harry Wright for a fantastic defensive game as well as Matt Kaukiainen who showed superb poise and control in the midfield to provide numerous opportunities for the forwards.

Mr Alex Portell

Sunday 1 June

Backling up again on Sunday, TAS B Grade faced, for the first time this season, Guyra Rams. After a mediocre performance last Sunday, we were hoping to repeat the tenacity and effort of Friday night’s game against City and show the Rams that it would be no easy proposition to dent our momentum. Despite the opening 15 minutes seeing a bit of to and fro, it was soon evident that Guyra were proving to be the hungrier of the two teams and some frustration began to sneak into the game as their physical presence became an obstacle to our planned ball movement around the pitch. Guyra were working harder and making better decisions which eventually led to them going one up late in the first half. In the second stanza, opportunities were few and far between for TAS, however the likes of David Williams, Duncan Carmichael and Drewe Ferguson never gave up as the Guyra team dominated possession through good fast attacking play and rock solid defence. A second unanswered Guyra goal came late into the second half to almost seal the deal for the Rams. The game did, however, get a bit scrappy in the closing stages, with a number of cards, both green and yellow being given to players on both sides. Certainly, it did detract from the game which was disappointing, however Ben Moffatt, bravely coming back after a nasty ankle roll on Friday, took on the Guyra keeper in the dying minutes to be unceremoniously taken out, leading to a penalty stroke on the buzzer. Ben made no mistake and guided the ball swiftly into the backboard to add a sprinkle of sugar to the end of the game. It will definitely be an interesting match when next we meet the Guyra Rams.

Mr Michael Cursons

Under 16's

The TAS under 16's took on City Brown on Friday evening.

The match was always going to be a tough one made even tougher by the fact that we were not able to have a keeper in goals.

The team however didn’t let this stop them and Ziggy Harris was more than happy to play in the outfield.

After a tough first half the scores were still locked at 0-0 with City seeming to have the upper hand in attack.

However the second half TAS upped their game and managed to break the deadlock by scoring a terrific team goal.

The second half of the game was one of the best the team has played to date.

I’m sure the boys are looking forward to the break over the long weekend and are keen to get back onto the turf in two weeks time.

Mr Michael Cursons
TAS TALKS — 9

Great achievements for our singers at the Eisteddfod so far. The Eisteddfod was off to a hotly contested start last week with Choir Day and our Junior School Choirs performed beautifully as did the TAS Trebles.

TAS Singers and TAS Chapel Choir performed in the nighttime session. Thank you to parents who came out to Lazenby Hall to watch the ensembles - it was great to have your support.

Notable results for our groups were as follows:

K-2 Choir - this was a non-competitive section but the children sang beautifully.

3-5 Choir - First Place in their division of the K-6 Choir Unison section

TAS Trebles - Third Place in the Vocal Ensemble Years K-6 section conducted by our talented Practicum teacher, Miss Andrea Watts

TAS Singers - First Place out of six choirs to take home the Paul Lamb Memorial Shield for Choir 19 years & under.

TAS Singers - received a highly commended place for their performance in the New England Choral Championship against some very talented opposition.

TAS Chapel Choir - performed with distinction in the non-competitive Open Choirs section.

Well done to all students who participated in the choirs and ensembles. You made us all very proud. Also, a big thank you to the Junior School teachers for your efforts on the day. Finally, a very special thank you to our very talented accompanist Mrs Robyn Bradley, who received high praise from the Adjudicator for her beautiful and sensitive piano accompaniment for our choirs.

TAS Guitar Band and Junior Guitar Band at the Eisteddfod this Thursday!

Moving right along with the Eisteddfod, the String Ensembles day is this coming Thursday 5 June from 9.30am. The TAS Guitar Band and TAS Junior Guitar Band will be performing.

Please find plans for this week and the final week (next week) below. Just a reminder that this session will be at the Old Teachers' College in Mossman Street if you want to come along to watch.

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<td>Depart TAS 9.15am: TAS minibus takes 16 x Year 9 &amp; 10 Music students to OTC. Pick up at OTC 10.15am by TAS minibus to return to school.</td>
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Exams (again)

Well, this time they’ve arrived and, so far so good. I believe the boys are as ready as they can be and that the timing of the examinations is good. Certainly, any later would be a bit silly, really. The term, as well you know, is a comparatively short one, but it is characteristically ‘full’. Accordingly, boys will be too tired if they ‘fall’ later in the term. I know that staff are working through the Exam Schedules and that boys are being assisted wherever possible. But, when ‘it all boils down’ boys need to take responsibility for their performance during the Exam Week (next week).

