Passing Out Parade

The weather was kind and a good crowd on hand for the major ceremonial occasion of the TAS Cadet Unit. Sixteen Year 12 cadets were formally farewelled from the Unit in a display that our reviewing officer, the Adjutant General of the Army, Brigadier Boss, recognised as skilful and impressive. The Passing Out Parade followed the very formal 'Dining In Night' the previous evening and together those occasions brought plenty of military pomp and ceremony. As the second oldest cadet unit in the country, it is right and proper that our cadets represent the history and traditions of the Service and I know that this was appreciated by cadets and parents alike. I offer thanks to all who were involved in both events and especially congratulate Sergeant Simon Ball who put so much into making them a success.

Fantastic Mr Fox

Congratulations are due to all who were involved in the fabulous Middle School production last week. This was our very first Middle School play and it showed that our younger students are well and truly up to the challenge of performance on the big stage. The production was clever, funny and polished and showed how willing our students are to accept a challenge and rise to it.

First XI Football

After all of the hype and high expectations that came with winning the minor premiership through an undefeated season, our First XI were under pressure going into the grand final last Saturday afternoon, but they did not disappoint. In probably the closest and most hard fought game of their season, they traded goals with Uralla right through to the end and came away with the premiership. This, I believe, is the first time that TAS has won a 1st grade premiership in Armidale and, whilst it has never been just about the winning for this spirited and sportsmanlike team, that is worthy of celebration.

Winter Sporting Celebrations

With the winter season now finished, our senior sportsmen have been celebrating over the past few days with special presentation events for hockey, football and rugby. In each case, 2014 has been quite a special season and each event highlighted that. Along with all the talk of great games and considerable success was recognition of how much our parents, coaches and supporters have contributed right through the season. Whether it was catering for players and supporters alike on chilly evenings at the UNE hockey fields, standing in support through the 31 game football season or travelling and hosting with the rugby supporters group, that assistance reflected how tight the communities in each of our winter sports are. Thanks have been offered at each of the special events this week and I echo those.
Myall Classic

Whilst sports seasons were coming to a close in Armidale last weekend, a group of keen paddlers headed to the Central Coast for the Myall Classic. The 47km event in particular is a great preparation for the Hawkesbury Classic next month and I know that a number of TAS boys are looking forward to that. In tough conditions, all our paddlers completed the event and I offer congratulations to all on their commitment.

House Debating

Intellectual pursuits have been capturing the attention too this week, with house debating adding some sophistication to our inter-house competition. The debates have been both entertaining and well supported and I particularly commend our senior debaters who have shown such good leadership this year. TAS debating is in good shape and this is very much due to their energy and example. Green House emerged victorious in a close final against Croft on the topic ‘international sporting competitions are a waste of money’ and I congratulate both teams on putting on such a good show.

Farewell to Year 12

This week we farewell our Year 12 and the next few days will be hectic and quite probably an emotional time for them as they travel to the coast in house groups, process down the drive to their final assembly and attend their Valedictory Day. They have, collectively, achieved a great deal this year and I am sure that the School as a whole will join me in wishing them well for the HSC and the future.

Holiday Activities

As the term comes to an end, a large number of our students are preparing to head away on school adventures. With service trips to Fiji for Year 8 and Thailand for senior students, an HSIE and language trip to Japan, the International Round Square conference in Jordan and a cricket development tour to Sydney, some great experiences lie ahead. I wish all of those travelling well for their time away and look forward to hearing of their efforts on their return.

CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

Too Far Jesus #7
1 Corinthians 13

It's no surprise to have found this term that Jesus was not an ordinary fellow. He taught hard things with conviction, backed by action. He was not simply the meek and mild, little baby Jesus that we might often refer to, but He was the bearded Jesus, the radical who pushed the boundaries in every respect. He did not want to gather a group of followers who simply joined the band wagon because they thought it was an easy option, as he was radical, he wanted his followers to be likewise.

Enter the school reading. This is not the soft, give every one a hug sort of reading you might think it is at first. It is love shown in action, love even for the unlovely. It is love when it costs; it is not to advance yourself but to build others up. This is what it means to be radical in a Christian sense. There's lots of talk about “radicals” in our world, they're often characterised by bloody and merciless action. However, to be a radical follower of Jesus means that love rules, so the person most at risk, isn't the opposition to the Christian, it's the Christian themselves.

