Planning Sport and Activities for the Year

As we approach the halfway mark in our first term with the year well settled, students and parents alike may be looking ahead and considering new activities to get involved in. This edition of TAS Talks highlights the diversity that 2015 promises and I recommend it to you.

Preparations are being made for the athletics season that will overlap with the tail end of Summer sports and arrangements for Winter sports are being rolled out. Calls are also being made this week for other special opportunities, from participation in the Armidale Eisteddfod that begins next term to the Kokoda expedition, Thailand service trip and the chess team. The key message that I hope will be heard is that we embrace the philosophy of personal challenge, adventure and service that these activities reflect and there is strong encouragement to all our students to get involved.

All students in Years 6 to 11 will certainly be involved in the first Activities Day for the year this Friday and I wish them all well for the start of the program.

Year 12 Academic Activities

For our Year 12 students, the Activities program is replaced by HSC study days and whilst this prospect may be less exciting, it is no less important. Presenters from ‘Elevate Education’ will lead sessions on study technique and time management in the morning and there will be time to put those skills into action before considering career and post-school matters in the afternoon. As Year 12 heard on Tuesday, study program should be accelerating now and I wish them well for the important work ahead.

Junior Gold Rugby

Alongside Summer sporting commitments, a good number of TAS boys have begun their rugby season early as they represent the Northern Inland region in the ARU Junior Gold Championships. Almost 20 TAS boys were involved in either the 15 years or 17 years teams in the national competition and I commend them for their commitment. Over the coming fortnight the Northern Inland teams will host South Australia and the ACT, with the visiting teams and both sets of games being hosted at TAS.

Cattle Club

Last weekend the show season for our cattle club got underway in Guyra and I was very pleased to hear of both impressive individual results and a good sense of camaraderie amongst the team. Our cattle team this year includes students from Year 7 through to Year 12 and involves students in preparing and parading our best cattle as well as learning the skills of judging. I know that Mike Ball is feeling very encouraged by the good start made in Guyra and I congratulate all involved.

TAS Triathlon

The efforts of the TAS cyclists who competed in the Mt Mitchell to Inverell race last weekend are detailed in TAS Talks this week and there were clearly some impressive efforts. The 110 km race was the longest ride some of our boys had ever tackled, but they clearly did so with genuine grit and determination, racing as a team and perhaps surprising themselves in the process. The experience of facing and overcoming challenges like this reinforces the Round Square motto ‘plus est en vous’ (there is more in you) and that is why it is always worthwhile. I offer thanks to Mr Pennington for his leadership of the group and wish all our triathletes well for the competitions to come.

Whilst not a TAS activity per se, I am very pleased to see our involvement and thank Jamie Moore for his leadership of the program in our region.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1

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STUDENT TRAVEL

Edwards Bus Passes

From 2 March 2015, all bus passes must be shown to the driver. If there is no pass shown then the student will need to pay a fare of $1.50.

Anyone who does not have a bus pass issued is to please contact Edwards Coaches on (02) 6772 3116.

For more information please contact Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au or telephone 6776 5805.

Please note: This does not apply to the students that catch any out of town buses (except Uralla 1 and 2 buses)

North West NSW ‘at home’ weekend for boarders

TAS minibuses (2) have been reserved to depart after school on Friday 27 February and return before the evening meal on Sunday 1 March.

• Narrabri via Tamworth
• Moree via Inverell

This is a user-pays service with a charge to parents of $60 return which partly covers the cost of supply. If travel is confirmed, this charge will appear on the March school account.

The minibuses are limited to 20 seats only so early booking is advised.

Weekend leave will only be approved if the student’s sports coach and Housemaster have both granted approval so please check first.

Please contact Meg Sadler on travel@as.edu.au or 6776 5805 to reserve a place.

Still some seats available.
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COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

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THAILAND SERVICE TRIP

James, in 2:14-17 says,

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

All our schools are driven by a desire to genuinely and transparently reflect our Christian foundations. This service trip is designed to live out what we proclaim.

The nature and emphasis of the trip will be heavily on Christian service and all the institutions we will visit have strong Christian connections.

However, the whole trip will provide a rich cultural experience that will significantly inspire and stretch every student regardless of their own personal beliefs.

It will be an opportunity:

- To experience a new and diverse culture, with very unique customs, arts, crafts, music and language
- To learn about various missions and organisations who serve the needy daily
- To work without monetary reward, volunteering our time and labour to assist people less fortunate
- To meet new people
- To embrace and love Thai kids and young people who have been neglected by their own culture and families
- To volunteer our time and energy to work and play as a team to make a positive difference in other people’s lives

Open to Year 10 and 11 students

Cost

$2500 – the figure includes airfares, accommodation, food, transfers and outings

This amount will need to be paid in full as soon as you are notified that your application has been successful.

Dates

Sunday 20 September to Tuesday 29 September, 2015.

Information Evening

To find out more, we encourage you to attend the information evening on Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm in Rev’s room, top floor of Fisher Wing.
HST Tutoring

A reminder of HSC tutoring times available to all Year 12 students.

If you have any questions regarding HSC tutoring please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

HSC Tutoring weekly program

Monday
Mr John Galvin – Room – C1-1
7pm - Maths General
8pm - Maths 2U

Tuesday
Mr Kel Hardingham – Room – S0-1
7pm - Biology
8pm - Chemistry

Wednesday
Ms Tamminga – Room LA0-1
7.15pm – French Continuers
Mr Taylor – PDHPE Classroom
7.15pm – PDHPE
Mr John Galvin – Room C1-1
8pm - Maths Extension

Thursday
Mrs Edith Wright – Room F1-1
7pm - English Advanced
8pm - English Extension

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews are planned for Thursday 5 March from 3:30pm - 6:00pm and Friday 6 March from 1:30pm - 5:30pm and will be held in the Memorial Hall. Parents should have now received an email with your User Name and Password giving you access to the Denbigh online booking system.

