GPS Rugby

The competition season for our rugby players kicked off last weekend with our first away game at Shore. The weather was cold and the results mixed, but the Shore hospitality was again outstanding and I offer thanks to them for hosting us.

TAS has been a part of the current GPS competition in rugby since 2013 and whilst the travel that this involves demands much of our players, coaches and parents, the experience has been a thoroughly positive one for us and our rugby program. The future of our rugby arrangements is regularly a matter for speculation and that has been linked this year to discussion of the introduction of co-education and our membership of the GPS. To clarify the position, I can confirm that TAS will remain a member of the GPS and the introduction of co-education has no impact on this at all. This was formally confirmed at a meeting of the Headmasters’ Standing Committee in May. I can also confirm that rugby arrangements for 2016 are in place and will continue in the same structure as this year. Beyond that the future of the rugby competition is less certain. This has always been the case and has been conveyed to our community several times, as far back as Speech Day in 2013. Whilst discussion continues and no guarantees can be made, it is certain that providing a quality program of coaching and fixtures remains a high priority for the School and we will continue to work hard to ensure that.

GPS Shooting

It was a privilege to be with our senior shooters last week as they competed in the GPS Championships. The improvement of our young team through their camp and the 3 championships rounds for the 1st VIII was impressive and they emerged from the competition as better shooters and with the benefits that come with experiences of trial and tribulation. Our Director of Co-curricular Activities, Will Caldwell, describes the relevance of the experience and the importance of attitude well in his TAS Talks column this week and I recommend it to you.

Through the course of their camp and the competition itself our shooters were supported by great expertise from Rick Ashton, the master coach of the Australian team that heads to the World Championships this month, 1980 Olympian David Hollister, Bryan Mellor from the North Sydney Small Bore Club and our long-standing coach and national level shooter Rob Bondfield. There is no doubt that the coaching they were exposed to was something quite special and it had a big impact on the performance and improvement of our boys. The shooting community is very clearly a tight knit and supportive one and I offer thanks for the great generosity from those men. I also offer special thanks to Sydney High School for their generosity in allowing our teams to stay at their boatshed through the camp.

Year 9 and 10 Electives 2016

I hope that all parents of students in Years 8 and 9 are now well aware of the exciting new development in our Stage 5 elective offering beginning in 2016. The restructuring of choices into stand alone semester courses that align directly with HSC subjects will present a massive increase in choice and sharpened relevance for all students. It is important that parents have a good understanding of this new and unique offering and are able to plan choices with their children. The parent information sessions to be held this week on Thursday evening and Friday morning are designed to assist with this and I strongly encourage all Year 8 and 9 parents to be there if they possibly can. Timings and the link to book places are in the Director of Studies’ section of TAS Talks this week.
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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.

SCHOOL DATABASE

The school has recently changed the database programs which manage all of our student, parent and staff information. Whilst the transfer of data from one system to another has mostly been very successful, there has been the odd irregularity picked up.

We appreciate your patience while these initial teething problems are sorted out. As always, if you see something that doesn’t look quite right with your mail, email, school accounts etc, please let us know as a matter of urgency so we can rectify this in our new system.

The school will keep you informed as to the progress of the new system and as some exciting new developments start taking shape down the track.

The accuracy of contact information is crucial and if you need to update your information please send an email to reception@as.edu.au
PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - NEWSTAGE 5 ELECTIVES

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 76 (offered 96 times) 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

Year 8 Parent Teacher interviews will be held this Thursday 23 July from 3:30pm - 6:00pm and Friday 24 July from 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Information has been sent to parents in regards to the process for booking a time to see your son’s teachers. This letter contained your username and password. Please contact Mrs Susi Redhead, the Middle School Assistant, if you have lost your username etc or if you require assistance in making your interview times.

The parent teacher homepage is http://denbigh.as.edu.au/pti_den/

PLEASE NOTE: On Thursday 23 July interviews will be held in the PDHPE classrooms (on the first floor in the Gym). Friday’s interviews will be held in the Memorial Hall.