This love has no boundaries.

I recall a student speaking of a time when he was in year five, one of his classmates fell head over heels in love with him (love is blind), she (sadly her name was lost in the annals of time) gave him all, not some, not a few, but all her Pokemon cards. We are are not just talking Bolbasaur or Squirtle but Charizard – holographic – this is the good gear, premium Pokemon - too far nameless devotee.

TS Elliot said “Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”

We have been asking the question all term has Jesus gone too far, today the question is; if you follow Jesus, do you go far enough in your love for others?
**Term 3 - Week 10**

**Wednesday 17 September**
- Year 11 Primary Industries Work Placement
- 10.15am Year 12 depart for coast
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 18 September**
- Year 11 Primary Industries Work Placement
- 10.15am Staff Farewell Morning Tea
- 11.40am Year 12 and Staff Farewell Cake in Big School
- 12.30pm Year 12 and Parents light lunch on Chapel Lawn - School Lines Drive
- 1.45pm Year 12 Final School Assembly
- Year 12 Parent and Son House Dinners
- Classes Conclude

**Friday 19 September**
- Staff Day
- Valedictory Day
- 10.15am Morning Tea on Chapel Lawn
- 11.15am Valedictory Service in Memorial Hall
- 12.30pm Valedictory Lunch and prize giving
- Fiji Service Trip departs
- Japanese Trip departs
- Year 12 Formal

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**UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP**

The Uniform and Book Shop will be open 9.00am to 5.00pm Wednesday 1 October. Please use this day to purchase Summer Uniform if necessary.

Hours during the first week of Term 4

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Normal hours resume on Wednesday 8 October.
COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

It’s the time of year for sporting finals – AFL. NRL, just to mention a couple. It is also the last week for Year 12, 2014. Their finals are just a few weeks away now and then school life is over. Finals are the time for ‘seizing the day’.

It is a common and ironic experience for some boys who previously could hardly wait to leave, to have a great sense of connection to the school at the point of departure. The meanings of leaving can gather some depth and open up a powerful sense of the moment itself. I’ve heard some boys say at this point that they feel unready to leave, too connected and bonded with friends, the everyday structure and security of the school. The felt sense of departure seems in the end to be sudden and dramatic, even if anticipated intellectually for many months. It contrasts to the experience of doing the last HSC examination in late October when leaving can seem so anti-climactic, simply walking out of the place.

The ceremonials of this week are important moments, the making of memories that will last a lifetime. In a way these ceremonials are an expression of ‘seizing the day’, making the moment significant, making it personal.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, SEONIA WARK

HSC Supervisor required

An additional HSC supervisor is required to help supervise HSC exams from 14 October - 4 November.

This would suit a retired person or non working person. You should not be associated with any student sitting the HSC exams at any school.

You will work with the Presiding Officer and other supervisors.

If you are interested please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

The Armidale School HSC Study Camp

Friday 3 October - Sunday 5 October

TAS will again host a study camp at the end of the Term 3 holidays in preparation for the HSC examinations.

Each day will consist of 5 x 75 minute sessions. The offering of all subjects is dependent on suitable tutors being available.

Students will be free to use the pool, gym (when open) or study area if not attending any session. There will also be a spare classroom available for those students who would like a quiet place to study during the day. Boarding students will be supervised in their own boarding house at night with normal rules applying.

The cost for the camp will be $85 per day. This will be added to your school account.

A registration form and program will be forwarded to parents and students by the end of this week.

This is a time for students to focus and avail themselves of this valuable opportunity. All normal school rules apply when attending the study camp.

For further information regarding the Study Camp, please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806 or mobile 0412 475 339 or email - vobrien@as.edu.au
Photo gallery is a window to the term

It has been an incredibly busy term - so why not use the quiet time of the holidays to catch up and look back on what it was really like!!

While we are always updating the Photo Gallery on the school website, the sporting finals season and the eventful end of the term has resulted in more than a thousand photos being added in the past fortnight alone, wonderful images which express the diversity of life at TAS. There are photos from the last four rugby fixtures, the final three hockey matches, the HSC creative arts events Masterstroke and Final Note, Design & Technology major works and Old Boys Weekend! The most recent addition are hundreds of photos that showcase the magnificence of the school body on Passing Out Parade.

