Now that the Armidale Eisteddfod has finished I would like to offer my congratulations to the students and their teachers involved. I am pleased that I can say that the quality and depth of musical performance at TAS continues to develop with momentum and the overall program is thriving and hopefully all current and future players will be encouraged by the quality of performances presented.

TAS will hold its annual NAIDOC Assembly on Thursday of this week, the last day of the school term. NAIDOC Week itself falls in the school holidays again this year so we must recognise it away from the actual dates. This assembly has developed over recent years as a highlight event in our calendar and it gives us the opportunity as a school to celebrate with our Aboriginal students and recognise the importance of NAIDOC week in furthering the process of reconciliation for our country.

Each year NAIDOC Week carries a theme nationally that recognises the experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in their journey. This year the theme is Service to Country and the TAS students will hear about this in the assembly. For TAS this assembly focuses on our community and the relationships that develop between all of our students. The assembly will be preceded by a NAIDOC dinner on Wednesday evening hosted by our Aboriginal students and the guest speaker will be Mr Dean Widders.

As this term draws to an end I have had time to reflect on how busy our students are and how enriched their lives are by the opportunities that are available to them. The coming holidays are no exception. We have a number of very keen and bright potential young forensic scientists converging on the school for our annual Forensic Science Camp and the NIDA Workshops will also attract many young people who have a real interest in developing their dramatic talents.

There are competitions that will take our boys away from Armidale to represent the school and they include the annual rugby tour to New Zealand for the U16’s and the Shooting Camp at Hornsby for our 1st and 2nd VIII teams in preparation for the GPS Championship in the first few days of next term. I wish all of the sportsmen competing in these high profile events every success and look forward to hearing of their efforts.

The commitment to tour and represent the school is a significant one for both the boys involved and the parents who support them. It is a privilege to be able to tour and the experience is both a memorable and formative experience. I wish all of our sportsmen well for their competition and I thank all those coaches and managers who are committing their holidays to make it possible.

We farewell our two exchange students from India this week, Shiraz and Arnav, both of whom have been a pleasure to host. We also say goodbye to four of our GAP students who leave us after a year of what we hope was filled with many new experiences and friends. Thank you Thabe, Calum, ‘Bruce’ and Stephen for all you have done and best wishes for the future.

Finally, may I wish all students and their families a happy and restful holiday break.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Week 8**

**Wednesday 18 June**
- 5pm Twilight Concert
- 5.30pm Foundation Meeting (Upper Maxwell)
- 6.30pm Choral Communion
- 6.00 - 8.00pm NAIDOC Dinner

**Thursday 19 June**
- 9am Confirmation Service
- P3 NAIDOC Assembly
- 3.30pm Classes Conclude

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday 28 June - Sunday 6 July**
- Forensic Science Camp

**Wednesday 2 July - Friday 11 July**
- NZ Rugby Tour

**Saturday 5 July - Monday 14 July**
- Yipirinya School Service Trip and Uluru, Alice Springs

**Monday 7 July - Friday 11 July**
- NIDA Workshops at Hoskins Centre

**Tuesday 8 July - Monday 14 July**
- GPS Shooting Camp

**Term 3 - Week 1**

**Monday 14 July**
- Staff Day
- Boarders Return
- GPS Shooting Camp

**Tuesday 15 July**
- Classes Resume
- GPS Shooting Competition

**Wednesday 16 July**
- GPS Shooting Competition

**Thursday 17 July**
- Boarders Formal Dinner
- GPS Shooting Competition

**Friday 18 July**
- Rugby Players Depart for Sydney

**Saturday 19 July**
- TAS v St Joseph’s College, at St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill

**Term 3 - Week 2**

**Monday 21 July**
- Year 11 Autos Work Placement
- Wimbledon College, UK Rugby Visit

**Tuesday 22 July**
- Year 11 Autos Work Placement
- Wimbledon College, UK Rugby Visit

**Wednesday 23 July**
- Year 11 Autos Work Placement
- 3:30pm TAS 1st XV v’s Wimbledon College, UK Rugby
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer
- 7:15pm Thailand Meeting

**P&F ASSOCIATION**

**SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT**

Nothing to report this week from the P&F. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and looking forward to seeing you all next term.

