Rowing Season Launch

Last Friday evening a large gathering of parents, old boys, staff and rowers celebrated the start of the new rowing season with an ‘exhibition row’ from all our rowers, including the training eight. The evening was also the opportunity to name the newest addition to the TAS Fleet, a 2004 Sykes Four purchased from Riverview. This means that the TAS Rowing Club now owns all its own boats and I offer thanks to all who have contributed to that, both financially and in-kind. Our newest boat is named the ‘Jason Lincoln’ and recognises the significant influence Jason has had in supporting the re-birth of rowing at TAS, including taking us into the GPS rowing scene to compete in the Head of the River regatta. The naming was clearly very well received and the fact that the boat came from Jason's old school, Riverview, made the fit all the better.

ArtExpress and OnStage

Congratulations are due to Harrison Abeyasekera on his HSC art and drama success. Harrison’s film Business Trip has been selected as one of three works from the 2014 Drama HSC to be screened at the Seymour Centre as part of 'Writers Onstage Onscreen'. I am confident that all who saw the film as part of our HSC Showcase evening last term will agree that it is worthy of this prestigious selection. At the same time, Harrison’s Visual Art work United We Stand has been nominated for ArtExpress and I offer similar congratulations on that honour. Final selections for ArtExpress will be made on December 4 and I wish Harrison the best of luck for that.

Douglas Shield

The TAS 1st XI continued the good start they have made to the cricket season with an exciting win at home over Calrossy in the first round of the Douglas Shield. This statewide country schools knock-out competition is a part of the mix of schoolboy and adult competition that is special to TAS senior cricket. The opportunity to tour to play schools, as the 1st XI will do in January, whilst playing in the open Armidale competition provides variety that adds depth to the cricketing experience of our team and this is our ambition. I wish our senior players well both for their next Douglas Shield match and the cricket festival at Riverview during the holidays.

Remembrance Day

Our assembly this week was linked strongly to Remembrance Day as we heard from the TAS delegation to the 2014 Round Square International Conference in Jordan. The group was fortunate to travel to Gallipoli prior to the conference on a tour led by former Deputy Headmaster Grant Harris and their report expressed the scale of loss and sacrifice there almost 100 years ago and the emotion that it still commands. The assembly was followed by our service around the flagpole and observance of the traditional minute of silence and I compliment our new Guard Commander, CUO Nick Finney, and the catafalque party on their fine first performance that distinguished the ceremony well.

Farewell to Jason Lincoln

Before we moved into Remembrance Day events, the School was able to wish Jason Lincoln well in his final assembly. The wider community will have the opportunity to do the same this Friday afternoon at 5:00pm as we gather in the Hoskins Centre to farewell him. All are welcome to join us.

Celebration Concert and Organ Launch

Readers will see an invitation to a gala concert in the Memorial Hall this Saturday evening and I recommend it to you. The concert will officially launch the new organ which our students have been hearing in assemblies over recent weeks. This generous gift from a TAS Old Boy is a magnificent instrument that will add a great deal to Armidale as well as the School for years to come and I am looking forward to hearing it in full concert mode on Saturday.
TAS TALKS — 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4 - Week 6

Wednesday 12 November
Junior School Orientation Day
6.30pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm P&F Thank you Drinks
7.30pm P&F Meeting

Thursday 13 November
Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
12 noon depart for Northern NSW 2014 Philosothon (Bishop Druitt College)

Friday 14 November
3.00pm TAS Company Members Meeting (TAS)
5.00pm Jason Lincoln farewell (Hoskins Centre) All Welcome!

Saturday 15 November
5.00pm Gala Organ Concert & 120 Year Celebration in Memorial Hall

Term 4 - Week 7

Wednesday 19 November
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 20 November
11.00am Inter-Schools Mountain Bike Race
6.30pm Cash Cup

Saturday 22 November
8.30am Cadet Advance Party depart for Nymboida

Term 4 - Week 8

Monday 24 November
Activities Week

Tuesday 25 November
Activities Week
Junior School Bike and Triathlon Day

Wednesday 26 November
Activities Week
2:00pm T - Year 2 Final Assembly
2:45pm Year 3 - 5 Final Assembly

Thursday 27 November
Activities Week

Friday 28 November
Activities Week
6:00pm Year 5 Farewell Dinner

Term 4 - Week 9

Monday 1 December
10.30am Junior School Transition Orientation and Open Morning
10.30am Middle/Senior School Carol Service
2.00pm Junior School Carol Service
6.30pm Junior School BBQ

Tuesday 2 December
Year 10 STEPS Program
8.45am Junior School to Monckton Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 3 December
Year 10 STEPS Program
1.00pm Junior School closes
1.00pm Middle School Family Luncheon
1.45pm Middle School Final Assembly
5.00pm Junior School Speech Day

Thursday 4 December
Rowing Camp - Grafton
10.00am Speech Day

The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest requests the pleasure of your company at

Speech Day 2014
Thursday 4 December at 10am
TAS Sports Centre

Guest of Honour
Prof. The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO
Former and second longest-serving Governor of New South Wales
Philosophon

This week on Thursday and Friday 13 and 14 of November, 17 of our students from Year 7 through to Year 11 will take part in the Northern NSW Philosothon held annually at Bishop Druitt College at Coffs Harbour.