So, please browse through the galleries, which will allow you to download images for you to keep: if you're not sure where to find them, scroll down to the bottom right hand side of the website, and click on the photo of the Chapel or simply click here.

Many, many thanks to those parents who have snapped away and contributed photos for inclusion in the website photo gallery. It is simply not possible to capture the breadth of TAS co-curricular life without parents sharing their photographic skills, and the efforts of those who have snapped away willingly has been wonderful. We welcome all contributions, which can be shared with us on a USB, a CD, or via a file sharing service such as DropBox. We would ask, however, that you be selective with your images and limit what you would like to share to 25 photos per game, event or fixture - we just don't have the digital space to store them all, nor the time to select only a few, which might not be the ones that best capture the spirit of the event.

While on the subject of the website, why not also take some time during the holidays prowl around the Parent Portal and familiarise yourself with where you can find whatever information about school life you are bound to need. It is a rich resource that has been designed to be navigated quickly and efficiently. As always, feedback is most welcome. Enjoy your holidays!

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Fete

Things are coming together for the Fete which will be held on Saturday 1 November from 8am – 2pm. Exciting news this year is the inclusion of a range of Big Fun rides (www.bigfun.com.au) for children both big and small. We will be pre-selling wrist bands leading up to the big day, so please keep an eye out for their official release. All the usual suspects will be at the fete as well – Tombola (so please save and fill your jars), chocolate wheel, raffles, food, emporium and lots of games to play and win.

White Elephant and the Plant stalls are always winners and will be there agin this year – please look around over the holidays for any contributions you are able to make – books, magazines, games, toys, jewellery/accessories, garden equipment, plants, pots, manure etc but please no videos or electrical goods. Donations may be left at Big School foyer.

And, finally, happy holidays to families and staff.

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First and foremost in this final week of Term 3, I would like to, on behalf of the P&F Executive, send best wishes to all of Year 12 as they finish their schooling at TAS, get ready for their exams and embark on the next exciting stage in their life journey. Our thoughts are also with family, friends and school staff who offer unwavering support for the next few weeks.

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P&F ASSOCIATION
SUE CARTWRIGHT - PRESIDENT

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DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Fantastic Mr Fox

Congratulations to the young men of Middle School who so ably performed in our inaugural Middle School Play. The performance of the boys and the efforts of all those back stage who supported their peers so well, is testament to both the calibre of our young men as well as the leadership of Mr Andrew O’Connell, Mrs Leasa Cleaver, Mr Anthony Carlon and the others who supported this exciting new initiative. Fantastic Mr Fox was fantastic in every way.

Inaugural Hockey Club Presentation

I was fortunate to be present at our first Hockey Club Presentation yesterday where a number of students were recognised for individual performances by their coaches. The Club also had the opportunity to celebrate the efforts of our C Grade team who won the Premiership, thanks in no small way to the outstanding goal keeping of Jack Bishop. The contributions of Mr Tim Moffatt, Dr Heather Williams and Mrs Suzie Wright behind the scenes both on the night and throughout the season have supported the Club in achieving so many of its goals both on and off the field. I reminded all who were present that only three years ago we met to discuss the future of TAS Hockey and the desire to grow the game’s profile within the school. The vision and drive of Mr Alex Portell has seen the club grow to hosting a function for 150 people as well as the awarding of perpetual trophies donated by the Wright and Simmons family. Having Old Boys, Gappies, parents and friends of the school all contributing to the ongoing success of this wonderful club augurs well for the future of TAS Hockey. On the back of the TAS Hockey celebrations a number of our students were recognised at the Hockey New England Presentation. U16 Junior Boys player of 2014 was won by Matthew Turnbull Year 8 and the U11 Junior Player of 2014 was won by Isabella Rutledge Year 4. Also nominated were Sam Behrend and Liam Matherson Year 6 for Junior Umpire 2014.

TAS Football Success

Congratulations to our U12As football team who won their grand final on Saturday morning on the back of two great goals and the wonderful goal keeping prowess of Oscar Henzell. Saturday afternoon saw our school community come together to celebrate the efforts of our First XI who topped off an undefeated season with a 4-3 victory in a hard fought match against a very committed Uralla side. The Football Dinner reinforced the success of the team in what was a historic season, whilst reminding our boys that its success is not only measured in scores rather in legacies left. The fact that the dinner included our Second XI who also had a successful season and our TAS Dads team reminded the boys that they were a part of a broader opens age group who all worked tirelessly at their level for the betterment of their team and the school as a whole.