**STUDENT TRAVEL**

**MEG SADLER**

A reminder to Boarding Students who are eligible recipients of Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidies. Please submit your Semester 1 diaries by the last day of Term 2 so that submissions for payments can be completed during the winter vacation. Enquiries may be directed to Mrs Meg Sadler on 6776 5805 or on msadler@as.edu.au

**UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP**

The Shop will be open on 27 June from 9 am to 5 pm.

*Please note this is the last opportunity for anyone on the NZ Rugby Tour to purchase uniform requirements.*

**Hours for the beginning of Term 3:**

- Monday 14 July - Open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 15 July - normal hours resume
Charlie Designs Mars Mission Logo

The Year 10 Extension Mathematics and Science Elective class was selected to design the mission patch for this year's Mars Society of Australia and India Spaceward Bound expedition. The aim of this year's expedition, involving leading scientists and engineers from throughout the world, is to test Rovers for Mars exploration in the remote Arkaroola region of South Australia. Charlie Wyatt has had his mission patch design selected to be the official logo for the expedition! The logo will feature on the MSA and ISA website and be mass produced as a fabric patch for the scientists and engineers involved to retain as a memoir of the expedition.

Ms Hilton and Mr Wheaton will join the expedition to provide educational and wider community outreach. Programs and projects will be developed to engage students in Mars and Space Exploration and Mr Wheaton will be using his unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to collect footage during the operation of the Rovers for national and international outreach.

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Research shows that a teenager’s friendships are extremely important to them. Despite this, navigating the social world of high school can be challenging. From cyberbullying and social media through to their relationships with the opposite sex, this talk for parents will look at how we can empower young people to form positive bonds with others, and effective strategies to cope with the tensions that sometimes arise.

Nina Funnell is an author, researcher and cultural commentator who writes regularly for publications including the Sydney Morning Herald and the Melbourne Age. She has served as a member of The National Children’s and Youth Law Centre board, the expert advisory committee to the New South Wales Commission for Children and Young

People and the Premier’s Council on Preventing Violence Against Women. In 2010 Nina was awarded the Australian Human Rights Community (Individual) award for her work in violence prevention, and was named a finalist for Young Australian of the Year. She has also been awarded the Edna Ryan Media award.

Armidale Family Relationship Centre

The Family Relationship Centre, Armidale office will be presenting a number of programs in Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield and Inverell.

Courses on Offer include: Building Connections, Parenting Now, Surviving Your Adolescents, Courses for separated parents, Keeping Kids in Mind, Parenting courses, Surviving Your Adolescents (11-22 year olds) – Armidale and Inverell, Exploring Challenging Children – Armidale, Toolkit for Dads – Armidale, Parenting Now (1-10 year olds) – Armidale.

Please note: Bookings are essential for all courses.

For further information, or to enrol in any course please contact the Family Relationship Centre, Armidale office on 6738 7200 or Free Call – 1800 372 826 or email: armidale@centacarenewn.com.au
Coonabarabran Horse Sports

In Tuesday’s assembly, Nick Murray, one of our Year 12 riders reported on the events from Coonabarabran Horse Expo. The following was his report:

From Friday the 30th of May until the 3rd of June an estimate of 60 schools and close to 700 riders came to Coonabarabran for the Northwest Equestrian Expo. TAS sent a team of 10 boys from Years 7-12 to compete. All the boys competed in a series of events including Cross-Country, Dressage, Show Jumping, Sporting, Horse Ball, Polo Cross, Hacking and Team Penning. All the boys succeeded in their respective fields.

TAS scored a total of 20 points throughout the entire week. The TAS Horse Ball Team, that consisted of Pierce Hayden, George Rodgers, Lachlan Mack, Will Archer and myself, took out 3rd place in the Horse Ball Opens division, and a most notable congratulations goes to George Rodgers who won first place in the Warrenbungle Way Stockman event, in his age group. Also a congratulations to Tom Deshon, Hamish Edmonds, Ben Hamparsum, Ben McElroy, and Michael Paull for their contributions and individual achievements.

Thanks must go to Belinda Murray, Mrs Benham and Mrs Murray for their consistent support and assistance in organising the event.