The teams have been preparing their thoughts and discussion points on the following five questions.

Topic 1 : Is a disease free world possible? Is it desirable?
Topic 2 - Is world peace possible? Is it desirable?
Topic 3 - Is our pursuit of happiness making us sad?
Topic 4 - Does evil exist?
Topic 5 - Why is it important to us to look good?

The trick to the style of competition is to know that the aim is to ensure you continue the discussion. Points are awarded to philosophers who think differently and can direct the discussion into new areas. Points are never awarded to philosophers who disagree aggressively, so debating skills don't necessarily come in handy.

The idea is to keep a smile on your face, acknowledge the ideas of others and contribute an idea that makes the others excited to explore. It is loads of fun.

Our teams this year consist of the following students:

Year 7
Henry O'Neil, Harry Mason and Jack Halliday

Year 8
Owen Chandler

Year 9
Mike Nyathi, Sinclair Moore, Sam Thatcher and Hugh Worsley

Year 10
Angus Simmons, Nathan Rasmussen and Lachlan Tonkin

Year 11
Tom Mailler, Sebastian Gibson, Sam Redhead, Harry Wright, Felix Gifford and Cal Hunter

We wish them the very best of luck and hope the humidity and heat doesn't throw them off their game.

The team departs on Thursday at 10.30am and will return at approximately 6.00pm on Friday evening.

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
CADETS, TREVOR THATCHER

Annual Camp 24 to 28 November (advance party depart Saturday 22 November)

Departure timings are as follows:

PLEASE NOTE DEPARTURE DETAILS AS SOME BOYS LEAVE SATURDAY

Advance Party (Radio, Q Store & volunteers) Saturday 22 November 8.00am (from Q Store)
A Company 1 Platoon Saturday 22 November 6.00pm (from flag poles)
A Company 2 & 3 Platoon Sunday 23 November 8.00am (from flag poles)
B Company 4, 5 & 6 Platoon Sunday 23 November 8.00am (from flag poles)
C Company 7, 8 & 9 Platoon Monday 24 November 8.45am (from flag poles)
Return for dismissal Friday 28 November dismissal at 3.30pm

Cadets and parents should refer to the information on Page 8 of TAS Talks, and additionally, information can be found on the school website under the Parent Portal - Leadership, Service and Adventure - Cadets, or by clicking here

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

Long before the age of neuroscience, David Henry Thoreau wrote:

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.

We all have thoughts that repeat over and over in our minds. Some of these are good, some not so good and some toxic. The toxic thoughts can become entrenched and become core beliefs about ourselves, others, the world, the past, the future. What matters here is that we notice the thoughts that don’t serve us well, the ones that drag us down, recognise how they arose and became so powerful in our lives, and gradually engage with the practices of changing our relationship to them so that we develop a sense of freedom and liberation in relation to them. The practices of what we call ‘mindfulness’ are helpful in doing this and have become an important aspect of the way many psychologists, counsellors and psychotherapists assist people with devastating patterns of thought, emotion and behaviour.

If this is of interest to you please contact me.

MEDICAL CENTRE

As Activities Week approaches I ask that parents of Day students check to make sure your son has enough medication for the week, especially Asthma Puffers.

If your son has recently been diagnosed with an illness that we are not aware of please contact the Medical Centre on 0428 152 291.

I will be at the Camp base so if your son needs medication supervised, please drop it off to Medical Centre in its original container with your son’s name and doctors instructions on it.

Thank You

Sister Jenny Murray
Annual Camp

General

Annual Camp represents the culmination of the year’s training. Annual Camp will be conducted over the period 23 - 28 November at Nymboida. Advance Parties including Q Store, Radio, 1 Platoon will depart on Saturday 22 November.

Outline of Activities

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Attendance

Annual Camp is 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.