Inter House Debating

The Clemson Cup came to an end on Monday with a wonderful Final between Croft and Green House. The topic, ‘That international Sporting Events are a waste of money,’ provided some insightful and entertaining arguments by both teams. Although, in the end Green House won by 4 points. The Clemson Cup is made up of MS and SS debating and MS and SS Public Speaking. This year has seen an exceptionally high standard and congratulations to all boys involved who displayed the ability to rise to the occasion in this challenging area of school life.
**Tennis**

The Champion Of Champions tournament was held in Inverell over the weekend beginning with a training day run by the North West and NIAS coaches to prepare for playing on the clay courts on Friday from 10am to 2pm.

The top eight players from the JDS Series from the North West and North Coast were invited to play a round robin with the top eight players out of the 16 going on to the State Titles tournament in Sydney during November.

The TAS players that Represented North West were Calin Simmonds in the 9 and under boys event who won some of his matches and just lost a few tie-breaker matches and improved his game.

Duncan Chalmers in the 13 and under boys event played many players ranked above him and after having some wins his tennis improved on the second day that the Northern Junior Tennis Foundation Delegates awarded him for an encouragement award of $50.00 so congratulations Duncan.

Nicholas Barnier also played well to win most of his matches making it to the Semi Finals and coming 4th out of the 16 Representative players. Congratulations Nicholas, who will now play in the State Finals.

These TAS boys helped our region win the Kevin Birchell Shield which is awarded to the region that wins the most sets over the weekend and North West defeated the North Coast buy three sets!

Mr Justin Sherriff
MIC Tennis

**Football**

Well done to all on a terrific finish to the season last weekend. Our First XI were undefeated minor premiers of ADFA 1st Division, and following a 4-3 win over Uralla last weekend, they also were Premiers following their win in the Grand Final. Our 12As won their grand final in a nail-biting 2-0 win over Uralla. Congratulations all. Following the Grand Final on Saturday, Rory Spiers was awarded the 1st Division Golden Boot, with a significant number of goals scored for TAS.

At the 2014 Football Dinner on Monday night, the following awards were presented:

Richard Newton Golden Boot – Rory Spiers

Matthew Turner Memorial Shield – Euan Spiers

Open Football Best and Fairest – Saxon Hardingham

Contribution to First Football beyond expectation - Benedict Laurie

Consistent effort, improvement and commitment to 2nds Football – James Gilson

Outstanding commitment to Thirds Football – Callum Mackerras

2014 Second XI Football Player’s Player – Samuel Redhead

2014 Third XI Football Player’s Player – Clive O’Connor

My thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the success of this program, including players, parents and coaches.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

TAS First X1 ADFA Division 1 Undefeated Premiers 2014
Hockey 2014 done and dusted!

What another fantastic season the TAS Hockey Club has had. All teams have had great seasons with a number making the finals series. The spirit evident within the players has shone beyond the school walls and once again the club has impressed in numerous ways throughout the Hockey New England community. It was also great to add the Old Boys fixture to the Farrer fixture this year and the grade players are looking forward with anticipation at the prospect of travelling to NZ for next year’s preseason development tour.

On Monday night the TAS Hockey Club Presentation Barbecue took place at McConville and it was a fantastic way to round off the season by celebrating the individual and team contributions of our students and coaches. Similarly, players such as Isabella Rutledge and Matthew Turnbull received awards on Sunday from Hockey New England in their respective age divisions. Special congratulations must go to Sam Behrend and Jack Simmons who were recipients of the Junior and Senior Club Person of the Year accolades for 2014.

Many thanks to the TAS Hockey Club committee and the many great TAS staff and volunteers who have made the season so great.

With a newly elected committee for 2015, I look forward to the continued progression of the club, both in the school and in the local and wider community.

