ANZAC Service

As was the case across the country, last Saturday was a very significant time for Armidale and our School. The TAS ANZAC service is always a moving ceremony, but the centenary of Gallipoli landings made it particularly so and it was no surprise that it drew the largest crowd for many years, just as the other services in Armidale did. The roll of honour of 103 TAS Old Boys and staff who lost their lives in service to their country from the Boer War through to Afghanistan was read again on Saturday morning and a poignant reminder of the sacrifice of those who have gone before us. That list included Patrick Anderson, Frederick Bone, George Concanon, Errol Creer, Douglas Dalzell, Charles McDougall, Charles Pulling and John Willis who died at Gallipoli 100 years ago and, of course, Lieutenant Michael Fussell who was killed in Afghanistan in 2008 and is remembered by many of us.

I am sure that all who witnessed the full TAS Cadet Unit marching in the Armidale parade were as proud of their performance as I was. Their commitment and the respect that their performance reflected was commented on by many and it was a privilege to be associated with them. Similarly, the outstanding work of the ceremonial guard in providing the catafalque party at the School, Dangarsleigh and Armidale services added a great deal to the occasion and I particularly congratulate Guard Commander Nick Finney on the work of his team. Similarly, I offer special commendation to Sergeant Simon Ball on his training of the Guard once again this year and, of course, to our Unit Commander, Major Thatcher.

The involvement of the School in the three services we participated in is reported on later in this edition of TAS Talks, including a link to the photos of the day, and I recommend it to you.

Exams and Excursion Week

The School is spread far and wide this week as students from Junior School through to Year 10 are away at their respective excursions. I continue to hear good things from those excursions and I look forward to receiving full reports on their return.

The excursions are as varied in nature as they are in destination, but collectively they represent a learning journey from local excursions for our youngest children to challenging experiences in the bush, Canberra, Sydney and the coast for senior students. The commitment of our teachers in showing such initiative in designing those experiences and being willing to spend the week away from home to make them happen is especially appreciated.

Whilst other year groups are enjoying the week away, Years 11 and 12 are ensconced in their mid-course exams and I offer best wishes to them as they endeavour to make the most of their hard work.

Country Tour

This week I am travelling with our Registrar Pip Warrick and Middle School Housemaster Andrew Junge on the annual country tour to conduct interviews with prospective TAS families and meet socially with current families as well. The tour has already taken us to Gunnedah and Narrabri and we are continuing to Moree, Inverell and then on to Tamworth on Monday of next week. The opportunity to meet families outside the School is very important to us and I am pleased to report that the interest in the School continues strongly and we are very busy.
### Week 2

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Year 11 & 12 Mid Course Exams | 23-24 May | Rugby Trial v Riverview in Sydney  
(1sts/2nds/16As)  
Warwick Prize Shoot  
Country Rugby Championships in Armidale (U12, 13, 14) |
| Wednesday 29 April | Headmaster’s Country Tour (Moree) |  |
| Thursday 30 April | Headmaster’s Country Tour (Moree) |  |
| Friday 1 May | Headmaster’s Country Tour (Inverell) |  |

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| Wednesday 6 May | NCIS Touch Football (Lismore)  
P&F Meeting  
Parent Liaison Lunch (Big School) |  |
| Friday 8 May | PSSA Cross Country |  |
| Saturday 9 May | GPS Athletics (Sydney) |  |

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| Friday 15 May | NCIS Cross Country (Tweed Coast)  
NSW Boarding Schools Expo (Dubbo) |  |
| Saturday 16 May | Rugby vs Kinross Wolaroi  
(Coonabarabran)  
Liaison Parent Lunch (Big School)  
NSW Boarding Schools Expo (Dubbo) |  |

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| 21-22 May | Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews  
da Vinci Decathlon at Knox, Sydney |  |
| Friday 22 May | Board Meeting  
5.30pm Foundation Board Meeting |  |
| Saturday 23 May | TAS Company Members AGM |  |

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| 12/13 June | TAS vs Sydney High School at TAS  
(various sports) |  |
| Sunday 14 June | Eisteddfod Gala Concert |  |
ANZAC Day

I would like to start this week’s report by congratulating all the TAS students and staff who participated in the Anzac Day activities this weekend. As a parent, I could not be more proud to be a part of this school and all it stands for. The respect that was shown for diggers past, present and future was tangible and made these Anzac Centenary activities quite emotional for many, I’m sure.

