Student Leaders

The past week has seen our most senior students preparing for the leadership responsibilities that they will carry through the coming year. On Thursday and Friday of last week, visiting speaker Graham Hyman worked with Year 11 on what it means to be a school senior and how to make the most of that responsibility. Graham has been working with our senior students at the beginning of their final school year for over two decades and he always manages to engage, inspire and challenge in just the right balance. In their exit survey, our outgoing HSC students regularly report that Year 12 was their best year at school and this is how it should be. Getting off to the right start in what will necessarily be a demanding and very full year is critical and I am very pleased with what I see as a great beginning for our new seniors.

We have also been through the process of formal inductions and appointments of prefects, house leaders and captains of co-curricular activities at assemblies last Friday and yesterday. This was, of course, a time to congratulate those who join the long list of students who have led the School in various roles over the past 120 years. More importantly though, it was a time to recognise that these students have taken on responsibilities to serve others and for the School as a whole to express the intention to support them in their work. As I commented in those assemblies, we have a large and very able senior year and I am looking forward to working with them very much.

Science Honours

Congratulations are due to three of our senior science students on their efforts in the Physics and Chemistry papers in the Science Olympiad earlier this year. The Australian Science Olympiad Competition is a national extension program for top performing secondary science students and draws the most able students from across the country. In this elite company, Felix Gifford earned a credit in the Physics paper and Tom Mailler a distinction in Chemistry.

Special congratulations are due to Ali Ahsan who won gold medals in both Physics and Chemistry, placing him within the top 45 students in Physics and the top 39 students in Chemistry. Ali has already been invited to join the Summer Olympiad School for Physics – an intensive two week residential school at Monash University in Melbourne. The top two dozen or so students in the country are invited to join this residential course in which the equivalent of a first year university course is covered and I wish Ali well as he prepares to join them.

Exams

As the HSC continues, exams are underway for Middle School this week and Years 9 and 10 are in preparation for their exams next week. This is a demanding time of year for students, but also a very important one in their academic journey. The benefits of learning how to manage an effective study plan and developing exam technique early will be appreciated in senior years and it is this process, rather than the measurement of results per se that is most important.

I wish all those students sitting exams over this fortnight well in their attempts to present their best work.

Hawkesbury Classic

Next weekend a TAS team of 35 paddlers, including 24 of our students, will tackle the great challenge of the Hawkesbury Classic. This 111km overnight paddling marathon will draw 410 competitors this year and I am delighted that we will have such good representation in it. The Hawkesbury is an iconic endurance challenge and I am sure that all those who have been preparing for it will be feeling some sense of trepidation as race day approaches. I am also sure that it will be an experience that is remembered for a lifetime and I wish all involved, including the dozens of parents, teachers and friends in the TAS support crew, well for the event.
Hark, The Angel Harold Sings: 
Luke 2:8-20

Song: Frosty the Snowman

Misheard lyric: “Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, they say.”

Correct lyric: “Frosty the Snowman is a fairytale, they say.”

If you open up your diary for this term you will notice that at the end we finish for the year, and so, we are beginning to sing some Christmas carols. Now I want to say, you could be forgiven for not knowing all the lyrics for these songs, we only sing them once a year. I also want to say who cares if you sing about frosty the snowman incorrectly – other than a ferret elf, who is he anyway?

However, when we start singing about the birth of Jesus we are talking about an historically verifiable character, and a character that made huge claims, so it’s important that we get the details correct.

Over the next few weeks we are simply going to walk through one carol, ‘Hark, the herald angels sings, not ‘Hark, the angel Harold Sings’, to work out at least what we mean when we give voice to these words each year.

When you’re watching your favourite TV show, most of us will give another member of our family a hearty Shh. We don’t tend to exclaim – Hark! But the word Hark at the beginning of this well-worn track of a Christmas carol is performing a very similar function, that is, Listen Carefully!

Listen carefully to what the angel, which means God’s messenger, is going to herald or say.

He is talking about a particular newborn. Every time a celebrity gives birth the tabloids herald it as if we know these people and we have some degree of care factor, maybe some do….

But this announcement isn’t made by a cheap publication looking for quick sales.

this time an angel sent by God said ‘you need to know about this little fellow,’ born in a little backwater called Ural. umm, Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. This is no ordinary baby; this is the Christ, the King, he will reconcile God and sinners.