Mr Alex Portell
MIC Hockey

TAS U13s TAS- 2 - Grand Finalists

Friday afternoon saw the TAS -2s go up against the impressive top of the table City side. Having just scraped through on goal difference, the TAS side had been playing great team hockey in the lead up to the finals and the game began in similar fashion. It has been impressive to see the TAS players grow into their roles and develop more of a positional perspective on the field. Despite this, City were on fire for the GF and some of their key players were distributing the ball beautifully to their forwards who rarely made a mistake. TAS were able to get on the board through a lovely goal by Sam Behrend, but despite a few chances up front, were unable to break the City defence any more times. Eventually, City broke away to win the title 8-1, but despite the scoreline, I was very proud of the great spirit and skill development the team has shown.

Mr Alex Portell
MIC Hockey

TAS C Grade Grand Final Premiers

I’m not sure if anyone keeps the TAS Talks archives but it was predicted TAS C grade was going to be one of the teams to watch in the 2014 New England Hockey season, after they won their first match on 4 May 3-1. On Sunday the C grade side won the Grand final 1-0 against a very committed and experienced United side. The word at the Hockey turf was that no one wanted to come up against any TAS side in a final in the senior competition. The B grade side was unlucky to have been edged out of the final series-finding their form a little late in the season. The fitness of the school boys and the experience of the older players has been a real asset for both senior teams during the competition.

The TAS C grade side played with conviction today and coach Cursons played a very strategic game. An early goal by Striker Jonathon Chamberlain put pressure on the United side and the TAS side really didn’t give the opposition much room to move in attack, marking tightly the whole game. Goalie Jack Bishop was put under pressure at times but kept his cool keeping the score line at nil. All players have shown much growth in their playing ability and team work throughout the season. Well done C grade, Coach Michael Cursons and Mr Portell—we all look forward to next year.

Mrs Suzie Wright
Passing Out Parade

Guests were treated to a wonderful performance by the Cadet Band at Passing Out Parade last Sunday. Many thanks to Mr Finco for his work with our committed students, who have practised so hard over the last few weeks in preparation for the POP. The Band certainly did the school proud on the day. It was also a pleasure to have representatives of the Armidale Pipe Band in attendance and we pass on thanks to their members for performing at the TAS POP. Many thanks to Mr Finco for organising them to come and also a special mention to Charlton Grant who did a thoroughly professional job as Drum Major this year.

Goodbye Year 12!

We are sad to say that our Year 12s will perform for the last time at TAS this week - with Senior Jazz Combo at Tuesday’s assembly and TAS Singers at the Valedictory Service this Friday. We thank the following boys for their amazing contribution to music at TAS over many years and wish them well in their future endeavours - Morgan Broadbent-Wicks, Clarry Butcher, Duncan Carmichael, Ben Cartwright, John Dennis, Sam Doyle, Nick Hadfield, Hamish McPhie, Will Smith, Patrick Williamson.

Reminder: Lesson cancellations by end Term 3

A timely reminder that if students wish to cease lessons this term the tutor must be notified by the end of this term to avoid another term’s fees. Students - If you wish to try for another lesson time slot please have a chat to your tutor by the end of this term. At the end of each term there is often some shuffling around of lessons and a more suitable spot might come up next term if you ask.

TAS Ensembles - Rehearsal Times Term 4

Many thanks to students in our TAS ensembles for your contributions this term. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to music at TAS.

Please note the rehearsal times for all ensembles below as there are a few minor changes to start times.

Rehearsals for all bands will commence in Week 1 Term 4.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday! Keep practising over the holidays and we will see you in Term 4.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent
This is the week

The boys are ready, the staff are ready, meaning the holiday break is going to be welcome at the end of this week. The Term? Well, if you’ve been following the weekly news reports, it’s been characteristically ‘full’. And its end has been no less full than its beginning - ten weeks ago.

For example, last weekend heralded the Football Grand Final for our Under 12s and the boys acquitted themselves very well, winning a ‘hard fought’ game against Guyra (a team they’d been battling against a number of times this season). The boys’ coach, none other than our intrepid teacher of Japanese, Mr Allan Moore, was extremely happy, the boys were positively excited and the many parents who attended the game at the Rologas fields on Saturday, were really pleased as well.

