Girls to Year 6

Last week our Junior School and Senior School families received a letter informing them of a decision made late last term to allow girls to continue at TAS until the end of Year 6, effective from 2016. Our Junior School parents in particular have asked for many years now about girls staying on at TAS until the end of their primary education - just as they were able to do from 1989 until the advent of Middle School in 2000.

Strategic planning across the School and, in particular, the proposal to introduce the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program to Junior School, has made it clear that the time is right for this decision. I believe that enabling our girls to continue at TAS to complete their primary schooling, rather than change schools before the end of Year 6, is fair, equitable and simply the right thing to do. However, changes like this are best approached with time and deliberation, so we are planning for 2015 to be a year of development and planning to ensure the transition is smooth. It is clear to me that what makes our Middle School unique in terms of its emphasis on pastoral care through these early adolescent years, the quality of its academic and co-curricular programs and the very structure of the Middle School itself is not gender specific and will be as successful for our Year 6 girls as it is for our boys.

HSC Begins

For our Year 12 students, the final leg of their school journey has begun and the two English exams are now done. Rightly or wrongly, the HSC is a high stakes event that will determine the range of opportunities available to students in the coming years. This makes it a challenging time for the more than 80,000 students currently sitting the 2014 HSC across the state as they endeavor to present the fruits of their labour over the past two years to the best of their ability. Our students are no different and I know that many have been working hard, including through the very well attended study camp during the holiday break.

The reports from our students on the English papers has been encouragingly positive and I am sure that all in the TAS community will join me in wishing all our HSC candidates well for the remainder of their exams.

Summer Sport Begins

The summer sporting season is now underway and there are already encouraging signs from our teams. Congratulations are particularly due to the big TAS Triathlon team who showed their intentions in the first race of the season with wins in the Long Course and Short Course events as well as the Teams race. Our First XI cricket team has also made a bold statement at the start of their season with a huge win on Saturday, despite having a number of players away.

Summer sports tend not to attract the crowds and attention that the winter sports enjoy, but this makes these achievements no less praiseworthy. I continue to be impressed by the commitment that our players show and I wish all of them well for the season ahead.

Representative Athletics

Special congratulations are due to Josh Stevenson on his achievements in the recent NSW All Schools Athletics Championships. His fifth place in the 2000m steeplechase and eighth place in the 19 years 5000m comes as a result of a good deal of hard work as well as natural talent and puts him in elite company.
Meaningful connection with other people enhances our well-being. We need the other because we are social creatures. Indeed, connectivity is there from conception onwards. As infants we are aware of the other, usually our mother, before we are aware of ourselves as separate and distinct beings. From the centrality of this relationship we begin to form connection to significant others in our life. Childhood and adolescence are times for developing our own personal way of being in the world, but through it all, social connection is crucial to our emerging identity. In other words connectivity is central to our existence.

This need for connection binds us in relationships with each other. When important connections are fractured or broken, we suffer. Then we experience grief. So it matters that the connections we have are sufficiently nurturing, sufficiently mutual, sufficiently respectful. Without connection we cannot thrive. So it matters that we learn how to relate with each other – our life and well-being depend on it. We need to look out for each other.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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We are looking for helpers to create the TAS Christmas Puddings this Saturday in the school kitchen/dining room. Our top secret recipe needs mums and dads to help mix ingredients and cook puddings ready for sale at the fete and leading up to Christmas. Please join us at 8.00am on Saturday 18 October wearing your sensible closed in shoes and with tied back hair. You may also like to bring along your apron.

A lovely chance to get to know other parents from across the school and all help will be appreciated.

Fete Meeting - Wednesday 22 October

We will be holding a fete meeting next Wednesday 22 October in the Archdall Room at 6.30pm to finalise the requirements for this year’s Fete – just 2 ½ weeks away, on 1 November!

We request that one representative from each year level be present at the meeting – please let me know if you cannot attend, scartwr2@une.edu.au

This year’s Fete and Art Show will provide hours of entertainment for all ages and we are excited to announce that we will have rides and activities from Big Fun. Whole day, unlimited ride tickets will be available for purchase, as will single ride tickets.

