Year 10 Parent Teacher Information Sessions

As usual, information sessions have been scheduled to coincide with parent-teacher interviews for Year 10 students this Thursday and Friday and I encourage all parents to attend if it is at all possible. Whilst the parent-teacher interviews will focus on current academic performance and provide subject specific advice, the information sessions will look ahead to the HSC years, including subject selection, ATARs and university entry. We believe that the HSC works best when it is a shared journey with students, parents and teachers travelling together. The information session will be important in setting the direction for that journey over the coming two years and I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there.

HSC Trials and Study Day

The HSC Trial Exams that begin on Monday will have the full attention of Year 12 and I wish all students well for their study and the exams themselves. As part of the final preparations, tutorial support is available over the next two Sundays and the program for this is included in this edition of TAS Talks. Whether the aim is to ask targeted questions, gain general advice or simply study with the support of others, these study sessions will be valuable and I encourage all students to take advantage of them. The library will also be open from 12:00 to 4:00pm.

City to Surf

TAS will have a strong presence in the 2014 City to Surf race with a team of 67, including 57 TAS boys. This, I am led to believe, makes the TAS team the largest school group in this year’s race and while that means little in itself, it does reflect healthy spirit and real commitment amongst our students and that means a great deal. I wish all in the TAS team well for the run and encourage them with the prospect that it will be a memorable experience. With around 80,000 entrants expected again this year, the City to Surf is the largest running event of its type in the World and it carries iconic status. It is also a major charity fundraising event, with over $3million raised this year already and that is a good reason to be a part of it too.

Yipirinya Service Trip

At Tuesday’s assembly, James Doyle, Ben Moffatt and Liam Treavors presented on their experience travelling to Yipirinya Aboriginal school in Alice Springs during the last school holiday break. Their story of service work at the school, new relationships and friendships and the personal challenge of finding themselves in a new and very different environment stood as an explanation of why we pursue service work like this. As I commented following their powerful presentation, the benefits of such a trip are designed to be shared and this is clearly what happened. I know that the service presented to the children of Yipirinya was valued and appreciated and it was clear yesterday that our travellers had their eyes opened to elements of our world that they would not have encountered without seizing the initiative and travelling. They were clearly affected and even confronted by the experience and that is a good thing.

I am hopeful that the Yipirinya service trip will be a regular feature of our service program and I encourage boys in Years 8 and Year 9 who are looking for a challenge to speak with James, Ben or Liam and to have a look at the report on the TAS Website under ‘Latest News’.
Jerusalem (Colossians 1:24-2:5)

Jerusalem, when we sang it last week, I couldn’t help thinking, strange old hymn! Feels a little out of step with who we are as Australians, maybe we should sing more of drought stricken plains than mountains green. But we are after all in the New England, so maybe that’s the link. Apart from geography, it feels a little out of step in terms of being overly nationalistic, perhaps inflammatory and not PC enough for 2014. Well over the next couple of weeks, we might try and understand what’s going on in this famous poem.

Jerusalem, the hymn, is in fact a smaller portion of William Blake’s poem. In recent years it has gained interest as many even in England have said, it’s out of step with the times. One famous English preacher said, amongst a growing feeling of dwindling national identity that the poem itself poses four grandly rhetorical questions to each of which the answer is, ‘Er, no, actually’. Did those feet, the feet of Jesus himself, in ancient times walk upon England’s mountains green? Er, no. Was the Holy Lamb of God on England’s pleasant pastures seen? Pretty certainly not. Did Jerusalem builded here, among these dark satanic mills? Well, now you’re asking; and what, in particular, has the building of Jerusalem got to do with the physical presence of Jesus? Even if Jesus had come as a boy to these islands, which is what one myth suggests, why would he have wanted to reconstruct Jerusalem?

The ‘dark satanic mills’ were not, after all, as many have suggested a sledge directed at the evils of the industrial revolution. Rather, the great churches, like Westminster Abbey and St Paul’s Cathedral, which Blake saw as having fallen into the sticky web self interest and worldly desires.

Jerusalem has two meanings. First, Jerusalem was the place of wisdom. Under Solomon, the great wise King of Israel, people came from the ends of the earth to hear his wisdom.

