Masterstroke and Final Note

Year 12 major works have now been submitted in all subjects, including Visual Arts and Music, and last Wednesday evening we had the opportunity to celebrate the works of our artists and musicians. All who have had experience, in some way, with major works will understand that having them completed and away is a significant moment and I congratulate all who are experiencing that sense of unburdening now.

The works displayed and performed last week were a tribute to the efforts of both our students and their teachers as mentors through the process and I was very encouraged to see them recognised by a thoroughly supportive capacity crowd in Hoskins. For both our Visual Arts teacher, Karl Sebire, and Director of Music, Leanne Roobol, this was their first HSC showcase at TAS and I congratulate both on the production of such polished efforts.

Riverview Weekend

The rugby season concluded for all our teams last weekend with a visit to Riverview on another wet Sydney Saturday. In the aftermath of our final ‘away’ game for the season it is appropriate to recognise the considerable commitment that playing in a competition based 500kms away entails for everyone involved. Once again we had great support from our parents at the match and that is to be applauded. Our boys travelled well and without hint of complaint as usual and earned the acclamation of referees, opposing coaches and the Riverview Headmaster alike and that is to be applauded too. Final thanks must be reserved for the coaches and managers though, as their commitment through the season has been quite special and deserves the praise that I so often hear for them.

Plenty of good mud rugby was played on the day and our boys clearly enjoyed getting amongst it, but the feature of the day must be the generosity of Riverview in continuing with the games in such difficult conditions. Whilst many other games around the city were being cancelled after weeks of wet weather, an executive decision was made at Riverview to carry on with the games no matter what, in special recognition of the fact that TAS was travelling to visit them. This may well have caused some concerns for their grounds staff, but it was greatly appreciated by our teams and stands as a credit to the spirit of Riverview.

1st XI Football Final

Following a stunning string of 17 straight wins, the TAS 1st XI football team is set to play in the grand final of Armidale Football Association Division 1 competition on Saturday week, 13 September, at 3:00pm on Rologas 1 field. At the end of an undefeated season, including last Saturday’s recovery from 0-2 at half time to 5-2 at the final whistle in the last competition round, it will all come down to 90 minutes of football for our senior team and it will be a big moment for them. This is the last weekend of the term and with the rugby season over, I expect that we will have a good crowd on hand to support the TAS team and I encourage all who recognise the significance of the achievements of these young men this season to be on the sidelines.

Our 12A, 14A and 16A teams have performed very well too in what has been a stellar season for TAS Football and all are through to their semi-finals this Saturday. I am sure that the School as a whole will join me in wishing them the best of luck for their games.

Mountain Biking

Whilst ball games were concerning most of our athletes, Armidale was hosting one of the largest cross country mountain bike races in NSW, with a field of over 120 riders. Congratulations are due to Rob Butcher who won the U19 men’s division and Michael Harris who stepped up from the 17s age group to compete in the Elite Men’s Division, finishing an impressive 3rd. Not to be outdone, our Assistant Chaplain, Jo Benham, won the Open Women’s Event and congratulations are due to her too.

Da Vinci Decathlon

This week TAS’ hosting duties turn to the academic as we host the second Northern NSW Da Vinci Decathlon. On each of three days, around 200 students from Years 5 to 10 from schools across the North of the state will converge on TAS for some serious intellectual competition in 10 disciplines, from maths and chess to cartography, science, code breaking and poetry. It promises to be challenging on many fronts and great fun overall, as it was last year, and I wish teams from all schools well in it.

The Da Vinci Decathlon is the invention of Knox Grammar and now partnered with Macquarie University. I am very grateful to Knox for their willingness to put the Northern NSW chapter in our hands and to Catherine Boydell for her initiative, passion and usual great diligence in leading the event.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 3 - Week 8**

**Wednesday 3 September**
- da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
- 2.00pm Musica Viva
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - All Students

**Thursday 4 September**
- da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
- 1.20pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12
- 6.30pm 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 “Fantastic Mr Fox” Dress Rehearsal

**Friday 12 September**
- Year 11 End of Course Exams
- HSC D&T Practical Markers at TAS
- 9.00am Japanese HSC Oral Exam
- 10.00am “Fantastic Mr Fox” Junior School Matinee Performance
- 1.30pm POP Practice
- 3.40pm POP Rehearsal - Year 12
- 7.00pm “Fantastic Mr Fox” Opening Night

**Saturday 13 September**
- Myall Classic Marathon Paddle
- 6.15pm Cadet Dining-in-Night at the Ex-Services Club

**Sunday 14 September**
- 11.00am Passing Out Parade
- 6.30pm Rugby Presentation Dinner at Armidale City Bowling Club

**Term 3 - Week 10**

**Monday 15 September**
- Year 11 Primary Industries Work Placement
- 5.30pm Hockey Presentation Barbecue in McConville
- 6.30pm Football Presentation Dinner in Hoskins Centre