Liaison Parent Lunch

A little later than usual in the school calendar, our annual LP lunch will be held in Big School next Wednesday 6 May. All LP’s should have received their invitation via email, please contact me (sue_333@me.com) if you have not received yours. And I do request that RSVPs are in by Monday 4 May.

This is a casual get-together over a lovely meal to provide us all with an opportunity to meet each other and learn a little about the role and some activities coming up. Please do attend if you can spare an hour.

Term 2 P&F General Meeting

Our meeting for Term 2 will also be held on Wednesday 6 May and is a fascinating one to attend as it is the annual funding allocation meeting. If you would like to see just how and where those hard earned funds raised get distributed then please come along to the Lower Maxwell Room at 7pm.

All Parents and Friends of the school are most welcome.

STUDENT SERVICES

To parents and students of the NSW North West,

User-pays TAS minibus service to the North West is being offered on the weekend of 15 - 17 May.

Return only bookings are welcome, however, booking preference will be given to both-way travellers.

Moree via Inverell and Narrabri via Tamworth. The Minibus carries 20 max so seats are limited.

Sisters / friends from PLC and NEGS are welcome as usual, travelling both ways receive booking precedence.

Overflow of students returning to school on Sunday from the south can always be accommodated on the train from Tamworth.

The free train on Sunday might be your best, cost-effective preference in any case, so book through school travel office as usual please.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mrs Meg Sadler on travel@as.eduau
Year 11 and 12 Exams

Students in Year 11 and 12 are currently midway through completing their Half Yearly Exams. It can be a stressful time for students, families and staff! It is the first major assessment block for the year and we have a long way to go before the HSC Exams in Year 12. In the following weeks students will receive their results and feedback from teachers, reports will be written, Yr 11 Parent-Information sessions will be held and Mr Taylor and I will be calculating ATAR estimates before taking all of Year 11 and 12 to Sydney for the HSC and Careers Expo on the 27-28 May. What a busy term.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will have recently received a letter from the Headmaster via email informing you of NAPLAN dates and procedures. Please contact Mrs Seonia Wark or Mr Ian Lloyd (Junior School) if you have any queries.

Year 6-10 Exams

Year 6 to 10 exams will be occurring later this term. Students are encouraged to begin collating their notes and revising. Teachers will be assisting this preparation as exams get closer.

Mrs Seonia Wark
Director of Studies
There has been a change in the Careers structure within the school in 2015. With Mr Lincoln’s departure, I have been appointed as Careers Advisor for 2015. It has taken a little while to acclimatise to the new position but I wish to take this opportunity to make you aware of some of the programs we have in place for this year.

Firstly, Year 10 receive a period a cycle to discuss and examine career directions and choices. This will culminate in subject selection for Year 11 in Term 3. We are planning to take the whole year group to the Tamworth Careers Expo later in the year. (Date yet to be finalised).

On a similar vein, both Year 11 and 12 will be travelling to Sydney to attend the Sydney Careers Expo at Moore Park on 27-29 May. This is fabulous opportunity to wander the displays, talk to the universities and industry representatives as well as attending HSC seminars on the day. This will be just after students have completed their mid year exams. We will attempt to complete ATAR calculations (Year 12 priority) in order to assist students in gaining an understanding of pathways available. Along with the visit, there will be a tour of either Sydney University and/or University of NSW.

