Treasure Island

The season of our second school musical for 2015 finished on Saturday evening and the many from across our community and beyond who were fortunate enough to see the show will want to join me in applauding the cast and crew alike for serving up some great entertainment. The chance to put students, staff and Old Boys together on stage made it a wonderful community event and a celebration of the great talent we have.

Sydney High Weekend

The visit from over 200 sportsmen from Sydney Boys’ High School is one of the highly anticipated events of the year and the competition last weekend did not disappoint. Rugby, football, tennis, basketball and shooting all featured and this breadth of activity as well as the closeness of many of the matches made it very special. The weekend culminates in the presentation of the Hannon and Harris Trophy for the school that wins the most individual matches over the whole weekend and I congratulate High on taking it with them this year.

Representative Sport

Some of our best sportsmen have had the opportunity to put their talent on show beyond school competition over the last week and enjoyed significant success in the process. Mr Pennington took a team of our best cross country runners to the Combined Independent Schools Championships last weekend and he reports on it later in this edition of TAS Talks. With over 100 competitors, all elite athletes, in each age group, the TAS team performed well with a number of top 20 finishes and Jonathan Harris 3rd in his age group. Congratulations are due to the whole team for their dedication to this demanding sport.

At the end of the weekend Harri Jackson and Sam Thatcher were selected in the 16B side and Edward Pitt in the 16A team and I offer congratulations to them. All three will spend this week training in Sydney for competition next weekend and I offer special thanks to The Scots College for looking after them for the week.

Eisteddfod

The curtain finally came down on the month long Armidale Eisteddfod last weekend with the Gala Concert on Sunday afternoon and there is plenty to be pleased about in reflecting on the past month of music, including the most recent success of the TAS Senior Jazz Ensemble in winning both the secondary schools and open Jazz Ensemble events. Our Director of Music, Leanne Roobol, reports this week on more group and individual highlights from the Eisteddfod and offers thanks quite appropriately to the very committed supporters who have made our large scale participation possible. Ms Roobol’s own commitment, leadership and part in the success of our choral work deserves our recognition too and I offer her thanks on behalf of the whole school.
Inter-House Debating Finals

Debating continues to grow in participation and stature at TAS and the inter-house competition over the past weeks has highlighted that. Both Middle and Senior School competitions have been hotly contested and the quality of preparation and argument has been impressive. Congratulations are due to Ross who argued in the negative ‘that art is better than sport’ to take out the junior competition in front of the whole Middle School and Croft who argued the affirmative ‘that knowledge is corruption’ to win the Senior School honours.

CO-EDUCATION UPDATE

Progress Toward Co-education

In this second update on progress in implementing arrangements to support the transition to coeducation we report on five areas of our preparations. This update will also be included in the End of Term Newsletter.

Staff Recruitment

Early next term the School will seek applications for the new position of Director of Girls’ Education. This executive position will span boarding, pastoral care and strategic planning functions and report directly to the Headmaster. This appointment is considered to be a key strategy within the coeducation plan and the net will be cast wide to find the very best experience and ability available.

Co-education Expo

Plans are being made to hold a coeducation expo at TAS next term on the afternoon / evening of Thursday 13 August. After some presentations on our plans, booths will be staffed for discussions with families of boys and girls on our offering in areas such as pastoral care, the academic program including the new Year 9 and 10 electives structure, boarding, co-curricular activities including sports, the activities program, Round Square and facilities. It will be an opportunity for families considering TAS as an option to investigate in a personal and relaxed atmosphere and we will be advertising it widely.

Pastoral Care Sessions

The first discussion sessions with groups of boys at TAS in Years 6 to 11 about what the introduction of coeducation means to them and how our community will seek to make this change a success have now been held. This process of including our current students in this planning and looking after their interests as they look ahead to change is very important to us and will continue through the next six months.

Senior Social Space

Interior design expertise has been contracted to convert the current D&T room (the old gym) into a Year 12 recreational, social and quiet study space. The first take on design concepts was presented to the School Board yesterday and the ideas include the use of the mezzanine level for quiet areas and a creative sectioning of the main downstairs area into small group and larger group study or socializing areas. The creation of this space is being made possible by the shifting of our D&T classes that use that facility to the Trade Training Centre and presents the opportunity to add fresh energy and activity to that wonderful building.

Development Application for White House Extension

The D.A. for the new wing and refurbishments to White House has been approved in what was very rapid, efficient and supportive work from the Armidale Dumaresq Council. It was clear from our first contact with the Council that they are committed to supporting new developments such as this one and their good ideas and fast action to facilitate our tight building timeline were certainly appreciated. The extension will enable us to have all our Middle School boarders in the one location for the first time and will generally expand and improve facilities for our youngest boarders.