This King who at this point was still a newborn, will bring peace – peace with God and peace to all creation, mercy and joy. We repeat the words of the angel “glory to this young king” over and over in the chorus, if peace, mercy and joy are not enough, the rest of the song goes on to explain why he is so deserving of this glory.
### Term 4 - Week 3

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| **Thursday 23 October**   | Middle School Exams                        |
| **Friday 24 October**     | 1.30pm Hawkesbury Paddlers Depart  
Middle School Exams conclude |
| **Saturday 25 October**  | Hawkesbury Canoe Classic                   |
| **Sunday 26 October**    | Hawkesbury Canoe Classic                   |

### Term 4 - Week 4

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| **Monday 27 October** | HSC continues  
Years 9/10 Semester 2 Exams |
| **Tuesday 28 October** | Board Meeting  
MTA Assessment Day Year 11 |
| **Wednesday 29 October** | Years 9/10 Semester 2 Exams  
6.30pm - Evening Prayer |
| **Thursday 30 October** | Years 9/10 Semester 2 Exams |
| **Friday 31 October**    | Years 9/10 Semester 2 Exams  
PSSA Orienteering  
6.00pm - P&F Art Show Opening  
Year 10 Formal |
| **Saturday 1 November** | RazzamaTAS Fete  
9.00 - 2.00 P&F Art Show in  
Hoskins Centre |
| **Sunday 2 November**   | 10.00 - 2.00 P&F Art Show in  
Hoskins Centre  
New England Sings Concert  
9.00 - Pioneers depart for Bivouac |

### Term 4 - Week 5

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| **Monday 3 November** | HSC continues  
Bivouac |
| **Tuesday 4 November** | Bivouac  
NCIS Basketball & AGM |
| **Wednesday 5 November** | 6.30pm Evening Prayer |
| **Thursday 6 November** | Twilight Music Concert  
(Hoskins) |
| **Friday 7 November**    | Junior School Orienteering  
5.00pm Rowing Season Launch & |

### Term 4 - Week 6

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| **Wednesday 12 November** | Junior School Orientation Day  
6.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm P&F Meeting |
| **Thursday 13 November** | Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations  
12 noon depart for Northern  
NSW 2014 Philosothon ( Bishop  
Druitt College)  
NCIS Basketball & AGM  
6.30pm Cash Cup - Interhouse  
Creative Arts Challenge |
| **Saturday 15 November** | 5.00pm Gala Organ  
Concert & 120 Year Celebration in Memorial Hall |

### UNIFORM SHOP

On Friday 24 October, the uniform shop will close at 2pm.
Wonderful Achievements in Science

I am very pleased to be able to announce that some special awards have been made to some of our boys for achievements in the Science Olympiads and the University of Newcastle Awards for achievement in Science and IT design.

Earlier this year, Ali Ahsan, Tom Mailler and Felix Gifford attempted on or both of the Physics and Chemistry papers in the Science Olympiad. The papers were each 2 hours long with very difficult questions - questions that would challenge any university science undergraduate. The purpose of the papers was to extend gifted science students and also to select candidates for a select and intensive Summer School. Finally, an even smaller number to represent Australia in the Internation Science Olympiad. The International Physics Olympiad is to be held in India and Chemistry event in Azabijan.

Felix Gifford earned a Credit in Physics and Tom Mailler a Distinction in Chemistry - both outstanding results. However, Ali Ahsan has earned a Gold Medal in both Physics and Chemistry. Ali has also been invited to attend the Physics Summer School - one of only 25 students to earn a place.

From the University of Newcastle comes an award for Excellence for Harry Wright and an Encouragement Award for Felix Gifford.

Congratulations from all of us to these boys for their fantastic results.

Geoff Derrin
Science Coordinator

Felix Gifford (above left) was Highly Commended for high achievement in the areas of Science, Design and Information Technology in the University of Newcastle Faculty of Science Year 11 Excellence Awards, whilst in the same awards, Harry Wright won an award for Excellence in the areas of Science and Design, and a gift voucher.
ACADEMIC

Japan Trip Report

Everyone knows about the big differences between cultures like Japan, China and Australia. They can go on the internet, or watch a video, but what really defines these countries, and makes them unique, are the small differences. Every small detail, which you don’t notice immediately, but slowly they become apparent. Maybe it’s how clean the cities are, or what the food’s like, or even how many vending machines there are. I think this is why people travel to other countries. You can get on the internet and research these places, but you have to travel to see these tiny, extra details which really make these places really special.

That’s why this trip was so eye-opening. Fourteen boys accompanied Mr Moore and Mr Toakley, on what was a trip of a lifetime. The trip was really helpful for both the people who are studying Japanese, and the people who are studying HSIE. Some of the highlights included: The Great Wall of China, Tokyo, Hiroshima and Meitoku Gijuku (TAS’ sister school in Japan). Many thanks go to Mr Moore and Mr Toakley for planning and running the trip as smoothly as it went.

Jonathon Chamberlain
Year 9

Australian Maths Competition Results

This year TAS entered 144 students in the Australian Maths Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. Hundreds of thousands of students from around 40 countries sat the AMC on 7 August. Students from Year 3 to Year 12 compete on the same day, making it one of the largest single events on the Australian school calendar. As a competition it tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving skills and is typically attempted by the most advanced mathematics students.