Prior to the Sydney trip, I will be working with the Year 11 & 12s on aptitude testing and examining career options on the planned Activities Days. The aim of which is to start clarifying what can be a very confusing process and time.

One of the major changes to my duties is looking after the Stage 6 change of subject and ATAR predictions. This is so I can give accurate careers advice based on the student’s actual performance. This is best achieved after exam periods when the information is most current. The next exam period for the Stage 6 students is Week 2 of Term 2. Advice is still freely available and I would encourage students to make an appointment if they have concerns about subject performances. The school offers a wide range of support programs for all our senior students of which they may or may not be fully aware.

There is a constant flow of information which comes across my desk about Career opportunities which is extremely difficult to disseminate to the students, so I will be posting most of the information on the Careers page (Careers News) on the school website. I would encourage both parents and students to check the page on a regular basis to scan for any relevant change or opportunities. Some items that might be of interest to you that are on the careers webpage are:

- Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number program.
- UMAT applications for 2015
- St. Andrews College (Sydney University) Scholarships and Bursaries for 2016
- TSFX HSC Seminar days
- Newcastle University Health Careers Forum – Tamworth – 17 March
- Professional Cadetships Australia – Cadetships in Business and Engineering & Technology.
Scholarships at St Andrew’s College Sydney University

St Andrew’s is a prestigious residential college at historic Sydney University. It is currently offering generous scholarships and bursaries to suitable applicants for 2016. If you are considering Sydney University as an option for your son’s tertiary studies, please have look at the brochures that they have sent out. I will also include the cover letter from Alana Chambers, the Marketing and Communications manager at St Andrew’s explaining the scholarships. I think you will find it very interesting.

Year 10 Careers assignments

Last term, Year 10 used the WIRL website to ascertain suitable career options for their future. It entailed completing an aptitude test (just one of many available on the web) that then gave them a list of suitable careers options for each student. Whilst not a definitive tool, it was useful as it gave the students some guidance on career avenues to which they maybe suited. To this end, they completed a careers dossier, which entailed completing research on three career options as indicated by the testing. I would encourage the parents of Year 10 students to ask their sons about the dossier and what they found. Again, this is not a binding choice but rather a starting point for discussion and reflection. This term Year 10, will be concentrating on developing the documentation and skills needed for future employment.

UNE Open Day

University of New England has an Open Day planned for 1 May. The timing of which is not great as Year 10 will be in Canberra and Year 11 & 12 will completing their exams. Therefore we cannot organize any formal attendance but the option is available for any of our senior students to attend if they have been considering UNE and have finished their exams. Below is the link to the Open Day web page for more information.

Click HERE for additional information.

Bond University scholarships

Bond University is a private not for profit university based on the Gold Coast. It is now offering scholarships for 2016 to suitable applicants, some of which can be very generous. TAS has had students receive some of these scholarships in the past. Whilst the information the have sent the school is too bulky to add to the Careers page, it can be found in the foyer of the Careers office or students can ask me for further details.

Year 11 & 12 Exam period

Good luck to all Year 11 & 12 students for the upcoming exams and I would encourage, especially the Year 12 class, to make appointments with me regarding exam performance and ATAR prediction in Week 4, as the data I need will not be entered by their teachers until that time.

Year 11 & 12 Sydney Careers Expo

On 27-28 May we will be taking the entire Year 11 and 12 cohort to Sydney to attend the Sydney Careers Expo, at the Industrial Halls, Moore Park. It will be an overnight visit, but a vital one considering the decisions the students need to make in the upcoming terms. Students will be encouraged to take the opportunity to visit the various exhibits at the university and industry stalls, as well as attend the HSC tutorial seminars on offer. It will be a very informative day and one that I believe will of great benefit and value to the students. For more information about the program and exhibitors, go the earlier Sydney Careers Expo post on this webpage.

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor
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
ANZAC DAY

It may have been a failure, but the Gallipoli campaign left a legacy because of the incredible spirit and courage of soldiers from fledgling armies with limited training and naive expectations, according to Major General Iain Spence, who was the guest speaker at this year’s TAS Anzac Day service.

