The Sporting Term Begins

The winter sporting season kicked back into action last weekend with a full program and some great highlights. Particular congratulations are due to our senior footballers who are enjoying some well deserved success. On Saturday all three of our open grades had good wins, including the ‘TAS Dads’ who are bringing a great community spirit to the Third grade competition this year and the Second XI who are showing some wonderful upward momentum. As you will read later in this newsletter, the hockey highlight of the past week was the Under 13 NSW Third Division state championships, with five TAS boys in the grand final winning team and I offer congratulations to each of them.

Well over 200 TAS rugby players travelled to St Joseph’s for the first GPS game of the term and I have enjoyed hearing reports of some very exciting games and how much the great atmosphere of the day was enjoyed by our boys. In addition to our fixtures, St Joseph’s hosted Riverview on Saturday and being a part of their local derby was a privilege. As expected, St Joseph’s were wonderful hosts and I offer thanks to them for looking after our teams so well.

Boarders’ Formal Dinner

Last Thursday evening our residential community came together for our second Boarders’ Formal Dinner of the year. These occasions at the start of each new semester are a deliberate recognition of the significance of our living together as a TAS family and the formality is a part of that. The School Grace is said in Latin, the chaplain offers prayers and an address, Middle School students provide the table service and we are entertained by a guest speaker after dinner.

This semester it was the turn of our Deputy Senior Prefect, Harry Lloyd and he presented an entertaining and poignant short speech, sending his advice on the importance of ‘running your own race’ through school life. That advice, to allow your own individuality to thrive, and the implied message to embrace and support the individuality of others was presented well and it was important that it came from one of our senior students. Messages like this are central in maintaining the happy and positive tone that we are so fortunate to have in our boarding community and I thank Harry for his part in this.

Student Representative Council

Last Thursday I joined our SRC for their first meeting of the term. This was an opportunity to present them with their badges which had finally arrived and also to recognise their role in the leadership structure of the School. As we discussed at that meeting, the SRC is designed to play a different, but complementary role to other leadership positions in the School. Student leaders can be seen in many different roles at TAS and that is quite deliberate. Prefects, house captains, cadet leaders and sports and activities captains all have specific roles to play and all contribute to our ambition to have students meaningfully involved in the operation of the School, providing direction, motivation and inspiration to others.

The specific function of the SRC is to give a voice to the student body as a whole on whatever matters may be engaging them. Our SRC members have been elected by their peers and their role is to listen to them and raise issues that the School management should hear. This year that has included academic support mechanisms such as prep and assessment calendars, the search for a better school diary and input to menus. Hearing their voice is part of our commitment to the Round Square ideal of Democracy and I am grateful to our SRC for making that possible.

Assembly Presentations

On Tuesday this week our Middle and Senior School assembly heard the first of several reports on school activities that engaged many of our students through the last holiday break. This week it was a description of the Forensic Science Camp at TAS that drew around 100 talented science students from TAS and schools across the east of the country and it was very well presented. At our next assembly in Week 4 we hope to hear from those involved in the service trip to Yipirinya School in Alice Springs and the rugby development tour to New Zealand. The purpose of presenting these reports at assembly as well as through TAS Talks is not only to celebrate the events themselves, but also to inspire interest in others, especially younger students who are looking ahead. The breadth of opportunity available to our students is quite extraordinary and we will continue to encourage all of our students to look for ways of getting involved in new activities that will challenge and enrich their school lives.
God, Can we know Him?

Ecclesiastes 8:17

They say "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Who says? Well some attribute the saying to a chap named Alexander Pope (1688 - 1744). It is found in An Essay on Criticism, 1709, where he said:

“A little learning is a dangerous thing”

The Gentleman and Lady’s Complete Magazine, Vol II, 1774, in which the writer misquoted Pope:

Mr. Pope says, very truly, “A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.”

Both Pope’s original verse and the misquotation of it were predated by an anonymous author, signing himself ‘A B’; in the collection of letters published in 1698 as The mystery of phanaticism:

"T’was well observed by my Lord Bacon, That a little knowledge is apt to puff up, and make men giddy, but a greater share of it will set them right, and bring them to low and humble thoughts of themselves”.

Albert Einstein said:

“A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. So is a lot.”

So What? Some of you present will hear that and think – “YES, that’s right, a little knowledge, even a lot is dangerous, therefore, no more learning for me. I will not complete my classwork, nor hand in my homework, for it is too dangerous.”

But I don’t think that’s quite the point. I think its more like, as a science teacher are we going to be confident that Wheato can be put in charge of NASA, or Toaks as TAS chief economist that he be head of the Reserve Bank of Australia, or are you going to let Mr Jones represent you in court, just because he teaches legals. I would?

I mention all this because we have had a brief look at the notion that God can be known. He can be known through his self revelation in His creation, in His word and in His Son. We can know something about God. In fact we can know God sufficiently to trust Him. But we must not get ahead of ourselves. We must not find ourselves thinking we know all that there is to know about God, as if now we stand over God, because we have full knowledge of Him, and we now dictate to Him the agenda, for life and the universe. No, we are left to be in awe of Him, to trust Him and know we are a long way from being God, for we have a little knowledge, and that can be dangerous.

When PERMA is missing our sense of well-being slips. It is then that parents need to take notice of what is happening to their sons. Recently, a set of Guidelines for Parents in relation to noticing signs of depression and anxiety, has been put on the internet by BeyondBlue. This is a practical help for us all. Please have a look at: www.parentingstrategies.net.

COUNSELLORS CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

Today I simply want to remind you of an acronym - PERMA. This acronym has been shown to be essential to our sense of well-being.

P – positive emotion. Being able to look back on the past with joy, anticipate the future with hope and live fully the present moment.

E – engagement. The capacity to be focused and absorbed in what you are doing, being in the flow and momentum of what is going on and what you are doing.

R – relationships. The capacity to connect in caring ways, to have a network of relationships to which we contribute and from which we derive support.

M – meaning. We need to have a larger vision of life than our own individuality, something that takes us beyond ourselves, something that engages us in something bigger than we are. This could include religious faith, a political cause, a service project, or a team sport, or many of these. Something that matters to us.