White Elephant Stall

**Year 6 and Year 8** bring 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. (No electricals, clothing 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.
LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND ADVENTURE

Yr 11 Graham Hyman Leadership Seminars – 16/17 October

Graham Hyman, nationally reknown motivational speaker again visits TAS to deliver an inspiring talk to our Year 11 students. He is an experienced and gifted communicator who has worked with teenagers for over 30 years. Year 11 will attend a compulsory full day on Thursday 16 October and again from 8.30 – 11.20 on Friday 17 October. These seminars will be held in the Hoskins Centre.

The cost of $55 per head will be charged to your account.

Graham Hyman speaks to over 30,000 teenagers each year in state and private schools across Australia. His presentations are incredibly funny and relevant. He is exceptionally helpful and challenging.

Boys, you will discover:

* How to live with your parents without losing your mind
* How to soar like an eagle when you feel like a goose
* The power of making things happen rather than letting things happen
* How to make the best out of who you are.
Mini Bus Service for Boarders Weekend

A service is being offered to run this term on Friday 7 November and return on Sunday 9 November. Please submit bookings via email to travel@as.edu.au.

A User pays minibus will run to Narrabri and Moree Fri 7 and return Sun 9 November.

Drop off and pick up points will be McDonalds Restaurants. In Tamworth, the Armidale Rd branch.

Times are approximate depending upon driving conditions.

Departing front of school at 3.45 and arriving at:

- Tamworth: 5.00 pm
- Gunnedah: 6.00 pm
- Narrabri: 7.00 pm
- Inverell: 5.30 pm
- Moree: 7.00 pm

On Sunday 9 November, returning to school, departing from:

- Narrabri: 3.00 pm
- Gunnedah: 4.00 pm
- Tamworth: 5.00 pm
- Moree: 2.15 pm
- Inverell: 3.50 pm

For all Bookings contact Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

Charlie Rutledge has misplaced his school jumper and his sports track suit top. Both items are clearly labelled. Could you please check to make sure you haven’t picked Charlie’s up in error.

Daniel Jackson has misplaced a pair of size 9 or 10 New Balance white runners fitted with custom orthotics. If you see these shoes, can you please drop to reception or contact djackson@as.edu.au.

UNIFORM SHOP

On Friday 24 October, the uniform shop will close at 2pm.
Celebrating the school’s 120th year with a grand new organ for the TAS Memorial Hall.

In our 120th year, we invite you to the official launch of a grand new organ for the TAS Memorial Hall.

The gift of an anonymous donor, the organ, handcrafted by the Allen Organ Company in the US and the largest concert instrument in Armidale will be showcased at a gala concert by acclaimed organist Mr Warwick Dunham, TAS choirs and other performers.

Please join us as we celebrate this magnificent addition to the cultural life of TAS and the Armidale community.

This event is also a fundraiser for the facade pipes needed to complete the installation of the organ in the Hall. All donations to this cause are tax-deductible and can be made when booking or on the night.

Date: Saturday November 15
Time: 5–8pm
Cost: $30 per head (includes drink on arrival and cocktail food)

Online Bookings & RSVP by 10 November to: www.trybooking.com/GBOP or contact TAS Reception (02) 6776 5800

TAS Foundation and Wigan Music Scholarships

If you are a serious and committed musician who is fully engaged in the musical life of TAS, you may be eligible for a TAS Music Scholarship for 2015.

For further information including Guidelines, Application Details and Policy conditions click here.

Applications close: 31 October.
A Great Start to Summer Sport

Summer Sport got off to a wonderful start on the weekend highlighted by our First XI cricket victory on Saturday where Coach Jim Pinnington scored 147 runs in an impressive innings which included a broken window to Croft House. Our younger teams all equipped themselves very well and the season ahead is looking positive.

Middle School’s first taste of Mountain Biking on Sunday proved to be a most successful day and the smiles and stories from the boys have only reaffirmed what an exciting addition Mountain Biking will be to our boys sporting experiences.

The success of Sam Finlayson and Jack Parker in the Armidale Triathlon, where we had 34 students represent TAS once again proved that the efforts of our staff to support our young men in these endeavours is gaining great benefits at all levels.

Our First Basketball also began their season with a victory and the Rowers and SandC boys have spent a great deal of time training both during the holidays and into the start of Term. It is also important to recognise that the ongoing efforts and pre planning of Justin Sherriff to ensure that TAS Tennis has been reinvigorated is proving that we have an exciting season. I look forward to reporting back the ongoing achievements of students across the school at all levels.