Major General Spence CSC RFD said despite the failed attempts by both sides to break the stalemate, the baking summer, the freezing winter, the flies, the constant sickness, and a steady stream of casualties, the Anzacs held on until evacuating in December 1915, having performed at least as well as their British and French allies who had centuries of tradition an experience.

“How did they achieve this? I would suggest that is was basically because of the four qualities which the Australian Army today uses as its core qualities: courage, initiative, respect, and teamwork,” he said.

With Anzac Day falling in term time, the TAS community was able to commemorate on the day itself, at a school service at 7.00am and later, with the 260-strong TAS Cadet Unit participating in the Armidale Anzac service in Central Park. Continuing a decades long tradition, a 14-man TAS Ceremonial Guard provided the catafalque party for the services at TAS, Dangarsleigh and Armidale. In addition, Year 11 student Andrew Knight sang the New Zealand national anthem in both Maori and English, at the Armidale service in Central Park.

The TAS service included the reading of the names of 103 old boys and staff who have given their lives in service of the nation from the Boer War to the present, including the three Sandilands brothers who all lost their lives in World War II and, most recently, Lt Michael Fussell who was killed in Afghanistan in 2008.

Below are a selection from the hundreds of photos from the three services have been loaded onto galleries on the school website; please click here to connect.

Photos taken by Tim Hughes, Graham MacDougall, David Rose and Michael Taylor, with thanks.) Videos of the Anzac Guard at Dangarsleigh, of Andrew’s singing and the cadet corp marching can be found on the TAS Facebook page www.facebook.com/TASarmidale
Community Open Day a great success

Around 250 grandparents, parents, friends and others interested in looking at TAS came through the gates on 24 April for Community Open Day (incorporating Grandparents' Day).

Our special guests were treated to a myriad of entertainment - a gymnastics display in the gymnasium; a Middle School debate in Hoskins; filming in the new studio in lower Hoskins; a wonderful concert in Memorial Hall that showcased our singers, musicians and the new organ; a rehearsal of our Anzac Guard, visits to Junior School classrooms and tours of the school. Many of our boys proudly showed around grandparents, some of whom were visiting the school for the first time.

Our wonderful grounds staff ensured the campus looked magnificent and as usual the Kitchen staff ensured no-one went home hungry. Thanks to everyone involved, including teachers for their support and all those students who were involved in any way.

Here is a selection of photos from the day; visit the TAS website for the full gallery of images [CLICK HERE](#).
Co-curricular Expectations

It is timely as we embark on our winter sporting competition and The Armidale Eisteddfod that I highlight some of the more important expectations we have of our staff, students and parents.

We expect our staff, above all else, to be positive role models; to teach their students not only the necessary skills but the manner in which they should conduct themselves both on and off the stage.

We expect our students to represent their school with pride. This should be reflected in their manner and bearing as well as their dress and support for each other. They should be respectful towards their teammates, their coaches, the opposition and the officials no matter what.

We expect our parents to demonstrate the same level of respect and be a constant source of encouragement for their child; to help their child to maintain a love for their chosen activity by feeding their aspirations and dreams. We are fortunate to be witnesses to these dreams and I look forward to seeing many families and friends of TAS, supporting throughout the season.

Details of fixtures and events can be found on the TAS website.

Clubs at TAS

Students are encouraged to pursue their interests and share their passion with other students. All are welcome to either start up a club or join a club.

We are very fortunate to have a world class facility in the Hoskins Centre and two students have taken the initiative to further utilise this wonderful resource. If you are interested in acting please contact Cal Hunter, chunter@as.edu.au, or if you would like to focus more on film and photography contact Felix Gifford, fgifford@as.edu.au. If you are not sure, email Cal or Felix. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

NIAS

The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) is convening the inaugural National Primary Games (NPG). The NPG is an inclusive festival of sport for Open Primary School age students in Years 5 and 6 (U12). The festival will be hosted in Tamworth, catering for teams of all standards over the weekend 11th and 12th July 2015. There is an opportunity for individuals to enter in both Tennis and golf. For more information go to: www.nias.org.au/npg.

