Welcome to the new school term after what I hope has been a happy and refreshing break. The past two weeks have been particularly full, both at school and beyond, and staff have enjoyed the opportunity to hear initial reports on those activities. Whilst our senior students may have been under tight reign with the mid course exams in Week 2 looming, others were involved in activities as diverse as community service with the homeless in Sydney, the Christian youth convention in Katoomba, the Spring Ridge prize shoot, the Tour de Rocks cycle trip raising funds for the fight against cancer, the NSW Country Schools rugby tour to Singapore and Hong Kong where TAS was well represented again and the Round Square Conference for 12 to 14 year olds in Adelaide. The breadth of these opportunities and the large numbers of TAS students keen to take them up in their school holiday is a clear expression of the positive spirit and initiative of our student body and it is very heartening to begin the new term by hearing about the success they experienced.

Back at school, the attention was, of course, on the TAS Rugby Carnival. Hosting a weekend of rugby for 850 players from 42 teams whilst catering for a crowd of thousands is a daunting prospect, but that would not have been evident to any of our visitors. Throughout the weekend the comments flowed about the impeccable state of the fields, the beautiful grounds and the wonderful organisation of the carnival. Several times I heard first time visitors to the carnival say that this was the best organized school or sports event they had ever attended and I think that reflects the outstanding efforts of our carnival team. Now in its 11th year, the carnival is the biggest primary age rugby event in Australia and the support for it from the Australian Rugby Union and NSW Rugby make it clear that it is also a feature event in the national rugby calendar. The carnival continues to develop too, with new initiatives such as the relay event that brought all 42 teams together on the one field being added this year and there was a sense of energy and freshness about it. An undertaking like this is only possible when large numbers of passionate supporters come together and work as a team with a shared vision.

That clearly happened this year and there are many people to thank and congratulate, from the P&F and Rugby Supporters Group for their catering, the grounds and maintenance staff for creating such pristine fields, the housekeeping and dining room staff for catering to the teams staying here, the coaches, referees and volunteers around the grounds, the Development Office staff who promoted and organized so much of it and the leadership team of Sarah Broadbent, Cressida Mort and, of course, our Director of Co-curricular, Will Caldwell. High praise is due to all.

As we look to the term ahead, I comment as I did at assembly yesterday that this will be a hectic and fast paced term. The combination of Excursion Week, exams and Winter sports in a term of only nine weeks will present demands that are best met with good organisation and early efforts to get things underway. There is plenty to look forward to and I wish every student well for the term.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS, TERM 2

## Week 1
- **Friday 24 April**
  - Community Open Day (incorporating Grandparents’ Day)
  - Junior School Cross Country
- **Saturday 25 April**
  - ANZAC Day Service followed by Cadet March in town

## Week 2
- **27 April - 1 May**
  - Excursion Week
  - Year 11 & 12 Mid Course Exams
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Gunnedah)
- **Monday 27 April**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Narrabri)
- **Tuesday 28 April**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Walgett)
- **Wednesday 29 April**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Moree)
- **Thursday 30 April**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Inverell)
- **Friday 1 May**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Tamworth)

## Week 3
- **Monday 4 May**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Tamworth)
- **Wednesday 6 May**
  - NCIS Touch Football (Lismore)
  - P&F Meeting
- **Thursday 7 May**
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Scone)
- **Friday 8 May**
  - PSSA Cross Country
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Sydney)
- **Saturday 9 May**
  - GPS Athletics (Sydney)

## Week 4
- **11 - 15 May**
  - Year 12 Metals & Engineering Work Placement
- **12 - 14 May**
  - NAPLAN
- **Thursday 14 May**
  - Twilight Concert
- **Friday 15 May**
  - NCIS Cross Country (Tweed Coast)
  - Headmaster’ Country Tour (Dubbo)
- **Saturday 16 May**
  - Rugby vs Kinross Wolaroi (Coonabarabran)

## Week 5
- **Tuesday 19 May-14 June**
  - Armidale Eisteddfod
  - 21/22 May
  - Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
  - da Vinci Decathlon at Knox, Sydney
  - Friday 22 May
  - Board Meeting
  - Saturday 23 May
  - TAS Company Members AGM
  - 23/24 May
  - Rugby Trial v Riverview in Sydney
  - (1sts/2nds/16As)
  - Warwick Prize Shoot
  - Country Rugby Championships in Armidale (U12, 13, 14)

## Week 6
- **25-29 May**
  - Yrs 6, 8 and 10 Half Yearly Exams
- **27-29 May**
  - Sydney Careers Expo (Yr 11/12)
- **29 May - 2 June**
  - Connabarabran Horse Expo
- **Friday 29 May**
  - TAS v Farrer (at Farrer) - Dick Hodgson Shield
  - Headmaster’s Country Tour (Goondiwindi)

