**HSC Trial Exams**

Our Year 12 students are now ensconced in the first week of their Trial HSC exams and it is a weighty time for them. For most subjects the trial exams is the final assessment task and by the end of next week the great majority of our students will have earned 50% of their final HSC mark, though they will not know what that mark is. The concentration of exams, further study, sporting commitments and valedictory activities will most likely make the coming five weeks the most hectic, demanding and memorable of their school lives and I am sure all in the TAS community will join me in wishing them well as they endeavour to present their very best.

**Curtain Up**

Last Wednesday evening a capacity crowd in Hoskins was thoroughly entertained by our HSC Drama students as they presented their individual and group performances. For the students, this was the performance component of their Trial HSC and the group as a whole presented impressively. They were also there to entertain, as they showed by launching into an impromptu 'space jump' while waiting for a technical issue with one of the films to be sorted out. The energy and obvious enjoyment of the class on stage was palpable and a credit to both the students and their teacher.

**City to Surf**

TAS fielded its largest and most successful team in the City2Surf last Sunday and the report covering some of the great individual efforts can be found later in this edition of TAS Talks. That the largest school team in this huge event came from a relatively small school 500kms away would surprise many from others. More striking still was the fact that most of our team of 50 boarded the bus straight from the rugby field on Saturday afternoon, without a hint of a quibble. None of this is particularly surprising here of course and that says a good deal about the personal expectations of so many of our students.

Congratulations and thanks also go to Mr Jim Pennington for his inspiration and organisation of the TAS contingent again this year. That this opportunity has been made available and taken up by so many this year is his doing. As one parent wrote, ‘The organisation by Jim was amazing, he was accommodating for all, nothing was a problem.’

**NCIS Athletics**

The best of our athletes from Junior, Middle and Senior Schools competed at Coffs Harbour in the annual North Coast Independent Schools Championships yesterday and it was a pleasure to see them representing the School so well. For many it was a big day of competition and the good spirit and sportsmanship that the team carried right through to the end is to be applauded.

Coverage of the many impressive performances will be included in TAS Talks next week, but in the meantime I offer congratulations to age champions Harry Mason, Percy Duncan and Brett Kelly-Wirth as well as our relatively small number of primary girls who performed outstandingly well, with several high placings that will see these young ladies heading to qualified to represent North Coast Independent Schools at the Combined Independent School Championships in Week 10.

**Old Boys’ Weekend**

There is a great sense of anticipation across the School as we look forward to our biggest weekend of the year. Old Boys’ Weekend begins on Friday with golf, debating and the start of reunions and continues on Saturday with early morning hockey, shooting, chess, tennis, a special lunch for the Belltower Society (our most senior Old Boys), tug-o-war, the official dinner and, finally, chapel on Sunday. At the same time, we will host over 200 rugby players from Newington for Round 6 of our GPS season.

It is a hectic schedule and with a crowd of hundreds expected, there is plenty to be done. I offer thanks to the very many staff and Old Boys who have been busy working to make sure it is a great weekend.
Jerusalem #2
Revelation 21:1-4

Jerusalem, a strange hymn.. we're trying to make sense of it.

Last week we considered the idea that Jerusalem stood for a place where wisdom and knowledge was to be found.

The second thing that Jerusalem stands for, in the wider biblical context, is the notion that this present world will be transformed. Ultimately, at the time He has appointed, God promises utter transformation, not annihilation, not an end, but renewal, a new creation.

Jerusalem was the place where heaven and earth came together, not in order to entice the inhabitants of earth away to a distant heaven, so that they are rendered no use on earth, but in order to offer hope to this present world. The image of the new Jerusalem, to which the present Jerusalem of biblical times stood as a kind of long-range signpost, was all about the creator God fulfilling the promise to this creation, by the work of re-creation. Heaven and earth will merge so that God Himself will dwell with his people.

And where Blake's questions about Jesus demand the answer 'no', if we listen carefully, we might hear, at a different level, a deeply confronting and comforting 'yes'. The point about Jesus is not that if he happened to travel to this or that remote island he might bring it a special blessing. No: the Jesus we find in the New Testament is the Jesus who still speaks the message of hope into our generation, a message that can transform individuals, communities and nations. The New Jerusalem, the ultimate new creation, remains our hope; but it is already anticipated in Jesus himself, the one in whom heaven and earth have already become one. So it's with the historically verifiable Jesus, and all that he achieved in His life, death and resurrection, that we look forward to the fulfillment of God's promise of ultimate renewal.

