Welcome back to students, staff and families alike after what I hope has been a refreshing and rejuvenating break for all and a productive time for our Year 12 who are heading toward their Trial HSC exams in just a few weeks time. The holiday period has been a busy one both at school and beyond for a good number of our staff and students and the reports already heard at our staff meetings and assembly yesterday have been very encouraging. Our premier intellectual co-curricular event, the annual Forensic Science Camp, again attracted talented Science students from Brisbane to Sydney and gave a number of our most enterprising students the opportunity to show real leadership and initiative in planning and running the week of mostly gruesome investigations. At the same time, the rugby development tour to New Zealand provided an ideal preparation for the competition season that begins this Saturday with matches at Shore in Sydney and our senior players braved the cold weather in camp at school. As I write, our First and Second VIII shooting teams are competing in the GPS Championships at Hornsby and I wish them well for the final day.

Staffing Announcements

I am sure that all will want to join me in offering congratulations to Amy and Alex Smith (Abbott Housemaster) on the birth of Theodora Wendy Smith over the holidays. I am reliably informed that our newest TAS resident is doing well and there is much excitement in the Smith household.

I also welcome three new Gap staff members from the Northern hemisphere who join us for the coming 12 months; Kenneth Kimathi from Starehe Boys’ Centre in Kenya, Piers Beesley from Switzerland and Jonny Beer from the UK. Two more GAP staff members will be arriving in the coming month, Daniel Burmudez from Columbia and George Miller from the Isle of Man.

Whilst there are no permanent staffing changes at the start of this term, some other comings and goings will be of interest to families. I offer a warm welcome back to Alex Murray from maternity leave and David Toakley and Mike and Tania Ball from their long service leave. Neil Druce has extended his Term 2 leave for the remainder of the year and I offer thanks to Tabitha Dowse who will continue with Year 4 this semester.

University Art Prize at NERAM

Two TAS students are amongst the finalists in the 2015 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize. Will Forsyth’s ‘Finally’ and Dennis Pitt’s ‘Self Portrait’ are amongst 64 finalists selected from over 700 entries from schools across the Northern Tablelands and beyond in this prestigious competition. The exhibition opens this Friday evening at 6:00pm at NERAM and I congratulate both Will and Dennis on having their talents recognised in this significant way.

Representative Hockey

As readers of the Northern Daily Leader may have noticed, the New England 13s hockey team that won Division 2 of the NSW Championships held in Taree last weekend boasted 5 players from TAS. Cooper Johnson, Liam and Zac Matherson, Sam Behrend and Cooper Mills represented their region, and by association their school, with distinction as their New England Lions side defeated Parkes 3-2 in what must have been an exciting final. All this bodes well for the future of TAS hockey too and I wish all our teams well as they continue the season this term.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

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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
On behalf of your P&F I would like to welcome everyone back to a very busy term 3 for the school family.

**P&F Meeting for Term 3 2015 – CHANGED DATE**

We are holding our first weekend meeting of the P&F on Saturday 8 August at 3.30 pm in Lower Maxwell. We chose this date as it is a Rugby Home Game weekend, and we hope to see some new faces from further afield. Please join us for an hour or two as we commence planning for the remainder of the year.

And if you would like to have any business placed on the agenda, please email me at suecart@uow.edu.au

**Home Games**

While on the subject of homes games, The P&F oversees the canteen at all Home Games which are staffed by parents of our Rugby players. However, in the spirit of whole of school fundraising, I would like to invite parents from across the school to assist in supporting these efforts. Any donations of home-made or store bought goodies, or a pot of soup would be gratefully accepted. Donations can be delivered to the school kitchen on the Friday preceding the Home Games or may be delivered to McConville Centre from 7.30am. Home games are scheduled for Saturdays 25 July, 6 August and 15 August.

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Response to parent enquiries regarding the delay/payment:**

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay.

This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools.

We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.
SAVE THE DATE - STAGE 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 next 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 - sredhead1@as.edu.au

Mrs Seonia Wark
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.
Bastille Day
1 Corinthians 13

What is today? Cold! First day back! Our youngest daughter’s fifth birthday! No, even bigger than that, Toaks is back, after being rudderless for a term, we’re back on track? Is that why today is so significant? 14th July – Bastille Day, a very big day for the French.