A – accomplishment. In order to live well we need to reach for something, to achieve goals that are realistic and that stretch us.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Term 3 - Week 2

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

**Thursday 24 July**
- Year 11 Autos Work Placement
- Year 12 MTA Assessment Day
- Year 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Year 8 Parent Information Session

**Friday 25 July**
- Year 11 Autos Work Placement
- Year 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Year 8 Parent Information Session
- Narrabri Boarding Schools Expo

**Saturday 26 July**
- Narrabri Boarding Schools Expo
- Rugby - TAS vs Shore at TAS

## Term 3 - Week 3

**Monday 28 July**
- 6.00 - 7.00pm JS PYP Information Session

**Tuesday 29 July**
- ICAS English Exam - (Years 3 to 7)

**Wednesday 30 July**
- 6.30pm Combined Chapel Service (TAS, NEGS, PLC)
- 7.00pm P&F Meeting

**Friday 1 August**
- Rugby Players Depart for Sydney

**Saturday 2 August**
- Country and Regional Living Expo - Sydney
- Nyngan Ag Expo
- Rugby - TAS v Kings, at The Kings School

**Sunday 3 August**
- Country and Regional Living Expo - Sydney

## Term 3 - Week 4

**Monday 4 August**
- Activities Day No. 5

**Tuesday 5 August**
- Assessment of Language Competence Year 9 Board Meeting

**Wednesday 6 August**
- Assessment of Language Competence Year 10
- 5.00pm Foundation Meeting

**Thursday 7 August**
- Australian Maths Competition
- Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 6.15pm Year 10 Information Session

**Friday 8 August**
- Australian Maths Competition
- 11.00am Year 10 Parent Information Session
- Year 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Saturday 9 August**
- Rugby - TAS v Scots at TAS
- French Continuers HSC Oral Exam

## Term 3 - Week 5

**Monday 11 August**
- 9.00 - 3.30pm - Year 10 First Aid Course
- HSC Trial Exams commence

**Tuesday 12 August**
- HSC Trials continue
- Year 11 Metal Work Placement
- NCIS Athletics, Coffs Harbour
- ICAS Maths Exam (Years 3,4,5)

**Wednesday 13 August**
- HSC Trials continue
- Year 11 Metals Work Placement
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 14 August**
- HSC Trials continue
- 12.30 - 3.00pm – NE Sings Primary Choir rehearsal (OTC)

**Friday 15 August**
- HSC Trials continue
- Year 11 Metals Work Placement
- OBU Golf Day

**Saturday 16 August**
- Old Boys’ Weekend
- Rugby vs Newington College at TAS

**Sunday 17 August**
- 8.30 Optional Day 2 First Aid
- 9.30 OBU Chapel Service
- 10.30 Morning Tea - Chapel Lawn
- 11.00am OBU AGM
STUDENT TRAVEL

Due to the full weekends in Term 3, there will be no ‘user pays’ minibus service offered to towns in the North West, as we have done in the past.

Requests for the end of Term 3 and start of Term 4 free travel services will be emailed to parents in Week 6. This email will go to the parents of those students holding free boarders’ passes.

For public transport bookings, please contact Mrs Meg Sadler on msadler@as.edu.au

P&F ASSOCIATION
SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT

Our next P&F Meeting is on Wednesday 30 July at 7.00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room.

Starting at 6.30pm (prior to our P&F meeting) we will be having our second fete meeting for 2013. We look forward to seeing you all at either or both of these meetings.

Your contributions at both meetings will be welcomed.

***** POTTS POTTS POTTS *****

One of the most popular stands at the fete is the Plants, and Adrian, our gardener is keen to get potting. If you have any spare pots at home please bring them in so we can begin potting for the TAS fete. All pots can be left in the main school for collection.

WELLBEING

The Decline of Play and Rise of Mental Disorders

Welcome back to the term. I hope everyone was able to find time and spaces to have a good time with families and friends over the holidays and that a warm, wet spring is just around the corner. Warm and very wet.

I’d like this week to touch on a couple of well-being matters that emerged from the recent visit of Nina Funnell, courtesy of the NSW Parents’ Council, and her presentation to both staff and parent groups. A researcher, published author and counsellor to such groups as NRL player groups, she spoke to us, among other things, about two key issues:

- Ethical bystander behaviour; and
- Shifting patterns in play and adolescent autonomy

The first topic concerns the decisions facing witnesses to bullying. I have spoken a good deal to the boys about this and how much vertical bullying has declined profoundly at TAS and now our greatest challenge, especially in the middle years, relates to peer-on-peer bullying. A critical element of this is the role of bystanders and empowering them to intervene in safe and effective ways. Nina had some particularly good advice that I’m sure will filter through our homeroom and advisor system.

The other matter relates to the following video link: http://tedxnavesink.com/project/peter-gray/

It’s an interesting examination of the correlation between declining levels of self-directed play and increasing levels of mental disorders, especially since the 1950s. It is a 15-minute video and well worth a view. It makes me, in the middle of this bleak winter’s day, want to ring a bell and send everyone outside, staff included perhaps, for a good old play. I have always thought it was pretty important – now, as an intelligent mammal (according to Dr Gray, at least), I know why. I hope you enjoy it.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care
ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE – SOUTH KOREA

January 2015

This is an exciting leadership opportunity for current Year 10 and Year 11 boys.

The Cheong Shim International Academy Senior Conference for Round Square will take place 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 & 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 sports & service activities. A three day winter sports program will take place before the Conference.

This amazing opportunity will be limited to six students and names need to be finalised by 1 August. Please contact Mr Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au or Mr David Slade dslade@as.edu.au for further details.
Joeys Rugby Weekend

Our first rugby trip to Sydney was a huge success with our boys being treated to a wonderful day of rugby by St Joseph’s College. We were lucky enough to be a part of the largest GPS game of the year between Riverview and Joeys and all boys were superb ambassadors for their school. All games were well contested and our First XV win was certainly a highlight playing both entertaining and expansive rugby. Whilst our return to Armidale was late the experience was certainly worth it for staff and boys alike.