And his wisdom looked like this. It was on the one hand the accumulation of knowledge about the natural and human worlds – trees, plants, animals, birds, music, literature, architecture, medicine. And it was on the other hand the delight in the meaning of those things. So Solomon could make wise judgments, not just know a lot. This is biblical wisdom, it includes knowing, looking at and weighing the evidence, the facts, and the ability to ask the question, But what’s it all for? What does it mean? And what should we do with it?

And though the ancient Jews knew perfectly well that the actual city of Jerusalem was a place where, often enough, incompetent or even wicked rulers could get it wrong on all fronts, they still looked to it as the place where, wisdom of both kinds was to be found; because it was the place where you would go to meet with YHWH, God, who was himself the creator of the whole world. As our own western world has sadly proved again and again, you can gather all the intelligence you like and still make poor decisions with devastating consequences. As the book of Job says, you can’t get the wisdom you need simply by digging up more facts. You get it by worshipping the God whose facts they are. And Jerusalem stands for the place where you do both, and allow both to inform one another.

Are we in the business of building that sort of Jerusalem here at TAS?

WELLBEING

I’d like this week to draw everyone’s attention to a couple of guest speakers we have lined up in the next month.

The first is Celia Lashlie (Aug 22), the prominent researcher, writer and presented on raising boys. Her book He’ll Be Okay – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men has been a tremendous success and, when she last visited TAS a few years ago, she spoke powerfully and in a wonderfully entertaining way to a packed Hoskins Theatre. She addresses the typical journeys and challenges faced by boys and, most importantly, their parents, offering very specific advice that differs considerably for Mums and Dads.

The other is the local Magistrate, Karen Stafford, who has kindly offered to speak (Thurs Sept 4) to a combined audience of parents and boys (Years 9-12) on issues related to adolescents and the law. Her manner is honest and raw, and she will be examining matters mainly concerning sexual behaviour and consent, cyber-safety and the use of alcohol (including drink driving and supply). While this is her first time speaking at TAS, we have heard wonderful things about similar presentations she has made at other schools.

I hope many of you can make it to one or both of these evenings.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 3 - Week 4

Wednesday 6 August
Assessment of Language Competence Year 10
5.00pm Foundation Meeting
6.30pm Evening Prayer
7:15pm Thailand Meeting
7.30 Curtain Up ( HSC Drama Performance)

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 - 9.30 Years 7-9 Social ( TAS )

Sunday 10 August
City to Surf

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)
Interschool Chess Semi Finals at
Callaghan College, Newcastle

Wednesday 13 August
HSC Trials continue
Year 11 Metals Work Placement
6.30pm Evening Prayer
Interschool Chess Semi Finals at
Callaghan College, Newcastle

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

Term 3 - Week 6

Monday 18 August
HSC Trials continue

Tuesday 19 August
HSC Trials continue
Year 9 Geography Excursion ( Coffs)
Ag Quip, Gunnedah

Wednesday 20 August
HSC Trials continue
Year 9 Geography Excursion ( Coffs)
Ag Quip, Gunnedah

Thursday 21 August
HSC Trials continue
Ag Quip, Gunnedah
5.30 Twilight Concert, Hoskins Centre

Friday 22 August
HSC Trials continue
6pm Celia Lashlie Presentation, Hoskins Centre

Saturday 23 August
Rugby - TAS vs Sydney High at TAS

Sunday 24 August
6.00pm Service at St Peters
Year 10 First Aid Course, Day 2

Term 3 - Week 7

Monday 25 August
Winter Sports Photos

Tuesday 26 August
Winter Sports Photos
University of Newcastle, Science and Engineering Challenge

Wednesday 27 August
"Brainstorm" production
Years 7,8,9 in gym
6.30pm Evening Prayer
Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

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

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 Year 11 and expectations in the Senior years.

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

RazzamaTAS Fete - 1 November

Thanks to all our enthusiastic parents who attended our fete meeting last Wednesday evening. After some lively discussion we now have a pretty firm idea of what will be on offer at this year’s fete – something to bring the whole school together and with the aim of also engaging the wider community too. Stay tuned for little reveals of our exciting offerings over the next few weeks.

Our next meeting for the fete will be held towards the end of term – by which time you should have heard from your Liaison Parents who will be contacting everyone to get assistance for your year group’s activity or stall.