Nick then showed a visual presentation displaying photos and videos of the boys competing in their various events, providing the audience with a unique insight into what our Equestrian Team actually does. Much thanks goes to Nick for his efforts with this report.

We were also lucky enough to have the opportunity for Mrs Belinda Murray to attend the assembly, allowing us as a school to thank her for all her efforts as Team Manager, not only this year but in previous years. Mr Jason Lincoln presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a TAS sports jacket as a token of our appreciation.

To all those boys who competed at the Horse Expo, congratulations on your efforts and achievements. It was wonderful to see such a large team competing in such a variety of disciplines, and most importantly to see you all and your horses enjoying yourselves so much. We look forward to next year.

Good luck to all those riders competing over the holidays and I look forward to reporting on your achievements next term.

Mrs Alexandra Murray

Football

All Football has now concluded for the mid year break, except for the 3rd XI who will continue their football endeavours throughout the break. All other teams either have the bye on Saturday 21 or have had their games deferred.

Football resumes for all teams on Saturday 19 July. Please check the website for draws etc closer to the 19 July.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football
Interschool Chess Challenge

On Tuesday 17 June, 17 students from Year 4 to Year 11 travelled to Farrer to take part in regional heats of the Sydney Academy of Chess’ Interschool Chess Challenge. This tournament was a seven-round ‘Swiss’ competition. This means that all players play seven games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament. Chess clocks were used in this event with a time limit of 15 minutes per player per game. There were 176 students from 10 senior schools and nine junior schools taking part, playing 88 boards.

Our boys played extremely well, winning the senior division, and Year 11 student Ali Ahsan first overall - a terrific achievement. Josh Stevenson was equal second but on count back comparison, was placed fourth. The Junior School players also did well, coming fourth from nine schools. The senior team will now travel to Newcastle for the semi-finals early August.

Congratulations to all who took part: Ali Ahsan, Charlie Wyatt, Josh Stevenson, Harry Pollard, Michael Harris, Lachlan Tonkin, Harry Gwyn-Jones, Mike Nyathi, Will Reeves, Alexander Zuber, Joshua Miron, Marcus Hempel, Harrison Price, Henry Moore, Cassidy Williams, Stewart Williams and Jude Piper.

Rugby

It was our pleasure to host Sydney Grammar School for our first fixture of the GPS season. Boarding houses opened their doors, as our home became their home. Boys, staff and parents combined to provide the warmest of welcomes for our guests.

It was a wonderful start to the GPS season. The wet conditions could not dampen the enthusiasm and spirit. All games were hard fought and the quality of refereeing ensured a fair and even battle. Games were decided on the bell and teams from both schools proved that character is built through both triumph and adversity.

As we all look forward to a well-earned break, our under 16’s are preparing for their tour of New Zealand on 2 July. This tour provides an incredible opportunity for the boys to develop their rugby and more importantly an amazing life experience.

Thank you to all those who have given so much of their time, to provide the best opportunities for our boys. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Will Caldwell - MIC Rugby

TAS Hockey

What a great first half of the season we have had, with a great deal of successes and many fine improvements along the way. Due to school holidays, apart from the mighty Under 9s, TAS will not be playing over the weekend or for the remainder of the holidays until we resume in Term 3. I wish everyone a relaxing and safe break and hope that the skills don’t get too rusty over the three weeks!

Mr Alex Portell

Good luck to C Grade who play their 3rd game since Friday tonight (Wednesday 18 June) at the UNE.

Upcoming Canteen Duties

We are on Hockey New England canteen duty the first Friday back in Term 3 - Friday night 18 July, then 15 August and 5 September.

We also have a weekend duty on 2 and 3 August. (Helpers needed for 2 hour time slots over the weekend).

Thanks to those individuals who have already indicated a time slot for this weekend, however we are in need of more helpers. Please get on board as many hands make light work. For further details please contact Heather Williams at hwilliams@tmsmp.com.au.

TAS U16s - Friday 13 June

The U16 side played on Friday evening against Servies.

The boys are clearly improving as the weeks go on and it is easy to see that they are all enjoying playing hockey.

The game was tough throughout the 50 minutes but many chances were created by both teams.

After the final whistle the score ended at 2-2, looking back the game could have easily been won by either team but a fair result in the end.

