Fire Service Medal

TAS Business Manager and long time volunteer with the NSW Rural Fire Service, Pat Bradley, was recognised over the weekend in the Australian Queen's Birthday Honours, receiving the prestigious Fire Service Medal. This honour is one of only six meritorious awards within the Australian honours system and recognises distinguished service. Each year one award is made for every 5,000 part-time volunteers in NSW, making it a very significant honour.

Pat’s award recognises his contributions and leadership over many years, including service as Group Captain in the terrible Victorian black Saturday fires in 2009, work with fire command in bushfires in the Hawkesbury and more locally on many occasions. It also recognises his work with national park authorities in Botswana developing their national fire plan.

The role model that Pat’s long and dedicated service presents to our students, staff and wider community is an excellent one and he is thoroughly deserving of this high recognition. I am sure that all will want to join me in offering congratulations to him.

Treasure Island

The season of Treasure Island: A New Musical opens tonight in the Hoskins Centre and it promises to be great entertainment. The musical is a new and modern adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic coming of age tale and, very significantly, our production will be the worldwide amateur premiere of the show and an updated version of the script from its professional premiere. The project brings together students, Old Boys, staff and parents in a school community collaboration that will be very special indeed.

Tickets remain available and I encourage all who can possibly make it to be there to support the cast and crew who have worked so hard to bring it to us. Bookings for the five shows that begin tonight, including the Saturday matinee, can be made through the TAS website or by clicking HERE.

Eisteddfod Bands Night

Last night the TAS Big Band performed alongside bands from the New England and as far away as Bellingen in the second gala evening of the Armidale Eisteddfod Band Night is always a highlight of this wonderful and marathon event and last night was no exception. The TAS Big Band competed in The Armidale School Perpetual Shield and the New England Music Teachers’ Perpetual Shield events and I congratulate them on their 2nd and 3rd place awards in competition with some elite representative bands. With a growing number of younger players as well as some strong leadership from senior players, the TAS band is the largest it has been for some time. It is clearly in good shape and I congratulate our band leader Mr Warwick Dunham for bringing such good energy and musicality to the group.

Sydney Boys’ High Weekend

The coming weekend will present one of the highlights of the annual sporting calendar as hundreds of boys from Sydney High join us for their annual visit. What started as simply a round of rugby games some years ago has grown into a major sporting festival, with competition extending beyond a full round of rugby fixtures on one day to include tennis, basketball, football and shooting over two days and Sydney High will again stay with us for two nights. The reason for the expansion in the visit through the years is that the competition between our schools is such a positive experience for our students. I expect that this will be the case again this year and I am looking forward to our opportunity to host very much.

That Sydney High travel to us each year, rather than the usual home and away arrangements, is very much appreciated. Our players travel a great deal of course and Sydney High’s willingness to come to us and reduce that is something we are grateful for.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS, TERM 2

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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

#### P&F ASSOCIATION, SUE CARTWRIGHT

**Baked Goods/Soup/Bought Goodies**

As the rugby season gets underway again, we are provided with welcome opportunities to raise funds at our home games. The first of these is this Saturday against Sydney High and I would like to give a big shout out for help in supplying baked or bought goodies and nice warm soup for Saturday’s home future game. This can be dropped into the kitchen on Friday or brought directly to McConville Centre on Saturday morning.

Remember, all monies raised go directly into supporting broad school activities across the whole school, so your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**NSW Parent’s Council**

The Australian Parents Council is the voice of parents with children at independent schools across the nation.

It plays an active and critical role with lobbying on issues of importance to parents. This Friday it is holding its AGM followed by and general information meeting including presentation of the Annual Awards of Excellence along with a presentation by Guest Speaker the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC. I am happy to share that I will be attending as a representative of TAS, and will report back next week.

**Finally….Treasure Island, A New Musical**

I have been hearing some wonderful reports about this new and exciting production and encourage one and all to support the enthusiastic cast and crew as they present the worldwide amateur premiere. Please go to TryBooking to book your tickets - http://www.trybooking.com/115874 - why not make a night of it with family and friends?!
**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.
On Thursday 23 July (6.15pm) and Friday 24 July (11.45am) we will be launching our exciting new Year 9/10 Elective Program. Under this program, students will be able to select 12 semester courses from 96 over two years, up from the current three electives over four semesters. New subjects include: History I Should Know About, Robotics, Philosophy, SFX (Special Effects), Elite Performance, Chemistry, Street and Event Theatre and many more!

