Representative Honours in Polocrosse

Readers of TAS Talks will know that a good number of TAS boys have been enjoying significant success in a range of equestrian activities over recent months. This continues in this edition as Mrs Murray reports on the outstanding success of Sam and Tim Finlayson in competing for NSW in Darwin recently in the U/16 and Junior sides respectively. Sam’s selection in the Australian U/16 squad and Tim’s achievements in games against the USA make it clear that they are now competing at the elite level. I am well aware that this involves great commitment from them and their families, as is evident in the challenge of a 12 day trip to Darwin with 4 horses. Whilst their competition has taken them well beyond the level of school competition, their efforts are worthy of our congratulations and I know that all at TAS will join me in offering best wishes to them for the events to come.

Junior School Curriculum Consultations

The consultation process with parents regarding future opportunities and directions for our Junior School curriculum continue this week. After the series of discussions regarding co-education that gave fresh perspective and impetus to our plans to strengthen this central feature of our Junior School, meetings regarding the possibility of the introduction of the International Baccalaureate’s Primary Years Program have now begun. This is a part of the consultation process with our school community that precedes any decision from the School Board to apply to the I.B. for candidacy.

A second meeting will be held tonight in the Lower Maxwell Room at 6:00pm (prior to the P&F meeting) and I encourage all Junior School parents who are able to be there to join us. This is an opportunity to hear more about the I.B. program, including how it fits with our whole school vision, what distinguishes I.B. teaching and learning and how the application process works. Feedback from parents will then be taken to the School Board meeting next Tuesday and will be important in the Board’s deliberations before making a decision about our application in September.

1st XI Football

Our senior football team is enjoying a golden season by every measure thus far in 2014 and they deserve our congratulations on it. Playing in Division 1 of the New England League against largely adult oppositions, the team has won all 8 of its games, have an impressive +44 goal difference and boast the leading goal scorer in the competition, Rory Spiers, with 19 goals. There is plenty to be pleased about beyond the results too and their game on Saturday against Norths United highlighted that. Their positive attitude, good sportsmanship in both triumph and adversity and their universal support for one another impressed. With 7 Year 12 players, it is the most senior team TAS has fielded for some time and there is no doubt that those boys have brought a good influence and been healthy role models for the younger players.

The 1st XI play their next game tonight, at 7:00pm on Doody Park against the Glen Innes Highlanders. All who are able to support them tonight or through the remainder of the season will be welcome and, I am sure, entertained.
COUNSELLORS CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

The Commonwealth Games are always good to watch. There is a degree of camaraderie that makes it appealing. What has been noticeable this time is the genuine sense of pleasure that the Australian team seems to derive from each other’s performances, even when pitted against each other. Competitiveness laced with goodwill. This is a positive experience for all.

Another word for this sense of team cohesion is ‘connectedness’. Last Counsellor’s Corner raised this under the umbrella of ‘engagement’. Whatever you want to call it we have a sense of belonging, place and inclusion. This is good for us at an individual level and great at a group and community level. What it creates is a sense of a rich, full and meaningful life.

The Games also saw its fair share of disappointments caused by poor form or illness. Coming back from these experiences is what we call ‘resilience’. Building resilience is also a part of developing a positive attitude to life. Life has a way of challenging us and sometimes these are very powerful experiences. At such times, good friends, a supportive family, access to counselling, can help. Where there is a good sense of connectedness, these are readily available.

However, when we feel disconnected, isolated or alone with our struggles, it can be very difficult. Reaching out can be hard. Look out for people who may be in this situation and help them towards the support they need. Sometimes I get to see boys who create times to see me because a peer has noticed that they are not travelling well.

Mr Rob Hadfield

Shore Visit

Last weekend TAS hosted 13 rugby teams from Shore for our second major home fixture for the year. It is a privilege to host GPS schools at TAS and any who saw the games against Shore will understand why. The positive spirit of the games, the good sportsmanship throughout and the camaraderie amongst the boys from both schools exemplified all that is good about schoolboy sport. The efforts of Shore in travelling to Armidale are appreciated and it was a pleasure to host them.