But to get you started we have a couple of early requests:

- Pots - all shapes and sizes are needed to pot up plants for the plant stall. Just collect them all up and bring them in as soon as you can
- Manure - we are looking for properties that may need to have underneath the shearing shed cleared out. We hope to be able to organise community service hours for the boys and just need offers of sheds and shovels, and collections of chaff bags to fill
- White Elephant – a very successful stall at the Fete every year is the White Elephant – and what a wonderful opportunity for us all to clear out those bits and pieces no longer used by our families. So as you clean out your garage/shed/attic/cellar/kids rooms just put it all to one side ready to deliver to the school next term.

Mrs Sue Cartwright
TAS Photography Club Success

A huge congratulations to Mrs Lucas and the TAS Photography Club on their outstanding success with a number of our boys’ photos being published in the World Youth Adventures Best of the Best Photo Album. Photos which were published in the album include those taken by Tom Bishop, Calliden Hunter & Riley Clarke. This is a wonderful achievement by these young men and full congratulations to Mrs Lucas for her ongoing support of this great club. Should any boys wish to join the TAS Photography Club I strongly encourage you to speak to one of our boys involved, Mrs Lucas at Reception.
Football

Please check below the football draws for this coming week, including the dates of any catch up games deferred from the school holidays. It is important that TAS fields full teams for all games, including the catch up games. The catch up games are important as many clubs are happy to defer games and play at other times and it is important that we show our appreciation for this by fielding full teams at the correct venues and times. Please check these draws carefully. Any support at the catch up games would be greatly appreciated by all the teams who are playing.

Thursday 7 August

12Bs - 4.00pm vs DK | Rologas 12 | Deferred from 21 June
16As - 4.15pm vs South Armidale Sea Eagles | Sportsground | Deferred from 21 June

Saturday 9th August

1st XI - 3pm vs Souths | Sportsground
2nd XI - 1pm vs Souths | Sportsground
3rd XI - 3pm vs Ex-Services | Jack Vallance 2
16As - 8.30am vs Joeys FC United | TAS Adamsfield
16Bs - 8.30am vs Guyra Pumas | Guyra 1
14As - 10.00am vs Souths | Sportsground
14Bs Blue - 9.00am vs Ex-Services | Jack Vallance 1
14Bs White - Bye
12As - 10.10am vs Souths | Rologas 1
12Bs - 10.00am vs Demon Knights | Rologas 2
10s Tornadoes - 9.00am vs Norths | Rologas 13
9s Typhoons - 9.00am vs Uralla | Rologas 14
8s Trucks - 10:50am vs Souths | Rologas 15
7s Tigers - 10:50am vs Demon Knights | Rologas 7
7s Taipans - 10:50am vs Demon Knights Wizards at Rologas 3
6s Tadpoles - 9:50am vs Souths | Rologas 6

Sunday 10 August

2nd XI - 10.00am vs DK Dads | TAS Adamsfield | Deferred from 21 June
1st XI - 12.30pm vs Souths | TAS Adamsfield | Deferred from 28 June

Wednesday 13 August

2nd XI - 6.00pm vs Souths | Doody Park | Deferred from 28 June

Sunday 24 August

3rd XI - 11.00am vs Norths | Phil Wheaton Oval | Deferred from 28 June
2nd XI - 1.00pm vs Norths | Phil Wheaton Oval | Deferred from 5 July
1st XI - 3.00pm vs Norths | Phil Wheaton Oval | Deferred from 3 May

Mr Polson
MIC Football

Rugby

A large contingent of TAS supporters were privileged to be part of a wonderful fixture at the Kings School on Saturday. Our hosts bent over backwards to accommodate the players, and spectators were treated to high quality games played in good spirit. Whilst there was much cause for cheering from the sideline it was also pleasing to hear the regular tones of Team App messages, as parents and injured team mates applauded, remotely, the efforts of the boys. A big thank you to managers and coaches who maintain the constant feed of communication. I urge all of you to join up. It is surprisingly simple. Just follow the instructions on the TAS website http://wordpress.as.edu.au/rugby/rugby-team-app/

We now have three home games in succession, beginning with Scots this Saturday. Please come and support the boys, enjoy a pie or a Bacon and Egg roll (courtesy of the Under 15’s Rugby Parents) and share in the spirit of Rugby at TAS.

