Hawkesbury Classic

As readers will see later in this edition of TAS Talks, the 2014 Hawkesbury campaign has been completed with great success. The TAS contingent of 35 paddlers and dozens of landcrew made a positive and noticeable impact on this huge event once again, with records broken, impressive fundraising and great spirit on show. The Hawkesbury stands out in my mind as one of the iconic physical and mental challenges any TAS student can take on and I was delighted to see good numbers putting their hands up to be tested again this year. As one parent wrote after the race, “It is truly a display of the best of human spirit”.

Our Hawkesbury leader, Tim Wheaton, has offered congratulations to all our paddlers and thanks to the landcrew who worked through the night to make the paddling possible. In echoing those sentiments, I also pass on special thanks to Tim for his leadership. The Hawkesbury is just as much an organisational marathon as it is a physical one and would not happen without the type of real leadership that Tim has offered again this year.

P&F Art Show and Fete

The Fete is traditionally the biggest social occasion in the TAS calendar and this weekend three events will come together to make it an even bigger and brighter show. Running in conjunction with all the fun of the fete is the third TAS P&F Art Show in the Hoskins Centre and I offer special thanks to Philippa Charley-Briggs for leading the team that has put this together. The art show has brought together many of the best artists in our region and a good number from beyond and there will be plenty to admire and be tempted by. The official opening for the show will be at 6:00pm this Friday and I encourage all art lovers to get in early.

The weekend will see plenty of visitors around the School as we take part in the St Peter’s Open Garden program. This is a splendid time of year in the New England and I am very pleased that the beautiful garden environment that we enjoy has been selected to be a part of the program. Our head gardener, Adrian Goddard, and all the outdoors team have worked hard to prepare for this special weekend and I congratulate them on what they have achieved.

Farewell to Jason Lincoln

As most parents will be aware, our Director of Co-curricular Activities, Jason Lincoln, will move on from TAS shortly to take up the position of Executive Officer of the Northern Inland Academy of Sport. Jason has been integral to the development of the wonderful breadth and depth of co-curricular activity that our students now enjoy and there will be an opportunity to celebrate that contribution and wish Jason well at a special farewell on Friday 14 November at 5:00pm in the Hoskins Centre. All in the TAS family and wider community are invited to join us.

Dumaresq Dam Survey

As part of its facilities planning, Armidale Dumaresq Council is currently conducting an online survey regarding the future of Dumaresq Dam. Most TAS families will be aware that Dumaresq Dam is important to TAS as we use it regularly for everything from our outdoors program to paddling practice and social activities for our boarders.

It is possible that the future of Dumaresq Dam will depend on the feedback from the survey and I encourage all TAS families to take the two minutes that are needed to complete it. The more people that are able to fill out the survey the better chance we have of maintaining this valuable resource.

You will see that there are 4 options to choose from. Option A would preserve the current water level and this is our preferred option as it will allow us to continue using the dam in its current form. The survey can be found HERE.
I'm currently staying in Spring Hill, Brisbane, for a few days, while attending a professional development workshop. Walking along the streets of old Spring Hill with its timbered cottages and terraces of yester-year, is a fascinating experience. Then, from time to time you come across a main arterial road or a hilltop with vistas over the city and you see the busy traffic and high apartments and office blocks of the city skyline. Nothing stays still but the integration of past and present and the anticipation of the future is a creative process of imagination and memory. Without story we are impoverished; without vision we are stagnant.

It seems to me that Spring Hill, as it currently is, is a metaphor for a good way to approach our lives. Our relationship to the past and future and our attempts to integrate them, is a creative expression of who we are in the present. Our identity is multi-dimensional. Roots and shoots both matter. The process of integration is on-going, never complete, always the work of the now.

CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

Hark! The angel Harold Sings
Refrain
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

John 20:31

I once played in a soccer team made up of some great players but we never seemed to go very well, and this was largely due to the fact that our captain was nearly always sent off. On one occasion he fouled an opposition player, and subsequently gave away a free kick – not such a big deal. Anyway he did not agree with the decision, and started to argue with the ref. As the discussion continued the ref yellow carded Ari and subsequently Ari became even more ferocious. The ref responded with “if you say one more word you’ll be sent from the field”, well of course Ari responded with not just one word but a barrage of words. The ref held up the red card and attempted to send Ari from the field. This was met with abuse that was starting to turn personal, the ref began his lecture and naturally Ari stuck his fingers in his ears, and started chanting “I’m not listening, I’m not listening.” In the end we had to physically remove Ari from the field.

The carol ‘Hark! The herald angels sing’ is pleading with us to listen carefully, but more than that, respond to what is being said regarding Jesus. Sadly, too often our reaction is to do the opposite, we stick our fingers in our ears (which is understandable if you’re listening to my singing) and ignore the good advice of this hymn. In so doing we remove the opportunity to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and we deny the opportunity to accept the life he offers.