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 - sredheal@as.edu.au
Parent Information Sessions for Year 8 and Year 9

You may have read recently about changes that are being made to our Year 9 and 10 elective program as of the start of 2016. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to choose from a new variety of electives each semester. Information sessions for this new system will be held on Thursday 23 July at 6:15pm in the Memorial Hall and repeated again on Friday 24 July at 11:30am in Hoskins. I would strongly recommend you try to attend one of these sessions where a handbook outlining the elective offering will be available to collect and where I will outline the process of selecting electives.

Bookings are essential.

If you are attending the Thursday evening session (to be held in the Memorial Hall) beginning at 6.30pm please use the following URL:  http://www.trybooking.com/142266

If you are attending the Friday morning session (to be held in the Hoskins Theatre) beginning at 11.30am please use the following URL:  http://www.trybooking.com/142270

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, then your child will receive the handbook and you will be able to access a copy online through the parent portal on the TAS website.

HSC Trials

Trial exams for HSC students will begin on Monday 3 August and will conclude on Friday 14 August. A timetable for these exams will be sent to students by the end of this week.

HSC tutoring continues to be available for students each week.

Mondays - Maths General at 7pm and Mathematics at 8pm

Tuesdays - Biology at 7pm and Chemistry at 8pm

Wednesdays - French Continuers at 7.15pm, PDHPE at 7.15pm and Maths Extension at 8pm

Thursdays - English Advanced at 7pm and English Extension at 8pm

Students should avail themselves of the opportunity to attend these tutoring sessions.

Homework Schedules

Homework Schedules have been sent to students in Years 6-10. The times listed are a guide only. It will take some students a shorter period of time and others a longer period of time on any particular task. Students should allocate time on weekends to (a) catch up on work not completed in class, (b) complete longer term prep, (c) create study notes for a particular subject, (d) to work on ongoing assessment tasks. Work set on a Friday can be completed at any time over the weekend. Boarding houses will be allocating some time on a Sunday evening but students will most likely need to find additional time during the weekend.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to homework schedules or other academic matters they should be directed in the first instance to your child’s Advisor or Homeroom teacher.

Year 10

In the coming week parents will receive login details for the upcoming Year 10 Parent-Teacher Interviews. Information sessions will be held on the evening of Thursday 6 August and the following morning outlining the process for Year 11 and 12 subject selections for 2016/17. At this time, the subject selection handbook will be available for students to collect. These interviews and information sessions back on to the visit from The King’s School that weekend for the convenience of our boarding community.
Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

Once again TAS has the great pleasure of hosting the regional da Vinci Decathlon. The da Vinci Decathlon is an initiative of Knox Grammar School and TAS has now proudly hosted the event for the past three years. The Northern NSW 2015 Decathlon is to be held in our Memorial Hall on Wednesday 26 August for Years 7 and 8, Thursday 27 August for Years 9 and 10, and Friday 28 August for Years 5 and 6.

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic interschool gala day run in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon, with the theme for this year’s Decathlon being ‘Light’. Schools from as far away as Dubbo, Narrabri, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour have been invited to enter a team of eight students in each year group.

The following ten disciplines will be part of the day long challenge: Mathematics and Chess – emphasis on problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzle; English – spelling, word origins, definitions, textual analysis and writing tasks; Science – students are tested on higher level scientific concepts and their ability to apply them, Code Breaking; – students will decipher several codes; Engineering Challenge – a building task designed to test creativity and ingenuity; Philosophy – dealing with logic, observations and evidence; Creative Producers – a sub-group from the team will have ten minutes to develop and present a 30-second dramatic performance; Art and Poetry – the team will develop a poem plus a complementary work of art; Cartography – students will decipher maps and apply the principles of map-making to represent spatial information in an imaginative way, and General Knowledge – current affairs and entertainment.

Very soon, we will also begin the selection process and training of our own da Vinci teams.

