As the term comes to a close, there has been no slowing of activity and reports in this edition of TAS Talks highlight how much has been happening. Just over the last weekend 50 TAS boys took to the water for the 2km Coffs Ocean Swim, our 1st XI Footballers travelled to Sydney to play Barker College, 7 of our most committed athletes competed at the Sydney High Invitational Athletics Meet, senior rugby players competed in the Scots College International 7s Tournament, 37 students participated in the UNE mountain biking event and TAS cricketers were recognised at the Armidale end of season awards. In all, a significant weekend of activity that highlights both the breadth of opportunities available to our students and their willingness to put their hands up for fresh challenges. Perhaps more than anything else, that hunger for challenge and the sense of purpose and community that lies behind it is a defining trait of TAS students and it is to be applauded. I congratulate all who have been involved in these good things at the end of a busy term and I look forward to seeing it continue.

Looking Back and Founding A New Tradition

On Monday we celebrated Founders’ Day and the School’s 121st birthday. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli that will be commemorated on ANZAC Day this year, our theme for Founders’ Day was the service and sacrifice of TAS Old Boys and staff in the First World War. It was also a chance to imagine that the sense of camaraderie and love of adventure amongst TAS boys that endures today may have had its origins in that tragic past. Looking back, as we do each year at around this time, is important as it helps us to focus on who we are today and what we seek to take with us into the future.

In much lighter fashion, Monday also set in place what looks like becoming a great tradition as the inaugural ‘Cloisters Run’ was staged. The run which is based on the Trinity College Great Court Run that featured in the film ‘Chariots of Fire’ is a new feature of inter-house calendar and involves 6 students from each house in a relay from the cloisters and around Junior School. The whole school was on hand to cheer on their houses and I congratulate Ross House who take their place in school history as the first winners.

TAS Rugby Carnival

As we look ahead to the holiday break, I wish well all those who will be involved in school activities through the coming fortnight, including the Tour de Rocks cycling expedition, service in Sydney and the Christian youth conference in Katoomba and our delegation to the Young Round Square Conference at Westminster School in Adelaide.

The break will also see our largest school event of the year as around 1,000 young rugby players and many more parents and coaches arrive at TAS on the final weekend of the holidays for the TAS Rugby Carnival. I know that planning for the carnival has been in progress for the past 12 months and I offer special thanks to the many parents, staff and students who will be involved in supporting it again this year.
**ANZAC Day**

Unusually, this year ANZAC Day falls in term time and that provides us with the opportunity to recognise the 100th anniversary as a school on the day. Details of both the TAS service at 7:00am and the involvement of the full TAS Cadet Unit in the Armidale service are provided in this edition of TAS Talks. The significance of the involvement of TAS Old Boys and staff in the First World War makes this an important day for the School and we will certainly be on show. I hope that many parents will be able to join us in Armidale as the Cadet Unit joins the march and service.

**Co-education**

I hope that all parents have now received the letter from the School Board regarding the introduction of coeducation from the start of 2016. For those who might not have, the link to the letter is provided below. Communication on our preparations for this will continue through the year and I look forward to keeping the community informed.

[Link to letter from the TAS Board.](#)
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- 13 April - 17 April: Young Round Square Conference (12-14 yr olds), Adelaide
- 15 April - 20 April: SISER KYCK Service in Sydney and Katoomba
- 18 April - 19 April: TAS Rugby Carnival
- 18 April - 20 April: TAS Rifle Club Fullbore Training Camp (Wollomombi)

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Click HERE to view TERM 2 Calendar

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 5.00pm
- Tuesday 21 April normal hours resume 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Wednesday 22 April 1.30pm to 5.30pm

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

As outlined in the Rules and Regulations which can be found on the website, the School expects its students to wear their full school uniform correctly and with pride and sets high standards for students both in public and at school. During the school day students arriving and departing grounds must wear a blazer and Akubra hat unless given approval otherwise; shirts must be tucked in and socks pulled up.

This includes all boys who are delivered to school by parents, as well as those who walk or arrive by bus.

It is also an expectation of the school that uniform and shoes will be clean and in good repair, and that only approved TAS backpacks be used as school bags.

The support of families in abiding by these regulations is expected and appreciated.
Our final week of Term 1 – just where did the time go? From the P&F Executive, to all our families and friends, we wish you a safe a relaxing break.

TAS Rugby Carnival 18 / 19 April

The last weekend of the school holidays sees TAS hosting the Rugby Carnival. It is the single largest event on the TAS calendar and it is both a super weekend of primary rugby, and also a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school to the broader community, and we would love your help. From my own experience, it’s a super busy but fun weekend, and a great opportunity to catch up with friends both old and new while knowing that you are really doing something worthwhile to support our school.

