Curtain Up

Last night our Year 12 Drama class presented the fruits of their work over recent months as they performed their group and individual performance pieces in front of a big audience in Hoskins. This was not only a good rehearsal opportunity for their HSC works, but also their Trial HSC performance and the polish of the work reflected that. Only a few HSC subjects demand that students put their work on show for the public to judge and there is no doubt that this creates another layer of pressure that most students do not face. The class was clearly well prepared for that and I am sure that they appreciated the enthusiasm and generosity of the audience. I offer congratulations to all, including their teacher Mrs Cleaver who has supported her students so well in their preparations.

Riverview Visit

It was a pleasure for the School to host 11 rugby teams from Riverview last weekend for our first home game of the term. As we have come to expect, the games were well contested and the fine sportsmanship on display throughout the day and the good mix of wins and losses for both schools reflected all that is good about schoolboy rugby. I am particularly grateful to the senior players from Riverview for travelling on the weekend before their Trial HSC exams, as our Year 12s will do in a few days time.

This weekend our rugby teams travel to Newington and Riverview and I wish players and coaches alike well for their fixtures.

Year 8 / 9 Parent Information Sessions

It was very pleasing to see so many Year 8 and 9 parents at our two information sessions last week. The reason for bringing families from these two year groups together was the introduction of the new elective subject structure being introduced in 2016 for both Years 9 and 10. The essence of this new structure is that the usual pattern of selecting 3 subjects for the two years from a choice of 12 to 14 spread across three lines has been replaced by a structure that combines Years 9 and 10 and presents vastly increased choice in single semester courses that align with more relevance with the HSC curriculum.

It is an exciting development and a very positive one for students and our academic program overall. For those who might be looking ahead and interested in what is to come, the following link will take you to the Stage 5 Handbook that details the academic program for Years 9 and 10.

If you were unable to attend the information session a video presentation is available to view HERE.

P&F Meeting Tonight

As you will see in the P&F section in TAS Talks this week, the Term 3 meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room tonight. Our P&F President, Sue Cartwright, has outlined the items to be discussed tonight and I encourage all who can be at the meeting to join us.
## Week 3
- **Wednesday 29 July**: P&F meeting
- **Thursday 30 July**: Australian Mathematics Competition, Twilight Concert
- **Saturday 1 August**: Rugby v Newington in Sydney
- **Sunday 2 August**: Year 10 First Aid Course (Optional Day 2)

## Week 4
- **3 – 7 August**: HSC Trial Exams
- **Thursday 6 August**: Year 10 parent-teacher interviews and parent information sessions
- **Friday 8 August**: Year 10 parent-teacher interviews and parent information sessions
- **Friday 8 August**: Rugby v Kings at TAS
- **Sunday 9 August**: City to Surf

## Week 5
- **10 – 14 August**: HSC Trial Exams
- **Monday 10 August**: Activities Day 5
- **Tuesday 11 August**: ICAS Mathematics Competition
- **Wednesday 12 August**: NCIS Athletics at Coffs Harbour Middle School Public Speaking
- **Thursday 13 August**: TAS Co-education Expo at TAS from 3.30 pm
- **Friday 14 August**: Old Boys Golf afternoon
- **Saturday 15 August**: Rugby v St Josephs College at TAS OBU Weekend
- **Sunday 16 August**: OBU Chapel Service

## Week 6
- **Tuesday 18 August**: Senior School Public Speaking, Final Note HSC music performances
- **18 – 20 August**: Ag-Quip

### Valedictory Arrangements 2015

**Thursday 17 September**
- 12.30 pm: Light lunch for Year 12 students and parents, Chapel Lawn
- 1.35 pm: Year 12 Process to Memorial Hall through school “Guard of Honour front drive
- 1.40 pm: Final Year 12 Assembly (staff and students only)
- **Evening**: Day and Boarding House dinner (as advised by Housemasters)

**Friday 18 September**
- 10.15 am: Morning Tea with staff, students and parents, Chapel Lawn
- 11.15 am: Parents & Year 12 move to the Hall
- 11.30 am: Valedictory Service, Memorial Hall
- 12.30-3.00 pm: Formal lunch & prize giving Year 12 students and their parents in the School Dining Hall. Guest speaker is Robbie Oppenheimer, Old Boy 2008. Formalities will conclude with presentation of Old Boys ties.

As the Dining Hall has limited seating we are only able to seat three per family. Extended family are very welcome to attend other Valedictory gatherings. Any further queries should be directed to the Executive Assistant to the Headmaster, Mrs Anna Barnier on 6776 5811 or abarnier@as.edu.au.

**Saturday 22 August**: Rugby v Sydney Grammar School in Sydney
The one for all.

Come to the TAS Co-ed Expo and discover our co-ed future starting 2016.

Thursday 13 August from 3.30pm at the Hoskins Centre. Childcare and light refreshments provided.

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‘Mental Health - The Elephant in the Room’

Last week, TAS was visited by the team from Batyr, a Sydney-based organisation that aims to engage, educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues.