As Jason Lincoln points out later in this edition of TAS Talks, a home event such as this involves significant efforts from many people and the sense of community and generosity of spirit that was again on show last weekend is something that we can be proud of as a school. I offer my thanks and that of the School to all who helped make the weekend such a success.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Term 3 - Week 3

**Wednesday 30 July**
- 6.00 - 7.00pm Primary Youth Program Information Session
- 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 King’s 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
- 6:30pm Evening Prayer
- 7:15pm Thailand 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
- 7.00 - 9.00 Middle School Social (PLC)
- 7.00 - 9.00 Years 7-9 Social (TAS)

### Term 3 - Week 5

**Monday 11 August**
- 9.00 - 3.30pm - Year 10 First Aid Course
- Hoskins Centre
- 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
- 11.30am OBU AGM

### Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 7 August (3.30 - 6pm) and Friday 8 August (1.30 - 5.30pm) in the Memorial Hall.

Details regarding online bookings have been sent to parents.

If you have problems accessing this please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien - 6776 5806

Information Sessions will be also be held on Thursday 7 August at 6.15pm in Big School and a duplicate session on Friday 8 August in the Hoskins Theatre at 11.45am. These sessions will focus on subject selections for Years 11 & 12 and expectations in the Senior years.

Please email vobrien@as.edu.au to indicate which session you will be attending.
Our next P&F Meeting is on TONIGHT 30 July at 7.00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room. AND for our Liaison Parents and all other interested people we will be having our second fete meeting for 2014 starting at 6.30pm (prior to our P&F meeting).

Have you been involved with fetes either at TAS or elsewhere? Got any ideas or strategies to make this event B-I-G? We look forward to seeing you all at either or both of these meetings and welcome your ideas and contribution.

***** POTS POTS POTS *****

One of the most popular stands at the fete is the Plants, and Adrian 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 Big School for collection. All sizes are welcome.

Sue Cartwright

Welcome Exchange and GAP Students

This term we welcome four exchange students who would really appreciate some local hospitality if you have a spare Saturday or Sunday to show these boys a bit of our local region or just to have a day or so in your home. They are:

Hudson Rodomsky (Year 10 Croft) from St. Stithian’s Boys College in Johannesburg

Tom Notcovitch (Year 10 Croft) from The Athenian School, USA

Henry Sieberhagen (Year 10 Abbott) from Woodridge College, South Africa

Ryan Clack (Year 10 Croft) also from Woodridge College.

Four young men from the UK have also joined us this term as they commence their 12 month stay with us and bring our total GAP students back to six. We are indeed fortunate to have such enthusiastic and capable young men around to assist Junior and Middle Schools, PDHPE department, general office and coaching sport. They are: Jordan Wildman, John Bowers, Harry Gardiner and Calum Kyle.

Australasian & SE Asian Senior Round Square Conference to Korea

Applications are invited and coming in fast for the Senior Round Square Conference to be hosted by CheongShim International Academy in Korea. The conference will be preceded by a three day trip which includes winter sports and sightseeing. This is open to Year 10 and 11 students and will take place from 21 January until 1 February, 2015.

Please see Mr Moore or Mr Slade to confirm your interest and to submit an application form or email them on amoore@as.edu.au or dslade@as.edu.au

Yipirinya Service Trip – Alice Springs

Thank you to Mr Tim Hughes for accompanying Ben Moffatt, James Doyle and Liam Treavors (and their fathers) and the NEGS delegation on what appears to have been an amazing experience for all.

We plan to run this trip again in 2015 – stay tuned for details.

Anna Barnier
Round Square Representative

International Round Square Conference – Jordan

Our delegation to the International Conference in Jordan in October includes: Felix Gifford, Bradley Doak, Will Waterson, Jock McDonald, Liam Howard and Will Archer. We are meeting regularly this term, focusing on Gallipoli and the culture of Turkey where the pre-conference tour is planned. The Kings Academy in Amman (Jordan) is our host for the conference and we very much look forward to such a cultural experience among a mixture of global Round Square schools.

The theme of the conference is Al Salamu Alaikumi (Peace Be with You).
Polocrosse Success

As you will read below both Sam and Tim Finlayson performed extremely well representing their State at both the National titles and against England on Saturday for NSW. Sam, who was Captain of the NSW side has recently been selected in the Australian Under 16 Polocrosse teams. Congratulations boys on this fine achievement.

Winter Photos

These are coming up on the 25 and 26 August, Week 7 this Term. All students will be required to appear in full TAS Sports uniform for these photos as well as their Formals for other school photos on the day.

Chess

Good Luck to our Chess team which competes in the third round of the Schools Competition against Holy Trinity in Inverell this Thursday.

Football

Catch up Games This Week

TAS 12As
Tuesday 29 July - 12As vs Guyra. 4pm in Guyra. Bus from TAS. (Game deferred from 21 June).