I offer best wishes to all those who will be engaged in school activities over the coming break, including the Forensic Science Camp at TAS and those travelling to represent the School with the New Zealand Rugby Development Tour and the GPS Shooting Championships in Sydney. Finally, I wish all students and their families well for a happy and restful holiday break.
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Term 2, Week 9

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| Thursday 18 June   | Confirmation Service  
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|                    | 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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#### 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.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Finn Daugherty is missing his blazer - it is clearly named. Please return it to Middle School if you find it.

#### P&F ASSOCIATION, SUE CARTWRIGHT

Congratulations to all involved in the production of Treasure Island, A New Musical I have heard so many wonderful reports back and congratulate all involved.

**Baked Goods/Soup/Bought Goodies**

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the McConville Canteen and BBQ last weekend. As always lots of fun and hard work for everyone but it really does make it welcoming for all our visitors from near and far.

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

**NSW Parents’ 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.

Last Friday the council held its AGM followed by a general information meeting including presentation of The Annual Awards of Excellence along with a presentation by Guest Speaker the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC.

I did attend and met with the CEO and State Executive and at the AGM was duly elected to the executive to represent your interests. Please do contact me if you have any issues or comments you would like raised at future meetings. After the AGM I was witness to the induction of two Life Members in recognition of their lengthy and committed service to the Council, heard some wonderful stories outlining the Awards of Excellence and why they were awarded, and it was all wrapped up with the presentations by Catherine who outlined Liberal philosophy of education policy along with some history of same. A very interesting evening.

And finally….  

On behalf of the P&F I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday with your family.
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)
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.
SAVE THE DATE

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 allows 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.

Year 8 Parent Teacher interviews

These will be held on Thursday 23 July, 2015  3.30pm - 6.00pm and Friday 24 July, 2015 1.30pm - 5.30pm.

Due to the busy nature of our school and particular venues being unavailable there are a few changes to note in relation to Year 8 parent teacher interviews.

On Thursday 23 July interviews will be held in the PDHPE classrooms in the Gym. Friday’s interviews will be held in Memorial Hall.

As in previous years there will be two Parent Information Sessions. The first information session will be held on Thursday evening at 6.30pm in Memorial Hall. A repeated session will be held on Friday 24 July at 11.30am in the TAS Hoskins Centre.

These sessions will focus on a new elective system and a variety of choices available to TAS students. A Try Booking option has been set up so parents can indicate which Parent Session they will be attending. Details regarding this will be sent out early next week with the details to make your parent teacher online bookings.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien, Academic Assistant - vobrien@as.edu.au or Mrs Susi Redhead, Middle School Assistant - sredhea1@as.edu.au
CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

On Authorities
Matthew 22:15-22

I’m sure most people are aware of the scandal that rocked the world a few weeks ago, costing millions of dollars, covering headlines, naming and shaming some of the world’s most recognised figures. Yes, I speak of Johnny Depp, who recently smuggled his dogs, Pistol and Boo, into Australia via private jet. The illegal aliens were astutely detected by customs officials on the way to a doggy hygiene clinic. Our own Federal MP Barnaby Joyce made a public statement on the issue, quote, ‘it’s time Pistol and Boo buggered off back to the United States.’ He then gave them a death countdown of T-minus fifty hours. Fortunately, Pistol and Boo complied. The story was so gripping that it made it onto John Oliver’s Last Week Tonight, Russell Brand’s The Trews, and international news stations.

The apparent moral of the story? Nobody is above Barnaby. We must all submit to the quarantine office, whether rich or poor, famous or not, attractive or ugly.

Submitting to authorities on earth is one thing. But we’re all going to stand before God, the ultimate, central, underlying reality - more than an authority, He is THE authority. As God tells Moses, He is the I Am. He is outside of time, the perfect embodiment of morality, the giver of everything in creation, with true power and all knowledge.

We will all stand before that authority. Quarantine pales in comparison. And the cause for relief is that, as Christians, we’re not trying to justify ourselves before God, inflating our lives. And we’re not weighed down by a noticeable, complete failure to meet up to the standards of each other, let alone of a perfect God. Our job is to fall on the cross. We can look at the throne of God knowing that He has made ample provision for our imperfections.
Academic

Debaters entertain in finals appearances

Armed with wit, bravado and the powers of persuasion, boys took to the stage to argue their case in the finals of the TAS inter-house debating competition on Monday.

In the senior school debate, Croft House (Hugh Worsley, Will Davis, Dom Pilon and Tom Hyatt), narrowly defeated Ross (Charlton Grant, Sam Redhead, Owen Chandler and Tom Mailler), successfully arguing That Knowledge is Corruption. While Croft took the line that knowledge is power and power is corruptible, the negative team used the tack that ‘absolute knowledge enlightens absolutely’.