Maybe we don’t feel like we are being so proactive so as to stick our fingers in our ears, but as we join in the celebration at Christmas time have we heeded the plea of the angels, of the writers of the gospels? Hark the hymn says, pay attention, have we? The hymn claims Jesus’ deity, his credentials in being the savior and Lord, the one whom reconciliation will be found, the one who turns the curse of Adam around and provides a glorious future.

If we do not Hark! If we ignore! We ignore the possibility of knowing God, of being reconciled to Him and we ignore the chance to receive His most merciful gift to us, the possibility to be His children and share in His inheritance of eternal life.

Let us not simply sing the words of the angel, but do them and glorify the newborn King – Jesus.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD
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ICAS English Competition Results

This year TAS entered 123 students in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - English (ICAS). This competition assesses reading and language skills in a range of contexts. Aspects of texts assessed and reported include reading for meaning in literary texts, reading for meaning in factual texts, textual devices, syntax and vocabulary. The questions require students to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts.

TAS students again achieved some very impressive results in this competition. Students from Years 6-10 were involved and achieved the following awards: one High Distinction (achievement in the top 1% of competitors); 14 Distinctions (achievement ranging between the top 2% and 8% in the respective year groups); 37 Credits; 8 Merits and 63 Participation Certificates. All students also receive an individual report, which highlights their strengths and offers valuable feedback on their performance and skill base.

Owen Chandler (Year 8) received a High Distinction, which is an exceptional performance in a very demanding competition.

Distinction Certificates were awarded to Jack Nivison and Matthew Wark (Year 6); Kieran Dennis, Harry Mason and Liam Smith (Year 7); Nicholas Jackson (Year 8); Liam Donaldson, Lachlan Knowles, Sinclair Moore, Samuel Thatcher and Liam Treavors (Year 9); and Angus Lloyd, Jack Tizzard and Lachlan Tonkin (Year 10), with both Jack and Lachlan achieving results which put them in the top 2% of competitors.

We look forward to seeing continued achievement for participants in the competition in 2015.

Bard on the Beach - Macbeth Incursion

Years 9 and 10 English & Year 11 Drama

Years 9 and 10 English students from TAS, along with those who study Year 11 Drama, are incredibly lucky to be able to experience a quality performance of Shakespeare’s Macbeth by the renowned Sydney Theatre Company, ‘Bard on the Beach’. Year 10 students studied this play as part of a ‘Power Play’ unit in Term 1, and Year 9 students will do the same in 2015, so this is an great way to both reinforce understanding of the play for Year 10’s and introduce this amazing tragedy to Year 9. Year 11 Drama students will also enjoy the opportunity to see this quality performance.

It has long been the dream of Patricia Rowling, Bard On The Beach Producer and Artistic Director, that the works of Shakespeare receive a wider audience, and that people further afield of Sydney deserve to enjoy performances of these wonderful productions at a reasonable price. After a highly successful inaugural season over the summer of 2012, it was apparent that the Bard still held a place in the hearts and minds of contemporary audiences. With an experienced and passionate cast, Bard on the Beach brings the works of Shakespeare from the page to the stage, and we are very privileged to welcome them into our school as part of a tour across northern NSW.

This one-off performance will take place on Wednesday 5 November from 8.45-10.15am in the Hoskins Centre at TAS.

The cost of $10.50 per head for this performance will be charged to accounts.
**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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<td>Styx River State Forest and adjoining private property</td>
<td>Nymboida via Grafton</td>
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<td><strong>Timings: Depart TAS</strong></td>
<td><strong>Monday 3 November</strong>&lt;br&gt;Early Breakfast: 0730 hours&lt;br&gt;All Coy depart from Armidale: 0830 hours</td>
<td><strong>Saturday 22 November</strong>&lt;br&gt;Advance Party Q, Radio, volunteers (depart 0800 hours)&lt;br&gt;A Coy 1 Platoon departs at 1800 hours</td>
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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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*available at Q Store
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**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
Bivouac - TAS Surf Lifesaving

Travel
Depart Monday 3 November
- Boarders early breakfast at 6am
- 6:30am Brown Street. Pack trailer and bus
- Return Tuesday 4 November
- Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 3.30 pm

Accommodation
Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club

Staff Contacts
Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984
Mr J Moore 0429 660 009

Organisation
Monday
Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am. Unpack bus.
- 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Beach Session 1
- 12.00 noon Lunch- Club
- 1.00 pm- 4.30 pm Beach Session 2
- 6.00 pm Dinner-Club BBQ
- 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Theory Session
- 9.30 pm Bed

Tuesday
- Early Morning Beach Session 3
- 7.30 am Breakfast-Club
- 9.00 am -12.30pm Beach Session 4
- 12.30pm Lunch- Club
- 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell

Requirements
Swimmers, goggles, pens, manual and workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes. Sleeping bags and roll up mattress, pillows, (swags are preferable), sunscreen, insect repellent, toiletries.