We will need soup, biscuits, cakes, slices, and helpers across both days. Keep an eye out for a note from your Liaison Parents, or feel free to contact me directly on 0409 973 247 or sue_333@me.com to confirm a time slot if you are able to spare any time over this huge weekend. We’d love to see you there.

Thank you to all the boys who have already volunteered some time to help us and will earn Community Service hours. I will be in touch with you over the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the Junior and Middle/Senior Athletics Carnivals this week.

Parent Liaison Lunch

After some discussion a date has been set for the Term 2 Liaison Parent lunch. The lunch will be held in Big School on Wednesday 6 May at 12.30pm.

STUDENT SERVICES

Note for parents planning public transport travel for their son(s) during the vacation.

Students 16 years and over are advised to apply for a NSW Transport Student Concession Card available from the Travel Office. This entitles the holder to half adult fare on buses, trains and ferries. It also contributes points towards a proof of identity check.

Please apply to Mrs Meg Sadler by emailing travel@as.edu.au
Easter, Quick Quiz

1. At Easter we celebrate the birth of Jesus, T/F?
2. According to tradition, the thief who accepted Jesus while they hung on the cross was on Jesus’ right, T/F?
3. Written above Jesus’ head on the cross was; ‘Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews’, T/F
4. Lent lasts for 40 days as it represents the amount of time that Jesus spent going without chocolate, T/F?
5. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the start of the rugby league season, T/F?
6. Jesus was forced to wear a red cloak during his trial T/F?
7. After Jesus’ trial the name of the criminal who was freed at the will of the crowd, instead of Jesus was, Barrabas, T/F
8. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to the Romans by giving him a carnation, T/ F?
9. The first people to see Jesus’ opened grave at resurrection were His mother Mary and “the other Mary”, T/F
10. Benjamin Franklin said “God helps those who help themselves”, T/F

My guess is that the majority of us can get most of the above questions correct. However, a recent survey revealed that nearly a quarter of Australians said that Jesus was credited with the words “God helps those who help themselves”. I think this is a very common notion, even if we recognize that this a Franklin quote, many of us function as if God himself said it. We act as though as long as I reach a particular standard, or as long as I contribute to society, or as long as I reach out for God he will reach down for me. Any of these ideas demote what Jesus did on the cross as something insufficient, as something not quite worthy, a sacrifice that needs topping up, even repeating. In fact a student once said to me, there have been a lot of sins since Jesus died, isn’t it time he did it again - the answer in an emphatic, NO. Peter’s first letter in the New Testament says in chapter 3, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May each year. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.

For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). For students in Years 7 and 9, there are five tests including two tests in numeracy – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test.

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the central management of the NAPLAN. The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) is the NSW Test Administration Authority (TAA) and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in all NSW schools.

For further information regarding NAPLAN please contact the coordinator, Ms Catherine Boydell on 6776 5800.

Click HERE to download NAPLAN letter.
**ACADEMIC**

**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 13-17 April. 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](http://scischool.com.au).

**Miss Amanda Robins**

**Royal Easter Show Success**

During Term 1, Year 10 Agriculture students studied poultry production as a unit. As part of this they raised birds with the aim of exhibiting them at the Sydney Royal Easter show. With more judging still to come they have already had success winning the Purebred Layers Trio and gaining two third places in the individual School Rooster and Hen classes respectively. Well done boys.

Debaters from Middle School held their own at the first round of this year’s Tri-School Shield, which PLC hosted on Wednesday. For some of our students it was the first time they had ever participated in a debate, and all looked forward to a new way of arguing a case!

The Year 6 team of Josiah Alcorn, Tim Lindeman, Lochlan Nicol and Tristan Rottcher put forward some good points for the negative case on the topic ‘That team sport should be compulsory for all students’, however they were defeated by PLC.

Year 7 (Stuart Epworth, Liam Matherson, John Moore and Hamish Parsons) were the Affirmative for the topic ‘That part time employment should be compulsory for all students’ and their effective team line about the benefits of time management propelled them to a victory over their PLC opponents, with Liam Matherson also be recognised as the best speaker of the debate.

The Year 8 team of Tim Cimino, Jack Halliday, Harry Mason and Henry O’Neill went down by only one point in a very tight argument ‘That competition sport teams should be selected according to ability not gender’, with TAS as the Negative - nevertheless, Jack Halliday was awarded best speaker of the debate. The Year 8 boys were most appreciative of having support from Senior Prefect Jack Bennett, Deputy Senior Prefect Harry Wright and Captain of TAS Speakers Sam Redhead in the audience. Thanks also to Sam, Harry and Sebastian Gibson who encouraged and helped the boys during their preparation.