Culturally, the weekend was a very successful one as well. Co-directors, Mr Andrew O’Connell and Mrs Leasa Cleaver need to ‘take a bow’ as the two public performances of the Middle School play, Roald Dahl’s Fantastic Mr Fox, were excellent. All members of the cast presented their best work, working very well together as a team and also as individuals. The stage crew, lighting experts, ushers and ‘extra hands’ were all Middle School students and these boys, too, ‘performed’ their respective roles with consummate ease – and expertise! On behalf of all concerned in the production, I want to thank those of you who attended the performances. I hope you enjoyed yourselves. I certainly did. To my knowledge, a production of this kind, involving so many Middle School students is ‘a first’ for us and its success, largely, is ‘down to’ the boys, their sterling efforts over a term of rehearsals, their obvious enthusiasm for the task and their support of one another in its realization.

Early Leave Requests

For whatever reason, early leave requests come to us at the end of term. Unless they attach to very unusual conditions, strictly, these are not granted. Activities at School are all inclusive as a general rule. For example, at the end of this week all student from Years 4 – 11 will farewell the Year 12 leavers on Thursday, by lining the School’s main drive. This kind of farewell is a tradition at TAS and it’s important that our Middle School boys feel a sense of connection to the wider school. As such, I believe it is very important that they are here to participate in such an activity and ask for parent support in regard to the matter of early leave requests.

Holiday Activity

As the term finishes we farewell Ms Fiona Taber and Year 8 boys who will travel to Fiji for their Service Trip to St Christopher’s Home for Children. This year the boys have raised hundreds of dollars from their chocolate stall and many of you have donated bed sheets and bath towels – so, thank you. The experience is an amazing one for the boys: they assist in classes, help organize and supervise games and provide help at meal times. The trip will not be a holiday for them because their primary task, as indicated, is to help others for the whole time they are away. On behalf of the wider Middle School, I wish Fiona Taber and her team well.

Whilst on the subject of holiday activity, I want yours to be enjoyable. Your sons need it and so do we, actually. We need to divest ourselves of TAS for a few weeks, be with family and friends, enjoy this stunningly good weather, one another and also ourselves. Ah yes, I read once that if you’re at the beach what you need to do is walk along the sand where the waves’ edges lap the beach. For whatever reason (negative ion clusters somehow factor into this one, as I recall) this kind of activity is relaxing. I’ve done this before and, to be honest, I did feel relaxed – but this could have been attributable to the holiday itself. If you try it and something good happens, let me know.

Until next term, then,

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
ACTING HEADS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL,  
CHRISTINE WRIGHT AND VERONICA WATERS

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 17 September  No Assembly
Thursday 18 September  Years 4 & 5 to wear formal uniform for Lining of the Drive  
Term 3 concludes 3.30pm
Friday 19 September  Valedictory Day  
Staff Day

Term 4

Tuesday 7 October  Classes resume  
Learn to Swim starts for T-2
Wednesday 9 October  No Assembly
Monday 13 October  HSC Commences
Wednesday 15 October  Year 4 Assembly

Message from Mr Lloyd

In this last TAS Talks for Term 3, I would like to take the opportunity to once again acknowledge (albeit from afar) the wonderful role our staff play in the daily lives of the children. While I have been on leave, I have received regular feedback from both the School and our community, about the smooth and competent operation that continued without me. I am aware that it has been another very busy term, and the recent parent/teacher interviews will have been a wonderful opportunity to discuss the progress of your children, both in and outside the classroom. My thanks go to Mrs Christine Wright for deputising for me while away and for doing such a wonderful job. I know I speak for us all when I say that her professionalism and experience brings a real sense of reassurance to us all. There has also been increased opportunity for our staff to meet, for the purpose of further investigating the prospect of introducing the International Baccalaureate Program and the implementation of new BOSTES curriculum. Led by Mrs Veronica Waters, this has involved all staff from T-5 and I know has been invaluable and I publicly thank them all for their enthusiasm and dedication.

I look forward to returning next term, the final chapter for 2014 and I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to children who are having a birthday this week and also to those celebrating their birthday during the holidays: Joseph Anderson, Archie Chick, Lochlan Nicoll, Max Junge and Lincoln Connock.

Ms Lana Bromwich - Long Service Leave

After a number of years of dedicated service to TAS, Ms Bromwich will be taking long service leave for Term 4. Her daughter, Maddison will be completing the HSC and Ms Bromwich will be spending time supporting her. Lana will also be very busy in the lead up to her marriage to Dr Ron Hawksford in November. We wish Ms Bromwich a wonderful time away as she enjoys this personal time with her family and look forward to welcoming her back in 2015.