The Year 12's are sitting their trials as we speak. Their results in these exams will be the best indicators as to how they will perform in their final exams. As they look back they will be able to anticipate what will be ahead, as we look back at the person and work of Jesus, we get the best indicator as to what we can expect for the future, The New Jerusalem.

I'd like to draw your attention to a couple of guest speakers we have lined up in the next month.

The first on Friday 22 August is Celia Lashlie, 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 on Thursday 4 September 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
CAALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 3 - Week 5

Wednesday 13 August
HSC Trials continue
Year 11 Metals Work Placement

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
6.00pm Service at St Peters

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
6.30pm Chapel - Evening Prayer

Thursday 21 August
HSC Trials continue
Ag Quip, Gunnedah
6.30am Ag Quip, Gunnedah Years 9, 10 and 11 Ag and Primary Industries classes
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
Year 10 First Aid Course, Day 2

Term 3 - Week 7

Monday 25 August
Winter Sports Photos
HSC Drama Practical Exams

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

Wednesday 27 August
“Brainstorm” production
Years 7, 8, 9 in Gym
6pm HSC Music, Public Performance
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28 August
Year 12 MTA Assessment Day

Friday 29 August
1.30pm Rugby departs for Riverview
Sydney

Saturday 30 August
Rugby - TAS vs Riverview, Sydney

FIRST AID COURSE – Year 10

Every year TAS conducts a compulsory two day First Aid Course for Year 10 students. This is not only vital support for the Outdoor program but more and more senior courses are requiring First Aid qualifications as a prerequisite. We also believe that this training is very valuable to every member of the community and hopefully boys will maintain a valid first aid qualification in the future.

Details of this course are set out below.

DAY No. 1 MONDAY 11 AUGUST (8.30 – 3.30 pm)
Venue: Hoskin Centre Theatre

DAY No. 2 SUNDAY 17 AUGUST (8.30 – 5.00 pm)
Venue: Gym Classrooms

OR OPTION 2

DAY No. 2 SUNDAY 24 AUGUST (8.30 – 5.00 pm)
Venue: Gym Classrooms

A charge of $88 will be placed on the School Account.

Mr Alan Jones
Deputy Headmaster
Year 9 and Year 11 2015 Subject Selections

Year 8 and 10 students have now received an email outlining how to access the online subject selection form for their 2015 subjects. This email includes a Webcode that must be used to access their individual page. Parents are also receiving an email with this information so that they are able to be part of this process and to confirm what students have selected. Students have until late next week to complete the form before decisions are being made regarding subjects that will be running at TAS in 2015.

Parents are asked to print off the finalised subject selection, sign it and return it to Mrs Evans (for Year 8) or Mrs O’Brien (for Year 10).

I am visiting boarding houses to answer questions that students may have and have fielded many questions from day boys either directly or via email over the last few days. This is an important process and there is no such thing as a silly question.

Please feel free to send through any queries via email (swark@as.edu.au) or to call me on 6776 5806.

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

Year 12 began their Trial HSC Exams this week. It is an important time for them to focus on their studies as much improvement can be made in these final weeks leading up to the HSC itself. Students and parents are reminded that the boys should be arriving at the exam location approximately 15-20 minutes early as the time listed on the timetable is the actual start of the exam and doesn't allow for set-up time.

Boys who need to appeal these exams are reminded to attach necessary documentation to their appeal form and submit it within 48 hours. Boys are encouraged to sit the exam if at all possible as it is often the case that their performance is better at this point of the course and an estimation can only occur under certain circumstances.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies

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THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT
PASSING OUT PARADE

Passing Out Parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above will be held on Adamsfield on Sunday 14 September. Boys will be required from 8.30am - 12.30pm. This is a compulsory activity for all cadets.