So what is it? It was when Parisian revolutionaries and mutinous troops stormed and dismantled the Bastille, a royal fortress that had come to symbolize the tyranny of the monarchs. This dramatic action signaled the beginning of the French Revolution, a decade of political turmoil and terror in which King Louis XVI was overthrown and tens of thousands of people, including the king and his wife Marie Antoinette, were executed.

It was driven by a love of justice, a love of their fellow countrymen and women who were being deprived certain human rights, while others were getting fat. Many people suffered greatly because they held these things in great esteem, justice and love.

In the school reading, we hear again of the love that we are to adopt, a selfless love, a love that doesn’t count the cost.

How do we behave in this way? It’s so easy, such a reflex to serve ourselves and look after our own interests. Yet, this is the love that we have been shown, when we come to understand that, experience that, even know what it promises, then we can find the motivation also to put ourselves aside and serve unreservedly.

Jesus showed this love for us, when he stormed into this world, broke down the barrier of sin and won us forgiveness. When he came and satisfied the justice of God, yet unlike the justice in France all those years ago, it provided freedom for the guilty – forgiveness.

Now in response this is how he wants us to love one another, unconditionally.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER, ROB HADFIELD

Coming back to Armidale on Sunday I drove though heavy snow north of Gloucester. The country was a blanket of white, the tree branches touched with snow. The flakes fell thickly. Occasionally there were people out in the snow enjoying the experience. Well, that is high country winter, though it’s some years since we have had such a heavy fall of snow! The hills, forests and fields were all transformed. What a contrast to other seasons. As my wife says, when I complain of the cold – every season has its special gifts. Mmmm… Driving on Sunday (from the warmth of the car) I could agree.

Our lives too have their seasons. It can’t always be high summer. Some seasons of life draw us to the outside, others more to the inside. Sometimes, events themselves draw us to the inside and to a winter of discontent, uncertainty or questioning (perhaps the illness or death of someone close; other kinds of losses).

These are important times, just as important as the driving energy of life’s Springs and Summers that impel us forward to high adventure.

Going with the flow of the seasons of our lives enables us to achieve flexibility and to find the balances that make for a rich, full and meaningful life, even at times of great challenge, even of sadness or grief. These movements and oscillations in our life are important to observe, perhaps important to share with chosen others, in order to gain some perspective, some insight, or engage in significant change in the ways we are responding.
Hawkesbury/Myall Classics 2015

Training starts this Sunday at 9am at Malpas Dam. A TAS bus will leave at 8.30am from Q-Store. This will be an opportunity to try out different boats and see what feels comfortable. There will be a BBQ during the event and it usually finishes before 12pm. Bring warm clothes, a towel and a spare change of clothes as you will get wet during your training sessions as the spraydecks are not fully waterproof.

The Hawkesbury and Myall Classics will be coming around very fast again this year. These events raise money for different areas of cancer research with the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (HCC) donating to the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation and the Myall raising money for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

TAS has been competing in the Hawkesbury every year for the past 37 years. 2015 will be the 39th year the Hawkesbury has run.

The Myall Classic will be held at Tea Gardens on 12 September and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic is on 24 and 25 October. The Myall will be held on the Saturday after Passing Out Parade which will be on the Friday this year.

Trainings will be held on most Sunday mornings at Malpas Dam with a longer paddle being held at Grafton on 10 October (tbc). Paddling can be done at other times on Malpas if I have been notified and there is sufficient safety available at that time.

Information about the HCC itself can be found at www.canoeclassic.asn.au

Students need to be at least 15 years of age before the date of the race if they want to paddle the Hawkesbury. This means that students from Year 9 through to Year 11 are eligible to paddle. You must have a land crew member who is willing to assist you throughout the paddle at the HCC if you want to compete in this event.

In the past there has been a number of different paddling combinations of single paddlers, parent/student, parent/parent, brother/sister, brother/brother and student/student. NEGS and PLC students also compete in the event and we continue to run this as a combined schools event. Students can choose to paddle with students from other schools as well if they like. Parents and friends are also encouraged to paddle with our group if they would like to.

There will be updated information that can be found on the TAS website relating to the Hawkesbury/Myall Trainings and you can find a list of things that will be required for paddling.

To express your interest in these events, please email me at twheaton@as.edu.au and I can send you a form to complete. Costs for the season will also be available on the TAS website.

I would encourage paddlers and land crew to download Team App or access it via a computer at www.teamapp.com and search for The Armidale School - Kayaking. There you will be able to get up to date information if training sessions are changed due to bad weather etc.