**Tuesday 16 September**
- Board Meeting
- Year 11 Primary Industries Work Placement

**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 Year 12 and staff farewell morning tea
- 12.30 Year 12 and Parents light lunch on Chapel Lawn
- 2.00pm Year 12 & school final Assembly
- Year 12 Parent and Son House Dinners
- Classes Conclude

**Friday 19 September**
- Staff Day
- Valedictory Day
- 10.15 Morning Tea on Chapel Lawn
- 11.15 Valedictory Service in Memorial Hall
- 12.30 Valedictory Lunch and prize giving
- Fiji Service Trip departs
- Japanese Trip departs
- Year 12 Formal
COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

How do we view the world in which we live? Is the world a safe place? Can we trust the goodness of the world and of life in it? In responding to questions like this we announce whether we are reality-based, unnecessarily pessimistic or naively optimistic. Clearly there are places in the world right now that are not safe, where it would be wise not to trust too completely in what people and leaders are doing, their wisdom and concern for the well-being of others.

There are also experiences that people have right here in our town that suggest that violence and intimidation are not far away from any of us. Yet to live with optimism and belief is important too, rather than to slide into a pessimistic or depressive outlook simply because, if we don’t expect too much, we won’t have so far to fall if bad stuff happens. We need to be aware, even prepared for difficult times, without believing or anticipating that it will be so. Bad stuff is a possible but not necessary condition of living.

Life will bring its challenges because that is the way life is; it has both light and shadow. However, we need also to look at the possibilities and opportunities that life brings and to do what we can to build the positive for ourselves and for others. When we turn on ourselves or others with hostility or intimidation we are putting our weight behind the shadows instead of being part of the light, being agents of ‘ littleness’ instead of ‘largeness’. Every day we have those choices to make.

CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

Too Far Jesus: Mark 10:17-27

This time Jesus is chatting with a young man with wealth. The man is obviously interested in God and things eternal, he has even kept all the commandments since he was a boy. He was a good man who happened to be rich. The sort of guy you could imagine the telly evangelists lapping up, after all he wants to enter into the Kingdom of God, and he has lots of money – perfect.

Jesus then oversteps the mark, He says “Go sell everything you have and give me the proceeds” – not. He commands the man to give his money to the poor.

Even then the man was not prepared to part with his security, his wealth. Jesus then likens a rich man’s ability to enter the Kingdom of God, with a camel’s inability to pass through the eye of a needle. I have enough trouble threading a needle with cotton that is designed to pass through that small hole. Clearly what is impossible is a camel doing the same, thus, it is clearly impossible for the rich to enter eternity. This is a good man who has kept the law; surely to say he can’t enter into heaven unless he sells everything is going too far. Too far for that man, too far for us wealthy Westerners. Too far Jesus!

However let us not neglect the punch line in this encounter. The normally vague disciples picked up on the implication – they ask, “who then can enter?” They know it’s not just the mega rich who have wealth.

Jesus’ response provides great clarity on the issue, what is impossible for people is possible for God. While left in our own strength with our own resources, even when our resources are plentiful, we cannot presume that our wealth is security enough, we cannot presume that we can enter into the Kingdom of God without God being at work in our lives, to turn us around, to give us a new set of priorities. To give us the way back to himself through Jesus’ death and resurrection. When we accept this we are storing up wealth that surpasses any accumulation of things in this life.
SAVE THE DATE

Just in case you haven’t heard, the RazzamaTAS fete is on Saturday 1 November from 9am – 2pm. A big thank you to all our enthusiastic parents who attended our fete meeting last Wednesday evening. This year’s fete will be another fantastic event that brings the whole school together with the wider community. Over the next couple of weeks your Liaison Parents will be contacting you to get some assistance with your year group’s stall or activity.

Our first pretty ad for fete assistance!! Please note: no clothing, videos or electricals.

White Elephant Stall

This year Middle School brings you the much-anticipated White Elephant Stall and with it a wonderful chance to pass on your pre-loved goods.

Harness that spring cleaning fever and create a box of white elephant goods (but please no electricals or videos!)

Please gather and deliver your boxes to the main Big School Foyer.

Our willing helpers’ roster will be circulated closer to the day.

TAS Christmas Puddings

We are looking for both donations and helpers to make our famous TAS puddings this year. If anyone could spare some time on Saturday 18 October to help make the puddings please contact Sal Molesworth at sal_molesworth@yahoo.com.au with your availability. We are looking for donations of Brandy to lower our costs; any donations can be left at TAS Reception.
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 8
- **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

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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

- **Monday 6 October** 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- **Tuesday 7 October** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Normal hours resume on Wednesday 8 October.