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.

· Warialda School Horse Sports Day – Friday 15 August. Entries are due by Monday 11 August.
· Calrossy Horse Sports Day – 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.

I hope that preparation and training is continuing to go well for all, and I look forward to hearing more results in the near future.

Mrs Alex Murray
Social
TAS will be hosting a social for Year 9 and 10 in the Memorial Hall from 7pm until 10pm on Saturday 9 August. Students must wear neat casual clothes and be at TAS by 6.50pm to have their name marked off the roll. Students who are not dressed appropriately may be refused entry. The cost for this social is $5 which will be added to attending students’ school account. All socials are fundraising opportunities for the SRC. Please remember no glow sticks are allowed, so please just don’t bring them. Parents can pick up their sons at 10pm.

Chess
Congratulations again to the TAS Chess team who won the fourth round of the NSW Junior Chess League Competition held at Holy Trinity in Inverell last Thursday. The team consisted of Harry Pollard, Charlie Wyatt, Michael Harris and Will Reeves. Thank you to Mrs Regina Pollard who drove the team to Inverell. Next school to face will be later in the term. Well done to all boys who won each of their boards.

ACADEMIC
HSC Trials Study Sunday week 1

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CAREERS
The Careers Page is constantly being updated and presently has the latest information from ‘JobJump’.
JobJump is an exceptional website full of useful resources, university information and much more.
A reminder that our password is cubs
Boys and parents are encouraged to visit the site to view the latest information regarding careers.

Careers Website
Mrs Karen Hutton
Assistant to the
Director of Co-Curricular

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 on 19 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 Ms Fiona Taber on ftaber@as.edu.au

Library is open from 12-4pm
AMEB examinations have commenced!

The Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) exam period has already started and this year there are 23 committed TAS students sitting for the next grade in the AMEB pathway. We wish our hardworking musicians and vocalists the best of luck. We like to publish student achievements so please let us know how you went once your AMEB examination is over.

About the AMEB (excerpts taken from the website www.ameb.edu.au)

The AMEB Tradition, The Measure Of Excellence

AMEB’s qualifications are recognised as a national benchmark across Australia. AMEB examinations are based on syllabuses designed by leading scholars and performers, regularly updated to ensure that they reflect an appropriate range of performance skills and the latest musicological research.

What The AMEB, Offers

- a qualification that is widely recognised and respected
- the most widely-used assessment system for Music, Speech and Drama in Australia
- assessment from the preliminary to diploma level
- highly-trained examiners who are specialists in their instrument
- detailed written reports for practical examinations
- fresh and accessible syllabuses developed in consultation with teachers, parents and students
- a wide range of repertoire available in the manual lists, in addition to AMEB publications

Next Twilight Concert

The next Twilight Concert will be held this term in Week 6 on Thursday 21 August. The concert will commence at 5.30pm in The Hoskins Centre. The Twilight Concert is open to all TAS students who are having vocal or instrumental tuition and is a wonderful opportunity to gain performance skills and experience. These are free concerts and everyone is welcome to attend.

Students should let their vocal and instrumental tutors know if they would like to play in the upcoming concert so they can work with students to select pieces.

For more information please contact Mrs Broadbent in the Music Office on sbroadbe@as.edu.au

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

New England Sings! primary choirs rehearsal next Thursday

The next rehearsal for the combined primary choirs for NE Sings! will be next Thursday 14 August. This will again involve the TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble and TAS 3-5 Choir travelling to the Old Teachers’ College during school time to rehearse from 1.00 - 2.30pm. Edwards Buses will transport the students to and from rehearsals.
Day 5 of our training year saw C Company tackle the rock climbing wall at UNE, conduct a search and rescue for some lost English gappies and Mr Beaker in 'the bush', and learn more about the long history of The Armidale School Cadet Unit. All activities to date are leading up to our next big events - Bivouac and Annual Camp. Great improvement in drill, teamwork and leadership was on display which bodes well for our challenges to come.

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The Armidale School Parents & Friends Association Presents...

International Bestselling Writer and Storyteller

CEelia Lashlie - Live

On ‘Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men’

TAS Hoskins Centre
6pm, 22 August
Tickets $10

www.trybooking.com/FNAL

Phone: (02) 6776 5800
Absentees & Leave Request
It is a Board of Studies requirement that all absentees are explained. A note or email from parents explaining the absence is required when your son returns to school or on the day of his illness.