Should interviews on these dates prove inconvenient, an alternative date or telephone interview may be arranged at a time that suits both parents and teachers. Requests can be directed to your son’s Advisor or to the Academic Assistant, Mrs Vickey O’Brien.

Information Session for parents and students will be held on Thursday 5 March at 6.15pm in Big School and Friday 6 March at 11.45am in the Hoskins Theatre. These information sessions will be conducted by Mrs Wark, Director of Studies and Mr Guest.

Please email obrien@as.edu.au to indicate if you will attending an Information Session.

If you have any questions regarding Parent Teacher Interviews please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806.
Year 12 Geography field study to Narrabri

As a part of our HSC unit ‘People and Economic Activity’, Year 12 Geography will be heading west to build on our studies of the cotton industry.

**When:** 9 and 10 March (Week 7) leaving at 8:30am on 9 March and returning at 5:00 pm on 10 March.

**Wear:** neat jeans, boots, shirt and hat suitable for site visits

**What to bring:** Day boys - Monday lunch. Overnight gear. List to follow.

The boys will be given more details about itinerary and packing list in class this week.

Ms Fiona Taber  
Year 12 Geography

Selections for the TAS chess team will take place next week

If you are interested in taking part, please add your name to the list which is pinned on the noticeboard in the foyer of the library before FRIDAY 27 March end of school. You will then be required to complete several games to ensure the best team is selected. You will receive an email telling you who you are to play and when. Any student from Year 6-12 is eligible to register. Games will be played in the library during lunch breaks or advisor from 2 March.

We are scheduled to play O’Connor Catholic College in the first round of the NSW Junior Chess League very soon.

Once you have put your name on the board - start practicing!! There are a lot of boards available in the library to use, plus our school Chess Captain Ali Ahsan will be there to help mentor as will Patrick Williamson during some lunchtimes.

Mrs Catherine Boydell
CAREERS

Defence Force Careers Presentation

On 12 March we will be visited by the Australian Defence Careers personnel who give a presentation on Tri-Service career options. This includes Officer, General and Trade entries to the three defence forces. The presentation will be in the McConville Centre at 1.30pm. All welcome. If you have ever considered a career in the Defence forces, this is a great opportunity to talk to and hear it directly from the specialist in the field.

UNSW Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

Registration are now open for the annual Medicine Information Evening at UNSW.

Please refer to link below for more information.

Medical Information Evening

Mr Mark Taylor
TAS talks

TAS is a recognised leader in its use of social media to engage with our parent community, Old Boys, and many others in the wider world who are keen to know what is happening here.

If you would like to follow TAS on Facebook go to www.facebook.com/TASarmidale and ‘Like’ us. If you would like to follow creative happenings at TAS search for TAS Hoskins Centre on Facebook; the P&F also has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TASPandF.

Twitter is becoming more widely used for quick and concise information. Follow us on Twitter: @TASarmidale

And join our network at Linkedin by searching for ‘TAS The Armidale School’.

As the process of co-education consultation continues, please find some important links for your reference and information.

If you would like to take part in the co-education consultation process by putting forward your comments please book to attend one of the consultation sessions using the link below or contact consult@as.edu.au or phone our dedicated number 0487 549 477.

If you are unable to attend a consultation session you can view the Armidale presentation by selecting the link below.

View Video Presentation

Book to attend Consultation Session

View Research Paper by Headmaster, Murray Guest
Courage, Endurance, Mateship, Sacrifice.

Carved into four black granite pillars that form the Isavuru Memorial to Australian and Papua New Guineans who served and died on the Kokoda Track in 1942, the words represent the qualities of those who gave so much in the Second World War. They also reflect the personal stories of fathers and sons (and at times, mothers and sisters) from The Armidale School, which on five occasions has organised an expedition to walk the famous trail.

Combining personal challenge and respect for service, TAS first organised an expedition in 1997 to mark the centenary of the school’s Cadet Unit, and it was completed by 32 cadets. The last trip was in 2011.

Accompanied by local guides, each day’s outing starts with a briefing about the withdrawal and attack of Australian troops, and at certain points, a closer examination of the positions taken by the Australians and the Japanese during conflict.

Along the way, tribute is paid to those who had lost their lives; as part of their preparation, each TAS boy has to research a soldier who served.

While the significance of the expedition as commemoration to those who served and sacrificed has remained, it has also evolved to include the TAS family more broadly and it has become particularly popular with parents and their sons or daughters.

The Kokoda expedition has stood the test of time at TAS because boys still crave great adventure today as much as they ever have, but nothing compares to the real thing.

Need A Challenge In Your Life?

Walk the Kokoda Track where Australian soldiers fought the invading Japanese In 1942.

DATES
September holidays 2015 (Dates TBA)
20 positions are available for Year 10 and 11 students, parents and staff of TAS, PLC and NEGS.

To find out more you are invited to attend an information evening at the McConville Centre on 3 March at 7.00pm.

CONTACT
Mr Mark Taylor Ph 0428 726 362 or email mtaylor@as.edu.au
CADET ACTIVITIES DAY 1

26-27 February (Week 5)

Activity Day 1 commences with a back brief by the SUO and Coy Commanders to the CO MAJ Thatcher on Monday 23 Feb at 1.15pm.

Orders will be delivered to all cadets on Tuesday 24 Feb during Period 3 (normally Assembly).

All cadets in Year 7 (C Coy) & Year 8 (B Coy) will have their uniforms and equipment issued in Week 5, class time will be allocated.

Cadets in 1 Platoon and 4 Platoon will attend an overnight bivouac on Thursday night 26 February.