TAS 1st XI
Wednesday 30 July - 1st XI vs Glen Innes. 6.30pm at Doody Park. (Game deferred from 21 June).

Saturday 2 Aug
TAS 1st XI vs Glen Innes Highlanders - 3.00pm TAS Adamsfield

Upcoming Catch Up Games

16As
Thursday 7 August 4.15pm against South Armidale Sea Eagles (game deferred from 21 June). Played at the Sportsground.

12Bs
Thursday 7 August. 4.00pm against DK (game deferred from 21 June). Played at Rologas 12.
Rugby

I am constantly aware of the time and effort that so many put into TAS rugby and felt compelled to justify their sacrifice; to reflect on the reasons why we value our inclusion in the AAGPS.

Why do our boys and staff greet our guests with genuine warmth, our kitchen staff and housekeeping staff go above and beyond to be hospitable, our grounds staff produce first class fields, our academic staff make time to coach and manage and officiate games, our parents show a level of commitment that inspires their sons to place School and Team above Themselves?

The AAGPS was established to provide organised games between schools of similar aspiration. The motto of the Association is "Unity in Diversity". The following features of the Association have developed over a long period:

a) Provision of well organised fixtures at appropriate venues

b) Competition held in good spirit with high expectations of conduct and sportsmanship

c) Management and coaching of teams conducted as far as possible by schoolmasters

d) Lively and active communication among member schools in a forum ideal for the discussion of matters of common importance

e) A spirit of cooperation in the context of the healthy competition between our schools

The TAS community, with the support from many in our local community, give of themselves; embracing these principles, to realise all that is good about school-boy sport.

Mr Will Caldwell
MIC Rugby

1st XV for a Day - As written by Joe Alcorn Year 6

The 1st XV match against Shore

On the 26 of July I Joe Alcorn was 1st XV for a day. When I got there I got to go into the First locker room and see all the photos and watch the boys get ready. After they put on all there strapping and all of that we went over to Danger field and did a warm up the boys warmed up like they where going to play in the match so they trained very hard. When the coach Mr Moore was giving them some tips they made me feel like I was a part of the team. When we got back to the locker rooms we all got in a circle and sang to the old boys then I got the chance to run out of the tunnel onto the field and shock hands with the other team Shore.

When it was game time I got to be ball boy, run drinks on and run the tea on all at the same time witch was extremely fun I would have to say the boys had a very good game around there. A big thanks goes to Mr Moore for letting me do that I had a very fun time and a big thanks goes to the first because they made me feel welcome.

Equestrian

As I noted last week we have had a number of boys competing in various equestrian disciplines recently, and it gives me great pleasure to report on a few more of their achievements.

Ben McElroy recently competed in an interschool competition held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. In the 60cm ODE he placed ninth. In addition he also placed third and fifth in two separate preliminary. Congratulations goes to Ben.

In addition Sam and Tim Finlayson have been reaching great heights in their chosen discipline of Polocrosse. Sam has achieved outstanding results at the recent Australian Nationals Championships in Polocrosse held in Darwin, where he represented New South Wales.
On 21 June with four horses in tow he began the trip to Darwin, which took 12 days. Overall NSW made eight out of the nine finals, winning six of them. Sam competed in the under 16 boys division, beating QLD in the final with a score of 19/17. He has now been selected among 12 boys for the Australian Under 16 Squad. In addition Tim was selected in a NSW Junior side to compete against the United States of America. NSW won both games against the USA and Tim was awarded best number 1 (position) for both games and best Australian Stock Horse. These results are incredible and both boys should be congratulated on their amazing efforts and we wish them well for their future competitions.

I commented on a number of upcoming competitions in last weeks TAS Talks. If you are interested in any of the events I mentioned, please feel free to email me for more details at amurray1@as.edu.au.

Mrs Alex Murray

CREATIVE ARTS

As we approach the Trial and HSC exams this becomes a very important time of the year for the Year 12 Creative Arts students. Those studying Art, Music and Drama prepare to submit major works and have their performance exams over the remaining weeks of this term. The Curtain Up evening next Wednesday 6th August is the first public presentation night of the Drama work, where it is not only an assessment but an opportunity for them to experience the challenges (and excitement) of a public performance. There will be showcased the Group Performances, the Individual Performances, two Video Dramas and a Costume Design Project. While still having a few weeks to refine, edit and complete their work, it is a good opportunity for parents, friends and peers to come get a good sense of the students’ finished products. It promises to be an exciting, entertaining and enjoyable night that you do not want to miss as we have some exceptional talent on display from our senior Drama students.