### Annual Camp

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### N.B.
- Pocket knives 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
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SURF LIFESAVING - ACTIVITIES WEEK

Monday 24 - Friday 28 November

Travel
Depart Monday 24 November
6.00am Boarders early breakfast
6:30am Brown Street, TAS. Pack trailer and bus

Return Friday 28th November
1.00pm Depart Sawtell Beach
4.00pm Arrive Brown Street, TAS

Accommodation
Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club

Staff
Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984, Mr J Moore

Requirements
Swimmers, goggles. Pens, Manual and Workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes. Hats, Sunglasses, Sleeping bags and roll up mattress, pillows, Swags are OK.
Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries, sunscreen

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 spreads, eggs and bacon
Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit
Dinners: BBQ with salads, Chicken Wraps, Pasta, Dinner at the RSL

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#COOK THE FOOD, SERVE OTHERS FIRST, THEN YOURSELF. THEN CLEAN UP.
#BE ON TIME SO YOU DONT LET EACH OTHER DOWN.

GROUP 1-YELLOW
Joe Makishan
Harry Sjwinn-Jones
Brendan Power
Michael Kiezing
David Baker

GROUP 2-BLUE
Hamish Coupland
Callum Bourke
Jack Towns
Tom Steer
XB Ferguson

GROUP 3-GREEN
Will Clagdine
Harry Wright
Lachlan Apps
Thomas Gall
Joe McCartney

GROUP 4-RED
Nicholas Keyton
Will Raleigh
Will Archer
Sebastian Gibson
Nicholas Beltnet
Daniel Allen

REQUIREMENTS
Swimmers, goggles, Sunscreen, toiletries
Casual clothes including covered shoes

DRESS
To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white polo shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes

Surf Com will call into the patrols on channel 2
channel 2 is Sawtell

STAFF
Mr Pennington 0419250984
Mr Moore 0429660009

# Days are long and demanding and will require each squad member to work together to achieve their Bronze Medallion.
# Jobs are allocated to each person so stick to the roster to make things run smoothly.
# You will be tired so ensure you get sleep in the allocated times. Pay attention to your own hygiene.
Term 4 P&F General Meeting

TONIGHT - Wednesday 12 November we will be holding our final P&F General meeting for the year. This meeting will be held in the Lower Maxwell Room from 7.30pm, and will be an opportunity to wrap up the Fete and Art Show, and set in motion the planning for 2015 – AGM, Liaison Parent activity, and to also brainstorm any ideas for new events we may be able to put together in 2015.

All are welcome.

We will precede the General Meeting with thank you drinks from 6.30pm.

TAS P&F Association Thank You Drinks

Wednesday 12 November, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Lower Maxwell Room

All those associated with the P&F during 2014 are most welcome to join them for thank you drinks.

To be followed by a P&F Meeting at 7:30pm

Please RSVP for catering to Sue Cartwright  scartwr2@une.edu.au

TAS Puddings – have you ordered yours yet??

Our famous TAS puddings are still available for sale in reception for $20.00.

With our secret recipe, and made with love by a wonderful group of mums, be sure to add one to your menu for Christmas this year. After good sales were made at the fete and over the last week we have limited puddings remaining, so if you don't want to miss out please contact Veronica at reception on 6776 5800 and place your order. All puddings need to be collected and paid for prior to Speech Day Thursday 4 December.

**Any leftover puddings will be donated to local charities**

Jessica and Alexander’s Big Shave

Jessica Chambers TAS (2004-2010) and Alexander Chambers (current Year 10) are shaving their heads to aid cancer research. The shave will be on 14 December, 2014 at 12.00midday after the PCYC markets and will be held at Inspire Hair Studio. Jessica and Alexander are looking for your support and are hoping for a donation.

They have lost their grandmother and great aunt Dinny to Cancer, and it has also touched their cousin Ben and Auntie Vicki. Their mum recently lost her good friend Vicki to cancer, and so many other people they know have battled or are battling cancer. They are trying to do their bit to beat this horrible disease.

This is a brave thing to do especially for a 14 year old girl with beautiful long hair. Jessica’s ponytail will also be donated so it can be made into wigs for cancer sufferers.

Please get behind Jessica and Alexander. To donate please visit the website here

Thank you in advance from the Chambers family.
Thank you and Goodbye

As some of you may be aware I finish up at TAS this Friday as my wife Alyssa and I and our children Chloe, Jack and Mia will be departing TAS and Armidale as we make the move to Tamworth.

Whilst this is a move away from Education for me, it enables me to pursue the two things that I gain the most satisfaction out of, community events and seeking excellent opportunities for growth for young people in regional areas.

The staff at TAS have always been people who live out the message, ‘to give and not to count the cost.’ They are a dynamic, diverse and committed group who always aspire to bring out the best in others. This is the uniqueness of this school in my opinion.

The newly appointed Director of Co-Curricular at TAS, Mr William Caldwell has been involved in so much of the co-curricular life of the boys and JHS girls and has a strong affinity with the programs that exist. Will’s great strength is that he prioritises people, and values the relationships that are made by contributing to something greater than yourself. Karen Hutton will continue on as Will’s assistant after her ongoing outstanding work in supporting the students and families at TAS for many years now. Karen’s efforts in assisting with the vision whilst organising the daily routines can never be underestimated.