Hockey Success

Congratulations to our U13 boys who represented New England at the State Championships. There were five TAS boys in the team all up and they ended up winning Gold in their division with a nail gripping 2-0 victory over Dubbo in the Grand Final. The boys who competed were Jack Halliday, Sebastian Etheridge, Sam Behrend, Zac Matheson and Liam Matheson.

Chess on the rise

After a first round defeat by O’Connor our TAS Chess team have regrouped in recent weeks achieving a number of victories including a sound defeat over McCarthy Catholic College, Tamworth last Wednesday at school. They will compete against Holy Trinity School Inverell in the next round. The team consists of eight students with Charlie Wyatt, Ali Ahsan, Harry Pollard and Josh Stevenson being our representatives last week.

Footballing Success

Our footballing teams experienced great successes over the weekend and this is on the back of an undefeated season in the ADFA First grade competition by our First XI. With finals upon us soon all is auguring well for successful seasons.

Shooters Return

After 10 days in Sydney our shooters have returned to TAS having experienced mixed results across the board. Hugh Morton (Year 10) proved that he is improving every time he represents TAS whilst our Year 7 contingent performed exceptionally well against much older boys from other schools. I would like to recognise the ongoing contributions of Will Murray (VC) and Sam Johnston (C) who have ably led the team this year, mentoring both the younger students and representing our school with distinction. Whilst Sam just missed out on GPS selection this in no way demeans his outstanding continued commitment to the sport during the past six years and his amazing achievements throughout that time.
Dear TAS Hockey families,

Thanks for a great start to Term 3 hockey in what was a busy few days over the weekend. With the bitter weather proving too much of an obstacle for the junior boys competition on Friday afternoon, junior games were cancelled, however both C and B Grade braved the cold to play their Friday night games, following up again on Sunday. The mighty Under 9s once again hit the turf on Saturday to come up against some stiff opposition in what was their first defeat of the season.

A special mention must be made of Jack Bishop, who, over the holiday period, ventured to Sydney for a Hockey NSW Specialist Goal Keeper clinic. Jack assures me it was a highly valuable experience and looks forward to implementing many skills learned over the upcoming weeks in the lead up to the finals series.

A reminder that there are no HNE games this week as the NSW Mens 35s Masters Championships will be held at UNE from Friday 25 to Sunday 27. Feel free to come and support the New England team, of which Mr Ball and Mr Portell are members, as well as witness some fantastic hockey action from teams across the state. New England’s first game is at 4pm this Friday and will be followed by games at 11am and 3.15pm Saturday, before the finals on Sunday.

Reports

B Grade - TAS B Grade played two games over the weekend, beginning on Friday evening against Guyra Rams, before clashing with United B on Sunday. With many players out with Rugby commitments, injury and family travel, it was a scramble to get a full team, but thanks to the likes of Nathan Rasmussen, Henry Perrottet, Matthew Turnbull, Jonathan Chamberlain and Sterling George, the B’s managed to field competitive sides on both occasions.

Coming off a previous loss to the Rams, TAS knew that Guyra would come out hard and play their dynamic and physical brand of hockey from the start. We did a lot better this time moving the ball out wide rather than trying to penetrate through the mid field of Guyra’s defence, however most of the game was played in our defensive half, and thanks to some great keeping from Will ‘The Hulk’ Brissett and tireless work in the backs, particularly from Drew Ferguson, we managed to keep Guyra scoreless in the first half. Early in the second half Guyra snuck in a messy goal to go one up, which was how the score remained until the final whistle.

Sunday, again saw an understrength TAS side face up against the hard to beat United. TAS fought gallantly in defence, showing some good heart in marking and ensuring that the dangerous United forwards and halves were rarely on their own. At the break, United had slotted one nicely constructed team goal to take a one nil lead. TAS were finding it difficult to hold onto the ball in attack as our skills and accuracy were letting us down, along with the compulsion to go through the middle. When United put a second goal away midway through the second half, things were looking a little dire, however the boys never gave up and with some excellent transitional play, we were beginning to see a shift in momentum and the ball getting deep down in the United half on more occasions. Eventually, through some intense pressure on the United halves and backs, a breakthrough came, with Ben Moffatt heading down one on one with the goalie, to be denied by a good save. Matt Turnbull swooped on the loose ball and with a deft touch the ball was into the backboard. Soon after, Jonathan Chamberlain, was on the receiving end of a good pass and with a little individual magic, he turned and drilled the ball into the goal to level the score. Despite our best efforts, TAS could not get the winning goal, and with some excellent defence right up until the final seconds of the match, the TAS backs managed to hold off a last ditch penalty corner onslaught from United to keep the game at a draw.

Many thanks to those referees, coaches and volunteers who assisted with duties this week. It is these contributions that continue to strengthen TAS Hockey, both in the TAS and HNE community.

Mr Alex Portell

TAS 13s Players Scoop Gold in HNSW Championships

Five talented young TAS Hockey players, Jack Halliday, Sebastian Etheridge, Sam Behrend, Zac Matherson and Liam Matherson played for New England in the U13s State Championships held in Grafton over the weekend. From all accounts the boys all played superbly in their division to make it to the Grand Final where they knocked off Dubbo to take the gold medal match 2-0. Well done to all the boys and thanks to their families and coaches for continuing to support these fine young players in their quest for success.
**Strong Weekend for TAS Football**

TAS Football had a mighty start to Term 3. TAS took a clean sweep of the three senior divisions, with our First XI having a 4-1 win over Ex-Services, our 2nd XI winning 2-0 against Ex-Services and our Third XI winning 7-0. The remainder of the season certainly looks promising. In the junior divisions, TAS performed strongly across many divisions including a 4-2 win in the 16As, and a 3-1 win for our 12As. Additionally, there were a number of close games including a draw for the 12Bs and both of our 14Bs teams having played close games, with one goal separating the final score in both of the these games. Congratulations to all on a terrific weekend.

**Dates of Deferred Games**

The following games have been arranged. There are still a number of games to be negotiated, and details will be passed on when they are available.

