Weekend Activities

For the majority of our Middle and Senior School students, the past weekend presented a welcome break from recent exams or study and began with the annual Farrer fixture on Friday night. Whilst tennis was rained off, this much awaited clash saw competition in football, rugby, basketball, chess and a new competition in clay target shooting. I offer compliments to both sets of competitors for the good spirit and sportsmanship on display and offer thanks to Farrer for again hosting us. The schools competed again for the Dick Hodgson Shield, named in recognition of our former Sportsmaster who pioneered this sporting arrangement. It is awarded to the school that wins the most individual matches, regardless of sport, and I congratulate the TAS players on bringing it back to Armidale this year.

Whilst many were at Farrer, our equestrian team of 10 keen horsemen was in competition at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran and I congratulate them on performing so well in the muddy conditions and representing the school with distinction. This is the biggest event in the equestrian calendar I was very pleased that TAS was well represented. Similarly, there were some strong performances from our most elite kayakers in the NSW Championships held at Nymboida as well as our five representatives in the under 15 years New England representative hockey team that competed in the NSW Championships in Grafton and I congratulate all those boys on their individual efforts too.

Seeing students engaged in worthwhile and healthy activities on weekends and after school is seen at TAS as more than simple personal interest or a means of keeping out of trouble. It is part of the development of good habits for life and sits alongside the likes of motivation to succeed in work, willingness to serve in the community and being actively interested in the wellbeing of those around us. I am always pleased to see weekends filled with good activity and I once again offer thanks to the very many staff and parents who commit themselves to make this possible.

da Vinci Decathlon

Away from the sporting arena there was intellectual competition too as TAS teams from Years 5 and 6 headed to Knox Grammar last week to join a huge competition across 10 disciplines with well over 100 schools represented. In this heightened atmosphere our Year 5 team did well to take out the ‘Creative Producers’ section and I was pleased to receive reports that both our teams represented the School proudly. The competition is reported in this edition of TAS Talks and I recommend it to you.

Mufti Day

Each year our senior students collaborate to determine the charitable causes they wish to support through the year and the means of raising funds to do that. Beyond considerable individual fundraising as part of challenges such as the Hawkesbury Classic, this has included collections at carnivals, head shaving by prefects and mufti-days.
The next mufti-day will be next Wednesday, 10 June, and as usual all students in Middle and Senior School are asked to bring a gold coin donation. A gold coin is certainly not the limit that will be accepted and donations from parents will be gratefully received too, but as this is a community exercise, we do ask that all get behind it. This is more of a challenge for boarders than it is for dayboys and it is helpful for parents to get involved by discussing it with their sons. It has at times been suggested that we could add a dollar or two to accounts, but I don’t believe this is in the spirit of the exercise at all. The habit of giving to a cause or people that are in need and making some personal sacrifice to do it is a part of education for life and I believe it is very important.

The funds raised next Wednesday will go towards the Thailand and Fiji orphanages that we support each year through service trips to work with them. I consider our support for them to be a whole school connection and not only for those fortunate enough to be able to travel and serve there and our small donation to them represents that. As part of the fundraising next Wednesday, Max Alcorn and Lachie McDonald, both proud current wearers of hair, will be having their heads shaved at lunchtime and this is more good reason to support the cause.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS, TERM 2**

**Week 7**

**19 May-14 June**

Armidale Eisteddfod

**1-4 June**

Years 7 and 9 Half Yearly exams

**Thursday 4 June**

Classes conclude

**Friday 5 June**

Staff PD Day

**6-8 June**

Queen’s Birthday Holiday (boarding houses closed)

**Week 8**

**Monday 8 June**

Boarders’ charter coaches return pm 6.30pm ‘Kokoda’ Information Night (Big School) Open to Years 9-11

**9 -11 June**

Inter-House Debating - Years 6-12 (Hoskins Centre)

**10-13 June**

‘Treasure Island’ performances

**Thursday 11 June**

Year 7, 11 and 12 Vaccinations

**Friday 12 June**

NSW Boarding Schools’ Expo (Newcastle)

**12/13 June**

TAS vs Sydney High School at TAS (various sports)