I believe strongly that the young men of our school are remarkable. You have all shown great resilience, strength of character and maturity through so many activities you’ve pursued here across such a broad variety of areas. However, I wish to leave you with a challenge for your time at The Armidale School. The opportunity to speak in public is something very few TAS boys willingly seek. I say this to you as I know from personal experience how tough it is. The ability to put yourself out there in a protected environment whilst at TAS, and to utilise such things as assembly presentations, TAS Speakers, Debating and Clemson Cup will only assist your development holistically. In fact, there will be little else you do that will match this skill to prepare you better for life beyond TAS. As an aside, I can assure you that nine out of 10 people in the adult world hold this very same fear.

I cannot tell you how lucky I feel to have met such a broad group of parents and families who have continued to amaze me, due to their enthusiasm to support their children to achieve all that is within them. This has always been balanced by you never forgetting the value of enjoying a good laugh along the way.

I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the co-curricular life of the school and I wish each of you all the very best of wishes for the future.

Launch of the Rowing Season

It would be remiss of me to mention the launch of the rowing season last Friday. It was a glorious afternoon up on Malpas Dam and all who were there enjoyed the opportunity to witness our young men shine again as they rowed in front of the crowd at the dam. To see rowing grow from a conversation over a campfire some six years ago to what it is today is testament to the boys intrinsic motivation to succeed, but primarily it is the result of the guidance and passion of Will Caldwell. I certainly feel that rowing has brought an X factor ‘to our boys’ experiences at TAS and I can only hope that Will feels a sense of satisfaction about what he has brought to not only the boys, but to so many stakeholders who believe in our young men and their ability to push the limits no matter the circumstance. Good luck to all with the season ahead and I’ll see you at the Head of the River.
TAS rowers will be competing in next year’s GPS Head of the River in all its own boats for the first time, thanks to the generous donation of a supportive Old Boy.

At the launch of the 2014-15 season at Malpas Dam last Friday, the latest addition to the fleet hit the water. The donation made possible the purchase from St Ignatius College Riverview of a Sykes bow-coxed four, which has been fully refurbished for competition.

It was with a sense of destiny that this boat should be re-named after our own Riverview Old Boy, Jason Lincoln. Jason’s vision and driving force has been instrumental in resurrecting the rowing program at TAS, and it is fitting he is honoured in this way.

A supportive crowd watched on as Alyssa Lincoln officially named the boat; launching not only the season but also the hopes and dreams of those who will have the privilege of rowing in this boat.

Mr Will Caldwell
MIC Rowing
Term 4 Twilight Concert

Hearty thanks to all the students who performed at last week’s Twilight Concert on Thursday evening. Students across Year 1 to Year 12 played a range of instruments and entertained us with some wonderful repertoire. Many thanks to our Comperes - Music Captain Harry Wright and Music Vice Captain Robert Butcher for doing such a great job. It was extra special to have Mr Lincoln in the audience so that Year 10 Elective Music students - Andrew Knight, Dominic Pilon and Angus Lloyd, could dedicate a song to him.

We will certainly miss Mr Lincoln and wish him well in his new endeavours with NIAS in Tamworth.

TAS Junior Guitar Ensemble to perform for Seniors

Our Junior Guitar group will be heading out this Thursday morning to perform a concert for Armidale Seniors through Care for Seniors in Rusden Street. The boys are sounding fantastic and will rock the socks off their audience!

Gala Organ Concert this Saturday

We are delighted that TAS Chapel Choir, TAS Singers, TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble, and selected brass students will be taking part in this important event. Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the concert this Saturday, November 15. This will be a fantastic event featuring acclaimed organist Warwick Dunham and should not be missed!

*Rehearsals for this event will be held this Friday afternoon
November 13 at 3.45 - 5.00pm.

TAS Chapel Choir, TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble, TAS Singers and the selected brass students will be required to attend this rehearsal.

*On Saturday 15 November students should arrive at Memorial Hall by 4pm and are to wear formals.

Rehearsals for End of Year TAS Events

Another reminder to ensemble members that our combined Big Band will be rehearsing next week as follows for the end of year events - Speech Day and Carols.

Big Band and Wind Ensemble on Monday 17 November from 3.45 - 5pm then Senior Jazz Combo from 5 - 6pm.

TAS Singers, TAS Senior Jazz Combo, Big Band and Wind Ensemble on Wednesday 19 November from 3.45 - 5pm.