**TAS 12As**

Tuesday 29 July - 4pm against Guyra (game deferred from 21 June). Bus from TAS - see Mr Moore for further details.

**1st XI**

Wednesday 30 July - 6.30pm against Glen Innes (game deferred from 21 June). Played at Doody Park.

Sunday 24 August - 3.00pm against Norths United (game deferred from 3 May). Played at Phil Wheaton Oval.

**2nd XI**

Sunday 10 August - 10.00am against DK Dads (game deferred from 1 June). Played at Doody Park.

Sunday 24 August - 1.00pm against Norths United (game deferred from 5 July). Played at Phil Wheaton Oval.

**3rd XI**

Sunday 24 August - 11.00am against Norths United 35s (game deferred from 28 June). Played at Phil Wheaton Oval.

This leaves the First XI with three more games to be arranged, the Second XI with two more games to be arranged, the 16As with 1, the 12Bs with one.

Details to be posted as soon as they are negotiated.

**This Weekend’s Draw for All Teams**

Below is the draw for the coming weekend. Please ensure you double check the draw closer to the weekend, as there may be last minute changes.

**TAS First XI**

- 3pm Phil Wheaton Oval vs Norths United

**TAS Second XI**

- 1pm Phil Wheaton Oval vs Norths United 19s

**TAS Third XI**

- 1pm Walcha 1 vs Walcha United FC

**TAS 16As**

- 8.30am TAS Adamsfield vs North Armidale Redman

**TAS 16Bs**

- 8:30am Rologas 2 vs Demon Knights Destroyers

**TAS 14As**

- 9.00am Rologas 1 vs Demon Knights Demons

**TAS 14Bs Blue**

- 10:10am TAS Adamsfield vs Walcha United Mustangs

**TAS 14Bs White**

- 9:00am North Oval 2 vs North Armidale Spartans

**TAS 12As**

- 9.00am Rologas 17 vs North Armidale Spirit

**TAS 12Bs**

- 10:40am Rologas 2 vs Uralla Force

**TAS 10s Tornadoes**

- 9:00am Guyra 7 vs Guyra Rockets

**TAS 9s Typhoons**

- 9:00am Rologas 14 vs North Armidale Wizzards

**TAS 8s Trucks**

- 11:00am Rologas 14 vs Demon Knights Blades

**TAS 7s Tigers**

- 10:00am Rologas 4 vs Demon Knights Wizards

**TAS 7s Taipans**

- 10:00am Rologas 5 vs Demon Knights Dragons

**TAS 6s Tadpoles**

- 9:00am Rologas 4 vs North Armidale Hawks

**TAS are on Nets Duty - Saturday 23 August**

Advance notice that TAS are on Nets Duty for the Rologas Fields on Saturday 23 August. Please mark this note in your diaries and let Mr Luke Polson know if you are available to assist.

Mr Luke Polson
GPS SHOOTING

The GPS Shooting competition was staged at Hornsby Rifle Range on Tuesday and Wednesday 15-16 July. TAS again fielded two eight man teams for the first grade and second grade premierships.

The first match, the Rawson Cup, was fired at 500m and 600m with 7 shots to count at each range. Captain Sam Johnston shot exceptionally well, only dropping one point for the match and scoring 69-5 (possible 70), whilst Harry Jarratt shot a score of 67-6. Mixed results in the team saw our First VIII place 6th in this match. Grammar, High and Scots all broke the Rawson Cup record, with Grammar winning the cup.

The second match on Tuesday afternoon, the National Rifle Association (NRA) Shield, was fired at 600m with 10 shots to count. Again Sam Johnston excelled shooting a perfect score 50-4 and the team improved one place from he previous match, placing fifth. Grammar and Scots again broke the NRA Shield record with Grammar taking the match.

On Wednesday morning the Second VIII competed in the Seconds Premiership, shooting seven shots to count at 500m and 300m. Our very young team excelled, mostly shooting personal best scores. Angus Earle was the pick of our shooters with score of 65-3 (possible 70) and Henry Smith shot a score of 62-2.

That afternoon the First VIII competed in the Buchanan Shield, the last of the three matches that make-up the First Grade Premiership. Shot as a 300m deliberate application followed by a military-style snap application with eight shots to count for each, our team produced mixed results in tough head wind conditions. Sam Cannington shot an excellent score of 39-1 (possible 40) in the deliberate, whilst Sam Johnston shot a 37 (possible 40) in the snap. TAS placed 7th in this match.

Teams for GPS Shooting 2014 were:

First VIII
Sam Johnston
Harry Jarratt
Will Murray
Cameron Holcombe
Hugh Morton
Isaac Scherer
Sam Cannington
Tom Southwell

Second VIII
Callan Moffatt
Angus Mazzei
Sam Marshall
Henry Smith
Tom Cannington
Angus Earle
James Pointing
Jack Waters
Mr Trevor Thatcher

MIC Shooting

RUGBY

What a privilege it was to be a part of a special day at St Joseph's College on Saturday. It was an amazing day for our boys and although we had our share of victories and defeats, they were all great contests; played in good spirit. A packed grand-stand watched with great excitement and anticipation as our First XV put on a dazzling display of running rugby against Joeys Third XV. Our boys then stood shoulder to shoulder in the stand with the Joeys boys as their First XV "walked on" against Riverview.

The feast of Rugby continues with a midweek fixture against Wimbledon College, from the UK, for our Opens, followed by the Third GPS round at Home against Shore. Current details appear on the Rugby Website, however, I would encourage you to check again on Thursday evening for any changes.

Mr Will Caldwell
MIC Rugby
Equestrian

Another busy term of Equestrian is upon us. There are numerous events available for our students with details listed below. If you are interested in any of these events and would like further information, please email me at amurray1@as.edu.au. In addition if you know of any events which aren’t listed please feel free to email with details so I can pass them on to others.

- Barraba Horse Sports Day and Annual Pony Club Ribbon Day – 2 - 3 August.
- Warialda School Horse Sports Day – Friday the 15 August. Entries are due by Monday 11 August.
- Calrossy Horse Sports Day – the 17 October.