A Coy
1 Platoon - Mt Duval/Kirby
Overnight Bivouac
Parade 3.45pm Thurs 27 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm Fri 28 Feb

2 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam
Canoeing
River Crossing
Fieldcraft Exercise
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm

3 Platoon - Gara Gorge
Abseiling
Roping Acty
RATEL
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm

B Coy
4 Platoon - Peatfields Overflow (Little Mt Duval)
Overnight Bivouac
Parade 3.45pm Thurs 27 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm Fri 28 Feb

5 Platoon - UNE Property ‘Kirby’
Navigation Training
Team Building Exercise
Tri-Lesson
RATEL
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm

6 Platoon - Dumaresq Dam
Canoeing
Water Safety / Survival
First Aid / RATEL
Tri-Lesson
Field Cooking
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm

C Coy - Dumaresq Dam
7, 8 & 9 Platoon
Water Team Activity
Fieldcraft – Hootchies
Team Building / Initiative Activities
Intro to Drill
Navigation
Parade 8.40am Fri 28 Feb
Dismissal 3.30pm

Rolls
Rolls will be posted on the cadet noticeboard and webpage. Leadership appointments have also been allocated, posted on the noticeboard and website.
TAS Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 1

Friday 27 February

Travel

Depart Friday 27 February

• 6:30am Brown Street.
• Boarders early breakfast at 6am.

Return

• Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
• Arrive Brown Street at 4.30pm

Staff

Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984; Mr J Moore 0429 660 009

Organisation

Monday

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am.

Unpack bus.

• 9.30 am – 10.30 am Beach Session 1
• 10:30am – 12:00pm Beach Session 2
• 12:00pm-1:00pm Beach Session
• 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell
• 4.00pm Arrive Armidale

Requirements


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, spreads at TAS
Lunches: Rolls, Salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

Mr Jim Pennington
One door closes and two doors open

With our summer sports drawing to a close all students can look forward to launching into the Athletics Season. With all sports varying in their finishing dates we aim to provide a schedule that will allow maximum participation without compromising other sports.

Athletics will start in Week 7 during Tuesday lunch time, with the inaugural Cloisters Run. It will then continue with skills and pre-carnival events on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, in Weeks 7,8,9. Carnival day is Week 10. A full program will be published on the website in Week 6.

**Arrangements for Summer Sports are as follows:**

- **Cricket** – Those teams in finals will train as normal. All others attend Athletics.
- **Squash** – Wednesday only (by arrangement with Miss Knife). All attend Athletics.
- **Basketball** – Opens as normal – All others Tuesday only (Game and Train).
- **Tennis** – attend Athletics before (Senior School) or after (Middle School) tennis.
- **Triathlon** – work in around Athletics.
- **S & C** – work in around Athletics.
- **Mountain Biking** – as normal Monday and Wednesday. All attend Athletics.
- **Shooting** – work in around Athletics (GPS possible/probable excluded).
- **Rowing** – All attend Athletics.
- **Swimming** – as normal - All attend Athletics.

The second door that is opening is Winter Sports. Students will be required to select their winter sport in Advisor time Week 6. Please review the choices below and take the opportunity to discuss the options prior to choices being made.

Every student must select ONE full sport unless given permission by the Director of Co-Curricular to do otherwise. One extra sport may also be selected.
**Football**

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Anticipated fees for 2015 are:

- U6s/U7s: $110
- U8s/U9s/U10s: $120
- U12s: $135
- U14s/U16s: $160
- Third XI (Dads, Oldboys etc.): $220
- Second XI: $170
- First XI: $300 (covers playing fees, tournament entry costs. Doesn’t include tours or kit)

**Hockey**

The TAS Hockey Club continues in 2015 under the direction of MIC Mr Alex Portell and Club President, Mr Tim Moffatt. Players will compete in the local Hockey New England (HNE) competitions, offering a range of Junior Boys/Mixed and Senior Men’s options to be played at the UNE Synthetic Turfs. Games will be played mainly on Friday afternoons/evenings for the Junior competition (up to Under 16s) and on Sundays for the Mens competition (13+ years as negotiated with MIC), with regular Friday night games in addition to Sunday matches. Training will be up to twice a week including, for those combining hockey with another full sport, a compulsory team training at UNE on Wednesdays. Exceptions to this will only be under negotiation with the MIC. All players will be required to complete and pay an online registration with Hockey NSW (includes insurance), plus club fees will bin the order of approx. $210 for U13s through to $285 for Seniors which includes HNE fees, turf training fees, coaching equipment and a weekly training BBQ (based on 2014 prices).

**Squash**

Conducted at Smith House squash courts. Focuses on fitness, skills, etiquette, scoring and tactics. Singles and doubles practice. Training will be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons plus a Thursday afternoon ‘ladder challenge’ competition. Squash is available to Yr 11 and 12 only. Fees are charged on a per term basis.

**Rugby**

All Open, 16s, 15s, 14s and 13s teams will be a part of the GPS round of Fixtures in Term 3 with for home and for away games. There will also be an away game for all teams against Kinross Wollaroi, at Coonabarabran in Term 2.

The Yr 5/6 teams will compete in the Armidale schools’ primary competition in Term 3. All boys born in 2003 or 2004 are able to participate in the TASRC on the 18/19th April. Rugby tours in 2015 include the U16 tour to the South Island of New Zealand.

All boys playing rugby must have personal accident insurance through the school’s insurer.

**Shooting**

At TAS, shooting is offered to Middle School boys as small bore (.22 cal) shooting, conducted at the TAS Meadowfield Small Bore Range. For older boys, and interested Middle School boys, full bore (.223 & .308 Cal) shooting is offered. Practice is conducted at the Wollomombi Rifle Range and competition shooting staged at club ranges in northern NSW, southern Queensland, and at the AAGPS shooting premiership at Hornsby. Boys will also be expected to attend Open Prize Meetings on some weekends. The GPS Rifle Shooting Premiership will be fired at Hornsby Range during July, preceded by a training camp. All boys are expected to practice at the smallbore range during the week.