As mentioned Mr Lincoln has kindly given permission for students to take part in the Wednesday afternoon rehearsal instead of their usual sporting activities.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Finco and Mrs Broadbent

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
Again, please just indulge me

While staff are working on their final marks and reports, it’s appropriate that I write something about outcomes as they relate to both. Examinations, assessments and class tests are necessary. Far more than their actual marks value at this Middle School stage, they are valuable as tools and benchmarks in the process of your sons’ school careers. Their completion indicates to all and sundry the level of effectiveness of revision, ability to perform under time conditions and familiarity with specific technique. With respectful apology to, and reverence for, that very small and select number of students who don’t quite fit the mould, if all students performed brilliantly, then there’d be a good argument for shortening the school year, not to mention the whole academic experience. Accordingly it is the process that we should concentrate on, more so than the product when, as teachers and parents, we discuss outcomes with boys.

Context - Grades

In isolation, a mediocre grade does not necessarily equate with unsatisfactory knowledge; rather, it could be attributable to a number of factors. Good revision techniques depend on the individual who undertakes them. They don’t miraculously appear out of the ether, either. Generally, they develop over a period of trial and error and again, depending on the individual, such development takes time. As adults we need to be aware of this fact and, above all else, be sure to bite our tongues before commencing any vitriolic communication about laziness, ‘wasted school fees’, or selfishness. Unless we’re absolutely ‘sure of our ground’ we could be doing some damage that could frustrate the process of future success.

Time Conditions

Practice makes perfect: it is only through nail-biting practice that we learn to drive. Likewise, performance under time conditions takes time to effect good work practices and technique. Rather than vent at the unfinished product we should reflect first on what’s been recorded and then enquire about what’s absent from an unfinished response to a topic. We need then to advise about the wisdom of completing timed practice responses to revision materials so that a better future performance can occur. Time can be a ‘killer’ and it is only through working to it that it can be turned to advantage. Also, remember that we’re working with boys who, while they’re as able as the others, so often benefit from repetition of advice, especially at that specific time when they reflect on and assess their examination performances.

Technique

Characteristically, it takes time to perfect and as an examination skill this is where ‘trial and error’ comes into play again. There are so many techniques that attach to different types of exams and while there are ‘models’ we follow, it’s not until students develop specifically those that ‘fit’ them, can they then confidently approach exams. Again, we need to remind ourselves that ‘one size fits all’ is not the ideal ‘look’ because we’re all different. It’s only through continued practice that boys will arrive at the reassuring conclusion that they’ve modified a model that suits them.

Forget the rose-colored glasses

What were we like when we (without computers, visuals or instant connections) were their age – really? Did we struggle? I did. Did we ‘waste’ time? I’m not too bad at doing this now, as a matter of fact. Did we believe we were invincible? Did we crawl before we walked? You know the answer here. The old saying ‘you can win more people with honey than vinegar’ is instructive here: they’re young; their learning is two or three stages away from Stage 6; they can ‘feel bad’ even if their stage of development dictates a negative response here. In almost all cases I think there’s a better argument for sensitivity than there is for censure. They’re boys who are growing up and it’s our job to assist
the process. For so many, exams are unpleasant things but they are, as indicated, as necessary as occasional bad days – you don’t appreciate the full quality of a good day unless there’s a point of reference, a comparison with its opposite. Similarly, as a general rule, you don’t know how to improve grades, perform effectively under time conditions, or perfect technique unless there’s a ‘start point’.

Aren’t the boys lucky that they undertake two batteries of exams each year! As young adolescents, they have the facility to fix things before they find themselves in situations where results (admittedly in this age, a far less paralysing injunction thank goodness) can arbitrarily determine long term futures. Ultimately, you know your sons rather better than we do. If they’ve underperformed because of uncertain method, or because they had a bad day, or he just ‘didn’t get it’ then you’ll know what to do about it.

Still, if he’s underperformed because he was lazy, I guess you’ll know what the best action is here as well.

Above all else, encourage him to learn from the experience.

RANGERS

On Sunday, 2nd November, a group of thirty-two year six students left TAS on a three-hour bus trip to Buccarumbi, near the Nymboida River, to camp with Exodus Outdoor Adventures. When the group got there they took a short walk to the campsite. Very soon after that, the groups set up their separate hoochies, which some groups did better than others. We then relaxed and talked in the hoochies for a few hours until dinner which was a burger for everyone. Although the burgers would have been nice cooked by professionals, instead the students cooked their own meals. After dinner, we took a short walk to a field nearby when we shortly after that played a game of Capture the Lantern. Most of the students enjoyed the game and the lantern was caught several times. It was a good night to kick off Rangers Bivouac.