Curtain Up is held in the Hoskins Theatre and commences at 7:30pm. Parents of young children should be aware that one performance features infrequent strong language, and some have low-level adult themes, which should be considered before attending the evening.

Mr Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Co-ordinator

ACADEMIC

Year 9 Geography field trip

As a part of our unit ‘Changing Australian Communities' and in preparation for this semester’s major assessment, the Research Action Plan, Year 9 will visit Coffs Harbour in Week 6. There we will model how to research a community, hearing from a variety of guest speakers about how Coffs has changed over time. The boys will gather primary data from within the community as well as visit the National Marine Research Centre. We will be staying at Bishop Druitt College.

When: 19 and 20 August (Tuesday and Wednesday).
Times:  Depart 8:45am on19 August. Return 3:30pm on 20 August.
Cost:  Approximately $55 including meals.
What to bring: The boys will be issued with a packing list as we draw closer to the date.

If you have any questions, please contact Fiona Taber on ftaber@as.edu.au

NSW Royal Australian Chemical Institute Crystal Growing Competition

Congratulations to Angus Simmons, Alex Chambers, Robbie Pullar, Jarrod Bourke and Angus Lloyd of the Year 10 Mathematics/Science Extension class! These students received Highly Commended Awards for their entries in the NSW Royal Australian Chemical Institute Crystal Growing Competition. There was a record 960 entries from 45 schools in the competition this year with 40 crystals across 4 categories receiving Highly Commended Awards. The next phase of the competition is selection of the top 7 crystals in each category for Nationals.
**MUSIC MATTERS**

**Beginner Band has commenced!**

TAS Beginner Band is now up and running on Wednesday lunchtimes. We currently have a group of around 12 keen musicians (Years 2-5) who have already learned how to set up, tune up and work as a team in a band environment. TAS Beginner Band is run by Mr Alastair Finco or Mrs Rachel Butcher. The aim of this ensemble is to consolidate and develop these skills to enable students to move into other ensembles as they get older while having a great time. It is free of charge and open to any student in Junior School who is currently learning an instrument. The rehearsal commences at 1.20pm and students need to remember to eat their lunch in the normal lunch area before coming over to the Music Block. Students also need to remember to bring their own instrument every Wednesday.

Students who are interested should speak to either Mr Finco or Mrs Butcher about joining the band. Parents are welcome to call the Music department on 6776 5890 to more information and to discuss the ensemble.

**Twilight Concert (AMEB) last night**

Thank you to those students who performed in the Twilight Concert last night. It was wonderful to see the work of the many students who are preparing to sit their AMEB exams in a fortnight. We wish you good luck for the examinations. We like to publish student achievements so please let us know who you went once the AMEB is over.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent
ACTIVITIES DAY INFORMATION

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

Surf Life Saving

Activities Day no 5

4 August 2014

8:45am Introduction, explanation of day’s activities

9:00am 5km run

10:00am Pool session, drills, 400m swim, rescues, underwater rescue, deep water support, PFD’s, defensive techniques

12:00pm Morning Tea

12:20pm Workbooks

1:10pm Lunch
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Steady despite change

The longer mid-year break is paying dividends. Over the last week I’ve spoken to staff and many boys who are relaxed and looking forward to this very busy term with renewed energy. Classes are settled, new staff (mentioned last week) are enjoying their ‘charges’ and boys, likewise, are responding well to them.

You’ll know by now that White Housemaster, Mr Andrew Junge (ajunge@as.edu.au) will assume his new and increased Middle School role by becoming the Homeroom teacher of Year 7 J. His is a welcome appointment and I know that he is happy about the prospect of greater academic involvement with us. While the boys in his class will have a new, though not unfamiliar teacher, Mr Junge’s appointment constitutes a return to the Middle School academic program. Before his move to Queensland, Andrew was one of the (nearly) original teachers with foundation Head of School, Dennis Dempster. Accordingly, his knowledge of the pastoral practices that underpin academic performance is unquestioned. So, we are lucky to have Andrew here.

The boys in his class have been very fortunate to have had Ms Cindy Barnsley as their Homeroom teacher for the past half year. Cindy is an excellent practitioner and we too have been lucky to have had access to and real benefit from her teaching, specific curriculum knowledge and expertise. As indicated at a number of farewells last week, Cindy has overseen obligatory changes to curriculum, through Scope and Sequence effected program connection within and between year groups, assisted and conducted staff in-service and, in collaboration with others, ensured a seamless academic transition between the Junior and Senior Schools. Some things occur very quickly: as this edition of TAS Talks comes to you Cindy Barnsley will already be teaching in her new school in Hanoi and on behalf of all Middle School staff, I wish her luck and the success she deserves.