Costs include all ammunition, travel, accommodation and food and varying from one practice to another. Shooting at Wollomombi on a weekend will cost approximately $45 whilst attendance at the Warwick Prize shoot on the weekend 23-24 May will cost approximately $280. The GPS shooting camp (5-16 July) at Hornsby is expected to cost approximately $650. All boys must complete a Firearms Safety Training course ($77) conducted by the Armidale Rifle Club at TAS. Once training is completed, boys will apply for a minors permit (junior shooters licence) at a cost of $75. For more information about TAS shooting see the webpage.

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Anticipated fees for 2015 are:

- U6s/U7s: $110
- U8s/U9s/U10s: $120
- U12s: $135
- U14s/U16s: $160
- Third XI (Dads, Oldboys etc.): $220
- Second XI: $170
- First XI: $300 (covers playing fees, tournament entry costs. Doesn’t include tours or kit)

**Hockey**

The TAS Hockey Club continues in 2015 under the direction of MIC Mr Alex Portell and Club President, Mr Tim Moffatt. Players will compete in the local Hockey New England (HNE) competitions, offering a range of Junior Boys/Mixed and Senior Men’s options to be played at the UNE Synthetic Turfs. Games will be played mainly on Friday afternoons/evenings for the Junior competition (up to Under 16s) and on Sundays for the Mens competition (13+ years as negotiated with MIC), with regular Friday night games in addition to Sunday matches. Training will be up to twice a week including, for those combining hockey with another full sport, a compulsory team training at UNE on Wednesdays. Exceptions to this will only be under negotiation with the MIC. All players will be required to complete and pay an online registration with Hockey NSW (includes insurance), plus club fees will bin the order of approx. $210 for U13s through to $285 for Seniors which includes HNE fees, turf training fees, coaching equipment and a weekly training BBQ (based on 2014 prices).

**Squash**

Conducted at Smith House squash courts. Focuses on fitness, skills, etiquette, scoring and tactics. Singles and doubles practice. Training will be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons plus a Thursday afternoon ‘ladder challenge’ competition. Squash is available to Yr 11 and 12 only. Fees are charged on a per term basis.

**Rugby**

All Open, 16s, 15s, 14s and 13s teams will be a part of the GPS round of Fixtures in Term 3 with for home and for away games. There will also be an away game for all teams against Kinross Wollaroi, at Coonabarabran in Term 2.

The Yr 5/6 teams will compete in the Armidale schools’ primary competition in Term 3. All boys born in 2003 or 2004 are able to participate in the TASRC on the 18/19th April. Rugby tours in 2015 include the U16 tour to the South Island of New Zealand.

All boys playing rugby must have personal accident insurance through the school’s insurer.

**Shooting**

At TAS, shooting is offered to Middle School boys as small bore (.22 cal) shooting, conducted at the TAS Meadowfield Small Bore Range. For older boys, and interested Middle School boys, full bore (.223 & .308 Cal) shooting is offered. Practice is conducted at the Wollomombi Rifle Range and competition shooting staged at club ranges in northern NSW, southern Queensland, and at the AAGPS shooting premiership at Hornsby. Boys will also be expected to attend Open Prize Meetings on some weekends. The GPS Rifle Shooting Premiership will be fired at Hornsby Range during July, preceded by a training camp. All boys are expected to practice at the smallbore range during the week.

Costs include all ammunition, travel, accommodation and food and varying from one practice to another. Shooting at Wollomombi on a weekend will cost approximately $45 whilst attendance at the Warwick Prize shoot on the weekend 23-24 May will cost approximately $280. The GPS shooting camp (5-16 July) at Hornsby is expected to cost approximately $650. All boys must complete a Firearms Safety Training course ($77) conducted by the Armidale Rifle Club at TAS. Once training is completed, boys will apply for a minors permit (junior shooters licence) at a cost of $75. For more information about TAS shooting see the webpage.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC

Mr Alex Portell
MIC

Mr Jamie Moore
MIC

Mr Trevor Thatcher
MIC
Swimming

Squad training will be available two mornings during the week. Interested students should speak with our MIC Swimming, Mr Jim Pennington.

Mr Jim Pennington
MIC

Kayaking

Kayaking will be run as a SECOND sport in 2015. It will involve both training sessions and kayaking trips.

Goals for the season include:

- compete in the regional and State championships,
- train on Croft Dam and in the TAS pool to improve skills required to paddle flat water and - white water courses,
- attend training weekends at Nymboida and/or Barrington,
- gain qualifications and skills to eventually be able to paddle the Penrith Whitewater Kayaking course,
- participate in a canoe polo competition at UNE (if it runs this year),
- enter marathon flat water events such as Myall, Hawkesbury and maybe some of the Northern Marathon events run by Paddle NSW.

With a demonstration of commitment to kayaking, it could become your FIRST sport after approval by Mr. Caldwell.

For current events and costings please see the Kayaking website.

Mr Tim Wheaton
MIC

For more information about any sports please see the TAS Sports page on the school website.

TASRC

The TAS Rugby Carnival is open to boys born in 2003 and 2004. Training will commence on Dangarfield, Wednesday 11 March. And continue each Wednesday until end of term. The Carnival is held at TAS on the last weekend of the holidays, 18-19 April. All those interested should email Mr Ian Lloyd (illoyd@as.edu.au) by 6 March.
Mountain Biking

On Monday we were back at Kookaburra Crest for the fourth round of the NEMTB Summer Series Races. Riding this track for the second time gave us a good indication on how well everyone is improving. Even though it was a warm afternoon for racing, everyone showed that they have indeed improved in endurance and speed since the first race held on this track back in Week 2. All our boys, except for a couple who had a spill off the bike (but were OK), added at least one extra lap to the their tally since race one, so that was impressive to see. Well done to Josh Jones, Alex Kirk and Lachie Oates who all got six laps in and likewise to Hamish Cannington, Tom Nivison, Luke Rorke, Nick Munsie and Will Swales who all completed five laps. All the boys who rode last night should be pleased with their effort. The full results can be found here: http://www.nemtb.com.au/results There is also some great video footage of the beginning of the race (thanks to David Harris) which can be found here https://www.facebook.com/BicycleCentralOnMarsh?fref=nf and then select the video of the ‘juniors’ race. The TAS students are in white. Next week’s race will be held at the SportUNE track.