**Sunday 14 June**

Eisteddfod Gala Concert

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**Week 9**

**Wednesday 17 June**

Activities Day No. 4 NAIDOC Dinner

**Thursday 18 June**

Confirmation Service NAIDOC Assembly Classes conclude for holidays

**Friday 19 June**

Staff PD Day

**19-22 June**

NSW All Schools Mountain Bike Championships (Years 7 - 12)

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**June/July Holiday Activities**

**27 June - 5 July**

Forensic Science Camp (TAS)

**30 June - 9 July**

New Zealand Rugby Development Tour

**5-13 July**

GPS Shooting Camp (Sydney)

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Opening Hours during the holidays

Open 9 am to 5 pm Friday 10 July

Open 9 am to 5 pm Monday 13 July

Tuesday 14 July normal hours resume

Please note the shop will be closed during the Queen’s Birthday holiday period.
Student Absence

Attendance is recorded each period of every school day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sport and activities days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

Daily Absence

If your child is to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please advise the appropriate Administration Assistant, explaining the reason for absence by phone, email, or written note before 10.00 am that day. In addition a written note confirming the circumstances of the absence is required within 7 days.

Sickness in excess of 4 school days requires a doctor’s certificate detailing the nature of sickness and duration of sickness.

Late Arrival and Early Leave

If your child arrives late or is to leave early they must report to the appropriate Administration Assistant and register their arrival or departure. A late slip will be issued to the student to take to their teacher.

Parents/caregivers who know in advance if their child is to be absent during term time need to apply for leave by completing either an:

1. Application for Exemption from Attendance at School (other leave)

OR

2. Application for Extended Leave – Travel/Holiday (travel leave greater than 5 days)

If the leave is granted, an appropriate Certificate of Exemption will be issued.

Contacts for Absentees

Junior School
Mrs Alison Evans
E: junior@as.edu.au
or 6776 5817

Middle School
Mrs Susi Redhead
E: middle@as.edu.au
or 6776 5819

Senior School
Mrs Veronica Lucas
E: absentees@as.edu.au
or 6776 5800

PLEASE NOTE: Parents/Carers are NOT to send notice of absences to teaching staff or Advisors – this advice must go to one of the contacts above.
End of Term 2 and start of Term 3 coach and rail

I am keen to receive indications as to whether charter bus services or rail are required.

Thanks to parents/carers who have already confirmed their requirements for the winter vacation.

With exciting excursions and sporting commitments happening during the vacation there is bound to be some variation to the ‘norm’.

Your cooperation with early notification is much appreciated. email is best for me please, travel@as.edu.au

Mrs Meg Sadler

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

Last week I was in Sydney staying at a small unit on Regent St, close by Redfern railway station. The nights were noisy with traffic of all kinds so sleep was difficult. A far cry from living out of town near Armidale. What were all those people doing – it wasn’t the weekend? Sydney. Like so many cities in the world, is a 24/7 place. People busy with their own agendas, coming and going at all hours, stopping for no-one.

In the constant rush it seemed that any oasis of quiet was welcome. And there were some here and there. Walking along busy King Street, Newtown, I was amazed how quiet the side-streets were. Streets of terraced houses, lanes lined with trees, made for a different ambience. Here, there was something else – stillness within the more ordered, domesticated arenas of life. Perhaps life has some natural rhythms. It seems that we need to engage and retreat, to move out into the stream of everyday rush and bustle and back into the private and personal spaces of life. Making room for both, to engage intentionally in finding the dynamic balances between the extraverted world and the more introverted places of reflection, seems to be necessary for healthy living. This is something to learn while we are young. Once learned it will serve us well for a lifetime.
C. A. S. Hawker Scholarship

The late Lilias Needham, in memory of her brother, established the Charles Hawker Scholarship Trust. C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships, valued at up to $60,000.00 over four years, are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to all Australian undergraduate and postgraduate students.

There are a number of scholarships awarded each year. The Trustees offer them to capable students of principle and character, who have demonstrated a committed to the wider community. Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.

Go to the Careers page on the school website for more information.

UMAT

A quick reminder that registration for UMAT close on 5 June, 5.00pm AEST. If your son is considering a career in medicine and or health sciences they need to register for the test on 29 July.