Mr Michael Cursons

TAS B Grade - Sunday 15 June

On Sunday, battling the bitter conditions, TAS B Grade took on rivals United B. With super coach Michael Young unavailable due to his own game commitments, we rallied together and began the game superbly, moving the ball dynamically around the pitch and putting the fitness of the United team to the test. Before long, TAS were up 1-0 through a strike by Portell. Unfortunately, this seemed to flick a switch in United and from then on the game turned in their favour. Nonetheless, TAS were still playing well with some solid defence and excellent goalkeeping by Will Brissett, but United were making the most of their chances and TAS were not. TAS fought back for one more goal late in the second half, but unfortunately too little too late, with the final score being 4-2 to United.

Mr Alex Portell

TAS C Grade - Friday 13/ Sunday 15 June

The TAS C grade side played two games over the weekend.

Both of the games didn’t go our way unfortunately with losses by one goal.

Friday night proved to be a tough night seeing as many boys played in the previous game for the u16s and it was clear that legs were tired.

Mr Alex Portell
Eisteddfod is over...

The Eisteddfod came to a close last Thursday but not before our ensembles performed. Congratulations to TAS Senior Jazz Combo, TAS Big Band and TAS Wind Ensemble who performed on Band Day and Night. On the final day of the Eisteddfod, the Year 9/10 elective music class performed a hearty version of ‘Proud Mary’ which was enjoyed by all.

Results for the ensembles were: TAS Senior Jazz Combo - As the only competitor in Jazz Ensemble (Years 7-12) they won first place but it was a well deserved win with a score of 89/100. They also took out First place in the Open Jazz Ensemble section and scored 90/100.

TAS Big Band - Scored 90/100 and was awarded The Armidale Perpetual Shield after taking First Place. TAS Wind Ensemble - Received a well deserved Third Place in a section with very experienced and much larger ensembles. Well done boys!

Year 9/10 Class Ensemble - Received many accolades from the adjudicator in a very competitive section where they placed Third Place. The group received a very healthy 89/100 mark from the Adjudicator.

Lastly, many thanks to the Conductors of our bands for your wonderful work and support of our ensembles - Warwick Dunham for Senior Jazz, Alastair Finco and Tim Scott for Big Band, Benn Tracy for Wind Ensemble, and Alastair Finco for Year 9/10.

Twilight Concert tonight at 5pm in Memorial Hall

Everyone is invited to attend our Term 2 Twilight Concert which will be held tonight from 5pm in the Memorial Hall at TAS. Come along to see a range of musical items from TAS instrumentalists.

Boarders Practice - New Times for Term 3

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Please see the Boarders’ Practice Supervisor to sign the roll when you arrive for your session.

Patrick Williamson recently achieved his AMusA on piano

Patrick Williamson recently travelled to Brisbane in the hopes of attaining the prestigious performance diploma, Associate of Music, Australia (A.MusA). Patrick, a student of Madeleine Lawrence for the past seven years, was required to give a piano recital of thirty to forty minutes duration, as well as undertake a Viva Voce exam.

Patrick’s recital program included works by Rachmaninov, Brahms, Bach and Schubert. He received high praise for his recital program and has attained the much-coveted A.MusA diploma - well done, Patrick!

NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop

Another reminder that the annual NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop is on in a fortnight. We would love to see TAS students attending this workshop as not only is it a fun-filled two days of music but you will work with specialist conductor Anne Phelan and NECOM instrumental tutors on repertoire that you will play in a concert on the final day.
It is with great excitement that Mr O’Connell can announce that the first Middle School play is going to be the stage adaptation of Roald Dahl’s beloved children’s novel Fantastic Mr Fox. The show has been cast, the company has met for the first read-through and students will be sent off to work on learning their scripts over the holidays. The dates for the performances are the evenings of Thursday 12 and Friday 13 of September in Term 3. There are already an exceptional number of students involved in the performance and next term there will be announced many other opportunities for both students and members of the TAS community to assist with the development of the production. Already the show is gearing up to be amazing, marvellous, stupendous and - above all - fantastic!
Well, we’ve ‘clocked up’ another one