The aim of the new program is to create opportunities for students to pursue passions they already have, explore new things before they are locked into their HSC courses, and allow them to make better choices for their final two years of schooling.

This new program will impact on all current Year 8 and 9 students in 2016 and it is strongly advised that parents attend with their child if at all possible to find out about the exciting new opportunities available. The event will be open to the wider community as well so please invite anyone who may be interested in the revised academic offering at TAS in 2016 and beyond.
A reminder re Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) diaries (Boarding families only)

Approved families are reminded to submit completed diaries to the school travel office no later than last day of Term 2 in order that the semester return can be completed during the holidays. This ensures that payments are not delayed more than necessary.

For a copy of the diary pro forma please go to this link:

For parents/carers (NSW residents) who may not have applied to date, please contact travel@as.edu.au to discuss eligibility criteria.

This subsidy partially reimburses NSW remote and regional families/families of school-age boarders and day students for car travel and is funded by the State Government. No diary is required for day students.

To download an application form go to this link:

or apply directly with Transport NSW via this portal

In a world that keeps moving on, it is important to understand that sometimes the unexpected can change life’s trajectory, impact our expectations and anticipations of the future, and bring immediate and far-reaching challenges to our lives.

Last Wednesday we had a visit from Canteen Australia, an organisation formed to support young people who have an ‘upfront’ experience of cancer, either in relation to themselves, a sibling, parent or other family member. They have a range of resources that would be supportive to anyone in this situation. These resources range from information packs, on-line and face-to-face counselling support, children and youth camps, and so on. The visitors were keen for students to learn about Canteen and left some brochures and information packs with us.

If anyone would like to learn more about Canteen, join it, or support it, please speak to Charlton Grant (Year 11) or drop by my office. Not everyone will have been in a situation where cancer has cut across life and brought significant personal challenges, but it is highly likely that there are some students who are, or have been affected by a cancer event in their family. In the past, the TAS community has been impacted directly, so we have a special sensitivity to this experience.
Cadets

Cadets will be attending Activities Day 4 on Wednesday 17 June. A briefing was provided to all cadets on Tuesday 9 June during Period 3.

All cadets are to parade on Adamsfield at 8.40am dressed in cadet uniform with webbing, two water bottles, compass, notebook and pen.

Cadets will finish at 3.30pm with a dismissal parade.

The following activities will occur:

A Coy (1, 2 & 3 Platoon) at Kirby Research Station UNE

Navigation exercise
First Aid Revision
Firearms safety training (parents reminded to send in permission form sent out early this term).

B Coy (4 Platoon) at Newholme UNE

Navigation exercise
Fieldcraft training
Bush cooking

B Coy (5 & 6 Platoon) at Bakers Creek Gorge

Abseiling
Fieldcraft training
Climbing

C Coy (7, 8 & 9 Platoon) at Rutallah

Rope Bridging
Drill
Camouflage and concealment
Team building and initiative exercise
Radio Telephone Procedure

Year 6 Rangers

Year 6 Rangers will be travelling by coach to New England National Park, a World Heritage Area 45km east of Armidale. This is a significant wilderness area and Year 6 will be getting a taste of the some 52,000ha of natural beauty by completing a number of walks through the park.

It is anticipated that Year 6 will walk approximately 7km during the course of the day. Whilst we are walking on made tracks, appropriate footwear is required as the walk at times can be steep.

We will depart at 8.45am from the front of school, and your arriving prior to 8.45am is appreciated and will assist us in getting away on time. We will arrive back to school at approximately 3.10pm.

Lunch and morning tea will be provided for all students and staff. There is no need to bring additional food.

All students must bring:
- Asthma or any other medications
- Water bottle (full)
- Hat/Sunscreen
- Wear your Rangers shirt, Jeans, belt and sensible shoes
- Backpack - you will be carrying your own lunch, morning tea and water bottle.

No electronic items are to be brought. Please leave these in the boarding house or at home.

