students. As Mrs Wark and I explained to Year 12 on Monday, the seven weeks that remain before the HSC begins on 13 October will be critical to results. It is tempting for students to think that the completion of assessments means that half the HSC is now behind them. The reality though is that the exams ahead will impact on 100% of final HSC results because those exams are used to moderate the assessment marks of the School and improvements now will impact on assessments already completed. The 47 days that remain before English Paper 1 hold the potential to make a great and positive difference, no matter what results have been received thus far, and it is important that every student makes the most of them.

Using that time well will be challenging and I encourage Year 12 parents to join with our teachers and advisors in helping our students to focus and work hard.

Year 11 Study Day
Like Year 12, our Preliminary HSC students are also looking ahead to important exams. The end of course exams that begin on 8 September will set the stage for the beginning of the HSC proper and preparation for them should be at the top of the priority list for all students in Year 11. To assist with this, a Year 11 study day has been organised for this Sunday. The day will cover English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, French, Business Studies and Economics, as well as generic study advice. That 10 teachers are coming into school on Sunday to offer their support is an indication of how important we believe this opportunity is and I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of it.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 3 - Week 7

Wednesday 27 August
- Brainstorm production
  Years 7, 8, 9 in Gym
- 6.00pm P&F Fete Meeting
- 6.45pm HSC Art - Masterstroke Visual Arts Exhibition
- 7.15pm HSC Music - Final Note Public Performance

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

Sunday 31 August
- 9.00am French Extension HSC Oral Exam

Term 3 - Week 8

Monday 1 September
- 1.20pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12

Tuesday 2 September
- NICS Tennis - Grafton
  All Stars Debate

Wednesday 3 September
- da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
- 2.00pm Musica Viva
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12

Thursday 4 September
- da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
- 1.20pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12
- 6.00pm Magistrate Karen Stafford to speak to Year 9-12 students and parents

Friday 5 September
- da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
- 12.30pm NE Sings Secondary Choir Rehearsal
- 6.30pm Rifle Club Dinner

Saturday 6 September
- 9.00am Japanese Continuers HSC Oral Exam

Term 3 - Week 9

Monday 8 September
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
- 1.20pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12

Tuesday 9 September
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
  HSC Music 1 Practical Markers at TAS

Wednesday 10 September
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
- HSC Music 2 Practical Markers at TAS

Thursday 11 September
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
- 12.30pm New England Sings Primary Choir Rehearsal (Years 3 - 5)
- 1.30pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12
- 7.00pm Middle School Play Dress Rehearsal

Friday 12 September
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
- HSC D&T Practical Markers at TAS
- 9.00am Japanese HSC Oral Exam
- 1.30pm POP Practice
- 2.00pm Middle School Student Performance
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12
- 7.00pm Middle School Play Public Performance

Saturday 13 September
- Myall Classic Marathon Paddle
- 6.15pm Cadet Dining-in-Night at the Ex-Services Club
- 7.00pm Middle School Play Public Performance

P&F ASSOCIATION
SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT

RazzamaTAS Fete - 1 November

Our next meeting for the fete will be held at 6 pm TONIGHT Wednesday 27 August in the Lower Maxwell Room. By this time, you should have heard from your Liaison Parents who will be in contact with everyone to ask for assistance for your year group’s activity or stall.

Please note the change in time

Please come to the meeting with all your ideas and, importantly, your requests for assistance – table/tent/float/supplies. We will be locking in layout and final details. If you cannot make it, please email me with your ideas or requests – scartwr2@une.edu.au

Click HERE to go directly to the Term 3, 2014 Newsletter of the NSW Parent’s Council.

TAS TALKS — 2
**COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD**

The death of Robin Williams both shocked and saddened so many people across the world. Helplines have been inundated by calls from people who suddenly want to talk about their own experiences. Robin Williams was an icon in the acting world not just for his comedy roles but also for his character roles. He stood tall in the world of theatre. When such a person succumbs to depression, drug and alcohol addiction and takes his own life, it impacts on us all. We feel assaulted, diminished and even susceptible by such an event. I felt the same when Whitney Houston died. She was such a gifted person. Yet even the high profile person is vulnerable to the assaults of trouble, dysfunctional life patterns and mental disorder. None of us is immune. When we are young we may think we are invincible, but life has a way of showing us that we are a lot more vulnerable than we think.