## Week 7
- **1-4 June**
  - Years 7 and 9 Half Yearly exams
- **Thursday 4 June**
  - Classes conclude
- **Friday 5 June**
  - Staff PD Day
- **6-8 June**
  - Queens Birthday Holiday (boarding houses closed)
The TAS Rugby Carnival for 2015 is over and what a remarkable event it was again this year. To all of the people who gave so generously of themselves, their time, their baking, their children’s time and also to those who work at the school but gave that big bit extra - THANK YOU. I know many of our visiting parents were completely overwhelmed by everything they saw - from the magnificent grounds to the wonderful baking for sale. The P&F, RSG and all our helpers fed packed lunches to almost 1000 players and other volunteers on both days and then there was also the canteen in McConville and the superb BBQ where many of our Dads bonded over cooking sausages and steaks for the supporters. An amazing effort by all.

What an extraordinary community we are a part of that can put together such a huge event which showcases the heart of our school. For those not involved this year, make it a diary entry for next year - the hard work is repaid tenfold when you realise just what you have contributed to. Speaking for myself, I am immensely proud to share the values of this school and to be able to be a part of the sportsmanship, school spirit, participation and wider community involvement opportunities presented.

On that note, our next P&F meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 May in Lower Maxwell. We have only four general meetings each year and this next one is of particular significance as it is the meeting where we field funding requests from across the school, then vote on the distribution of funds raised over the past 12 months.

The diversity of the funding requests are interesting and it provides a good insight into parts of the school you may not normally be familiar with. All parents are welcome and I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend, allowing all requests to receive fair and considered deliberation.

And, finally, to our LP’s - don’t forget we have also have lunch in Big School on Wednesday 6 May to welcome you to the team for 2015 and just get to know you over a quick bite to eat. Your invitation will be out today with RSVP details.

RazzamaTAS Fete

The RazzamaTAS fete is on again in 2015- Saturday 7 November.

To make an early start we will be holding a brainstorming session on Saturday 9 May 3-5pm and we are looking to develop a sub committee for the fete.

But don’t let that deter you from coming!!! First and foremost we are looking for your ideas, both old and new, and feedback on years past.

So come along and enjoy an afternoon with friends and help us get started with planning this major fundraiser.

The Longford Bus Run – this timetable has now changed. This has made it more effective and will be 10 minutes earlier.

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ANZAC – Lest We Forget

A good question to ask yourself is, “where will I be in five years?” Or, “What do I hope to do doing in five years?” We often encourage this way of thinking in terms of goal setting, and any one of us can ask that question and we can assess what we are doing in the present, that may help us to reach our goals in the future. For those leaving us at the end of this year, what is on your horizon? Uni, finding a job, travel, finding your one true love? We can think and plan like that because we are free, we are educated, we are secure and safe in Australia, such that, we can hope for the future.

There are so many names of young men with bright futures whose names are written on our walls; we are reminded of them frequently. I wonder what Arthur Cooper, one such name, had been planning as he left TAS in 1913. I wonder what he had looked forward to? I wonder what he envisaged his life to be five years on from leaving school, because he didn’t even make it to that fifth year. In 1917 he died in the service of his country, the country that we now enjoy, the country that provides with almost unparalleled freedom, prosperity and security – we need to remember it came at a cost. At the end of this week we rightly, and with great reverence, remember all those who gave everything that we might enjoy it all.

But, there is one enemy that still lingers – death itself. However, there was another one who gave everything that we might even be secure when faced with this battle. Jesus came, died and rose again that we might have the security of looking forward with great certainty and hope, to a bright future even beyond this life. Jesus has won the ultimate victory over death, a victory that we cannot win, our nation cannot win, medical practice can only postpone but never secure victory. The ultimate enemy has been defeated; we can now live free, unhindered lives in the light of great hope – lest we forget.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

Anzac Day is the high-profile event this week. We are being ‘bombarded’ (so to speak) by many media images, personal stories and the re-telling of the larger events of a century ago. We are reminded of many ideas and values that underpin a sense of connection, the sense that we belong together as a community, a society and a nation. In this sense the collective comes ahead of the individual. – ‘we are’ before ‘I am’. Certain words like ‘sacrifice’, ‘service’, ‘comradeship’ are brought forward into our consciousness again. We are encouraged to develop a sense of ‘gratitude’ for the country we live in, the opportunities we enjoy and the freedoms we take for granted. Anzac Day reminds us that we stand on the shoulders of others, who lived at other times, in other circumstances and who faced their own distinctive challenges.