We now require you as parents to complete leave requests if you need to take your child out of school for an upcoming planned absence. (Medical/Dental appointments do not need leave request forms) Application forms for exemption from attendance are on the school website and must be emailed to middle@as.edu.au or handed in to the Middle School Office for approval by the Head of Middle School.

Please note: leave cannot be taken until a certificate for exemption from Attendance at School is received.

Leaving School Grounds
This is a reminder to all boys about the correct procedure to follow when they leave the school grounds during school hours (8.45am to 3.30pm). If any student has an appointment or is leaving the school grounds for any reason during school time they must sign out and sign back in upon their return. The sign out book is placed in the Middle School Staff Room. This procedure ensures that the school knows where the students are at all times.

New Arrivals
This week we welcome two Round Square Exchange students from Ballarat Grammar. Oliver Pescott and Nicholas Gilbert, both of whom are in Year 8. The boys will be joining Middle School boarders and attending classes for two weeks. Again, it is so good that our students can take the opportunity of meeting and assisting new people, dealing with different approaches to school life and, hopefully, forging friendships. I look forward to introducing Oliver and Nicholas at this week’s Town Meeting. After Oliver and Nicholas have had time to settle, perhaps they’ll be given a further opportunity to visit some Middle School families for a weekend or a meal during their exchange.

I’m going to mention this possibility during our meeting this week because, at 13, they are a very long way from their own homes. Please think about this opportunity that potentially benefits your sons as well as these boys. If and when this happens, we’ll be happy to make necessary arrangements, contacting and liaising with all parents involved to ensure that all boys have an enjoyable time together. While I thank you in anticipation of your support of such an opportunity, I want your sons to initiate it.

PSSA & NCIS Athletics
Congratulations to the following Year 6 boys who were selected to compete in the PSSA & NCIS Athletics carnivals: Cotter Litchfield, Chad Kliendienst, Liam Matherson, Harry Ashton, Charlie Rutledge, Nathan McLaren, Will Young, Luke Evans and Oscar Henzell. We wish the boys well and thank Mrs Wright and all the teachers involved in preparing the boys for these events.

Middle School Social
This terms Middle School social will be hosted by PLC and will be held on Saturday, 9 August from 7pm to 9pm. There will be a cover charge of $5 per boy attending which will be charged to your school account. All boys are required to catch the bus to and from the social. They will need to meet at the front of the TAS Memorial Hall at 6.45pm and are to be collected promptly at 9.00pm from the same place. Please note it is a school requirement that all day and boarding students travel to and from school socials on the bus unless notification is given in writing to Mr Harrison.

Early Adolescence
Adolescence is a stage when young people undergo many physical, emotional and social changes. It can be a challenging period for many parents who may discover their once placid child begins to resist their authority for the first time. Their once happy son may now be sullen and withdrawn, or a formerly friendly daughter may become hard to live with.

It can be a difficult time for young people. Not quite kids and not really adolescents, they are caught in a type of limbo. It can also be a sad and scary time for young people. Many look back and realise that they can never really be ‘children’ again, yet looking ahead they can be apprehensive knowing that adolescence will present them with its own peculiar challenges.

This particular stage can provide a window of opportunity for parents. It is a time to help prepare your child for adolescence and even adulthood. Parents need to establish a relationship based on mutual respect and shared interest. It is also a time to help children get on the right track at school before learning difficulties become too great and an adolescent gives up rather than appear inadequate in front of their peers. It is the start of a period of challenging, thoughtful parenting.
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

TAS Co-educational Junior School

No doubt (I am hoping), that word of mouth has informed you how excited our children were to have the TV cameras in school yesterday, shooting footage for some promotional material for the school. As part of our marketing at this time of the year, the focus is on Junior School and you may have noticed an increase in advertising recently. We would like to continue to spread the word about the outstanding nature of the TAS offering and ensure the ‘word’ is well and truly out there. On 20 August, the whole school will combine to showcase the T to 2 program at our Open Day and we ask for your continued support by inviting all and sundry along between 10.00 am– 12.00 pm to observe the TAS education at its best.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is on! If you could see the playground, this statement would seem a little unnecessary. What we would like to do, however, is give the program a plug and remind you that your children will be seeking your support by asking family and friends to become sponsors as part this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is all about learning how to keep fit and healthy. Children will be participating in the “Jump Off” on 20 August and fundraising forms have been sent home.