Details are still to be confirmed.

- Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza at Tamworth – 18, 19 and 20 October. Entries close on the 1 September, but numbers are limited.
- Glen Innes High School Horse Sports Day – Friday 4 November. Entries are due by Friday 19 September.

We also had a number of students competing in various events over the holidays. Congratulations must go to James Hartog-Smith who competed in the 15 years age group at the Narrabri West Horse Sports Day to receive 4th for Best Presented Horse & Rider, 3rd for Boy Rider, 2nd for Led Horse, 2nd for Point to Point, 2nd for Bending, 2nd for the Keyhole and 3rd for Straight Barrels.

If you have competed in other events, please send me an email with your results so I can report on them. I hope that all your preparations and training for events is progressing well and I look forward to a fun filled term of Equestrian.

Mrs A Murray
**New England Sings!**

Last Thursday TAS 3-5 Choir and TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble students attended the first rehearsal for the mass primary choirs for New England Sings! Students were introduced to the commissioned works by renowned Australian composer, Harley Mead. We look forward to the World premiere of these pieces at the New England Sings! concert in Term 4.

**A Reminder about Boarders' Practice**

With the term already in full swing and with AMEB exams looming, we have a fabulous structure set up to ensure plenty of time for boarders to practise their instruments. We have the knowledgeable and talented Miss Andrea Watts as Boarders’ Practice Supervisor and she is available for queries and also to provide you with support with your practice routine. There should be no excuses this term for not practising your instruments - as you can attend up to four times each week if you want!

The Music Block is open for boarders this term at the times this term.

**Twilight Concert (AMEB) next Tuesday 29 July at 5.30pm**

We have already contacted the parents of all students who are sitting for their AMEB exams in coming weeks. The first Term 3 Twilight Concert is next Tuesday from 5.30pm in the Hoskins Centre. We are focussing this concert on all students who are preparing to sit their AMEB exams. We will also hold another concert later this term so there will be an opportunity for other students who wish to perform.

Please contact the Music Administrator - Sarah Broadbent on sbroadbe@as.edu.au to participate in this AMEB Twilight Concert next week. This is a free concert and everyone is welcome to come along to watch.

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent

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**BOARDERS' PRACTICE TIMES**

The TAS Music Centre will be open to boarders for instrumental practice at the following times during school term:

**EVENINGS:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

**Middle School Boarders**
6.00 – 6.30pm and 8.00 – 8.30pm

**Senior School Boarders**
6.30 – 7.00pm and 8.00 – 9.00pm

**MORNINGS:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday

**All Boarders**
8.00 – 8.30am

**WEEKENDS:** Sunday

**All Boarders**
3.00 – 5.00pm

Please see the Boarders’ Practice Supervisor to sign the roll when you arrive for your session.
Activity Day 5 - 4 August (Week 4)

Orders will be delivered to all cadets by Coy & Platoon Commanders on Tuesday 29 July during Period 3 (normally Assembly).

Activities by Companies and Platoons are listed.

All Year 9 are encouraged to attend the .223 Cal introductory rifle shoot. For Year 9s in B and C Coy, you will be taken to the range early for the shoot then delivered to your platoons by mid morning. A permission form is required, see Mrs Lucas at Reception.

**A Coy - Loch Abba**

- Introductory Shooting with .223 Rifle (non-cadet activity)
- Bush Cooking
- Navigation Resection
- Parade 8.40am
- Dismissal 4.30pm

Note the requirement for a 4.30pm dismissal due to rifle shoot.

**B Coy**

- 4 Platoon - Bakers Creek Gorge
- Abseiling
- Climbing
- Fieldcraft Training
- Parade 8.40am
- Dismissal 3.30pm

5 & 6 Platoons - UNE Property ‘Newholme’

- Paired Navigation Exercise
- Fieldcraft Training
- Parade 8.40am
- Dismissal 5.30pm

**C Coy - UNE**

- Climbing Wall
- History of TASCU and AAC
- Drill
- Initiative Exercise
- Parade 8.40am
- Dismissal 3.30pm

**Trevor Thatcher**

Major (AAC)

Commanding Officer
Marketing News

You may have seen our new TAS advertisement on the billboard over the train line at the top of Dangar St? This and some of the other ads in local publications form part of our promotional strategy for our co-ed Junior School. In support of this marketing focus, we are hosting a very special JS Open Day on Wednesday 20 August for new families interested in Transition to Year 2.

This is an opportunity for anyone interested to come and see our wonderful Junior School in operation – please spread the word!

Heartfelt Thanks from the Foundation

At this time of the year it gives us enormous pleasure to thank sincerely all those families in our community who were able to donate to the Foundation’s Annual Giving Appeal. The money we raise from this vital fundraising program allows us to keep developing the school’s facilities and assist families in need.

I would also like to thank all those who were able to donate via their school fee payments to the voluntary building fund program. A wonderful number of our parents are able to give with these regular amounts – a gift of great value to the Foundation.

These donations too add to the facilities development and have allowed us to make some excellent changes like ….

Greening the TAS Campus

We have purchased a permanent swimming pool cover that stops water evaporation, saves on the amount of chlorine that has to be used and reduces the level of condensation in the air.

A major project is underway to replace all light bulbs in the school to more energy and cost efficient lights. In a school like TAS with so many buildings and so many classes, this is a serious undertaking, but one that would have been impossible without your support.

Memorial Hall Renovation – thanks to you!

As this photo shows, we are renovating the mezzanine level of Memorial Hall and are thrilled at the results so far. The original lighting and sound box used so often in bygone eras for movies and performances and (in the days before the Hoskins Centre) has gone only to reveal a beautiful full length window that had been hidden behind walls.

This renovation to this iconic TAS building, is to celebrate the school’s 120th year and there will be much more to say on these celebrations as we get closer to the date …. Reserve Saturday November 15th in your diaries for an astounding celebration concert ….