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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
Dress 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
GPS 3rd XV Premiers (again)

Congratulations to all our rugby teams on their outstanding efforts this winter. Special mention to our 1st XV who have sired up the GPS 3rd XV Rugby Premiership (joint) for the second year in a row. A wonderful achievement and full credit to the team and coaches on the entertaining style of play. We are very proud of your success, whilst being even more proud of your ability to maintain absolute humility at all times.

Summer sport will be upon us soon as we recharge the batteries and take to the fields, courts, pavements and water in force to enjoy all that is on offer at TAS.

Finals Fever

There are a number of football teams playing in Semi finals this weekend on the back of our 1st XI gaining entry into the Grand Final following a hard fought, come from behind 5-2 victory over Ex-servies in the Major semi final. The Grand Final is on Saturday 13 September and it would be wonderful to have as many TAS supporters there to cheer on our team as possible.

Our Hockey teams have also enjoyed success with our C grade team playing in the preliminary final next week, and our U13s remain in contention for the finals as their season nears its end.

Good luck to all teams competing and well done to all others who’ve contributed so positively throughout the year.

Thank You

It would be remiss of me not to thank all our coaches in all sports as our winter season comes to an end for all their outstanding contributions to the lives of our boys. From the rugby coaches who spent countless hours on buses and slept on the floor in gymnasiums, to our hockey coaches who fought through the bitter cold at Sport UNE to our football coaches who ventured around the New England in support of our teams. Without the goodwill of these wonderful people opportunities would quite simply not be available for our students.

Summer Sports Choices

These will soon appear on the following link and boys will be asked to choose their summer sport over the next week. I encourage families to discuss this prior to boys making these selections.

Tennis News

Congratulations to Nick Barnier 1st in 15 Boys, Duncan Chalmers 7 15 Boys and Calin Simmonds 6 in 9 Boys from year 3, have all just been selected to Represent The North West region against the North Coast in the Champion of Champions in October at Inverell.

Nicholas Barnier was also representing the NIAS Tennis Squad last weekend playing a Silver Ranked Tournament. Nick was seeded 7 and lost to the No 3 seed in the quarter finals. In the doubles he paired up with Ben Butler from Inverell and were seeded 4 but lost to the 2nd seeds in the semi finals. The Head NIAS coaches Justin Sherriff and Dale Martin were very pleased with this performance especially after being down a set and 5-2 in the doubles Quarter Final and making a come back to finally win the match!
Riverview Rugby Fixture

The success of this season was clearly measured in both the wins and losses. Not by the score but the character that was shown, regardless of the result. The fact that our 13A's were undefeated until last week, only to lose by two points and then one point in their final matches. Yet they walked away with their heads held high and shared the glory of our victorious 1st XV. 3rd Grade Premiers once again. A full set of results can be found on the Rugby website http://wordpress.as.edu.au/rugby/2014/08/31/results-v-riverview/

Congratulations to all the boys, coaches and managers on an amazing season and sincerest thanks to all those that make it happen!

Mr Will Caldwell
MIC Rugby

Hockey

TAS C Grade - Major Semi Final

TAS C grade Hockey side went down 2-1 in a very tight major semi-final match against competition favourites United at the New England Hockey centre on the weekend. The C grade team consists of boys from years 8-12 plus TAS Dads and a TAS Uncle. The team finished second on the table after 20 rounds of Hockey.

TAS striker Jonathon Chamberlain scored quickly in the first 5 minutes putting United on the back foot from the start. United retaliated with 2 goals before half time and put the pressure on the TAS side. Goalie Jack Bishop made some amazing saves throughout the game and was well supported by Max Cushway and Bill Perrottet who marked tightly in defence. At half time coach Michael Cursons had the boys refocus on their attacking game with Sterling George and Simon Chamberlain making important plays to distribute the ball forward. Will Brissett, Angus Simmons, Jack Simmons and Sam Wright used their speed and passed the ball high and wide from the midfield to the hard working forwards Jonathon Chamberlain, Campbell Nicoll, Henry Perrottet and Nathan Rasmussen. Unfortunately the boys couldn't convert the many short corners and shots on goal. The United goalie was very determined not to let one in. The full time score remained at 2-1 in United's favour. TAS C grade have one more attempt next week to make the grand final - come along next Sunday to cheer the boys along! Thank you coach Michael and to all the supporters who came to cheer the team on.