Mr Luke Polson

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
COMMANDING OFFICER - CADETS
Enjoy the View

“The reason why people give up is because they tend to look at how far they still have to go instead of how far they have come.” (unknown)

It is very easy for us to be overawed by the task ahead. Challenges lie before us like a series of mountain peaks, each one higher than the last. There is a temptation to take the path that meanders gently downward, although, to achieve success we must continue the upward climb. Once in a while we doubt whether we will ever reach the ultimate peak. It is at this point that we must stop and enjoy the view. Look at how high you have climbed; at what you have already accomplished.

Hopefully the long weekend gave you pause to reflect on how far you have come and you are inspired and motivated to seize the next summit.

Armidale Eisteddfod

I extend my sincere gratitude, congratulations and admiration to all those involved in this year's Eisteddfod. I have enjoyed immensely the brief opportunities I have had to see TAS students perform and I have heard nothing but praise for the manner in which they have represented the school. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff and I would particularly like to thank Ms Roobol, Mr Dunham, Mrs Butcher and Mrs Broadbent, for their passion, professionalism and commitment throughout. After a month of climbing mountains, I would encourage all involved to reflect on their achievements with great pride and satisfaction.

Inter-house Debating

A combination of good-natured banter and persuasive argument will transform the Maths and Middle School classrooms into debating hubs this week, as all houses compete for the Clemson Cup. Whilst only one house can take out the trophy, all team members have the opportunity to develop the invaluable art of speaking in public.

Treasure Island

In last week’s Assembly, all Middle and Senior School students were treated to a taste of the musical Treasure Island. The cast is made up of students, staff, parents and Old Boys, providing both breadth of talent and a strong sense of community. Tickets are still available and I would invite you all to share in this magical production.

Please click on the link to purchase your ticket http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=115874

The Sydney Boys’ High Weekend

If you are around the School at 4:30pm this Friday, you will witness 220 Sydney High boys descending on TAS as if it was their country retreat. The only GPS school to visit TAS every year, many of its boys have been to TAS for the past five years and it is with great pleasure that we welcome them back again. This is an opportunity to welcome friends into our community and I thank you in advance for your generous assistance and hospitality.

Games will be played on Friday night and Saturday in Tennis, Basketball, Rifle Shooting, Football and Rugby. For further information please click here. http://www.as.edu.au/content/uploads/2015/06/TAS-v-SHS-.pdf

Mr Will Caldwell

Chess

The third round of the New South Wales Junior Chess League will take place this Friday from 11am in the TAS Library. TAS first IV will play Farrer First IV. We wish the team of Ali Ahsan, Joshua Stevenson, Harry Pollard and Charlie Wyatt all the very best of luck.

Ms Catherine Boydell
FOOTBALL

Sydney Boys’ High

This weekend TAS will host Sydney Boys’ High. There is only one football fixture during the course of the weekend and it is our Second XI Football vs SBHS Third XI. This will be held on Adamsfield, with a 9am kick off.

Nets Duty - Rologas

This Saturday, 13 June, TAS is rostered on to put up and remove the nets and mini-goals on Rologas fields. I am hoping that there will be some people available for this. We will meet at 7.30am to put the nets up. Can you please advise lpolson@as.edu.au if you are available to assist. Many hands make light work!

Week 9 (next week) Training

Monday 15 June - Training as per normal timetable.

Tuesday 16 June - 16As, 14As and 14Bs to use Cricket Oval. 12As and 12Bs to use Dangarfield. 16Bs teams will play their fixture from the holidays (see deferred games below) on Adamsfield from 4.00pm.

Wednesday 17 June - No training for any teams due to Activities Day

Thursday 18 June - No training for any teams - Holidays commence 3.30pm

Holidays, Deferred and Catch Up Games 20 and 27 June

I have added a page to the website covering holiday games and deferred games. This is very much a work in progress and there are a number of games that still need to be rescheduled. This will mean that teams will be playing fixtures as catch ups at times other than a Saturday morning. Please check the website: http://wordpress.as.edu.au/football/holiday-deferred-games/ regularly as details are made.

As at 9th June:

6s – 10s Football (Junior School)

All 6s - 10s Football will play as scheduled on Saturday 20 June. All games on the 27 June have been cancelled for TAS teams and NIF advised to contact other clubs to ask them to play each other instead of TAS. There will be no catch up games for 6s-10s.