TAS received seven Certificates of Distinction, 56 obtained a Credit and 59 received a Proficiency Certificate. All other entrants received a Certificate of Participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report.

The students achieving a Distinction this year were Michael Paull (7), Mike Nyathi (9), Sam Thatcher (9), Liam Treavors (9), Charlie Wyatt (10), Ali Ahsan (11) and John Dennis (12).

Wellbeing

Last week, Year 11 were fortunate to spend a day and a half with a regular guest to TAS, Graham Hyman, who worked with them on issues concerning such things as:

- Leadership;
- Resilience;
- Personal responsibility, and
- Study Priorities.

Graham has been coming to TAS for almost 15 years and again the boys responded wonderfully this time around. It can be a tricky period for Year 11 because they are simultaneously required to begin leading the School but the outgoing Year 12s have not yet left. If these early days are anything to go by, however, the boys are positioning themselves wonderfully for a very good 12 months to come. They responded to Graham’s workshop very well, even if, like performing seals, they found super-human motivation from the lollies he threw to them for correct answers and mature contributions.

As Housemaster for the Day Boys, I would also like to take moment to reflect on the trip to the coast we took with the Year 12s as part of their Valedictory Week. This has now become a ritual for the boys and, along with the boarders, and with the support of a variety of academic staff, the boys swam at Sawtell, took lawn bowls to a new level of elite performance at North Beach Recreation Club before separating into their Houses for an evening of casual chats and reflections of their time at TAS. A couple of boys naively showed trust in me when I promised them that “what happens on tour stays on tour”; and the stories they divulged of their School life provided great fodder for when we farewelled them more formally at the House Dinner later in the week. I thank them very much, however, for the way they embraced the trip to the coast. It was a lovely event.

Mr Barney Buntine
Head of Pastoral Care
Round Square International Conference – Pre-Conference Turkey

The delegation of Will Archer, Brad Doak, Felix Gifford, Liam Howard, Jock McDonald and Will Waterson returned to TAS last week after visiting Istanbul, Gallipoli and Cappadocia in Turkey prior to a most thought provoking and fascinating conference hosted by Kings Academy in Jordan.

The Enka School home hosted the students in our tour group from five Round Square schools for three nights as part of our introduction to life in Istanbul. Mosques, bazaars, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, the Bosphorus Strait (which separates Europe and Asia) and Byzantine architecture combined to give us a rich impression of Istanbul in a short space of time.

Our visit to Gallipoli was memorable, not only for those who were able to follow the footsteps of their ancestors who fought in the Gallipoli campaign, but also to locate TAS Old Boys at various cemeteries visited and reflect on just how much they had all given for their country. The landscape was, and still is, harsh and gave us all a small insight into the difficult conditions that the ANZACs and Indian forces experienced.

A very poignant moment during our visit to Lone Pine was a moving ceremony to mark the fallen, very well organised by Mr Grant Harris, who was our Round Square tour guide on the Turkey pre-conference trip.

A long bus journey to Cappadocia in Central Anatolia revealed a unique semi-arid landscape, marked with volcanic peaks and ‘fairy chimneys’ and underground cities, dwellings in the side of hills and mountains dating back to Persian times around the 6th Century. Ballooning is very popular to allow for the best view of these amazing landforms - a once in a lifetime opportunity for us all.

Round Square International Conference, Kings Academy

The theme ‘Ahlan Wa Sahlan’ (Peace and Greetings) filtered through the entire program, combined with wonderful Arab hospitality in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. King’s Academy is situated on the Kings Highway on the fields of Moab (near Madaba) where Ruth and Moses walked. Steeped in history and great stories, we travelled through the Kingdom down to Petra, exploring Shobak and a crusader castle en route. Petra is a historical and archaeological city that is famous for its rock-cut architecture (312BC) and water conduit system, the latter giving Petra the advantages of a fortress being watered by a perennial stream. A swim in the Dead Sea was also memorable, even if not so enjoyable!

The conference speakers were confronting and inspirational giving delegates substance the further discussions in Barazza groups throughout the conference. Over 500 delegates from around the world have taken away a greater insight into cultural, social and political issues that surround the world today, along with many new friendships forged.

TAS TALKS — 6
Bivouac and Annual Camp

General

Bivouac and Annual Camp represent the culmination of the year’s training. Bivouac will be conducted on 3 - 4 Nov at Styx River State Forest and surrounding properties. Annual Camp will be conducted over the period 23 - 28 Nov at Nymboida. Advance Parties including Q Store, Radio, 1 Platoon will depart on Sat 22 Nov.

Outline of Activities

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| Location                    | Styx River State Forest and adjoining private property                  | Nymboida via Grafton                            |

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<th>Monday 3 November Early Breakfast: 0730 hours All Coy depart from Armidale: 0830 hours</th>
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Attendance

Bivouac and Camp are an essential component of the school’s outdoor activity program and curriculum. As such, boys are required to attend and participate.