Uniforms will be issued in Week 5 on Friday Period 4 and 5 for Year 8, and Period 6 and 7 for Year 9. Leaders and Year 10 boys are to get to the Q Store at lunchtime for their uniform issue.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

**Week 7**
- **Wednesday 27 August** – Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm.
  - Adamsfield
  - Years 11 (sword drill) and 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- **Thursday 28 August** – Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm.
  - Adamsfield
  - Years 11 (sword drill) and 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm

**Week 8**
- **Monday 1 September** - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm.
  - Adamsfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- **Wednesday 3 September** – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm
  - Adamsfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- **Thursday 4 September** - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm.
  - Adamsfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm

**Week 9**
- **Monday 8 September** - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm.
  - Backfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- **Thursday 11 September** - 1.30 - 3.30pm. Backfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- **Friday 12 September** - 1.30 - 3.30pm Adamsfield
  - Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm

P&F ASSOCIATION
SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT

RazzmaTAS Fete - 1 November

Our next meeting for the fete will be held in two weeks – Wednesday 27 August in Lower Maxwell – 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. Please contact me if you can help, or need help.

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.

Old Boys Weekend – it’s this weekend!

As flagged elsewhere this week, loads of activities across the weekend as we welcome back our Old Boys. The rugby fixture on the weekend is against Newington and, especially with Old Boys and their families in attendance, we’d love to put on a great spread in the McConville Centre. Any donations of cakes/slices/muffins or soup will be gratefully accepted. Either drop off on Saturday morning or leave in the kitchen on Friday.
Round Square International Service Projects (RSIS)
Places still available in December – great holiday opportunity for Service!

There are currently vacancies on all the RSIS Projects in December (Nicaragua, Kenya, India and Cambodia). These are well run projects with groups of international students from Round Square schools all over the world – not only a wonderful opportunity to participate in service work but to meet lots of international students.

Students need to be 16 years or over and each project has its own particular requirements. See information sheets sent out via email this week.

For more details on projects, terms and conditions and booking information please go to http://www.roundsquare.org/projects.php

Please see Mr O’Connell or Mrs Barnier if you would like to find out more about these service projects. Mr O’Connell has supported the Cambodian project for the last two years.

Australasian and South East 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

EXCURSIONS

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

Inter-school Chess Semi Final

Unfortunately due to assessments etc we are no longer attending the inter-school chess semi final in Newcastle.

Ms Catherine Boydell

Ag Quip 2014

Agriculture and Primary Industry students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be attending Ag Quip at Gunnedah on Thursday 21 August 2014.

The bus will leave at 6:30am and return at approximately 6:00pm. Cost of the excursion will be $30 and charged to accounts.

Mr Michael Ball and Mr Trevor Thatcher will accompany the students.

Mr Mike Ball
Agriculture Co-ordinator
PLEASE DONATE SHEETS FOR FIJI

With just six weeks until we leave, the 2014 Fiji contingent are keen to collect (preferably) new single bed sheets to take over to St Christopher’s Home. Flat or fitted, any colour. If you can help us, we would be most appreciative!

Donations can be dropped into the Middle School.

Ms Fiona Taber
2014 Fiji Coordinator

ART SHOW

Members of the TAS community are invited to attend the Jock Perkins Memorial Art Exhibition, being held as part of Old Boys Weekend. Jock (at TAS 2004-09), was a talented young artist and graphic designer, who passed away last year after a long battle with cancer, first diagnosed while he was a student at TAS.

His family and schoolmates who are returning for their five year reunion are jointly hosting an exhibition of his work at the Hoskins Centre, from 10am-2pm on Saturday. Packs of printed cards of some of the works on display will be on sale for $20 for a pack of five, with all profits going to the Cure for Life Foundation.
Old Boys Weekend

Old Boys Weekend is certainly a highlight of our school calendar where our school comes together as one to celebrate the efforts of others and to share in the camaraderie that is enjoyed through the return of our Old Boys. To that end our Prefect body is seeking the support of our entire school community as our boys compete during the weekend in a number of sports and activities.

I look forward to sharing in the celebration with you and encourage you to look at the following link to see the fixtures which commence with the debating in Hoskins at 5pm on Friday night. Click HERE to see the list of fixtures.

City to Surf

Thank you to Mr Jim Pennington and Mr Tim Hughes who took a large contingent of TAS boys and families to Sydney to compete in the City to Surf on the weekend. Speaking with many of the boys they were very pleased with their results in what is a wonderful opportunity to test yourself and to raise funds for a very worthy cause in the process. The majority of these boys have now completed the Coffs Ocean Swim and the City to Surf and will now be lining up in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic in order to achieve the TAS Triple Crown.