All interested debaters will get plenty of practice in Term 2, with inter-house debating and public speaking for the Clemson Cup and TAS to host a gala debating day including Round 2 of the Tri-Schools series and a senior debate in Hoskins, as well as a Boarders v Day Boys debate - stay tuned!

**Mr Tim Hughes**
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 seven 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.

To complete an application CLICK HERE
ANZAC DAY

This year’s 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day is to be commemorated by the whole school on the day - 25 April 2015. This year ANZAC Day falls on the Saturday at the end of Week 1 Term 2. The whole school is to be in attendance at our 7.00am commemorative service outside the Memorial Hall where we remember the 103 fallen Old Boys and staff and many others whom served our nation in time of war and peace. We are very fortunate to have long time supporter of TAS Major General Iain Spence, Head of Cadets Reserves and Employer Support Division, as our invited guest to speak at the service. Our 16 man ceremonial guard will form the catafalque party for the ceremony. The service will be followed by a Eucharist Service in the Memorial Hall.

At 8.30am our ceremonial guard will form the catafalque party at the Dangarsleigh War Memorial Service.

At 11.00am the whole cadet unit (A, B, C Coy, Q Store and Signals Platoon) will march in the Armidale City Anzac Day Service. The unit’s ceremonial guard will form the catafalque party at the service in Central Park. The remainder of the school will attend the service in Central Park from 11.00am.

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Your support of this most significant occasion is greatly appreciated.

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
Commanding Officer, Cadets
Save the Date
TAS Community Open Day
(incorporating Grandparent’s 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
The Finish

Regardless of how hard you have pushed or how little you have left in the tank, when the finish line is near you will find that little bit extra. This is the point where you call it up; you push your body and your mind beyond their natural limits.

This term has certainly been a full and challenging race and despite the exhaustion, there was no easing up towards the finish line as the last weekend of the term was perhaps the busiest of all. More than 50 swimmers competed in the Coffs Ocean Swim; athletes, footballers and rugby players went to Sydney to compete; mountain bikers spent 12 hours in the Piney’ and shooters hit the clay targets in Guyra.

Monday saw the inaugural Cloisters Race run to the theme of Chariots of Fire then sparing no effort, both student and staff, gave all they had left at the School Athletics Championships today.

To quote Nick Farrar ‘If I had to choose one player that had the greatest influence on the success of the season….I couldn’t. Every member of the team contributed to our success’. I would like to thank all students, staff and supporters for their contribution. Enjoy a well earned break and have a safe and happy Easter.

Term 2 sport will start first day back. A copy of the Training Schedule and Allocation of Coaches are attached. Please consult the website if you have any questions or contact the MIC of the particular sport.
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Football

On Friday 27 May the TAS Firsts football team traveled to Sydney to play against Barker College’s Second XI and attend a training session in the afternoon run by Paul Wade. A number of injuries and other commitments meant that our team was short on numbers. Luckily we were able to at very short notice fill those places and still field a competitive side, thanks to those boys who helped out. The game against Barker was fast paced and exciting with both teams trying hard to hold possession and control the game. An exceptional free kick from Barker found the back of the net and another goal shortly after saw us 2-0 down. The TAS team fought back hard and a well placed corner from Jarrod Bourke, and some pressure in the box from Alex Boulus gave us a goal to bring us back to 2-1.

The Training session with Paul Wade was very beneficial, the boys were able to pick up new skills and some important insight into the game.

Mr Christian Nexo

Mountain Biking

Thirty seven students from TAS joined approximately 300 riders from NSW and QLD to participate in the UNE 12 Hours in the Piney last Saturday. There were four TAS teams in the junior four-hour ‘River Loop’ race, four TAS teams in the eight hour ‘13 km loop’ and a handful of senior students combining with parents and friends to make up teams for the full twelve hour race. Everyone who participated seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and all the TAS students rode outstandingly. There were some impressive results with the ‘TAS Sergeants’ (Clancy Roberts, Jaden Carroll, Riley Simmons and Angus Martel) and the ‘TAS Captains’ (made up of Nick & Xavier Munsie, Jack Gellie and Sam Coomes) placing second and third respectively in the four hour race, the ‘TAS Commandos’ (made up of Nick Taylor, Hamish Newton, Zac Campbell and Ben Carter) placing second in the eight hour event, team ‘ROD’ (Rob Butcher and cousin Oscar Lamb) riding for twelve hours and placing first in the under 18’s race, and Michael Harris’s team winning the 12 hour race outright. Michael also claimed the fastest lap time out of all the riders, completing one of his laps of the 13km loop in 35 minutes! Not to be outdone by the students, TAS MTB coaches Mr Richard Newton, Mr Matt Benham, Mrs Jo Benham and friend (Stephen Rumble) won the team of mixed four category in the 12 hour while Mr Aaron Kennewell rode well in a team of three, also in the 12 hour event. Full results can be found here: http://www.nemtb.com.au/results