We need to look out for each other. Adolescent children need to step back from the kinds of interactions that can bring down one of their own. Sometimes I hear of actions by adolescents that might have seemed like a bit of fun but which actually caused significant harm to the person targeted. Fun is only good if everyone involved is having fun and when relationships are mutual and equal. When it is meant to shame, humiliate or bring down another in front of others whether in person or on Facebook, it ceases to be fun. It can never be a good idea to suggest that someone harm themselves or suggest that they are worthless and not deserving of a place on the planet. Yet this extreme language is not uncommon. Be careful.

Parents, please check out your own children – do they hear such comments, do they receive such comments, do they participate in making such comments? Adolescents may believe they know what they are doing and its effects on others. Often, in reality, they don’t. Talk to people at TAS who can help turn behaviours around. Counsellors are continually working with adults whose life experiences at school have left indelible marks that are hard to overcome, that kick-started the depressive turn in their lives, or which left legacies that continue to play out.
Last Friday night, a good portion of the School community heard Celia Lashlie, renowned Kiwi researcher and writer, present on issues concerning the raising of boys. Her message was insightful and instructive, and was delivered with the un-sanitised punchiness of someone who genuinely worked in the prison system. It was lovely to see so many parents there, either vigorously taking notes or just nodding knowingly. I’d like to recognise and thank the P&F for supporting the evening.

Not that we are focussing on all things punitive and rehabilitative here at the moment but I’d like to remind people of the upcoming presentation from Karen Stafford, next Thursday 4 September. This may be the best chance to have the local magistrate appear before us - rather than the other way around - and I have been told she also delivers a no-nonsense message about adolescents and 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.

It would be great to see lots of parents joining our senior boys (Years 9-12) at this evening.

One of the things Celia spoke about was how boys tend to operate in 30-second moments and often to their detriment when it comes to poor decisions. On the flipside of this, we have been striving to foreground gratitude and kindness at TAS this year, under the positive psychology umbrella, and the video below has been shown to many students just this week. It invites us to consider, both as small fragments and larger journeys, the benefits of kindness and I hope you enjoy it.


Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care

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### ACADEMIC

#### Year 11 Study Sunday

Week 7 - 31 August

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**LUNCH TAS DINING HALL FOR ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS AND STAFF 1-2pm**

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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

The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest and Commanding Officer Cadets, Major Trevor Thatcher request the pleasure of your company at

The Annual Ceremonial Passing Out Parade of The Cadet Unit on Adamsfield
Sunday 14 September, 2014
at 11.00am

Reviewing Officer
Brigadier B C Boss CSC
Adjutant-General of the Army

Military personnel are invited to meet in the Archdall Room at 10.20am for the occasion:
Service Dress with medals

followed by Lunch in the School Dining Hall

RSVP: 6776 5800 (TAS Reception) or email: reception@as.edu.au by Monday 8 September

LOST PROPERTY
STILL MISSING :- Please contact Nick Moore – Croft House if you have seen or know the whereabouts of his backpack and laptop that went missing on Friday 15 August. The backpack was a 2014 New Zealand Rugby Tour pack with the number 22 clearly displayed on the side of it.
Hockey

Under 13’s

With TAS 1 having the bye, it was up to TAS 2 to fly the flag in the 13’s comp last Friday evening. With a relatively full strength team, bar Aiden Rogers-Ellis and Henry Moore, the TAS 2’s began the game with enthusiasm against the team to beat - City Scorpions. It did not take long to realise that without better short passing, leading and marking in defence, the Scorpion’s sting may be too great an obstacle. Into the break, TAS were down 3-0 and facing a long second half. TAS 1 replacement Sebastian Etheridge joined us in the second half, immediately adding confidence to the added focus after the half time pep talk. Before long, TAS were clawing back into the game and with four fine goals and some sensational stops by keeper Stewart Williams, the mighty TAS 2s hit the lead and maintained it until the final whistle. A fine game was had by all, especially the Rutledge and Strelitz sisters, whilst birthday boy Cooper Mills put in a tireless effort.