For a complete list of courses that require UMAT entry go to the follow website.

http://umat.acer.edu.au/universities

UAC Key dates for 2015-16

University Admission Centre (UAC) has published a list of key dates for the 2015 HSC cohort. Please locate the new post on the Careers page on the school website and download the flyer for future reference.

Melbourne University: 2016 Undergraduate Prospectus

The Prospectus for 2016 has arrived at the school that gives an all-inclusive overview of not only life at Melbourne University but Melbourne as well. It shows the complete guide to life at the Parkville Campus and all the facets of university life in Melbourne. It discusses the range of course available, fees structure, domestic and international student admissions as well as residential college living.

If you or your son were considering a future at Melbourne University, I would strongly encourage that your son come to the Careers Office and brings the Prospectus home for all to read.

Course Guide QUT (Queensland University of Technology)

A comprehensive undergraduate course guide has arrived at the school and is located in the Careers Office. If students are considering QUT or would like to peruse the range of courses on offer, please come to the office. Arrangements to borrow the QUT Guide can be made.
TAS Talks Progress Toward Co-Ed

Every fortnight in TAS Talks we will be adding to this new section that will concentrate on letting our community know of the steady progress being made in all areas of the school toward co-education, which is due to commence at the beginning of 2016. It will also be available in the Parent Portal of the TAS website.

Extension to White House

One of the biggest projects for the school in the next 6 months will be the extension to White House adding space for 30 beds allowing Middle School boarders to be accommodated in the one house rather than spread between both White and Dangar Houses. This extension will add a whole new wing, new common room space and breakout rooms for the boys in Middle School. The first stage in this project is to move the road around the front of White House slightly, and by the start of July the ground will be broken for the first stage of building.

There will be no disruption to White House boarding during construction.

Renovations to Dangar House to welcome girls

Exciting renovations to Dangar House are already in train for our first girls’ boarding house. An interior designer has been appointed to work with the school to ensure these adjustments will make our new girl boarders feel as much at home as the boys have felt in this historic house.

Uniform

We can also report that significant progress is also underway in designing the new school uniform for our girls. While our Junior School uniform will remain unchanged, a committee of parents and staff are already consulting and working on the ‘look and feel’ of the uniform. Some senior boys will also have the opportunity to offer input, along with some girls. Needless to say, it will reflect the broader values of the school and its progression into the future. There will be more news on this front in the coming months.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on progress as we move toward co-education in 2016, however, if you would like more information, please email the Development Office directly on development@as.edu.au and we will do our best to answer any query.

Build time for the new White House wing (pictured) is estimated at 24 weeks, which will see practical completion prior to Christmas.
Feed Your Passion

It is time for your mid season health check. In previous weeks you have been encouraged to ‘Play with Pride’, ‘Chase the ball’, ‘Play with Honour’ and ‘Play as a Team’. If you have heeded this advice, your character is in good shape but how is your wellbeing?

Can you feel your body twitch with the thrill of competition? Does the rhythm touch your soul? Do the stage lights take you to a euphoric state? Are you in the flow? I am not suggesting that you pause in mid stride to reflect but rather to enjoy every moment that you are engaged in your activity.

Enjoy the atmosphere, the time spent with friends and the opportunity to improve yourself. Be grateful that you are healthy and able; that you are surrounded by people that care about you and that you can feed your passion.

Great Ambassadors

Over the weekend, many staff and parents had the privilege of witnessing TAS boys at their finest, beginning with the exemplary manner and bearing both on and off the field at Farrer. In a show of unity, boys who competed in basketball, chess, clay target shooting, football and rugby, came together to support the First XV. Their victory secured both the Challenge Shield for the First XV and the Dick Hodgson Shield for the Overall Point Score.

This performance was matched by the TAS Equestrian Team at The North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran. The boys displayed both courage and finesse as they competed in a variety of disciplines in very challenging conditions. This is an iconic event and the sense of community and family is as important as the competition.

At the same time, five boys were competing on the Nymboida River at the State Kayaking Championships. For a small squad the boys made a big impression achieving some outstanding results. A full report will appear in next week’s TAS Talks.

These opportunities would not be possible without the support of families and the selfless commitment of staff, whose dedication and care for the boys is unrivalled.