Ms Tabitha Dowse – thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Tabitha Dowse for her commitment and dedication to our Junior School, and in particular to Year 3 and Year 5 this term, as she took on what was a very busy and hectic timetable, covering both Mrs Waters and myself as we ‘looked after’ the office during Mr Lloyd’s recovery. We will see Ms Dowse in another new role, teaching Year 1 next term as she replaces Ms Lana Bromwich.
Year 4/5 to wear Formals on Thursday 18 September

Years 4 and 5 will join all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the drive for the Valedictory procession. Formal uniform is essential for this important day. Please check your uniform and ensure your shoes are polished please.

Uniform for the first two weeks of Term 4

As the weather is so variable at the change of season, children may wear either their summer or winter uniform for the first two weeks of term. From Monday 20 October, all children must wear their summer uniform.

Holiday Reading

If any children would like to borrow books from the Library during the holidays, please fill out the permission note (which is attached to this newsletter) and forward it to the Junior School Office.

Curriculum Matters

ICAS English Competition

Students in Years 3-5 participated in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English this year. All students have been presented with a certificate. The Junior School was awarded one High Distinction, the recipient was Henry Moore. Distinctions were also awarded to Alexander Gibson, Frank Perrottet and Sophia Rutledge. Credits were awarded to Nick O’Neil, Tristan Rottcher, Jack van Roy, Cassidy Williams, Sam Ball, Marcus Hempel, Emily Buntline, Lachlan Costello, Jonathan Harris, Conal Nicoll, and Alex Webber. Merits were awarded to Archi Chick, Finn Daugherty, Lachlan Gaebraith, Lochlan Nicoll, Ben Rowe, Casey Smith, Ruby Straker, Beatrice Henzell and Charlie Repin.

ICAS Spelling Competition

Several students in Years 3-5 participated in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Spelling. All students have been presented with a certificate. Special congratulation is extended to Charlie Repin in Year 3 who was awarded a certificate of Distinction. Six of our Junior School students were awarded a credit. These students were Alex Webber, Frank Perrottet, Sophia Rutledge, Alexander Gibson, Jack van Roy and Tristan Rottcher.

Merits were awarded to Joshua Pongrass, Casey Smith and Lachlan Galbraith.

ICAS Science Competition

Jack van Roy was the sole participant this year and he is to be congratulated for attaining a Distinction.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Winter Sports comes to an end

A huge thank you to all our coaches, parent supporters and children for another great season of sport. The weather was very kind to us on Saturday as we watched the final games for the season. Congratulations to all teams for a terrific season. It is always pleasing to see team mates enjoying their sport and displaying good sportsmanship on and off the field.

‘Armidale Little Athletics’

Unfortunately we were not able to offer ‘Live Life Well’ this season due to lack of numbers, however, we would like to promote ‘Armidale Little Athletics’ as an extra activity children may be interested in during the summer months. Registration is this Thursday, 18 September at Harris Park between 4-6pm. ‘Little Athletics’ is a great training ground for Athletics in our community and specifically teaches children skills in track and field, catering for 5-16 year olds.

Summer Sports Choices

Please see the attachment for our Summer Sports, which start Week 1 next term.

Note that Basketball players have not been put into teams as yet. This will be done early in Term 4 before games commence.

Our young cricketers have been put into groupings for now, with the idea that we will be working with Mr Jim Pinnington (MIC of cricket) to ensure we have enough players for the U9 and U11 divisions this season. Our U7 can either join the Into Cricket skills based sessions or have the choice to join the U9 team if they feel they would be ready for that level. We will be working with coaches and teams to finalise these groupings early next term.

Learn to Swim Program for T-2

Our Learn to Swim Program will be up and running Week 1, Term 4. All children in Transition to Year 2 will need their swimmers, towel and goggles ready for their first lesson of the term. Lessons will be each Monday and Tuesday during Term 4.
TAS Tigers VS Demon Knight Dragons

We ended the season on a high. The mighty Tigers were hungry for the ball and they did not disappoint.