Tennis

Congratulations to Nick Barnier-Merzliakov who won yet another JDS Tennis Tournament in Moree on Sunday. Nick is now the highest ranked NIAS tennis player and will compete in the State trials in coming weeks. An outstanding effort by a Year 7 boy. To show Nick's humility this was achieved after he spent all morning on Saturday running the water for the three U13's rugby teams.

Hockey

I was fortunate enough to witness one of the two victories of the Hockey 1st XI on the weekend. The fact that there were students, Old Boys, parents and staff in the team embodies all that is good about sport in our community and to see them working so well as a team reminded me of the benefits of inclusivity and support at every level. We look forward to witnessing their journey as they approach the finals this season.

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End of Season Presentation Evening

Please keep your calendar free on the evening of Monday 15 September at around 5.30pm for the TAS Hockey Club end of season Presentation Barbeque. This event will be for all TAS Hockey players and their families and will be held at the McConville Centre Barbeque area. More details will be sent out soon.

Reports

The mighty TAS 2’s (Under 13’s) took on an enthusiastic Servies side on Friday. TAS began the game strongly, showing some fine passing and positional play to work the ball quickly into the attacking zone. Before long, however, Servies had evened...
up the contest with a couple of dominant players combining to power the ball through the TAS defence. Despite this, in the second half, after some regrouping in the dugout, TAS confidently went about the task of playing intense team hockey, whereby they showed excellent work off the ball in marking and great leading in attack to open up space. In the end, TAS came away victors 6-1.

Mr Alex Portell
MIC Hockey

C Grade

TAS senior C grade hockey team was a little depleted on the weekend due to the enormous TAS support for the City to Surf run in Sydney. Running on with only nine players against a very determined and full strength United team they went down 6-0. The score didn’t reflect the players determination, tight passing and a significant number of missed opportunities by the TAS boys in the circle. Well done to all.

B Grade

TAS B grade played 2 very exciting and skilful games of hockey over the weekend. On Friday night they beat the United B grade team 2-0 and on Sunday they defeated Guyra Spuds 4-0. The whole team was pleased with both performances citing it was some of their best hockey they have played during the season.

Thank you to all the supporters who braved the cool conditions over the weekend.

Mrs Susie Wright

Under 11’s Hockey

Last Friday saw the Under 11’s hockey team blow me away with their skills on the field. We only lost the game 1-0, however, they played so well that it actually felt like a win. Last week at training we had a big focus on positional play and our game on Friday saw the team really making the effort to be aware of their positions on the field and playing in these positions as well as working together as a team. This week we are going to have a focus on passing the ball to the player again as this is where we now need to advance our skills. Well-done team. I have been very impressed with your overall enthusiasm, teamwork and motivation over the past week.

Ms Tabitha Dowse

Football

All latest draws for this coming Saturday 16 August can be found at:


There will be a catch up game tonight, Wednesday 13 August for the 2nd XI against Souths. Kick off 6.00pm at Doody Park.

The 1st XI Football Match against the Old Boys will be held this Saturday 11am on the Cricket Oval.

Best of luck for your fixtures this week.

Luke Polson
MIC Football

Rugby

The Under 13s were treated to a visit by recent Old Boys Nick Jones (2010) and Sam (2011) and Tom Sewell (2012).
Rugby First For a Day

On Saturday they 9th of August, TAS hosted The Scots College from Sydney. Scots had a pretty good team to play. I was selected to be a first for a day. I trained with the 1st XV and ran out of the sheds. I also got to run the tee. It was a great experience and I would definitely recommend it. The 1st XV beat Scots 3rd XV 32-22. The mission was to beat Scots had been unbeaten so far this season. I would like to thank Ben Mulligan and the rest of the 1st XV and Mr. Moore and Mr. Pennington for this great experience.

By Cooper Johnson
Year 6

TAS City2Surf

A massive team of 50 students, four parents and two staff descended upon Sydney for the annual City2Surf at the weekend. Now part of the TAS Triple Crown, participation has grown exponentially over the past two years and is truly representative of our school community. With the vast majority of boys only having time for the briefest of showers after rugby or hockey on Saturday, a seven hour bus trip beckoned. Fortunately this was balanced by an outstanding movie selection provided by the staff.

