Toughen Up Challenge

TAS featured strongly at the Inverell Toughen Up Challenge last Saturday, fielding eight of the 60 teams competing. There were some fine individual and team performances and Jim Pennington has outlined them later in this edition of TAS Talks, along with the results of the final Armidale Triathlon on Sunday.

That TAS boys continue to seek out events like this as their chosen weekend activity is good reason to have confidence in the ambitions of our students. It sits in sharp contrast to the common perception of today’s youth as self-absorbed and more interested in their screens than physical challenge and I am pleased that it is noticed and admired.

Swimming Success

I offered congratulations in TAS Talks last week to our NCIS swimmers and particularly to those who had qualified to represent NCIS at the upcoming Combined Independent School Championships at Homebush. One of those swimmers was Tom Ball who has already moved on to compete at the Speedo Sprint Series, placing 4th in NSW in the 8 years 50m breaststroke and performing very well in freestyle and backstroke as well. Even at this young age, this is elite level competition and reflects his commitment to hard work in his training. I offer Tom our congratulations.

GPS Head of the River Rowing

All in the TAS family who had the pleasure of seeing the performance of our rowers at the GPS Head of the River last Saturday will be proud to be associated with them. With all the pressure of performing in front of probably the biggest crowd that any rowing event in the country draws, each of our three crews performed personal best times. They were competitive as a result of those efforts and have much to be pleased about.

There are few team sports that have their season culminate in a seven minute event and fewer still that can draw a crowd of perhaps 8,000 to the event. The sheer spectacle of that makes it an experience to remember and I am delighted that some of our most committed athletes had the pleasure of being a part of it again this year. I offer congratulations to them and also to our MIC Rowing, Will Caldwell, who has driven our rowing program over the past four years.

Co-education Consultations and Survey

The series of public consultation sessions on the School Board’s proposal to introduce co-education at TAS from 2016 concluded last night with a well attended meeting in Sydney. The process has been designed to test the thinking of the Board with the views of our wider community and it has been a very productive one. I offer thanks to the hundreds of past, present and future parents and TAS Old Boys who have attended sessions and those who have offered opinion through the consult@as.edu.au email address.

The final stage of this consultation comes in the form of a survey which will be distributed by email this week. As I commented in assembly yesterday, the survey is designed to add quantitative data to the individual opinions collected thus far. It focuses on what people see as both the major advantages of a move to co-education and the major concerns they have with such a change. Responses to the survey, which should take only around 15 minutes to complete, are required by 22 March so that the Board will have plenty of time to consider the material before it prior to the meeting on 31 March. I encourage all in the TAS community to be a part of this important process.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1

## Week 7
- **Wednesday 11 March**  
  NCIS Football Championships
- **Thursday 12 March**  
  Year 6/7 Parent Teacher interviews
- **Friday 13 March**  
  Year 6/7 Parent Teacher interviews
- **Saturday 14 March**  
  Once Upon a Mattress performance

## Week 8
- **Monday 16 March**  
  Summer House & Co-curricular photos
- **Thursday 19 March**  
  Year 7 Vaccinations
- **Friday 20 March**  
  Activities Day No. 2
- **Saturday 21 March**  
  Year 11 Mother & Son Weekend
- **Sunday 22 March**  
  11.00 am 1st Round FFA Cup
  (Doody Park)

## Week 9
- **Primary Industries - Year 12 Workplacement - All Week**
- **Monday 24 March**  
  Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday 25 March**  
  Visual Arts Excursion - Sydney
- **Wednesday 26 March**  
  1.30 pm Year 11 Study Seminar
  (Hoskins)
  6.00 pm Twilight Concert
  7.30 pm Year 11/12 Parents – Study Skills session
- **Friday 26 March**  
  Activities Day No. 3
- **Sunday 29 March**  
  Coffs Harbour Swim
  Foundation Rugby Referees Course
  (McConville Centre)

## Week 10
- **Monday 30 March**  
  Year 9 Parent Teacher interviews
  Founders Day
  1.10pm Great Cloisters Run
- **Tuesday 31 March**  
  Year 9 Parent Teacher interviews
  Junior School Athletics Championships
  Board Meetings
- **Wednesday 1 April**  
  MS/SS Athletics Championships
  End of Term
- **Thursday 2 April**  
  Staff Day
- **Friday 3 April**  
  Good Friday

## CO-EDUCATION CONSULTATION
The co-education consultation sessions concluded last night with the session in Sydney.

We invite you to contact consult@as.edu.au or phone our dedicated number 0487 549 477 to express any comments you may have.

All TAS stakeholders will be emailed an electronic survey as the final step in the consultation process.

**View Video Presentation**

## MEDICAL CENTRE

### School Vaccinations
Could parents of students in Years 11&12 please return your vaccination consents if your son has not had two MMR vaccinations before starting school. If you are unsure please sign and return consent anyway.

The School Vaccination nurses will be checking each boys childhood records if a signed consent is returned. They will not be vaccinated if it is not necessary.

If a consent is not returned than records will not be checked.

**Jenny Murray**  
Senior School Nurse  
Medical Centre
STUDENT SERVICES

Distribution of photo orders has begun with the formula being:
Junior School - via classroom teacher to home
Middle School - Day students - via classroom teacher to home
Middle School - Boarders - via House Staff to boarding house lockers or suitcases
Senior School - Year 9-12

Parents wishing to collect in person this week can do so by calling into Mrs Sadler’s office on Tyrrell stairs, first landing before 3.30pm.

Orders not collected before the end of this week will be distributed via Advisors, unless a request is made via email to msadler@as.edu.au to hold until the Athletics Championships.

If you missed ordering before the cut-off date and would like to take advantage of MSP’s ‘2nd chance’ policy, then please contact Bec at MSP on 6772 3519 to arrange an order. This will be posted to your home address for a small additional fee. Please ask for this service when ordering.

SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS

Student dress regulations for Summer Photos - Monday 16 March

Cricket:
U12s and above: white shirt, white trousers, white socks plus BLAZER

U9s and under to wear white shirt, white trousers or shorts, white socks

Note:
1st XI to include 1st XI caps

Prefects, Captains of Sport, and House Yr 12s: No. 1 uniform, ie white shirt, grey trousers, grey socks, tie, blazer

Junior School sports photos:
Junior School PE uniform

NCIS Swimming Team:
TAS sports polo shirt, TAS navy PE shorts, white socks, joggers

Middle/Senior School Swimming Age Champions:
House polo shirt, TAS navy PE shorts, white socks, joggers (this does not include runners-up)

Basketball:
Navy basketball shorts or TAS navy PE shorts, white socks, joggers, basketball singlets.

Mountain Biking
TAS Mountain biking uniform

PLEASE NOTE
Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos. Blue shorts other than TAS navy PE shorts are not acceptable

Click HERE to view photo schedule.

UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP

The Uniform and Book Shop will be open 9.00am to 5.00pm Friday 17 April. This is the day before the TAS Rugby Carnival starts. Junior Rugby players please take note.

Hours during the first week of Term 2

- Monday 20 April 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 21 April normal hours resume 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 22 April 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm
A school like TAS is a great place and time to examine the claims of the Bible, Jesus and Christianity. Sadly, many of us have left school and as a consequence left the opportunity behind. Time and the pressures of life, the accessibility of resources to help us think these things through and people to discuss them with may be well past.

Many of us would like to revisit the questions we had in our youth, but with the mature developed mind of an adult.

With that in mind we would like to invite you to one or all three Thursday evenings commencing on the 12 March (subsequent evenings – 19 March and 26 March) at 8pm for just one hour.

We’re calling it ‘From Creation to Revelation’.

The format will involved lots of dessert and coffee/tea and hot chocolate, a short presentation from myself and then questions, comments and discussion as we sit and think through some of the less mundane things of life.

We would love to see you there.

Please RSVP via email to rnewton@as.edu.au or call me on 0429 157 905 so we know how much to bake!

Thailand Service Trip

If you are interested in attending the Thailand Service Trip, don’t forget to fill in the online application form located on the TAS website.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

There are things that occur that bring ‘wind into slack sails’. When, during a week, there are events to look forward to, activities you love, or people you enjoy being with, you have a sense of anticipation and positive energy. These things break up the week, provide ‘punctuation marks’ and help us recognise that everyday life needs to be more than just routines.

Boarding at TAS has plenty of routine and it is important to have things to look forward to, to engage with, and to build a sense of connection, both within and beyond the school. Boys often look forward to weekends away, to spending time with the family of a friend living locally, to social connections at weekends, and sometimes to sporting events scheduled at that time. Some boys come from further afield and it is helpful to them to have offers from families to provide some outside stimulation and opportunities for engagement in ‘family’ life.

It is often at this time of term, around the middle somewhere, that boys can profit from something that will provide ‘wind in slack sails’. The middle of term is sometimes a flat point, where energy suddenly empties out and motivation declines. It is at this point that positive experiences are most important. A new injection of hope and purpose can arise from something that provides a ‘punctuation mark’. Discuss this possibility so that there is something to look forward to during the middle period of term.
Australian Computational Linguistics Olympiad - OzCLO

This Thursday 12 March four teams from TAS will take part in the Australian Computational Linguistics Olympiad. This is a competition for students who enjoy problem solving, languages and mathematics. The olympiad is a national event hosted by the Linguistic departments of several Australian universities. This year the competition will be held online during period 6 and 7 on Thursday afternoon. Last year we recorded our best results, with our Senior team achieving Silver and the Junior team achieving Gold. We wish the following boys all the best in the upcoming events. Hadrian Wright, James Gilson, Felix Gifford, Dane Townsend, Jacob Hunt, Hugh Morton, Sinclair Moore, Caton Lupica, Mike Nyathi, David Wu, Sambavan Jeyakumar, Owen Chandler, Nick Moar and Nick Bohlsen.

Mrs Catherine Boydell

Year 10 Canberra Excursion

As part of 2015 Excursion Week Year 10 students will travel to Canberra. To find out more about the trip, visit the dedicated website. This is where information and updates will be posted. CLICK HERE

Dates: 27 April — 1 May (Week 2 Term 2)
Depart: 6am, Monday 27 April from TAS
Return: 6:30pm, Friday 1 May

Mr Tim Scott

Easter HSC Revision

Easter HSC Revision Programs by Sci School are running April 13-17. Lectures are live-streamed and accessible from any broadband-connected desktop or mobile device. Covering HSC Mathematics 2 Unit, Ext. 1 (3 Unit), Ext. 2 (4 Unit), Physics and Chemistry, these fully-interactive lectures will equip Year 12 students to revise this term and get ahead for next. To register or find out more, visit scischool.com.au

Ms Amanda Robins

Chess - Secondary Schools Inter School Regional Chess Challenge

Next Monday 16 March TAS will be competing in the Secondary Schools Inter School Regional Chess Challenge held at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Last year we were the winning school and our Chess Captain Ali Ahsan was the overall individual winner. This tournament is a seven round Swiss competition, which means that all players play seven games and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. Chess clocks will be used as well which we all know adds an extra element of strategy needed to win the game. The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game. The cost for this event is $20 which includes registration and travel. All students will need to bring a water bottle and their lunch. Boarders will be catered for. The school mini bus will depart from Brown street at 7am and return to TAS at approximately 4pm on Monday afternoon.

If there are any students who have not already registered with Ms Boydell, please email her as soon as possible.

Below is a chess challenge to get you prepared.

White to move and checkmate in two moves.

Mrs Catherine Boydell
Destination Dreaming – Indigenous Perspectives Project 2015 for Round Square schools in the Australia & SE Asia region

Round Square schools of the Australasia & East Asia region are invited to join the Indigenous Perspectives Project (IPP), facilitated by Destination Dreaming, with student bursary support by Friends of Round Square.