Mrs Suzie Wright

U13's - TAS 1 vs TAS 2

Friday 29 August saw the two TAS 13s sides take each other on to keep hopes alive for the Under 13s title. With the TAS 1's down a couple of key players, it was always going to be tough to take on the TAS 2's who have been playing like a tight unit over the past few weeks. Both teams were keen to get on top from the opening with some solid defence shown by the likes of Hugh McDouall, Alexander Gibson and Alistair Le Surf for the 1's, whilst the defensive structure of the 2's led by Zac Matherson and backed up well by Stewart and Cassidy Williams was proving impenetrable. Before too long, with defender Oliver Peart off briefly with a nasty knock to the knee, Liam Matherson broke through for the 2's with a duo of goals preceded by some nifty stick work. Meanwhile the midfield battle was playing out between the likes of TAS 1's Frank Perrottet and Cameron Le Surf, and TAS 2's Aiden Rogers-Ellis and Olivia Strelitz, with both teams getting the ball through to their forwards on occasion but with limited success. Sebastian Etheridge, although looking dangerous against the 2's, was finding it hard to get backup with team mates Jack Halliday and Ben Fogarty out for the game, whilst Zoe Strelitz and sisters Sophia and Isabella Rutledge were also hard up on luck when it came to getting it past the greatly improved and ultra-determined TAS 1 goalie Lochlan Nicoll, who made some exceptional saves throughout the game. Jack Sewell at the opposite goal had less work to do but was on song when needed. Eventually Sam Behrend, who should be congratulated for the great encouragement he was showing to all of his team mates, added to the TAS 2 account - a well deserved team goal that followed some fine ball movement. Following some role reversals and positional changes, Zac Matherson relished the opportunity to play as a striker to secure his team's fourth and final goal for the game. With the win, TAS 2 remain in the hunt for the grand final with the second place spot still up for grabs in the final round this Friday. Thanks to coaches Mr Alcorn and Mr Nicoll for the good natured contest, and although the TAS 1's didn't get up this time, Coach Nicoll did win the prize for Best Dressed (coming straight from work in suit and tie) and Most Athletic, having leapt the fence in the said suit so very gracefully.

Mr Portell
Equestrian

The term continues to progress well in regards to Equestrian, with a number of students beginning to partake in the various horse sports days available. Below is a list of the draft dates for upcoming events. If you are interested in competing in one of these events, please feel free to contact me at amurray1@as.edu.au.

October

10  Glen Innes School Horse Sports
11  Glen Innes Interclub
12  Guyra Interclub
18/19 Uralla & Kingstown
18/19 Tenterfield & Emmaville
24  Bundarra Central School Horse Sports
25  Bundarra
26  Zone Campdraft Bundarra & Blue jeans

November

1  Armidale Interclub
2  Armidale?
8/9  Inverell Junior Rodeo
15  Walcha
16  Walcha Blue jeans
22/23 Inverell Interclub
29  Negs (TBC)
30  Zone Dressage Negs

Mrs Alexandra Murray

Football

Please find below times and venues for this week’s football semi finals. Congratulations to the 1st XI who have now secured a place in the 1st Division Grand Final (details below) following their win on the weekend. The TAS 3rd XI concluded their season on Saturday, following a mighty semi-final effort. My thanks go to Mr Brad Evans for his leadership of this team. It has been tremendous to see a group of men taking the field each week that includes TAS dads, old boys and students. Well done on your efforts throughout the season.

Training and matches has now ceased for the 12Bs, 14Bs Blue, 14B White, 16Bs Blue and 2nd and 3rd XI. My thanks go to all the players, parents and supporters on an excellent season all round - well done.

Semi-Finals | Saturday 6 September

16As TAS vs North Armidale Storm - 8:30am Rologas 2
14As TAS vs South Armidale Strikers - 10:20am Rologas 1
12As TAS vs North Armidale Spirit - 9:00am Jack Vallance 2

Congratulations to all teams and best wishes with your preparation.

Grand Finals | Saturday 13 September

1st Division TAS vs TBA - 3.00pm Rologas 1

There are changes to training times and venues this week, please read carefully.

Wednesday 3 September - no training due to Passing Out Parade practice on Adamsfield

Thursday 4 September - 12As 3.45pm - 5.00pm (TAS Adamsfield East)

14As 3.45pm - 5.00pm (TAS Adamsfield West)
16As 3.45pm - 5.00pm (TAS Dangarfield South)
1st XI 3.45pm - 5.00pm (TAS Dangarfield North)

Friday 5 September - no training

Finally, a collective thank you to all coaches, parents, players and supporters for your ongoing support throughout the season. We look forward to seeing lots of support on Saturday for the remaining teams in their semi-final efforts this weekend.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Chess

Congratulations to the TAS Chess team who took on Oxley High School from Tamworth last Friday. The team of Ali Ahsan, Josh Stevenson, Harry Pollard and Charlie Wyatt won 3 boards to 1. Their next game will be against Inverell High School in the last week of term. Ali Ahsan played Cameron Johnston who came second to Ali’s first at the Interschool Chess Championships played earlier in the term at Farrer. Last Friday’s game took nearly two hours to complete. Another nail biting match.