Boys from Years 7-11 inclusive signed up for the race, with 13 backing up from last year. Joe Makeham was the fastest runner, finishing in a blistering 55:12 for the 14km journey. He was followed in by Will Claridge and Brett Kelly-Wirth, both besting their times from last year considerably. Birthday boy PJ Woodburn (13 on the race day) became our first ever Year 7 finisher and just pipped out his Dad crossing the line. Toby Markerink and Harry Tombs also flew the flag for Middle School. Angus Roxburgh-Batt lead the charge of the front rowers club, with a magnificent race and a true testament to his desire to complete the Triple Crown. Harry Wright destroyed his time from last year and helped to push Lachlan Apps and KB Fergusson to PB’s. Saxon Hughes managed to get ‘one-up’ on his father, setting the scene for a great race in 2015. The diversity of the group: day boys, boarders and exchange students (Hudson Radomsky from South Africa), sportsmen, musicians, actors, academics, country and city students, all competed with one goal in mind, “accept the challenge and don’t ever stop”. All of the TAS team finished the race and they deserve great praise for this terrific achievement.

Mr Jim Pennington
AMEB examinations are over..
As quickly as it began, The Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) exam period has finished.
Students will be receiving their results shortly so please let the Music Department know if you would like these published in next week’s TAS Talks.

New England Sings! primary choirs rehearsal this Thursday
The next rehearsal for the combined primary choirs for NE Sings! will be this 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.

Twilight Concert - next Thursday 21 August
All students are welcome to register to play at next week’s Twilight Concert at 5.30pm in The Hoskins Centre. Please notify the relevant instrumental or vocal tutor about taking part in the concert and they will work out an appropriate piece to be performed. An accompanist will be available to play for all musicians and rehearsals will be held in the afternoon from 3.30pm.
These are free concerts and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Mrs Broadbent in the Music Office on sbroadbe@as.edu.au

TAS Big Band is rehearsing for Passing Out Parade (POP)
With POP coming up towards the end of this term TAS Big Band becomes TAS Cadet Band for this important event. Mr Finco would like to remind all Big Band members about rehearsals on Monday afternoons from 3.45pm - 5pm. He would like to see every member in attendance each week now until POP in order to rehearse and get the pieces ready to the highest standard.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent

Making its debut appearance this Old Boys Weekend is a splendid new addition to the school, a gift from the TAS community. An initiative of the TAS Old Boys Union and co-funded by the P&F, TAS Foundation and Rugby Supporters Group, this marquee, measuring 15x9 metres, will be of great benefit to those attending our larger TAS functions, particularly on extra sunny - or wet - days near Backfield. At a cost of around $23,000, it is a considerable investment from these important stakeholder groups. The marquee is branded with the TAS logo and acknowledges the four bodies who have made it possible. Particular thanks to the enthusiastic grounds and domestic staff who erected it with humour and relative ease, given it came without an instruction manual!
Freedom for 2 – only $25 !!

One of TAS’ best known and favourite old boys, Peter Cousens has spent the last couple of years in the US directing his first blockbuster movie which will be released in Armidale this weekend.

This is your opportunity to purchase two tickets to see the movie for just $25. All you need to do is click on the link below and you can download the voucher and take it to the Belgrave Cinema to redeem your tickets.

Starring Cuba Gooding Junior and William Sadler and with cinematography by Dean Cundey (Back to the Future, Apollo 13, Jurassic Park), Freedom tells the story of The Underground Railroad which in the southern state of the US in the 1860’s was a secret network of hiding places for brave people who helped runaway slaves reach freedom. This powerful story centres on two men in their desperate fight for freedom; one a slave in 1856 who escapes slavery and is pursued by a slave hunter while he tries to get his family to safety in Canada. The other is the Captain of a slave trader ship who, 100 years earlier in 1748 sails from Africa with a cargo of slaves bound for America. The two stories are bound together in a tightly woven story of courage.

Have a look at the movie website www.themoviefreedom.com and if you would like to purchase this excellent Value Voucher, click HERE and print the voucher.

Please note – it is rated M !

Ms Cressida Mort
Half Way and Busy

The days are longer, beginning to become warmer and the wattle trees are starting to flower: in their combination these facts suggest that winter is beginning to wane and that, at the end of this week, the term will have reached its half way mark.

All is well with us. On the whole, the boys are settled, very busy with sporting commitments and working sensibly on assignments and formal assessment tasks. This includes the Year 6 boys who are temporarily studying in the Year 8 rooms as both their classrooms are being painted. In preparation for audio-visual aspects of the new Australian curriculum, the whole Middle School has been ‘re-wired’ and new projectors will be fitted in all our classrooms, hopefully by the end of the term.