Sydney Boys High Visit

From 12-14 June TAS will host Sydney Boys High School for the Annual Harris Hannon Shield fixtures. Games will be played on Friday night and Saturday in tennis, basketball, rifle shooting, football and rugby. For further information please click HERE.

Hockey

Five TAS students Jack Halliday, Sterling George, Matt Turnbull, Sam Behrend and Sam Wright were part of the Hockey New England U15 representative hockey team who participated in the recent NSW state hockey championships in Grafton. The boys joined students from St Mary’s Primary School, O’Connor Catholic College, and Duval High School. The championships were played over three days (22-24 May) on turf at the Grafton Hockey Centre. The New England team were runners up in their division, losing only one match to division winners Dubbo 1-3. Hockey New England was successful in defeating Tamworth 2(3-0), Grafton 2(7-0), Grafton 3(2-0), North West Sydney (4-0) and Port Macquarie (3-0). Goalie Sterling George only succeeded 3 goals in the whole tournament. The team was coached by Paul Eichorn.

Mrs Suzie Wright
Manager
TAS vs Farrer

Last Friday afternoon we had our annual clash against the Rugby teams from Farrer. We were able to take down nine teams 13A, 14A, 15A, 16B, 16A, ForthXV, ThirdXV, SecondXV and the FirstXV.

We were able to come away with six wins from the nine games, which was a fantastic result.

I was very impressed to hear comments that complimented our boys on their attitude, manners and the way they played the game.

It was particularly pleasing to see the FirstXV turn the tables on Farrer after relinquishing the shield last year, their second half performance was enjoyable to watch.

Thank you to all the staff who made the journey and, once again, provided this fantastic opportunity for the boys and to parents and friends for coming along to support our teams.

Finally congratulations to the other players in all the other activities who's efforts ensured that we won back the Dick Hodgson Shield.

With the long weekend fast approaching please refer to individual team management for training schedules this week, enjoy the weekend off and start next weeks preparation for our fixtures against Sydney Boys High School with renewed enthusiasm.

Mr Jamie Moore
MIC Rugby

North West Equestrian Expo

All the boys did really well at Coona with the following results;

Ben McElroy
2nd C grade ODE (One Day Event!) 2nd boy rider and Reserve Champion 13yr boy.

Michael Paull
2nd Bending
2nd Team Penning

Tim Finlayson
4th 14yrs Warrumbungle Way
1st Team Penning

George Rodgers
5th 17yr WW
1st Team Penning

Jack Davidson
2nd Team Penning

Ben Hamparsum
Hamish Edmonds
6th Team Penning

Tom and Harry Deshon
6th Team Penning

All boys won a ribbon apart from poor Sam Finlayson who was going well until he had a fall and damaged his ankle.

All boys played polocrosse and Horse Ball very well.
The Eisteddfod Continues...

This week is Strings Week at the Eisteddfod and TAS Guitar Band competed yesterday afternoon. Well done to our guitarists on their wonderful performance in the K-6 Guitar Duet or Group section. Many thanks to Mrs Butcher who directed our Guitar Band.

Tomorrow (Thursday) TAS Camerata competes in the afternoon session at the Old Teachers’ College (OTC) in Mossman Street. We wish them the best of luck. The FanTAStics, TAS Big Band and TAS Senior Jazz Combo are yet to perform next week so why not head up to the OTC to enjoy some of the Eisteddfod sessions before they end next Thursday?

Below are the plans for the remaining days of the Eisteddfod over the next two weeks. Please note that all these sessions will take place at the OTC and students are required to wear formals.

Click [HERE](#) to view Eisteddfod Plan

More Outstanding Results from the Eisteddfod

**Calliden Hunter**
- Vocal Solo Mus. Theatre (18yrs & Under) 2nd Place
- Vocal Solo (18yrs and Under) 2nd Place

**Harry Wright**
- Popular or Jazz Solo (Open) 1st Place
- Wind Solo (AMEB Grade 6 & above) 3rd Place

**Robert Butcher**
- Popular or Jazz Solo (Open) 2nd Place

**Charlton Grant**
- Popular or Jazz Solo (Open) 3rd Place

Don’t forget to send the results of student individual achievements at the Eisteddfod to sbroadbe@as.edu.au so they can be celebrated by everyone!