Organisation

- Cadets will work in platoon groups of up to 30, guided by their leaders and supervised by a member of staff.
- Cadets will camp in pairs in military style hootchies, and amenities blocks will facilitate showering and washing at Camp HQ.
- Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally by Mr Tavener with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.
- Cadets may bring supplementary food in the form of snacks etc. but it is not necessary to bring large quantities of canned or other packaged food, or lollies.
## Dress and Equipment

**Dress:**  
- A & B Coy cadets, & C Coy leaders - DPCU.  
- C Company cadets – greens.

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| Webbing (see diagram below)  
web belt x 1  
water bottles x 2  
bum pack x 1  
ammo pouches x 2  |
| Sleeping bag  
Knife, fork and spoon set*  
Kidney Cup*  
Mug  
Torch  
Thermal shirt*  
Swimmers  
Towel (small)  
Socks x 2*  
Raincoat (poncho)  
Toiletries (incl. sun cream, repellent)  
Change of underwear  
Pegs x 8 (for hootchie)*  
Rope/Cord x 10m (for hootchie)*  
Compass#  
Notebook in plastic bag  
Pens  
Plastic Bag for dirty/wet clothes  |
| **Back Pack**  |                |
| Hootchie x 1  
Camo/Green Trousers x 1  
Camo/Green Shirt x 1  
Camo/Green Bush Hat x 1  
Camo/Green Jumper x 1  
Boots Bush x 1  
Ground Sheet  |
| *available at Q Store  
#available at Book Store  |
| **Annual Camp**  |                |

As Above

As above plus:  
Long sleeve shirt x 1  
Jeans trousers x 1  
Gym shoes old (Dunlop Volleys for canoeing & canyoning)  
Underwear x 5  
Socks x 3  
Shorts x 2  
T Shirts x 2  
Kit Bag  
2 x Plastic Garbage Bags (for waterproofing back pack and dirty laundry)  
Basic Sewing Kit

**N.B.**

- Pocket knifes are not to be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders can bring their own small pocket knife.
- An additional set of DPCU/greens will be available at camp on a one for one basis.
- Sandshoes are mandatory for water activities – Dunlop Volleys should be purchased.
What not to Take

- Boys are not to bring the following:
  - Aerosol Cans
  - Mobile Phones
  - Matches/Lighters (except leaders)
  - Other Electronic items (i.e. Ipods, video games, etc)
  - Anything valuable

Medical

- First Aid kits will be carried by each section, and staff will have access to more sophisticated medical kits. Serious cases of injury or illness will be evacuated to Armidale (bivouac) or Grafton (camp).
- Sister Murray will be attending Annual Camp again this year and will provide the valuable medical support that she has in past years. Please be sure to notify Sister Murray of any medical problems or medications that are not already known to the school.

Other

- Discipline: Normal school discipline applies, particularly with respect to contraband.
- Haircut: Cadets are to ensure they parade with appropriate length hair, above the collar and ears, and cropped on top and fringe. This is a requirement of Australian Army Cadets and significantly aids hygiene in the field. A haircut can be provided to non-compliant boys at camp.
- Laundry at Annual Camp: Laundry tubs are available at Camp. Cadets are expected to wash their own clothing where necessary.
- Weather: November is usually hot. Cadets must be prepared for this and carry an adequate supply of sun cream and insect repellent. Spring thunderstorms are also prevalent and cadets should bring an army style rain coat or can purchase a poncho from the Q Store.

Meals and Water

- All cadets must carry 2 L of town or purified water and maintain a high daily fluid intake.
- Food will be supplied via School catering and commercially purchased ration packs. Unfortunately, Army supplied ration packs are unavailable for Bivouac and Camp.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child’s best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.

Cost

- The combined cost of bivouac and camp will be approximately $330 ($280 for Yr 7) and will be charged to your account. This cost also covers the use of additional qualified outdoor education staff required to maintain safe staffing ratios on the adventurous activities.

Conclusion

- This document is designed to give parents and boys early warning in order to provide time for planning and preparation for both Bivouac and Annual Camp. Further details will be issued to cadets during briefings prior to each event, and any enquiries should be directed to me or SGT Simon Ball in the Q Store.

T. W. THATCHER
Major
Commanding Officer
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.

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School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) charter coaches are NOT provided at the end of Term 4, or the start of Term 1.

The daily train to Sydney and other services e.g. New England Coaches to the coast and Brisbane, should be booked in advance to avoid disappointment/delays in departure.

This ‘book early’ advice is especially relevant to air travel which is booked and paid for by the parent.

For all queries and bookings contact Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au
TAS Puddings

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who turned up on Saturday to make the 2014 TAS Puddings – a lovely morning of chatting, laughing and cooking was had by all.

Puddings will be for sale at the fete and also from Veronica at Reception.