By the time this reaches you, Middle School students will have enjoyed their Social for the term – hosted by PLC on Saturday night. Clearly these events are popular as most students from each of the year groups attended, and enjoyed, it. These events provide balance in their co-curricular lives and complement such activities as debating and public speaking. If you think we should be doing more of these things, feel free to send me an email indicating as much and, certainly, propose some alternative activities that you think would benefit Middle School students.

Clothing and Behaviour

It is important that you are aware of issues that concern your sons in their daily interactions with one another. Uniforms, as well you know, are expensive. It’s an unfortunate fact of life in school communities that, from time to time, items of clothing will go missing, being a cause for concern for everyone. Please support us by telling the boys to: look after their clothing; make sure that blazers and so on, when they’re not being worn, are put into a special place; that, whilst it’s kind to allow others to borrow clothes, in the long run this may not be good policy; that the current owner’s name should appear clearly on clothes and, in the case of blazers, this name should appear in a number of places.

Largely, we’re dealing with teenage boys: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. Ours is an amazing language and it when it is used, the user needs to be aware that ‘tells’ something about him. Swearing is an issue at the moment and it’s time for tougher measures to be taken when it occurs. In our next Staff Meeting I’m going to tell duty staff to deal with it ‘on the spot’ and, using their professional judgment, to send any boy who swears to sit outside the Office for the duration of Morning Break, or the half lunch ‘down time’. Certainly, I’ve spoken to the boys about appropriate language and this ‘out’ time should not come as a surprise to any offender. There are occasions when we, as adults, have to ‘hold our tongue’ and it’s time that these adolescent boys learnt the ‘skill'. I’m feeling better now I’ve written this.

Please remember that the above is an ongoing matter in relation to each of the matters discussed. On the whole, all is well with us.

Mr Mark Harrison
TAS Co-Educational Junior School Open Day – Wednesday 20 August

There is a good deal of excitement at school at the moment as the plans come together for our Open Day from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon on Wednesday 20 August. The morning will be action packed, an opportunity to showcase the wonderful program on offer at TAS and we anticipate that we will have many visitors from outside the school on the day. Support from our parent body has also been greatly appreciated and I warmly invite everyone to come along (with family or a friend) on the day and have a close look at our Junior School or simply share morning tea with us from 11.00 am. A schedule for the day will be advertised in next week’s TAS Talks and sent to all classes.

NCIS Athletics

With a large contingent of our school away today in Coffs Harbour, it is a good opportunity to congratulate all our athletes for the time and effort they give towards competing at this high level of competition. Many of these students have recently competed at our local PSSA championships, and these results are expected soon. The challenge of these competitions itself, is worthy of mention and having seen the quality of the events, the total experience is a very valuable one. I would like to thank Mrs Christine Wright for her organisation for and preparation of the students and I look forward to hearing about their successes on their return.

New England Remembers WWI

Today, along with numerous students from Middle and Senior School, Year 4 will be attending a Commemorative Service in Central Park, Armidale, to mark the Centenary of the beginning of the First World War. I am sure the students will benefit enormously from this experience and I thank Mr Neil Druce for organising our contingent of supporters for this significant community event.

Jump Rope For Heart

The final days of fundraising are approaching for this wonderful organisation and we were very fortunate to have both the JRFH Organisers and a touring group of experts from Kempsey East Public School visit us this week. TAS and Minimbah students joined together on Tuesday to promote the fundraiser and after the Open Day on Wednesday 20 August will finish the formal component of the program with our “Jump Off” in Junior School before lunch. If you are yet to contribute to the fundraiser please follow the links to TAS on the JRFH website or contact us for further information.