12As

20 June – TAS vs South Armidale – This game is being played as per NIF draw. Please check website for details.

27 June – TAS vs DK – Deferred. Details TBA.

12Bs

20 June – TAS vs Guyra Rockets – This game is being played as per NIF draw. Please check website for details.

27 June – TAS vs Norths – Deferred. Details TBA.

14As

20 June – TAS vs Norths – Deferred. Details TBA.

27 June – TAS vs DK. Catch up game scheduled for Thursday 23 July at 4pm at Rologas.

14Bs

20 June – TAS vs Uralla (home game) – This game is being played as per NIF draw. Please check website for details.

27 June - TAS vs Servies – Deferred. Details TBA.

16As

27 June – TAS vs Norths – Deferred. Details TBA.

16Bs Blue

20 June – TAS Blue vs TAS White. This game is now being played on Tuesday 16 June, 4pm at Adamsfield.

27 June – TAS Blue vs Walcha – Deferred. Details TBA.

16Bs White

20 June – TAS Blue vs TAS White. This game is now being played on Tuesday 16th June, 4pm at Adamsfield.

27.6.15 – TAS White vs Servies – Deferred. Details TBA.

TAS First XI

20 June – TAS vs Glen Innes – Deferred. Details TBA.

27 June – TAS vs DK – Deferred. Details TBA.
TAS Second XI

20 June – TAS vs Glen Innes – Deferred. Details TBA.
27 June – TAS vs DK – Deferred. Details TBA.

TAS Third XI

20 June – TAS vs Easts – Deferred. Details TBA
27 June – TAS vs DK – Deferred. Details TBA
Catch up 1 – TAS vs Norths. Details TBA
Catch up 2 – TAS vs Glen Innes. Wednesday 15 July. 7.00pm Doody Park (First Wednesday back).

TAS Dads

20 June – TAS vs Uralla. This game is being played as per NIF draw. Please check website for details.
27 June – TAS vs Norths. This game is being played as per NIF draw. Please check website for details.

Draw for Saturday 13 June

Please ensure you have checked the draw for this coming Saturday: http://wordpress.as.edu.au/football/fixtures/

Best wishes,
Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CLINICS
2015 WINTER HOLIDAYS, NORTHERN INLAND

Sport and Recreation, in partnership the Northern Inland Football Federation, will run a number of Soccer Development Clinics for boys and girls during the Winter school holidays.

Delivered by qualified coaches, the clinics will help participants develop and/or enhance their:
• Ball skills
• Offensive and defensive skills
• Positional skills
• Game knowledge.

INCLUSIONS
All participants receive a quality soccer ball to take home with them.

BOOKINGS CLOSE
Bookings close on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

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- The Culture Concept

2-3pm Thurs June 18
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Masterclass with the Grigoryan Brothers
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Click on the boxes below for some Treasure Island Fun

By day, he is the mild-mannered Head of Junior School - but what dark secret will Billy Bones reveal from tonight? Click below for some clues…

There’s always plotting going on in the Development Office - but what’s this about a #mutiny elsewhere on the ship? (And will we keep it off Facebook???)

Advisor time in Hoskins turned to mayhem this morning - has Mr O’Connell gone completely mad, or is he about to raise the black flag on the finest schooner that ever moored in Bristol Harbour??

Click on the boxes below for some Treasure Island Fun

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
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
The second term is invariably brief, but it is definitely one of the busiest of the year. Thankfully, formal exams are finished last week for all boys in Years 6 – 8, reports are steadily ‘rolling in’ and we are preparing for our fourth Activities Day, scheduled for next Wednesday, for the year. We’ve also completed a round of the Tri-Schools Debating, begun Winter Sports and their attendant away trips (two weeks ago, Farrer was the ‘taster’ for this), continued to prepare boys for the Fiji Service Trip in September, we’ve even managed to complete Year Group assessments! And half way through next week there’ll be a mass exodus for the school year’s second longest holiday. Next week notwithstanding, overall, the term has been productive and Middle School boys continue to acquit themselves admirably. Considering the fact that we are this close to the last week of term, they continue happily enough, are prepared to ‘help out’ and are still able to complete their work with a measure of good grace. But, we’re all tired and ready for the mid-year break.