Mrs Boydell
AMEB Results

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

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Thank you to performers in the amazing 'Final Note' Concert last week

A wonderful evening of entertainment was had by all at the inaugural 'Final Note' concert last week. Congratulations to HSC Music Students on the standard of performances that were presented. The TAS and NEGS Year 12 Music 1 and 2 students sang and played to a full house in the Hoskins Theatre and the audience was treated to a variety of musical items. It was also a lovely precursor to the concert to have the impressive display of HSC artwork in the foyer and we thank Art Teacher Karl Sebire for organising 'Masterstroke'. Many thanks also to Anthony Carlon for his top class organisation of everything behind the scenes.

It was fantastic to see so many students, teachers and parents in the audience and we thank you all on behalf of the Music students from TAS and NEGS. Public performances with a large audience such as 'Final Note' are critical to prepare students for their final HSC practical examinations occurring next Tuesday and Wednesday. We wish them all the best of luck!
Junior School ensembles performed at Autumn Lodge last Wednesday

Last week Autumn Lodge residents were treated to performances by TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble, TAS Beginner Band and also soloists from the groups. Autumn Lodge held concerts last week where they invited various community groups to perform for their seniors. Students in these ensembles travelled by bus with Mr Finco and Mrs Butcher to take part in the concert. What an exciting event for our younger students to perform in front of a crowd! You performed beautifully and the seniors just loved seeing some younger students in concert. Thank you to all students involved.

Congratulations to the following students who received Performing Arts - Music Awards

Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Honours - Patrick Williamson
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold colours - Clarence Butcher
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold colours - Morgan Broadbent-Wicks
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold colours - Will Smith
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold colours - Duncan Carmichael
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold colours - Nicholas Hadfield
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - Hamish McPhie
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - John Dennis
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - Sam Doyle
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - Robert Butcher
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - Harry Wright
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver colours - Calliden Hunter
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Gold Medallion - Andrew Knight
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Sebastian Scott
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Angus Lloyd
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Ziggy Harris
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Angus Smith
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Christopher Ramazani
Performing Arts 2014 MUSIC, Silver Medallion - Charlton Grant

Thank you from Music Department,
Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent
WHAT’S HOT AT HOSKINS

Things are getting a little fantastic in Hoskins

As performance dates for Fantastic Mr Fox loom for the cast and crew of the Middle School play there is no time to be wasted. Scenes are being run again and again, costumes assembled, sets painted, props constructed and technical effects managed. There is a tech run this Friday afternoon and a full run through of the show this Saturday in preparation for the performances in Week 9. Performance dates and times are as follows:

Thursday 11 September at 7pm - an open Final Dress Rehearsal of the show

Friday 12 September at 10am - Junior School Matinee

Friday 12 September at 7pm - Opening Night

Saturday 13 September at 7pm - Closing Night

Tickets for the show are available from the Hoskins website and everyone is advised to organised them in advance to avoid the disappointment of missing our wonderfully talented Middle School actors on stage

Bookings: Follow this link Trybooking Fantastic Mr Fox
So who’s counting, then...

Yes, we’ve three weeks to go and, after the ‘flu battering, everyone is back and considering the term is now officially ‘long in the tooth’ everything is in reasonably good shape, too. So, we’re lucky then. Despite its pace the term has been a good one all round and as I’ve said before it’s so much better that we’re busy at School.

I made it to not so sunny Sydney last weekend and saw pretty near all the Rugby games at Riverview. The boys acquitted themselves admirably and, better than this, they enjoyed themselves very much. It was really good for me to speak to parents, too. We’re always so much more relaxed when the boys are obviously enjoying themselves, aren’t we. I was thinking as I walked away with my mud-cuffed trousers how unfair the climate in this country: Sydney’s apparently had the wettest August on record for aeons. But, considering the el nino forecast of very little rain, I’m hopeful more will make its way up here.

Year 8 Monitors

The Monitors have suggested that we meet to discuss activities that can be organized for Middle School students, particularly the younger ones. This is a really good idea and I’m very pleased about their initiative – it constitutes an attempt to make he Middle School a more cohesive environment. Thus far they’ve suggested some (good old fashioned) games and other activities. While on the subject of Monitors, I want to congratulate our new cohort for this semester: Will Grant; Ben Hamparsum; Nicholas Jackson; Sam Wright. They bring with them a fresh approach and a level of reason and sound common sense.

There are days when you’d rather some events, but the above brings home the fact that the young people we work with are, as a general rule, prepared to assist their peers and us in ways that are beneficial to all. Yes, the boys can be awkward at times but, on the whole, working them is a productive, mutually dependent exercise. The do get on well with one another and also with staff members.