Term 2 is invariably brief, but it has to be one of the busiest of the year. Thankfully, formal exams are finished for all boys in Years 6 – 8, reports are ‘rolling in’ and on Monday we moved into our fourth Activities Day for the year. We’ve also completed a round of the Tri-Schools Debating, begun Winter Sports and their attendant away trips, started to prepare boys for the Fiji Service Trip in September, completed two Touch games on Back Field with the seniors and we’ve even managed to complete Year Group assessments! And on Thursday there’ll be a mass exodus for the school year’s second longest holiday. Overall, the term has been productive and Middle School boys have acquitted themselves admirably. Considering this is the last week of term, they continue happily enough, are prepared to ‘help out’ and are still able to do their work with a measure of good grace. But, we’re all tired and ready for the mid-year break.

What I’ve enjoyed most about the term is its activity. As indicated, everyone’s weary, but I believe the boys are ‘best’ when they’re busy. I can say with a degree of confidence that they’re settled now and I am enjoying my interactions with them. One of the healthiest aspects of TAS life is the breadth of activity: there really is something for everyone and Middle School students are now confident enough to pursue opportunities that suit their needs and interests. Still, having ‘said’ this, I want you to ask your boy how he’s managed the second term and, if there’s anything you think we need to do to make his time with us better, please contact his Homeroom teacher or me so that we can attend to matters.

Seniors in support

I don’t think there’s been one Town Meeting this term that hasn’t had at least one senior ‘in attendance’ and contributing to the proceedings. These boys are welcome in the Middle School and younger students enjoy speaking to them. I know I’ve mentioned this before, but the ‘old school’ year group barriers have virtually disappeared – such a good thing for everyone, really. The Touch program, debating and cadet meetings are other examples of healthy senior and junior interaction. On a number of occasions, too, senior boys have helped some of ours with a number of pastoral issues. In particular, some Year 12 boys have given us phenomenal support and they’re deserving of our thanks for assistance given to the Middle School. An example of such interest shown in our boys was an invitation by Ben Mulligan (TAS Senior Prefect) extended to our Monitors to attend a Wednesday session of a Prefects’ Meeting.

Whatever it is you do...

Well, it has been short and full, but as TAS Talks editions have indicated, it has been an enjoyable and productive term. I take this opportunity of wishing you all the best for the holiday break with the boys. If you travel, try wherever possible to head north as it’s likely to be warmer there. Make sure you do it safely, too. I look forward to our communications over the next term. Half a year – done (or, ‘down,’ as the boys are wont to say).

Mr Mark Harrison
Chess Excursion to Farrer

Early on Tuesday morning, a group of chess players travelled to Tamworth to compete in the Nth West Interschool Chess Challenge. Alexander Zuber, Josh Miron, Marcus Hempel, Harrison Price, Henry Moore, Cassidy & Stewart Williams and Jude Piper represented us and we thank Mrs Hine and Ms Boydell for promoting the event and supporting the team. We look forward to hearing about their experience on their return.

End of Semester Accounts

The semester accounts for additional expenses will be forwarded in the end of term mail out. These charges cover the incidental costs for each semester for both performances and minor class outings and classroom supplies, including subscriptions to Education programs used in various classes. Every attempt is made to ensure such costs are kept to a minimum, and that these resources are used thoughtfully and carefully. Each year group, and each individual may have varying charges depending on the requirements for the various classes and we ask that you contact us if you have questions concerning your account.

Teacher Assistants in our classrooms

I would like to mention two members of our team that have been in our classrooms during the past weeks. Mr Jamie Hughes has been completing his first internship with Year 2 and Sam Campbell spent most of last week on work experience in our junior classrooms. I know from them both, that their time has been really enjoyable and very rewarding. I believe this is an important role for the School, because not only do we benefit from having additional support in our classrooms but as importantly, we are assisting the profession by offering a very valuable experience to up and coming educators.

Staff PD and reflections about co-education in Junior School

As mentioned previously, our staff has been spending a good of their time in meetings and PD days reflecting on our school, our classrooms and our students. This ongoing process has been borne through questions linked to the strategic plan for 2025. Highlighted in these discussions recently, has been the co-educational nature of our school. On Monday evening, a focus group of families and staff discussed their thoughts and feelings on this and other related topics. It was a very valuable exercise and I thank everyone concerned for his or her significant input. Our plan is to continue to seek feedback from all our stakeholders in relation to this and other aspects of our program, as we know its importance for our continued planning for our school.