Ms Catherine Boydell

SAVE THE DATE

NORTHERN NSW DA VINCI DECATHLON

The Armidale School

When:
- 26 August (Year 7 & 8)
- 27 August (Year 9 & 10)
- 28 August (Year 5 & 6)

For more information contact:
Ms Catherine Boydell
E: cboydell@tas.edu.au
M: 0410 943 209

Art French Cultural and Language Trip

Bonjour!

A reminder that all relevant and updated information is available on the Parents Portal of the TAS website, under French Trip 2015.

There will be a Parent Information Session held on Friday 7 August at 6pm, in the French classroom.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

A bientôt!

Mr Ian McPherson and Mme Kathryn Tamminga
School Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

I have recently spoken to the Year 12’s about the school’s plans for applications for early entry.

There are two methods of early entry. The SRS scheme is offered by the UAC. The following website contains most of the information concerning the UAC SRS application process. http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/

The second is by direct entry to the specific universities. Students apply directly to the university that offers early entry for the course of their choice. This can be done independently of the UAC submission. Each university has specific requirements for their early entry schemes and must be dealt with on an individual basis.

The Year 12 cohort will complete the UAC SRS forms for early entry the week after the trials exams and we will discuss the two methods mentioned above. SRS forms will be completed by all students and assistance will be given on completing the forms to a satisfactory standard. The students will submit the forms independently of the school, if they decide to apply for early entry via either method.

John Eales Scholarship at Bond University

The John Eales Scholarship offered by Bond University is awarded to outstanding rugby players who possess leadership abilities and high academic achievements.

The closing date for applications for the 2016 John Eales Scholarship is 31 July 2015.

Bond University Rugby Club (BURC) participate in the Brisbane Premier Rugby competition and is the only regionally based club to do so. BURC has two senior and two Colts (U19) teams.

Past recipients of the John Eales Scholarship include: Alex Mafi (Nudgee College), PJ Van den Berg (TSS), Douglas MacMillan (ACGS) and Ben Hunt (St Ignatius College, Riverview, NSW).

If you are interested please go to the Careers page on the school website and download the application and information forms.

Year 10 Subject selections

The Year 10 Careers classes are currently working through the list of subjects on offer for their Preliminary course. Mrs Wark will be talking to the year group shortly about the selection process, so in preparation for this we have been examining the last year’s subjects and the requirements for the HSC and exploring their choices. If students are contemplating the school based apprenticeship and traineeship program, I am directing them to Mr Slade for more information.

Careers Advice

If senior students are experiencing some confusion or uncertainty about career direction, I would encourage them make an appointment so we can discuss options and ideas. Mr Levins is currently examining the capability of the Edumate appointment feature, that allows the student to make appointments with staff members depending on their timetable. Hopefully this will make it easier for the students to get access to careers advice.

HSC in the Holidays

These are study camps offered to students during the school holidays. TAS will run the annual HSC study camp but students and parents might consider these as an alternative or an extra chance for study prior to the HSC Exams.

Please refer to the flyer on the Careers page of the school website.

Open Days

We are entering the silly season with regards to University Open Days. I am getting a large influx of information regarding the various days. I have previously posted a list of Open Days from the major universities within NSW. Please refer to the post on the Careers webpage or go directly to the universities’ websites for more information.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET)

ACPET is the peak industry body representing a national membership of independent private providers of vocational and higher tertiary level education. ACPET has sent out a Course Guide listing the Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees on offer through the private tertiary institution in NSW. If students are considering further study in this area I would suggest that they collect a booklet.
On this day… sort of - Psalm 8: 3-4

Today we continue our series remembering history, thinking through what happened on “this day”. Actually it was yesterday, at 10:56 p.m., American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, spoke the words that have become immortalized in Western culture: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon. Of course he took a friend on this lunar trip. ‘Buzz’ Aldrin, joined Armstrong on the surface of the moon, 15 minutes later.

In fact, a total of twelve men walked on the Moon from 1969 through 1972. Most of these moonwalkers were modern men of science who viewed the moonwalks as triumphs of technology and the human spirit.