All these messages are important. However, they are messages that are too easily lost in everyday life and the strong sense of individualism that drives our competitive world. School years can be a time for developing some of the qualities of which Anzac Day reminds us. School can help us develop a sense of the collective as well as a sense of our own gifts, potential and uniqueness as individuals. Connection to others is foundational for a strong and healthy individual identity.
Welcome back everyone and hope both families and boys enjoyed a good Easter break. Certainly, it seems like the rain was helpful to most.

I would like to draw the attention of local families to a two-session course optimistically titled ‘Surviving Your Adolescent’ (flyer below) and what seems to be an informative and interactive presentation. Sadly, it reminds me of the recent and quite sudden passing of Celia Lashlie, the New Zealander who entertained our community on several occasions about raising boys. Unfortunately, she lost her recent battle with cancer and I’m sure the thoughts of many of us in the TAS community are with her family.

Let’s hope the current cold weather is not quite yet here to stay and that the term is a good one. Historically, Term Two is typically busy and purposeful, with a change in sport and mid-year exams featuring, and I look forward to seeing the boys embrace the accompanying challenges with zest.

Pease click on the flyer to download.

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The Surviving Your Adolescents course covers:
- What is normal adolescent behaviour
- How to manage teen risk-taking
- The Four Cardinal Sins (what not to do)
- The relationship between parent-teen communication and adolescent safety
- The four ways to improve your relationship
- What role to take: Observer, Advisor, Negotiator, Director
- How to respond to emotional blackmail

For more information or to register, contact the Family Relationship Centre through Centacare NENW
- 1800 372 826
- 6738 7200

Registration is essential. This course is subject to registration numbers.
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.

HSC Tutoring

A reminder that HSC tutoring is available to TAS students. This is a free service for our students.

If you have any questions regarding HSC tutoring please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien - 6776 5806.

Below is the HSC Tutoring weekly program.

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

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

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

THURSDAY – Mrs Edith Wright – Room F1-1
7pm - English Advanced
8pm - English Extension
Year 10 Excursion - Canberra

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

Year 9 Excursion  Coffs Harbour/Yarrahapinni

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have sent out a more detailed version of the week, however, some have advised me that they have not received this email. For a full version of this information please email me at twheaton@as.edu.au

This year, during Excursion Week, students in Year 9 will be participating in a number of activities with an emphasis on different ecosystems in the Coffs Harbour and Yarrahapinni areas.

Students are welcome to bring snacks along and a small amount of pocket money, if they choose (max $20).

They will require the following items;

• Casual clothes for the five days, including
• Shorts
• Shirts with sleeves (no singlets to be worn)
• Warm jumpers
• Track suits or pants
• Wet weather jacket or raincoat
• Underpants for the week
• Covered shoes to be worn at all times, thongs for showers only
• Water shoes or spare pair of sneakers that can get wet during activities
• Toiletries including soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, roll on deodorant (No aerosol cans please)
• Swimmers
• Towels (Beach / Shower)
• Torch
• Hat
• Sunscreen
• Water bottle
• Pen/pencil
• Notebook to write details during activities
• Laptop and charger
• Mobile phone
• Tissues/hanky if needed
• Bedding (sleeping bag/doona, pillow and single sheet for bunks)
• Any required medication to be given to teachers
• Separate bag for dirty clothes.

If there are any dietary requirements, please advise Tim Wheaton ASAP.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this excursion if you need to via email at twheaton@as.edu.au or via my mobile 0410 920 106.

Mr Tim Wheaton
Bonjour to the families of those boys attending the 2015 Art French Cultural and Language Trip!

Welcome back to Term 2. Our trip is getting closer :)

You should have received a letter from me by now outlining the Progress Payments - amount and date required. You’ll find a copy of this letter and attached below for your reference.

Merci et à bientôt!

Madame Tamminga et Monsieur MacPherson

Letter to Parents
Westminster School, Adelaide

On Friday 10 April, Henry Robertson, Jack Nivison, Alistair Le Surf and Riley Eichorn, accompanied by Mr Luke Polson, left Armidale bound for Adelaide to attend the 2015 Young Round Square Conference hosted by The Westminster School. The trip commenced with a three day tour of Kangaroo Island. During the tour, the group travelled to a number of locations including a sheep dairy, honey farm, eucalyptus distillery and a tour through Flinders Chase National Park. A number of highlights for the group included a visit to Pennington Bay, the narrowest part of the island where only 640 metres separate the north and south coasts. This is a natural coastal site facing the Great Southern Ocean, with the next land being Antarctica, some 5320 kilometres away. The time at Kangaroo Island concluded with a visit to the local Koala Sanctuary, Birds of Prey Show, visit to the Seal Conservation Centre and a trip up (and rather fast trip down) the Little Sahara Australian Geological Monument (massive sand dunes).