What I’ve enjoyed most about the term is its activity. For example, this week is distinguished by the combined facts of preparation for our annual Inter-House Debates and the opening night, this Wednesday, of Treasure Island! But, as indicated, everyone’s weary. Still, I believe the boys are ‘best’ when they’re busy. I can say with a degree of confidence that they’re settled now and I am enjoying my interactions with them. One of the healthiest aspects of TAS life is the breadth of activity: there really is something for everyone and Middle School students, half way through the year, are now confident enough to pursue opportunities that suit their needs and interests. Still, having ‘said’ this, I want you to ask your boy how he’s managed the second term and, if there’s anything you think we need to do to make his time with us better, please contact his Homeroom teacher or me so that we can attend to matters.

Seniors

I don’t think there’s been one Town Meeting this term that hasn’t had at least one senior ‘in attendance’ and contributing to the proceedings. These boys are welcome in the Middle School and younger students enjoy speaking to them. I know I’ve mentioned this before, but the ‘old school’ year group barriers have virtually disappeared – such a good thing for everyone, really. The debating and cadet meetings are examples of healthy senior and junior interaction. On a number of occasions, too, senior boys have helped some of ours with a number of pastoral issues. In particular, some Year 11 and 12 boys continue to give us phenomenal support and they’re deserving of our thanks for assistance given to the Middle School. It’s encouraging to note, too, that our Year 8 Monitors are still invited, when appropriate, to the School Prefect Meetings each Wednesday morning.

Exam feedback

Now that they’ve been completed, I ask that you speak to your sons about their ‘whole experience’ of examinations. If results, for example, are not what the boys were expecting them to be, then the best thing to do is speak about them, about study routines undertaken, about working under time conditions and so on. Now, while issues are fresh in the boys’ minds, is the time to work towards a more personally satisfying experience of exams. Please, if your sons tell you something about the exams that you think we should know, contact Homeroom teachers so that these issues can be discussed by us in meetings. This is not intended as a patronizing comment, but we’re much more likely to succeed by dealing with issues, rather than problems. Exams are important and students must be aware that we are genuinely interested in their performance and also that it is our job to assist them in their improvement of it.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Tezukayama – Host families still required!

I would like to thank the large number of families who have opened their doors to host students from The Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School from Osaka. This visit occurs from August 18 – 23, and as you know we are very grateful that this wonderful opportunity exists, made possible by this generosity. We are still looking for accommodation for 10 more students and so again, I ask you to consider this great opportunity. Please contact us at junior@as.edu.au for further information.

Treasure Island – A combined effort by the TAS community

There have been questions about whether this performance is suitable for our younger students and I include some of the thoughts of the Director, Mr Andrew O’Connell below. I would recommend the production to you all, bearing in mind his comments below.

The show is an action-adventure piece that follows the adventure of a 12 year old boy in a disastrous quest for treasure. There is a death onstage in the fray of a firefight and two later on at the hands of pirates, but zero strong language or other inappropriate content or themes. It is darker in tone than some Disney-ish adaptations (and some loud special effects which might prove scary) but there are also light moments in the show and vibrant characters to counterpoint the darkness. Our lead is in Year 6, which may also help to inform audiences of where the show is pitched, and runs for approximately two hours.

Eisteddfod rolls on

It is so pleasing to see the continued success of our students at the Eisteddfod as it draws to a close. Firstly, thank you to our very talented staff that has invested so much time and effort into preparing our performers.

Ruby Straker
Violin or Viola solo (10 years) 3rd Place
Violin or Viola solo, Baroque (10 yrs & under) 2nd Place

Flinders Ward
String solo, novice (years K-4) 1st Place
Cello/Double Bass solo (8 yrs & under) 1st Place
Cello or Double Bass solo (8 yrs & under) 2nd Place

Marcus Hempel
String solo Novice event (Years 5-6) 1st Place

Jonathan Harris
Cello/Double Bass solo, 9-10 years 1st place
Cello/Double Bass solo, Romantic (10 yrs & under) 1st place
Cello/Double Bass solo, Baroque (10 yrs & under) 1st place
Cello/Dble Bass solo, 20th/21st Century (10 yrs & under) 1st place