The next day, we had to wake up at 6am in the morning. Everyone was very tired and could have used more sleep. We ate our breakfast, which consisted of different types of cereals. After that we got our lunches ready, as we would not be coming back to the campsite until later. We shortly got together and split up into two different groups one going straight to canoeing the other going to climb a forty-metre tree. The canoeing was a very enjoyable activity, which involved going through several rapids and learning safety techniques to survive when capsizing. The most enjoyable part of that was watching Mr Polson and Mrs Brunsdon capsize. It caused many laughs among the students for several nights after. After that the groups ate lunch and headed over the Alpine climb to do some trust exercises and to climb the tree. Before we started doing the actual tree climb we did a few trust activities. The first one was to get in a tight circle and someone get in the middle. You just had to swing back and forth trusting the group. You then had to get on top of the barrel and just fall off backwards. Hoping that everyone would catch you without getting injured. It was a difficult exercise for all, to put that must trust in your peers to catch you! We then had to do the human knot, which I am sure most of you know what it involves. After that, we climbed the actual tree, with parts of the group going beyond ten metres. We then went back to the campsite to have dinner. We just had some rice and some vegetables. We also had popcorn and a giant marshmallow for desert.

The last day was very enjoyable. We woke up again at 6am and got our breakfast ready which was the same as yesterday’s breakfast. We then had to take down our hoochies and whoever did that the quickest got a head start in the orienteering activity. The orienteering activity was very enjoyable but very tiring, getting as many points as you can by finding items. There were several bonus activities, which would earn you extra activities; most students enjoyed these. We would have to start leaving as soon as we had finished lunch, which was some delicious hotdogs. Most people had two and we started to leave. After another three-hour bus trip we got home safe and sound. We were extremely tired and most of us were looking forward to a nice hot shower.

The aftermath of this was very pleasing. The Exodus staff were great and had everything prepared. We would like to say a big thanks to Mr Polson, Mrs Brunsdon, Ms Bock and Mr Morgan as well as the Exodus Staff for providing us with such an enjoyable Bivouac experience.

Cotter Litchfield and Matthew Wark

N.B. Please ensure all Rangers equipment is returned by next Tuesday, 18 November. All Rangers need to return their shirt and hat (both washed), bag, canteen, rope, kidney cup and stove to Mr Polson and ensure that your return is recorded by delivering it to him personally.
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Staffing for 2015

This week, you will have received an email explaining next year’s class teachers. Staffing for 2015 is:

Transition     Mrs Tania Ball
Transition Assistant  Mrs Lucy Adams
Kindergarten    Ms Lana Bromwich
Year 1          Mrs Anne Trenerry
Year 2          Mr Alex Portell
Year 3          Mrs Christine Wright
Year 4          Mr Neil Druce
Year 5          Mrs Veronica Waters

Invitation to End of Year Events

Today all our families will receive my email, inviting all and sundry to our end of year events. Information is included for our Christmas Service, Final Assemblies, End of year BBQ and Speech Day. This year, our Family BBQ will be held at the McConville Centre (weather permitting) and our Junior Vocal Ensemble will be performing. They have been practicing for sometime and it will be real treat to hear them sing again.

Year 4 – Science afternoon

Year 4 was very privileged to have Mr Michael Price (father of Harrison) visit their classroom last week for an afternoon of Science. What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon, and if the ensuing report by Frank Perrotet is anything to go by, everyone had a very enjoyable and constructive time. Our sincere thanks go to Michael for giving his time for the afternoon.
Twilight Concert

Congratulations to all those musicians who contributed to a fantastic Twilight Concert last Thursday. It really was a very impressive concert with a large proportion of Junior School students performing. The quality was outstanding and the chance to see older students performing as well was a fantastic experience. Congratulations to the following: Jack Lincoln (recorder), Poppy Broun, Ruby Broun, Emily Buntine, Scarlett Buntine, Chloe Lincoln (violin), Conal Nicholl, Evan Kwan (guitar), Alexander Zuber, Cameron Le Surf (trumpet duo), William Nash (saxophone), Frank Perrotet, Jonathan Harris (piano).

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to Mitchell Evans, Remy Webber, Dimity Chalmers and Isaac Gerdes who celebrate their birthday this week.

Orienteering

It was very pleasing to see the enthusiastic attitude of our competitors in last week’s orienteering at the Pine Forest. It was a well-attended affair and I am glad that our students take up opportunities such as these to participate to the best of their ability. There is a short report which follows but I take this opportunity to thank the staff, particularly Mrs Wright for her thorough organisation.

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Junior & Middle School students
Orientation Day - Wednesday 12 November

Students from Transition to Year 5 will experience a morning becoming accustomed to life in 2015. The Orientation Day has been designed to assist all students develop a sense of what next year might bring. Learning aspects of their classroom for next year is designed to ease any anxieties that might be lurking.

Final Assembly

Our final assembly will be held on Wednesday 26 November in the Memorial Hall at 2pm for Years T – 2 and 2.45pm for Years 3-5.