Lastly, best wishes to Michael Harris who is heading to Toowoomba to race in the Oceania Mountain Bike Championships this Thursday and Friday followed by the final round of the National Mountain Bike Series on the weekend. Good luck Michael!

Mrs Jo Benham

TAS Hockey Club - Players Wanted!

With the 2015 Winter Season just around the corner, TAS Hockey would like to invite any students, family members and friends of TAS to consider playing hockey with us for the upcoming season. TAS Hockey currently offer teams in Junior Boys/Junior Mixed and Senior Mens competitions, however would love to expand this offering during 2015. We have had great success taking out a number of titles in recent years, such as C Grade Mens Premiers in 2014. Please send any Expressions of Interest to Master in Charge of Hockey, Mr Alex Portell at aportell@as.edu.au or call on 0458 006 053.

Mr Alex Portell
MIC

Social Year 9 and 10

The Year 9 and 10 social will be held on Friday the 27 February hosted here at TAS, from 7pm until 10pm. All students must be neatly dressed; no thongs, no singlets. Collared shirts please.

All socials cost $5 which will be charged to your son’s account. Any monies left over, once costs are covered, will go to the SRC and their fund raising projects for 2015. Boys need to be at TAS for a roll call by 6.50pm.

Mr Mike Ball

Guyra Show Report

Members of the TAS Cattle Team competed at Guyra Show on 20 and 21 February. Despite it being cold, wet and muddy the boys did an outstanding job preparing and presenting the cattle. Sam Cannington had a very successful show coming 2nd in the Junior Paraders 12-15 years section and 2nd in the Junior Judging competition. Bradley Doak was place 4th in the Junior Judging and Eli Layton made the final 10 in the Junior Paraders 12-15 years.

In the cattle classes TAS Lady Magic J02 was 2nd in the Poll Hereford Female 20 to 24 months class led by Brad Doak.

A good start to the shows by the boys.

Mr Mike Ball
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Armidale Eisteddfod

Armidale’s Eisteddfod is an important cultural event in the New England calendar that continues a wonderful cultural tradition established in Wales over 900 years ago.

Welsh eisteddfods were festivals, celebrating the performance of literature and music, and this concept holds true to this day. Down the centuries, eisteddfods have evolved to reflect changing societies but they remain an enduring part of Australia’s cultural heritage as important training grounds for emerging entertainers - our musicians, dancers and actors.

The Eisteddfod will run from 19 May to 14 June this year and includes events to cater for all ages and standards. There are also some non-competitive events for those children who would like to perform and get useful feedback from the adjudicator - without the pressure of competition.

Closing Date for Eisteddfod Entries

The closing date for entries is 5pm Friday 13 March. Please note that no late entries will be accepted and all entries must be submitted on the official eisteddfod forms, which can be obtained from your school and at NECOM. The website is temporarily not available.

[Here is the link to the syllabus for this year.](#)

Volunteers are Required for the Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod is manned mainly by parents, grandparents and community members – a huge effort by all! To run well, six helpers are required at each three hour session. There are three sessions each day so we need your support. Sessions take place morning, afternoon and evenings and also at weekends. The Committee is asking all families who enter a child, to think about helping out at a session. Elizabeth Peach is the Volunteer Co-ordinator and welcomes such offers of help. She can be contacted at 6772 8682 and 0466 278 709. For other enquiries please telephone the President, Sr. Hoskanson 0424 509 309.

The Annual NECOM Year 9/10 Music Day is on next Wednesday 4 March

Year 9/10 Music Day will be held next Wednesday from 9.15am - 3.30pm. The Workshop is designed to bring together Year 9 & 10 music students from around the New England/North West region for a day of fun syllabus-based practical activities to complement their elective classroom work.

Lunch: Day students will be required to bring their own lunch and morning tea. Boarder lunches will be arranged for pick up by boarders prior to departure on the bus.

Transport: TAS minibus will depart for NECOM at the Old Teachers College in Mossman Street from the book room at 8.45am and return students to TAS at 3.30pm.

Attire: Students are permitted to wear neat casuals (no thongs or singlets).

Likewise, the Annual HSC Music Workshop for Year 11 & 12 will be held next Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March.

The HSC workshop goes over two full days - 9am - 3.30pm and is specifically designed to prepare Year 11 and 12 students for the written exam, performance exam and submitted works for the HSC Music. Outside of classroom teaching this is the single, most beneficial way that students can prepare for the HSC. It is expected that all Year 11 and 12 Elective Music Students will attend both days of this invaluable workshop.

This year there are three outstanding presenters travelling to Armidale for the workshops. Jane Cateris and Jeff Willey from the Conservatorium High School will be presenting the Music 1 & Music 2 sessions. Both these presenters are HSC Senior Markers and have been on the HSC Examination committee and will be an invaluable resource for students. One of Australia’s most loved choral composers/conductors Paul Jarman will be presenting the choral and composition sessions.

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Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent.
‘Nothing is less worthy of honor than an old man who has no other evidence of having lived long except his age.’ Seneca – De Tranquillitate

This rather lofty opening line is relevant to us in a very practical way. The brief of ‘looking out’ for the needs and interests of the 11 – 14 age group is a challenging one, and it is so, regularly. As I indicated in a previous Final Assembly, ‘fast and furious’ would seem to be the best adjectives to characterize the pace and variety of Middle School activities. But, colourless this place is not – being young adolescents, these boys don’t fully realize the significance of moderation and arguably it won’t become significant till later on in their lives. To be honest, as Seneca implies, it shouldn’t either because students, especially younger ones, need to be profitably employed and such employment needs to be varied, especially during 2015’s longest term. They’ll be weary when they come home because they’ve tried so much that is new, but I guess this is one of the justifications for holiday and family time.