Led by Old Boy and former Senior Prefect, Jono Peatfield (2002), the team ran 90-minute sessions for each of Years 10-12 and the students heard personal stories of mental health battles and heard also of ways to be empowered in either their lives or in the lives of friends who might be struggling.

Batyr’s message was to Look, Listen, Talk and Take Charge and our students were clearly moved by the presentations. This was obvious in not only their level of engagement but also in the fact the First XV rugby team wore Batyr socks in the game against Riverview last Saturday and the 1st XI Football Team are looking to do the same shortly.

The Prefects are now looking to continue the momentum with plans underway to foreground RUOkay? Day more formally at school. I am looking forward to seeing what might emerge when this day comes around in September.

Overall, it is so encouraging to see the issue of mental health spoken about so openly and constructively. There is nothing more important to us at TAS than the wellbeing of our students and staff and this visit helped clarify this.
Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Thursday 6 August 3.30 - 6pm and Friday 7 August 1.30 - 5.30pm.

Emails have been sent to parents with username and password to book interview times online. If you have not received this or have difficulty accessing this please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au.

Two Parent Information sessions will also be held on Thursday 6 August at 6.30pm and a repeat session Friday 7 August at 11.45am. The information sessions will be held in Big School.

P&F Meetings

In an effort to involve as many parents and friends of our school as possible, there will be two P&F meeting this term.

The first will be held TONIGHT, Wednesday 29 July at 7.00 pm in Lower Maxwell. This week’s meeting will cover such events as home game catering, general business and correspondence, and the planning for this year’s get together to make the famous TAS Christmas puddings.

With these items out of the way, a second meeting will be held on SATURDAY 8 August at 12.30 pm (or shortly after) in McConville to coincide with the Kings vs TAS home games. The main focus of this meeting will centre around the Fate of the Fete and we encourage all parents and friends of TAS to come for an hour or so to listen and talk about the re-vamp of this annual event in a relaxed atmosphere. We will also cover any outstanding business from tonight’s meeting if needed.

If you would like to have any business placed on the agenda for either of these meetings, please email me at suecart@uow.edu.au. Looking forward to seeing you at either or both meetings.

Home Games

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our success last Saturday – all of your contributions were well received and such a wonderful contribution to our fundraising activities. Our next home game is Saturday 6th August, and again on 15 August Old Boys’ Weekend and I again encourage you to support our school with any donations of home-made or store bought goodies, or a pot of soup. 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.
Boys take up Brain Bee Challenge

Hugh Worsley and Mitch Cartwright were successful in getting to the regional finals of the Australian Brain Bee competition at the University of Western Sydney Campus in Campbeltown on 16 July, alongside around 100 other bright students from across the state.

To get this far the boys competed a multiple choice quiz online, and be in the top 11 percent of the 1276 participants that took part.

At the Challenge they were then tested on content from a 100 page booklet all state finalists had been given, about the brain and its function. The students could be tested on anything from the booklet, but nothing that wasn’t included. The best nine competitors went through to the final round where the top three were then identified. Whilst our boys did not make it through to the top nine, the boys also enjoyed practical activities during the morning before they watched the final round of the competition unfold.

Artworks selected for schools’ exhibition

Very different works by two TAS students were among 60 selected for hanging from more than 700 submitted for this year’s Let’s Hang It, the UNE Schools Acquisitive Art Prize exhibition at the New England Regional Art Museum.

Year 11 student Dennis Pitt was awarded a a Highly Commended in the senior secondary school section for a self portrait, the first time Dennis had used the medium.

“I thought I’d try something new; I had never done a self portrait and didn’t want to do too much detail. First we were photographed wrapping ourselves up a sheet to make for an interesting composition, and drew from that – I found the charcoal easy to work with and it brought out the acrylic paints well,” Dennis said.

Will Forsyth was a finalist in the junior secondary school section with a photograph called Finally, of a drought-breaking storm on his family’s property at Croppa Creek in north-west NSW.

“It was the first time it had rained for five months. It was almost a fluke to capture the lightning the way it did – I was testing different exposures and was happy with the way it turned out,” said Will.

The exhibition features works from students from across the New England, North West and the North Coast.
Bright young minds spent holiday solving crime

For Kieran Dennis and Liam Smith, the winter school holidays were far from boring as they worked hard to solve a crime.

The two Year 8 TAS students were joined by 70 other boys and girls from 24 different state and independent schools in cities and country towns in four states and territories at the 19th TAS Forensic Science Camp.

At the camp, participants were divided into groups and then solve fictitious felonies using a range of forensic techniques, including microscopy, chromatography, fingerprint analysis, cryptography and general science. They analysed the evidence, identified and interviewed the suspects, ordered medical and scientific tests and searched criminal databases. On the final day, the teams presented their committal cases to a legal professional who determined if they were strong enough to go before a court.

The camp is run by older students (including six from TAS) who have previously taken part – some developing the crime scenarios (the ‘controllers’), some managing the event itself - while four Year 7 students also assisted as ‘runners’. Two staff attended, but only in a supervisory role.

“Our scenario involved a break-in and a murder. We had to test hair samples, blood from a knife, and fingerprints – all tested in the science labs using a variety of methods that helped us send our suspect to gaol!” Kieran said.