To finish off the summer mountain bike season, students raced in the final summer series race last night at Kookaburra Crest. It was a lovely cool evening and the students rode very well, especially since most had competed in the 12 hour only two days before. The results are worth a look, with seven TAS students making the top 10 of the under 15’s race.

Finally, congratulations to all TAS Mountain Bike students on your fantastic effort during the first season of mountain biking at TAS! There will be local MTB races and social rides held throughout winter which we hope to take any keen students along to, providing they don’t clash with winter sports commitments. The dates of these will be found on the NEMTB website http://www.nemtb.com.au and I will be sending around an email before these events with further details.

(Some photos & videos from the event can be found here https://www.facebook.com/pages/UNE-12-Hours-In-The-Piney/421719024551612?ref=ts&fref=ts)
With a yawn and an expectant look to the dark sky above, 50 TAS boys boarded the bus at 5:30am, heading to Coffs Harbour for the 2km Open Water Swim. Some boys were competing as part of the Surf Lifesaving Program, others Triathlon, all aiming for their Triple Crown Award.

With absolutely perfect conditions greeting the swimmers at Coffs, minds were set at ease and the race was underway. Harry Wright, Jack Parker and Brent Rees forced their way to the pointy end, maintaining a cracking pace. The other boys spread themselves out amongst the field, finding that ‘happy place’ which one searches for in the open water. Harry powered the last 300m to finish in 17th place overall, a sensational achievement. He was closely followed by Jack, Brent and Saxon Hughes, all boys finishing within the top 50 outright. Young Sam Wright (brother of Harry) had an amazing race to finish 59th overall and first in the 13-15years age group. This is a terrific result to win your age-group in the open water whilst residing in Armidale.

Liam Donaldson just managed to hold off his mother Jenny, whilst Rowan Rodgers was able to reverse the order and beat son George home. Oliver and his Dad Steven Broun completed their Triple Crown together, having already finished the City to Surf and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, as too did Angus Roxburgh-Batt who finished with a standing ovation from the crowd in attendance.

Mr Jim Pennington
A very busy term for the Creative Arts draws itself to a close but not without a few final announcements. The cast of Treasure Island has been confirmed and I can announce it here:

Jim Hawkins - Alexander Gibson, Lucas Cottrell (understudy)
Billy Bones - Ian Lloyd
Mary Hawkins - Leanne Roobol
Pew - John Hadfield
Black Dog - Ziggy Harris
Abraham Gray - Cal Hunter
Israel Hands - Matt Giakoumi
George Merry - Dom Pilon
O’Brien - Tim Hughes
Doctor David Livesey - Andrew Knight
Squire John Trelawney - Alex Robson
Captain Smollett - Will Smith
Job Anderson - Max Cushway
Long John Silver - Andrew O’Connell
Dick - Nick Moar
Ben Gunn - Duncan Carmichael

The cast met for the first time Tuesday night to read through the script and it already promises to be a fun (albeit busy) development process. The cast will be busy learning lines over the holidays in preparation for rehearsals in Term 2.

Finally, another big expression of thanks for all those who have assisted the Creative Arts this term. With so many substantial projects being undertaken we rely on the support of the community and it is very much appreciated. Next term will be packed with Eisteddfod, Treasure Island, visiting shows and Twilight Performances so (as I always say) keep your eye on Hoskins to avoid missing out on anything exciting.
Congratulations to performers in last week's Twilight Concert

Many thanks to all our performers on presenting a wonderful variety of music at last week's Twilight Concert. Holding the concert in Big School added a warmth and intimacy to the concert which was enjoyed by all.

Please note that another Twilight concert will be held in Week 4 of Term 2 on Thursday 14 May. With the Eisteddfod looming shortly after this, our next concert will be a big one and a great opportunity for students to perform their Eisteddfod repertoire.

IMPORTANT: ANZAC Day rehearsals for Cadet Band first week back next term

Our cadet band have been practising hard for ANZAC Day which is coming up on the first weekend of next term.