Dress
To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

Meals
Breakfast: Cereal/toast and spreads
Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit
Dinners: BBQ with salads

Bivouac - RFS

Please assemble near the coal bunker promptly by 8:30 for transport to the Fire Control Centre. Both days will be heavily focused on practical skills, so please ensure that you are wearing sturdy lace-up leather boots and cool clothing for underneath your PPE.

Depending on what fires are running, there is a chance we could be deployed for mop-up or patrol somewhere in the New England Zone, otherwise we will be running a series of practical scenarios around the control centre.

Please note that if we are deployed we would probably not return to School until quite late and so day boys could need to arrange transport home to suit. We will let you know what is happening as soon as we can.

Mr Bradley for Mr Hunt
Bivouac - Year 6 Rangers

The Rangers will be participating in a 2-night bivouac at Exodus Outdoor Adventures, 3916 Old Glen Innes Rd, Buccarumbi NSW 2460, Tel: 02 6649 4129 in Week 5, Term 4.

Activities will include night vision, outdoor camping, whitewater canoeing, alpine climb and orienteering.

Depart: 1:00 pm Sunday 2 November Edwards Bus
Return: 3:30 pm Tuesday 4 November Edwards Bus

Please refer to documents sent out for further details or check out the Rangers webpage here.

Please ensure all consent forms and medical forms are returned to the School as soon as possible.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Armidalians at the Fete

We have a surplus of Armidalians - the school’s annual ‘magazine of record’ - that are being given away at the Fete!

There are limited supplies from the 2002-2012 editions that will be available for FREE to families who had students at TAS during that period. If you have a son who was in Year 12 in one of those years and have not already got a copy, haven’t yet reserved one, or will be unable to make it to TAS on Saturday, please email Anna Gayner at agayner@as.edu.au before Friday. (Those parents who have already reserved a copy will be able to collect theirs on the day.) Whatever surplus magazines are left will be free for collection from the TAS Foundation tent, on a first come, first served basis.

Meanwhile, the 2013 Armidalian is in the production stage, while compilation has begun in earnest on the 2014 edition.

Gala Concert

A musical gift for Armidale to celebrate the launch of our grand new organ

Saturday November 15 TAS Memorial Hall
5pm - 8pm

Cost: $30 p/h (includes cocktail food)

Bookings:
www.trybooking.com/GBOP
or TAS reception 6776 5800
We have only THREE days to go to this year’s annual RazzamaTAS fete. Everything is coming together thanks to a small and very enthusiastic bunch who has been working tirelessly to make this year’s fete as successful as previous years.

An exciting new addition to the offering this year is a selection of activities from Big Fun. Wrist bands will be available for sale on Saturday for $15 which will provide you with unlimited turns on the activities.

But we still have a couple of very important requests:

- **Volunteers** – we still urgently need volunteers to man the stalls and activities. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help us raise those funds we use for all the extras which benefit all our children and those that will follow. Contact your Liaison Parents as soon as possible with your availability. Many hands make light work.

- **White Elephant** - if you haven’t already PLEASE start spring cleaning and donate all those unwanted/preloved goodies to our White Elephant stall, and donations can be left in the foyer of Big School. Please, no videos, clothing or electricals.

- **Tombola** – Year 2 are hosting Tombola this year and have quite a nice collection of filled jars. But can you help make it even bigger? If you have any empty jars please fill them and send in to Year Two.

- **Lob-a-choc** - or perhaps when shopping throw in an extra bar of chocolate to donate to Year 3 for the Lob-A-Choc.

- **Wine Barrow** – Year 5 would love to add to their wine and beer barrow collection. Any donations can be left at Junior School Reception. Please do not send in alcohol with your children.

- **High Tea and Cake Stall** – Our wonderful Middle School Coordinators are running the High Tea and Cake Stall again this year and welcome all donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and muffins – sweet or savoury. Boxes to fill are available in both Junior and Senior School receptions, so you won’t lose your containers.

We're also looking for donations of sweet and savoury delights. For more information please contact Wendy on 0427 720 396 or Millie on 0439 780 723.

**TAS Puddings**

Our famous TAS puddings were made a couple of weeks ago and will be on sale from fete day and then in Reception for $25.00. We only have limited puddings so don’t wait too long before placing your order. Please contact Veronica at Reception on 6776 5800 to secure your pudding. All puddings need to be paid for prior to collection and puddings cannot be charged to school accounts. Prepaid puddings may also be collected at the fete.