Parents are most welcome to join us. This assembly is different to our normal weekly assembly as each child will presented with a special certificate celebrating a talent or achievement from this year 2013.

Hope to see you there.

Christmas Cheer

Yes, it is less than four weeks until the end of term and in Junior School we celebrate Christmas early! Many children like to give their classmates a Christmas card before going on holidays. We ask that it is just a card and that no chocolate or candy canes accompany the card please.

Summer Reading Club

The Armidale Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Club from 1 December, 2014 through until 30 January, 2015.

The theme for the 2014 iteration of the Australian Summer Reading Club is ADVENTURE.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack with free prizes, activity books and a reading log. You can also register at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

National prizes are up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities.

For more information call the Armidale Public Library on 6770 3636

Lost Property

Currently there is a large number of hats missing in the Junior School, please have a look at all clothing items that have made it home and return any items that have been taken home inadvertently.

Holiday Borrowing from the Library

Over the summer holidays books may not be borrowed 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.

Student Absence

For all absence other than medical or illness, an exemption form needs to be completed. This form is a Board of Studies requirement and can be found on the School Website, Parent Portal, Parent Forms.

If your child is ill, please email junior@as.edu.au and the class teacher before 9.15am. If your child is away for more than three days, we will require a medical certificate on the child's return to school.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Orienteering – Friday 7 November

We went orienteering on Friday at the Pine Forest. It was our first lesson and our first time! It was very exciting when we arrived at the Pine Forest. My team was Alex, Charlie and myself. We worked hard. We set off for what we wanted to achieve and we got that! We located 7 flags, not the best but anyway it's about having fun!

It was a nice day, perfect for a nice outside time. We only got an hour to locate the flags but we made it. We all enjoyed the experience.

Report – by Jasper O'Neil

Sport for remainder of Term 4

As our year draws to a close please note the following dates for sports training for the remainder of the term.

Week 7  Training and games as normal
Week 8  ‘Activities Week’ Some teams will not be training. Stay tuned.
Week 9  No training. Players will be informed if games are on this week.
Bike Day and Triathlon – Tuesday 25 November

Our annual Bike Day and Triathlon is fast approaching. Now is the time to dust off the bikes and complete a safety check before our Bike Day in Week 8. Each child will require a bike to take part in bike activities throughout the morning. Bikes need to be delivered to school on Tuesday morning and left in designated areas in our Junior School playground.

This is also a great time to think about the up and coming Triathlon. Children may compete individually (Year 2 and above) or in teams of three. (One swimmer, runner, bike rider).

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 complete the following:
Pool – 1 lap
Bike – half lap (Wakefield)
Run – half lap

Years 3 - 4 children complete the following:
Pool – 2 laps
Bike – 1 lap (Wakefield)
Run – 1 lap

Year 5 children:
Pool – 3 laps
Bike – 1 lap (Wakefield)
Run – 1 lap

Children will be asked whether they will be competing individually or in teams next week.

Please see attached invitation to compete in the Armidale Triathlon Club’s Hutchinson and Harlow team’s challenge on Sunday, 16 November. Children 10 years and over are invited to participate in teams on the day. Entries need to be in by Friday, 14 November. Please see Mrs Wright if you are interested in entering a team and participating in this event.

Congratulations – Jonathan Harris

A huge congratulations to Jonathan, who competed in the recent Armidale Fun Run on Sunday, 2 November. Competing in the 5 km event Jonathan placed a staggering 21st position in this open event. He was the second runner across the line in the Under 12 category on the day. Jonathan certainly loves his running and is competing regularly and participating in the Saturday morning Park runs also.

Congratulations – Sam Meehan

Well done to Sam Meehan who has received the Most Improved Player at the recent Northern Inland Football presentation night. Sam received his award after training and playing with NIF this year. A huge achievement. Well-done Sam!

Cricket

Under 9’s
The under 9s cricket team continue to show a marked improvement after such a short amount of time. Fewer wides are being bowled and the batting average has increased tremendously. The score for this week was Guyra 93 runs and TAS 66 runs.

Highlights this week were with Angus Ryall showing a marked improvement with his bowling, Sam Meehan and his two sixes and Joel Blackburn with his fantastic catch.

Congratulations to all players for their strong commitment to the game.

Mr Neil Druce

Under 12’s
Round 5. The team played CSC Easts Gold on Wakefield. Despite some valiant fielding efforts from the likes of Captain Jack Van Roy and Archie Chick and suffering from an early top order batting collapse, the boys could not repeat their Round 4 success this time. Teamwork and skills continue to develop though with some spirited running between the wickets and wicket keeping efforts.