Please feel free to contact me if you require more information about either the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic or the Myall Classic.

Mr Tim Wheaton
0410 920 106
Mistakes or Opportunities to Improve?

Lindsay Forgarty won a Bronze medal in the Australian Women's Kayak Four (K4) at the Beijing Olympics. I was fortunate to listen to her speak at the National Primary Games in Tamworth last Saturday. Her message was simple: Success does not come easily and does not come without making lots of mistakes. Her mindset was that mistakes are a good thing because they provide you with an opportunity to improve. Implied was a desire to improve, a belief that you can and the realisation that success occurs every step of the way.

Both the TAS Football team and the Rugby 7s team competing at the Games demonstrated this growth mindset as they took advantage of consecutive games to reflect and improve their skills. Our relatively inexperienced GPS Rifle Shooting Team also demonstrated this positive attitude as they refined their skills over a nine day camp, leading into the AAGPS Championships. This is a significant sacrifice from both boys and coaches and I particularly appreciate the commitment of the Year 12 boys.

It was also pleasing to see the commitment of our First XV Rugby as they endured the Arctic conditions in their holiday camp over the weekend. As Year 12 approach their final term at school it is tempting to centre their focus on personal goals and life after school. The current Year 12 have made a huge contribution to all aspects of the school throughout their time at TAS but particularly as seniors in the School. My experiences and observations would suggest that the most successful students are the ones who maintain their commitment to co-curricular activities through to the very end. I would encourage all boys to accept this challenge and assure them of absolute support in balancing this with their studies.
Football

Welcome back to Football for Term 3.

Training has already commenced this week. Please see below for a few important items of note.

Coaching Changes for Term 3

There have been some changes to coaches this term. Following the departure of Jordan (gappie) at the end of last term, Ms Chelsea Webster will be now coaching 16Bs Blue. Mrs Alex Murray will be now coaching 8s Taipans as she has returned from leave this term. Recent Old Boy, Dan Sole (current coach of our 16Bs White) has agreed to take on a coach/player role for our Third XI student team. Henry McDouall will also be taking over Jen Stephenson’s 6s Tonkas side and will now be managing both 6s teams, with the assistance of Ms Jayne Heagney at training. My thanks to everyone for stepping into these roles this term. The website has been updated to reflect the changes in staffing.

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 are 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.

Draw Changes

There have been draw changes to 12s, 14s, and 16Bs draws. There has been some team movement in the 12s division, however, there are minimal changes to draws. There is no longer a 14As competition, and our 14As (and two other teams) will be playing in the 16Bs competition for the remainder of the competition rounds. These teams will then come back to contest a 14As finals series and there will be a separate 14Bs final series. The 14s and 16Bs competitions have now been restarted. Due to a team movement, there is now no longer a bye in the 7s competition also. There is no change to the 16s Division 1 draw.

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 weeks’ draws. Please ensure you are checking regularly each week. This is particularly important now as there have been changes made.

Luke Polson
MIC Football

National Primary Games

The Under 12 TAS Football team participated in the inaugural National Primary Games in Tamworth on the 11-12 July. Teams came from throughout NSW and a few teams participated from Queensland. The team performed well with four wins and two losses and finished third in their division. It was an outstanding performance and the team improved throughout the competition. They saved their best performance for the last game with a 3-0 win for the playoff for third place.

Each boy performed well and it was great to see the improvement in their passing and positional play. I would like to thank the boys for their enthusiasm and to the parents for an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Allan Moore
Strong media interest in TAS

It may have been school holidays but there has been plenty of media and marketing activity over the past three weeks.

Many of you will have seen the co-ed 'One for All' television commercial, which launched during the holidays and will be airing at various times until the end of the year. The commercial, which can also be viewed on the TAS website and Facebook page, 'imagines' what a co-educational TAS will look like as we move forward from 2016. The 'One for All' theme of the ad campaign, devised by Melbourne advertising agency Grant Day James, will also be used in print advertising and roadside billboards to be rolled out in coming months.