The IPP will give your students an opportunity to work with and learn from an Indigenous community in our region. This will offer a wide cultural mix of Round Square students from our region. We also offer 2 Staff Volunteer positions, with on-ground expenses paid.

Who will participate
Senior Students (over 16 years old). 16 Students, 1 Facilitator (from Destination Dreaming) and 2 Volunteer Staff.

Program itinerary
This Project will be a 7 day program from 22 - 28 June 2015, run on location on Minjerribah, N.Stradbroke Island, QLD. Each of the Round Square IDEALS will be explored in an interactive way. See www.forsaust.org.au Project Flyer

Cost per student
$1700 per student including all on-land costs from Brisbane PLUS airfares. Students will organise their own flights. A deposit of $500 payable by 1 May, and the balance due 31 May.

Bursaries for students
FORS will offer $500, to eligible students who need assistance. See www.forsaust.org site for details.

Application and Administration
Reps to send the completed Participant Form, and a letter of recommendation from the Headmaster or RS Rep, and Deposit Form to robyn.angus64@gmail.com by 1 May, 2015.

We hope you can be part of this special experience...

Please see Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine (Round Square Representatives) to discuss this further.

Round Square International Conference 2015– United World Colleges of South East Asia (UWCSEA), Singapore

The theme of the conference is “Act Today, Change Tomorrow” and the focus will be on sustainability, a UWC mission to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

The conference will be preceded by an adventure trip (trekking and kayaking) in Northern Thailand (yet to be confirmed) and is open to students in Years 11 and Year 10 should we not fill the six spots with the more senior students. The conference runs from 2-8 October.

Website: The conference website is now live so please take a look.

Mr Buntine and Mrs Barnier are taking applications now as registrations close early April. This is a great opportunity to meet lots of students from across the world, challenge yourself and be part of global group of young people looking to our future.

Applications are available on the website: CLICK HERE
News from University of Queensland

On the website is the Queensland University newsletter with a variety of information concerning their 2015 programs for future students. If you have been thinking about a Queensland university you might want to have a look at the flyer for more information.

MedEntry - UMAT Program

MedEntry is a registered training Educational institution that offers programs to assist students with their UMAT entry. Please see the flyer on website for more details.

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor

Australian Catholic University

ACU has sent through information with regards to their Open Day and University Experience days at their various campuses. I have put the Undergraduate Course Guide 2016 in the foyer of the Careers office or go to their website www.acu.edu.au for more details.

P&F ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT, SUE CARTWRIGHT

Upcoming Events

• We have the Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics coming up in the last week of term and will be looking for more baking and selling assistance to help raise those much needed funds for our school.

Please look out for contact from your Liaison Parents to enlist your help – many hands make light work

• Junior Rugby Carnival – this major event in the School calendar will be taking place on the last weekend of the April School Holidays – 18/19th April. The P&F historically takes responsibility for feeding the hungry crowds including over 1200 players and coaches, plus a very busy canteen in McConville. Any assistance that you can provide on the days, anything at all, will be gratefully accepted and we will be looking for this commitment in principle over the coming few weeks.

This includes a commitment to bake (or buy) cakes, slices and biscuits for sale, time working on the canteen and also time helping to assemble and distribute player lunches.

Community Service hours for boys will also be available for those who are interested. Please contact Mrs Boydell ASAP to register your interest.

Liaison Parents Welcome Lunch

For each student year group, volunteer liaison parents help co-ordinate the P&F efforts throughout the year as well as arranging social events and get togethers for families. This network provides parents with the opportunity to contribute to the life of the school in a meaningful way.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Save the Date

TAS Community Open Day
Friday 24 April, 2015
9.30 - 12.30

There's plenty to see at this year's TAS Community Open Day (incorporating Grandparents Day) on 24 April. Be entertained by music performances, marvel at our climbing wall, visit your child or grandchild's classroom, or simply come and take a tour around TAS. 9.30-12.30pm, morning tea provided.

To register please use the following link.

REGISTER TO ATTEND OPEN DAY
Choices

Life is full of choices and often it is difficult to decide. We would like to be involved in everything but inevitably this ends in clashes. So how do you decide which activity takes priority? We have a number of safeguards to assist students with this dilemma. We dedicate Monday afternoon to Creative Arts; we ask students to nominate a ‘first sport’; we encourage clear and early communication and open the door to compromise.

Yet still the answer may not be clear. As parents and staff, we offer objective counsel and perspective. Perspective that is the product of our own decisions - both good and bad. And here lies the answer. Sometimes we need to give way; weigh up the pros and cons and count the cost but ultimately allow students to make a decision – even if it is a bad one - for this is how they will learn.

Athletics Pre-Events commence this Thursday and no doubt our cricketers will want to take advantage of the training session with NSW Breakers Captain Lisa Sthalekar, at 4pm at the TAS nets. Any boys with other commitments will be pushed to the front or the end of the event, enabling them to participate in both activities.

Weekend Successes

There were many success over the weekend that you will read about in the individual sports articles, however, I would like to make special mention of two individuals who characterise the humility and determination that is so highly valued at TAS. Congratulations to Jack Parker, who was crowned the Open Men’s Champion in the Armidale Triathlon series and to Michael Harris who is preparing to compete in the Mountain Biking Australia National Championships this weekend.

Rowing

At Saturday’s Head of the River the conditions were perfect and the atmosphere electric with a 10,000 strong crowd cheering the crews on. A small but committed group of TAS families, Old Boys, staff and coaches were privileged to share in this wonderful occasion.

As a coach you hope that everything will go to plan and all crews will have the opportunity for success. All three of our crews achieved their best time for the season; the Third IV by a staggering 25 seconds to come 5th in a time of 7:19, the Second IV were a respectable 7th, in a season’s best of 7:16, and the First IV took 13 seconds off their previous best to achieve a shed record of 7:03.