To be a man of science and reason, to have a high view of humanity, to embrace the abilities of technology, does not disqualify you from being a person of faith in God. In fact Buzz read Psalm 8: 3-4, the passage we had read to us this week in Assembly.

“When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that you are mindful of him? The son of man, that you care for him?”

Jim Irwin of Apollo 15 felt the presence of the LORD during his 67 hours on the Moon’s surface.

In his autobiography Destination Moon he wrote:

“Before the flight, I was really not a religious man.”

In describing seeing the Earth from the Moon, Irwin wrote:

“The earth was very small, the size of a marble. I thought if the earth is that small, how small am I? Just a speck in the universe, but yet significant enough that God would love me and create me.”

These men and many others like them, would testify that it is their understanding of the universe, of science and technology that results in their wonder at the Creator God, and it is their understanding of the Creator God that produces in them such a high view of humanity. Even though we are a speck in this vast universe, it was God’s will that we are also the pinnacle of all creation – do you have such a view of your self and those around you? Do you wonder at the creation or its creator?

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Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University has sent out a large array of information about courses, costs, scholarships and individual schools within the university. If students are considering further study at Southern Cross the information is available on their website or they can collect it from the Careers Office.

Arts & Design Education Resource Guide

2015

This is a comprehensive directory/guide for students considering a career in creative arts or designs at university, TAFE or private college. This is a very impressive publication listing a wide range of courses at all levels of tertiary education.
Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

There are a number of people who have contacted me expressing interest in doing the Hawkesbury and/or Myall Classics. There is a cut off date of 2 August to express interest. After this date I cannot confirm that we will have a kayak available as we will be hiring the left over boats out to the University of NSW as we have for previous years. The money for the hiring goes towards additional assets that benefit Hawkesbury Kayaking such as new equipment or infrastructure.

Training is not compulsory but is highly recommended and the trainings do not take precedence over other commitments such as other sports or First Aid training etc.

Please advise me by Friday if you require a lift to Malpas for training.

Don’t forget to register on The Armidale School Kayaking ‘Team App’ to get updates. You can contact me on how to do this if you need to.

Mr Tim Wheaton
0410 920 106

WINTER PHOTOS - Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 July

All photos, except for Cadets and those highlighted in red on the schedule at the end of this newsletter, will be taken with students in their FORMAL UNIFORM.

The 1st & 2nd XV Rugby photos will not be taken next week - they will be taken on 31 August at 1.30pm.

The full photo schedule is located at the end of this newsletter.
Is Fate Is On Your Side?

Why is it that you always seem to stub the already injured toe? There are nine others that could happily withstand the punishment but fate has to intervene and target your weakness. Is it perhaps that you bump the other toes frequently but don’t even notice?

When fate is on our side we often ignore it but when it is against us we feel targeted; we get frustrated and distracted.

When we narrowly lose a game we often agonise over the decisions that went against us. Had just one of those decisions gone our way then we would have won the game. This is the nature of sport and life. Sometimes the dice fall in our favour, sometimes they don’t. Either way, the result does not measure who we are. How we respond does! Charles Swindoll sums it up perfectly when he says:

“The longer I live the more I realise the impact of attitude on Life. Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...a family...a team. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. We are in charge of our attitudes.”

It is okay to be disappointed by a result but don’t linger there. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and focus on the challenges ahead.

A shining example of this, were our shooters at the GPS Rifle Shooting Championships in Sydney last week. After seven days of intense training, they started their campaign with a disappointing 7th in the Rawson Cup, before rising to a 5th in the NRA Shield. They then finished the competition with an impressive 3rd place in the Buchanan Shield. Our Second VIII achieved 5th place, a mere 4 points away from 2nd place. Henry Smith was arguably the best shot for TAS, however, the highlight was the positive attitude and constant encouragement provided by the Shooting Captain, Will Claridge; giving the team the courage and belief to keep fighting.