Arriving at School

While we understand the pressures of getting children off to school in the mornings, the morning routine is an important one. As important as it is for children to play with friends in the playground before school, it can also be disruptive if children arrive once a lesson has commenced. If your child is late please escort them to the Junior School Reception desk prior to heading to the classroom and sign them in as it is likely that they have been reported absent. It is also timely to mention that, the Junior School playground is not supervised before 8.15 am in the morning. While there may be occasions when children need to arrive at school earlier than this, it should only be for an activity or occasion which would be associated with the appropriate supervision.

We would also like to reinforce the need to use the correct car parks and collection points, minimizing the traffic on our campus wherever possible. It is dangerous to do otherwise, particularly outside the Transition classroom and we ask that at no time, do parents use this location to drop off or collect their children to and from school. The safety of all of our students is paramount and I continue to ask for everyone’s care and understanding in this matter.

New venture for budding golfers

Junior School has been approached by Mr Leon Naude, who is running 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 year 2 to 5, with no more than nine 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.

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Happy Birthday Wishes

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

Evan Kwan

Lost Property

The JS Lost Property box is still located in the Homework Centre and access is available every day after school. After a period of time, all unclaimed and unnamed items are removed and taken to the School laundry where they are stored until the end of the school year, before being donated to charity.

Gymnastics at lunchtime

PE staff 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.

Netball

TAS/PLC Topaz vs Sandon Stars

With just seven players this week, Topaz had their work cut out against a taller, more experienced Sandon outfit. However, what a determined and strong defensive game we played. Powerful and impressive in defence was Lily Moore who troubled the opposition on many occasions. Lily was well supported by Teya Catterell who is going from strength to strength. In the second quarter our defence was equally strong with Scarlett Buntine and Mia Lincoln combining very well. Annabelle Pennington played keenly all game and supported her team mates on every occasion. Likewise, Milly Keeping and Ruby Broun were involved in play and are improving from week to week. Sandon ended up victors on the day but Topaz made it a great contest and all seven players should be proud of their efforts. Our next game is against ACSC Crystals at 12pm.

Mrs Trenerry

TAS Turquoise

TAS Turquoise took the court this week against the ACSC Emeralds. The Emeralds were a player short and because the Turquoise had two reserves, we offered one of our TAS players for the game. It was wonderful to see the sportsmanship of both Ruby Straker and Chloe Lincoln willing to play half a game each for the opposition. Both played in a defence position and were stand outs for the Emeralds on the court.

It was great to see all the girls particularly Poppy Broun, Isabel Newton and Grace Pennington move around the court with increased confidence, making space and trying their best. Casey Smith played a fantastic game, she defended exceptionally well and also had a great quarter in the attack position of GS.

Emily Buntine also had a strong game, with great speed around the court and also shooting well on the day. The final score was 11 - 2 in favour of the Emeralds. All the girls should be proud of their effort and I look forward to seeing you all on the court next week at 12.00 on court 1 against the Red Rubies.

Mrs Lincoln

Football

TAS Typhoons

The TAS Typhoons played the North Wizards for the second time in succession. After going down 7-2 last week, the Typhoons were very keen to avenge themselves. The team were better structured this week with three players supporting the goalie down back. Up front, the team had 2...
midfielders and a striker. Oliver Smart and Sam Meehan scored a goal each this week. Norths scored three goals to win by one goal. Peter Evans and Josh Pongrass were excellent goalies. Lachlan Costello, Beatrice Henzell, Charlie Repin, Conal Nicoll and Calin Simmonds are played really well. Well done Typhoons.

Mr Matt Meehan

Jack Vallance Soccer Carnival

TAS Typhoons 9 years.

The TAS Typhoons played five games of fantastic football at the 2014 Jack Vallance Carnival. The boys are to be commended for their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day. Most importantly, the parents deserve a special mention for, not only supporting the team on the day, but for all the cakes, slices, biscuits, quiches, garlic & tomato subs, chicken nuggets and chips, hot chocolates, teas and coffees – What a feast!