Please, if you have any enquiries about the exam schedules, timetables and preparation times, I ask that you contact, in the first instance, your sons’ Homeroom teachers. These are the people who best know ‘specifics’ as they relate to individual year groups and boys within specific classes.

Queens Birthday Weekend

I advise that boys have study time this coming long weekend. While they will be at home they will be aware of requirements and should sit down to get some study time. Time permitting, it would also be good if you could assist them or, ask them how they are ‘faring’. If there are any issues, I’d appreciate it if you could contact Homeroom teachers (again, in the first instance) or me. As indicated, it is important that we are aware of all ‘computations and permutations’ as they relate to this important aspect of school life. They also need some time out, meaning there’s a bit of a balancing act required.

da Vinci Decathlon report – Year 6

Submitted by Hamish Newton and Cotter Litchfield

Last week, a group of 16 boys went down to Sydney to participate in the da Vinci Decathlon. It was a long bus trip that felt like it took forever but we arrived there in good spirits. We stayed at the Comfort Inn and it was great. We woke up 6:45 to get ready and have some breakfast. We got on the bus at 7:30 to travel to Knox Grammar for an 8:00 start.

We were given the first papers for the day and they were the English, Philosophy and Science. We did well but only got through Philosophy and Science. We went out to have Recess and that was a fruit cup and a popper. We got back inside and received our next lot of papers - Art and Poetry, Mathematics and Engineering. Thankfully we managed to get through them all. We went out to have lunch, which was half a pizza and a huge cookie. We were exhausted but we still had to get through Code-Breaking and General Knowledge sessions. We were so glad we finished but didn’t get prizes.

We got on the bus to go home and amazingly no one slept. We got home at 11:00pm and were glad to be home. We would like to thank the teachers who took us down there. So thank you to Mr Polson, Mrs Hine, Mrs Pollard and Mr Lloyd. Well done to all the boys who consisted of Cotter Litchfield, Hamish Newton, Matthew Wark, Thomas Wu, Jack Nivison, Alistair Le-Surf, Stuart Epworth and Oliver Peart. Well done also to the boys in the Year 5 team that consisted of Max Barnsley, Jack van Roy, Henry Moore, Tristan Rottcher, Josiah Alcorn, Lachlan Galbraith, Alexander Gibson and Jude Piper. Another thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to help us, thank you.

Mr Mark Harrison, Cotter Litchfield and Hamish Newton
da Vinci In Sydney

I was very pleased to have been in a position to accompany our teams to the da Vinci Decathlon, held last week at Knox Grammar School in Sydney. From the boys’ perspective, it was a huge experience for them, mixing with more than a thousand students from all over NSW in one location, to match their powers of deduction against the best. I have seen several Decathlons, including our own satellite version in Armidale, but there is far more to the experience than the intellectual challenge. Travelling away, staying with your friends, combining as a team, supporting another opinion demonstrating teamwork and cooperation whilst problem solving can be as rigorous as the actual questions posed. I was very proud of the boys, the way they interacted with each other and the staff who accompanied them. Thank you to Mrs Anne Hine, Mrs Regina Pollard and Mr Luke Polson, your support for all was fantastic.

Eisteddfod lessons

With another Eisteddfod completed, it is also timely to reflect on the wonderful opportunity this experience offers our students. With little time since her appointment, Ms Leanne Roobol’s leadership deserves mention, as the performances of our children were outstanding. Results aside, as seems to be the theme this week, it is the significance of the experience that I would like to reflect upon. I have been increasingly talking to students about being ‘aware’; to look around and understand the moment in time and act accordingly. We continue to raise the bar with our expectations for our students no matter what role they might find themselves in.

Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Henry Douglas-Menzies and Daniel Morgan.