After decades of being hidden by a projectionist box the western arched widow has been revealed as part of the Memorial Hall refurbishment.
Welcome

As you know, both Mr Ralph Hunt and Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon, Year 8 and Year 6 Homeroom teachers respectively, are away on Long Service Leave. I want to welcome their replacements: Mrs Regina Pollard (Year 8 rpollard@as.edu.au) and Ms Tabitha Dowse (Year 6 tdowse@as.edu.au). Neither member of staff of course is new to TAS. Mrs Pollard is already attached to the Middle School but, for this term is simply teaching in another area of it and Ms Dowse is already known to her Year 6 students from their days in the Junior School. We are really fortunate to have this level of ideal consistency in our Homerooms for the third term. I know the boys will benefit academically and socially from their interactions with these experienced staff members.

School exams

Well they’re ‘done and dusted’ now, but the process of learning from results and comments begins. As I indicated last week, what actions occur as a result of grades is as important as the grades themselves. I’m devoting time in each of my Ethics classes to the philosophy and purposes of exams and their value, in terms of feedback, to staff, parents and most important, to the students themselves. We are fortunate that formal exams begin at Year 6 level at TAS. Boys have ample opportunity to learn: about study techniques that are specific to their learning needs and styles; about the best methods of seeking further feedback in areas where it is most needed; about the fact that improvements, where necessary, can be made; about optimizing their potential to perform to advantage under timed conditions.

Long-gone, thankfully, are the days where a result, disappointing for whatever reason, was the ‘end of the line’ till the next exam block and the interim period was a ‘wait and see’ game causing anxiety or, worse, increasing fear. To reinforce, our job is to help these younger students develop individual techniques necessary to the realization of a situation where best personal success is the outcome. Best performance under timed conditions is something that is hard and is rarely achieved by simply doing exams, in the old days, generally at the senior school level. We need to encourage individuals to think about and, considering their relative youth, experiment with scenarios that result in the best methods, times for revision that enable ‘best performance’.

Term 3

It’s TAS and we’re busy. This term is no exception: in fact it will be very busy in terms of academic pursuit and sports. Being slightly longer than Term 2, assignments will be ongoing and it is important that all parents keep abreast of assessment requirements, due dates and the necessity of ‘pacing’ work output so that boys aren’t overwhelmed by requirements of all subjects studied. It’s a very good idea to ask you boys about their work, to encourage them and, where appropriate and practicable, to assist them. For boarders there is the facility of tutorial attendance in Core areas that reflects as far as possible the ‘home help’ situation. Above all else, we need to encourage them to pace themselves and the best way this can be done is to know what’s due and when. This is especially important because of weekend sporting commitments.

The first ‘away’ games for Rugby were played at St Joseph’s College last Saturday and the Middle School teams acquitted themselves admirably. This success is such a good start to the term and I’m hoping it augurs well for the future. Shore will travel to TAS this coming weekend for our second round of ‘home’ games.

As you are no doubt aware, it is important that boys, especially Middle School ones, are busy but the general
theme of this inclusion is that, in order to enjoy themselves, they must be organized as well. Your support of us in this regard is appreciated.

Exchange students

Soon (3 – 17 August) we will be welcoming two students, Nicholas Gilbert and Oliver Pescott from Ballarat Grammar in Victoria. Theirs is a Round Square school like TAS. Once they have settled into boarding, if there are families who would like to invite them out for an afternoon or a meal, then arrangements can be made by contacting Mr Andrew Junge at White House.

Till next week, then (for those who need it now, I hope it rains)

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

International Baccalaureate – Focus Groups

Yesterday, I emailed information to you all about the next stage in our investigation into introducing the International Baccalaureate Program in Junior School. The Primary Years Program (PYP) will be outlined at two presentations from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, on Monday 28 July and Wednesday 30 July in Big School, adjacent to the Main Reception office, and all parents are warmly invited. This will be part of an ongoing process that we believe is both appropriate and necessary when considering such a significant proposal.

The aim of both sessions is to supply information about the nature of the PYP. Realising that parents will have varying levels of involvement, we are focusing the information for parents of those who have children in Transition - Year 2 on Monday, and Years 3 - 5 on Wednesday 30 July. Parents are more than welcome to attend either or both these sessions. For catering purposes, please contact the School on 67765817 or junior@as.edu.au and I look forward to seeing you there.

Lets Hang It

I congratulate Thomas Dundon for being selected to display his artwork in the recent “Lets Hang It” exhibition at NERAM. There were many outstanding works displayed on the night and for Thomas to be included is a real credit to him.

Jump Rope For Heart

On Monday, we were excited to have a presentation from Jump Rope for Heart, to launch one of our major fundraisers for the year. There will be plenty of opportunity for our school community to become involved and I encourage you to support your children’s enthusiasm as the program gathers pace. For further information, please see the item following and visit the Heart Foundation website for further information.
Wellbeing for Children

I commend to you the following talk by Dr Peter Gray, which relates to the benefits of free play. Much of what he has to say is particularly relevant in this day and age, and the key message about the importance of children being encouraged to play is a very important one. Based on his own and others’ research, Dr. Gray documents why ‘free play’ is essential for children’s healthy social and emotional development and outlines steps through which we can bring free play back to children’s lives. It is a fascinating and thought provoking presentation. http://tedxnavesink.com/project/peter-gray/

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 23 July  Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 29 July ICAS English Competition
Wednesday 30 July Year 5 Assembly
                             Maths Olympiad – Year 5 only
Monday 4 August Activities Day – ‘You Can Do It’
Wednesday 6 August Year 3 Assembly
Thursday 7 August Australia Mathematics Competition
Friday 8 August PSSA Athletics @ Armidale High School

Happy Birthday Wishes

This week, we wish a very Happy Birthday to Hugo Broun, Harry Brownlie and Tom Ball.

Dance Club

Dance Club commences this Wednesday 23 July.

ICAS English Competition

On Tuesday 29 July Years 3, 4 and 5 will sit the ICAS English Competition. They will start promptly as soon as the school day begins. If you have any questions about these competitions please make sure you find time to speak with your child’s classroom teacher.

Following are some tips that you and your children may find beneficial:

Hints and Tips for Participating in ICAS

Before the test:

Ensure that you are well rested the night before - do something relaxing!