Meanwhile in the final of the Middle School competition, Ross (Heath Chandler, Harry Mason, Jack Nivison and Cooper Gerdes) was victorious, negating against the case argued by Tyrrell (Joshua Jones, Hamish Cannington, Nav Higgins and Luke Rorke) That Art is Better than Sport. With Tyrrell giving a narrow interpretation of art, the debate was open for Ross to compare professional incomes, sponsorship, and social outcomes of the two fields of endeavour, in a convincing way.

Both adjudicators, Mr Guest and Mr Harrison, commented on the speakers’ eye contact and engagement with the audience, confident deliveries, attempt at rebuttals and willingness to take part in something many people find daunting - speaking in public, and thinking on one’s feet at the same time.

The finals were the culmination of a round-robin competition held during lunchtimes last week.

Points will go towards the Clemson Cup for inter-house debating and public speaking. The public speaking section will be conducted next term.

Mr Tim Hughes

Owen Chandler makes a point in a senior school inter-house debate at TAS last week, watched by (l-r) Tom Mailler, Sam Redhead, Charlton Grant, Tom Wright, Nicholas Bohlsen, Harry Wright and Felix Gifford.

Chess

Congratulations to our first IV Chess team who won all their games against Farrer in the third round of the NSW Junior Chess League. Ali Ahsan, Charlie Wyatt, Harry Pollard and Joshua Stevenson. Well done boys.

Ms Boydell

Jack Nivison gave a solid speech in the Middle School debating final.
Directors of Co-Curricular, Will Caldwell

Stars can’t shine without darkness

I never cease to be inspired by the resilience of TAS students. They will front up to any challenge ready to give their best. If the odds are stacked against them - all the better. Effort is prized above victory and mateship is more important than glory. When things are at their darkest TAS students shine. This week has possibly been the busiest of the year. When many would look to merely survive the TAS community has thrived.

Arguably the greatest performance by a TAS basketball team against Sydney High, dominant performances in the 16s and Opens Rugby, a titanic struggle in the Tennis, a narrow loss in the Shooting and a 2 all draw in the Football, made for an exciting set of fixtures against Sydney Boys’ High School last weekend. Sydney High were deserved winners of the Hannon and Harris Cup, although, our boys can be very proud of their efforts and the positive manner in which they approached every game.

The weekend also marked the finale of both the Armidale Eisteddfod and the musical Treasure Island. To see students, staff, Old Boys, parent and friends of TAS, all working together, is an amazing tribute to our community and highlighted the talent in our midst.

The inter-house debating culminated on Monday with two close fought debates. Ross took out the honours in the Middle School debate and Croft was victorious in the Senior debate. It was fantastic to see such a wide variety of boys debating over the past week. The event achieved its aim of providing opportunities for boys to develop the art of public speaking.

None of these opportunities would be possible without the support of our staff. I am both in awe and sincerely grateful for their unbelievable commitment; their ability to give without counting the cost and to support our students to follow their passion.

Holiday events

Tomorrow we will have the official send off for our GPS Shooters who will depart on 5 July to attend a training camp before competing in the AAGPS competition on 13 & 14 July. Also competing over the holidays are three TAS teams in the All Schools’ Mountain Biking Championships to be held in Sydney on 20-21 June. We wish them all the best and trust that their training and support for each other will place them in good stead.

Representative Honours

Eight TAS boys competed at the CIS Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek last Wednesday. Whilst all boys performed well I would like to make special mention of Jonathan Harris, who placed 3rd in the 10 years and Sam Jones who placed 12th in the 13 years. Both these boys will represent CIS at the NSW All Schools Cross Country next term.

Congratulations to Harri Jackson, Eddie Pitt and Sam Thatcher who were selected for the President’s XV squad that will play at the Combined Schools rugby championships this weekend. Eddie has been selected on the wing in the President’s XV As, Sam will run on as prop for the Bs, with Harri as reserve hooker/prop for the Bs. To be selected amongst the strongest under 16 players from the nine GPS Schools is a tribute to both the boys and their coaches.

Will Brissett represented NSW Combined Independent Schools on Monday against Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) and Combined High Schools (CHS) teams. The CIS team defeated CCC and Will was selected in the Merit Team. This is a great achievement for Will and very encouraging for the younger boys in the program who are looking to follow in his footsteps.
Football - Week 9 and Holiday Games

Thanks to all for their commitment and enthusiasm to football this term. The term has certainly been a busy one. A few items of note:

Training concluded yesterday afternoon and will resume on the first day back of Term 3 (Tuesday).

Please keep an eye on the deferred and catch up games page. As this will be updated as more games are rescheduled from 20 and 27 June. CLICK HERE for additional information.