Looking Ahead

Year 1 Assembly
Website 6 June
Pupil Free Day
Monday 9 June
Staff PD Day
Tuesday 10 June
Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Wednesday 11 June
Students return to Class
Thursday 12 June
Year 3 Assembly
Friday 13 June
Maths Olympiad (Year 5 only)

Term 3

Monday 14 July
Staff PD Day
Tuesday 15 July
Classes resume
Wednesday 16 July
No Assembly

Year 5 and 6 to da Vinci

The Year 5 and 6 TAS da Vinci team competed at Knox last week against girls and boys from all over NSW. There were 323 teams who competed from Years 5-11. The competition provided the opportunity for our students to strain their brains in the Engineering Challenge, Art and Poetry, Creative Producers, Cartography, General Knowledge, English, Philosophy, Science and Code Breaking. The teams consisted of Thomas Wu, Matthew Wark, Hamish Newton, Alistair Le Surf, Jack Nivison, Stuart Epworth, Oliver Peart and Cotter Litchfield in Year 6 and Jack van Roy, Max Barnsley, Jude Piper, Lachlan Galbraith, Tristan Rottcher, Alexander Gibson, Henry Moore and Josiah Alcorn in Year 5.

The Junior School students were selected from those involved in our Extension and Enrichment classes, where activities such as the Maths Olympiad, contributes to their preparation for the tricky questions posed at da Vinci. With the emphasis on problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles, the Year 5 team achieved the extraordinary result of being placed second in the Mathematics/Chess division. Unfortunately, they ran out of time and so they may well wonder whether they may have come first had they completed the last problem?

Mrs Anne Hine
Student report - The da Vinci Decathlon

The day started off like any other. The only different thing was we were in our casual clothes. At 11:20 we had to go to the E&E room. Then we went over to the bus. While we were in the bus going to Sydney we were playing on Mario Kart.

When we got to Sydney we unpacked and walked to subway and King of Kebabs. It was weird because there were no kebabs at King of Kebabs. When we got back from dinner we watched the State of Origin.

We woke up at 6:45 am to have breakfast. After that we packed up and got on the bus to Knox Grammar School. When we got there, there were 1000 or so people. There was a gigantic hall with lots of tables as well. In the first session we did Science, English, Spelling and Philosophy. Alex, Jude and Jack did the science. Max, Lachlan and Josiah did the English and Tristan and Henry did the philosophy and we all did the spelling.

Then we had morning tea. For morning tea we had a juice and some fruit.

Next we had Engineering, Art and Poetry, Cartography, Mathematics and Creative Producers. Tristan and Max did the Engineering, Jude and Josiah did the Art and Poetry, Alex and Lachlan did the cartography and Jack and Henry did the Mathematics.

Next it was lunch. For lunch we had pizza and a cookie. Josiah gave away his 4 pieces of pizza, even though there were only 32 pieces! Maybe he doesn’t like pizza?!

We were really surprised when they announced that we were the second place winners of the Mathematics/Chess competition. We were all very proud and happy.

By Tristan, Jude and Jack

Turning Circle

Please do not park in the turning circle while waiting for your child to come down from school. Parking in the turning circle holds up other parents whose children are ready to be collected and causes a danger if a child needs to move between cars. We understand having to do the circuit can be frustrating, however this is a safer option and the system works well when everyone follows the directions on the signage.

Lost Property

There seems to be a large number of items arriving in the Junior School lost property box. If you are missing an item or items, please have a look in the lost property box; the item may just be there.

Would you also check your children’s’ clothes to ensure they have collected the correct article and not inadvertently picked up somebody else’s.

Lighten your child’s bag

As children at this time of year often bring more winter clothes for the start and end of the day we are conscious of bag weights for each child.

Please help us look at ways of lightening your child’s school bag.

Idea 1 Have a pencil case at home and one for school
Idea 2 Only send in essential items for that day
Idea 3 Choose a lighter weight lunch box
Idea 4 Bring in the water bottle on a Monday and take it home on a Friday for a good wash.
Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

We have registered 24 students to complete the 2014 PRC – this is a fantastic effort! Congratulations to six of the students who have already completed the Challenge this year: Annabelle Pennington, Harry Pennington, Grace Pennington, Charlie Ryan, Josh Miron and Henry Maxwell.

I encourage the students participating, to bring their reading logs into the Library during their weekly library lessons, so we can log the books you have already read. If you need any help finding books that are in the challenge, please just ask Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself and we will be able to guide you in the right direction.

Students are encouraged to come to the Library during their lunch break to return books and borrow more with their teacher’s permission – you don’t have to wait until your weekly Library lesson to change your books over.