Our time at Westminster School went by very quickly, as the group was immersed in three full days of the conference program. The program was designed as a learning program, which took students from listening to and understanding stories from others, to engaging with workshops where the students were given techniques and methods to tell their story. Throughout the conference, the group heard from a number of keynote speakers from a variety of backgrounds including Maurie Japarta Ryan, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia, Alice Fraser (musical director for Mumford and Sons), Andrea Boyd, who is the only Australian on Earth working in the International Space Station Control Team and from a number of workers at the Westcare Homeless Centre who shared their stories, as the speakers were once clients of the centre.

The week allowed for plenty of opportunities to tour around the local Adelaide area. The group visited Victor Harbour and Granite Island and traveled to these places on the Cockle Train. Additionally, students were bussed to the top of Mount Lofty to take in the view of the Adelaide area before commencing the walk back down to the bottom. The group took part in a service project which aimed to replace part of the vegetation that was once in the area as Adelaide is built on a drained wetland. The project aims to, over time, to plant some 7000 trees and work with the traditional owners of the land, the Kaurna people, to try to reconnect their culture to country.

The trip home proved eventful, with delays with our flights from Adelaide meaning that we were late boarding our next flight from Sydney. However, the boys were quite excited to hear their names being paged all throughout the terminal in Sydney as we quickly moved from one plane to another. The group extend their thanks to all who made this trip possible and to the Westminster School in Adelaide for hosting us.

Mr Luke Polson
ANZAC DAY

Rehearsal Schedule

Cadet Unit (A, B, C Coys plus Signals Platoon and Q Store) (Cadet Staff)

Tuesday 21 April (Advisor Period) - Whole school briefing of TAS ANZAC Day service outside Memorial

Wednesday 22 April (1.25 - 2.00pm) - cadet unit marching practice on Adamsfield (cadets must be put through lunch as highest priority!)

Thursday 23 April (1.25 - 2.00pm) - cadet unit marching practice on Adamsfield (cadets must be put through lunch as highest priority!)

Friday 24 April (1.30 - 3.30pm incl Pd 6 & 7) - Cadet Unit (less Yr 11 & 12). All cadets to be issued hat and belt followed by practice on Backfield.

Note: On Friday all cadets are to wear their cadet uniform to school so we can inspect uniforms and change them if required.

Cadet Guard (SGT Ball)

Wednesday 22 April (3.40 - 5.30pm) - practice with Austeyr (innocuous) weapons at 12/16 HRL

Thursday 23 April (3.40 - 5.30pm) - practice with Austeyr (innocuous) weapons at 12/16 HRL

Friday 24 April (3.40 - 5.30pm incl Pd 6 & 7) - practice with Austeyr (innocuous) weapons at each memorial locations x 3

ANZAC Day - Saturday 25 April: (Cadet Staff)

6.40am - Cadet Unit parade on Adamsfield near Memorial Hall

7.00am - TAS ANZAC Day Service (whole school & staff present) followed by Eucharist (exempt guard)

8.30am - Guard catafalque party at Dangarsleigh Service

10.00am - TAS Cadet Unit (A, B, C Coys, flag party and Q/Signals) march down to assembly area at Curtis Park

10.30am - Town March to Central Park up Faulkner St

11.00am - Central Park Service

12.15pm - TAS Cadet Unit complete to march back to TAS Q Store and hand-in hat/belt

1.00pm - TAS Cadet Unit dismissal from Q Store.

Dress: DPCU / Greens Ceremonial (Shirt tucked-in, sleeves rolled up, black-belt with brass highly polished and slouch hat with brim up, brown boots).

Note: all cadet staff (officers and civilian) requested to assist with rehearsals and on ANZAC day.

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
Cadets pay tribute at commemorative rugby match

In the lead up to ANZAC Day the NSW Centenary of Anzac Advisory Council, in conjunction with UNE Life and New England Rugby Union, organised a World War I Commemorative ‘Town v Gown’ rugby match as part of the local under 20s derby at Bellevue Oval, UNE, on Sunday.

TAS Cadet Unit members Oscar Alcorn, Saxon Hughes, James Murphy and Sam Thatcher performed guard duties at a flag-raising ceremony prior to kick off. The boys also assisted other cadets from Armidale collect donations for Legacy and for the Soldier On Foundation which helps soldiers who have been wounded physically or psychologically during their time serving their country. Soldier On was co-founded by TAS Old Boy John Bale, who was a schoolfriend of, and served alongside, Lt Michael Fussell, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2008. The boys’ efforts throughout the day were greatly appreciated by all who attended, particularly Mrs Madeline Fussell.
Save the Date
TAS Community Open Day
(incorporating Grandparents’ 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