Football

Football draws for this week are below. Please still check the football website for any last minute alternations and team lists: wordpress.as.edu.au/football

6s Blue vs Guyra Cobras at Guyra 3 - 9am
6s White vs South Armidale Star Fish at Rologas 5 - 10am
7s vs Walcha Giants at Rologas 7 - 9am
8s vs Uralla Cobras at Rologas 14 - 9am
9s vs Demon Knights Diamonds at Rologas 17 - 10:50am
10s vs Ex-Services Tigers at Jack Vallance 3 - 9:30am
12As Demon Knight Axed at Rologas 2 - 11:15am
12Bs vs Norths Roar at Adamesfield - 11:15am
14As vs Ex-Services Pumas at Jack Vallance 1 - 10:00am
14Bs vs East Armidale at Adamesfield - 10:00am
16As vs South Armidale Sea Eagles at Adamesfield - 8:30am
16Bs Blue vs Norths Spartans at Phil Wheaton Oval - 8:30am
16Bs White vs Norths Quokkas at Rologas 12 - 8:30am
3rd XI vs Demon Knights at Doody Park 2 - 1pm
2nd XI vs Ex-Services at 1pm Adamesfield
1st XI vs Ex-Services at 3pm Adamesfield

Please ensure you contact your coach in the event you will be absent this week- contact details are on website listed above.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Mr Luke Polson
Master-In-Charge TAS Football
Music Concert at the Community Open Day

An appreciative audience were treated to performances last Friday by students from Kindergarten to Year 12 at the Community Open Day, which incorporated Grandparents’ Day. TAS Ensembles were showcased including our newly formed String Ensemble, TAS Camerata, which is directed by Mr Robert Jackson. This was a wonderful opportunity for our ensembles to perform in preparation for the upcoming Armidale Eisteddfod.

Thank you to our Ensemble Directors: Mr Robert Jackson, Mrs Rachel Butcher and Mr Tim Scott. Thank you also to our accompanists Mrs Robyn Bradley and Mr Warwick Dunham.

This was a great opportunity for our soloists to gain performance experience and to demonstrate their musicality and technical skills on their instruments. Congratulations to our soloists: Jonathan Harris; Harry Pennington; Joshua Miron; Frank Perrotet; Harry Wright; Jasper O’Neil; Dimity Chalmers and Samuel Thatcher.

Anzac Day

Thank you to all the musicians who contributed to Anzac Day services at TAS and in the community. Sam Wright did a wonderful job playing the Last Post and Reveille on trumpet for the TAS Service. Talented TAS Old Boy Andrew Nash played the very moving Lament on the Bagpipes at the TAS Service before heading off to play with the Armidale Pipe Band for community events for Anzac Day. Liam Kennedy once again excelled as the drummer of the TAS Cadet Guard, drumming at the TAS Anzac Service as well as the Anzac services at Dangarsleigh and Civic Park. Andrew Knight was very impressive as he sang the New Zealand National Anthem and the Australian National Anthem at the Civic Park Service in front of a very large crowd, accompanied by the Armidale City Band.

TAS Chapel Choir were beautifully directed by Constance Rolfe at the Anzac Eucharist, accompanied by Warwick Dunham who once again showed his mastery on the magnificent TAS Organ.

The TAS Chapel Choir and the Organ provided the music for a very moving service conducted by Reverend Richard Newton.