Da Vinci

The numbers have increased and I am really pleased that our boys are involved. I know first-hand the amount (over a two month period, at least) of preparation that Catherine Boydell, Anne Hine, Regina Pollard, Danniella Larmayda and Alison Evans have invested into the decathlon to ensure its success. We have more than 490 students from all over the New England and North West coming to TAS over the next three days for this event. It will be magnificent because the staff will, through their meticulous organization, ensure its success. Students will benefit greatly from the experience as well. Those others schools who will come to TAS are in for a treat and I wish our boys success. On their behalf, I wish Catherine Boydell and her staff well over the next three very busy days.

Painting

The Year 6 classrooms are looking better on a daily basis. As you read this, the second room is almost half ‘done’ and both look so much better, fresher and newer than they did at the beginning of Term 3. It’s very good that these rooms are receiving their ‘make over’ as the majority of experience students (and, I can assure you, there are many of those this term) actually have the academic component of their time with us in these Year 6 areas. Once these rooms and the English Plus Room are completed, all of the classrooms in the Middle School will have received their repair and painting ‘jobs’.

Staff

Ms Tabitha Dowse left us recently. For six weeks, Tabitha taught Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon’s class and I want to thank her publicly for her calm approach, her expertise and her wonderful capacity to support the class for the whole time we were lucky enough to have her in the Middle School. Fresh from her time in Europe catching up with family and touring is Mrs Brunsdon. It is really good to have Mrs
Brunsdon back with us. The boys are lucky indeed and I’m thinking that the concept of long service leave is wonderful, giving teachers the opportunity to be able to ‘be themselves’ as people! They always return refreshed, happy, full of energy and prepared for the ‘next step’ of the teaching and learning process. In short, everyone, including your son, is a winner.

The rain – don’t give up on it.

Mark Harrison

**ACTING HEADS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, CHRISTINE WRIGHT AND VERONICA WATERS**

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**Looking Ahead**

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**Happy Birthday**

We wish a very happy birthday to Peter Evans and Ryan Sharkey who celebrate their birthdays this week.

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**Year 4 and 5 to wear formals on Thursday 18 September**

Thursday 19 September is the Year 12 Valedictory Day. This is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School, and is equally special for the Year 11 students as it marks the beginning of their new leadership role. Part of this day includes students lining the drive at the front of School as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School for up to the past 14 years. Years 4 and 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Year 4 and 5 students are required to wear their formal uniforms on this day.

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**Jump Rope for Heart**

Fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart has been very successful in 2014 with donations of over $2600 raised for this worthy cause! Thank you to all who participated with enthusiasm and to our supportive family and friends for their generous donations.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 15 September and Tuesday 16 September in the Memorial Hall.

Your family code and password have been sent to you this morning, 3 September via email, this will give you access to book in a time for class teachers.

If you have any queries or did not receive an email, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior School on junior@as.edu.au

Tae Kwan Do

The students enjoyed their first experience of a grading and were very surprised when our special guest, Mr Lloyd arrived. I would have to say from my perspective the grading was a great success!

A grading is a time for the students to demonstrate their knowledge of Taekwondo in a more formal environment in front of the Instructor or Head Instructor. The grading is typically composed of a number of sections each of which focuses on a particular component of Taekwondo. Our first grading for Yellow belts had our more senior students demonstrate their understanding of basic hand techniques (punches, strikes and blocks), basic kicks, non-contact sparring and a basic pattern (Poomse). All participants performed very well and were able to showcase their skills in Taekwondo on the day in front of our special guest, Mr Lloyd. Ty Schalk-O’Brien, Archie Douglas-Menzies and Lincoln Connock undertook a practice grading for Yellow I in preparation for the next grading. Two of our senior students, Conal Nicoll and Oliver Smart were successful in their grading for Yellow I, and Christopher Bower graded to Yellow II.

Mr Andrew Bower

Da Vinci

This 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 & 8, Thursday September 4 for years 9 & 10 and Friday September 5 for years 5 & 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.)

Holiday Reading

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Junior School Policy - Participation in Sport

All students in Year 3 and above will participate in sport, unless special exemption for exceptional circumstances, is granted in writing, by Mrs Christine Wright (JS Sports Coordinator) and Mr Ian Lloyd. Students in Year 2 and below do not have to participate but are encouraged to do so. If students in Year 2 or below do participate they will commit to the sport (including training sessions) for the duration of that season. Training times and sessions vary depending on the chosen sport. Descriptions of sports available below.

Summer Sports Choices

Summer Sports nomination forms were sent out with children this week. Nominations are due by Friday, 5 September. Please hand your sports form to your class teacher. Please see details below for Sports on offer this year.