Results:
TAS Typhoons 0 lost to South Seallions 1; TAS Typhoons 2 won Uralla Wanderers 1;
TAS Typhoons 0 drew Norths Dragons 0; TAS Typhoons 1 defeated North Red Rovers 0;
TAS Typhoons 0 drew Uralla Wanderers 0

Well done Typhoons and your awesome parents!

TAS Taipans

This week the under six boys improved on a number of aspects in their game. Lachlan Schumacher was very good at encouraging the boys on the team to keep trying and not give up. It was pleasing to see that even though the boys were defeated they portrayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the game and at the end.

Miss Heagney

NCIS and PSSA Athletics Carnivals

Training continues most lunch times for PSSA and NCIS Athletics Carnivals. Be sure to pack your training gear each day. High Jump competitors will have the opportunity to be coached by Mr Jim Cameron this Sunday at Harris Park. More details will be given to those competing in High Jump this week. This is a great opportunity as Mr Cameron is a very experienced high jump coach and volunteers his time to help young athletes.

PSSA Athletics Carnival – Friday, 8 August

A bus will be departing TAS at 6am on Tuesday, 12 August, returning approx. 8:30pm. Please ensure you arrive at TAS no later than 5:50am, dressed in your TAS tracksuit. Bring water, snacks, hat and sunscreen. Lunch and Dinner will be provided on the day by TAS.

NCIS Athletics Carnival – Tuesday, 12 August

A bus will be departing TAS at 6am on Tuesday, 12 August. Please ensure you arrive at TAS no later than 5:50am, dressed in your TAS tracksuit. Bring water, snacks, lunch, hat and sunscreen.

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

Mrs Christine Wright
cwright@as.edu.au

TAS U6 Tadpoles

The Tadpoles had another good win last round with a 3-0 victory over Uralla. It has been a pleasure to watch the developing strengths of the team as the season rolls on. In the end it was the goal scoring focus of Charlie Ryan backed by his teammates who won the day.

Mr David Slade
Hanna Shield - Tuesday, 19 August

Mrs Tania Ball will be accompanying the Hanna Shield team this year to the University Pool on Tuesday, 19 August. This is an afternoon competition only. Permission notes and more details will come out later in the week. Following are the children who have been selected to participate in the Freestyle Relay and / or Medley.

10 years and under boys 10 years and under girls
Tom Ball Ruby Straker
Sam Ball Sophia Rutledge
Archi Lawrence Isabella Rutledge
Ben Rowe Zoe Strelitz
Asher Game-Lopata

11 years and over
Joseph Anderson
Oscar Henzell
Lucas Cotterall
Charlie Rutledge

TAS Hockey

U13s - TAS 2

Friday evening saw the TAS 2 Under 13s playing a superb game against City. In what was an impressive team effort, every one of our players stuck to their role, demonstrating a far greater understanding of positioning and the value of quick ball through regular passing. The use of the entire field was impressive and proved tiring for the opponents, who struggled to keep up with the fast paced TAS play. The TAS halves delivered many good balls to the strikers whose skills in trapping and controlling the ball were evident. TAS hit the lead and maintained throughout the game to finish 2-1 up. Towards the last few minutes of the game, half Liam Matherson suffered a rising ball to the cheek bone which quickly puffed up into a nice egg sized bruise. In particular, congratulations to Isabella Rutledge, Jack Sewell, Cooper Mills and Stewart Williams who showed some solid improvement and increased confidence on and off the ball.

Mr Alex Portell

Under 11’s Hockey

Well, finally we have played a game this Term! The team braved the cold and strong winds last Friday afternoon to put in a fine performance. Our game was against Stingers who have some very skilled players. The game was a fast moving one with all players spending only a short amount of time off each. Despite the weather the team were up beat and very keen to do their best. We may not have won but we all worked very well as a team and supported each other. The players are taking advice from their coaches and trying to transfer the skills developed at training to the game. We will continue to focus on set skills at training this week as well as developing our positional play and leading skills further. Well done team and I see that the weather is going to be more kind to us this week. Fingers crossed.

Ms Tabitha Dowse
COMMUNITY NEWS

Curtain Up
A SHOWCASE OF TAS HSC DRAMA GROUP & INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
Wednesday 6th August - 7:30pm
TAS Hoskins Centre

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