During the test:

Try to relax and enjoy yourself; too much tension may prevent you from thinking clearly.

For multiple choice questions:

Make sure you colour in the bubble next to the right question number.

Read each question carefully and choose the best answer from the options given.

If a question is taking a very long time, go on to the next question and go back to the one you missed at the end of the time but be sure to mark the page or circle the question number so you remember to go back to it.

If you are not sure of the answer, cross out the options you know are wrong and then decide between what is left.

If you are doing the English paper, read the whole passage before you start answering the questions.

After the test:

At the end of the test time, check that you haven’t left out any questions.

Remember, it’s not the end of the world if you feel you didn’t do well this time.

Information taken from the ICAS website.

Illness

At this time of increased illness, we ask families to help try to contain the spread of viruses by reminding students to wash hands, the etiquette and healthy strategies when coughing and sneezing. If sick with a potentially contagious illness, we ask that students do not return to school until 24 hours after the last symptoms. We thank you for your support in trying to make the Junior School as illness free as possible.

Jump Rope for Heart

It’s time to Jump Rope for Heart!

Junior School will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart in 2014, and a brochure on this wonderful event should be at home with you giving details on how to fundraise and also how to create your child’s very own Hero page! We are on the Heart Foundation site as The Armidale Prep School.
TAS Excursion to Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School

December 6 – 13, 2014

For over 15 years, TAS has been fortunate to establish a very close relationship with Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka Japan. This association has provided opportunities for excursions for both schools and some fantastic cultural, social and educational experiences for students and teachers alike.

The planning for the 2014 Excursion to TAS is underway and I am asking for expressions of interest from students in Years 4, 5 and (for the first time) Year 6, who would like to participate on this exciting opportunity. This will be the seventh time TAS has made the trip to Japan, we estimate that the cost for each child will be approximately $2700. These costs will include accommodation en route if required, air fares, taxes, travel insurance and activities whilst in Japan.

NCIS and PSSA Athletics Carnivals

The following children have been chosen to compete at PSSA (Armidale High School) and/or NCIS (Coffs Harbour) athletic carnivals, based on the results from Junior and Middle School carnivals last term. The PSSA competition is on Friday 8 August and NCIS is on Tuesday, 12 August.

As the two carnivals are relatively close together our main focus will be NCIS. We will take a team to PSSA but you do not need to compete at this event if you do not wish to.

The PSSA carnival has qualifying restrictions, so a smaller team only will compete at this carnival. A bus will depart TAS at 8:15am promptly ready for an 8:30am start. The bus will return at 3:20pm. Students may prefer to be dropped off and collected from Armidale High School; however, you will need to inform Mrs Wright if this is to be the case.

Permission and information notes will be sent home later this week indicating which events you have been nominated in.

Training at lunchtimes will commence next week and all athletes will be notified of times and days to attend.

Please email me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Mrs Wright
E: cwright@as.edu.au

If you are interested in your child participating, please contact either Mr Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au or Mr Neil Druce ndruce@as.edu.au by Monday 28 July.

NCIS and PSSA Athletics Team (Year 2-6)

Jasper O’Neil
Tom Ball
Jonathan Harris
Sam Meehan
Daniel Morgan
Asher Game-Lopata
Archi Lawrence
Nick O’Neil
Joseph Anderson
Jack Van Roy
Harrison Price
Jude Piper
Finn Daugherty
Cotter Litchfield
Chad Kliendienst

PSSA Athletics Team (Year 2-6)

Liam Matherson
Harry Ashton
Charlie Rutledge
Nathan McLaren
Will Young
Luke Evans
Ruby Straker
Poppy Broun
Sophia Rutledge
Chloe Moore
Casey Smith
Isabella Rutledge
Chloe Lincoln
Oscar Henzell
NCIS Team (Year 2-6)

Jasper O’Neil    Harry Ashton
Tom Ball    Liam Matherson
Lochlan Gerdes    Charlie Rutledge
Jonathan Harris    Nathan McLaren
Sam Meehan    Will Young
Daniel Morgan    Luke Evans
Henry Douglas-Menzies    Ruby Straker
Frank Perrottet    Poppy Broun
Lachlan Morgan    Sophia Rutledge
Asher Game-Lopata    Chloe Moore
Archi Lawrence    Isabella Rutledge
Nick O’Neil    Chloe Lincoln
Hamish Chalmers    Beatrice Henzell
Joseph Anderson    Chad Kliendienst
Jack Van Roy    Oscar Henzell
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Football

U 7’s

The Under 7’s team had an amazing start to the second half of the season.

The boys worked together as a team and had some very good shots on goal. Andrew Knight (St John’s) had a number of good breaks down the sideline and Ted Chick had a great defensive game. I am looking forward to the second half of the seasons with the boys.

Mrs Heagney

TAS Typhoons

The TAS Typhoons continue to grow in stature as the season progresses. This week the Typhoons came out of the blocks to gain a 4-0 lead in the first half. Conal Nicoll was a very brave goalkeeper as he suffered a heavy blow to the stomach whilst defending valiantly. At the end of the first half the Typhoons were up 4-1. In the second half, Walcha came out firing and quickly scored four goals to be up 4-5. Will Nash did well to curtail this onslaught and managed to keep Walcha goalless for the rest of the half. Charlie Repin, Josh Pongrass, Jasper O’Neil, and Beatrice Henzell ably assisted Will in the back half. The Typhoons kicked three unanswered goals to take a 7-5 lead and that’s where the game finished. All players are to be commended for the way they played the game. Special mention to Lachie Hunt and Lachlan Costello who played for Walcha as Walcha were short players. Being from Walcha, both Lachie and Lachlan fitted in well. Sam Meehan played another outstanding game and booted five goals and was well assisted by Oliver Smart and Calin Simmonds with one goal each.