ANZAC stories on Facebook

In the lead up to the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, we’ll be posting some reflections written by Old Boys while they served in the Great War. Their names are listed on our World War 1 Honour Board in Big School (pictured below), unveiled by HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) on 5 August, 1920. If you don’t already follow TAS on social media, please go to www.facebook.com/TASarmidale and ‘Like’ the page for updates from the school; you can also follow TAS on Twitter @TASarmidale
The TAS Rugby Carnival is far more than a few games of rugby. In fact it is 105 games - but more than this, it is an opportunity for enjoyment, building relationships, creating memories and developing community. After sunny and warm conditions on Saturday, light rain on Sunday did not dampen the spirits of the 850 boys and girls from 42 teams who had travelled from as far as the Sunshine Coast and the NSW Southern Highlands for the 11th annual fixture. The compliments continue to flood in, praising the amazing beauty of the School and its grounds, the warm hospitality of all the volunteers and the spirit of the Carnival. These comments are testament to all those involved and I am truly grateful for the extraordinary commitment that so many make to ensure that this Carnival is a success.

Hundreds of photos from the TAS Rugby Carnival taken by pixonline have now been uploaded and can be viewed by clicking on the image below or visiting pixonline.com.au. Many thanks to Anthony Wood and his team for their magnificent work in capturing the atmosphere of this year’s event.

Football

Football training commenced yesterday and will continue this week.

Please be aware of the information noted below and also please ensure you have checked the TAS Football website for details regarding training times, competitions and other information. The website is wordpress.as.edu.au/football

* Training has commenced this week. In the event of wet weather, please don’t assume training is cancelled until you have received an email to advise this.

* All students are expected to be in correct uniform for training and competition at all times. For training, this is the white TAS polo, navy shorts and navy/white socks/shin guards. For games, unless your team is given a TAS strip (1sts, 2nds, 3rds only) the uniform is the Navy/white check polo, navy shorts and navy/white socks. Coaching staff have been asked to ensure that uniform standards are met and I appreciate your support of this.

* Teams with an A and B side, (12s, 14s, 16s) will need to complete selections within training sessions this week. Please ensure you attend both your allocated sessions.

* Rolls will be marked for each training session and game. Please ensure your name is marked off. All absences must be justified in an email to either the coach or MIC. Unexplained absences will be followed up.

* Fixtures will commence Saturday 2 May. A link will be posted from the website to current draws as soon as these are made available.

Best wishes for the season.
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What a busy term we have coming up this time!

Not only do we have the Eisteddfod coming up later this term - this week is Community Open Day on Friday and ANZAC Day will occur this Saturday.

Below is a list of rehearsal times for this week.

**TAS Singers, TAS Band and Junior Vocal Ensemble arrangements for Community Open Day - Friday 24 April**

The first musical performances will be at Community Open Day this Friday 25 April. Please note rehearsal times below in preparation for this event.

**TAS Band rehearsal:** Thursday afternoon 3.30 - 5pm.

You will be excused from sports training to attend.

**TAS Singers and TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble rehearsal:** Friday morning 8am in Memorial Hall

Students - please be prompt and arrive at Memorial Hall ready to rehearse from 8am.

**Cadet Band arrangements for ANZAC Day - Saturday 25 April**

Students - please note the times below for Cadet Band rehearsals this week. You will need to bring your instruments to school each day from Wednesday onwards.

The times below will be counted as Community Service so please record them in your diaries.

**Cadet Band rehearsal times**

**Wednesday 22 April**
(1.25 - 2.00pm) Cadet Unit marching practice on Backfield (cadets must be put through lunch as highest priority!)

**Thursday 23 April**
(1.25 - 2.00pm) Cadet Unit marching practice on Backfield (cadets must be put through lunch as highest priority!)

**Friday 24 April**
(1.30 - 3.30pm incl. Pd 6 & 7) - Cadet Unit be issued hat and belt followed by practice on Backfield (all cadets to wear DPCU to school so we can inspect uniforms).

**Students - do you want to take singing lessons at TAS? Vocal Tuition is available for secondary students with Mr Tall this term.**

On other matters... we are very fortunate that our expert vocal tutor, Mr Stephen Tall will be available for extra time in Term 2 to teach more vocal students at TAS. If any student is interested in having lessons with Mr Tall, please contact Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au or call the Music Centre on 02 6776 5890.

A reminder that any student wishing to commence learning an instrument in Term 2 at TAS can catch up with one of the music staff in the Music Centre. Vocal and Instrumental Tuition Enrolment Forms are available on the TAS Website or by emailing Mrs Broadbent on sbroadbe@as.edu.au

TAS Music Centre also hires out instruments. An Instrument Hire Bond of $55 is payable in the first term of hire, which is refundable upon return of the instrument. Regular termly hire is $55 per term for all our instruments.