Teams playing on Saturday 20 June:
- All 6s - 10s football are playing as per NIF draw
- The 12As are playing as per NIF draw
- The TAS Dads (Div 3) will be playing as per NIF draw.

Draws website: http://wordpress.as.edu.au/football/fixtures/

All other games for 20 June have been deferred.

Teams playing on Saturday 27 June

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All other games for 20 June have been deferred.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Hockey

U13 Hockey - TAS Whites

A glorious victory against Armidale City, considering we were a player down. A stunning effort form all members of the team, 100 percent dedication throughout the whole game. A special mention to the TAS forwards who worked particularly well together as a team in the second half, and another special mention to the strength of all our defence from start to finish. Great work!

Ms Rachel Harrison

Under 13s - TAS Blue

Friday evening saw the TAS Blue 13s take on the power-packed City Bees. In what was always going to be a hard game to win, TAS gelled nicely and showed some greatly improved skills and a consistent effort to make it a contest, despite the end scoreline. What really impresses me each week with the Blues, is their ongoing enthusiasm and the way they draw on the positives each game, even if they have not achieved a win.

Will Nicol, Oliver Peart, Alistair Le Surf, Cooper Mills and Jack Sewell are demonstrating some greatly improved ball movement skills and positional play as they are starting to spread the ball wide and open up the defence. Friday saw two great goals by Andrew Kirk following this sort of play.

Mr Alex Portell
TAS B and C Grade

Both senior teams played double headers over the weekend, with Friday night beginning our campaigns. Unfortunately, both teams played at the same time, which always makes it difficult as players often back up on Sundays to play both C Grade and B Grade. With the addition of numerous illnesses and clashes with other activities, C Grade in particular struggled to field a team, with only 9 players available.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

U10s football

TAS played South Armidale Stallions on Saturday. The game started off so well with three goals being scored in the first 15 minutes by TAS. The opposition then started to strengthen and it was 3-2 to TAS at half time. The second half was very exciting with Souths scoring to tie it up then TAS scored with five minutes to go and a last minute goal by Souths saw the game finish in a tie 4-4. It was wonderful to see the team really begin to work as a team. The passing between players was fabulous and the back up of the forwards and backs by the mids is starting to happen. It was lovely to hear the comments by the supporting parents about the team really beginning to work together and how exciting it was to see this. There was some very selfless play where boys were passing the ball to another TAS player as they were in a better position to attempt a goal, even thought they could have pressed forward and had a go themselves.

Training was outstanding on Monday afternoon as a follow up to the game and we look forward to our last game this weekend of the term.

A reminder that if you are planning to be away this Saturday and haven't informed me please do so as soon as possible as we will only have enough players for a team at the moment.

Mr Alex Portell
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Despite this, they battled on solidly to only concede three goals against a full strength Servies side. In their Friday night game, B Grade took on long time adversaries, United. With a brilliant start to the game, TAS were moving the ball with ease and soon got off to a one nil lead, however the intensity waned a little soon after and in typical style, United put their foot on the accelerator and levelled the score. Eventually, United made the most of their opportunities by comparison, and came away with a 4-1 win at the siren.

On Sunday, both B and C were down to play Guyra, and once TAS C were finally able to field a side, after late taxis, illness and some no shows, the team showed just how well they have improved as a side. Despite letting in an early goal whilst there was no keeper, TAS fought back beautifully to score a number of clever and composed team goals. Guyra C were not likely to concede easily and in the end, a 4-4 scoreline was a good indicator of the good natured and even contest. With many players backing up for B Grade, TAS B showed good commitment against Guyra B and it was soon evident that the game was also going to be a keenly contested showdown. Under coaching of Ben Hanlan, TAS Bs were playing better position than they have all year and the rolling subs were working well to ensure fresh legs against our seasoned Guyra opponents. With the score see-sawing, Ben Moffatt slotted a superb tomahawk high into the top right corner to even the score at 2-2, which was the eventual result.

Many thanks to all families who helped out at the Canteen on the weekend and an especially big thanks to Heather Williams for coordinating the roster and Suzie Wright for backing her up so well. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

There will be no more games for TAS over the holidays until first week of Term 3, so keep fit and hone those skills at home in preparation for a strong second half of the season.

Mr Alex Portell
NSW CIS Cross Country Championships 2015

A cracking run from KB Fergusson at the NSW CIS Cross Country Championships set the standard for the rest of his teammates on a wonderful day for distance running. Representing NCIS, the TAS squad of eight, spread across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools raced brilliantly under overcast skies. With uneven footing and an undulating course, the athletes experienced true cross country with over 900 competitors in attendance.