Cricket

To make cricket enjoyable and fun, different age groups play according to different rules. All games are played on Saturday
mornings. Registration and insurance fees apply. See separate cricket groups for costings.

The different competitions are:

**Milo In 2 Cricket/Kanga** for U6s: ‘Milo In 2 Cricket’ (skills development) will be conducted up until Christmas. This will be played on TAS Cricket Oval between 9:15am and 10:15am. It will mainly be for 5 and 6 year olds with the option of 7 year olds playing if they wish. Term 4 is usually working on skills and Term 1, 2015 will be starting games. Kanga Cricket is played between two teams on two adjacent ‘fields’ (still on TAS Cricket Oval) so that both innings go on at the same time. Games start at 9:00am and finish around 10:30am. Teams consist of 12 players (24 over game). At any one time there should be two batting on Field 1, 8 fielding on Field 2 and two preparing to bat. Players bat in pairs for four overs. Children turning 7 and 8 years of age are encouraged to play U9s cricket, rather than Kanga, if they have the desire and ability. Training will be Mondays. Cost will be approx $86 for the season.

‘Average Cricket’ for U9s: (players must be under 9 on 1 September 2014) Teams consist of 8 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 11:10am (2 hour games). Each team faces 16 overs. The team’s score is determined by dividing the number of runs scored by the number of wickets lost, plus one. The higher average score wins the match. Each player must bowl 2 overs. Training will be Mondays. Cost will be approx $86 for the season.

‘One-day matches’ for U11s: (players must be under 10 or under 11 on 1 September 2013) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. The first innings is limited to 25 six-ball overs per team. No more than 50 overs shall be bowled in a match. Each player must bowl a minimum of 2 overs with a maximum of 3 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 20. Trainings will be Mondays. Cost will be approx $97 for the season.

‘Two-day matches’ for U12s: (players must be under 12 on 1 September 2013) Teams consist of 11 players per side. Games start at 9:00am and finish by 12:10pm. A team’s innings consists of 50 overs, with each team batting and bowling for 25 overs on each of the two days. Each player must bowl a minimum of 1 over with a maximum of 4 overs. A batsman must retire when his score reaches 50. Trainings will be Monday and Wednesdays. Cost will be approx $97 for the season.

**Swimming**

This is not for beginners. In choosing this sport, children should be able to competently swim at least two laps of the TAS pool (preferably in all 4 strokes). (Parents wanting ‘Learn to Swim’ lessons for their children are encouraged to contact the TAS Sports Centre, tel 6776 5866, to arrange lessons). All swimmers will train in the TAS pool on Thursdays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. They must then choose another day to swim with squads. They can choose from Level 5 at 4–4:45 or 4:45–5:30pm, Club 1 at 4–5pm or Club 2 at 5–6:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. If unsure of which level to enter your child we can help out. The instructor concentrates on stroke correction and improving fitness. Additionally, students are expected to join the TAS based ‘Alligators Swim Club’ (approx $75 for the season) which holds Club nights every Friday night at the TAS pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. These are not only good opportunities to improve fitness and speed but are good social occasions as well. Costs will be $10 per week and the Alligators membership.

**Basketball**

Years 3–5 It is anticipated that Armidale Basketball Association will run two competitions: one for combined Year 5/6 teams and one for combined Year 3/4 teams. Games will be held at the Armidale High School Den from 5:00pm for Years 3/4 and from 6pm for Years 5/6 on Mondays. (Times yet to be confirmed) Trainings will be on Wednesdays at TAS. Registration fees are approx $110 per season.

**Gymnastics**

K-3 Held at the Armidale Gymnasium. There will sessions on Mondays from 3:50 – 4:50pm run by qualified Level 1 coaches provided by Armidale Gymnastics Club. The cost is approximately $190 for the season (Term 4 and Term 1, 2015). Children will travel by TAS minibus to and from the gym with staff members supervising all sessions and travel.

**Tennis**

Years 3–5 Hot Shots Tennis program. (Please note the change from last years programme)

There will be 6 players allocated per coach with a total of 18 positions available for tennis this season. The commitment includes training on both Monday and Wednesday from 3:45–5:00pm and playing in the Armidale Junior Development Tournament hosted by TAS every Friday from 3:45–5:15pm.

The Cost for the season is approximately $380.

There will also be an U11 TAS representative team chosen to compete throughout the New England North West in the JDS tournaments in Term 1.

Any other Junior School student in Yr K-2 who wish to do tennis can contact Justin privately and participate in HOT SHOTS programs on Friday afternoons separate to TAS sport – 0423915850

‘Live Life Well’: K-2 Movement and skills option for younger children

This programme has been introduced this year after Mr Portell attended a conference in this area. The focus of this...
sport/activity will be a variety of activities based around the 12 fundamental movement skills. We will be promoting healthy, happy, active students, promoting a healthy lifestyle while building teamwork.