As we are getting closer to the end of term, don’t forget that you have the opportunity to borrow 6 books from the library over the 3 week holiday period with your parents permission. We have plenty of PRC books in the library and this will be a great opportunity to get 6 books onto your reading logs. Don’t forget the town library also has plenty of PRC books.

Just a reminder about the series rule in the PRC, please be aware of it as it does catch students out – this is the rule: In an approved series, any two (2) books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five (5) other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator

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 two books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note. However, if they would like to borrow more books, parents need to sign the permission note below, and return it to the Junior School Office.

ientos for my child _____________________________ in Year ________ to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 3, 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 ____ / ____ / ____
Netball

PLC/TAS Topaz vs Uralla Baby Cats 31 May

In New England's answer to the State of Origin competition, the town of origin netball contest between The Armidale School/PLC Topaz and Uralla Baby Cats was a hard fought affair in drought breaking conditions. Despite the Uralla team finishing on top, our girls gave a good account of themselves. Not only did they fight hard in the drenching conditions but also their defensive play was strong. Gabby Cotterell netted our only goal in the second quarter. The stream of attacking play that led to this goal was just great, and what we hope to see more of in future games. All Topaz players worked hard, coming off the court drenched but smiling!

We play our second last game for the term on Saturday, 14 June when we meet ACSC Crystals at 12pm on Netta Court 2.

Mrs Anne Trenerry

Football

TAS Trucks 8

The improvement in ball skills and teamwork continue to be a strong focus for TAS Trucks. The determination and commitment of the team ensured another successful game. Thank you to the parents for your continued support and enthusiasm from the sideline. Special mention goes to Alistair Newton and Lochlan Gerdes for their kicking skills and to Lochlan for two magnificent goals.

Mr Neil Druce

TAS Terriers

This week the terriers faced and experienced opponent, however showed class and sportsmanship congratulating the other team on each goal. The boys are now starting to develop even more team work, which enabled Mitch Evans to score a brilliant team goal. Felix Winslett had an outstanding game in defence and stopped a number of goals. The boys are improving out of site.

Ms Jayne Heagney

Rugby - Years 5 and 6

The under 12’s travelled to Tamworth last Sunday for the Junior Blues carnival, with about 25 TAS boys out of 40, split up into two teams. Overall the two teams played seven games and their performance was excellent. It is fantastic to see the boys getting better and better at each game. The improvement of our back line defence forced more errors from the opposition and with great support from the likes of Asher Game-Lopata as winger, we came away with five wins, one draw and only one loss, an extremely pleasing result that shows the hard work the boys have put in during training and games over the past few weeks. We look forward to this continued improvement for our next carnival in Moree in two weeks time.

Ms Alice Hudson

Hockey - Under 11's

TAS under 11’s played the city team, Wasps, last week. We worked on various skills during training and it was pleasing to see the players thinking about trying to maintain positions more and pass to each other instead of the opposition. One exciting aspect of the game was that Cameron le Surf scored the first goal for the season, coming off a short corner. It was exciting again to see skills being implemented in training coming to fruition in the game.

There is no game this Friday, due to the long weekend, but there is a game next Tuesday 10 June at 4pm.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

COMMUNITY AND EVENTS

SUZUKI METHOD STUDENT CONCERT

Featuring guest speaker Dr Imogen Coward

Includes student performances of Vivaldi’s Double Concerto arranged for cello quintet and Vivaldi Concerto in B minor for four violins

3pm Sunday 8 June 2014 in the Auditorium, Old Teachers’ College Entry free All welcome. www.heart-strings.com.au

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Dates | Full week – all day | Full week – ½ day | Daily cost – full day | Daily cost – ½ day
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**Week 1:** (5 days)  
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th June  
Private school Holidays | $200 Includes lunch | $150 | $45 Includes lunch | $35

**Week 2:** (5 days)  
Mon 30th June - Fri 4th July | $200 Includes lunch | $150 | $45 Includes lunch | $35

Tennis Camp will be on rain, hail or shine

9:00am – 3:00pm for 8+
9:00am - 12:00noon for 5-7 year olds

- Improve your tennis game
- Loads of fun games 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

1. Childs name……………………………………………………… Age…………………… Whole/Half Days
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(Private schools holiday) Week 23rd -27th …. Days: M T W T F
Week…30th – 4th …. Days: M T W T F

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