Josh Stevenson achieved outstanding success at NSW All Schools Athletics last weekend thanks to a rigorous training regime and a dedicated approach holistically. Josh gained fifth place in the 2000m steeplechase as well as eighth place (in the 19yrs) 5000m. Josh’s ongoing humility reaffirms the wonderful young man that he is.
Cricket

TAS Cricket had an outstanding start to the season in round one of the Armidale District Cricket Association last weekend. All three opens sides had good wins, with the First XI having an amazing 250 plus run win. Outstanding performances by Michael Cursons, Nick Day, Dominic Pilon and Hamish Coupland were a highlight. Congratulations must also go to Brendan Power who took two crucial catches in his debut and Will Raleigh who took a wicket in his first over for the First XI.

This year the TAS Cricket Club are looking to increase the profile of TAS Cricket within the school community and will be hosting three Saturday evening functions after fixtures on Cricket Oval. The dates and hosts for the functions this term are below. All members of the TAS community are invited to attend.

TAS Blue - 18 October
TAS White - 8 November
First XI - 29 November

Cricket at TAS has followed in the footsteps of the Rugby program and will be using Team App to post teams and display all relevant information for weekend fixtures. Can I encourage all members of the TAS Cricket community to use Team App - it is the easiest and most efficient way to send information and send updates for game times and fixtures when they arise.

Thank you for supporting Cricket at TAS!

Jim Pinnington
MIC Cricket

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CRICKET
NOW HAS ITS OWN APP

Download our awesome new app now and stay up to date with all the latest information!

Install the The Armidale School Cricket App on your smartphone or tablet now!

Follow these steps:
1. Download Team App from the Apple or Google Play app store.
2. Sign up to Team App. You will be sent an email to confirm your registration.
3. Log into the App and search for "The Armidale School Cricket".
4. Choose your applicable access group(s).
5. If you don’t have a smartphone go to thearmidaleschoolcricket.teamapp.com to sign up and view this App online.

Need help?
Contact: Amanda Robins
Email: arobins@as.edu.au
Phone: 0267765800

teamapp.com
Mountain Biking

Mountain Biking as a Summer Sport officially started on the weekend with 15 Middle School students attending their first event at ‘Fat Tyre Farm’, Tilbuster. This race was hosted by New England Mountain Bikers and consisted of a lap race of the fun yet technical 5km course. Four of our students entered the race and rode very well for their first taste of club level competition. The results can be found here http://www.nemtb.com.au/results/2014winterseriesrace7-fattyrefarm-1210. While the race was underway, the rest of the TAS MTB squad sought out some nearby technical single track to train on - practising their bike handling skills and working on fitness.

This Sunday the team is heading to Walcha for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter MTB Teams Challenge. Good luck gents!

Also in mountain biking news, Michael Harris attended the Australian Institute of Sport’s Mountain Bike Training Camp in Canberra over the weekend. Participants had to be apply and then be accepted into this camp which aims to select athletes to compete at National and International level. Congratulations Michael and best wishes for the upcoming selections.

Mrs Joanne Benham
Mountain Biking

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

Grafton Practice Paddle

Thirty paddlers plus 20 land crew travelled to Grafton on Saturday to participate in a practice paddle leading up to the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (HCC) that is on in two weeks time. The paddlers began at 5.30pm on Saturday and paddled from Copmanhurst through to Seelands (upstream from Grafton) and covered over 28km. This leg of the paddle was to simulate the first leg of the HCC and help them navigate a river at night, as well as see how their clothing and equipment worked before they paddle 111km.

The land crew were able to assist their paddlers into the water and went to the local establishment to avoid the rain and discuss what would be required of them at the HCC. Many questions were asked and the land crew were able to meet and get to know each other before they go down to Windsor, as well as gain some important information from Peter Hall and other people who have paddled, and land crewed, at the HCC before. After a short while there (and after the rain had settled down) the land crew moved down the river to watch their paddlers cross under a bridge at the 16.6km mark. Once paddlers were all through we moved to Seelands and prepared dinner and waited on the arrival of the first boats. Thanks to Will Caldwell for helping organise the event, driving the bus and following the paddlers down the river in a tinny with Geoff Allen and David Wright helping over the weekend in the second safety boat.

After dinner and a few hours sleep paddlers then got into their kayaks and paddled a further 22km.

All paddlers completed 50km and are looking good for the HCC in a few weeks.