**TAS Emporium**

*Why not get a head start on your Christmas Shopping at the TAS Emporium in Memorial Hall?*

- **Raindrops and Lollipops** - children’s clothing and homewares
- **Pink Fig Designs** - children’s clothing and plastic coated bags
- **Petite Poppy** - children’s accessories and gifts
- **The Bees Knees** - homewares and goodies from Glen Innes
- **Arbonne Skincare** - luxurious range of skin and body products
- **Calamity Jane** - jewellery and homemade retro goods
- **Vera Thorne** - artworks and cards
- **Sonia Repin** - art and designs
- **Letto Bello Linen** - Fid Nivison’s fabulous Linen
- **Austin Designs** - horse art
- **Veronica Lucas** – Intimo lingerie and Candles
- **Nundle Woollen Mills** - clothing and accessories
- **Lizzie Thorne** - Art and Cards
- **Sweet and Sour Licorice**
- **CR Country Designs** - canvas bags and peg bags
- **Sarah Atkinson’s The Powder Room** - clothing and jewellery, new orders arrived just for RazzamaTAS
- **Phoenix Trading** - cards, stationary and jewellery
- **The Eclectic** - funky jewellery
- **Angela Markerink** - a new stall to the fete and one to look out for!

**Tombola Jars Wanted**

Year 4 is organising the Tombola stall at the RazzamaTAS fete and they are looking for donations of jars, with or without contents. They can be left at TAS Reception.
Cash Cup
This year the inter-house Drama competition, the Cash Cup is coming under the heading ‘Modern heroes for a modern world.’ Mr Buntine, Mr O’Connell and I met with our House leaders this week and they are now working hard to incorporate all Middle School and Senior School boys in this special event. This year the Cash Cup will be held on the evening of Thursday 20 November at 6.30pm.

I look forward to seeing as many of our community there as possible as this has become a highlight on our TAS Calendar the equivalent of the Warcry night at the Swimming Carnival.

Henry Smith Cricket Achievement
Congratulations to Henry Smith of Year 8 who played his first game for the First XI on Saturday, an outstanding achievement in anyones books.

I have no doubt that this decision was well received by our senior boys as the way they ‘took Henry under their wing’ on Saturday which reaffirmed for me the respect they have for his ability to contribute to the team.

I also know that his humility remains in tact through the way he acted in the afternoon, remembering that humility is perhaps one of the greatest gifts that can be bestowed upon a young man.

Dress for Sport
Please be reminded that it is expected that all students dress appropriately for all sporting fixtures as they should be proudly representing their school in a public arena. This includes uniform, hair and general appearance.

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
A huge congratulations to all our boys and families who participated in the HCC this year. It was wonderful to hear of so many successes and that some boys even tried to finish through the most extraordinary of circumstances. These stories of sustained efforts through very tough circumstances are successes in themselves. I would also like to thank all the staff who supported the boys and in particular Mr Tim Wheaton for his ongoing organisation.

Below is a picture of David Williams and Harry Wright receiving support from Harry Williams, a true team effort. David and Harry went on to smash the record Junior Long Rec 2 through pure grit and determination.

Record breakers David Williams and Harry Wright took more than two hours off the previous record set in 2005.
**Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Final Update for 2014**

The 38th Hawkesbury Canoe Classic has finally come and gone and planning has already begun for ways to improve the experience for paddlers and land crew alike.

This year saw very successful results with a record that has stood for nine years broken by two teams of paddlers. Harry Wright and David Williams were the first of the TAS/NEGS/PLC paddlers to finish with a time of 11 hrs and 13 mins. The record for their race class was 13 hrs 53 mins. For the first time in a number of years, Year 9 students were allowed to enter the race and Sebastian Scott and Liam Donaldson showed this was not a bad decision by HCC committee by also beating the same record with a time of 13 hrs 04 mins. A massive achievement by both of these teams to be able to push through the hard times and pain to get to the end so quickly.

Out of all the 35 paddlers that entered the HCC with the TAS/NEGS/PLC team, all but two made it to the end. The fastest kayak arrived at Brooklyn just before 3.30am and the last two raced each other to a photo finish just after 11.30am. Special mention has to go to Tom Mailler and Felix Gifford who changed boats mid way through the race to allow Duncan Quast and Angus Roxborough-Batt to finish after their partners had been withdrawn through injury. Anyone who has paddled the Hawkesbury would know how difficult it would be to change boats and partners at Wisemans Ferry and still finish. Sophie Bohlsen and Georgina Cornall were the only PLC students to enter the race. Mary Carter was the only NEGS girl to participate and she paddled with her father Angus Carter, TAS Old Boy, the fastest adult/junior kayak team were Greig and Tom Stier with Steven and Ollie Broun and Mick and Will Claridge also paddling as a father/son pair. Will and Millie Brissett traveled through Friday night to get to Windsor early Saturday morning to team up as a brother/sister pairing. Nick Allen finished the race in a single kayak getting to the finish just before 6am. The following is a list of the paddlers that finished in order of arrival;

Harry Wright/David Williams, Nick Finney/Jock Jackson, Sebastian Scott/Liam Donaldson, Steve and Ollie Broun, Mark and Ruby Watters, Nick Allen (single), Greig and Tom Stier, Daniel Allen/Sebastian Gibson, Angus and Mary Carter, Will and Millie Brissett, Mick and Will Claridge, Tom Mailler/ Angus Roxborough-Batt, Will Waterson/Jack Bennett, Nick Bennet/Callum Bourke, Ed Howard/Lachlan Mills, Sophie Bohlsen/Georgina Cornall, Duncan Quast/Felix Gifford. Jack Bishop and Jacob Faint were withdrawn due to illness and injury respectively but a massive achievement to get to where they did all the same. Tom Wyatt (TAS Old Boy) also paddled with The Kensington Colleges Kayak team and finished with his partner as well. On Saturday he commented that he always regretted not doing the Hawkesbury while still at TAS.