Next week a full list of the Eisteddfod achievements of all TAS Ensembles and Choirs will be included.
Questacon – Learning by Doing

I think the photos say it all. Learning by doing is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant. Attending the Questacon Science exposé certainly demonstrated this….! I strongly recommend their Shell Questacon Science Circus exhibition this Saturday at Sport UNE from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Growth Mindset

Last Friday, all TAS staff joined together for a very informative day of professional development that looked at aspects of creating a healthy Growth Mindset. It is a fascinating concept and one which research has shown to be an integral component in the field of Positive Education. Working together, we were able to improve our understanding that our own talents and abilities are a result of our own efforts. Clearly this has application for our own children and is a message we are at pains to point out and pass onto all our students. Developing and improving our own Habits of Mind (the attitudes and dispositions that we possess) is essential to acquire these talents and abilities and the workshop provided many opportunities and examples by way of demonstration. As a parent, I feel that many aspects of this concept relate to raising positive attitudes in children. I include further information for you by way of these two websites and encourage you to have a look - www.mindfulbydesign.com; www.habitsofmind.org

Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Sam Strelitz and Henry Douglas-Menzies.

Looking Ahead

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Term 3

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PYP Year 1

Year 1 have been inquiring into communities, the central idea being ‘a community is impacted by the involvement of its members’. They have been enjoying their inquiry, venturing out into the community to observe how communities work and interact. Guest speaker presentations and a tour with Geoff, our TAS carpenter have also enhanced their inquiry. Opportunities have also been provided to explore their learner profiles through a variety of learning activities.

Lachlan Schumacher and Euan Billingsley explained the Year 1 community cups and how everyone has responsibilities within a community. They could clearly articulate that if someone stops working in a community the pyramid will fall down and the community will fall apart.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Holiday Borrowing

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow 2 books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow more books parents need to sign the permission note that is attached to this newsletter or email the library at library@as.edu.au

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Please return signed note to Library
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Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child …………………………………………………………………………………….in Year …………………………….

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to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the holiday period and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 3, 2015.

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

Signed ……………………………………………………………………      Date…………………………..
Holiday Club

St Peter’s Cathedral
Tingcombe Lane, Armidale

9:30am to 12:30pm

Mon 29th June-Thur 2nd July 2015
(first week of the school holidays)

for Primary-aged children (K-6)
$5 per child per day or $10 per child for 4 days

Registration forms ph. 6772 8783 or simon@stpetersarmidale.org.au

Limited spaces
COME AND SEE MINIONS

AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR ST CHRISTOPHER’S ORPHANAGE IN FIJI

THURSDAY 18th June 5:30pm Belgrave Cinema
$16 a ticket

Contact Kieran Dennis at kdennis@as.edu.au or at 0428150768
Spend the morning playing tennis (9:00am-12:00noon) followed by lunch at the Tennis Club then spend the afternoon playing golf (1:00pm-3:00pm).

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**Tennis Only Camp in June/July 2015 – regular school holidays**

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- Lunch is provided for those staying for the full day
- Children under 8 must choose the tennis only or ½ day option
- Learn sports from highly qualified, professional coaches
- Loads of fun and prizes

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle something for morning tea and a racquet if you have one. All golfing equipment will be supplied free of charge.

Contact 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au

1. Childs name……………………………………………………… Age…………………… Whole/Half Days
2. Childs name……………………………………………………… Age…………………… Whole/Half Days
3. Childs name……………………………………………………… Age…………………… Whole/Half Days

Week 1 22^{nd} -27^{th} June …. Days: (Please circle) M T W T F
Week 2 29^{th} June - 3^{rd} July …. Days: (Please circle) M T W T F

Parents name ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Address ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Mobile Phone: …………………………………………………email:……………………………………………………..
NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC presents

2015 JUNIOR ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP
WED 24 & THURS 25 JUNE 2015

The New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) annual Junior Orchestra Workshop gives young musicians an inspiring two days of invaluable performance experience playing in a large orchestra under the leadership of specialist conductor Anne Phelan and NECOM tutors.

The Workshop is open to students in Years 3-8 who can read music and have at least 12 months experience playing one of the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, double bass | flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone | trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba | Orchestral percussion (pianists may apply)

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For Information & enrolment forms:
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