Please see the following proposed times for rehearsals below. These times will be confirmed.

**Wednesday 22 April (1.25 - 2.00pm):** marching practice on Backfield

**Thursday 23 April (1.25 - 2.00pm):** marching practice on Backfield

**Friday 24 April (1.30 - 3.30pm):** all cadets will be issued hats and belts followed by practice on Backfield

(Please note - all cadets including band members are to wear DPCU to school on Friday 24 so that uniforms can be inspected).

Saturday 25 April 7am: TAS ANZAC Day Service (whole school & staff present) followed by Eucharist (exempt guard)

Arrival time on ANZAC Day will be advised early next term.

**Tuition Enrolment for Term 2**

This year we have seen a wonderful increase in the numbers of students taking up instrumental and vocal lessons. New tutors have commenced at TAS for voice, strings, drums and bagpipe tuition. Students - If you would like to commence music tuition at TAS please come down to have a chat with Music Department staff. Parents please contact the Music Office on 02 6776 5890 or refer to the TAS website for tuition enrolment form.

We hope the Easter Bunny is generous. Have a fantastic holiday!

Yours in music,

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
The Final Week

Well, this one’s nearly ‘done’. I’m pleased that the longest term of the year is the first. I think the Christmas break has been long enough to sustain us all. To be honest, boys are tired, but they have, as indicated, acquitted themselves well, having achieved much that is good both individually and collectively. What’s left now is ‘clean up’ – of desks, lockers and, for boarders, the House. This certainly won’t be an arduous task as most rooms are still presentable and, honestly, considering the length of the term, this is no mean achievement. The term has been very ‘full’ in almost every way.

Your boys will have the ‘finish line’ in their sights now and I know they’ll be able to muster the energy necessary to cross it and then come home to you. They can always muster this kind of energy. At this week’s Town Meeting, being our Middle School Assembly, I’m going to congratulate them for nearly having completed the year’s longest term. As a general rule, the successors will be up to two weeks shorter. And, I want you to know something: they’ve acquitted themselves very well. Yes, we’ve kept them busy, making sure that they’ve been gainfully employed both inside and out of the classroom, but they’re the ones who’ve made the term ‘work for them’ and I’m pleased about this. You’ve reason to be proud of them and their efforts and I want you to tell them as much when they are with you for the two week holiday.

As staff we’ve enjoyed ourselves and, especially, the interactions we’ve had with your sons. Yes, there have been the odd challenging moments of course, but this is normal for the 11 – 14 age group. Overall, ‘things’ Middle School – related have been relatively smooth and I’m grateful we’re in this position as it augurs well for the Second Term. It’ll be different in relation to activity, though no less busy than the last ten weeks. So, be sure to let them rest over the break.

While on the subject of the break, I want you to do something for me. When they’re rested, ask you sons how their first term has really been. If there are issues they raise that we, for whatever reason, may not be aware of, you need to let me know. This is my job and you can make it much easier for me to manage if you do this for me. As previously indicated, I neither have a crystal ball, nor do I have an especially reliable sixth sense. Accordingly, there may have been issues I’ve missed and if my knowing about them could facilitate or expedite your boys’ settling into TAS life, you owe it to them to inform me about what’s needed to ensure that this vitally important process continues.

By the way, for those of you who are new to Armidale, it can be really cold during the winter terms, so be certain to make sure the boys return with clothing necessary to manage the next two terms. When you’re wearing the right gear in this city, the winters are bracing: when you’re wearing what’s ‘wrong’, they’re miserable. Really miserable. I know the Clothing Pool has a list of items, both necessary and recommended, and suggest you look at it carefully.

Easter Chapel Service

This Monday’s first lesson was one ‘with a difference’. The Middle and Senior School attended the Easter Chapel Service in the Memorial Hall. I’m happy that some Middle School boys were selected as readers of lessons and they prepared these to ensure a ‘word perfect’ delivery. The same applied to our Founders’ Day preparations on Monday as well. Quite a few of our students were readers as well. Appropriately, the theme for this latter ‘service’ was dedicated to the memory of TAS Old Boys who served in World War 1.
Leave Provisions

Exceptional circumstances notwithstanding, boys will be allowed to leave TAS on Wednesday afternoon. All Armidale schools will finish term at the same time and TAS students will be able to leave school after the conclusion of the Athletics Carnival.