38th Hawkesbury Classic 2014

It is important that the charity component of the HCC is focused on as this raises money for cancer research, a cause close to the hearts of the TAS, NEGS and PLC communities. Nick Finney and Nick Bennet have indicated that they have raised over $600 each. There is a trophy for the highest junior and senior fundraiser so please donate to one of the paddlers by buying some of their raffle tickets that they are selling for $2 each, donating to them and getting a receipt, or going to www.canoeclassic.asn.au and sponsoring them online.
Two Exciting New Developments for Music!

Wind Ensemble is now rehearsing on Monday afternoons in collaboration with Big Band.

With Monday afternoons being the allocated afternoon for ensemble rehearsals at TAS, it has been decided that rehearsals for our two main ensembles will be held on this day. This means that both TAS Big Band and TAS Wind Ensemble will now rehearse on Monday afternoons from 3.45 - 5pm. Under this new arrangement both ensembles will still have their own rehearsals (one upstairs and one down in the basement of the Music block) but will be able to work more closely together and combine for many events. The combined band will have the opportunity to play together at some of the big events that are coming up this term - the RazzamaTAS Fete, Middle School Final Assembly and the Senior School Speech Day.

Ms Roobol believes this will be a great opportunity for development of our younger players - offering a challenge and also building relationships with older TAS students. For our more experienced players, there will be the opportunity to mentor younger students and work in a larger ensemble. A win:win situation for all. We look forward to seeing all members of both Wind Ensemble and Big Band at 3.45pm next Monday 20 for the second rehearsal. Any other students who are interested in joining the Wind Ensemble or Big Band are welcome to come along next Monday and chat to the Conductors Mr Finco or Mr Tracy.

NEW Middle School vocal ensemble!

This Thursday a new MS vocal ensemble will be commencing at 1.15pm in the Music block. Students in Years 6, 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to sing a variety of contemporary, popular music in a fun environment. All interested students are invited to come along.

REMINDER: Students please contact your music tutors regarding clashes with exams.
# NEW ENGLAND SINGS! 2014

## FINAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR COMBINED SECONDARY CHOIRS

### WHAT TO WEAR:
- White long sleeve shirt
- Black pants (no leggings)
- Black socks
- Black school shoes (no heels or ballet flats - safety issue for choir risers)

### TICKET SALES:
Tickets are now on sale through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)
- Adults $22, Full-time students $15
- Participating choristers and teachers do not need to buy tickets.

### SUPERVISION:
Schools need to provide at least one teacher per school for supervision. The Secondary choir will meet in Madgwick Hall (immediately adjacent to the Northern Car Park at UNE) for a warm up during the first half of the concert, and will be seated on the choir risers in Lazenby Hall for the second half of the concert.

## List of Participating Choirs

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### FINAL CHOIR REHEARSAL (directed by Lyn Williams):
- **Date:** Saturday 1st November
- **Time:** 9:30 – 12:00
- **Venue:** Auditorium, CB Newling Building (Old Teachers College)
  Cnr. Mossman & Faulkner Sts. Armidale

### FINAL CHOIR/ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL (directed by Lyn Williams):
- **Date:** Saturday 1st November
- **Time:** 2:00 – 4:00pm
- **Venue:** Lazenby Hall, UNE

### CONCERTS:
- **Date:** Sunday 2nd November
- **Time:**
  - **Concert 1** 11:00am – 1:00pm (arrive at 10:15am)
  - **Concert 2** 2:00 – 4:00pm
- **Venue:** Lazenby Hall, UNE
Welcome Mr Edward Morgan

Mr Ed Morgan joins us until Term 3 next year. He hails from Sydney, Riverview, to be specific, and replaces Mrs Alex Murray during her maternity leave. Having taught at Riverview for two years, Ed has been fully involved in boarding and co-curricular activities such as debating, public speaking and associated clubs. As such, Ed is a Home Room teacher attached to the Year 8 Extension class. He’s already fully involved in boarding and sports activities at TAS, as well. We are really lucky to have Ed with us and he is looking forward to meeting you as the term progresses. Whilst on the subject of Home Room teachers, Alex Murray’s son, also named Edward, arrived during the holiday break and having seen them during the first week of term, both are well and happy. Being only two weeks old, I suspect Edward is our youngest ever Middle School guest.