KB, racing in the opens was up first at 9:30am. Running a smart and tactical race, KB picked up the pace notably in the second lap, to finish 28th (out of 51) over the challenging 8km course. Michael Harris, Lewis Taylor and Angus Webber were next out of the blocks, contesting the 6km course covering two very hilly laps. Michael (with all the training from his Mountain Biking) finished a credible 20th (out of 68), displaying his versatility as an athlete. Lewis charged home, crossing the line in 35th place, racing very smartly and maintaining an even tempo throughout. Angus showed the benefit of his recent Moran Oval Cross Country training, finishing 56th overall. In the 14 years, Hunter Hine highlighted his talent across the 4km event. He ran a consistent race to finish 42nd (out of 55), finishing strongly along the main straight. Sam Jones, contesting the 13 years, displayed his strength and tenacity to finish an outstanding 12th (from 68 competitors). This incredible run by Sam will now see him head back to Sydney in July to contest the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships. In the 10 years primary division, Jonathan Harris moved like an absolute freight train across the hills, to finish an impressive 3rd overall (from 86), a place on the podium and to also qualify for NSW All Schools in July. Jonathan is an extremely talented athlete whose training is now paying great dividends. Jasper Russ (also in the 10 years) ran a very smart race, utilizing his finishing strength to cross the line in 16th position. All the boys were outstanding across the championships, tremendous role models for the school and each other.

Mr James Pennington

Above: Jonathan Harris and Jasper Russ.

Jonathan (above right) on the dais after finishing third.
Grigoryan Brothers Masterclass this Thursday 18 June at 2pm

As you may already be aware, the Grigoryan Brothers Concert is coming up this Thursday evening 18 June at 7.30pm in the Hoskins Theatre.

We are very excited and honoured to announce that the world renowned guitar duo will be hosting a Masterclass in the afternoon prior to their Armidale concert this Thursday. The Masterclass will be held from 2 - 3pm in the Hoskins Theatre at TAS. Please see the flyer below for details on how to book in for this wonderful musical offering.
The Eisteddfod is over for another year!

Each year it comes and goes in a whirlwind of rehearsals, emails, bus trips and general excitement, and now it is over we finally have time to reflect. Many thanks to the new Eisteddfod Committee who spent long hours poring over entries, setting the program and ensuring the enormous ‘beast’ that is the Eisteddfod, ran smoothly. Hearty thanks to the conductors and accompanists of TAS ensembles, including Mr Robert Jackson, Mrs Rachel Butcher, Mr Warwick Dunham and Mrs Robyn Bradley for your excellence and ongoing commitment to our musical groups.

Outstanding Results from the Eisteddfod

Over the last few weeks our TAS Ensembles have performed a diverse range of repertoire in many different sections of the Eisteddfod. The hard work that students have put in this term is something for them to be very proud of and we thank all members of TAS ensembles for their commitment to music at TAS. Below we list the achievements of TAS Ensembles at this year’s Eisteddfod.

**TAS Jnr Vocal Ensemble**
- Vocal Ensemble (Years K-6) - 2nd Place

**TAS K-2 Choir**
- Performed beautifully in a non-competitive section - Choir (Years K-2)

**TAS 3-5 Choir**
- Choir Unison (Years K-6) - 2nd Place

**TAS Singers**
- New England Choral Championship Equal 1st Place (Open)
- Choir (19 years & under) - 2nd Place

**TAS Chapel Choir**
- Wonderful work in a non-competitive section - Choir (Open)

**The FanTAStics**
- Large Instrumental Group (Years K-6) - 2nd Place

**TAS Guitar Band**
- Guitar Duet or Group (Years K-6) - 2nd Place

**TAS Camerata**
- Highly Commended - Ensemble on any bowed instruments (Years 7-12)

**TAS Big Band**
- Band, Concert, Stage or Brass (24 years & under) - 2nd Place
- Any Instrumental Group (Open) - 3rd Place

TAS Snr Jazz Combo: 1st Place - Jazz Ensemble (Open)
- 1st Place - Jazz Ensemble (Years 7-12)

Here are more individual achievements from TAS students who competed recently in various sections of the Eisteddfod:

**Charlton Grant**
- Reed Solo (Open) - 3rd Place
- Popular or Jazz (Open) - 3rd Place
- Wind Solo, Romantic (18 Years & under) - 3rd Place

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

**Ziggy Harris**
- Violin Solo (15-16 years) 1st 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

**Flynn Charley-Briggs**
- Brass solo (AMEB lists C or D Grade 4 - 5) 1st Place
- Brass solo (13 years & under) 3rd 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
Remember.... Whether you achieved a place in your section or not, participating in an Eisteddfod provides valuable live performance experience and a unique opportunity for detailed and independent feedback from the Adjudicators. Well worth the effort! Congratulations to all students on your achievements this year.

**NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop**

Finally - a reminder about the NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop occurring next week. If you are looking for a rewarding, educational and fun activity for students in Years 3 - 8 this holidays, enrol them for this workshop. Over two days, students work in small groups with skilled musicians and learn challenging repertoire, which are then performed at the end of the workshop. You will be amazed at what the students learn over such a short time and the concert is truly something to experience.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download registration form.

Enjoy the holidays. See you in Term 3!

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
I am happy to introduce two reports from students, Jack Nivison and Henry Mitchell who have written an account of their own personal highlights during Term 2. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

The Highlights of My Term
By Henry Mitchell

During the second term I have had lots of highlights.

On the last weekend of the holidays on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th of April, 2015, I played in the TAS Rugby Carnival which hosted 44 different schools and clubs, which added up to around a thousand kids playing.

During the second week of the term, Year 6 went on an exchange to Mosman Prep school in Sydney, where we got billeted out with a family for a week, and did activities during the day, sometimes with Mosman Prep and sometimes just with TAS. My highlight of the excursion would have to be the harbour cruise when we left from Clifton Gardens, headed up around near the Heads, then went back past Clifton Gardens, and went under the Harbour Bridge, then back past the Opera House, and finally to Mosman Bay, where we hopped off the boat.

In week 5, seven others and myself from Year 6 had the privilege of being chosen to go to the da Vinci Decathlon, which was held at Knox Grammar in Sydney. The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic activity where there are 10 subjects and you have a certain time to complete them. There are well over 100 teams that participate, so there are about 1000 kids participating in this activity.

On the whole I think term two has been the best term for me so far.
Term 2 Summary
Jack Nivison

Term 2, put quite simply, was really when things started to pick up the pace for me. Exams, excursion week, the start of the winter sporting season were all on the agenda for the school.

Excursion week was first up on our list, with each year group going to their respective camp or city-based excursion. For us boys in Year 7, it was a trip down the Nymboida River, at an outdoor sport and rec camp known as Exodus Outdoor Adventures.

The trip, to say the least, was quite eventful. The boys took part in a whole range of things such as fire building, river tubing (a personal favourite) and many other things. On the last night of the camp, everyone was happy with the week we had, and there was a very evident sense of happiness in the air. But unfortunately, so was a prediction of heavy rain.

You can probably guess that the night and early morning that followed was nothing short of eventful, with boys running around left right and centre, moving bags, both for clothes, and sleeping, out of their flooded tents and under the safety of the kitchen gazebo. Of the eleven boys in my camp group, I think about six of them ended up sleeping with everyone else’s bags: under the camp food prep tent.

Moving right along from our outdoor escapades, we were flung into the winter sports’ season. For the rugby boys, our first games took place in Coonabarabran against Kinross Wolaroi. Each and every side put up astounding fights in their respective age groups, but unfortunately the experience of Kinross was far great, and TAS came home, without a victory.

Things began to look up in the long run, however, as when we played against Farrar Agricultural High school, a mere three weeks later, TAS claimed victories in most age groups across a wide variety of sports such as football, rugby and even basketball.

After the main bulk of our Term 2 sporting commitments, we were flung exams, and I’m sure each and every boy will agree with me when I say they sure did prove a challenge. And I’m sure they’d agree with me again when I say that the looks of relief on our faces when the final exam bell rang were impossible to recreate.

The long weekend came and went, offering a much needed break from our daily school lives, before we were once again flung into our subjects, as well as sporting commitments; our most recent ones being against Sydney High.

Term 2 has been nothing short of extraordinary, and I can quite confidently say that I’m more than ready for the Holidays!

Jack Nivison
It is difficult to believe that another term is closing and that holidays are again on our doorstep. It has been another very busy term with a huge amount of activity and I am in no doubt that many of our students feel as though it is time for a break; many perhaps, are yet to realise how busy and tired they are. With excursions, the Eisteddfod season, sporting representation all adding to the day-to-day classroom demands, I am very pleased with the progress our students continue to demonstrate in so many areas.

Staffing Term 3, 2015

For next term, the following staffing changes will occur. As per my letter to the Year 4 parents, Mr Neil Druce will be taking extended leave and Ms Tabitha Dowse will be continuing in her capacity both in the curricula and co-curricular areas and we wish them well for the remainder of the year. Mrs Tania Ball will be returning from Long Service Leave and we farewell Mrs Gerry Vanzella who has so ably replaced her during Term 2. Her professionalism and enthusiasm in Transition has been outstanding. Ms Stephanie Simmons, who has been assisting Mrs Hawksford in Kindergarten, leaves us as she moves towards her Internship as part of her University studies and is replaced by Ms Tanielle Basson. Mr Ben Spence has completed his Teaching Placement with us. We wish him well for his further studies in Primary Education. It has been a pleasure having such high calibre in our staff room this term and on behalf of us all, I thank them for their efforts.