The move by TAS towards co-ed also gained significant media coverage over the break. An article by a Sydney Morning Herald journalist who visited TAS during the holidays was read an astounding 64,000 times on the day it appeared and was the second-most read article of the day on smh.com.au. It was also loaded onto the SMH Facebook page where it was Shared 1700 times. The article can be read here: [http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/the-armidale-school-first-greater-public-school-to-become-coed-20150705-gi5cdz.html?rand=5114630](http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/the-armidale-school-first-greater-public-school-to-become-coed-20150705-gi5cdz.html?rand=5114630)

It also prompted other media to follow suit. ABC 702 Sydney Mornings presenter Linda Mottram made the story a topic of discussion on ABC 702, and interviewed the School’s Chairman Sebastian Hempel. That afternoon on the same station, Richard Glover featured the story twice. First, as a hook to a discussion with author and education commentator David Gillespie about co-education generally, and some hours later, Glover also used the issue of TAS and co-education generally in a panel discussion on various issues with Minister for Small Business Bruce Bilson, Linda Burney MP and Rebecca Huntley. Elsewhere in radio land the eternal John Laws put the Herald article into his own words twice during his national talkback show.


The story was also mentioned in brief on Sunday’s Today show, and the Headmaster has also been interviewed for a story this week, on the current affairs segment Hack on youth radio network Triple J.

The Forensic Science Camp held in the second week of the holidays also attracted widespread interest. This year the camp attracted more than 70 Year 8 girls and boys from Victoria, the ACT, NSW and Qld who threw themselves into solving a fictitious crime using all sorts of scientific techniques. Again a Sydney Morning Herald article was one of the most highly read for the day [http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/teens-take-a-forensic-look-at-the-gory-science-of-murder-20150710-gi6mds](http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/teens-take-a-forensic-look-at-the-gory-science-of-murder-20150710-gi6mds), and includes a video interview with students and our very own ‘Mr Beaker’, lab technician Gordon McLennan who was attending his 15th camp. There was also coverage on ABC Radio NENW, Prime 7, and several newspapers from the region.

There’s no doubt TAS is a busy place - even during the holidays!

Mr Tim Hughes
Firstly, we have the privilege of another professional show visiting the Hoskins Centre theatre in two weeks. All My Love is showing Saturday 25 July and tickets are on sale through the Hoskins website. The synopsis below gives you an idea of what this powerful Australian drama has in store for audiences and it will be one of the highlights of Season 2015:

Still revered across Australia, Henry Lawson is one of the nation’s favourite writers and poets. His contemporary, Mary Gilmore, was a literary icon and radical socialist. Both were heroes of literature that had enormous influence over each other. Both were later the face of Australia’s currency.

Both were secretly betrothed to each other.

At the end of the 19th Century, Mary Gilmore was introduced to the young Henry Lawson. As their friendship developed, Mary found herself caught in the midst of an intense relationship between Henry and his formidable mother, the suffragette Louise Lawson.

What followed was the beginning of a love affair, soon thwarted by a devastating deception.

After researching Mary Gilmore’s memoirs, writer Anne Brooksbank first uncovered the tale of loving promises between two of Australia’s most famous writers. Taken from excerpts from the couple’s surviving letters, this is the first time Henry and Mary’s forbidden relationship has been brought to the professional stage.

Term 3 is the most important time for our HSC Creative Arts students who will be completing and submitting their major work for Visual Arts, Drama and Music. The showcase events will begin with Drama’s Curtain Up in Week 3 and be followed up by the combined Visual Arts and Music events Masterstroke and Final Note in Week 6. These events are open to the school community and are always a fantastic evening highlighting the depth of the talent at the school; they also give the performing students great encouragement as they prepare for the visit from the HSC markers.

Lastly, this term we will be again putting on a Middle School Play after the great success of last year’s Fantastic Mr Fox. There will be an information session this Friday for students in Hoskins at 1:30pm and auditions will be Monday next week to allow those affected by the cold snap to get back and participate. The show is open to students in Year 6, 7 and 8 and if you have any questions make sure you get to the information session or email Mr O’Connell.

Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator
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
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)
Final Note
A Showcase of TAS HSC Music

Robert Butcher | Cal Hunter | Harry Williams | Harry Wright

Tuesday 18 August - 7.15PM
Following Masterstroke
TAS Hoskins Centre

This is a free event. Bookings not necessary
NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop

The annual NECOM Junior Orchestra Workshop for students in Years 3-8 occurred in the first week of the TAS school holidays. This year’s workshop was again lead by talented Conductor Anne Phelan and was attended by 88 students from far and wide. Boys and girls came from Sydney, Warialda, Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Inverell and of course Armidale to participate in an intensive workshop of orchestral music making. Over the two days students worked in small groups with NECOM tutors and special guest musicians to learn challenging orchestral repertoire, which was then performed at the end of the workshop. The concert was truly something to experience and we are always amazed at how much students can accomplish in just two days. This workshop is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform as part of a large orchestra, make friends and really take steps forward on their instruments.