Circuitry, Engineering, IT and Mr Levins

Every picture tells a story, and it was pretty clear that the session with our Head of IT, Mr Levins recently was a hit, with him leading a group of Year 5 students using an array of complex circuits, cogs and mechanical and technical hardware to fascinate and stimulate. As the spectators grew, observing the engagement of them all was a treat, a strong demonstration of learning by doing. Our thanks go to Mr Levins and Mrs Hine, and we look forward to seeing plenty more interesting and innovative devices emanating from this activity.
Looking Ahead

Wednesday 13 August
- Transition Assembly-Hoskins Centre
- NCIS Athletics

Thursday 14 August
- New England Sings rehearsal
  1.00 pm – 2.30pm
- Transition Interviews for 2015

Tuesday 19 August
- Hanna Shield

Wednesday 20 August
- Year 2 Assembly
- Junior School Open day
  10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Jump Rope for Heart – jump off
  12.15 pm – 1.00 pm

Sunday 24 August
- Tournament of Minds

Monday 25 August
- Winter photos

Tuesday 26 August
- Winter Sport photos
- Junior Vocal Ensemble - Autumn
- Lodge 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Happy Birthday Wishes
We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students:
Marcus Hempel, Dominic Ferguson and Zoe Strelitz

Hats
Please remember that the Junior School children are expected to wear a school hat when they are in the playground. The wide brimmed hats are compulsory. The school “No Hat No Play” policy is being reinforced for the children's well being.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The children registered for the PRC have been busy over the holidays and the first four weeks of this term doing lots of reading which is wonderful to see!

Please be aware that there is only two more weeks left of the PRC. I would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the library by Friday 22 August. This will allow us to enter your books and have your reading logs validated before the cut off date of Friday 29 August. If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library lesson and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

Children are allowed to return and borrow new Library books throughout the week before and after school and during lunchtime with their teacher’s permission.

I congratulate the 12 students who have completed the challenge for this year already. There are many children very close to finishing, so I encourage you all to keep on reading to achieve your goal.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck

Jump Rope for Heart
After having the wonderful skipping performance by Kempsey East Skipping Team on Tuesday, now is the time to get a skipping!

Don’t forget to try and raise some much-needed funds for Heart research.

NCIS Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 12 August
Our NCIS team travelled to Coffs Harbour yesterday to compete in the Independent Schools Athletics Carnival. Official results of this carnival will be published in next week’s TAS Talks.

PSSA
Our PSSA team performed well last Friday at the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival. Official results are yet to be sent through to the school, however, several children are expected to receive places for their respective events. Our senior boys relay team received 3rd place with a time of 1.03.41. The team consisted of Cotter Litchfield, Oscar Henzell, Joseph Anderson and Chad Klendienst.

Official results will be published in next weeks TAS Talks.

Hanna Shield Primary Schools Swimming Carnival
The following children have been selected to compete in the Hanna Shield Primary Schools Swimming Carnival next Tuesday afternoon, 19 August. Mrs Tania Ball will accompany the team out to the University Pool next Tuesday at 1:00pm, returning to school before 3:30pm.

Each child will need to bring the following: swimmers, goggles, towel (TAS cap provided unless you already have one one), and $3.00 entry fee. Spectators – no charge.

Happy reading everyone!
Mrs Janine Ranck
**10 and Under Freestyle Relay - boys**
Tom Ball, Sam Ball, Archi Lawrence, Ben Rowe

**10 and Under Medley Relay - boys**
Asher Game-Lopata, Tom Ball, Sam Ball, Archi Lawrence

**10 and Under Freestyle Relay - girls**
Ruby Straker, Sophia Rutledge, Isabella Rutledge, Zoe Strelitz

**10 and Under Medley Relay - girls**
Ruby Straker, Sophia Rutledge, Isabella Rutledge, Zoe Strelitz

**11 yrs and Over Freestyle Relay – boys**
Oscar Henzell, Joseph Anderson, Charlie Rutledge, Lucas Cotterell

**11 yrs and Over Medley Relay – boys**
Oscar Henzell, Joseph Anderson, Charlie Rutledge, Lucas Cotterell

Please inform Mrs Wright by Thursday if you are unable to attend so a replacement can be found. All competitors will need to bring their swimming gear on Friday for a practice in the TAS pool.

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**Netball**

**TAS/PLC Topaz vs ACSC Crystals**

The weather was glorious on Saturday and the game reflected it with splendid play from the team! As the season draws to a close the improvement of each and every player is heartening, indeed. Saturday’s game against the Crystals showed just how much everyone has improved. Playing a team of similar competency certainly helps but it is encouraging to watch the players moving around and reading the play. The game commenced with Topaz on the attack and this was the case throughout most of the game. Everyone is deserving of special mention this week. Charlotte Portell had an awesome game and snared four goals to top it off. She was ably supported by Gabby Cotterell, Lillian Maxwell, Scarlett Buntine and Lily Moore who all played extremely well. Millie Coupland made her comeback after a broken arm and took to the court like an old hand, taking some great catches. In defence, Mia Lincoln, Teya Catterell and Ruby Broun were very strong. Finally, Annabelle Pennington had a game of magic as every ball she touched helped put TOPAZ in front! It was an amazing team effort that contributed to an exciting win. Congratulations Topaz!