Training for the Remainder of the Season

Training will still continue each week for all Junior teams and the Mens C Grade side as they head into the finals series. Please ensure all players are in attendance and should you be unavailable for either a game or training, please email your coach to advise of the reason.

TAS 1 and TAS 2 face up this Friday in a battle of the blue and white.

B Grade - Friday 22 and Sunday 24 August

With the last regular round double header of the season, TAS were in desperate need of the full ten points on offer to progress them through to the finals series. With a number of close draws this season, some games that ‘should’ve but didn’t’, and a few missed opportunities sprinkled through the mix, it was always going to be a tough challenge to beat both of the Guyra teams to decide our 2014 fate.

Friday night’s game was almost over before it began, with Guyra Spuds failing to arrive on time. There was apparently some confusion over the game start time and they were given 20 minutes grace, to which they did show and compete in the last of our many Friday night games. Despite not getting a goal, the Spuds put up a contest against the dynamic midfield of Hamish McPhie, Matthew Kaukiainen, Ben Moffatt and Jack Simmons, but they were no match on the scoreboard for Ben Moffatt’s smashing tomahawk goal early in the first and Mr Alex Portell’s four follow up goals. Game one successful and our confidence was high going into the sudden death Sunday game against the top of the table Rams.

Sunday saw some great support on the sidelines despite initially having the bare eleven starting. Having not yet beaten the Rams, the odds were against us but the improvement shown across the paddock in all of our boys meant that we were in the best form of the season to affect the win. The likes of David Williams and Harry Wright in the backs were showing

TAS Hockey Club End of Season BBQ and Presentation Night

TAS Hockey Club will be capping off the season with a BBQ and Presentation evening on Monday 15 September starting at 5.15pm at the McConville Centre BBQ area. The night will aim to thank all of the players, families and volunteers for their fantastic work throughout the season, which hopefully will end in some good results once the finals series begins. At 7pm the TAS Hockey Club AGM will be held in the McConville Centre to elect the 2015 committee and set the foundation for another great season next year. Everyone is welcome to attend. Should you be interested in a position on the 2015 committee, please email Mr Portell at aportell@as.edu.au for further information. An invitation and RSVP slip will be emailed out to TAS Hockey families shortly.

Mr Alex Portell
confidence at its peak and with the steely determination of Mr Mike Ball and Mr Tim Moffatt nearby, we were able to defend and counter attack with good ball transition. TAS were unfortunate not to go one up after a steaming penalty corner drag flick from Ben Moffatt which was only stopped by the head of one of the Guyra defenders. With the ball heading straight for the net, we were robbed not to have at least been awarded another corner, however that is old news now. With the Rams being put to the test in the first stanza, TAS were upbeat about the likelihood of a solid performance in the second.

Early in the second half, Guyra, as they are so renowned for doing, stole a goal to go ahead. The TAS boys did not falter though and kept to the game plan with some excellent ball movement. It was not too long before our hard work paid off with an Portell equaliser slotted into the backboard. Forwards Duncan Carmichael, back recently from injury, and young C Grade stars Sam Wright and Jonathon Chamberlain were working tirelessly up front, however with about ten on the clock, the Rams eventually put one past keeper Will Brissett in what can only be described as a scrappy and somewhat physical penalty corner attempt. Despite best efforts, this was how the scoreboard was to remain as the siren sounded and the 2014 TAS Firsts campaign came to an abrupt end.

Despite the disappointment, there were many successes throughout the season and the boys, as well as coach Michael Young and all of the wonderful parents and supporters should be congratulated on a great season. There have been numerous positive comments from throughout the Hockey New England community about just how well the boys have developed and the fantastic quality of hockey and sportsmanship shown. Our hopes in the Mens competition now lie with the TAS C Grade team who finished high on the ladder under the coaching of Michael Cursons and are now looking forward to the finals series. Better luck next year B Grade!