Many thanks to NECOM staff, Anne Phelan, NECOM tutors and guest musicians for providing a musical offering of such a high standard for young musicians.

Term 3 Twilight Concert - Thursday 30 July

This term’s Twilight Concert is being held in Week 3 and is open to any TAS 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.

Boarders’ Practice

Supervised Boarders’ Practice recommences this week. The Boarders’ Practice Supervisor is an experienced musician and can assist students with their practice routines and ensure they stay on track.

It is recommended that students practice their instruments a minimum of three times each week so the Music Centre will be open at the following times again this term to facilitate practice.

CLICK HERE to view Boarders’ Practice timetable.

TAS Ensembles have recommenced

Term 3 will be another busy term with a number of musical events including the Twilight Concert, HSC Showcase, Passing Out Parade and Valedictory Day. Conductors will be preparing for these events and need all ensemble members in attendance at every rehearsal. Please email your Conductor or Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au to let us know if you are unable to attend rehearsal.

Calling all Drummers! Fancy some free lessons?

Students interested in trying drumming this term are welcome to pop down next Monday to join TAS Drummers during their regular rehearsal time. TAS Drummers will be preparing to play at Passing Out Parade later this term and will be rehearsing each Monday from 3.45 - 4.30pm in the Music Centre. Mr van Tongeren also tutors drum kit at TAS so this is a good chance to try drumming for free before deciding on having private tuition lessons on drum kit in the future.

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at TAS

A reminder that we have upwards of 20 talented music tutors who teach students in the Music Centre at TAS during term time. Tuition is available in voice and on the following instruments: bagpipes, banjo, drum kit, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, bass and electric guitar, cello, violin, viola, double bass, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, french horn, and more....

Speak with Ms Roobol, Mr Dunham or Mrs Butcher or contact the Music Office for more information on 6776 5890.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Welcome to Term 3

I’m hoping that the mid-year vacation was as enjoyable as it was relaxing for you and your sons. If you ‘got away’ I hope it was to some warm place, if you didn’t, I hope yours is a warm place. Regardless, the weather has been pretty damp lately and we need this more than anything, I think. Three weeks is a good time to unwind and prepare for the activities of the second part of the year.

As indicated in previous TAS Talks, this term involves a number of away trips for sporting teams and it will be an exciting one. I’m hoping to travel to one of the Sydney games and I look forward to seeing you there. Last year I was at Riverview to see some of the rugby games and for each boy who played, I met at least one of his family members. It’s really good to see the boys enjoying the things they do and it’s good for them to know that you’ve been able to see their games.

Semester reports – you need to read this one

You’ll have received over the vacation semester reports for your sons. For many, the exams and results will be ‘firsts’. Again, I’m thinking that a good number of boys and parents will be pleased with efforts and also results. However, there will be others for whom some results are disappointing. If this is the case, we need to remind ourselves that exams, at Middle School level especially, are necessary indicators of the success of technique – particularly in relation to presenting knowledge to advantage under time conditions. In the event of a result that is not pleasing or reflective of effort, the most important thing to remember is what to do about it before the next battery of testing in Term 4. Middle School is the ‘training ground’ for the Senior School and it is our collective responsibility to assist students to find the most effective study regime for them as individuals.

Effective study skills generally take time home. A disappointing result requires students to be proactive. Provided boys have made a genuine attempt, what they need to do is reassess the methods they employed to prepare for exam papers. Some people study best as individuals, others study more effectively when they’re in groups. If students’ knowledge is good and the result is still disappointing, then it’s possible that they’ve struggled with displaying knowledge to personal advantage because of the time factor that is a necessary part of all exams. The completion of practice responses, completed during prep time, should equip boys with the experience and facility required for a more confident future examination performance.

Furthermore, what boys should also do is speak to their teachers a get advice on ‘how best to study’ for a particular subject. Different disciplines can require different methods and it’s best to find out now, as opposed to waiting for term before seeking advice about study ‘tips’. As indicated, it’s very important to do something about improving performance, not simply to ‘hope for the best’ next time exams are written. If we / I can be of assistance to you, please don’t hesitate to call us to work out the ‘best way forward’.