Fete Meeting - Wednesday 22nd October

We will be holding a fete meeting tonight, Wednesday 22 October, in the Archdall Room (opposite Dining Hall) at 6.30pm to finalise the requirements for this year’s fete – just 1½ 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.

Middle School Co-Ordinators

Millie and Natalie are running the High Tea Stall at this year’s fete we are looking for donations of sandwiches, slices and small cake, they can be dropped of the morning of the fete. Contact Millie 0439 780 722 or Natalie 0422 844 564 if you any questions.

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 and deliver it to the Big School foyer.

(Please, no electricals, clothing or videos)

Plant Stall

Year 11 are running the 2014 TAS Fete Garden stall.

- Donations required of manure, produce
- Potted plants and trees to sell.
- Contact Suzie Wright 0447874458 or Or Annette Callister 0429992117
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 (including drinks on arrival and cocktail food)

Online Bookings & RSVP by 10 November to: www.trybooking.com/GRQP 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.
Cricket

The First XI had another outstanding victory last weekend over Easts in the ADCA competition. TAS made 7/227, with Captain Jack Bennett steadying the ship after the loss of early wickets, making 87 not out. Jack was assisted by good knocks from Will Archer and Nick Day in order to set a competitive total. In response, TAS bowled Easts out for 150, with vice-captains Liam Howard and Will Archer taking 3/8 and 3/24 respectively. Well done on a fantastic team effort.

The First XI play Hillgrove at TAS Oval next weekend. Hillgrove will be very competitive this year and it promises to be an exciting and competitive fixture. TAS Blue, hosted the first of the TAS Cricket Club BBQ’s on Saturday evening at McConville Centre which was well attended by members of the TAS Cricket community. Dates for upcoming BBQ’s are below.

TAS White - 8 November
First XI - 29 November

Can I please remind everyone to sign up to Team App for updates on teams and fixtures.

Mr Jim Pinnington
MIC Cricket
**Pony Club**

Michael Paull in Year 7, as a member of the Armidale Horse and Pony Club, recently attended a camp held at NEGS from the 21 to 27 September. Michael, and his horse Osland Pastures Readyas (Lottie) had a very successful day named as Overall Senior Boy Champion, Champion boy 11 and U13 for both flatwork and sporting, and came away with four first place ribbons, three thirds and a fifth.

**Mrs Regina Pollard**

**Inverell Sapphire City River Run**

An enthusiastic and large TAS Triathlon team took on the Sapphire City River Run, 4.4km last Sunday. 20 fit and healthy young men tackled the course, commencing at Campbell Park, Inverell. Following on from some outstanding training, Sam Finlayson (Year 10) finished third overall, a sensational achievement. Not too far behind were Jarrod Bourke, Jack Boydell and Henry Claridge all racing very hard under a beautiful blue sky. It was wonderful to see so many boys willing to make the trip early on a Sunday morning. Thank you our Captain KB Fergusson and Vice-Captain Callum Bourke.

**Mr James Pennington**

**Mountain Biking**

On Sunday the TAS MTB team traveled to the historic Langford Homestead at Walcha for the annual Westpac Rescue Helicopter Fundraising MTB Challenge. This year saw the introduction of a new format to the race - rather than riding either the 30km or 70km out and back course, participants were to ride as many laps possible of the new 14km track within the three or six hour time limit.

There were over 100 participants in this event, raising over $7000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Included amongst these participants were 12 students from TAS Middle School and a team of Senior Students and staff. The Middle School students made up four teams of three, each riding a lap of the course in the 3-hour event. All boys rode exceptionally well for their first attempt at a race like this. The track was tough - each lap riders climbed approximately 300m elevation, and after the fog lifted it was hot! However all students rose to the challenge, finishing strong whilst showing great discipline, sportsmanship and support for each other along the way. In the end, the four TAS teams took out first, second, third and fourth of the junior - 3 Hour Challenge, with only four seconds separating first and third place. Congratulations to all the boys on a great effort! Full results can be found here: http://www.nemtb.com.au/results. Special thanks to Rev Newton who rode in support of the students - making sure they were always OK throughout their ride. In doing this, Rev rode for nearly four hours straight!

The coaches also rode, Rob Butcher and Calum Kyle rode in pairs in the 3 Hour and took out the 18+ male category. Michael Harris rode in a team with his dad and fellow NIAS team mate to take out the 6 Hour Race overall. Mick also took out the course record, completing one lap in an impressive 35 minutes! Matt and Mrs Benham teamed up with a friend from NEMTB and rode in the mixed 18+, 6 hour challenge.

For the boys who were unable to make it on Sunday, I hope you had an enjoyable weekend and I look forward to seeing you at training on Wednesday.

Training on Sunday will consist of a TAS group ride at the SportUNE track from 1.30pm - 3pm (at the latest). We will meet borders at the Q-Store at 1pm to load bikes (please make sure you have lunch first). Could day boys please meet us at the netball courts at SportUNE at 1.30pm.