Parent Interviews

We had Parent Interviews and Year 9 information sessions last Thursday and Friday for boys in Year 8. Again, thanks to Mrs Alison Evans’ organization, the academic interviews held in the Memorial Hall ran very smoothly and from what I can glean, parents, boys and staff were happy with them. Two Transition to Year 9 elective subject and pastoral (Advisor Group) sessions were run by Mrs Seonia Wark, Director of Studies, and Mr Barney Buntine, Director of Pastoral Care. It was good to see the boys and so many parents at these important sessions and now families have some time to discuss elective subject options for the boys’ Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) coursework. If you think we may be of assistance to you in relation to questions, enquiries, please contact us.
International Baccalaureate in Junior School

The first of our information sessions relating to the Primary Years Program are being held this week on Monday and Wednesday, July 28 & 30. These sessions are designed to outline the School’s position on current investigations into this program with a significant amount of information about the nature of the program and the process that we will go through should it be adopted. The Headmaster, Director of Studies, our Junior School Curriculum Coordinator Mrs Veronica Waters and myself warmly invite you to attend these valuable meetings. For catering purposes, we would appreciate you letting us know if you can attend.

NAPLAN Trial Assessments

We have been asked to assist ACARA, the body responsible for the formulation of the NAPLAN Assessments, by supporting the process by which they trial their questions and papers for the future. We feel this is a good opportunity for our students to gain further experience in performing such a task under exam conditions, and for the School to assist in this process. These will be held this Friday, August 1 and will apply only to Years 3 & 5.

Winter Uniform

Yesterday, I spoke to a number of students whose uniform was quite badly damaged and in disrepair. While I understand how tough our students can be on the uniform, we are reinforcing the School’s expectations for standards this term and I believe that wearing a clean, tidy and presentable uniform is important.

As for all our students at TAS, we ask for your support from home.

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Happy Birthday Wishes

This week we wish a very happy birthday to the following students:

Joshua Miron, Lachlan Litchfield and Harry Chandler.

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 TAS coed JS. (We believe all issues with the website have now been rectified!)
Routine changes

Often the need arises for the routine of your child to change. Where possible, it is important to make these changes prior to 3pm. Teachers are not always able to check emails and often phone messages to JS Reception are not picked up in time. If there is an urgent need to contact the school when unable to use the above system, please ring the Head of Junior School on his mobile. We appreciate your support with this.

Transition Interviews

Interviews for children wishing to attend Transition in 2015 will be held on Thursday 14 August in the Transition Classroom. If you have a child who is interested in the Transition program, please contact the Enrolments Office prior to this date.

WeWrite2Connect

Congratulations to Jack Lincoln in Year 2, for achieving the outstanding result of coming third in the Knox Grammar School’s Global Writing Competition, having written an outstanding piece of prose “Magnificent Steed”. Congratulations to Jack and all those in our E&E program who entered the competition.

Junior Chess

Twelve teams competed on Friday at Armidale City Public school. Our TAS team consisted of Henry Moore, Cassidy Williams, Stewart Williams and Josh Miron. All boys played so well, that we came second overall. They should be very proud of themselves, not only for their skilful moves, but for their lovely manners and good sportsmanship! Congratulations boys!

Scholastic Book Club

If you would like to place an order from the current issue of Book Club brochures, please place your order form in the RED LETTER BOX located at Ms Chappell’s desk in Junior School by next Friday August 1. The brochures contain some great bargains! 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. For more information contact Ms Natalie Ramazani on nramazan@as.edu.au.

New venture for budding golfers

Junior School has been approached by Mr Leon Naude, who is proposing to run sessions to teach golf to our Junior School students. Leon has 25 years of teaching golf and has developed a well-rounded program, approved by TAS, designed to introduce young people to golf, including chipping, pitching, rules of the game and etiquette. For management purposes, we are restricting numbers to those in yr 2 to 5, with no more than 9 in a group, with all gear provided. 2 sessions will run each Thursday lunchtime with the first 2 sessions being free of charge as they will be designed for students to come along and have a try. Commitment to the program from next term will cost $95 for the term. Numbers will be restricted and all names must be forwarded to junior@as.edu.au for recording purposes. Leon's contact details are as follows: leon4golf@gmail.com or 0429 594 088.