NE Sings - First Rehearsal

As we return next term, the Year 3 – 5 choirs will travel to the Old Teachers College to start rehearsals for their NE Sings performance. I know that this is a wonderful opportunity and for our students, and look forward to the actual event towards the end of the year. Combining with other schools on such a scale, directed by internationally renowned musicians is a rare opportunity. Those of us, who have been involved in similar events before, will attest to the value of the exercise and the benefits our students gain from the experience.

End of Semester Reports

As is the case at the completion of each semester, each family will receive a written report, which summarises your child’s progress this year. All reports will be posted out with the Headmaster’s Letter in the end of term mail out. These reports complement the parent/teacher information sessions already completed. They provide a valuable record containing information relating to the topics and educational outcomes covered in class and the progress and development that have been made in terms of application, attitude and engagement in class. I encourage you to go through these reports with your children and look to support any advice that has been given.
And finally, I know that this this has been a very busy term. For a myriad of reasons, Term 2 seems to sneak up on us and then in a flash it has gone. I hope you all have a very restful holiday and have the time with family to replenish and rejuvenate. I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Looking Ahead
Wednesday 18 June Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 19 June School Closes 3.30pm
Friday 20 June Staff PD Day

TERM 3
Monday 14 July Staff Day
Tuesday 15 July Classes resume
Wednesday 16 July No Assembly
Awards notified – Johnstone Art Exhibition
Thursday 17 July NE Sings – First rehearsal
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

Lost Property
Iles Baker is missing his Chappell hat. This hat is clearly marked with his name, if you know the where abouts of this hat, please return it to Junior School.

To have your children’s property returned to them quickly, please ensure their name is clearly marked on each and every item. If the item is second hand, please you have removed the previous owners name and have the correct name on it.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Thank you to all parents who have supported the book club so far this year. We’ve earnt many valuable dollars which the Library will spend on new resources for the Library and Junior School. The latest round of brochures are now available, and I apologise for their late distribution to the classrooms, due to their late delivery at school and also due to this term being relatively short. If you would like to order, please place your order in the red letter box in the Junior School office by the end of term, Thursday 19 June. The items will arrive during the holidays and I will be able to deliver them to you in the first week of Term 3.

Have a lovely holiday, with hopefully lots of time to read!
Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Book Club Co-ordinator

Happy Birthday Wishes
We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week and during the Term 2 break: Ty Schalk-O’Brien, William Ogilvie, Hamish Chalmers, Peyton Slade, William Gilpin, Madeline Buntine, Violet Ferris and Alexis Langlois-Peters.

Transition Week 1, Term 3
In the first week back in Term 3, Transition Class will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Term 3 Uniform
Uniform for Term 3 is the winter uniform and we ask for your help in making sure your child is wearing the uniform and wearing it correctly, with shirts tucked in, ties and shoelaces done up. We have noticed many Chappell hats that need to be replaced, jumpers with holes in the elbows and school pants with knees missing and we ask for your support to maintain the standards and quality of our uniform.

ADVENTURES IN ART
For kids aged 8 and up
Tuesdays or Wednesdays 4:00 pm - 5.15 pm
Cost for the term: $150
Term 3, 2014 (10 weeks) Commences July 15 or 16
Adventures in Art is a stimulating weekly class for kids aged 8 and up, who enjoy making art. Kids will express their creativity in an individual way as they try new possibilities in drawing and painting, printmaking and sculpture. Some exhibition visits are also included.

Classes are held in the Packsaddle Studio at NERAM, with all materials provided. Maximum class size: 12.
Enquiries: Del Bernett 6772 7544 or dbernett@tpg.com.au

Pottery Classes with Rick Hatch
Pottery Classes are available during Term 3
K - 3 Tuesday 3.45 - 5.00pm
Commencing Tuesday 29 July, 2014
4-7 Thursday 3.45 - 5.00pm
Commencing Thursday 31 July, 2014
If you would like additional information or wish to arrange classes with Rick, please call 6772 5371 or email to weemalapot@yahoo.com.au
Hockey

Under 9’s

Our Under 9 hockey team remain undefeated with a very easy win over Ex Services on Saturday. Another game of team-work, some great skills, running with the ball saw TAS dominant the game and score many goals. Good sportsmanship was displayed towards the end of the game when the team allowed the opposition to have more time with the ball by running from the very back line after they scored a goal.