If you would like your child to join this group, we will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 – 4:45pm in the Junior School Playground.

Note that boys who move into Year 6 at TAS in 2015 will continue to play the above sports for Term 1, 2014.

Sports training

Week 9 – Individual coaches to inform teams. Most teams will still be training.

Week 10 - NO sport this week due to Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Football

Tigers

The TAS Tigers played against the North Armidale Corsairs. We lost 5 nil. However, Nicholas Thomas tackled well his opponents. Lachlan Litchfield was a strong forward and Evan Kwan, Archie Douglass Menzies, Sam Stretliz and Flinders Ward worked hard to defend our team.

It was evident in this game the impact of a month of illness within our classroom and ultimately within our team. However, we had a terrific game and look forward to meeting our next challenge. We hope to bring back the roar and mighty spirit of the TAS Tigers this weekend.

Ms Bromwich

Taipans

This week the boys played another outstanding game and held their own. Unfortunately they were defeated. Ted Chick should be commended on the sportsmanship that he showed throughout the game. The boys played another great defensive game with great tackling by Andrew Knight and Iles Baker. The boys are having a great end to the season and developing the skills they need to play as a team.

Hockey

U11’s

Another game of great hockey was played last Friday with the Under 11’s not getting a win but the score was only 3-0. The team again played well and I was impressed with the positional play of all players. If the weather holds up this week at training we will be focusing 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. We had some great shots at goal last game, however, our radar seemed to be a bit off target so this drill at training will assist us with this.

Ms Tabitha Dowse

U9’s

TAS under 9s once again played a strong game with a convincing 4 nil win over Duval Tigers. Each week the boys are consistent with their team play moving the ball around making it hard for the opposition. They share positions so everyone learns different roles on the field. It is pleasing as a coach to see skills we practice at training used during the game such as running along side to assist each other rather than both trying to get to the ball at once. I am always impressed with the boys efforts and their understanding of not running around cheering after every goal because that can make our opposition not feel very good. I am very excited to announce that TAS under 9s have scored 45 goals throughout the season and only had 4 goals scored against us. What a fantastic effort!!

We will continue the next two weeks playing a round robin, which should be lots of fun.

Mrs Ball

Rugby

U12’s

Sunday saw the final Central North rugby carnival of the season, which was played in beautiful weather conditions at Sport UNE Armidale. The TAS year 5 and 6 boys were once again a strong part of the Armidale Junior Blues Under 12 side, and there were some great performances from the boys. There was strong running from Archie Chick and some great cover tackles from Marcus Braham and Dom Ferguson. All the boys played well and attacked with enthusiasm and direction, but special mention goes to Cooper Johnson who displayed great attacking flair with ball in hand as well as some aggressive and accurate rucking and ball running from Fletcher Jackson and Nathan McLaren. At our presentation at the end of the carnival and season, Liam Matherson was voted the Best Back and Tom Price was chosen as the Best Forward, out of a team of 50, this is an excellent achievement and we are very proud of Liam, Tom as well as all of our boys, who have shown great improvement, commitment and team spirit throughout the year. Well done boys!
Craig McDermott Clinic

Below is the link to the Craig McDermott cricket clinic.

Specifically, you are able to register via the Armidale Cricket website.

Simply click on the ad for Craig’s clinic, scroll to the bottom of the flyer, click Register Now, and fill in your details. It is not necessary to pay when you register. However, registering now will secure your spot.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2014

The PRC for 2014 has now finished. I congratulate all 25 children who registered for the Challenge this year. It is a wonderful thing to see children reading and becoming lost in a story. Due to a variety of reasons, not all children were able to complete the challenge so I would like to say well done those who had a go but didn’t quite get there.

I would also like to congratulate the following 15 children who have completed the challenge for 2014 and will receive a certificate from the NSW Premier next term. Well done to: Henry Maxwell, Charlie Ryan, Millie Coupland, Archie Douglas-Menzies, Annabelle Pennington, Ty Schalk-O’Brien, Toby Ford, Harry Pennington, Jonathan Harris, Alexis Langlois-Peters, Hudson Eichorn, Josh Miron, Grace Pennington, Casey Smith and Ruby Straker.

Janine Ranck
PRC Coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club due Friday 5 September, 2014

By now, your children will have brought home some brochures from the Scholastic Book Club. If you would like to purchase from these brochures, simply select any books your child would like and return the order to the RED LETTER BOX, which can be found in the Junior School office by this Friday 5 September, 2014. Make sure your child’s name and year is on each order. Payment can be made by cheque or credit card using the Scholastic Online Payment System. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Happy Reading!

Natalie Ramazani
Book Club Co-ordinator

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**September 2014**

**Fun Tennis Camp**

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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

- 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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