We only have two games remaining in the competition. We meet Sandown Stars next Saturday and the Ben Venue Lions in our final game. Details are not to hand yet, but there will be a small presentation at the conclusion of the final game at the netball clubhouse.

Mrs Trenerry

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**TAS Turquoise vs Red Rubies**

This week TAS Turquoise came up against the Red Rubies. It was a game played with great spirit and fun. Both the Red Rubies and TAS Turquoise put on a great display of how the game of netball should be played.

Dimity Chalmers played a great game in the mid court working hard to create space, using her great pace and ball skills to keep the ball moving. Sophie Mason was a stand out this week on the court. With her incredible hard working and never give up attitude she was always there in defence and then she moved effortlessly to the centre court and played the game out in a wonderful manner.

Ruby Straker also had a great game. Ruby attacked well in the centre court and was a strong defender in the second half.

All the girls are working hard to play their best and the same time, they are having fun. Although TAS went down 22 to 2, they are always improving and I am very proud of their commitment and effort each week.

Mrs Lincoln

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**Rugby**

**Under 12s**

Saturday was a lovely day in Narrabri as the TAS under 12’s boys in the Armidale Blues squad battled it out in another gala day of fun filled rugby action. With best weather since early on in the season the boys had some tough competition in the first game and held their heads high despite a loss to a strong Scone team. Ben Carter who captained the first game as he always does led the boys well in both defence and attack and played great rugby in all three games. With confidence high the boys went into their second game with a convincing win over Quirindi. Nathan McLaren performed remarkably especially in attack with strong dominating runs into the defence busting his way through opposition time and time again. He scored an outstanding try with three to four blokes on his back as a reward for his efforts. Stuart Williams played his best game of the year in the second half of the second game securing crucial possession of the ball that kept the momentum rolling for the boys. Will Young, Archie Chick, and Riley Eichorn cannot go unnamed either with terrific performances in all aspect of the game throughout the day also.
Football

TAS Typhoons v Uralla Wanderers

The TAS Typhoons played the Uralla Wanderers this week. As Uralla were short players, Charlie Repin, Will Nash and Calin Simmonds played for Uralla. Thanks boys. In the first half neither team kicked a goal despite a number of opportunities. In the second half, Sam Meehan scored four goals in quick succession to take the game beyond the Wanderers reach. Like last week, the team were well structured with three players supporting the goalie down back. Up front, the team had two midfielders and a striker. Lachie Hunt and Jasper O’Neil were excellent goalies. Lachlan Costello, Beatrice Henzell, Oliver Smart and Peter Evans are played really well. Final score Typhoons 4 Uralla 0. Well done Typhoons.

Mr Matt Meehan

Hockey

The TAS Under 9 team continue to play well every week.

On 2 August we played Duval Lions, which was a very close match. The boys worked hard in defence and lots of great breaks with the ball saw us have many shots on goal just missing. The game ended in a draw with lots of great sportsmanship throughout the game.

On 9 August we played Harlies 1 who has many younger players but a couple of very strong players. It was a good challenge to see the boys defending against their strongest player often passing it to each other to get around their defence. I was impressed with the boys passing particularly near the goal to ensure we scored. This teamwork saw us score many goals and it was great to hear the words of encouragement between them. Every player takes turns to go back recognising that it is not just about scoring goals but also saving them!

I look forward to our game this Saturday against Harlies 3.

Mrs Tania Ball

TAS Tigers VS Demon Knights Magic

On a superb sunny day the TAS Tigers played an exciting game against Demon Knight’s - Magic. We saw great tackling and passing from Flinders Ward. Archie Douglass Menzies and Nicholas Thomas were our wingmen. Sam Strelitz and Lachlan Litchfield were predominately centre, with Evan Kwan having a go at being the sweeper of the game. It was a close game until second half. These positions changed throughout the game. However this week we saw a number of boys score goals. They are starting to spread out, call out to their team members and are now looking around for players to pass too. What a legendary team. We were delighted with the final score 6 - 2.

Ms Lana Bromwich