I look forward to more great hockey in our final game before the holiday break this Saturday against Guyra.

Mrs Tania Ball

Under 11’s

Under 11’s have had two games in the past week to report on. Last week we headed out to UNE on Tuesday after school and I was thrilled that so many of the students remembered after a lovely long weekend.

The opposition only had five players turn up so it was wonderful to see our spare players happy to play for them to ensure we had a game. It was a terrific game that only had one goal between the teams. The game saw improved passing between the players and players actually looking for each other before sending the ball on. We tried a different tactic and went without a goalie, which meant the backs had more pressure on them and they all rose to the occasion.

The second game quickly followed on Friday afternoon and TAS took to the field again without a goalie. However at half time we decided to put the gear on Cameron le Surf who had proved in the past to have a great eye and competent skills as a goalie. He didn’t disappoint and stemmed the goals being scored against the team. It was terrific to see more attacking play and players not holding off from tackling the opposition in general play. Isaac Gerdes did a lot of running and following the play and tackled a huge number of players. The team has several chances at scoring but didn’t seem to be able to get that final shot in. It is pleasing to see the players taking on board suggestions learnt at training and trying to implement these into the game.

Congratulations to all players on the progress they are making with their skills.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

Football

TAS Taipans

On Saturday the TAS Taipans took on Guyra for the second time in the season.

Although the weather wasn’t pleasant the Taipans didn’t let it affect them. After we scored the first goal Guyra decided to up their game and scored two great goals.

All the boys had fun sliding and playing around in the mud and rain.

Our last game for this term was played during training on Monday. There will be no game on Saturday, 21 June.

See you all next term.

Mr Michael Cursons

TAS Typhoons

First of all, thanks to all the players and parents for turning up to Uralla on a cold rainy blustery Saturday morning. Oh to be at home watching the Socceroos v Chile in the World Cup! As a few of the Uralla team were late to arrive, Lachie Hunt, Oliver Smart and Sam Meehan played for Uralla in the first half. Will Nash was our Goalie in the first half and did an outstanding job. The rain continued to fall in the second half but the Typhoons played valiantly. Josh Pongrass did really well in the goals and only one ball made it into the net. Final score Uralla 4 (with a bit of help from the Typhoons!) Typhoons 1. Well done Typhoons.

Mr Matt Meehan

Rugby

Under 12’s

The under 12’s travelled out to Moree for a somewhat muddy carnival with the Junior Blues. The boys, once again, played some fantastic games demonstrating their increase in skills and knowledge on the rugby field. Josiah Alcorn who is new to rugby this year, impressed everyone on the sidelines when he showed no fear or hesitation tackling the biggest man on the field, he provided excellent support with his quick hands and getting in amongst it all to clear out for his team mates. We ended up with two wins for the day and some tired but happy boys! There is a carnival next week at Quirindi, however there will be no TAS staff attending due to holidays, we will be back on board next term on July 20 at Scone.

Ms Alice Hudson
Northern Tablelands Orienteering Club

Northern Tablelands Orienteering Club announces the installation of a permanent orienteering course at Dumaresq Dam.

The course will be officially opened (no speeches) on the first day of the school holidays, Saturday 28 June, and members of the club will be on hand between 10 am and 3 pm to give tips on map reading and navigation.

Maps will be available at the picnic shelter on the day, and from the Visitors Information Centre at other times. Apart from that, all you need is a pencil to tick of the control points as you find them.

The course does a leisurely circuit around the dam with relatively easy navigation. It is about 2.8 km in length and should take no more than one hour to complete at walking pace. A compass may be used if you have one but is not essential.

Mr Maurice Anker
Northern Tablelands Orienteering Club

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Holiday Library Borrowing

All children may borrow their normal two books during the holidays but we ask you to fill in a permission note to borrow an extra four books (six in total) for holiday borrowing. This permission slip can be given to the class teacher, the library staff or email a note to library@as.edu.au

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Holiday Borrowing - Permission Note

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission 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.

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