Whilst there were no podium finishes, our crews were well received by an appreciative audience. With fractions of a second separating crews on the line the TAS boys certainly added to the competition and they should be very proud of both their performance and their progress throughout the season.
Triathlon

The final round of the Armidale Triathlon was held in perfect conditions on Sunday. With 33 boys competing, 30 of whom were backing up from the previous day’s Inverell Toughen Up Challenge, the competition was fierce and determined.

Jack Parker who was looking to win the overall Opens Title, powered throughout the 500m swim to take a slim lead from Brent Rees and three others heading into the 30km bike ride. With his strongest leg in front of him, Jack opened the taps and taking advantage of his strength on the hills, created the decisive gap that just couldn’t be broken. He maintained a very solid pace throughout the 5km run to not only win the race, but to claim the overall Men’s Opens Championships for the 2014/15 season. A sensational results for one so young.

Brent Rees, having placed second the day before in his team at Inverell, notched another hard fought third place behind Jack, making it for the first time TAS had finished first and third overall in the Opens.

The short course race saw KB Fergusson (Triathlon Captain) in his last race for TAS and Sam Finlayson battle it out for the overall honours. Sam lead from the swim, but KB monstered the bike ride, relishing the string headwind during the return journey. It was only on the run leg that places became settled with Sam crossing the line just narrowly in front of KB. Joshua Jones (Year 8) showed what a talent he is in placing fourth, with younger brother Sam (Year 7) not far behind. Hamish Tydd, Jarrod Bourke, Brough Whibley and Callum Moffatt all had outstanding races.

Mr Jim Pennington
MIC
Inverell Toughen Up Challenge

A warm and humid day in Inverell greeted 34 keen young triathletes for something a little different. The third annual Inverell Toughen Up Challenge certainly lived up to its name.

The obstacle racing/mud running craze has spread throughout the nation, and the Northwest has its fair share of events. Commencing with a 500m stationary row, athletes then moved onto the 100m tractor tyre flip, 200m 40kg weighted pole run with 20 push-ups and 20 burpees, monkey bars, hay bale crossing and then the mud pits! It was then onto a 3km run, tyre carry, one km run, sandbag carry, 1km run, 100m swim, 20 burpees, 1km run, mud pit, hay bales again, the 100m ‘prowler’. 100m truck tyre pull and 100m water carry.

The boys again displayed their perseverance and fitness with the combined Year 11/12 team finishing second overall (KB Fergusson/Callum Bourke/Lachlan Mills/Brent Rees/Jarrod Bourke) and the second TAS Team (Sam Finlayson/Hamish Moore/Hamish Cannington/Joshua Jones) was fourth overall.

It was wonderful to see so many students enjoying the experience and the enthusiasm of Charlie Wyatt, Lukas Cook, Sam Tullie and Brough Whibley highlighted this unique opportunity.

Mr Jim Pennington
MIC
## Athletics Championships Program

### Middle Senior School

**Middle/Senior School Athletics Championships 2015 Events for Days 1 to 3**

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Note: Events for Days 1 to 3 are scheduled for Tuesday 10-Mar, Thursday 12-Mar, Tuesday 17-Mar, Thursday 19-Mar, and Tuesday 24-Mar, respectively. The schedule includes training days for skills development from 3:50 to 5:00 PM. Additional events are held throughout the day.
Upcoming Football Fixtures

Following on from the NCIS Championships held on Wednesday, the TAS First XI will be competing in the Acropolis Cup to be played at Doody Park, this coming Saturday, 14 March.

The First XI will play the following fixtures:
• 11.30am TAS vs Armidale
• 2.30pm TAS vs Tamworth
• 4.30pm TAS vs Northern Tablelands

Other fixtures include:
Thursday 19 March TAS vs Carinya - CIS Knockout 1pm Adamsfield
Sunday 29 March TAS vs Tamworth FC - FFA Knockout Rnd 1 4.30pm Doody Park

All support at any of these fixtures would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Coaching Course

There will be a Skill Training coaching course being conducted in Armidale on 14 & 15 March from 9am-4pm each day.

There are no pre-requisites to complete this course. Simply register online via the following link HERE

This course is directed towards coaches coaching players in the 9-13 age group. The course is a low cost of only $68 & conducted over 2 days.

“Skill acquisition phase”

For coaches training 9-13 year old players

In the Skill Acquisition Phase the coach MUST focus on building a solid foundation of technical skill.

The course is conducted over 14 hours, is fully practical and deals with the development of the 4 Functional Game Skills:
• First Touch
• Striking the Ball
• Running with the Ball
• 1 v 1

For more information contact Howard Stubbs on 0468 723 239 or coaching@northerninlandfootball.com.au.

You can also click on the following link to find out more on this particular course:
CLICK HERE

Horse Sports

Any student is interested in competing in events please contact Ms Genevieve Geyle-Chick on gchick@as.edu.au as soon as possible to ensure insurances are in place and applications are lodged, and a stable/stall is reserved.

Students interested in competing at COONA will need to contact me ASAP, entries will need to be in no later than the end of term as stables go quickly and it works on a first in first serve basis. Students will be required to organise their own stables and lodge their interest with me. Registration forms will then be sent out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quirindi P&C Horsesports
Quirindi Showground
Monday, 27 April
8am sharp gear check for 8.30am start
Awarded to champion and reserve riders
Strictly run under Pony Club rules
Contact: Simon Smith - 0428 485 355

Narrabri West Public School
Horse Sports Day
Friday 12 June
Saturday 13 June

Narrabri Pony Club show riding Gymkhana
Sunday 14 June
Narrabri Blanch Trophy Day

Programs will be emailed to schools in April.
Enquiries: Megan Hartog-Smith 0428 567 752