**Mrs Jo Benham**
RazzamaTAS Fete performance

Our Wind Ensemble and Big Band have been rehearsing together for the fete, which is coming up on Saturday 1 November.

Although students are permitted to wear casual clothes we request that you wear a collared shirt and closed in shoes so everyone looks reasonably smart!

Here is the plan for the performance on the day:

10:30am    Members of Wind and Big Bands will be required at the big tent for set up and warm up
11am - 12pm The combined band performs
12pm    Band packs up

Middle School vocal ensemble

A reminder to all Year 6 - 8 students that this Thursday the new MS vocal ensemble will be on at 1:15pm in the music block. Students 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.

Middle and Senior School Students are reminded to please cross reference your instrumental/vocal lesson times with your upcoming exams. If you have a clash and will be unable to attend your regular lesson time in music please notify your music tutor. They may be able to reschedule your lesson if you give them adequate notice.

New England Sings! final rehearsals

Final details about the remaining rehearsals for NE Sings! are attached. *It is important to note that there are two information sheets so make sure you have the relevant one:

1. Combined Primary Choir - relates to students from the Junior Vocal Ensemble and Years 3, 4 and 5 at TAS
2. Combined Secondary Choir and Orchestra - relates to members of TAS Singers, Year 9/10 Elective Music Classes and the AYO

REMINDER: New England Sings! tickets are now on sale.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the New England Sings! concert which is coming up on Sunday 2 November. Details are on the information notes.

Percussion Tuition

There is a new percussionist in town! John Dewhurst was trained at Sydney Conservatorium and has performed with Synergy. Although he has a full-time job as an audiologist he is willing to give percussion lessons at NECOM after work and on weekends. NECOM also has plans to set up a percussion ensemble at NECOM to support these students once there are enough enrolled with John.

Any students that would like to take up lessons, please contact the NECOM office on 6773 6419 or admin@necom.org.au

Lessons will commence Term 1, 2015.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent
New England Sings! tickets now on sale at TryBooking website www.trybooking.com
Adults $22  FT students $15 (no conc)

New England Sings! our region’s biggest choral showcase will present 800 school students from 25 schools in 2 concerts on Sunday 2 November - Concert #1 at 11am and Concert #2 at 2pm.

Students will perform an inspiring program of Australian music - from colonial folksongs, premiers based on lyrics by New England writers Sophie Masson and Judith Wright to the great rock anthem ‘You’re The Voice’. It will be an unforgettable experience for students and audiences alike.

Each concert has only 550 seats available so now is the time to book your seats early to avoid missing out. Please check the list and concert times below to find the concert that you will need to book.
Exam Week

Well, it's arrived and, having visited most Middle School rooms over the past several weeks, I must say the boys are as prepared as they can be for this battery of tests over the coming days. Certainly, they’ve completed practice responses and, in the Year 8 groups I’ve read a number of ‘solid’ essay responses for English. As well you know by this stage, we have a ‘no surprises policy’ in relation to formal assessments, including examinations, at TAS. I really like this policy as it makes the writing of papers as fair as possible for our students. Further, it allows us to see results that are an accurate reflection of sensible preparation and the best possible advice that staff can give to boys as they manage the challenges in store for them this week.

This is the appropriate forum too to thank staff, on your behalf, for their efforts in relation to the preparation and distribution of study packages to your sons. In fact, the whole process this semester, culminating in this week’s examinations, has been well managed and has ‘run smoothly’ and I’m thankful for their efforts.

Again, I urge parents of day students to familiarize themselves with this week’s schedule that has been distributed, to encourage boys to ‘do their best’ and to contact us should there be issues requiring clarification.

Uniforms

Further to last week’s TAS Talks, there’s been a marked improvement in the wearing of hats and garters – so, thank you for your on going support of these ‘daily management’ issues. The boys are just that, boys – and they benefit greatly from the assistance, generally in the form of reminders, that we can give to them about uniform codes. I want to thank you too in anticipation of the on going nature of such support.

New School Prefects 2014 – 15

Last Friday the school’s new student leaders were inducted into their various offices. Generally, during their first few meetings I am asked to give them some ‘pointers’ about Assembly speeches and other public speaking commitments. As you may know, the outgoing student leaders invited Middle School Monitors to a number of Prefect Meetings earlier this year to discuss issues that relate to them specifically. I’m intending to ask the new senior leaders to speak to our boys again and to come, where appropriate, to Middle School assemblies (Town Meetings) and, during the 2015 winter terms, to arrange as well as supervise some games with our boys. This kind of initiative is an ‘inclusive’ one and it’s healthy for our students to interact positively with older boys. It’s amazing, you know, how well Middle School boys respond positively to older students.