Congratulations to Jonathan Harris who placed 12th in the 10 years Boys division, at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships last Friday. This is an impressive achievement and you would not find a more humble and gracious competitor. Also competing in the state arena was Nick Barnier. At the NSW Country Tennis Championships in Forster in the Holidays, Nick and his partner were runners up in the U14 Boys Doubles Final, and he won the U14 Boys Consolation. Nick is now setting his sights on representing the North West at the Champion of Champions held in Inverell on 29 and 30 August.

Football

Catch up Game Tonight

Reminder that tonight (Wednesday) the 3rd XI have a catch up game against Easts. Kick off 6.30pm.

This Week’s Fixtures

Please see either the ‘Schedules’ in TeamApp or the ‘Fixtures’ section of the TAS Football website (http://wordpress.as.edu.au/football/fixtures/) for this and future week’s draws. Please ensure you are checking regularly each week. This is particularly important now as there have been changes made.

Holiday and Deferred Games

The list of catch up games is located at: http://wordpress.as.edu.au/football/holiday-deferred-games/ Please check. Due to draw changes (see note below) there is substantially less catch up games that need to be played. As I negotiate catch up games, I will post details to this website and let teams know.

Mr Polson

MIC Football
TAS v RIVERVIEW
25th July 2015

Friday 24th July

SIC arrive 9:00pm
Accommodation: Opens Rugby (x60) – Cash classrooms (+ 2 staff member)
16’s Rugby (x36) – PE classrooms (+ 4 staff)
15s’s Rugby (x36) – Greenroom
13’s & 14’s Rugby (x70) - Gymnasium (Sports Centre)
Staff - (x3) old PE Office

Saturday 25th July

Rugby Program: All games 25 min/half

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Change rooms for SIC: Teams playing on Backfield and Cricket Oval to use The McConville Centre. Teams playing on Wakefield to use The Sports Centre change rooms.

Meals:

BREAKFAST: in TAS Dining Hall
7:20am TAS and SIC Rugby 13s, 14s and 15s
7:40am TAS and SIC Rugby 16s
8:00am TAS and SIC Rugby Opens
8:20am All other TAS boarders

LUNCH: 11:00am to 2:00pm walk through in TAS dining room

A canteen run by the TAS Rugby Supporters Group will be selling hot food and drinks throughout the day at the McConville Centre (Including BBQ).
All players and supporters are invited to attend the after match function in the Hoskins Centre at the conclusion of the 1st XV fixture.
TAS TALKS

CREATIVE ARTS

**Curtain Up**

A SHOWCASE OF TAS HSC DRAMA GROUP & INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Tuesday 28 July - 6:30pm
TAS Hoskins Centre

This is a free event.
Bookings not necessary
Some mature themes

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**Masterstroke**

HSC Visual Arts Exhibition

Featuring
David Baker
Tom Bishop
Cal Hunter
Fazer Moore
Michael Slobodetsky
Chun Kiu Willis Yung

Tuesday, 18 August
From 6:30 / Speeches at 7:00
Followed by Final Note (Music)

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**Final Note**

A Showcase of TAS HSC Music

Robert Butcher | Cal Hunter | Harry Williams | Harry Wright

Tuesday 18 August - 7pm
Following Masterstroke
TAS Hoskins Centre

This is a free event. Bookings not necessary
Attention TAS Community!

Do you enjoy singing? Why not join the TAS Chapel Choir?

TAS Chapel Choir is one of the longest running groups at the school and is open to everyone in the TAS community.

The Choir meet in the TAS Memorial Hall every Friday afternoon during term time from 3.45 - 5pm. Chapel Choir is a wonderful social event and is a great way to honing up your vocal skills. There are plenty of performance opportunities coming up so why not come along this Friday afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

Term 3 Twilight Concert - next Thursday
30 July 6pm in Hoskins Theatre

A reminder to parents and students that our Twilight Concerts are open to any student who would like to gain performance experience in front of a small and friendly audience. This is a particularly good performance opportunity for those students who will be sitting AMEB exams in a few weeks’ time. Please contact Mrs Broadbent in the Music Office at sbroadbe@as.edu.au regarding this event.