Ms Genevieve Geyle-Chick
Equestrian Coordinator
Last Wednesday, the TAS First XI played Rouse Hill Anglican College in the semi-final of the Douglas Shield Competition. Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Will Waterson (41) and Tom Stier (10) set a wonderful platform with an opening partnership of 55. Unfortunately, with the fall of a couple of wickets, Rouse Hill were able to suffocate our scoring and batting became quite difficult. Thanks to some lusty hitting at the end (Ben Moffat (30) and Mitch Foster (17 no – including successive sixes into the Croft Car Park), we reached a respectable 197 from our 50 overs. It was a defendable total based on the contributions of many batsmen (Will Archer 32, Jack Bennett 18, Max Alcorn 18 no). Unfortunately, though, we encountered an outstanding cricketer in one of the Rouse Hill openers who went on to make an unbeaten 126 and it was this individual performance that saw the opposition reach our total with seven wickets in hand. Our boys bowled satisfactorily, fielded exceptionally but ultimately had to accept a truly exceptional batting performance from a young man with considerable representative cricketing honours already to his name. It was a wonderful game to watch and, as it was the last for our eight Year 12 players on our home ground, a special game in itself. Despite the loss, the boys should be proud of having progressed so far in this competition and especially of the comments from the opposition coach regarding the humility and sportsmanship he observed in the TAS team, qualities he said he hadn’t seen before in a schoolboy team. The boys are terrific custodians of a great game and now have their sights on the semi-finals of the Armidale town competition.

Mr Barney Buntine

After their semi-final game against Rouse Hill on Wednesday TAS First XI backed up on Saturday to play minor premiers Hillgrove in the major semi-final of the 2nd grade Armidale & District Cricket Association.

Losing the toss and with Hillgrove electing to bat the TAS side were keen to defeat a team that they had not been able to beat all season. With Liam Howard and Hamish Coupland taking a couple of early wickets the Hillgrove batsmen then appeared to settle in, although were held to limited run rate by some excellent TAS fielding, and were 3 for 79 in the 26th over. But Will Archer introducing the spin late into the innings brought Hillgrove undone taking 6 wickets in his last 6 overs. Hillgrove were only able to build a total of 115 before being bowled out in the 37th over.

With the bowlers and fielders work done the TAS batsmen were able to take to the pitch with a very achievable target. Some big hitting from Jonny Bowers and Michael Cursons with the support of Tom Stier, Will Archer and Jack Bennett saw TAS chase down the total in just 17 overs.

This win puts TAS into the Grand Final to be played at Lambert Park on Saturday 21 March at 12:45pm and the team would appreciate the support of all the fans of TAS Cricket on the day.

Bowling

- Archer W 6/29 off 9 overs
- Coupland H 3/27 off 10 overs
- Howard L 1/18 off 4 overs

Batting

- Cursons M 64 n.o.
- Bowers J 34
- Archer W 7 n.o.

Ms Amanda Robins

TAS in Junior TOAD Cup Final

The TAS Junior TOAD Cup team won a closely fought game against Armidale High School last Friday night at the Sports Ground. It was a very good team performance with every player contributing to the victory. TAS were on top early with early wickets and tight bowling by Kieran Dennis and Ryan Schmitt. The fielding was outstanding and we restricted Armidale High to 89 runs from their 20 overs. A solid opening partnership from Henry Smith (40 ret) and Kieran Dennis laid the platform for the win. Hugh Stonier , Nick Farrar and James Wicks batted well and we achieved victory in the 19th over.

The Final will be played against Duval High School at the Sports Ground from 6pm this Friday. It will be an enjoyable evening, so come along and watch some very good young cricketers under lights. The players would love your support.

Mr Allan Moore

MIC Cricket
Lisa Sthalekar visiting TAS

We are pleased to announce that Lisa Sthalekar, an Australian Cricket representative, will be conducting a training session for all TAS Cricketers at TAS on Thursday 12 March. As an Australian player her knowledge is second to none and she is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter with good ideas on how to make training sessions work.

The session will cover a wide range of skills and will be held at the TAS Cricket nets from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. I highly recommend that students participate in this training session.

While at TAS, Lisa will conduct a "coach the coaches" session for the TAS coaches from 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity for all our coaches to upgrade their skills from a cricketing legend.

Cricket NSW Presents
Country Cricket Blitz Tour 2015

With

Lisa Sthalekar
NSW Breakers Captain &
Aust. South Stars World Champion

THURSDAY 12th March - ARMIDALE

Events Program Armidale Thursday 12th March 2015

9.30am – 2.30pm

2015 World Cup Challenge
Milo T20 Blast Cup for year 3-4 & 5-6
@ Harris Park

4.00pm to 6.00pm

TAS Player Development Clinic

With Lisa at the TAS Cricket Net complex

Coach the Coaches

Session 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Armidale DCA extends an invitation for all interested cricket coaches and school cricket co-ordinators to attend the TAS Player Development Clinic which will start at 4pm.

Join us when you can by 5.30pm for the Coach the Coaches session.

For further information or to nominate teams - call Kath Barber CNSW – 0425 297 722
Mountain Biking

On Monday afternoon the MTB team headed to the Piney for round 6 of the NEMTB Summer Series. The race was held on a different track to last time we raced here, with participants racing on a 2km section of the ‘12 Hours in the Piney’ race track. This track was technical and fun with two creek crossings mixing up the course. Six TAS boys topped the Under 15’s race with Tom Cannington pipping Alex Kirk for the win while Angus Cornall rode well to take out the under 17’s race. Tom Nivision so far has claimed the best and wettest stack for the season but recovered fine to finish strong and with a grin, only wishing he was “wearing his ‘go pro’ so that he could have recorded it”!

Most importantly, it looked like all the boys enjoyed their race! Full results can be found [HERE](#). Results Next week’s race will be held at ‘Fat Tyre Farm’ at the base of Black Mountain - please refer to the directions sent out in an email earlier this term and allow approximately 20 minutes to arrive at the track by 4.30pm for our practice lap.