Easter Break

I want to take this opportunity to wish all Middle School families a safe holiday break. It will be a time to regroup with wider family and, importantly, recharge for the short but very busy new term. I look forward to seeing you at some of the sporting fixtures and parent sessions during Term 2.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD

Staffing matters

There are a number of staffing changes that will take effect next term due to Long Service Leave. We would like to wish Mr Neil Druce and Mrs Tania Ball a well-earned break from teaching. Ms Tabitha Dowse will be moving from Year 1 to Year 4 for the term and Mrs Gerry Vanzella will be teaching in Transition for Term 2. Gerry has been with us for many years and has a thorough knowledge of Junior School and the Transition program. We wish them both safe travels and a very restful time with family and friends. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Anne Trenerry back from long service leave to begin her year with Year 1.

Ms Fiona Chappell will be taking a year’s leave commencing Term 2. I know that her cheerful and caring nature will be sorely missed and on behalf of all our Junior School community, I wish her safe travels. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Alison Evans join us from Middle School during this time. Mrs Evans is very familiar with Junior School and has been working with TAS for over nine years and we are looking forward to having her here with us.

During this time, please use the email address: junior@as.edu.au

Have a wonderful, and very safe Easter

Before signing off this term, I would like to comment on the direction of the Junior School and focus on a number of events that have been a highlight for us. The research and background work going into our move towards introducing the IB Primary Year’s Program has been extensive. A number of initiatives have already been implemented and as a staff, we feel very excited about the possibilities this has opened up to us. On my recent trip to the Annual Regional IB Conference, it was clear that the IB community is thriving and in particular, the PYP is gaining in both popularity and regard. Our IB consultant, allocated to us last week, will be walking with us as we look to strengthen our teaching and learning standards and practices. By way of introduction, Ms Nicole Jaggers is the PYP Coordinator and Executive Teacher K -1 at Miles Franklin Primary School in Canberra. Prior to working at Miles Franklin, she was Assistant Head of Junior School at Radford College, Canberra, where she held a range of responsibilities over time, including that of PYP Coordinator P-6, educational leader of the Early Learning Centre and oversight of pastoral care programs P-6. She led the staff at Radford through the processes of PYP Authorization. She is also an active IB Workshop Leader, with a particular interest in running workshops on concept based learning, reading and writing through inquiry and PYP in the early years. We welcome Nicole to our team and look forward to working with her and having her support through this process.

I have also been very aware of the support of our school community for the Junior School in a variety of areas. It is very pleasing to see our Student Leadership team stepping up and taking on new responsibilities. Along with leading our recent assembly, the focus on their role has increased and we look forward to this broadening next term. Having our choristers perform in the community and joining with Middle and Senior School recently for the Founders Day Assembly (and the Great Cloisters Run) has really added a sense of depth to our sense of contribution and contextualised our position for our students in and outside our school. Hosting Minimbah recently for their Athletics Carnival is another great example of this and we will be looking to other ways to support them as a school and nurture our relationship. Having our parents support the school at the Autumn Festival, our Swimming and Athletic Championships and in many varied roles means a lot to us and we appreciate and greatly value the support on these important occasions. To our stoic Liaison parents, thank you for getting our year off to a fantastic start. It has been a very happy and social time and we thank you all for your continued assistance.

I wish you all a very peaceful and safe Easter break, and look forward to seeing you all again next term.
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Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following students for this week and the holidays: Peter Thompson, Abbott White, Emily Buntine, Beatrice Henzell and Iles Baker.

Daylight Savings

Just a reminder that daylight savings finishes this Sunday morning when clocks are put back one hour.

Year 4 News

Last week each of the students were required to bring a colonial item to school to present to the class. We have viewed a great variety of very interesting articles.

One of our student's Will Nash brought in a Japanese sword, which was presented to his great grandfather, Sir John Northcott, when he was the Governor of NSW.

We also discovered that he officially opened the War Memorial Assembly Hall at TAS.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

Well done to the 23 children who I have registered for the 2015 Premiers Reading Challenge. In the Library, we have a full copy of the book lists for the K-2, 3-4, 5-6 & 7-9 challenge lists. We have also marked the books on the lists that we have in the TAS Library with a PRC sticker the K-2 stickers are red, the 3-4 stickers are green and the 5-6 stickers are purple and are located on the spine of the book. If you don't know what to look for just ask Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself and we will be able to help you.

If any parents have any questions you can email me on jranck@as.edu.au, phone the Library 67765833 or call into the Library and see me on Monday or Tuesday. Remember it's not too late to join the PRC, it runs up until the end of August and I think you would be surprised to know how many of the books you read now are on the lists. If you would like to register please call into the Library for a permission note.

Please take the time to read the Challenge rule about series books - some examples of these books are Lemony Snickets, Tin Tin, The Floods, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Zac Power, Famous Five. The rule is printed in the blue PRC booklets which have the reading log in them. The rule states: In an approved series, any two books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five (5) other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.