Football

All the latest draws for this coming Saturday 30 August can be found here

Last weekend saw the competition rounds conclude for our senior teams. Both our 1st XI and TAS Dads are through to the semi-finals this weekend.

1st XI will play Ex-Services Westside Blues at 3.00pm at TAS Adamsfield.

TAS Dads will play Norths United 35s at 3:00pm at Phil Wheaton Oval.

Any support for both of these teams will be hugely appreciated and we wish these teams well for the semi-final endeavours.

This weekend will see the conclusion of the competition rounds for our Junior teams (12s, 14s and 16s). Stay tuned for details regarding semi-finals which will be made available following this weekend’s games.

Please note, all other teams (6s - 10s) will continue games as normal. The final weekend of games for these age divisions is Saturday 13 September.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Cricket

As the Winter Sports season begins to draw to a close, our attention quickly turns to the upcoming cricket season. Craig McDermott will once again be visiting TAS and will be conducting a Coaching Clinic on the 22 and 23 of September. He brings with him a number of specialist coaches, including former Australian spin bowler - Nathan Hauritz. Registration forms are available from Mr Pinnington. Again these holidays, 12 students will embark on a Development Tour to Sydney. The tour will include coaching clinics, fixtures against two Sydney schools and a guided tour of the SCG. Finally, The Scots College are playing a U/15’s fixture against TAS on Friday, 3 of October on Cricket Oval.

The first round of the ADCA competition will commence on 11 October for both Senior and Junior players. The TAS Cricket Club AGM will be held next Wednesday, 3 September in the Archdall Room @ 5.30pm. All members of the TAS cricket community are encouraged to attend.

Yours in cricket,
Mr Jim Pinnington
MIC Cricket

Mountain Biking

Living in a town set in the mountains, having several top class mountain bike tracks on our doorstep and having strong connections to the local mountain bike club (one of the largest in NSW!), it makes sense to introduce mountain biking as a summer sport to TAS. This exciting introduction will be on offer to middle school students starting in Term 4, 2014. The proposed times of training for mountain biking during Term 4 will be Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons: meeting at 3.45pm ready to leave by 4.00pm and returning to school between 5.00/5.30pm. Trainings will be held around the various MTB tracks within, and on the edge of Armidale. Students will be riding across town, to and from these tracks,
within a group that will be under the direction of staff. Students will also be expected to ride in their own time to maintain a certain level of fitness. Racing will be spread across the term and will include (and not be limited to): New England Mountain Bikers Inc (NEMTB) Winter Series club races held on Sunday afternoons, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Charity MTB Challenge at Walcha and an inter-schools MTB race held in November. Term 1 will involve the NEMTB Summer Series races held every Monday evening from 5.15pm, a longer Wednesday afternoon training session and the NEMTB/UNE 12 Hour MTB event. Students of all levels of ability are welcome, as the MTB squad will aim at catering to beginners through to experienced riders. There are however some requirements that need to be met in order to participate in mountain biking and these are: 1. having your own mountain bike - defined as having: 26" (or bigger) knobbly wheels, gears, and with front suspension recommended, and 2. Students will also need their own helmet that meets Australian Safety Standards. Bikes and helmets will be checked over by coaches to ensure suitability before being accepted into mountain biking. As with most sports there will be some financial costs involved, mainly for Mountain Biking Australia membership and for club race fees, however we will aim to keep these to a minimum. For more information about Mountain Biking at TAS, please contact Mrs Jo Benham at jbenham@as.edu.au

Mrs Jo Benham
Mountain Blking

Rugby

TAS U12’s join in the action playing in mixed teams with their new mates from Sydney High School.

YEAR 10 & 11 ROWING TRIALS

TUESDAY 2nd or WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

4:00pm TAS GYM
1000 METRE ERG

TAS TALKS — 8
**AMEB Results**

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement in the recent AMEB examinations. Well done!