Students please ensure you bring your instruments to every lesson. Guitarists need to bring guitars every time and if you are learning electric guitar you need your own lead and amplifier. Feel free to leave them in the safe storage area of the Music Centre if you are a boarder and when you are not using them but make sure they are clearly labelled.

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher and Mrs Broadbent
Here we go…again

Hold on to your bootstraps – it’s short, furiously busy, excursion-laden, exam-packed and I hope for all, it’s going to be exciting. I’m definitely looking forward to it. The holiday, curiously, has felt longer than two short weeks and I hope the boys feel the same way. It was necessary though, and I hope your time with the boys was both relaxed and exciting.

I can reflect on my job at the beginning of the term and I can honestly say that I enjoy it – still. I do so because I’m in a position with staff where we can actually do something about making life for these Middle School boys more enjoyable. Personal experience is a great teacher. The busier these boys are the better, ultimately, they will be. When I was their age I avoided ‘doing’ things: more often than not, I was reflective, not active (enough). TAS has so much to offer students – there’s rarely a day that passes without something ‘on’ and we actively encourage the boys to do the ‘head first thing’ and, only then, to reflect on the completed activity. Reflection on ‘missed opportunity’ can be a fruitless exercise. If your son has indicated that he’s been doing enough to keep him actively engaged, then I’ve ‘missed’ something that’s important to him.

It’s your bounden duty to tell me, too. I assure you, there’s plenty of opportunity for boys to feel a personal sense of satisfaction and if yours has a feeling of ‘isolation’, for lack of better terminology, just tell me. He has a right to be happy at school and we have a responsibility to assist the boys. Having said this, it isn’t our job to instruct students in all that they do – they’re old enough to take responsibility for themselves, in a number of areas, and to make wise decisions. We can help of course if they seek advice. But, it’s definitely my / our job to let them know what’s available to them at TAS.

Excursions are available - next week, actually. I want you to encourage the boys to make then best of the experience and also to let them know, as we’ll let them know, that they are ‘on show’ and that they’ll need to put their ‘best foot forward’. Above all else, I want them to enjoy themselves and to make the best of opportunities available.

Exams are looming this term as well. I’ll give you more information as they loom closer as we’ve all a vested interest in the boys’ wellbeing and exams can present themselves as reasonable challenge to students. I believe we have systems in place that will serve the boys’ best interests and I’ll happily familiarize you with these over the coming weeks.

Contact

Remember it is important that you keep in contact with us and the best email, most effective address to reach Mrs Redhead and me is middle@as.edu.au

It’s a pleasure to welcome Mrs Susi Redhead to TAS as our new Middle School Assistant. Already familiar with the School, Mrs Redhead is a welcome addition to the staff and she brings with her a wealth of information from which we will all benefit. Mrs Redhead will be relieving Mrs Alison Evans whilst Alison does a 12 month relief at Junior School.

Mrs Redhead previously worked for seven years at the New England Medicare Local in various positions and is looking forward to the change and satisfying challenges TAS will bring.

Year 8 Homeroom

Even though Mr Edward Morgan’s new job at St Joseph’s College has already begun, we wish him well with it and, further to our farewells last term, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of your sons and you, to thank Ed for his many positive academic and pastoral contributions to TAS over the time he was with us.

For the sake of consistency, it is a pleasure to announce that Year 8 staffing changes will be with teachers the boys already know. Ms Colette Brus will move to the Year 8 Extension Homeroom and Mrs Regina Pollard will take the reins of Ms Brus’ Term 1 Year 8 class. Until next week,

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Welcome to Term 2

I welcome all our families back after the Easter break, knowing that many have been very busy while others have enjoyed the opportunity to slow down and recharge the batteries. This term is certainly a very busy one and we will be talking to all our students about looking after each other and themselves as we head into winter. For some, the holiday ended with a flurry of activity during the TAS Rugby Carnival and I know that our Year 5 rugby players thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Being a part of this huge school event reinforced again to me the school spirit for which this school has become renowned. As will be the case this week, with both Community Open Day and the School’s participation in the ANZAC Day services, Junior School looks to immerse itself when the opportunity arises, in the life of the whole school.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Anne Trenerry back from her long service leave and thank Ms Tabitha Dowse for so ably replacing her in the Year 1 classroom. Ms Dowse’s experience and knowledge of TAS has been very valuable for both the students and our teaching team and she now moves to Year 4 to replace Mr Neil Druce who takes his Long Service Leave throughout term 2. Mrs Jo Benham has been seconded to cover classes in Senior School and we warmly welcome Mrs Maria Craven to Junior School to teach our Christian Development classes. Ms Gabby Collier and Mr Wayne Bulmer will be completing their practicum in Year 4 and 2 respectively and we hope they enjoy their time with us and gain greater insight into the world of education. We have two new Gappies this term, Mr Josh White and Mr John Bowers assisting in our classrooms and playground and they are both well known to us. And finally, as Ms Fiona Chappell takes leave for a year to sample life in the Top End, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Alison Evans as her replacement. From Middle School, she is now in her ninth year at TAS so while it may take a short time to settle into her new role, she is very well versed in the school’s operation. Please make yourself know to all our staff as you meet them in the day-to-day operation of the school.