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Treasure Island
a new musical

The world amateur premier performance

June 10, 11, 12 7:30pm, 13 2:00pm, 7:30pm

Tickets $25, $20 | hoskins.as.edu.au | 6776 5878

Book by Brett Smock & Carla Vitale | Music & Lyrics by Corinne Aquilina
www.TreasureIslandTheMusical.com
The Australia Day committee is gearing up to put on their country town’s biggest bash – but everyone wants a piece of the partypie. Will the day be fair dinkum after all? Or are there too many roos loose in the community hall? A thoroughly modern ripper of a comedy, by acclaimed satirist Jonathan Biggins.

TAS Hoskins Centre
June 15 7:30pm
Tickets $25, $20
Hoskins.as.edu.au
6776 5878
Grigoryan Brothers
This Time
National Tour 2015

“...guitar playing of uncommon originality and authority. Musicality, expressivity and daring...”
- The New York Times

“This Time celebrates the Grigoryan Brothers heroic qualities in harmonious proportion, as they deliver powerful performances of sensuous beauty and soaring vitality.”
- Carolyn McDowall
- The Culture Concept

7:30pm Thurs June 18
The Armidale School Hoskins Centre

Bookings:
Online - http://www.trybooking.com/GPKU
Phone - 6776 5878 or in person at the school
Head of Middle School, Mark Harrison

Exams (again)

Well, this time they’ve ‘well and truly’ arrived and so far, so good. I believe the boys are as ready as they can be and that the timing of the examinations, over a two week period, is as fair as it can be during such a short term. Certainly, any later would be a bit silly, really. The term, as indicated, is a comparatively short one, but it is characteristically ‘full’. I know that staff have been working through the Exam Schedules and that boys are being assisted wherever possible. But, when ‘it all boils down’ boys need to take responsibility for their performance during the Exam Weeks.

Please, if you have any enquiries about the exam schedules, timetables and preparation times, I ask that you contact, in the first instance, your sons’ Homeroom teachers. These are the people who best know ‘specifics’ as they relate to individual year groups and boys within specific classes.

Queen’s Birthday Weekend

I advise that all boys have a good rest this coming long weekend. While they will be at home they should sit down to have some time to themselves. Time permitting, it would also be good if you could talk to them about how they feel they are ‘faring’. If there are any issues, I’d appreciate it if you could contact Homeroom teachers (again, in the first instance) or me. As indicated, it is important that we are aware of all ‘computations and permutations’ as they relate to this important aspect of school life. Pressure is something that we all have to deal and our collective responsibility is to assist boys’ management of it in the Middle School. I know that they are feeling it, as some have been a bit restive of late.

Examination Grades

At our last staff meeting examination results were discussed and we all agreed that you should be given some domestic wisdom on Board of Studies A – E Grades information. Below I’ve included the BOSTES explanation of Grades as the will appear on Semester Reports but, above that, our interpretation of these Grades, hopefully in a more palatable form.

E (0-4) = Elementary understanding (still working on foundational aspects, comprehension of question/task and mechanics of writing)
D (5-8) = Developing (some engagement with concepts/task but still confirming knowledge and method of expression)
C (9-12) = Sound (engagement with most or all concepts, appropriate form displaying adequate control of language)
B (13-16) = Very Good (engagement with all concepts and expression of ideas in an increasingly refined way)
A (17-20) = Excellent (detailed, complex and considered understanding of concepts demonstrated in a sophisticated way)

Alternatively here are the BOSTES ones.