The TAS Cadet Band performed the National Anthem at the TAS Service and later accompanied the TAS Cadet unit as they marched to the Central Park Service. The Cadet Band had a number of new young players this year who were well supported by our senior students and took everything in their stride. Thank you to Geoff Derrin, David Van Tongeren, Will Smith and Nicholas Hadfield for joining the band for such an important day in our National calendar. A special thank you to Rachel Butcher and Warwick Dunham for all their hard work in preparing the TAS Cadet Band.
TAS Ensembles

TAS Ensembles will recommence rehearsals in Week 3 after Excursion/Exam Week. Due to a change to staff timetables there is a new time for Junior School Band -The FanTAStics. They will now rehearse on Monday lunchtimes at 1:20pm and students should remember to bring their instruments every Monday please.

TAS Drummers will commence in Week 4 of this term and will be held every Monday from 3:45pm - 4:30pm. This ensemble is open to all students interested in drumming with the TAS Cadet Band (and with Pipes and Drums in the future). No previous drumming experience is necessary. Please email Mrs Broadbent to register your interest as places will be limited.

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**TAS INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES**

**Rehearsal Times: Term 2, 2015**

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**Boarders’ Practice Times Term 2**

The TAS Music Centre will be open at the following times this term for Boarders’ Practice to support our instrumental and vocal students. Students will be required to book their Boarders’ Practice times through their instrumental teachers to ensure the current times are fully utilised and all students are meeting their practice obligations. Boarders are permitted to come over to the Music Centre at the times listed below and are required to sign in with the Boarders Practice Supervisor upon arrival. The Supervisor will be in the Music Block for each session to oversee and assist students with their work.

The TAS Music Centre will be open to boarders for instrumental practice at the following times during school term:

- **Mornings:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
  - All Boarders - 8.00 – 8.30am
- **Weekends:** Saturday and Sunday
  - All Boarders - 3.00 – 5.00pm

Please see the Boarders’ Practice Supervisor to sign the roll when you arrive for your session.

**Click here to download timetable**

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
It’s never too late for early music!

LOVE ACTUALLY

The ‘love’ chamber work by d’amore composers displays the elegance, light and nimble interpretations often encountered in the act of loving. Please come & enjoy a musical journey of romance in the beautiful walls of The Armidale Uniting Church!

JANE DOWNER OBOE D’AMORE, BAROQUE OBOE
ALANA BLACKBURN RECORDER
STAN W. KORNEL VIOLA D’AMORE, BAROQUE VIOLIN
MONIKA KORNEL HARPSICHORD

SATURDAY 2 MAY 7.30PM
THE ARMIDALE UNITING CHURCH, 114 RUSDEN ST

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They’re away

Well, Monday involved saying goodbye to boys and buses that headed in all directions. Today and tomorrow I have spent time with the Year 7s who will travel to their Exodus Outdoors excursion later this morning morning. They’re gainfully employed at the camp, completing a range of activities and really enjoyed being with them (and not having to wear a tie). Most (activities) require a deal of moving around, so I’m hoping the week will be enjoyable for them.

I’m travelling to Sydney on Wednesday to spend some time with the Year 6 boys and their Mosman Prep counterparts. I’m sure you’ve read, by now, the itinerary for the week. It’s going to be a full and wonderful one for them and I’ll be with them for their day at Parliament House.

Likewise, the Year 8 students are on their way to the ‘big smoke’ to begin their cultural, Visual Arts and languages excursion. I’m going to visit these boys, as well – on Thursday, actually. I’ve been on a Year 8 excursion before and they’ve been fabulous experiences: so much to do, see, hear and remember.

It’s really good the boys can do a deal of their learning away from School this week and I believe the experience will be of real benefit to them. These ‘ventures’ don’t appear out of the ether. So much, months in fact, preparation has gone into them and it’s timely to thank Excursion Leaders: Year 6 (Kirsty Brunsdon and Luke Polson); Year 7 (Jayne Heagney); Year 8 (Fiona Taber). Without these people and their supporting staff members, these things would never ‘get off the ground’. Further, most of the staff who are leaving TAS this week have Year 11 and 12 classes, translating as staff who are also marking senior exams, either during the week, or on their return from excursion! I do believe these teachers are ‘gold’ and we’re really lucky to have them.