Archie Douglass Menzies tackled well this week and made sure that he was in key positions throughout the game. Nicholas Thomas demonstrated his tricky backward kicks and was yet again our strong back. Lachlan Litchfield and Evan Kwan were quick on their feet, striving for goals at any opportunity. Sam Strelitz was strong on the wing and demonstrated wonderful defending skills. Flinders Ward was absent this week. Our final score was 6 nil.

The TAS Tigers have been a fantastic team to coach. Their enthusiasm for soccer is contagious. I wish them well for next seasons round. They will be a team to watch!

Ms Bromwich

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child …………………………… in Year ………………… to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 4, 2014.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child’s school account.

Signed ……………………………………………       Date ………………………

Click here to download form.

Under 12 Football Grand Final Win

The TAS Under 12 football completed a successful season with victory over Gurya in the Grand Final on Saturday. The team dominated the game from the start and they proved too strong for the Minor Premiers. Every player contributed to this victory with a few players playing in a position for the first time during this game. I couldn’t pick a Man of the Match as every player played their best individually and worked well as part of a team. I will give a special mention to Oscar Henzell for two incredible goalkeeping saves. One was from a penalty and other from a long shot that he tipped over the crossbar. This is a good feat for a 12 year old boy.

The final score was 2 nil however we were unlucky not to have scored more. The first goal from Ben Friend was a 20 metre shot over the keeper’s head with his deadly left foot. It stayed 1 nil until the last five minutes of the game when a wonderful through ball from captain Cotter Litchfield found the speedy Chad Kliendienst who toe punted a blistering shot past the keeper. It was a tense game and there were many oohs and aahs from the sideline.

A big thank you to every member of the squad for their commitment and willingness to learn. I would also like to say a BIG Thank You to all parents for their support and for cheering on the boys every week.

The Grand Final winners are Cotter Litchfield (c) Tristan Rottcher, Jack van Roy, Lachlan Thornton, Ben Simmonds, Harry Litchfield, Harry Ashley, Daniel Ramazani, Stuart Epworth, Ben Friend, Luke Evans, Chad Kliendienst, Oscar Henzell.

Mr Alan Moore

U9s Hockey

What a wonderful way to end the season with a round robin. The boys got to play four 10 minute games and displayed all the great skills they have learnt. Passing the ball around was once again our strength, resulting in the boys scoring several goals. It was great to see ‘shaking hands’ and great sportsmanship. Well done to all the boys for a very successful and fun season of Under 9 hockey. A big thanks to Henry Perrottet for helping coach on a Wednesday and of course to our wonderful parents for all their support!

Mrs Tania Ball
### Summer Sport Choices Term 4, 2014 and Term 1, 2015

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#### Armidale Gymnasium
- Monday afternoons

#### TAS pool
- Monday afternoons

#### TAS Gym/ AHS Den
- Monday afternoons

#### Competition Game Day
- Monday afternoons

#### Saturdays
- Saturdays

### Summer Sport Choices click [here](#)
22 Sep - 3 Oct
VACATION CARE
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ROCK CLIMBING • CRAFT
GAMES • POOL INFLATABLE
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KIDS

Have Fun Outdoors.........................Run Jump and Throw

Join us at Harris Park, Thursday afternoons
Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015.

Little Athletics is for all kids aged from 5 – 16
It’s a great way to develop skills and fitness,
improve co-ordination and meet new friends.

Setup from 4.30pm.................Program starts at 5pm
First Club Night – 9th October

REGISTRATION

Thursdays 11 & 18 September – Club house Harris Park – 4 - 6pm

WHAT TO BRING: New athletes need to bring along proof of age,
eg Birth Certificate, blue book or passport.

COST: $75 plus a uniform if you don’t already have one.

For more Info : Email jodiefittler@iinet.net.au
Website: www.armidalelac.org.au
Phone: 0410066405
Golf Links Road, Armidale; 0417 957 982

September 2014

Fun Tennis Camp

- Improve your tennis
- Loads of fun games with tennis
- A tournament/point play session is held every day after lunch.

- **Lunches (sandwiches) are provided, fresh each day for those staying all day**

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle something for morning tea and a racquet if you have one. Racquets can be borrowed free of charge.

Contact 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au

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Tennis Camp will be on rain, hail or shine

9:00am – 3:00pm for 8+

9:00am - 12:00noon for 5-7 year olds

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Mobile Phone: …………………………………………………….email:…………………………………………………

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