Mr David Slade
Basketball

TAS Blue vs TAS Red - 3 November

A game of friendly rivalry was the order of the day when TAS Red met TAS Blue in Round 4 of the Miniball competition. After a bye last week it seemed that TAS Blue were full of energy and ready to put into practice all they are learning during training sessions. From the outset the team was impressive, working well together and attempting to release the ball before congestion in the key made it very difficult to do so. Although we weren’t concerned about the outcome of the game, the Blues were passing well and Sophia Rutledge netted several baskets for us. Sophia was well supported by Chloe Moore and Zoe Strelitz who have taken to the game like ducks to water. Netballer recruits Poppy Broun and Casey Smith have shown their catching and passing skills are a real bonus to their game. Most improved players this week were Jasper O’Neil who was moving well, displaying controlled dribbling and great passing and Conal Nicoll, who scored a spectacular basket. We all enjoyed the game and congratulate TAS Red for the great sportsmanship they displayed. Next Monday, TAS Blue will meet PLC at 4pm. A bus will transport the players to the Den, leaving TAS at 3:45pm.

Mrs Trenerry

Gymnastics

The students maintained their high energy levels despite the heat at Gymnastics yesterday. It was pleasing to see all students stretching themselves and having an attempt at the high bars- some facial expressions showed how daunting this was. Of particular note is the improvement by all in the rotation activities with cartwheels, forward rolls and wedge rolls all progressing well.

Mrs Veronica Waters

HUTCHINSON & HARLOW SCHOOLS TEAM CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2014

RACE START 8.00AM

ENTRY $30.00 PER TEAM

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 10, 11 & 12 DAVE ROBINS PERPETUAL TROPHY + $CASH

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7, 8 & 9 $CASH PRIZES

PRIMARY SCHOOL 10 YEARS AND ABOVE $CASH PRIZES

(Teams entering in the Primary School Challenge must be attending a Primary School)

3 Person Teams / Pre – Event Registration Only

Team number allocation 7.30am / race brief 7.50am

Race Start 8.00am

All entries to your school for collection on Friday November 14th

All enquires to Lea McMillan 0417667859 / Facebook: Armidale Triathlon Club
On Friday year 4 had an aquatic 2 periods of science. Mr Price came in to show us some watery experiments. We set ourselves into 4 groups. We had fun watching clouds in jars, rainy jars, water gauges, checking the humidity in the air, a solar still and watching what happens to the air pressure when you fill a tube and put your finger on one end.

Cloudy jars

Group 2 was having a great time making clouds in jars. They poured some boiling water into a jar and placed an upside down lid filled with ice this caused the invisible gas steam to rise. They waited a little while then lifted the lid and sprayed a can of deodorant. This coloured the steam so we could see it float around in the jar.

Rainy jars

Group 3 (my group) made it rain. Like group 2 we poured boiling water into the jars. Secondly we placed an upside down lid filled with ice. Then we used a patience to wait till condensation kicked in and dew drops started to fall.

Solar still

Group 4 made a solar still (an object made for purifying water). They grabbed a baking tray and poured in some milo water but you can use salty water and other unpotable water. Secondly, they centered a minute tin in the middle. Thirdly, they covered the tray with a sheet of glad wrap and centered a small rock on the outside of the glad wrap sheet above the tin. Fourthly, they put the tray outside in the sun. We ended up with potable water and some yummy milo mud.

Rain gauge

Group 1 experimented with a rain gauge but not the one you usually see. This gauge was a lot more accurate than the ones we use at home. This one tipped to side to side. They dropped it into a plastic tub and filled a jug. They tried to get as many turns as possible.

Cyclometer

We tested the humidity and temperature in the air with this tool. We pulled it out and twisted around and wet one end. We pushed it back in and read this object. I didn’t get a go but I saw it in action.

Air pressure tube

We tested air pressures capability. We grabbed a tube and put our thumb on it we kept filling and filling it until it went the other way because there was uneven air pressure at the other end. Then we pulled our thumb away and the air pressure evened. We then shaped the tube in a J shape and the air pressure unevened itself again and it poured out the other end.

We had so much fun last Friday and we couldn’t of done it without Mr Price!

By Frank Perrotet
Yr 4
GALA CONCERT
12pm Sunday November 23, 2014
Lazenby Hall, UNE

TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/GBJU • Family: $35
Adults: $15 • Pensioners/students $10 • Children $5
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
School Holiday Fun Weeks

Golf & Tennis Camps

Armidale Tennis Club & Golf Course, Golf Links Rd Armidale

Spend the morning playing tennis (9:00am-12:00noon) followed by lunch at the Tennis Club then spend the afternoon playing golf (1:00pm-3:00pm).

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**Tennis Only Camp in January 2015**

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- Lunch is provided for those staying for the full day
- Children under 8 must choose the tennis only or ½ day option
- Learn sports from highly qualified, professional coaches
- Loads of fun and prizes

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

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

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