Maintenance

I mentioned last term that the Year 6 and our Learning Support rooms have received a timely ‘face lift’. Now that the last ones have been ‘fitted’ it’s good also to report that all Middle School rooms have new (I’m tempted here to include ‘state of the art’, but it’s a bit ‘showy’ I suspect) audio-visual facilities. So, we’re in business! In fact, the whole of this section of the school is looking very good really and this is a wonderful state to be in as enrolment interviews continue into the final term of the academic year. The latter issue augurs well for healthiest possible numbers for 2015 and this is such a good thing. Again, against the backdrop of the vicissitudes of our climatic conditions, our enrolments staff need to be acknowledged for their sterling, relentless efforts over the past 12 months. These people never stop and all and sundry need to know this.
Original Contribution

After the recent rain, a member of the Middle School wrote the following poem and, as a different take on the regular diet of information I feed to you, I thought you may like to read it. It’s about spring, warmer weather and a state of calm at TAS.

Here’s to more rain, then.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Portrait of Wakefield at Night

The horizon ends with the poplars,
A line, sentinels, all quiet,
Just touched by the breath of a breeze,
And oblivious, or perhaps ignorant
To the frenzied undertones of the House.
A car occasionally perverts the silence,
And temporarily humbles boisterous frogs,
Cavorting in the unseen, mud-luscious ponds
That sprinkle from the dam.

The nets are quiet, too.
Not boasting of the in swingers
Or the cover drive
That usually people them

A birth-marked moon
Glances as its sheets of cloud disperse,
And it palely competes with the indifferent
Toilet lights that shed feathers of moths.

The dog track, ringed with its insidious gems of light,
And patronised by its dutiful four-legged sprinters,
Distracts me from the natural.
And the dogs, with tongues, pink and wet,
Eager to jump from their jaws,
Drop saliva onto dry dust
Pocked with paw prints.

A garbage bin at the cricket pitch dully glints,
And alone, it waits for morning,
With its team of starch-white admirers,
Eager to hit it with red leather balls.

Quiet night, tranquil, humanised, calm,
Sanctuary for the dreamers
Keep your mysticism.
What we don’t understand, we can know in our own way
And enjoy
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

RazzamaTAS fete

With the school fete looming, I would like to thank our parents and friends who put so much time and effort into ensuring its success. It is the major annual fundraiser for our P&F and only made possible by the generosity our whole school community. I look forward to seeing you all there (to check out the quality of the Headmaster’s barista skills)

NewEngland Sings!

I am very pleased that we have been able to support the NE Sings concert this year with around 40 of our choristers, and I draw to your attention the request from the organisers for our singers to wear a coloured shirt and black trousers for their performance. Please contact me at school if this causes any concern. You will be aware that a bus will be provided for both Saturday’s final rehearsal and the Sunday concert, so please ensure that your child’s name has been registered so a final roll can be organised.

Sport in Junior School

I have been very pleased to see the very excellent start that has been made to our summer sporting season, and particularly to note that the emphasis has been on enjoyment and sportsmanship. It is important for us all to reinforce this with our children to ensure that participating to the best of one’s ability remains the focus of our program. I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines at some stage, to continue to encourage all our teams with enthusiasm and positive support.

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week: Flinders Ward, Lewis Graham, Cameron Le Surf, Lacy Hartup, and Byron McCann.

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Assembly for Term 4

Due to the number of children in our Junior School and for their safety we ask parents to please sit in the wings of the Hoskins Centre during our assemblies. As combined classes will be running the assemblies, more parents will be attending each week.

We thank you for your understanding.
Morning Bell

Each day, the morning bell will sound at 8.40am for students to move to class and be ready to begin the day promptly at 8.45am. We are asking all students to be more aware of this bell and begin moving as they hear it ring.

Lost Property

Please check all children’s clothing to ensure the correct item has been taken home. When clothing is not collected from Junior School or other collection points like the Swimming Pool, it finds its way to the School Laundry at the entrance of Brown St. Please feel free to drop in and see Gavin Latham if required.

New England Sings!

The New England Sings performance will be held Sunday 2 November, in Lazenby Hall, UNE. This wonderful combined massed choir will perform songs that have been prepared for the past months. Tickets are still available at a cost of $22 per ticket.

Students have been asked to wear a coloured shirt with no logo, black pants (not leggings) with black shoes.

Year 5 Orange basketball - 13 October

The Year 5 Orange team had their first game last Monday and played PLC. It was a terrific game and a great way to start the season. I was very impressed at the players skill level and am excited about how the season might progress. One aspect, which was particularly impressive, was the way players implemented half time advice in the second half. They played as a team and were respectful of the opposition, which showed improved maturity from the boys. Nick O’Neil had a very attacking game scoring numerous baskets and Jude Piper was outstanding in his commitment to the play. The team would like to thank Jack van Roy for playing his second game for the night by helping our team out. Well done boys, it was a great way to start the season.