Gymnastics at lunchtime

PE staff have asked me to advertise that they will be holding gymnastics sessions on Tuesdays at lunchtime from 1.20 pm, for those who are capable gymnasts and keen to give up their lunchtime to attend. We already have a number of talented girls attending, and while numbers will be restricted, all will be welcome and will need to have their PE gear for the session. Again, we ask that parents contact us through junior@as.edu.au to register names.
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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Netball

TAS/PLC Topaz vs Acsc Gems

It seems that challenging and unpleasant weather has typified the netball season and our games on Saturday were no exception! The rain tumbled down, the wind blew and the ball became very slippery! Did the girls complain? Not at all – they are keen and resilient and I’m proud of them!

So in these less than ideal conditions Topaz played an evenly matched but taller Gems outfit and everyone played well.

Gabby Cotterell and Charlotte Portell were particularly strong and scored our only goals. Confidently supporting them this week were Milly Keeping, Scarlett Buntine and Lillian Maxwell. Whilst we still need to remember to spread out and create space, everyone has improved. It was encouraging to see Annabelle Pennington, Mia Lincoln, Teya Catterell and Ruby Broun all very involved in the play. The final score was 4-2 in favour of Gems. Our next game is against Uralla Baby Cats, commencing at 12pm.

Mrs Trenerry

Football

U 7’s

This week the boys had an outstanding game and came away with a win. Their team work in defence and their attacking skills have developed considerably. Ty Schalk-O’Brien had a great game and made a number of great tackles. Iles Baker also had a great offensive game and continually placed pressure on his opponents. All boys played in good spirit and had an enjoyable game.

Ms Heagney

TAS Tigers

We had a ripper of a game on Saturday against the Demon Knight Wizards. They were a tight team that marked well and were hungry for the ball. In the first half they were quick to score two goals. All it took was the smug smiles on the boy’s faces to get the Tigers ready to pounce back. We saw Archie Douglas Menzies defend well with some long passes. Nicholas Thomas and Flinders Ward were our strong wingmen. Sam Strelitz, Lochlan Litchfield and Evan Kwan took turns at being the centre players. It was a fast and furious game that really challenged our boys. However, in the end the TAS Tigers rose to victory with a score of 6/3.

Mrs Bromwich

TAS Typhoons

The TAS Typhoons came up against some very strong opposition this week. In the first half Norths put plenty of pressure on the Sam Meehan in goal and he was able to repel most their shots. It was the same situation for Calin Simmonds in the second half and Calin made some excellent saves. This week the team focused on kicking the ball towards the line rather than across goals whilst defending. Sam Meehan and Oliver Smart scored a goal each. Josh Pongrass was our player of the week for accepting his coach’s instructions and showing great teamwork.

Mr Meehan

TAS Turquoise

TAS Turquoise came up against a well prepared PLC 8 on Saturday. With yet another wet Saturday which makes very tough playing conditions, the girls worked hard and defended well. It was lovely to watch all the girls move the ball down the court with increased confidence and vigour. Dimity Charmers and Sophie Mason were stand out performers for the team on the day. Although TAS Turquoise were not winners the team should be very proud of their persistent efforts. All the girls have improved their netball game so much this season. Well done and we look forward to watching you continue to do so. In our next game which commences at 12pm, we meet Emeralds.

Mrs Lincoln

TAS Typhoons

Just a reminder that the TAS Typhoons have registered for the Jack Vallance Carnival this weekend. Play commences at 10.00am on Sunday 3rd August at Rologas 16.

Please be there at 9.15am for registration.
Hockey

Under 11’s

The commencement of Term 3 for the Under 11’s hockey team has been one of training not playing. As you would all be aware our Friday afternoon game was called off in Week 1 due to the weather and our game last week was always not going ahead due to the Men’s over 35’s State Hockey Championships being played here in Armidale. Therefore, I am yet to see this team take the field and put all we have been working on at training into practice during a game. In saying this I have over the past two weeks observed some very skilled players. Our drills at training have been focused on making our passes stick by practicing passing the ball to the player. We have also been learning the skill of leading and drawing the player. The team works well together at training and they are willing to try new drills, which is encouraging. All players enjoy training and the smiles on the faces of the players last the whole training session. I am again looking forward to this weeks training session on Wednesday afternoon and finally seeing this team play a game on Friday afternoon.

Ms Tabitha Dowse

SHOWCASE

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