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**Mountain Biking**

On Sunday the mountain bike team met at the SportUNE MTB track for our first ride together as a group outside of competition. The boys started off by doing a lap of a course that had been previously thought out by the coaches, before completing an individual time trial on this course. The time trial consisted of students being started at 30 second intervals where they were to race against the clock, completing a full lap of the technical 3.1km track as fast as they could. The aim of the time trial was to give an indication of students’ base level of fitness and riding ability so that at the end of the season when students’ ride the same course again, we will hopefully see improvements in their times. All students rode very well despite the heat, and their times have been calculated and will be given to them at training on Wednesday.

For this week to avoid the heat, we’re planning on changing the Sunday afternoon ride to Friday after school: 3.45pm-5.30/45pm depart and arrive time for boarders and 4pm - 5.15pm start/finish at SportUNE for day boys. If this change isn’t going to suit anyone, could you please let me know as soon as you can on jbenham@as.edu.au

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**Horse Sports**

TAS was represented at the Inter-Schools Horse Event held at ALEC in Tamworth last week 18 to 21 October. Hamish Edmonds Year 7 riding Si Señora on the Sunday received two third places and an overall fifth in sporting events. Whilst Ben McElroy Year 7 riding Galway Park Cassidy received a third place overall in the ODE and Ben Hamparsum Year 8 riding Ari received a ninth place in the ODE and a 6th place (85cm) in the 14 years and over show jumping event. Well done boys.

Hamish Edmonds participated in the Calrossy Horse Sports Day on Friday 17 October in Tamworth and was named 12 Year Old Boy Reserve Champion after gaining one first, five seconds, one third and one fifth ribbons.

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**Mrs Jo Benham**

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Ben Hamparsum riding Ari
However, he was able to use a TAS kayak donated by the Old Boys Union to complete the race with the University of NSW Kensington Colleges Kayak Club. Travelling down to support the 35 paddlers were a strong contingent of 50 parents, grandparents, brothers and other family and friends. They worked tirelessly throughout the night with very little sleep to ensure their paddlers had the best chance of finishing. They did an amazing job in assisting with their paddlers not only in the Hawkesbury but most went to the Grafton paddle and some also made it to the Myall Classic to lend a hand.

Such an event cannot run so smoothly without a team of people who are able to work throughout the weekend to allow the land crew to focus on their paddlers. Peter Hall, Max Tavener and Dave Lawrence set up and manned the start and first checkpoint all day Saturday until the last boat left their location at 10pm. Simon Ball and Gail Rogers then took over the support at the next location where paddlers could get fed and changed into dry clothes. They were ready for our first paddlers on Saturday night until the last kayak left after 3.30am. Will Caldwell provided support at Malpas Dam and Grafton and took the time to tow a trailer home from Brooklyn after a busy weekend he had in Sydney. Tim Scott drove everyone down and back from the event and this selfless act was more apparent when he missed his son finishing the race. On behalf of all the paddlers and land crew I would like to publicly thank these people for allowing others to participate in something they will remember for a long time to come.

In the next few weeks a presentation evening will be arranged to present the follow shields;

The John Forsythe Shield for the fastest single paddler,
The Grant Harris Shield for the fastest double kayak,
The Peter Hall Shield for fastest junior/adult paired kayak,
The Kel Hardingham shield for the school who had the fastest three kayaks, and
The Jack Abbott Shield for the junior and adult paddlers who raised the most money.

Information about the cleaning of boats and the presentation evening will be forwarded to all involved via Team App.

Thanks again to all who participated in one way or another.

Mr Tim Wheaton

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TAS ROWING

The Headmaster has much pleasure in inviting you to the launch of the 2014/2015 TAS Rowing Season and Boat Naming Ceremony. To launch the season, a barbecue and exhibition row will commence from 5pm at Malpas Dam on Friday 7 November. All welcome to attend. Please RSVP to TAS Reception on 6776 5800 by Wednesday 5 November.
Ensemble Rehearsals Reminder

Students - with the end of the year looming, our ensembles are rehearsing for some very important events. We require full attendance at all rehearsals, each week to ensure we can achieve the high standard of performance required. As a matter of courtesy please notify your Ensemble Conductor or the Music Administrator on sbroadbe@as.edu.au if you cannot attend your regular rehearsals.

Final Reminder: New England Sings! rehearsal schedule

Primary Choir (TAS Vocal Ensemble members and Year 3-5 TAS Choir)

Saturday 1 November: the final Primary Choir rehearsal will be held from 11am - 12.30pm at Lazenby Hall, UNE.