Change continues

The next two weeks are important and they mark further change: being half way through the first term, summer sports, as was indicated in our last full school assembly, are making way for early winter options: Athletics schedules, for example, will begin for us during Weeks 6 and 7, lunch time cricket and tennis sessions will be fewer for some because debating season is about to begin, Year 7 lunches with the Headmaster and Mrs Guest are in ‘full swing’ and we’re considering the extent of our involvement in the Autumn Festival and the ‘Campus to City Canter’. And, all the while, boarding and day house activities continue as do classes, prep work, assessment task preparation and more meaningful engagement in academic activity. Further, the fact that on Monday of this week we welcomed to TAS Open Day prospective students for 2016 is sure proof that the term is ‘flying’.

If your son has some difficulty completing tasks in the allotted time for prep sessions, be thankful that his awareness of this issue comes at Year 6, 7 or 8 level. What he needs to do is let his Homeroom teacher know and we’ll do our best to employ the strategies necessary to his easier management of same. Under this Homework scheme, it’s important that we’re aware of the fact that the boys are actually doing their prep over a number of nights, rather than at the ‘last minute’ as students in the past were wont to do. As you are aware, we’re much better at dealing with issues before they progress to the ‘problem’ stage. As teachers and parents our job is to ‘be aware’, assist where appropriate and monitor progress so that all students can gain greatest benefit from utilizing time available to them. I believe strongly that this clearly articulated Homework and Assessment Schedule is beneficial for all, productive for most, and even daunting for some at times, but I know that without it boys’ awareness of their strengths, their capacity to manage challenge and gain knowledge of individual strategies to overcome such challenge just wouldn’t factor into their school lives until their senior years. I’ve been teaching long enough also to know that the onset of academic self-awareness for a sixteen year old can be far more a problem than it is an issue. I’ve indicated the importance of being aware of Middle School students’ work schedules and of encouraging them to do as well as they can to meet their commitments in all areas of school activity.

Student Leadership

After the completion of voting by boarding and day students, I’m pleased to announce leadership positions for 2015: Head Monitor Day: Henry O’Neil; Head Monitor Boarding: Nicholas Barnier (these positions will continue till the end of 2015). Day and Boarding Monitors: Kieran Dennis, Jack Halliday, Angus Earle, Joshua Jones, William Swales and William Forsyth (these latter positions will continue till the end of Semester 1).
I'm looking forward to working with these boys this year, in particular to listening to and discussing issues that concern all students in the Middle School. Already our Head Monitors, Nicholas and Henry, have had a meeting to discuss ideas important to them, notably meetings with the School’s Prefect body and also the Junior School’s leadership group. Clearly, it is their intention to effect a smoother connection between the sub schools. I applaud this initiative as we all ‘belong to’ TAS after all.

**Positive Education**

The School’s Director of Pastoral Care, Barney Buntine, addressed our last Middle School Staff Meeting. His purpose was to advise us about strategies to implement and, by implication, imbed tenets of Positive Education in all aspects of our general teaching and Advisor times, not just the regular Positive Education lessons for students in Years 6 – 8. His advice initiated healthy discussion for all teachers. In particular, concentration on and development of individual’s character strengths, resilience and the collective maintenance of a healthy working environment for students and staff were discussed. I think it’s important that parents are aware that the 2015 Student Diaries contain some excellent information on this relevant topic and strongly recommend that you find some time to read it.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

**Tezukayama**

For over 15 years, TAS has been fortunate to establish a very close relationship with Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka Japan. This association has provided opportunities for excursions for both schools and some fantastic cultural, social and educational experiences for students and teachers alike. Now is the time to show your interest in hosting billets and we will be needing a significant number of families who are able to host one or two students from August 18 – 24. If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience please email junior@as.edu.au

**School Spirit Awards**

Junior School has adopted a tiered approach to acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of all our students with a balanced approach towards positive reinforcement and recognition for participation, effort and achievement.

Above and beyond sound effort in the classroom, Merit awards are presented in class in recognition of noteworthy day-to-day performance. Additionally, the School Spirit Awards specifically targeting Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Cooperation and Resilience are presented in Assembly and in our end-of-year Final Assembly. This week, students who have shown excellent Cooperation with others will be recognised.

**Arrival and Departure of Students at TAS**

I received a very concerning email today, as a result of a near miss with a child and a car in the Chapel St turning circle. Any point in our school shared by students and vehicles provides a challenge for us all – to keep our children safe. Please drive carefully. The system of pick up and drop off is not a complex one but at times of high usage, it requires care and patience.
Please follow the instructions on the signs and understand the system – ask if it is unclear. After school and sport, a teacher is on duty but this is not the case before school. If you have concerns, as was the case today, please contact me with the details and I will follow it up.

In addition, it is a necessary protocol that students are collected from us by an adult who has the written authority to do so. At times, if this is not to be the case, contact must be made to inform us of changed arrangements. I have asked staff not to proceed with any arrangement if they are not certain that the School has sanctioned it. Please help us avoid confusion and delay by ensuring the School has your intentions in writing if you are not collecting your son or daughter in person.

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Allergies

The start of a new school year is the time to reinforce our awareness of allergies and in particular those from foods such as peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, and shellfish. We do have children in our Junior School who are allergic to these foods so it is imperative that if you bring in any item of food, such as a birthday cake for your child’s birthday that the class teacher be made aware of exactly what is in the food item. We would particularly like to encourage children not to bring in nut spreads also, such as peanut butter and nutella spreads. We would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Please label all clothing

As the Year gets underway, please check to ensure all clothing has been correctly labelled.