Just because I too will be absent from School for most of the week, doesn’t mean that I can’t be contacted. I can answer emails from Wednesday and I’ll be taking my school mobile, so if you need to contact me, I’ll be able to ‘get back’ to you. I expect also that you’ll be able to contact most of the Year 8s.

The Term ahead

As indicated last week, it’s a short one and characteristically full. It’s a formal assessment one too, which culminates in a battery of exams, I’ve already spoken to a number of parents about the exams and would be happy to field enquiries about them. I want the boys’ experience of them to be as palatable as possible, meaning that questions and concerns must be addressed before the exam week. So, don’t be hesitant to call or send an email to us, especially if you do have concerns. It’s our job, as far as possible, to allay your concerns about them as well. The boys, of course, will be receiving information that relates directly to their management and completion of these assessments. The best advice anyone can give to all is ‘work well and do your best’. Don’t worry, between us, we’ve considerable experience dealing with preparation, management of time and execution (of examinations, of course!).

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
As I write, the sun is shining and the wind has blown away from Myuna Bay. We are fortunate to have been able to travel here as it is evident from the trees lying around on the ground, the camp was hit hard by last week’s storms. With only one activity (high ropes) out of action, everyone is having a fantastic time. Watching students away from school reinforces the importance of not confining learning experiences to an indoor classroom environment. There is so much to be learned, and as we rub shoulders with each other (and students from other schools) in a wide range of activities, it is gratifying to watch the progress our children are making. With most of our students venturing off campus this week, I thank the staff learning activities this week. I look forward to seeing Year 4 & 3 at Lake Keepit and joining Year 2 at Saumarez on Friday.

Another great example of learning from doing was our school cross country held last week. You will see the results published below, but for those of us fortunate enough to watch the occasion (especially with such beautiful grounds and weather) it was pleasing to see those who gained so much from the experience. Long distance running is not for the faint hearted; it is an activity for which you either have it or you don’t! For those competitive runners, congratulations on your achievements and the determination shown. For others, equally impressive was your capacity to be involved, do the best you can and the demonstrations of resilience. This is also an important part of what we do at TAS.

ANZAC Day

It was wonderful to see the support Armidale provided the commemoration of the 100th Anzac Day on Saturday. In many ways it was impressive - the weather, the support from one and all, the School’s morning service and Andrew Knight leading the anthems of both Australia and New Zealand; spine tingling. Thank you for helping us create what was a truly memorable event. Armidale coming together in such a fashion, on such a beautiful day, was a sight to see!

ICAS and NAPLAN

These assessments, as reported recently, are rapidly approaching and there are various actions taking place in preparation. If you do NOT want your child to sit one of the ICAS papers, English, Maths or Science, please let us know. These papers will be ordered this week. You will have received a letter from the Headmaster referring to the NAPLAN tests. Please have a look at the available information and get in touch with us with any questions you may have.

Absence from School

You may be aware that TAS is introducing and new database and with it a slight change of protocols for reporting absence from school. Please report an absence from school by ringing 6776 5817 (with answering machine) or emailing junior@as.edu.au. All information will then be centrally coordinated and passed on. It is also important to include the reason for the absence as this is a requirement of the Board of Studies for the school to collect. The school has an obligation to follow up all absentees that are not reported in this way. Thank you in advance, for your support.

Hosting Tezukayama Students 18 - 23 August

I will soon be contacting you all again to ask again for those who are able to host students from Tezukayama next term. We will be needing more families as TAS will arrive with around 40 students. It really is a great opportunity to get to know students from another country and culture - I have nothing but immense respect for the School and their students and we would greatly appreciate your support to ensure this program continues.
Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Calin Simmonds who celebrates his birthday this week.

Uniform

School uniform is flexible for the first 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.