And finally, I will be taking four weeks Long Service Leave next term and will be leaving Mrs Christine Wright deputising in my role. She will be the initial contact for Junior School in my absence and as before, I know that we are very fortunate to have her knowledge, experience and expertise in such a role.

Camp Australia – After School Care

We welcome Ms Jacinta Coates as the new Program Coordinator in our After School Centre. Jacinta replaces Ms Jenn Thomas and the comfortable transition has been a great reflection of the professionalism and positive attitude she brings to the position. You will find an introductory letter at the end of the Junior School section of TAS Talks where she invites questions and/or contact for further information. I am very pleased with the new initiatives that are occurring in ASC Centre and look forward on going improvements as TAS and Camp Australia continue to work together to provide a very valuable service to our parents.

Reports

School Reports will be available from the end of term. A significant amount of information from assessment and feedback can be found in these reports and I encourage you to read them with your children carefully with the intention of considering the messages found within about achievement and potential. In using this report as a platform for discussion, much can be gained by open and transparent conversation about strengths, weakness and a direction for improvement. Please contact the School with any questions you might have. Unfortunately, no reports can be handed out before 3.30pm and any not collected will be mailed out along with the Headmaster’s end of term letter.

Tezukayama

During my absence, the final details will be organised for the visit from Tezukayama School. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to host students and I know that this will be a great experience for you and your family. A meeting will be held for all interested parties next term on Tuesday 21 July where all information will be finalised. Please ensure all your
family information has been forwarded to junior@as.edu.au so that the billet allocations can be finalised.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and refreshing holiday and look forward to seeing you on my return.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 17 June Leader’s Assembly will be held during P6 (2pm – 2:45pm)
This will incorporate Minimbah & Senior TAS students for NAIDOC week

Thursday 18 June School Closes 3.30pm

Friday 19 June Staff PD Day

Term 3

Monday 13 July Staff Day

Tuesday 14 July Students resume class

Year 4 Excursion

On Wednesday 10 June Year 4 visited the Armidale Dumaresq Council’s Wastewater Treatment Facility. This formed part of our Unit of Inquiry Topic ‘Water is essential to life and is a limited resource for many’.

Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week and during the Term 2 break: Peyton Slade, Ty Schalk-O’Brien, Madeleine Buntine and William Gilpin.

Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to Peter Evans and Will Nash who came 2nd in their section of the Speech and Drama Primary ages performances on Wednesday 27 May.
PYP - Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful term with Ms Dowse and have been working under the Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing The Planet. They have explored water resources around the world and in particular ways of conserving water. As part of this the students were encouraged to come up with a water saving device. Some of these have been very carefully designed and constructed as part of homework.

As part of the unit they also ventured to the water treatment centre in Armidale—it was reported some were not expecting it to be such an unpleasant smell! There was also an opportunity for them to study Claude Monet’s ‘Water Lilies’.
**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

Please return signed note to Library

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…………………………..

**JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT**

**CIS Cross Country**

Congratulations to both Jonathan Harris and Jasper Russ for competing so well in the recent CIS Cross Country Event in Sydney. Both boys delighted in sharing their experience with Year 4 on their return. Jasper came in 15th place out of around 90 students and Jonathan 3rd!

Jonathan ran an outstanding race. His time of 7.36 minutes and third position qualifies him for the NSWPSSA All Schools event on 17 July. Jonathan worked his way from the back of the crowd to be 5th at the 300m mark and was an incredible 1st over the hill. He was only just passed in the final 100m stretch by the 1st and 2nd place getters, an incredible effort for Jonathan.

We wish Jonathan well for his next event in July and look forward to hearing more terrific news.

**Sport for this week**

All training for Junior School Sport will continue this week. Please check with your coach if you have a game on this weekend. Enjoy the holiday; ready for a busy Term 3 and the second half of our Winter sports.

**PSSA and NCIS Athletics next term**

These two Athletic events will be held early next term. The Armidale Zone PSSA carnival will be held at Armidale High School on Friday 24 July and the NCIS held in Coffs Harbour on 12 August. Team lists will be announced in Week 1 next term. If you placed first or second in our TAS Athletics Championships you will be invited to attend the PSSA carnival in Armidale and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters will be invited to NCIS in Coffs Harbour. Please put these dates in your diary!

Mrs Christine Wright
Hockey

Under 9s

Once again the mighty TAS U9s hit the turf on Saturday against Harlies 3. With all but one player on deck, the team were feeling confident and enthusiastic after the long weekend break. It has been wonderful to see the skill level of all the players increase this term and they are now all applying these in their games. TAS got on top right from the start, with some strong passing around the Harlies defence, with Archie Douglas-Menzies slotting the ball into the net to get his first goal for the season. Harlies were finding it hard to get through TAS’s solid positional structure, with Millie Coupland, Scarlett Buntine, Lily Peart and Christopher Bower marking tight and pouncing on any loose ball. Charlotte Portell finished the game with two more goals to add to the TAS account to give the team a well-deserved 3-0 victory. There will be no hockey for the TAS U9s until the resumption of Term 3.