Having everything labelled is very important for items to be returned to the rightful owner should they be misplaced.

2015 Consent Form

Please complete the Consent Form and return the school as early as possible. The Consent Form was sent electronically last Tuesday and if you did not receive the email it can be downloaded from the parent portal at the Junior School website.

Armidale Show – 27 & 28 February

The Armidale Show is open for entries in many categories this year. This wonderful local event relies so much on the community for its future. While some classes will use this opportunity to include some classwork where appropriate, please encourage your children to enter into the “children’s work” section of the Armidale Show this year or any other category that takes their fancy. You are able to take students work to the Show on Wednesday and collection is Sunday morning before 12 noon. For entry forms and further information please visit: http://www.armidaleshow.com

Good luck to all who enter.

Uniform

The Junior School is doing its best to ensure the school uniform is worn correctly and we would like the support of families as we endeavour to change some poor practice that is creeping in. At the moment, we are focussing on the correct wearing of shirts, socks and ties. Wearing the uniform correctly shows pride in our school and ourselves. We are encouraging all our children to dress correctly when returning from the playground, in class and when arriving and departing the school. We also remind our girls that navy shorts should be worn not gym shorts, skins and other alternatives. Similarly, as the cold weather approaches, football, hockey and rugby gear is not to be worn (except when at a training venue if required).
A closer look at PYP in Year 3

As mentioned in TAS Talks last week, over the next few weeks there will be an opportunity to take a closer look at what is happening within each of the JS classrooms. Last week the focus was on Year 5 and this week we will be taking a look at what inquiries are being conducted in the Year 3 classroom.

Year 3 are currently working under the Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet and have been exploring the Central Idea: Over time, living things need to adapt in order to survive.

Year 3 have been learning many skills throughout the past four weeks. The main ones being research skills and report writing. The Year 3 classroom looks wonderful with many samples of written and artistic work.

Students will explore the following lines of inquiry, which will define the scope of inquiry into the central idea:

- Concept of adaption
- Circumstances that lead to adaption
- How plants and animals respond to environmental conditions.

Group-based research being conducted by Wilkie Davidson, Lincoln Connock, Alex Campbell and Toby Ford.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

PSSA Swimming Results

Last Thursday our swimmers took to the town pool to compete in the Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. It was an extremely successful day, with all children competing well while displaying great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following children for their results:

Iles Baker – 1st 8 Years 50m Freestyle
Hugh Taylor – 2nd 10 Years 50m Freestyle
Abbott White – 2nd 10 Years 50m Breast, 3rd 10 yrs 50m Freestyle
Tom Ball – 1st 9 Years 50m Freestyle, 1st 10 yrs 50m Breast, 3rd 10 Years 50m Backstroke.
Ben Rowe – 2nd 11 Years 50m Butterfly, 1st Senior Boys relay.
Sam Ball – 1st 11Years 50m Freestyle, 1st 11Years 50m Butterfly, 1st Senior Boys relay, 2nd 11Years 50m Breast.
Ruby Straker – 1st 10 Years 50m Backstroke, 2nd 10 Years 200 IM, 2nd 10 Years 50m Butterfly, 2nd 10Years 50m Freestyle, 3rd 10Years 50m Breast.
John McGregor-Thew (Year 6) – 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 12-13 Years 50m Backstroke, 1st 12-13 Years 50m Butterfly, 1st Senior Boys Relay, 3rd 12 Years 50m Freestyle.
Sam Skipper – 1st Senior Boys Relay

NCIS team for next week

Next Monday, 2 March the NCIS swimming team travel to Lismore in preparation for the Swimming Championships on Tuesday, 3 March.

Information has been sent out to the children qualifying for this event and final arrangements are now in place. Please contact either Mr Jim Pennington or Mrs Christine Wright if you require any further information before next week.

Congratulations to the following children who will be competing next week:

Sam Ball
Ben Rowe
Frank Perrottet
Alexander Zuber
Peter Evans
Oliver Smart
Will Nash

We look forward to hearing the news from the Championships next week.

PSSA

(L to R) Ben Rowe, Sam Ball, Hamish Chalmers, Sam Skipper

Tom Ball

(L to R) Hugh Taylor, Oliver Smart, Abbott White, Tom Ball
TASRC

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Basketball

TAS White

When we arrived ready to play PLC 3/4 as the weekly draw had suggested, it became apparent that something was amiss when the PLC side were already playing TAS Blue, as they had last week. Nevertheless, we were just as happy to be playing Townies once again, despite their big win against us last week. The team immediately showed that they were there to play ball, with a vast improvement in focus and intent, and the first five minutes saw us dominate possession over the seemingly shell-shocked Townies. They soon hit their stride, however the pace of the game was frenetic, and I was so proud of our team for giving well over 100% at each end of the court. Michael Janda was having a blinder, playing strong defence and winning many balls, which was a welcome contrast to last week. Similarly, Jonathan Harris was showing determination like never before, being unlucky not to slot one of his many great shots. Many think height is a necessity in basketball, however in the juniors, many of the speediest manipulators of the ball are also the most compact, which was true on both teams. Oliver Smart, Alex Webber and Flynn Broadfoot were all tenacious, competing in every play and making numerous steals. Although Townies were out scoring us 3 to 1, there were no easy baskets this week and our shooting had lifted a notch as well. Flynn finished with another 2 pointer, whilst Oliver once again proved his worth tallying 8 points to get TAS White to a final scoreline of 30-10.