Sunday 2 November: the NE Sings! concert 2 including TAS primary students will commence at 2pm at Lazenby Hall, UNE.

Secondary Choir and Orchestra (TAS Singers, TAS Year 9/10 Elective Music students and TAS AYO members)

Saturday 1st November: the final Secondary Choir rehearsal will be held from 9.30am - 12pm at the Old Teachers' College in Mossman Street

Saturday 1 November: the final Orchestra rehearsal will be held from 9.30am - 12pm at PLC multi-purpose centre (TBC)

Saturday 1 November: a combined Secondary Choir and Orchestra rehearsal will be held from 2pm - 4pm at Lazenby Hall, UNE.

Sunday 2 November: Choir and Orchestra will participate in Concert 1 at 11am and at Concert 2 at 2pm at Lazenby Hall, UNE.

A huge congratulations to all the band members who have attended rehearsals over the last two Mondays. With preparations for the fete and speech day building up, the combination of Big Band and the Wind Ensemble has provided a unique and exciting experience for the younger band members to work with the senior musicians. The younger players have stepped up and been fantastic, while the senior boys have been able to demonstrate their leadership skills while guiding and assisting the younger members.

Overall, the combined band has created an explosive and energetic sound. You can hear the combined band play for the first time at the fete this weekend, and we are very excited by the balance of experience and enthusiasm achieved through this combination.

A reminder that although students are permitted to wear casual clothes we request that students 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.

We hope to see you there!

Don't forget to buy your New England Sings! tickets!

Tickets for this event are still available for purchase through the TryBooking website www.trybooking.com

When purchasing tickets for the concerts please note that TAS Primary School students will be participating in the 2pm concert only on Sunday 2 November.

TAS Middle and Secondary students who are participating, will be involved in both concerts on the Sunday.

Come along to watch our Big Band perform at the RazzamaTAS Fete from 11am this Saturday!
EXCITING NEW THINGS ARE COMING TO HOSKINS THIS THURSDAY
The next few weeks

The formal examination period is finished and assessment marks that help us to determine semester grades are beginning to come in so that the report writing period can continue in earnest. However, academic work has not finished.

Academic and co-curricular programs run in tandem for the rest of the term and it’s very important that all boys participate fully in them. They culminate in the Middle School Final Assembly and the school Speech Day early in December. Needless to say, perhaps, your attendance at TAS to celebrate your sons’ end of year activities would be welcomed and, in anticipation of it, I both thank you on behalf of all staff and look forward to welcoming you to the School. I know for a fact that the boys enjoy having their families visit them.

All Middle School students will be involved in bivouac activities on Monday and Tuesday of next week. In relation to Cadets (Years 7 and 8) these two days constitute excellent and, I believe, necessary preparation for Annual Camp activities later in the term. Staff have spent considerable time in their preparation of relevant activities for your sons and next week will be as enjoyable as it will be beneficial. To facilitate the process of the Bivouac and the Annual Camp I ask you to refer to information sent so that the boys are able to go away with all, in terms of clothing, toiletries and so on, that they need for their absence from School. Your support of us in these matters is vital to the success of 2014’s final term.

Involvement

As you know, we’ve been busy, for well over a term now, conducting a good number of enrolment interviews for new students in 2015. As such I’ve been thinking, especially lately, of the breadth of activity TAS offers to students and believe that the fees you pay certainly give you value for money. I’ve said, in response to questions generally concerning “Why TAS for my son?”, words to the effect of those that follow: This is a place where the person, a ‘concept’ if you must that includes the pupil, is given many opportunities to develop as an individual. It is only through willing involvement in a range of activities that students can find a comfortable ‘place’ in relation to others and the wider school. Of course there will be times when they are challenged. But such personal challenge is necessary to the development of resilience, confidence and ease of interaction. Accordingly, the primary focus in the development of ‘self’ has to be on the willing nature of involvement earlier mentioned.

I think that now is an opportune time for me to have included the above in this edition of TAS Talks because we are heading towards a period of the year when boys are experiencing the wider curriculum and our collective support of them in such undertakings is important to their development as individuals. It is only through involvement that students can realize that this environment is a mutually supportive one. Our staff ‘wear a few caps’ and their determination to support your sons is part of their wider brief as TAS employees. I say employees advisedly because it isn’t just the teaching staff that are involved in co-curricular activities. In relation to the wider curriculum, I think one of our distinguishing characteristics is our easy capacity to get to know TAS students as people. As important, it is vital to the success of education that students have the opportunity to get to know us as people. Arguably, it is only through involvement in ‘whole school’ activities that this process is possible. As vital to the success of such education is your support of our efforts to assist boys in the school.

Until next week, then

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Speech Day & End of Year functions

We are excited to welcome Michael Crossland to TAS as our Guest Speaker for 2014 Speech Day. Michael will work with our children before sharing Speech Day with us. Michael Crossland is a renowned inspirational speaker and humanitarian and if you would like to read a little more about him, his web page is http://michaelcrossland.com

You will also be receiving an invitation to our other end-of-year celebrations, specifically the Junior School Christmas Carols Service, the End of Year family BBQ and both our Junior School and Senior School Speech Day celebrations. We warmly invite you to them all. Further information will be with you shortly (once some additional arrangements have been finalised!) but if you have any questions about any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school.