Mrs Brunsdon

Year 5 Black

The team was all revved up to play against the tough competitors, The Town team and it proved a close fought game. The team started slowly, letting the opposition gain a few baskets before beginning to think about the skills we have emphasised prior to the game. The passing became more direct; the marking of opposition players improved and the developing teamwork was pleasing to see. Josiah Alcorn is becoming a skilled defender and is not afraid to take a stance and try and prevent other players getting past him. Joe Anderson was shooting accurately for the majority of the game and Archi Lawrence was constantly making runs up the court to attack the goal. Congratulations to all the players on the improvements made throughout the game and I look forward to seeing your progress this season. Thanks to Peter van Roy and Tim Lawrence for assisting with the coaching.

Mrs Brunsdon

Yr 5 Orange - 20 October

The highlight of this game was the sportsmanship shown to the opposition. The team played NEGS who are an obviously developing team and it could have been a huge scoreboard if the boys had played their normal game. The refs put into place several aspects they wanted the TAS players to follow which would allow the NEGS players to have more of the ball and the boys did it quite happily. They got into the spirit of this aspect and decided the second half was to be used to see how many baskets Henry Moore could score - and he did score a few! I was very proud of all the players as to how they played the game and the pleasing thing was seeing the confidence that appeared in the NEGS team as they started scoring baskets! Congratulations to all the players and thanks to Sean O’Neil for helping out with coaching and Cressida Mort and Duncan McDonald for keeping the score.

Mrs Brunsdon

Under 9s Cricket

The season has started with plenty of motivation and enthusiasm from the team. It’s a pity that we were rained out for our first training. Training this week has been a strong focus on bowling where we have seen a big improvement in such a short time. The game on Saturday saw us face a strong team where the highlights were our committed efforts with fielding. Our top scorers this week were Sam Meehan, Lachlan Hunt and Daniel Morgan.

Mr Druce

TAS Blue vs. TAS White

What a spectacle the second match of the season was for our TAS teams. To even up all the teams, Chloe Moore nobly offered to play for a town team. We then had five players on each team so an energetic full on game was the order of the day. TAS Blue played very well, passing, dribbling and moving well around the court.
Many tricky moves were observed and Sophia Rutledge, Casey Smith and Zoe Streliitz were particularly strong in gaining and maintaining control of the ball. Equally impressive this week was Poppy Broun and teammate Jasper O’Neil, who were tireless in their efforts. Further work on sinking baskets is needed but the number of attempts made by the Blues was quite amazing. TAS White had the upper hand but I think everyone would agree that it was a great game. Go the Blues!

Mrs Ann Trenerry

Basketball - TAS Red

In their first game for the summer season, the mighty TAS Reds (Yr 3/4) took on PLC. Having not yet played together, and with a number of rookies amongst the crew, it was always going to be a squeaky ride until the machine becomes a bit more well oiled. This said, however, the Reds hit the boards running and as the match progressed, it was obvious to see improvements creeping in. Oliver Smart and Isabel Newton had fantastic games, as did Flynn Broadfoot, who looks like an impressive new import. Michael Janda, Alex Webber and Jonathan Harris passed well, whilst the added height of Isabella Rutledge and Lewis Graham was a good team asset. Lewis found his shooting mojo towards the end of the game to score a field goal and a penalty shot so that the eventual score line was 20-3 in PLC's favour.

Mr Alex Portell

U12s Cricket

Round 2 saw the mixed TAS team of Years 4 and 5 play the Hillgrove Colts at Ben Browning Oval. Despite a less than ideal wicket both teams fielded enthusiastic players. Ultimately the match went to the opposition but there were number of boys who took wickets most notably Jack Van Roy who was also our highest run scorer.

Mr David Slade

Miniball TAS White

Well the Miniball season is well and truly underway. TAS White has had a super start this term with a number of balls finding their way into the basket. This week, a special mention should to go to Cameron Le Surf as he played with another team who were a couple of players short. Also another special mention needs go to Chloe Lincoln, who is yet to play a game with TAS White. She for has volunteered to play with two other teams as they were short of players for the past two weeks. While demonstrating a high level of sportsmanship, this opportunity also allows our students to experience the game at a different level and also to widen their friendship group. Well done to all players and I look forward to another productive training session this Wednesday.

Ms Tabitha Dowse

Gymnastics

There were 19 students in attendance at Gymnastics yesterday and all participated with enormous enthusiasm and a willingness to try new routines.

A favourite for many was the ribbons rotation and many managed to be very creative with some longer ribbons.

This week the coaches and I restructured the groups so Kindergarten were grouped together, which worked effectively. Kindergarten's animal walks were most impressive.

Mrs Veronica Waters
TAS Hoskins Centre
Opening Friday 31 October at 6.00pm
Saturday 1 November 9am - 4pm
Sunday 2 November 10am - 2pm
All Welcome

Neil Evans, Blowhole (detail), 2011, acrylic on cotton duck

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