REMINDER: Full attendance is required at TAS Ensembles

As mentioned last week TAS ensemble rehearsals have recommenced and we need all members to attend every rehearsal. If you were a member of an ensemble last term the expectation is that you will attend rehearsals this term too. If you are in attendance at a rehearsal you will be marked as absent on the roll. Please email your Conductor or Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au to let us know if you are unable to attend rehearsal or no longer wish to be a member of an ensemble.

AMEB exams are coming up soon!

A number of TAS students will be sitting their AMEB examinations on their musical instruments over the coming weeks. Passing AMEB examinations involves demonstrating a specific level of technical skill and performing a number of learned pieces in front of an Examiner. Here is a little bit about the AMEB. The following excerpts are taken for the AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) website.

AMEB qualifications provide a national benchmark and measure of excellence. They are recognised across Australia and internationally. AMEB syllabuses are developed by leading Australian musicians and educators using the pedagogical approaches best suited to Australian students and the Australian education system. AMEB syllabuses also feature works by Australian composers where appropriate. AMEB examinations can take students from their first beginnings through to advanced and diploma levels. AMEB syllabuses can add to and enrich school and tertiary music tuition. The advanced grades and diplomas can support the establishment of professional careers in teaching and performing.

Sitting for the AMEB examinations is a big additional commitment for students on top of school and study. We wish TAS students the best of luck for their exams and acknowledge the hard work you will be putting in over the next few weeks. Good luck!

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
School exams

Well they’re ‘done and dusted’ now, but the process of learning from results and comments begins. As I indicated during this week’s Town Meeting, what actions occur as a result of grades is as important as the grades themselves. I’m devoting time ‘from here on in’ in terms of feedback, to staff, parents and most important, to the students themselves. We are fortunate that formal exams begin at Year 6 level at TAS. Boys have ample opportunity to learn: about study techniques that are specific to their learning needs and styles; about the best methods of seeking further feedback in areas where it is most needed; about the fact that improvements, where necessary, can be made; about optimizing their potential to perform to advantage under timed conditions.

Long-gone, thankfully, are the days where a result, disappointing for whatever reason, was the ‘end of the line’ till the next exam block and the interim period was a ‘wait and see’ game causing anxiety or, worse, increasing fear. To reinforce, our job is to help these younger students develop individual techniques necessary to the realization of a situation where best personal success is the outcome. Best performance under timed conditions is something that is hard and is rarely achieved by simply doing exams, in the old days, generally at the senior school level. We need to encourage individuals to think about and, considering their relative youth, experiment with scenarios that result in the best methods, times for revision that enable ‘best performance’.

Term 3

It’s TAS and we’re busy - still. And of course this term is no exception: in fact it will be very busy in terms of academic pursuit and sports. Being slightly longer than Term 2, assignments will be ongoing and it is important that all parents keep abreast of assessment requirements, due dates and the necessity of ‘pacing’ work output so that boys aren’t overwhelmed by requirements of all subjects studied. It’s a very good idea to ask your boys about their work, to encourage them and, where appropriate and practicable, to assist them. For boarders there is the facility of tutorial attendance in Core areas that reflects as far as possible the ‘home help’ situation. Above all else, we need to encourage them to pace themselves and the best way this can be done is to know what’s due and when. This is especially important because of weekend sporting commitments.

The first ‘away’ games for Term 3 Rugby were played at Shore last Saturday and the Middle School teams acquitted themselves admirably. This success is such a good start to the term and I’m hoping it augurs well for the future. Riverview will travel to TAS this coming weekend for our second round of ‘home games’ for Rugby.

As you are no doubt aware, it is important that boys, especially Middle School ones, are busy but the general theme of this inclusion is that, in order to enjoy themselves, they must be organised as well. Your support of us in this regard is appreciated. Overall, the term has begun well: boys seem well rested and happy enough to negotiate the second half of the academic year.