We hope many of you take up the opportunity to borrow 6 books over the holidays - a note or an email from parents/guardians is all we need.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator
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, we do like to have two students stay together. If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience please email junior@as.edu.au

Founders Day By: Hugo Catterall TAS Year 5

Every year Founders day commemorates the history and spirit of TAS.

This year TAS is celebrating its 121st year since the gates opened to boarders and staff. This year we all gathered around on the grass of the Lawrance quadrangle. Whilst we were there we heard boys speak about our old boys who went to war and about the school.

We gathered in the Lawrance quadrangle where Mr Guest and some boys were speaking. They told us about the first building for learning in at TAS. When we were at the ceremony Mr Guest and the boys spoke on the balcony. Whilst one of the boys was speaking he pointed to a clock and a building and said that was the Maxwell Library.

When one of the boys was talking about the light horse in WW1 Will Claridge rode past on Cyclops the Upjohns’ horse. Will was wearing a uniform that was worn by the horsemen in WW1 Will did this because Mr Guest was talking about all the boys in WW1 from TAS and what good horsemen they were. On Cyclops’ saddle there was a rifle a dagger a sword and a bayonet. I think Cyclops looked very flash in his ‘uniform’.

After the ceremony we went down to the Junior School from the Senior School to have some birthday cake. The house leaders and myself served the cake to the little kids and the teachers. Then we had a slice and packed up the tables. We had the cake because it was the schools 121st ‘birthday’ and we celebrated it with a ceremony followed by some yummy cake in the TAS colours.

This year at TAS Mr Guest decided to have a quadrangle race between the all houses of the school. This race took place at the school starting at the quadrangle and going down to the Junior School and going back up to the quadrangle. This race was a relay. Everybody watched the race and had to stay behind the tape and ropes but at the finish line people stood behind the coisters and tape and rope. Ross House won the race and that was a good comeback from coming behind at the back in the first 2 laps and Broughton was coming 1st on the first 2 laps but at the finish line at the end of the race they came 3rd.

I think Founder’s Day this year was great and the race is a great new tradition to start and everyone was happy and the boys who did the race were puffed out.

Hugo Catterall

Holiday Borrowing

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow six books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow more books, parents need to sign the permission note, which is attached to this newsletter.
PYP in Transition

Transition have been busy learning all about their school community and the many places to visit in their school and the names of people who work at TAS. The central idea they have focused their learning on has been: Schools are organised to help us learn and play together.

Their Learner Profile Attributes have been creatively displayed, with some simpler terms for them to start using. (See tree below)

Lucy Taylor has drawn some wonderful pictures to represent her understanding of school being a place, which is organised and has included pictures of the people who have helped her to learn.

They have been on many walks around the school and visited all classes in the Junior School. A highlight for them this term has been buddy reading with Year 5 and they now have lots of familiar faces when they are out and about in the playground.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Winter Sports Choices and teams for Terms 2 and 3

Please take note of the attached Winter sports overview for Terms 2 and 3. Training days, times and fields are on the bottom of each sporting team. Coaches for each team are also listed.

Please ensure your child is ready for their team training in Term 2 and has the appropriate gear ready for games. Hockey players require a mouth guard and shin pads or cannot take the field. A hockey stick is also required, however, we do have a few in our kits if needed.

Our football players must also have shin pads or they cannot take the field. Mouth guards are optional. All children must have this equipment not only at games but during training sessions also.

Winter sports will commence in Week 1. Training sessions will start from Tuesday onward, due to the Monday Staff Day.

Looking forward to another terrific season of sport. (Click to enlarge table below)

Mrs Christine Wright

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TAS Blue

Wow! What a productive term we have had at Miniball. The improvement in the player’s ability and skill development has been outstanding. All members of the team have grown in confidence and skills over the course of the season. However, as the season draws to an end we can now reflect on where we all started and what we have all achieved. These players have all trained hard each week and given 100% effort at the games as well. It is reassuring to see young students showing sportsmanship with each other as well to the others teams involved in the competition. As well as outstanding sportsmanship this team has encouraged each other every week and their overall skills have improved ‘out of sight’. Thanks TAS Blue for your commitment and dedication this term. You have all been a pleasure to coach.

Ms Tabitha Dowse
Yesterday, we had the most fabulous day enjoying the beautiful surroundings and conditions of our Athletics field on Wakefield. A big thank you to our Grounds staff that work tirelessly on our fields to ensure we have a wonderful track and field ground to compete on.