New England Sings!!

Final preparations are now in place for the NE Sings Concert, this weekend at the Lazenby Hall, UNE on Saturday and Sunday. For the final rehearsal on Saturday, a bus will depart from the White House car park (adjacent to the Transition classroom) at 10.30 am and return there at 1.00 pm. On Sunday, we will depart from the front of school (school flagpole area) at 1.00 pm and return by 4.30 pm. Please ensure your child has been confirmed to travel on the bus and contact us if there are questions or concerns.

Languages Day

On 4 November, Junior School will be holding its annual, and extremely popular Languages Day, designed, prepared and organised by Madame Tamminga and the Languages Department. That it is so successful is no surprise, as I have seen first hand the fantastic hustle and bustle as students move from each activity, whether it be cooking, paper folding or cake making. Some preparation is required so please read the request from Madame Tamminga carefully, and we thank her in advance for all the time and effort she has already invested in this project. Please assist your children by supplying all children from Years 3 – 5 with some edible cake decorations/lollies in order to decorate their Bûche de Noël. No nuts please.

Bike and Triathlon Day

Please note the date, Tuesday 25 November, for this fantastic day in Junior School, as it is imperative that all bikes are in very sound working order and some prior repairs and/or preparations may well be in order. I welcome you to TAS during the day to either see the morning activities and/or to watch the triathlon after lunch in the afternoon. It is quite a sight!

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 29 October: Year 1 Assembly
- Saturday 1 November: RazzamaTAS Fete
- Sunday 2 November: New England Sings rehearsal
- Tuesday 4 November: Activities Day – Languages Day
- Wednesday 5 November: Kindergarten Assembly
- Wednesday 12 November: Year 3 Assembly
- Wednesday 19 November: Orientation Day – Junior School
Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Toby Ford, James Smith, Annabelle Pennington and Mia Lincoln.

Holiday Borrowing from the Library

Over the Christmas break there is no borrowing from the School Library.

The library will work as below for the last weeks of the school year:

Week 6 - Overdue notices. Library lesson.
Week 7 - All books to be returned. Library lesson.
Week 8 - Activities week. Stocktaking in the library. No library lessons. No student entry at any time.
Week 9 - Final week. No borrowing.

Recent and Outstanding Maths Competition Results

In the highly competitive Australian Maths Competition, we congratulate the following students who participated and performed so well; Jack Van Roy and Alexander Gibson who achieved Distinctions; Lachlan Galbraith and Tristan Rottcher received Credits and Josiah Alcorn received a Certificate of Proficiency. Outstanding results were also achieved in the Newcastle Permanent Primary School Maths Competition with Jack van Roy receiving a High Distinction (percentile ranking of 98.98); Distinctions were received by Henry Moore and Tristan Rottcher, and Merits to Lachlan Galbraith and Josiah Alcorn. In the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad, Jack van Roy and Alexander Gibson were placed in the top 25% of the State and the following members of the team contributed for an excellent overall result; Henry Moore, Tristan Rottcher, Lachlan Galbraith, Josiah Alcorn and Max Barnsley. And lastly, in the ICAS Maths Competition, in Year 3 Credits were received by Poppy Broun, Emily Buntine, Lachlan Costello, Jonathan Harris, Lachlan Hunt, Joshua Pongrass and Alex Webber. In Year 4, Credits were received by Frank Perrottet and Sophia Rutledge, and In Yr 5 Henry Moore received a Credit, with a Distinction to Jack van Roy. Congratulations to all students who participate in these challenging competitions.

What to wear and bring:

- TAS sports clothes, neatly worn. (TAS white sports top not coloured)
- Sneakers
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle

Watch (if you have one) One person in each team is to wear a watch for this event. Teams will be organised this week in class.

Mrs Christine Wright

Cricket

The cricket season has started very well for Transition, Kindergarten and Year 1 students.

The Armidale District Cricket Association is running the In2 Cricket program on Saturday morning at 9 am on Rologas Fields. The program is facilitated by Michael Dennis (TAS Parent) and ably supported TAS Gap students Jordan and Terry.

Monday afternoons on Dangar Field have been about skill development. Catching, throwing, ground fielding, batting and bowling have been introduced and reinforced each week. While the boys would like to be playing Test Match cricket it is vital that skill development, reinforcement and correction takes place.

The Transition boys are definitely the most attentive and enthusiastic starting each session by practicing running between the wickets, without even being asked.

SPORT

Armidale Outdoors School Orienteering Championships

Friday 7 November

Please note this event in your calendar for next week. This orienteering event is organised by the Northern Tablelands Orienteering Club each year. Our Year 3-6 children participate in this event each year. Year 3-5 children compete in the score course, while Year 6 boys compete in the line course.