Well, we’ve had the snow experience: what we need now is more rain, so ‘do your thing’ to ensure that this happens. I’m looking forward to our contact, so please feel free to keep me informed.

All the best,

Mr Mark Harrison
**Winter School Photos – Week 3**

Our annual school and sports photos will take place next Monday, 27 July and Tuesday, 28 July. This year we only require our students to come dressed in their Formal School Uniform for all photos. Both extra curricular and sports photos will be taken in Formals this year to ensure a neat representation and to make our photo days run smoothly. Please ensure your child is neatly dressed in their Formal uniform, with shoes polished and hair neatly brushed for the day.

**Jump Rope for Heart- Might as well Jump!**

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart will take place on Activities Day, Monday 10 August this year. We will be sending out sponsorship letters and details soon. Please start thinking about this great cause and start skipping!

**Congratulations to Jonathan Harris**

A huge congratulations to Jonathan Harris who competed in the NSW School boys– State Cross Country Championships last Friday. Jonathan placed 12th out of a very large group of 10 year old boys from across the state. An outstanding effort. Well done Jonathan!

**Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)**

The children registered for the PRC have been busy over the holidays doing lots of reading which is wonderful to see!

Please be aware that there are only four more weeks left of the PRC. I would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the library by Friday 21 August (the end of Week 6 of the term). If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library lesson and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

Children are allowed to return and borrow new Library books throughout the week before and after school and during lunchtime with their teacher’s permission.

I congratulate the three students who have completed the challenge for this year already. There are many children very close to finishing, so I encourage you all to keep on reading to achieve your goal!

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Co-ordinator

**PSSA Athletics – Friday 24 July**

The PSSA Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday, 24 July at Armidale High School. The TAS minibus will depart from the Brown Street turning circle at 8am and return by 3:30pm. Permission notes have been emailed to all qualifying students and their families. Please ensure you dress warmly in your TAS sports uniform. Packed recess and lunch will also be required along with a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.
Looking Ahead

Wednesday 22 July  Year 5 Assembly
Tezukayama Meeting 5-6pm for all billeting families in Junior School (Mrs Hine’s French room)

Friday 24 July  PSSA Athletics at Armidale High School. Bus departing at 8am.

Monday 27 July  Winter Photos - Formal uniforms to be worn, not sports uniforms.

Tuesday 28 July  Winter Photos - Formal uniforms to be worn, not sports uniforms.
ICAS English Exam

Wednesday 29 July  Year 4 Assembly
Maths Olympiad for Mrs Hine’s maths group

Thursday 30 July  Australian Maths Trust Competition (Yrs 3-5) for Extension maths groups.

Happy Birthday Wishes
We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Hugo Broun, Harry Brownlie & Harrison Ditchfield

Lost Property
Henry Douglas-Menzies, Yr 5 is missing his school blazer along with his chapel hat.

Alexis-Langlois-Peters, Yr 4 is missing 2 school jumpers from last term.

If parents could please check their child’s uniform to make sure they haven’t taken home someone else’s uniform by mistake. If you could also make sure that your child’s uniform is clearly labelled. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’
TAS Junior School invites you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn and Learn program.
Shop at Woolworths - Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend
Our school can redeem stickers for fantastic new resources

JUNIOR SCHOOL PYP

PYP Transition Classroom
Transition are currently exploring the central idea: ‘Light comes from different sources and has different properties.’

Whilst visiting the Transition classroom I was greeted with many happy faces and eager students all wanting to share about the colourful shadows they could see as a result of the sun shining through their stained glass butterflies on the window. One student went on to explain why the window was transparent!

Transition, with the help of Mrs Ball and Mrs Adams have set up the most amazing dark room cubby house in their classroom and have shared stories in the cubby as well as exploring different attributes of torches.

Many have enjoyed the time to explore light using the light table set up and have had fun experimenting with making different colours from 2D shapes.
TAS TALKS

10’s Football

TAS 10’s football faced an interesting situation on Saturday with only six boys turning up for the game. Luckily our opposition Uralla had only seven players so the two teams certainly knew they had played at the end of the game due to the amount of ground they had to cover. It was a game that allowed all the boys to be fully involved in all aspects of the game, from defense to attack and everything else in between.