This Wednesday at training I will be asking the boys to let me know their teams for the ‘12 Hours in The Piney’ held on Saturday 28 March. Each team will require one or more parent ‘helpers’ to support them throughout the day. So I encourage parents to come along to support their son in this event and watch them in action before mountain biking finishes at TAS for the season.
After months of development, long hours building sets, props and costumes and an intense final push by the cast and crew, this Friday sees the Opening Night for Once Upon a Mattress. With so much time and effort invested in the show everyone is keen to show the fruits of their hard labour and dazzle on the stage. Thursday night is the final dress rehearsal of the show where some lucky boarders will be given a sneak-peek before the real audience joins us the following night. There are still plenty of tickets available for the show from the Hoskins website and we encourage everyone to come along. If you are having problems booking tickets online please call TAS Reception or the Hoskins Centre to arrange for tickets to be collected at the Box Office.

Click HERE to book directly through TRYBOOKING

Trinity Speech and Drama lessons are also in full swing now with our tutor Alex Robson. With the Eisteddfod on next year some of those students may be preparing to perform some pieces in that competition - if parents and students are interested in that opportunity they are encouraged to discuss it with him. For senior students there will be teams registered for the Theatre Sports competition of the Eisteddfod soon and so those interested should listen out for announcements.

And finally, by this time next week we should be able to announce the cast of Treasure Island so watch this space for that exciting news.

Mr Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator
MUSIC MATTERS

TAS NECOM Music Days

TAS NECOM Music Days are over for another year.

The Year 9 and 10 elective Music class and our HSC Music students spent time at New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) last week for the annual Music Workshops. This fantastic annual offering by NECOM is a great opportunity for our students to collaborate with other music students from the New England/North West region for syllabus-based practical activities. It was an invaluable experience for all students, in particular our HSC students who were provided the opportunity to work with HSC senior markers from the Conservatorium High School in Sydney.

Armidale Care for Seniors

Morning Melodies are next Wednesday 18 March.

TAS Junior School students will perform again for Armidale Seniors at their Morning Melodies next Wednesday at the Armidale Bowling Club. This has become a regular performance opportunity for our younger TAS students and is very much enjoyed by our older residents.

TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble and TAS Junior Band will perform from 10.30 - 11am and will be escorted to the venue by Mrs Butcher and Mr Smith. They will be transported by bus to the Bowling Club at 10am and returned to school after the performance by 11.30am.

Once Upon A Mattress Opens this Friday!

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Broadway musical comedy ‘Once upon a Mattress’ brought to you by TAS, NEGS and PLC. Opening this Friday at 7.30pm!

REMINDER: Term 1 Twilight Concert Week 9

The Twilight Concert this term will be held in the Big School Hall commencing at 6pm on Thursday 26 March. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for instrumental and vocal students to gain valuable performance experience in front of a small and friendly audience. Twilight Concerts are free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Closing Date for Eisteddfod Entries

A reminder for parents - If your child is keen to enter in to an event in this year’s Eisteddfod, please remember that the closing date for entries is THIS FRIDAY 13 MARCH. We advise that parents get in touch with tutors asap to discuss entry requirements. 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 NECOM.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
We are just over half way through the first term, summer sports are making way for winter options: Athletics events will begin this week, lunch time cricket and tennis sessions are fewer for some because debating season is underway, we’re considering the extent of our involvement in the Autumn Festival and the ‘Campus to City Canter’. And, all the while, boarding house activities continue as do classes, prep work, assessment task preparation and more meaningful engagement in academic activity.

Autumn Festival

This year some of our Year 7 and 8 boys will represent TAS at the Autumn Festival Parade. The theme for this year is 100 years since Gallipoli and, as I indicated at this week’s Town Meeting, I’m really pleased so many boys will be participating in 2015’s Autumn Festival activities.

Boys participating in this event will be given community service hours.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held this Thursday, 12 March and Friday 13 March. Interviews will be held in the School Library.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held this Thursday, 12 March (Parents of Day students) and Friday, 13 March. (Parents of Boarding students). Interviews will be held in the Memorial Hall.

How to Make the Most of Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews are an important part of your son’s education. Here are some tips to make the most of the time you spend at your parent/teacher interview:

~ Try to be relaxed. Teachers don’t want to put you on the spot or make you feel like you are being judged. They want a useful discussion that will help them teach better and your child learn better.

~ When you and the teacher are united, that’s a powerful message from the most important adult team in your child’s education.

~ Try to be on time and keep to the allotted time. If you cannot make the appointment, arrange one at a time that suits you and the teacher better.

~ Ask your child if there are any matters that you should raise at the conference.

~ If your child is not making progress, ask teachers for specific suggestions about how you can help your child do better.

~ Stay in regular touch with the homeroom teacher to discuss the progress your child is making.

Some good questions to ask:

* Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?

* How well does my child get along with others?

* What are my child’s best and worst subjects?

* Is my child working at his ability?

* Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?

* Has my child missed any classes other than ones I contacted the school about?
Have you noticed any sudden changes in the way my child acts?

What kinds of assessments are being done? What do the assessments tell about my child’s progress?

How does my child handle taking tests?

Most importantly, try asking your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all.

Student Leaders

Last week I met with our Middle School Monitors to canvass views on sports participation, prep, assessments and school life generally. We’re fairly busy here (a good thing, overall) and we need to assess how well we’re doing things, how well these boys think others are managing what, at times, can seem to be a juggling act. Because they’re our primary focus, it’s necessary and healthy to get student feedback – sometimes they see things that we teachers, for whatever reason, do not do not see. Again, I encourage you to let me know about how well you think your boys are managing their time at TAS. It’s important that we adults maintain contact.

Athletics

The Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and, like the Swimming Carnival in Week 3, I encourage you, wherever possible, to travel to Armidale to see your sons’ events. The day will be as well attended as the Swimming Carnival day and I know for a fact that the boys love to have their parents at such major calendar events. We enjoy having you here as well. I know you’ll enjoy the events of the day: always entertaining; real competition; amazing House spirit and there is always something to do and many people to talk to. I’m looking forward to catching up with you.

Once Upon a Mattress

We wish all the cast the best of luck for the upcoming musical, Once Upon a Mattress, especially our MS boys who are involved back stage. We thank all the parents, staff and students involved in this production and in particular Director Mr Andrew O’Connell and Musical Director Ms Leanne Roobol for the time and effort they have given.