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We are really looking forward to our inaugural 'Final Note' concert tomorrow evening. Our Year 12 Music 1 and Music 2 students will perform a selection of their HSC repertoire. This concert will showcase vocal and instrumental, solo and group performances of classical and popular music.

'Final Note' is free and everyone is welcome to attend. We hope you can come!

Thank you to our Twilight Concert performers!

Last Thursday's Twilight Concert had an exciting new format featuring not only instrumental and vocal performances but also a number of group and solo, speech and drama items. The concert was topped off with a wonderful performance by NECOM Strings Tutor, April Kelson who played violin, with accompaniment by Warwick Dunham on piano. Many thanks to April Kelson for treating our audience to this special, impromptu performance. We will continue to feature a performance by one of our talented tutors at future Twilight Concerts. I am sure the audience would agree that the concert was very enjoyable and we enjoyed the variety of entertainment in the new format!

We thank the following students for participating in the Term 3 Twilight Concert.

Oscar Barrett, Poppy Broun, Lachlan Cameron, Angus Earle, William Forsyth, Benjamin Friend, Matthew Giakoumi, Ziggy Harris, Sambavan Jeyakumar, Nicholas Moar, Andrew Knight, Jasper O'Neil and PJ Woodburn.

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

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**WHAT’S HOT AT HOSKINS**

This time of year can be beyond hectic in the Creative Arts, with both curricular and co-curricular events incessantly demanding for extra rehearsals, extra support and extra time. There are a few key occurrences in our little world that I want to draw particular attention to:

Firstly, I’d like to congratulate both our HSC Drama students for the completion of their HSC Performance Examinations and Visual Arts students on the submission of their Body of Works, which both happened on Monday. Completing such tasks while sitting Trials and juggling their many other commitments is a monumental effort that should be recognised. So too do I praise the many teachers, stuff and tutors who have also been instrumental in making this happen.

Secondly, our HSC Music students are busy preparing themselves for their performance examinations in Week 9. Part of this preparation is the Final Note showcase evening this Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Hoskins Centre. Everyone is invited to attend this free and open event, with the students presenting some of the pieces they have been preparing. Final Note will follow Masterstroke, the display of the HSC Visual Art works in the foyer of Hoskins from 6:45pm (also a free and open event).

Finally, tickets have opened up for the Middle School production of Fantastic Mr Fox from the Hoskins website. The performances will be held on the evenings of 12 and 13 of September, with a preview performance for the boarding community on the 11 of September and a matinee for Junior School Friday morning. Both students and staff have been working diligently on the show and that should only increase as we approach the two-week mark before the performance.

Mr Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator
FANTASTIC MR FOX
BY ROALD DAHL
ADAPTED BY SALLY REID
Amateur Production
www.roalddahl.com

Friday 12th September 7:30
Saturday 13th September 7:30

www.trybooking.com/FMCJ
(02) 6776 5878
Adult $15
Child/Concession $10

MASTERSTROKE
HSC Visual Arts Exhibition

Final Note
A Showcase of HSC Music Performances
Wednesday August 27th, 7:15pm
Following Masterstroke
TAS Hoskins Centre

This is a free event. All welcome
Bookings not necessary
General matters

We’ve travelled beyond the half term mark – again. We’ve only four weeks remaining and there’s another good break on the horizon. But there’s much to be done before we reach it. As well you know, there’s a battery of assessment tasks for all Year groups and I know the boys have been working on these during prep and also during their normal classes. You also know that the boys have their class study plans. What you need to know is that these things are little more than unappealing adornments, in the first instance, and, ultimately, millstones unless or until they are utilized!

Boarders are easy to assist as boarding and teaching staff are in the habit of keeping boys on track on a daily basis. Parents of day students need to be aware that the assessment tasks are ‘out there’ and I ask that you speak to your sons about them and ask also how ‘best’ they can be ‘managed’ over the next few weeks. On the whole the boys are improving in relation to these tasks and many are working on them for longer. This, of itself, is a very good thing because at the beginning of the year so many just did their work as it fell due. Working towards something is a very good sign that expectations of high school life (even for the Year 6 students) are manageable.