Community Open Day

It is very exciting to know that this Friday, we will open the school to all and sundry for our first Community Open Day. This is a fantastic, whole-school opportunity for all to visit TAS and see us in operation. We know that many Grandparents will be using this opportunity to visit and we are finalising the activities that will be completed on the day. These will be designed so that everyone will feel welcome to come into our classrooms and feel the buzz of excitement as our students undertake learning opportunities. The gymnasium will be in use for some as they are put through their gymnastic paces, and this will include a special showcase of advanced exercises in vaulting. There will also be a whole school concert from 10.15, which will involve all our students in a number of musical items both instrumental and choral. Let’s hope the weather holds so that we can all enjoy the outdoor morning tea.

ANZAC Day

As you will have read, TAS is participating in various ANZAC Day ceremonies and Junior School will be participating where we can. Certainly, we will have staff to assist at the early morning TAS Service and the Town Service and you should have received a letter from me addressing our expectation for all to attend and the arrangements for the day. Please contact your classroom teacher, or either Alison or myself at junior@as.edu.au if you have any questions about these activities.
You will find the details for the start of the winter sport season below. I encourage you to read these details carefully and forward any questions to either Mrs Christine Wright or myself where necessary. We encourage all our parents to become involved where possible and ask that we reinforce healthy competition and sportsmanship at all times. I would like to highlight that training will be finishing at 5:00 pm and so the pick up time for students from the turning circle will begin from this time. Younger students, especially as the weather gets colder should be ready for pick at 5.00pm, while older students, who require and benefit from a longer session, will be moving to the turning circle after their session finishes at 5.00pm. All students will be supervised at this time and we ask that they are all collected by 5.15pm to avoid the difficulties created otherwise.

Looking ahead

At this early point of the term, I extend an invitation to all to become involved in the wide array of Junior School activities. This week is already shaping as one of our busiest. Next week has Years 3 to 5 away on their respective excursions and the details have been published. Reading the TAS Talks is the most reliable way to find out about these activities and we will continue to advertise and report on all such activities as the term unfolds. For further information, please stay in touch with us at school and your respective Liaison Parents who are also in a good position to help out.

Excursions for Year 3 & 4

A reminder that Year 4 depart on the Tuesday and Year 3 depart on the Wednesday from the Armidale Train Station. Students are asked to be at the Station by 8.20am.

Uniform

School uniform is flexible for the next two weeks in the Junior School as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to School in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From Week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform.

Canteen List

The Term 2 canteen price list is now on the website, please note that some prices have changed. Click here to view price list.

Happy Birthday

This week, we would like to say Happy Birthday to Iles Baker and Nicholas Thomas.

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International Baccalaureate PYP Update

Junior School Staff Days

Time was spent during the past two staff days sharing and exploring some of the content which Ian and I were exposed to at the IB Asia Pacific Annual Conference Macau last term. All staff were walked through the PYP standards documentation.

Time spent sharing new knowledge was invaluable and engagement in some workshop-based activities was a great way to share new knowledge and have Junior School teachers collaborating and actively involved in an inquiry based approach to learning.

As a staff we will be focussed on reinvigorating our assessment policy and in due course this will be communicated to the wider community.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Junior School Winter Sports

Our Winter sports will commence this week for those teams who have training from Tuesday- Thursday. Our Monday training sessions will commence next week.

Please note the training sessions for Term 2.

Hockey

Under 9s – Monday afternoons from 3:45-5pm in Green Room.

Junior – Wednesday afternoons from 4-5pm at UNE. TAS bus will leave Junior School at 3:45pm returning at 5:15pm

Football

Under 12s – Tues/Thurs afternoons from 3:45-5pm on Dangar field

Under 10s – Mon afternoons from 3:45-5pm on Wakefield

8s/9s – Mon afternoons from 3:45-5pm on Adamsfield

6s/7s – Mon afternoons from 3:45-5pm on Dangarfield

Netball

All Netball players – Monday afternoon from 3:45-5pm at TAS

Primary girls – Thursday afternoon from 3:45-4:30pm at Sandon TBC

Rugby

12’s – Mon/Wed afternoons from 3:45-5pm on Cricket Oval

Please ensure you make your training sessions each week. If you are unwell, or unable to make your training session you must contact your coach. The same applies if you are unable to make a game. Please be mindful that if you are absent at a game it may impact on your team. Looking forward to a great Winter Sports Season.