Cross Country Event – Friday, 24 April

It was a glorious day to hold our annual Cross Country event this year, with many keen runners doing their best on the day. Terrific sportsmanship was displayed throughout the afternoon. We were also entertained by the Cadets and band, who were rehearsing for ANZAC Day along side us all afternoon!

Congratulations to the following children who placed on the day:

6 Year girl
1st – Madeline Buntine
2nd – Lily Peart
3rd – Sophia White

7 Year girl
1st – Peyton Slade

7 Year boy
1st – Blake Whitehill
2nd – Mitchell Evans
3rd – Felix Winslett

8 Year girl
1st – Millie Coupland

8 Year boy
1st – Iles Baker
2nd – Banjo Lawrence
3rd – Evan Kwan

9 Year boy
1st – Toby Inglis
2nd – Tom Ball
3rd – Alistair Newton

10 Year girl
1st – Emily Buntine
2nd – Dimity Chalmers

10 Year boy
1st – Jonathan Harris
2nd – Jasper Russ
3rd – Hugh Taylor

11 Year girl
1st – Isabel Newton

11 Year boy
1st – Hudson Eichorn
2nd – Marcus Hempel
3rd – Frank Perrottet

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6 Year boy
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2nd – Fletcher Connor
3rd – Joe Fenwicke

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Year 5 team building on Excursion Week in Myuna Bay
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 shinpads or they cannot take the field. Mouthguards are optional. All children must have this equipment not only at games but during training sessions also.

It was terrific to see so many keen children out on the field on Monday afternoon.

If you have any questions please contact me on 0410 896 762 or email cwright@as.edu.au

Mrs Christine Wright
Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

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Junior School Cross Country
TAS Rugby Carnival

The TAS 12’s rugby team performed with a great deal enthusiasm and commitment, displaying an creditable improvement in skill development and understanding of the game throughout the weekend of the carnival. The most notable moments of the weekend included their outstanding defence in game 4 on Saturday against the Somerset College Spartans when only one try was let through in the second half and on Sunday, against a very strong St Patricks College from Sydney, despite camping on their try line, in the last 10 minutes of the second half, they were unable to score. Match scores were as follows: v Moree Lost 19 - 0; v Redcliff College lost 17 - 0, v Trinity White won 22 - 5, v Somerset Spartans lost 28 - 0; v St Patricks Sydney lost 7 - 5.

There were many notable performances, particularly from the newcomers to the game, but the most significant achievement was the improved teamwork and preparedness to combine better under pressure. The squad was: Archi Lawrence, Ben Burwell, Hamish Chalmers, Harry Chandler, Archie Chick, Fletcher Jackson, Archie McDonald, John McGregor-Thew, Henry Mitchell, Henry Moore, Nick O’Neil, Sam Osborne, Riley Simmons, Sam Skipper, Byron McCann, Isaac Gerdes, Hudson Eichorn, Ben Rowe, Lachlan Morgan, Marcus Hempel, Lachlan Nicoll.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

This is an event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Armidale Central and the Servies Club. Today we welcome as the keynote speaker Dr. John Brashant, an Orthodontist from Albury. Julie is the founder of "Caravan" Albury. John saw the 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 so he decided 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 Wagga, Griffith and into QW Sydney in Blacktown. Soon to have a presence on the Central Coast.

He has installed the
The Caravan Kitchen
The Caravan Library
CareVan Smile where underprivileged children are given and 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 shaped this social economic group. This is another form of unraveling the inter-generation 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 EXISTS

As it 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. "The dumb kid 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 and a man who has recognized a problem that is in some ways more in your face as a public perception. Bernie Shackshoff and his "Back Track" foundation has influenced many young lives, boys and girls who have a bit of wayward. The foundation has proven that he can change the life of a wayward child for $3,000.00 per year and save that same child ending in an institution or prison for the cost of $180,000.00 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 now Please acknowledge your intentions for the catering by contacting the Servies or phone Dr. Chris Cole 0419625878

I thank you, Armidale.

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www.backtrack.org.au