NAPLAN results for our Year 7 boys will be ‘out’ soon. Whatever else we think about them they’re good ‘yardsticks’ and they’re instructive in that they allow us to measure individual performance in the school and how we ‘fare’ in relation to other schools. But these things don’t rule our lives – they can’t. It’s madness to subscribe to the ‘testing more than teaching model’. Learning is pretty important: learning how to learn, more so; enjoyment of learning is the most important aspect of school life – especially at this Middle School level.

Now that my Year 12 marking is (almost) ‘done and dusted’ I’ve been out in the grounds more – speaking to the boys. They’re good value, you know. What am I saying? Of course you know! The good thing for me is that they are prepared to talk - normally too, thank goodness. You may be heartened to know that they all take the opportunity to talk about home, animals, friends. Most love talking about their sport and, whilst on this subject, they’re looking forward to travelling to Sydney for the Riverview games this coming Saturday.

I hope you can go to this final Rugby away game of the season. The boys really enjoy and appreciate the fact that you can be with them. I’m looking forward to seeing you there as well. It’s always good to ‘catch up’ with people, especially at times when their sons are with teammates and friends are enjoying themselves. This kind of situation is the ideal for relaxed open and frank discussion.

Specific issue

I’ve been thinking lately about the ‘friend’ situation. It’s important that we impress on the boys the fact that gives TAS one of its essential strengths: be friendly as possible to all, but it’s very difficult to be everyone’s friend. Arguably, one of the main reasons why people like us is attributable to our ability to be ourselves – unashamedly. As such, there will be times when our ‘style’ is unappealing to others in terms of our being their ‘friend’. However, on the proviso that others respect us for our strength (and for young adolescents in particular, it is a matter of strength of character) life can be really enjoyable.

TAS is good in its provision of an environment that enables, indeed encourages, individual purpose and development. Our job, daily, is to reinforce this message. It’s vital to our function as educators, as opposed to being just teachers. It is our job to reinforce the idea that others should be respected for who they are.

Thus far I’ve indicated, very politely I might add, that my tolerance level for those who actively attempt to make others’ lives awkward because they are different, is low – very low, actually. If your sons call or come home and, for whatever reason, they make complaint about others, listen carefully to them and assist them in that way that only a parent can do. If they tell you something that concerns you about their welfare, tell us / me. If they tell you something about how they take exception to others, again, for whatever reason, tell them how life works for you as an adult. It’s time these boys realised that life for us has its difficult and awkward times and that we, above all else, must not deal with the situation by employing procrustean method to change that other person, especially if that other person does nothing to make our lives difficult. We have to deal with things as best we can – and that’s the way relationships work. People, we have to work together on this one.

It’s threatening to rain again – so let’s hope.

Mr Mark Harrison
ACTING HEADS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, CHRISTINE WRIGHT AND VERONICA WATERS

Update on Mr Lloyd

Mr Lloyd is recovering well after his knee re-construction last week. He continues to recuperate in Sydney and we look forward to hearing of his progress.

Welcome Ms Dowse

We welcome Ms Tabitha Dowse to our team at the Junior School for the remaining four weeks of Term 3. Ms Dowse is well known to the children through her previous work in Junior School and her hockey coaching this term. She will be taking all of Mr Lloyd’s PD and PE classes as well as giving Mrs Wright and Mrs Waters some extra time each day to deal with the administrative and curriculum tasks. Ms Dowse will also be relieving individual coaches over the next three weeks, allowing our staff to have some much needed extra meeting time in the afternoons, in preparation for the implementation of the new Science Curriculum in 2015 and the investigation into the PYP IB programme. We thank Ms Dowse for her support.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It is that time of the year again when we will be contacting parents with the details of our parent/teacher interviews. Again this will be held in the Memorial Hall over two afternoons, September 15 & 16 and details for booking your times will soon be emailed. There will be no sport during our final week of term.