Excursion Week – Week 2

All sports will continue during Week 2 for those children still at TAS.

Some coaches will be on Excursions during this week, however, we will endeavour to combine teams during the week.

If you have questions pertaining to individual winter sports I encourage you to firstly contact your coach or email the following people who are MIC’s of their sport.

Football Mr Luke Polson lpolson@as.edu.au

Hockey Mr Alex Portell aportell@as.edu.au

Rugby Mr Jamie Moore jmoore@as.edu.au

Netball Mrs Anne Trenerry atrenerr@as.edu.au

TAS Junior School Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country event will be held this Friday, 24 April.

Lunch on the day will be from 12:30pm-1:15pm. Children will then be familiarised with the course before races start at 2pm.

Presentation of ribbons will occur directly after the completion of the event.

As it is also our ‘Community Open Day’ children must wear their formal uniform to school, but will need to bring their sports uniform and sneakers to change into for our Cross Country event.

We look forward to a wonderful afternoon of participation. Please come along to support your children if you can. If you are able to assist on the day, we often require parents to assist the children around the course.

Mrs Christine Wright
Junior School Sports Coordinator
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TAS TALKS

THURSDAY 30th APRIL
SERVICES CLUB • 12 noon

A NEW CONVERSATION OR A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME CONVERSATION.
IS THERE AN END OR CAN WE FACILITATE AN END?

This is a meeting sponsored by the Rotary Club of Armidale Central and the Services Club. Today we welcome as our keynote speaker Dr John Brashant, an Orthodontist from Albury. John is the founder of "Caravan", Albury. John saw a need in his community for the street people, the homeless, the couch surfing young, the genuine poor of his community. 17% of our children live in poverty.

John saw the need to feed the masses. He started a soup kitchen. "Caravan" Five years or so after its inception it is prominent in Albury, and has spread its cover to Wangaratta, Griffith and onto SW Sydney in Blacktown. Soon to have a presence on the Central Coast.

He has installed the
The Caravan Kitchen
The Caravan Library

Caravan Sun Smile where underprivileged children are given oral hygiene instruction and fluoride treatments every six months. This has reduced the dental decay rate by 45%. This has given these children the break from the usual dental trauma that has plagued this social economic group. This is another form of unraveling the inter generational news, allowing an improvement in health and wellbeing.

Homelessness, street people, sleeping rough, couch surfers and the generally poor don't exist in Armidale. Many citizens would like to believe this. It is a city problem, Sydney, the big cities, not here. But it does.

As was seen in Albury by Dr John Brashant it is in our community as well. John saw the need to try and break the nexus of the inter-generational cycle of poverty, with unemployment and welfare following one generation after another. More unemployment and more welfare.

The Rotary Club of Armidale Central is proud to host a community information and hopefully action day on Thursday April 30th at 12:00 pm for lunch and presentation ($25.00) or if you would like you may just attend the presentations at 1:30.

Part of breaking this nexus of the inter-generational cycle of poverty is education. Improving and attaining self esteem is closely linked to achieving a higher level in education.

With this in mind, we have invited Professor John Pegg from the UNE as our second speaker. Professor Pegg and his team have devised an innovative system for numeracy and literacy. This system catches the child who has fallen through the cracks in education. "He's dumb led in the class. If they are labelled like that in the early years of school that is how they will stay. I have seen this in my life as I am sure you have seen during your schooling. We all have.

Professor Pegg's system is innovative, simple in its brilliance, and so effective. The achievements with this system have been outstanding. Sadly there is a third element in dealing with the youth of this day and how they can fall through another "crack" and into the criminal and drug related dysfunctional part of the community.

Our third speaker is a man who has recognized a problem that is in some ways more in your face as a public perception. Bernie Shakeshaft and his "BackTrack" foundation has influenced many young lives, boys and girls who have a bit wayward. The foundation has proven that he can change the life of a wayward child for $15,000.00 per year and save that same child ending in an institution or jail for the cost of $200,000.00 per year. It is as they say a "no brainer!"

"He offers an opportunity to reconnect with their education and training to become work ready, find jobs, lead happy and productive lives and participate fully in our community." Bernie has just recently been awarded further funding which has allowed his foundation to move to the next phase of attracting jobs for his students. This is an amazing step forward for this foundation.

This is a very important community forum. We all want a productive, harmonious Armidale. It is for us, the region and the whole Australian community. We have shown these qualities with the successful "Harmony" group and the "Sanctuary" group. This is another basic empowering step for our community. The three speakers on this day give us some stepping stones toward this goal. It can make us a more cohesive and stronger community. Please come along.

Housekeeping note Please acknowledge your intentions for the catering by contacting the Services or phone Dr Chris Cole 0419625878

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