Thank you also to our supportive parent body that supported events, cheered the children on and assisted in the cake stall. The children certainly appreciated the efforts by all who baked and served the treats on the day.

The day certainly wouldn't happen without the support and dedication of our Junior School staff, gap students, Mr Jim Pennington, Ms Fiona Chappell and Mr lan Lloyd who all spend a busy day encouraging our children, measuring, time keeping and recording.

A special thanks to Mr Dick Hodgson, Mr Will Caldwell, Mrs Karen Hutton and Mrs Alison Evans who also joined us for part or all of the day in the recording area. Your support and experience is of great value to us.

Finally, to the children, who were supportive of each other, enjoyed their events and cheered throughout the day. This Athletics event is for you and to see you enjoy your day is a great reward.

**Division Winners**
- Sub Junior Boy: Samuel Ford
- Sub Junior Girl: Sophia White
- Junior Boy: Iles Baker
- Junior Girl: Scarlett Buntine
- Intermediate Boy: Hugh Taylor
- Intermediate Girl: Emily Buntine
- Senior Boy: Isaac Gerdes
- Senior Girl: Isabel Newton and Casey Smith

**Highest Point Scores**
- Girls: Scarlett Buntine (106)
- Boys: Iles Baker (94)

**New Records**
- Emily Buntine – 800m Intermediate Girl (3.20.21) from Daisy Meehan (3.24.90) in 2011
- Harrison Price – Intermediate Discus (20.04) from Tom Costello (19.03) in 2011

**House Champion**
- Broughton
Left - Lochlan Gerdes, Middle (red shirt) Henry Douglas-Menzies, Hudson Eichorn and Yellow shirt at the back is Marcus Hempel
Please return signed note to Library

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child ____________________________ in Year ________

to borrow two books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these
books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2014.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of
the replacement books being charged to my Child’s school account.

Signed ____________________________ Date ______________________

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pottery Classes

Rick and Suzanne Hatch are again offering after-school classes in clay work in Term 2. The goal of our teaching is for the children
to have heaps of fun while developing imagination, hand skills and the ability to solve problems with creative flair. All classes are
held in Art Room one of the Hoskins Centre at The Armidale School.

Year K - 3 is on Tuesday from 4pn to 5pm from 28 April
Year 4 - 8 is on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm from 30 April

The all inclusive cost for the six week term of lessons is $145.00.

For enrollment or for more information please feel free to contact Rick Hatch on 67725371 or at weemalapot@yahoo.com.au.

When enrolling please include your child’s name and age and your name and phone number.

Rick Hatch
Certificate III in Horsemanship

(RIDING, HANDLING AND BEHAVIOUR) 69797
1300 EQUINE  www.horsecourse.com.au

Overview:
The Certificate III in Horsemanship (riding handling & behavior) provides relevant and informative units of competency that will equip you with the appropriate skills and confidence to benefit both horse & rider and promote safe and adequate riding and handling practices. It also provides relevant pathways to many employment opportunities in the equine industry and covers all government requirements for continued studies at a Certificate III Vocational Qualification level.

Course Outline:
The course can be completed via part time, flexible study with blended delivery and assessment (390 hours)

Delivery Methods:
- Face to face learning (Including weekend clinics)
- Online / E-Learning or blended

Course Entry Requirements:
- Be 15 years or over at time of entry into the course
- Horse, rider and all equipment to be used will be required to pass a safety/risk check to ensure student safety, the safety of others and the safety of horses in their care.
- Have adequate literacy and numeracy skills

How to Enrol:
You can book online at www.horsecourse.com.au or simply complete the application from and return with payment to the Australian Equine Institute or alternatively you can fax to (02) 4353 0920 or by mail to PO Box 3531, Tuggerah. NSW 2259

TIGEPH301A  Introduction to The Evolution and Psychology of Equine Behaviour
TIGPEA301A  Provide Equine Accommodation
TIGENH301A  Maintain Basic Equine Nutritional Health
TIGAWL301A  Introduction to Animal Welfare and the Recreational Horse Industry
TIGEAP301A  Introduction to Equine Anatomy and Physiology
TIGGEM301A  Carry Out the Grooming of Horses and Maintain Grooming Equipment
TIGHHC302A  Undertake Preventative Health Care
TIGOHS301A  Apply Health and Safety Procedures in Equine Recreational Activities
TIGPPR301A  Perform Preparation for Riding at Basic Horsemanship Level
TIGHHC301A  Contribute to Equine Health
TIGEGT301A  Equine Groundwork and Transportation
TIGURG308A  Undertaking Riding at the Appropriate Skill Level

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