Mr Sean O’Neil

Rugby

U12’s

On the weekend the Under 12’s rugby boys headed to Scone for another round of the rugby competition. After having three weeks off the gents did really well, opening the first of three games for the day with a come from behind win over Narrabri. All boys participated and engaged in the game really well, in particular Liam Matherson and Cooper Johnson stood out with their big runs up the center of the field. Stewart Williams on the wing continued to show vast and strong improvements in his game playing his position and marking opposition well and Fletcher Jackson playing good consistent rugby over the three games in both attack and defence. Overall well done to the under 12’s boys. You always represent your school and club tremendously at these events and enjoy the journey and embrace the mate-ship that comes along with playing in a team sport.

Mr Kennewell

Tas Tigers Vs The North Armidale Brumbies.

I assumed that the boys would have been rusty after three weeks off and no training this week. Wasn’t I wrong! The fabulous Tigers played against The North Armidale Brumbies. We had long goal kicks, fancy footwork and fast running. A number of boys in the team scored goals, which was impressive. Our end result was a sensational win 11/1. It is always wonderful watching the boys show good sportsmanship to the opposing team and the enthusiasm that they bring to the game. Keep aiming high boys!

Ms Bromwich
Netball
TAS/PLC Topaz vs Ben Venue Lions 19 July

The school holidays were just what the doctor ordered when it came to the rejuvenation of our Topaz netballers! An exciting game was on display on Saturday when we met the Ben Venue Lions. Movement around the court, teamwork and improved positional play were highlights. Lily Moore, Lillian Maxwell and Charlotte Portell all scored goals as a result of great attacking play and teamwork. Unfortunately the wind was a hindrance and we were deprived of several other goals. Every player had a positive impact on the game and they are all to be congratulated, so well done to Ruby Broun, Scarlett Buntine, Annabelle Pennington, Lily Moore, Lillian Maxwell, Teya Catterell, Milly Keeping, Gabby Cotterell and Charlotte Portell.

Next Saturday we meet ACSC Gems commencing at 12pm.

Mrs Trenerry

TAS Turquoise

Saturday saw another cold and windy game day for TAS Turquoise. With the team down to only six players, it was a tough game for our girls against the Poppies. Despite numbers and weather conditions, the girls all worked together really well and played a great game. Special mention to Dimity Chalmers and Casey Smith for their fantastic goals, Grace Pennington and Poppy Broun for their great defending, Ruby Straker for her magnificent intercepts and defence, and Emily Buntine for her quick thinking on the court. Despite the loss, the girls had a great game, and were more than happy to rug up again at the end of the game!

Ms Watts

Hockey
Under 9 Hockey

The TAS Under 9 team had a fantastic game of hockey against Harlies 2 on Saturday. Finally we came up against a more competitive team who were very similar in ability to our boys. There was some excellent defensive work by the whole team and it was great to see that even under pressure most of the boys tried to play positions, which often meant backing each other up. Michael Janda and Jonathan Harris took some great hits from the sidelines getting the ball to their team members. Alex Webber continues to improve each game displaying confidence and getting much stronger with the ball. Blair Eichorn enjoys playing back and was constantly strong in defence. Lennox Neilson made some great breaks, impressive runs with the ball and some accurate passes. Tom Ball never gave up chasing down players, tackling and brilliantly passing. Conal Nicoll worked hard in attack even putting his body on the line chasing the ball. Both teams got a goal each but a second controversial goal meant Harlies were the eventual winners. This was the first taste of defeat for the boys and I was once again proud of their sportsmanship. A reminder there is no hockey this coming weekend so our next game is Saturday 2 August.

Mrs Tania Ball
TAS TALKS — 20

The latest edition of the school's quarterly magazine Binghi is in the process of being mailed out. If you have not received your copy by the end of next week, please let us know. Feedback and comments always welcome to binghi@as.edu.au or Editor  Mr Tim Hughes, thughes@as.edu.au
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Nicholas Murray - Ella Tindal

Curtain Up
A SHOWCASE OF TAS HSC DRAMA GROUP & INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Wednesday 6th August – 7:30pm
TAS Hoskins Centre

This is a free event.
Bookings not necessary
COMMUNITY NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

Michael Paull has lost a grey school jumper. It does have his name on it, M Paull. If you find the jumper can you please drop to reception during school hours.

Oscar Henzell Year 6, has lost his blazer and school jumper. If found please return to Middle School.

‘Flynn Charley-Briggs’s Akubra is missing from Middle School on the last day of Term 2. Please check the name in your hat and return to Middle School if you have mistakenly picked up Flynn’s, Thankyou.’

SCHOLISTIC BOOK CLUB

Junior School students will be bringing home the latest copies of brochures from Scholastic Book Club during the week. If you would like to place an order, please place your order form in the RED LETTER BOX located at Ms Chappell’s desk in Junior School by next Friday 1 August, 2014.

Instructions on how to pay are located on the order form, specifying that payment can be made by credit card or cheque. Please do not send cash, as Scholastic no longer accepts this as a form of payment.

Stay tuned for some exciting news in that Scholastic will be updating their website soon so that parents will be able to order and pay directly online, with the books still delivered through the school.

Natalie Ramazani
Book Club Co-ordinator: nramazan@as.edu.au
Funding from the Ministry for Sport and Recreation has allowed us to offer this opportunity **FREE OF CHARGE** for

Ages under 7’s 9’s, 11’s and 13’s

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All children that register will be placed into teams of even ability – for further details call:

**TOM NEWSOME** - 0409580732  
**SIMON STUART** – 0407398526

REGISTER FROM 10am each Saturday morning

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Junior Tennis Comp starts

25th July

Friday afternoon 4pm starting next week Friday 25th July.

Time for the kids to "play tennis"

We currently have a junior competition going on Friday afternoons starting at 4pm. The comp will be graded according to age and ability levels. Some will play on a ¾ size court using orange balls; some will play on a full court using green balls.

The rules will be modified according to the levels and to encourage rallying.

They will get to play as many different opponents as possible in one hour.

The comp will run for 8 weeks and will not be played on days when it is raining.

The format is a round robin format each week and points will be awarded to each player that turns up. At the end of the 8 weeks we will have a trophy for the winners of each level.

Cost will be $7 per week.

Starting date is 25th July, second week back at school.

If you want further information regarding this comp please call me 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au or just drop by one Friday and see the kids playing some great tennis.