A The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
B The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
C The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Look, our job is to support boys and if you've any ideas / comments that may assist us, please let us know. Together, we can achieve this.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Fundraising in Junior School

On the back of our recent Biggest Morning Tea as our regular fundraiser for the Cancer Council, I have been approached by three Year 5 students who are very keen to support close friends who are dealing with various, cancer related illnesses. In discussing this with Ben Rowe, Byron McCann and Joshua Miron, I have been impressed with their enthusiasm to help others and their commitment to lead by example. Byron has already joined with other community members and contributed to a very large combined total. I appreciate that they came to discuss their ideas with me, as with all decisions, there have been other considerations to take into account. Whether suggestions include a Mufti Day at school or shaving one's hair, a coordinated approach which includes the school is preferred. I wish them well with their efforts and look to support other students in our school who have the initiative to come up with original projects with the aim of contributing to our community.

da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar in Sydney

You will read a fantastic report about the da Vinci Decathlon in this week’s TAS Talks. I was fortunate to be with this delightful group of students who represented the school with great pride. Observing their behaviour (at close quarters in the bus) and from afar, in the company of almost a thousand other students, reinforced the knowledge that our students can mix it with their metropolitan counterparts – and do so with style (as you’ll read!)

Questacon Science Circus

On Tuesday 9 June we will have the Questacon Science Circus visit and perform for Junior School. The shows are tailored to the age, ability and experience of the audience. The presenters use familiar everyday materials that demonstrate a variety of scientific principles including: slime, bubbles, pressure, the marine environment, structures and states of matter. The Cost is $5 per student (this will be billed to your account) and each student who attends will receive a free entry ticket to visit the Science Circus public exhibition.
The public exhibition, open to students and their family will be held at the SportUNE, University of New England on Saturday, 13 June from 10am – 3pm. While at the School, A PD session will be held for teachers in the local area and we are very pleased have been able to accommodate this event.

Looking Ahead

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Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Thomas Rowe, Lachlan Costello, Michael Janda and Daniel Morgan.

A Very Successful Trip to Knox Grammar in Sydney – da Vinci Decathlon

Eight boys from Year 5 and eight boys from Year 6 represented TAS at the da Vinci decathlon at Knox Grammar School in Sydney last Thursday.

The Year 6 boys, most of whom competed in the event last year, were wonderful mentors for the younger boys. The Year 5 boys, who were not sure what to expect, asked their peers a lot questions. Their teamwork was exemplary and every boy gained valuable experience. They were competing against 1000 others from 113 schools across the state. Year 5 took out the Creative Producers challenge, one of 10 that make up the academic inter-school gala event.

“First we had to select which three of us from the team would do this challenge, then we were given poem and had 10 minutes to organise it before performing it impromptu in front of the adjudicators, without a script,” said Hugo Catterall, who tried to remember a few of the main lines from the poem to put into it.

“The poem was about an Aboriginal man telling a young Aboriginal boy not to cross a creek because it was the bunyip’s place, and the remnants of his victims were everywhere,” added Ben Rowe.

“We acted it out with Hugo as the Aboriginal man, Frank Perrottet as the boy, and I was the bunyip.”

The boys couldn’t believe it when they were announced as the category winners.

Later on in the year, the boys will have another chance to participate in the da Vinci Decathlon, when TAS hosts, for the third time, the Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon championships, under an agreement with Knox Grammar.

Back row (left to right) Lochlan Nicoll, Josiah Alcorn, Jack van Roy, Henry Mitchell, Lachlan Galbraith, Cassidy Williams, Henry Moore, Tristan Rottcher.

Front row (left to right) Cameron Le Surf, Frank Perrottet, Marcus Hempel, Ben Rowe, Harrison Price, Harrison Ditchfield, Will Jubb, Hugo Catterall.
PYP - Kindergarten

Kindergarten have almost finished their Unit of Inquiry based on the Central Idea: Weather Affects Human Action. They have had a wonderful time conducting experiments and reading some of Eric Carle’s books, which featured weather based stories. They have spent time exploring natural disasters around the world and made their own tornadoes.

Children have recently used a simple design process to produce a home for a monster. These homes are currently in the process of being constructed and will form part of the summative assessment for this Unit of Inquiry.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

Children in kindergarten will use thermometers to record the temperature inside and outside their constructed homes and will use this data to test the suitability of their designs for a monster to live in. They are using common classroom equipment, resources and techniques to shape and join materials throughout the construction process in order to reduce the warming effect of sunlight on a given area.
Absentee advise

If your child is unwell and can’t come to school, please notify Junior School via email junior@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5817 before 9.00am.