Staff Matters

We welcome back Mrs Alex Murray to the Middle School. She moves into the Year 7 Homeroom area from the beginning of term. The boys are very lucky to have Alex Murray back at TAS. Mr Andrew Junge will move to Year 8 until the end of 2015 and, likewise, these boys are lucky to benefit from his extensive experience. Mrs Regina Pollard will move back to her Learning and Prep Support role after once again having ably managed the needs and interests of Year 8 Home room boys for Term 2.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Welcome back to Term 3

Well, what a delightful way to finish the holidays, with a little snow to enjoy! I would like to welcome back all families, students and staff to another busy term in our Junior School. We have much to look forward to this term, with exciting new PYP units starting in each classroom, English and Maths competitions and the da Vinci day with Year 5 later this term. Our sporting calendar looks exciting too with representative Athletics in Armidale and Coffs Harbour, our Winter sports competitions continuing and the Hanna Shield Swimming competition in Week 6.

We also hear that Mr Lloyd is enjoying a well-earned break from school, enjoying his travels overseas. Please contact Mrs Christine Wright in Mr Lloyd’s absence for the first four weeks of term.

Welcome to Staff

We welcome Mrs Tania Ball back into the Transition classroom after her travels north. From all reports, Mrs Ball had a wonderfully relaxing time with her family and we are pleased to have her back on board! We also welcome Ms Tabitha Dowse who will continue as the Year 4 teacher for the rest of the year while Mr Neil Druce takes extended leave. Ms Tanielle Basson replaces Ms Stephanie Simmons this term assisting Kindergarten, while Ms Isabelle Cassis joins the Year 5 cohort as part of her Internship for this term. Finally, we welcome two new Gap Students this term. Jonny Beer and Piers Beesley will be assisting in our Junior School classrooms. Please join us in making all new staff feel warmly welcomed when you have the opportunity.

Tezukayama

Preparations are well underway for our exchange programme with Tezukayama Gakuin School in Week 6. We are very grateful for all the work Mr Allan Moore has put into this exchange and the work and organization that is going into what will be a very exciting and enjoyable week of cultural exchange. We would like to thank the many families who have volunteered to host students. It will be a wonderful experience for your children. Please note the date in ‘Looking Ahead’ for next week. Mr Allan Moore would like to meet with all families who have volunteered to host a student. This meeting time is a valuable time to listen to some great advice, which will help to smooth the billeting process. It is also a time for you to ask questions and talk with other families about any concerns you may have.

Mrs Christine Wright
Looking Ahead

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Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Edwina Newton & Alexis Langlois-Peters

Canteen List

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Term 3 Canteen list or visit the TAS Junior School website.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

PSSA Athletics – Armidale High School – 24 July

Children selected to participate in the PSSA Athletics Carnival next week will be notified by Mrs Wright this week. This carnival provides a great opportunity to compete against local athletes in preparation for the NCIS carnival in August. Students cannot continue on from PSSA in a representative capacity, however, it provides our athletes with another opportunity to compete in the region. Please ensure you fill out the permission note if you would like your child to compete next week.

NCIS Athletics – Coffs Harbour – 12 August

Team lists and more details will appear in next week’s TAS talks. Keep this date in your diary!

Football updates – Coaches

Please ensure you read Mr Luke Polson’s update on coaches. Due to the departure of some gappies and staff there will be a change to some team’s coaches for this term. We will endeavour to have the new coaches meet their teams before games on Saturday.
PYP Junior School

All classes have commenced new units of inquiry this term or are part way through completing ones commenced last term. The table below provides an overview of what each class in the Junior School is covering in their current units.

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Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Learn French and/ or Japanese at TAS

Bonjour! Konnichwa!

Attention all Parents! The Languages Department is once again running an Introduction to French and/ or Japanese in Term 3. These relaxed classes will be taught by Mademoiselle Audrey Panon, our French Teaching Assistant from Paris, and the learned Moore Sensei.

These classes are scheduled to begin next week, Term 3, Week 2. There is no cost involved so please come along!

French: Tuesday evenings 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Japanese: Tuesday evenings 6.00pm – 7.00pm

If you would like to attend either (or both!) of these, please register your interest by emailing us at ktamming@as.edu.au (French) or amoore@as.edu.au (Japanese) as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact the Languages Department for further information.

Merci! Arigatou! 😊

Madame Kathryn Tamminga
All My Love

BY ANNE BROOKSBANK

“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