This year’s event will be held in the Pine Forest and as yet we have not been allocated a time for the event, as each school will have a different starting time throughout the morning. Details of times will be in next weeks TAS talks.

TAS talks — 18
The 'older wiser' Kindergarten and Year 1 boys save their energy for hitting 6's and 4's.

There will be no cricket next Monday 3 November, this is due to cadet bivouac. Coaches will be away from school.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or inquiries at ajunge@as.edu.au or on my mobile 0413 099 128.

Mr Andrew Junge

**U9s**

Our team has shown greater focus and concentration this week as we settle into the cricket season. It is a commendable team performance so far, considering some students are playing cricket for the first time. Joel Blackburn is showing skill as an all rounder with very good hand eye coordination in scoring nine runs this week and showing improvement in his bowling ability. Lachie Hunt's bowling skills were highlighted with two wickets in the one over. Now that my scoring ability has improved considerably I am now in a position to share it with others.

Mr Neil Druce

**Basketball**

**Year 5 Orange and Black**

The two Yr 5 teams played each this week in a very close and exciting game. It was really pleasing to have the boys listening to Judy when she explained things they were getting pulled up for in the game. We will work on some of these things at training on Wednesday.

I was pleased with the level of team spirit and working together within the teams that are becoming apparent. Hamish Chalmers played a more prominent role in his team this week and Fletcher Jackson showed some improved skills in the shooting area and also in defense. This game was a tough one as there were no subs, due to playing each other, so it was great to see an increased level of fitness developing.

Please check you now have the complete draw for the remainder of the term and write these weekly times in your diaries or save the draw to your computers.

I will be away next week with Year 6 on bivouac so Jen Goldsworthy will be assisting each team next Monday.

Mrs Brunsdon

**Miniball TAS White**

Another great game of Miniball was played on Monday afternoon at the Den between TAS White and TAS Red. The game was an even contest for the majority of the game with both teams demonstrating their passing and teamwork skills.

Hugo Catterall had a great game for TAS White in attack scoring several points. Hugo was also a stand out player in defense. Another stand out player for TAS White was Will Nash. Will had the miss fortune of being struck down with an ankle injury in the first half however, after some rest and ice he made a comeback in the second half to work hard in defence and attack for TAS White. As the weather heats up could all players please ensure that they have a water bottle for both training on Wednesday afternoons and Monday games to ensure that they are well hydrated?

Ms Tabitha Dowse

**TAS Red 3/4s**

It was always going to be a struggle to get on top of the older, stronger, more experienced TAS White team, who on paper may well have dominated this match up. This, however, was by no means the case, with some determined performances from our wonderful players. Already, after only one week, there were some noticeable improvements. Jonathan Harris especially impressed with greater focus and attention to the game, which resulted in some excellent dribbling, quality passing and receiving, and great use of his speed up and down the court. Oliver Smart is proving to be a pint-sized powerhouse and with teammates Alex Webber, Flynn Broadfoot and Michael Janda close by, they are a formidable combination. Our Year 4 team members of Isabella Newton, Isabella Rutledge and Lewis Graham showed good leadership and determination in attack and defence, with the latter two both scoring. As a team, our next challenge is to tighten up our defensive marking and contest the ball doggedly without falling into the foul trap.

At the wash-up, TAS White was victorious this time, 19-8, despite the Reds being up 4-2 early in the first half. TAS Red play next Monday at 4pm against TAS Blue.

Mr Alex Portell

**Gymnastics**

A very hot afternoon was spent at gymnastics on Monday afternoon. Despite the heat all boys and girls were actively involved in many routines, which commenced with a warm up circuit and many stretches to ensure all were ready for the vigorous rotations.

After warm ups the students rotated through three different activities. Student’s practised doing forward roles and standing straight at tall at the end of the roll.

There was much excitement with the second rotation and all were given the opportunity to experience the bar swings and rings. The final groups had a wonderful time learning how to do a handstand and completing safety falls into the pit.

Students cooled down with some balancing based activities.
TAS Hoskins Centre

Opening  Friday 31 October at 6.00pm
Saturday  1 November  9am - 4pm
Sunday   2 November   10am - 2pm

All Welcome
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PETE the Sheep

A brand new musical by Monkey Baa, imaginatively told by four performers, exploring the challenges and rewards of being an individual. A truly timeless Aussie tale — from the lingo to the shearsers' blue singlets. Pete the Sheep will delight the young and the young at heart.

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10am School Matinee
6:30pm Public performance
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Written and performed by
Michael Veitch
Directed by Helen Ellis

30th October, 7:30pm TAS Hoskins Centre
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PLAY REP RUGBY!

NEJRU fielding teams from 12s to 17s at the NSW Country Junior Rugby Championships in May/June 2015.

Trials: TAS Backfield
Sunday 9 November  11am - 1pm
Wednesday 19 November  5 - 630 pm

For more information phone: 0447 787 120