If your child will be away for any other reason (except medical appointments), please complete the Exemption from School form which can be found on the School website link attached:
http://www.as.edu.au/parent-forms/

It is a Board of Studies requirement that we have correct information on students whereabouts.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Football
TAS Terriers

What a great game it was! This was undoubtedly the match of the season, with the boys showing great skill, commitment and sacrifice. This was evident particularly in Joel Blackburn’s goal saving effort in the last minute of the game, to secure the 2-1 victories. The last TAS goal may have made it 3-1. Completely isolated and with three opponents bearing down on him, Joel coped a full-speed kick fair in the face. The ball would have rocketed straight to the back of the net, had Joel not got in the way. I think we all felt that one. Full credit to the South Armidale Snakes for their sportsmanship in pulling up the game to check that Joel was OK.

There were a couple of great goals by Caleb and Blair and the whole team played very well, with a lot more passing and team work. The ‘snakes’ were our toughest opponents yet, with some very talented and physical players, but our boys were equal to the challenge. It was a great, contested match to watch.

Thanks must go to Tim Lawrence for his coaching efforts and for emphasising a strong team focus.

Mr Peter Dundon

From Left: Thomas Dundon, Banjo Lawrence and Henry Kirton

TAS Tigers VS Norths United Hurricane

It was a gloomy winter’s day and we were down one man for the match! However, all students were eager to get on with the game.

Apparently this week we have had some boys who were taught tricky skills by their dads. These boys were busting to have the chance to use them.

We saw long back passes, improved positioning and excellent side-line-kicks. It was wonderful to see that some of the boys are starting to talk on the field and are gaining the attention of their fellow players. All of the boys played a sensational game with the final score being 2 nil. The boys are certainly learning that this game is about the TEAM effort and what a fabulous team it is shaping up to be!

Mrs Lana Hawksford

U10s football

Well what a difference a week makes. TAS U10s came out firing this week against Norths Dragons. The teams were evenly matched and the ball went from end to end. Our forwards began to work as a team and use the ball between them, which was very exciting. We have been training to get the ball out to the wingers and it worked. Oliver, Toby and Daniel really worked hard at getting the ball passing between them and it was wonderful football to watch. TAS won 6 - 4 and many parents commented on what a great game it was to watch.

Well done to our two goalies - Lachlan and Josh who did a wonderful job in goals, and to the remainder of the team who also worked so hard to back up the forwards. Of special mention must be the outstanding game Daniel Morgan had and Oliver Smart’s contribution of 3 goals.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon
Netball

It was fun and games at netball on Saturday for Sophia White when she participated in the NET program for 5-7 year olds. In the Armidale District Netball Association’s attempt to assist players to develop important foundational skills, the NET program was started this season. It provides girls with the foundation they need in a fun filled way. After warm ups and stretches the girls practised their footwork and catching and throwing skills.

Later in the afternoon, the Sparkles met PLC in their match in Primary Division 2. Once again, the Sparkles did not disappoint the spectators with their great teamwork and swift and accurate passing. A string of bounce passes served to baffle the opposition. It was a game played amongst friends with many of our previous team members sharing the court with our girls.

Emily Buntine played with energy and determination scoring for her team. Ruby Straker played in the same vein also netting some shots for the Sparkles. Casey Smith and Isabel Newton, as always, were strong, reliable and brave with Casey suffering a fall in the wet conditions near the end of the game. While PLC made an impressive comeback in the last quarter, Sparkles remained in the lead, winning the game 15-10. There will be a break for the long weekend with netball training and games resuming next week.

Mrs Anne Trenerry

Hockey

TAS U9s went up against United 2 on Saturday. It was looking like we were unlikely to field a team as the clock ticked towards the start time of 9.45, with only a couple of players ready with gear. United kindly offered us a substitute players so we were able to play and as the game began our players finally arrived, ensuring it would be a fun and close contest. The game seesawed and TAS players Scarlett Buntine and Millie Coupland were lucky to score goals to keep the score matched. After some great teamwork, top positional play and some strong skills, the game ended in cheers for all.

There will be no games this long weekend, so enjoy a sleep in this Saturday, however please remember to arrive at least 20mins prior to game times in future so warm ups and a quick chat can be conducted.

Mr Alex Portell

Sophia White enjoyed the activities at Saturday’s NET program

Ruby Straker, in Sparkles game against PLC, shoots a goal
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