Uniform requirements

It’s good that khakis are back. They can look smarter too when boys wear garters. Please could you assist us by ensuring that your sons have them. Needless to say perhaps, but if they’re to be worn it’s really important that uniforms are worn properly. Over the next week the staff and I will be checking on this issue and if boys need garters, arrangements can be made through the Clothing Pool for their purchase. Further, the school blazer is still part of the summer uniform. Boys coming to and going from school are required to wear them and this ‘regulation’ is checked by staff and prefects each day. Your assistance to us and your sons regarding this matter is also appreciated. Of course boys know about uniform requirements, but when we work together to help them their lives become so much easier to manage.

Staff Contacts

It’s appropriate at this stage to provide again details of Middle School staff contacts. Below is the list of email addresses that you can use for absentee and leave applications and also for contacting your sons’ Homeroom teachers.

Middle School Office - middle@as.edu.au (absentees & leave application forms)
Fiona Taber - ftaber@as.edu.au
Regina Pollard - rpollard@as.edu.au
Edward Morgan - emorgan@as.edu.au
Andrew Junge - ajunge@as.edu.au
Jayne Heagney - jheagne1@as.edu.au
Leasa Cleaver - lcleaver@as.edu.au
Kirsty Brunsdon - kbrunsdo@as.edu.au
Luke Polson - lpolson@as.edu.au

School Examinations

Formal examinations begin next week for all Middle School students. To assist with content areas boys have received assessment notifications for core subjects and, this week, have begun formal revision lessons, including the writing of practice responses in classes. Prep time for boarders is carefully monitored and, as much as possible, individual needs are addressed. We ask that parents of day students read the notifications and familiarize themselves with these so they can ask boys how their work is going and advise that they seek advice at school about those areas with which they require such assistance.

These exams are most beneficial in that they constitute opportunities that allow boys to know how well they fare under time conditions. If a result is less than they expected, they must not ‘give up’. It’s crucial that we encourage them to seek help from staff so that they can learn techniques that will better serve their needs and interests in the next battery of testing. In short, while these tests are important academic yardsticks, in so many ways, Middle School
examinations allow boys to familiarize themselves with the skills necessary to effective study patterns, practices and, ultimately, better outcomes in the Senior School.

**Armidale Triathlon**

I mentioned the following information in our Town Meeting on Monday of this week. A number of Middle School boys performed creditably in the recent Triathlon. Josh Jones came ‘third outright’ in the short course and was closely followed by Hamish Moore, Hamish Cannington and Sam King. All boys are in Year 7. Further, Stuart Epworth (Year 6), being our youngest competitor, completed the Junior Course. On behalf of all, I congratulate these boys for their sterling performances.

It rained here today – finally.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

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**Meetings for Parents of Junior School**

Transition – Year 2 Focus Wednesday October 22 – 6.00 – 7.00 pm Lower Maxwell Room.

Year 3 – Year 5 Focus Thursday October 23 – 6.00 – 7.00 pm Lower Maxwell Room.

All TAS parents are warmly invited to attend one or both of these meetings, which constitute an important part of our Junior School strategic planning process. Last term, a number of meetings with our parents were held to gauge feedback and opinions concerning the initiatives we have planned for Junior School. The two most significant and exciting developments include our application to join the International Baccalaureate Program (Primary Years Program) from 2015 and our decision for girls to continue their primary education at TAS through to the end of Year 6 from 2016.

These focus group sessions with parents provide a valuable opportunity for the exchange of ideas and feedback and we are keen for these directed conversations to continue. We are very keen to ensure the TAS experience for all our students continues to be exceptional and the Head of Middle School, Mr Mark Harrison, members of the Executive and Junior School staff will be keen to hear your thoughts at these discussions. While all parents are welcome to attend both meetings, Wednesday October 22 will have a T – 2 focus and Thursday October 23 will have a 3 – 5 focus and we look forward to seeing you. Please email junior@as.edu.au your intention to attend for catering purposes.

**New England Sings – Permission Notes**

Final Rehearsal - Saturday 1 November, 11.00am – 12.30 pm.

Concert - Sunday 2 November, 2.00pm – 4.00 pm.

By now, I hope you have received a permission note that explains and outlines our commitment to this year’s NE Sings concert. These concerts will be the culmination of many hours of practice and rehearsals. Our 3 – 5 choir will be the largest entered by TAS for many years and I encourage you to come along if you can. Please return your permission notes to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.
Language Activities Day

A highlight of our Activity Day program each year is the Languages Day that will be held on Tuesday, November 4. Ms Kathryn Tamminga has included a request below for volunteers who have a background in an overseas culture who would like to come along and contribute to the day. Activities have included craft, cooking language and the scope is really endless. Please contact Kathryn if you would like to be a part of this fantastic day.