Excursion Week

The program for the Year 6 exchange visit to Mosman Prep (Sydney) and the Year 7 Camp at Exodus Outdoor Adventures are nearing completion. Details of these excursions will be emailed out to parents as soon as all travel plans and costs have been finalised. Details for the Year 8 Creative Arts and Language Week in Sydney have already been sent to parents.

Mr Mark Harrison
Middle School
Minimbah Visit

Last week, we were privileged to have Gwenda Stanley visit us in a ‘Sharing of Culture’ session last Thursday. Gwenda spoke to us through song, dance and the viewing of artefacts from her Aboriginal culture and it was fitting that we were able to host the senior students from Minimbah for the afternoon. Having TAS and Minimbah together in our playground, library and gym for her performance increased the significance of Gwenda’s visit, as did the presence of some of our senior Aboriginal students who were able to share their stories as well. I am unsure who won the chess in the library, or who was king of the castle in the playground, but I know that it was a great afternoon for all and many thanks to Calin Simmonds (Year 4) for the recount he has submitted below.

Minimbah Vice Captain, Coutney Green and Ruby Straker deep in thought over their game of chess.

IB in China

Next week, Mrs Veronica Waters and myself will be travelling to Macau, China to participate in a five day International Baccalaureate conference for coordinators and administrators. This will be a chance for us to work and connect with teachers and administrators from around the globe, enhancing our understanding and application of the IB principles. The time and resources being afforded the move towards IB is significant. As reported last week, three of our teachers visited Trinity in Sydney and the experience was extremely valuable. During my time away, Mrs Christine Wright will be deputising on my behalf and I ask that you contact her through our Reception desk should there be the need. I thank Mrs Wright in advance for stepping into this role and look forward to reporting back to you about this exciting opportunity.

ICAS Competitions and Assessments

You will have received a letter asking whether you would like your child to participate in the ICAS Spelling, Maths and English Assessments. These assessments are competitive in nature and do not form part of our assessment schedule. We understand, therefore, that the benefits are less significant for some students. Even though they are not compulsory, they do offer some diagnostic value for our teaching and learning. It is the decision therefore, for parents whether their children should participate. As the results come through, the accompanying diagnostic data is kept at the school, and is forwarded to parents if requested.
Junior School contribute to Morning Melodies

Armidale Care for Seniors have requested our Junior Vocal Ensemble and Junior Band perform again at their Morning Melodies next Wednesday 18 March. The time slot for the performance will be 10.30 – 11.00 am and we are excited that they have been invited back to perform and wish them well for their performances.

TAS attendance at the Armidale Autumn Festival

A note has been sent home, requesting permission to attend the Autumn Festival this Saturday. We look forward to joining with other representatives from Middle and Senior School and we are hoping for large numbers on the day. There will be a bus for those younger students who would like to participate and the details are outlined in the note. Please return your permission note to attend, so that we know how many students will be present on the day. It is important to support such community events and we look forward to seeing a large Junior School contingent on the day.

The Three Steps

TAS Junior School is reinforcing the following strategy with our children to help them through the difficult issue of how to deal with unwanted behaviour and/or attention. We call it ‘The Three Steps’ and where possible, we would like you to discuss this at home and help them put it into practice. The philosophy is for the children to begin to understand that they can make a difference themselves in some situations while allowing them to have the support they may need in others. We explain that it is OK to miss Step 1 or 2 if behaviour is dangerous or very serious, but it encourages them to make a decision and take some ownership of the situation confronting them as well.

Rather than simply going to "tell" we are encouraging our students to say:

Step 1 - “Please stop doing/saying that. I don’t like it.”

Step 2 - "I’ve asked you to stop. If you do it again, I will go and talk to a teacher."

Step 3 - "I am going to talk to a teacher."

We encourage students to talk to the teachers, rather than “tell”. In doing so, the students have the opportunity to retain some of the responsibility for ‘fixing’ the situation. Of course, this skill is a difficult one. Please discuss this strategy with your children at home and perhaps let them have a practice with you when you have the chance. If we all develop a similar approach to such situations, I am sure it will pay dividends in the long run.

Looking ahead

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Happy Birthday

This week we wish a very happy birthday to: Sam Ball, Blake Whitehill and Fletcher Connor.

Uniform

The Junior School is doing it’s best to ensure the school uniform is worn correctly and we would like the support for families as we endeavour to change poor practice that is creeping in.

For our boys, shirts should to be tucked in, socks need to be pulled up and ties worn correctly. For our girls, the summer uniform includes the school dress with belt, short white socks and longer hair in navy ribbons as required. Wearing our sporting uniform correctly also shows pride in our school and us.

Student Absences

Please note that it would be appreciated if parents would contact the Junior School to advise of student illness, family holidays or appointments. This enables us to keep an accurate record of our students’ attendances. The Application for Exemption of attendance form is available on the TAS website.
Junior School Book Clubs

Many of your children will have now brought home brochures from Lamont & Scholastic Book Clubs. If you wish to purchase from either of these companies, please select the books you would like and follow the instructions for ordering and payment that are found on the back page of each brochure.

All orders for these current brochures should be made by Friday 20 March.

Scholastic orders can be submitted in two ways: 1) By using the Scholastic ‘LOOP’ online webpage, where you will order and pay by credit card, or 2) by filling in the order form, and placing that order form and a cheque in the RED LETTER BOX in the Junior School office. Orders from Lamont can only be made online through their website, but payment can be made by credit card and Paypal. Please note that cash CANNOT be accepted as payment by either book club.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me in the TAS Library, or by email nramazan@as.edu.au. Also, when items arrive at the school they are delivered to the classroom to be sent home with your child, so please let me know if any orders are gifts so that we can make other arrangements.

Happy reading!

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Library Assistant

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Gwenda Stanley’s visit: A factual recount

Today after lunch Gwenda Stanley came to perform to the Junior School and Minimbah School at TAS. Gwenda Stanley is an Aboriginal dancer.