Mr Alex Portell

Football

TAS Tigers

The TAS Tigers were on fire on Saturday against Demon Knights Black Adder. They are starting to spread out and not heard together. It is exciting to see that they are starting to think about the game and are beginning to talk to each other. They are looking at their positions and are willing to take instructions to support their game. We saw long sideline kicks that scored goals and improved passing between players that allowed the team to set up a goal. The end result was an impressive 7-2.

Mrs Lana Hawksford

U10s

TAS played South Armidale Stallions on Saturday. The game started off so well with 3 goals being scored in the first 15 minutes by TAS. The opposition then started to strengthen and it was 3-2 to TAS at half time. The second half was very exciting with Souths scoring to tie it up then TAS scored with 5 minutes to go and a last minute goal by Souths saw the game finish in a tie 4-4. It was wonderful to see the team really begin to work as a team. The passing between players was fabulous and the back up of the forwards and backs by the mids is starting to happen. It was lovely to hear the comments by the supporting parents about the team really beginning to work together and how exciting it was to see this. There was some very selfless play where boys were passing the ball to another TAS player as they were in a better position to attempt a goal, even thought they could have pressed forward and had a go themselves.

Training was outstanding on Monday afternoon as a follow up to the game and we look forward to our last game this weekend of the term.

A reminder that if you are planning to be away this Saturday and haven’t informed me please do so as soon as possible as we will only have enough players for a team at the moment.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

Netball

It was a successful day of netball all round on Saturday with Sophia White fully engaged in the fun filled skills program, NET; the Sandon Stars shining over PLC Blue and the Sparkles in top form over Sapphires.

Millie Coupland and Scarlett Buntine both played with skill and determination to help the Stars achieve a great result. With two Sparkles players, Emily and Isabel, out of action this week, Ruby Straker and Casey Smith ably held the fort, playing strongly and well. Sparkles were victors over Sapphires. It is a joy to watch our girls every Saturday interacting so happily and positively with their Sandon and Minimbah teammates.

There is one more week of netball before the holiday break. The Stars play the Rubies at 12pm on 20 June while the Sparkles have the late game against VIP Poppies at 2:40pm.

Mrs Anne Trenerry
Welcome to our new coordinator Jacinta Coates!

Camp Australia- The Armidale School

Coordinator: Jacinta Coates

Service Ph.: 0450 265 303

Operating hours: 3.30pm- 6.00pm

As the new coordinator at TAS, I would like to thank all of the families at after school care that have made me feel so welcome. Not only am I new to the role, I am new to the region! I have relocated from Newcastle and can’t wait to explore my new home.

At Camp Australia we provide high quality care for your children in our After School Hours Care program. We support the children engage in fun active activities based around their interests and needs. The program including a healthy afternoon snack includes art/craft, passive and active games, the opportunity for rest and relaxation and homework support if required. The children this past week have had a great time discussing the next holidays and where they are all off too, with many heading off for fun and exciting places around the world. We can’t wait to see and share your holiday snaps!

Registration for our program is easy and free. Simply log into www.campaustralia.com.au and follow the links to “NSW The Armidale School” and set up your parent portal. Qualifying for Government rebates is straight forward but please contact family assistance and see what this may look like for you.

I am very excited to be part of the team at Camp Australia The Armidale School and looking forward to meeting many more of you within the school community.

Please feel free to pop in and see Annikki or myself at any time; you are more than welcome. We are located under the admin office in the Junior School building.

Jacinta Coates

Coordinator

Camp Australia TAS

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Thursday 2 July 2015

Armidale Netball Clinic
Clinic 1 6-10 years
Lynches Road Netball Courts

Time: 9.00am–10.30am
Age: 6–10 year olds
Cost: $40 per child
(includes coaching and a goodies bag)
Bring: Water bottle, snack, comfortable clothes

For registration, please go to www.spnetball.com/clinics
Registrations close 26 June 2015.
Places are limited so get in quick.

Thursday 2 July 2015

Armidale Netball Clinic
Clinic 2 11-14 years
Lynches Road Netball Courts

Time: 11.00am–12.30pm
Age: 11–14 year olds
Cost: $40 per child
(includes coaching and a goodies bag)
Bring: Water bottle, snack, comfortable clothes

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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

MEET

STUART KEVIN & BOB

Contact Kieran Dennis at kdennis@as.edu.au or at 0428150768
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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Places are limited. Call 02 6766 1200 or book online at:
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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