RazzamaTAS Fete – November 1

I am reminded that the School fete is on the doorstep as the weather warms and the stockpiles of goodies grow. Thank you to all our parents, especially our Liaison Parents for contributing to this massive event. If you haven’t been before, arrive and get in early before all the best stuff goes!

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Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week: Joshua Pongrass, Felix Winslett and Blair Eichorn. And for last week: Lennox Neilson and Alistair Newton.

Last Day of Term

The last day of Term 4 for the Junior School is Wednesday 3 December finishing at 1pm.

The Junior School Speech Day will be held at 5pm on 3 December in the Memorial Hall.

The Junior School children are NOT required to attend the Middle and Senior School Speech Day, which is held the following day.

Uniform for Term 4

For the first two weeks of this term, children may either wear their summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. From the start of next week, Week 3 (20 October), all children will be asked to wear their summer uniform. A reminder that hats are compulsory for Junior School children when playing outside and it is important that the uniform is worn correctly.

Lost school property

Please check your child’s uniform to ensure items have not been picked up incorrectly, if you locate an item that does not belong to you, please return to the Junior School.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club due Wednesday 22 October. 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 Wednesday, 22 October. 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. If any of your purchases will be gifts for your children, please contact me so that I can arrange delivery direct to you, rather than to your child. My email address is nramazan@as.edu.au.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani

Junior School students will have the opportunity to participate in a culturally rich annual Languages Day on Tuesday, November 4. Students from Transition to Year 5 will rotate through a range of Language activities.

If there are any foreign-language speaking Junior School parents who would be interested in assisting in the running of a language or cultural activity on this day, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Languages Department either via email ktamming@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5800.

We are looking forward to making this day a successful one!

Arigatou. Merci. Thank you.

Madame Kathryn Tamminga
Coordinator of Languages
Thank you to everyone for making the start of our summer season of sport successful. To ensure everyone has a positive, enjoyable season please read the following reminders for sport this term.

Trainings – Please ensure you attend every training session. If you cannot make a session you must inform your team coach.

Games – As for training, game attendance is very important, especially where teams rely on every player to make the team. If you are going to be away or are sick on the day, please contact your coach by email or phone.

Uniform – It is important you wear your uniform with pride to training and games.

Sportsmanship – is a vital element of our team and individual sports. Showing good sportsmanship is a very important part of playing sport. Please ensure you are always displaying good sportsmanship at training and during games.

We look forward to hearing great reports each week.

Enjoy the season.

Mrs Christine Wright
Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Basketball Report

It was terrific to see so many keen basket ballers yesterday at the Den. During the first few weeks of this term our teams may change a little each week, allowing newer players the opportunity to play with the more experienced players. Please keep your eye out for either an email or letter from your coach informing you of the teams each week and game times.

The Basketball Association does not put a Term 4 draw out as such, as they generally get more players turning up throughout the term, so prefer to inform us on a weekly basis.

I hope everyone enjoyed a great start to the season.

Mrs Christine Wright

Gymnastics

Today saw a very excited group of boys and girls from K-3 commence their summer sport, gymnastics. The afternoon commenced with some warm up activities, which was followed by a fun filled circuit.

The circuits consisted of statics- a variety of floor support activities and acro-pair balances, locomotion-beam and balance, spring and land-trampoline activities and finally a swing activity based on the high bars.

For some this was a new experience and the coaches were most impressed with their overall confidence and listening skills.

Mrs Veronica Waters

Blair Eichorn and Alistair Newton - engaged in Static Activity
The Art Show

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**Dates:** 13 October Club Training starts—Location will be Rologas field outside Bicycle Central starting at 5pm for 1hr

20 October—Get Active Armidale—Ladies Training Session with Level 2 MTB Coach and elite female rider Jodie Willet to be held at the UNE track from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Get Active club training—Location will be Rologas field outside Bicycle Central starting at 5pm for 1hr

27 October—Get Active Armidale to be held at the All New NEMTB Skills park at the Piney, 5pm start (Skills park is located in “The Piney” there will be signage from Pine forest entrance just after the bridge)

3 November—15 December Get Active Armidale to be held at the All New NEMTB Skills park at the Piney, 5pm start

For more information see the above facebook pages.
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