Looking Ahead

- **Wednesday 27 August**
  - Kinder Assembly
  - Junior Vocal Ensemble performing at Autumn Lodge
  - Junior Beginner band performing at Autumn Lodge

- **Wednesday 3 September**
  - Musica Viva Performance
  - No Assembly

- **Friday 5 September**
  - da Vinci at TAS

- **Sunday 7 September**
  - Father’s Day

- **Monday 8 September**
  - Aboriginal Performer 11.40am

- **Wednesday 10 September**
  - Year 4 Assembly

- **Thursday 11 September**
  - New England Sings rehearsal
  - 1 – 2.30pm

Happy Birthday

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Lucas Hu, Poppy Broun, and Alex Webber who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

In just over one week we will be welcoming 60 visiting teams to TAS, to compete in the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon. This is an academic inter school gala day operated in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon, with a variety of events of an academic nature. Our teams have started to revise specific subject areas such as Cartography, Maths and Chess, Art and Poetry, Philosophy, Creative Producers, English,
Science, General Knowledge, Code Breaking and Engineering. Of course the best thing about the da Vinci Decathlon is that teams have been preparing for this event in every class they attend. The biggest hint of course for preparing is to remember that the theme of this year’s decathlon is Mystery and Mayhem. The three days of competition are set to be exciting and exhausting, and of course a lot of fun. If parents would like to come to watch the presentation of trophies from the balcony, please arrive at 2:45 and proceed to the balcony. The dates are: Wednesday September 3 for Years 7 and 8, Thursday September 4 for Years 9 and 10 and Friday September 5 for Years 5 and 6. (A reminder for all competitors that the day will begin early, so please be at school by 8:20 am, dressed in formals with a water bottle in hand.)

Jump Rope for Heart

Our children had their ‘Jump Off’ last week, jumping and skipping for well over 20 minutes. During this time we witnessed some terrific skills the children had been practising over the past few weeks. We now ask that any outstanding money be brought into school and delivered to Ms Chappell. An update on how much we have raised will be published next week.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The conclusion of the 2014 PRC is here. This is the absolute FINAL WEEK of the PRC.

We would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the Library by Thursday 28 August at the latest. This will allow us to enter your books and have your reading logs validated before Friday 29 August as no entries will be accepted after this date. If you have finished now, please bring your reading log to the Library as soon as possible and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

Good luck in finishing off the PRC everyone. Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator

Winter Sports

As our Winter Sports season draws to a close, please be aware that various teams and sports will conclude at differing times throughout the next four weeks. Please keep in contact with your team’s coach to ensure you have the correct information in regard to training times and games in these final weeks.

There will be no training for any sport in Week 10, due to Parent-teacher interviews.

NCIS results

A huge congratulations must go to all children who competed in the NCIS Athletics Competition in Coffs Harbour recently. It was an extremely long day, having left Armidale at 6am to compete all day in what can only be described as one mammoth carnival, comprising of both Primary and Secondary students.

Our students competed strongly and with great sportsmanship throughout the day and must be commended on their individual and team efforts.

Following are the outstanding results from the competition:

- Lochlan Gerdes – 7th 8 years 100m
- Jonathan Harris – 5th 9 years 100m
- Asher Game-Lopata – 2nd 10 years 100m
- Nick O’Neil – 4th 11 years 100m
- Isabella Rutledge – 1st Junior Discus, 2nd Junior Shotput
- Oscar Henzell – 2nd Senior Discus
- Charlie Rutledge – 3rd Senior Shotput

A huge congratulations to the following students for qualifying to compete at the next level in Sydney (CIS) to be held on Wednesday 10 September.

* Isabella Rutledge
* Asher Game-Lopata
* Oscar Henzell
* Charlie Rutledge

We wish Oscar Henzell well, as he takes up this opportunity to compete at the next level.

Good win for swimmers at Hanna Shield

It may be the middle of winter and but swimmers from The Armidale School Co-Educational Junior School hit the University of New England pool with enthusiasm on August 19, taking top honours at the Hanna Shield Swimming Carnival.

Six primary schools compete in the carnival, a team event with swimmers competing in boys and girls divisions in 50metre freestyle and 50metre medley relays.