First she performed an Aboriginal dance. She had some Aboriginal clothing made with grass. She danced as an emu and a kangaroo.

After that she danced as lots of different animals. She told us how they caught echidnas with a wooden shovel with a spike on the bottom.

They caught birds with a mini boomerang and she told us about the world record for throwing it. The record was 500 metres there and back again.

What I liked most was the emu dance.

Written by Calin Simmonds Year 4
PYP in Year 4

Mr Druce has creatively merged new content and outcomes from the BOSTES History Syllabus related to Australian exploration with a unit of inquiry focused on exploration and discovery around the world.

The central idea being investigated by Year 4: Exploration leads to discovery and develops new understandings.

Year 4 have been working through the following lines of inquiry:

- Reasons for exploration
- Feelings and attitudes associated with exploration
- What we learn through exploration
- Methods of navigation

They initially commenced the inquiry by looking at Australia's history and mapping out the route taken by the First Fleet and the trials encountered.

Year 4 then went on to explore Ferdinand Magellan and Vasco da Gama and their exploration of other areas around the world.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
**NCIS Swimming team results**

Congratulations to the following children who participated in the NCIS swimming championships in Lismore last week. The team performed incredibly well, encouraging each other and supporting all TAS members from our 8 year olds up to the senior boys.

- Sam Ball
- Ben Rowe
- Frank Perrottet
- Peter Evans
- Oliver Smart
- Will Nash
- Hugh Taylor
- Abbott White
- Tom Ball
- Iles Baker
- Ruby Straker
- Isabel Newton
- Beatrice Henzell

Congratulations to the following children who swam well, gaining selection in the CIS team. The team travel to Sydney next week for the CIS Championships. We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their adventures in the pool!

**Tom Ball:**
- 2nd 9 years 50m Free
- 1st 10 years and under 50 Breast

**Ruby Straker:**
- 2nd 10 years 50m Back
- 3rd 10 and under 200 IM

**Abbott White:**
- 3rd 10 years and under 50 Breast

**Sam Ball:**
- 3rd 11 year 50m Butterfly
Conclusion of Summer Sports this term

As our summer competitions draw to a close please take note of the following final training dates:

Under 12’s Cricket – have now finished training
Under 9’s Cricket – last game this weekend. No more training
Basketball – last training will be Wed. 18 March (Week 8)
Swimming team – last session Thursday 19 March (Week 8)
Tennis group – last session Wednesday, 18 March (Week 8)
Gymnastics group – last session Monday, 23 March (Week 9)

Netball Commences this Saturday

Our Primary girls will commence training this Thursday at Sandon School from 4 – 5pm. Their first game is this Saturday, 14 March after the Autumn Parade. Games will commence at 1:20pm; our game time is yet to be advised.

Junior girls in Years K-2 who have registered on line for NetSetGo will start their sessions next Saturday, 21 March. Times and more details will come soon.

TAS Blue

This week saw TAS Blue take on a mixed Town team at Miniball. We as of yet have not played a mixed Town team so when we lined up for our game TAS Blue were slightly apprehensive. However, our apprehension was not warranted and we even kept them scoreless throughout the game! We absolutely shined. Emily Buntine was again strong in defence and attack with Will Nash assisting out and proving to be a very versatile player. Both Conal Nicoll, who was again all over the opposition and Jasper O’Neil, who despite feeling a bit sick, managed to be speedy and clever throughout the game.

We even made a special new friend as we were short one player and we had a boy join us from the town team. Thanks again TAS Blue for a fast and exciting game.

Ms Tabatha Dowse

Basketball

TAS White

Monday saw the ever-improving TAS White team up against Townies. With a massive Townies contingent, some were distributed to other teams and we were lucky to receive two fantastic little players, Raymond and Gabe, to support us this week. The team got off to a flying start and with some great teamwork and tenacious defence; the Townies were finding it hard to reach the basket. In contrast, we were dominating offence and hit the bench at half time with an 8-0 lead, thanks to baskets by Flynn Broadfoot, Gabe and Raymond, plus a sweet long bomb from Alex Webber that was nothing but net as it swooshed through. Michael Janda and Jonathan Harris were brilliant in assists and were unlucky not to score, whilst Oliver Smart joined the scorers soon into the second half. Despite a late comeback from Townies, TAS White was a victor on the day winning 17-2.

Mr Alex Portell

TAS Red VS the Town Puggles

The boys have been eager for a challenge and what a challenge they received from the Town Puggles today. They were fast, had tight dribbling and good defensive skills. There was a point in the match that we saw players dribbling the ball between their legs and giving false throws to put off the opponent before passing successfully.

However, our boys were able to pull off a few fancy skills themselves like doing a round the world dribble before passing. Unfortunately their shooting skills and team- work were stronger on the day. The final result was 8/28.

There were many things that we have learnt from this game. We learnt the importance of teamwork, good development of ball skills and above all a healthy amount of competition.

We look forward to building on our skills this week and wait with anticipation for our next match!! Go the mighty Reds.

Mrs Lana Hawksford
**TAS Under 9s Hockey**

TAS Hockey Club are seeking energetic and enthusiastic young girls and boys to play in the Saturday morning Under 9s mixed hockey competition to commence in Term 2. Players typically range in ages from 6-8 years of age so players from Kindergarten through to Year 2 are welcome to play. Games are usually played at 9.30am on the UNE turfs in a quarter field, modified format, with coaches on the field providing support and skill development as the game proceeds. For those interested, please contact Mr Portell on 0458 006 053 or at aportell@as.edu.au for more details.

Mr Alex Portell  
MIC Hockey

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Lily Peart has lost her Boater hat, it is clearly labeled. If located, please return to the Junior School.

Thomas Price has lost his computer bag. If located, please return to Reception.

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**Gymnastics**

So much fun was had gymnastics this week.

The photos below showcase some of the great activities the students were involved with.

- Christopher Bowers learning to juggle
- Maddie Buntine on the bars
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