It was terrific to see the calling between players, which allowed some work done at training, to be completed on the field. The passing between players was brilliant in some sections of the game which led to several goals. The score was a tie 4-4 and was a true reflection of the game. Hugh Taylor has his best game of the season so far as he was the teams only mid player and he really used his thinking ability to determine where he could be most useful throughout the game. Oliver Smart and Daniel Morgan combined wonderfully with Hugh Taylor to score the goals for the team. Lachlan Costello was an outstanding goalie saving numerous chances and the two backs, Peter Evans and Calin Simmonds continued to breakup Urallas attack with their willingness to take on the opposition and get the ball back to the forwards.

Well done players

Mrs Hawksford

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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Netball Report

With a kinder day weather wise on Saturday, our netballers returned to the courts after the holidays, full of vim and vigour! Sophia White joined in the NET fun, practising her footwork and catching. The youngsters in the NET program are improving noticeably.

The SET competition followed with Scarlett Bunting and Millie Coupland sporting their stunning new dresses and playing with the Sandon Stars. An evenly matched game against ACSC Pearls unfolded with Scarlett and Millie both playing strongly, moving well and reading the game intelligently.

Later in the afternoon as the coldness set in, the Sparkles took to the court, meeting ACSC Emeralds. The match was fast paced and once again, the teams were evenly matched. Emily Bunting and Isabel Newton both played well, moving freely around the court as the game see-sawed from one end to the other. The Sparkles clinched a narrow win with the final score being 10-9.

Well done players

Mrs Trenerry

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Exploration of shadows in our Junior School playground has also been great fun for our transition students. Pictured is Evelyn Junge observing the shadow her plaits made.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator

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TAS Tigers vs Uralla Warriors

The TAS Tigers had a delightful game against the Uralla Warriors on Saturday. Although we were slow to start, we soon got back into the hang of the game. It was clear from our first game that we will now need to work on our fitness in training. After a long holiday break, the boys were exhausted. However, the boys played well. Felix Winslett was a terrific wing, displaying improved positioning. Tom Rowe and Mitchell Evans were strong opponents, tackling well and producing long, strong field kicks. Euan Billingsley and Lachlan Schumacher were our mid field supporters. All of the boys played a sensational game with the final score being 10-9.

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Mrs Brunsdon
The AVCAT COMMEMORATIVE BURSARY

Commemorating 30 years of service to the veteran community.

Valued at $15,000, this special bursary aims to financially assist an Australian veteran’s child as they pursue their university studies.

Bursary Criteria and Conditions

The successful applicant will
* be a child of an Australian veteran with operational service outside of Australia;
* be commencing their tertiary studies in 2016;
* be studying an undergraduate degree of at least three years’ duration, full-time and in face-to-face mode;
* be aged between 17 and 25 years at the time of application;
* eligible on assets and income grounds for continuous, means-tested Commonwealth benefits for tertiary education and
* be the most deserving candidate of merit.

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate a high level of leadership ability, community service and willingness to be an ambassador for the Trust.

Short listed applicants will be interviewed.

The Bursary will be valued at $15,000 ($5,000 per year for three years).

Known as the AVCAT Commemorative Bursary, the name of the bursary reflects its purpose, namely to commemorate the organisation’s 30 year history. The recipient will be presented at an appropriate Awards Presentation ceremony in 2016.

APPLICATIONS OPEN 18TH AUGUST 2015

Application form can be downloaded from our website.

For more information please contact AVCAT:
P: 02 9213 7999   E: avcat@dva.gov.au   W: www.avcat.org.au
“Their lives could have been written so differently: the story of Henry Lawson and Mary Gilmore’s lost love.”

TAS Hoskins Centre
July 25 7:30pm
$25 Adults $20 Concessions
hoskins.as.edu.au | 6776 5878
## WINTER PHOTO SCHEDULE

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