TAS won the overall boys section, and the boys and girls won
the overall enrolment trophy.

It was the third year in a row TAS won the Hanna Shield.

Participating schools were TAS, Martins Gully Public School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ben Venue Public School, Armidale City Public School and PLC Armidale.

Team photo: The TAS swimming team which won the overall enrolment trophy at last week's Hanna Shield: (back row, l-r) Lucas Cotterell, Oscar Henzell, Isabella Rutledge, Ruby Straker, Sophia Rutledge, Ben Rowe, Archi Lawrence, Asher Game-Lopata, (front row, in white tops l-r) Joseph Anderson, Hamish Chalmers, Zoe Stelitz, Tom Ball and Sam Ball.

Football

The Typhoons played Walcha United this week in a see-sawing game that was played in excellent spirit. Charlie Repin found his spot in back half of the field and played very well. Peter Evans did an outstanding job as goalie in the first half. Oliver Smart covered plenty of ground and played another solid game. Lachie Hunt turned up unexpectedly and even brought the oranges. Fantastic and well played, Lachie. Josh Pongrass and Will Nash provide great support in defence. Calin Simmonds apparently helped out the 11 years team prior to playing for the Typhoons and kept running all game with energy to burn. Conal Nicoll is making great runs with the ball and never stops trying. He has a love of shooting for goals and is a big threat to our opposition. Tom Ball is always ready and keen to attack and defend. He is a skilled player who passes well to the team and looks to get the ball back. Our final score was a 1 all draw and I commend the boys on their game, well done everyone!

Mrs Tania Ball

Hockey

Under 9’s

The TAS Under 9 team had a close game of hockey against Harlies 3 on Saturday 16 August. We only had six players so played one short. The boys once again played well as a team and sharing positions so everyone got a turn in the backs and up front. Jonathan Harris likes to play in the backs but showed great positional play in goals just missing the goal on a couple of occasions. Michael Janda made some strong passes and hits in from the side line. Blair Eichorn is also enjoying playing in the backs and his solid defence rarely sees a ball get past. Blair also runs well and makes direct passes. Lennox Neilson grows each week with his clever skills, passes, strength in both attack and defence. Conal Nicoll is making great runs with the ball and never stops trying. He has a love of shooting for goals and is a big threat to our opposition. Tom Ball is always ready and keen to attack and defend. He is a skilled player who passes well to the team and looks to get the ball back. Our final score was a 1 all draw and I commend the boys on their game, well done everyone!

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Netball

PLC/TAS Topaz vs Ben Venue Lions

Once again cold and overcast conditions prevailed on Saturday as Topaz played their final game for the season. The terrific Topaz team played a great game, where defending and strong passing were highlights. It was wonderful to have everyone on deck again after illness and all 11 players contributed to a successful game. Although the end result was in favour of Ben Venue Lions, Topaz put together some great strings of passing that led to goals being scored by Charlotte Portell, Lillian Maxwell and Gabby Cotterell. They were well supported by each and every player:

Mia Lincoln, Millie Coupland, Teya Catterell, Lily Moore, Annabelle Pennington, Ruby Broun, Scarlett Buntine and Milly Keeping. At the conclusion of the game each player in the Junior Netball division was presented with a trophy. Congratulations Topaz on a season of amazing growth. It has been delightful to see how well the team has progressed and the lovely camaraderie that has developed.

Mrs Anne Trenerry

Hockey

Under 11’s

Last Friday saw the Under 11’s hockey team working very consistently as a team. We even had a couple of short corners! We again did not win the game, however, all players played well and tried to hold their positions. At training one of the things we are still focusing on is our 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. At training this week we are going to have a focus on passing the ball to the player as this is where we now need to advance our skills. We are also going to focus on our attack more and have some extra practice at trying to draw the player. Another focus this week will be our goal shooting strategies. The players are enjoying the shorter ‘time off’ intervals with a couple of players indicating that ‘the five minutes off goes really quickly’. Well-done to all members of the team! You are all still impressing me with your overall enthusiasm, teamwork and motivation.

Ms Tabitha Dowse
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