Mr Alex Portell

TAS Blues

At the Den this week TAS Blue played PLC again. It was clear from the outset that this was game would have the same feel as last weeks game – friendly and fun. TAS Blue again showed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the game with Will Nash making some great plays for his team. This week also saw Conal Nicoll have a great passing game and he proved to be a valued player in both attack and defence. It was very pleasing to see that the team had taken on board advice from their coach at training this week and made the successful transition from developing skills at training to putting them into practice during a game. This week at training we will be having a set focus on shooting skills as this week we had many chances but our radar was slightly off. Well-done TAS Blue!

Ms Tabatha Dowse

Gymnastics Report Week 5

There a sense of excitement in our warm up activities this week as all braved the balance beams- with Year 3 students challenging themselves on the highest beam. All managed to complete the warm ups with all ‘short sits’ having improved since the start of term.

The rotations this week consisted of:

- Bar and pommel work, which involved bunny hops over the pommel
- Backwards rolls and work on the swinging ribbon–‘tissu’
- Mini tramp-involving spring and land activities

Mrs Veronica Waters
ATTENTION ALL HOCKEY PLAYERS OR POTENTIAL FUTURE PLAYERS

Hockey NSW has released a new program for U9s and U11s for 2015 (for players born 2004-2007).

The 4 week program will be run by current NSW HockeyEd accredited Coaches and a fantastic opportunity for players of all levels. Whether you’re getting started or a future superstar, we’ll make sure you have fun, learn new skills, advance your basic skills and take your game to the next level.

Go to www.hockeynsw.com.au to register.
Registrations will close on the 28th February 2015
Entrants also have a chance to win 1 of 20 Kookaburra Pro Player Promotional Packs valued at $600. Register before the 13.2.15 to double your chance of winning.

Places are limited so don't miss your opportunity to be a part of the fun prior to the 2015 season.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WHERE: HNE Hockey Complex, UNE

WHEN: Tuesday’s, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March 2015

TIME: U9s: 4pm to 5pm    U11s: 5pm to 6:30pm

COST: U9s: $68.90    U11s: $92.00    (inc. GST and IMG fee)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 28th February, no late registrations will be accepted

REGISTER AT
www.hockeynsw.com.au

CONTACT: Blair Chalmers     e: blair.c@hockeynsw.com.au     p: 0447 186 477
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Campus City Canter

The Campus City Canter is on again, on Saturday 14 March. The Canter is a fundraiser for the local SES. Participants walk, jog or run the 5km from the University playing fields into Civic Park, along the cycleway. This is a family event for people of all ages and abilities, from competitive runners to people who just enjoy a healthy morning walk. The entry fee is only $5 per person. (For the safety and convenience of others, dogs and bikes are not allowed.)

For news and updates, find us on Facebook, at https://www.facebook.com/Campus.Canter. You can help spread the word through the community by Liking and sharing the Facebook page.


Take your completed form either to the Armidale Express office in Faulkner St, opposite the town library, or to SportUNE, to pay your $5 entry fee and pick up your number.

The starter’s gun goes at 8.00am. There’ll be warm-up music provided by Sport UNE. Afterwards, you might enjoy the Pancake Breakfast in Civic Park, to the sounds of the Armidale City Band. It’s all part of the Armidale Autumn Festival.

Enquiries: Martin Auster 6772 1041 or 0411249 436
Armidale Junior Cricket
will hold selection trials for representative teams for next season
Tuesday 17th March @ 4pm
and Sunday 22nd March @ 10am
Registration begins 30 mins prior to commencement

Trials will be held at the following venues:
* Under 12s to 14s: Harris Park
* Under 15s & 16s: Sportsground nets
Age is taken at 31 August 2015

Interested players must attend at least one trial day

Rep Cricket Trials

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HOME GROWN GARDEN TOUR
SAT/SUN 7-8 MARCH 2015

Get inspired
Visit a diverse range of fabulous local backyard food gardens

Come and talk to a mixed bunch of gardeners about the pleasures and challenges of growing food in Armidale

Booklets are $20 per car or $5 per bike and have all the info about what when and where
Kids free

Buy a booklet from
Knight's Store, cnr Marsh and Mann Sts, 6772 495 or Armidale Outdoors, 152 Rusden St, 67727744

for further info, contact Jo Leoni (0403) 944 380 jo.leoni77@gmail.com
New England Junior Rugby – 2015
Country Rugby Championships
Information

• **Training day**: 22 February, 2015 from 3-6pm. BBQ to follow. (Ages 12, 13 & 14's)
• **Training day**: 1 March, 2015 from 3-6pm. BBQ to follow. (All ages 12s to 17s).
• **Training day**: 22 March, 2015 from 3-6pm. BBQ to follow. All ages.
• **Trial Game**: 26 April, 2015 possible trial game vs MNC (away). All ages.
• **Trial Game**: 3 May, 2015 possible trial game vs CN (home). All ages.
• **Training day**: 17 May, 2015 from 3-6pm. BBQ to follow. All ages.
• **Country Champs** (12,13 &14's in Armidale) 23 & 24 May 2015..
• **Country Champs** (15s in Mudgee 16 & 17's Concord Oval Sydney) 6 – 8 June 2015.
• **NB.** All training days and BBQ's will be held at Concett Davis playing fields at Sports UNE.
• **Follow us on facebook:**
  https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandJuniorRugbyUnion
• **More players wanted.** Come along to the training day and register.
FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY IS ON AGAIN!

TRY RUGBY & VIVA 7s

WHEN: Starts Friday 27 February

- 5 Week program – Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
- 5pm Start each week

WHERE: Moran Oval

Enjoy a BBQ each Friday night and a social night out with family and friends!

COST:

- Option 1 Pay $30 for just Try Rugby / VIVA 7s program
- Option 2 Pay $90 for registration in BOTH Try Rugby / ViVA 7s and Armidale Junior Blues Rugby Club Registration
- Option 3 Pay $80 for just Armidale Junior Blues Rugby Club Registration

NB. Sibling discounts apply.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD’S INTEREST:

GO to Armidale Junior Blues Facebook page and register online.

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