“I really enjoyed the camp. I made some great friends who I am now keeping in touch with, and the crime solving was very exciting especially getting new evidence every day. I would recommend it to anyone who likes science or even if they don’t.”

Camp Director Mitch Cartwright, a Year 10 student at TAS who had attended two camps previously, started working on this year’s event with a team of others last year.

“The controllers started developing their scenarios camp in November, and at a management camp here at TAS in January they nutted out most of the details of scenarios and collect ‘evidence’ for the campers. Meanwhile the management team organise the logistics, which included recruitment, catering, organising accommodation in the boarding houses,” he said.

“Once again students came from all over eastern Australia, and we even had a student from India try to apply.”

This year’s camp made the Sydney Morning Herald, thanks to a visit from one of the newspaper’s journalists. Click here to read the story and watch the video featuring ‘Mr Beaker’ Gordon McLennan, camp director Mitch Cartwright and other campers: http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/teens-take-a-forensic-look-at-the-gory-science-of-murder-20150710-gi6mds

A selection of photos from the camp can be found on the TAS website gallery by clicking here.

Josh Lowinger (Sydney Grammar School) Monique O’Brien (Hunter Valley Grammar School), Ela Curic (Sydney Girls’ High School) and Mitch Cartwright (TAS) set up one of the scenarios for this year’s Forensic Science Camp

Liam Smith (TAS) and Thomas Garbellini (Marist College Ashgrove) test for fingerprints
ACTIVITIES DAY 5

Cadet Activity Day 5 - Monday 10 August

Activity Day 5 will commenced with a back brief by the SUO and Coy Commanders to the CO MAJ Thatcher on Thursday 30 July at lunchtime.

Orders will be delivered to all cadets by Coy & Platoon Commanders on Tuesday 4 August during Period 3 (normally Assembly).

Activities by Companies and Platoons are listed

Note: All Year 9 boys and cadets in A Coy (including Yr 10 & 11) will be participating in a target rifle shooting practice. Permission forms need to returned by 4 August to Reception.

A Coy - Loch Abba

Introductory Shooting with .223 Rifle (non-cadet activity)
Bush Cooking
Navigation Resection
Army vehicle & equipment display
Parade 8.40am
Dismissal 3.30pm

B Coy

4 Platoon - Bakers Creek Gorge
Abseiling
Climbing
Fieldcraft Training
Parade 8.40am
Dismissal 3.30pm

5 & 6 Platoons - UNE Property 'Newholme'

Paired Navigation Exercise
Fieldcraft Training
Parade 8.40am
Dismissal 3.30pm

C Coy - UNE

Climbing Wall
History of TASCU and AAC
Drill
Initiative Exercise
Navigation
Parade 8.40am
Dismissal 3.30pm

Passing-out Parade - Friday 11 September

Passing-out Parade this year is scheduled for the Friday of Week 9 starting at 2.00pm. A rehearsal schedule will be published shortly. The annual dining-in night for cadets of the rank of SGT, WO and CUO plus members of the guard will occur after the parade, commencing at 6.30pm. An invitation to respective parents will be sent out shortly.

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
Commanding Officer
School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships allow senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship or complete traineeship while at school. It is a program of study leading to an HSC credential but not an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank). It has the advantage of assisting students in gaining vocational qualifications that may assist in their transition from school to the workplace.

There are many different careers that can be started as a School-Based Trainee or Apprentice. At The Armidale School you can commence your formal training for Automotive Mechanical, Metals and Engineering and Agricultural vocations. There are also opportunities in areas such as Business Administration, Information Technology, Building/Construction and Hospitality through our partnerships with TAFE New England or other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

A typical pattern of study in which a student undertakes a two-year HSC program as an apprentice or trainee will result in them gaining a trade qualification within five years of commencement as well as their HSC qualification.

School-based trainees and apprentices are required to study the vocational framework course endorsed by the BOS and STS at the time commencement. They are required to complete at least 130 days of paid employment during Years 11 and 12. The relevant State award applies.

The Armidale School’s traineeship program includes English as it has a mandatory HSC exam. Mathematics is studied in Year 11 as general maths and then in Year 12 as a Board of Studies endorsed VET course. It consists of trade maths, personal finance and business maths. Students choose two VET courses one of which is the focus of their traineeship or apprenticeship.

The pattern of study for School-Based Trainees or Apprentices at TAS is show below.

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Adolescence is a period of rapid change beginning at puberty and continuing into our twenties. It is a period of great importance for how we move into the early phases of adult experience. It can be the solid platform for giving our lives direction and purpose. Sometimes, it is not so easy. Things happen that make the lengthy transition more complicated. Ask most parents what they are most concerned about in relation to their much-loved kids and the answers come quickly – alcohol, drugs, sex, violence, safety in vehicles, getting in with the wrong crowd. A new one these days is our appreciation of mental health issues that can emerge in this years.

There are good reasons for these concerns – any one or a combination can have devastating effects on a young person’s life. However, we also need to keep things in perspective. Most young people live through this developmental phase in positive ways. They do lay good foundations for the next period of their lives. It is the uncertainty that can produce parental anxiety. It can also be tricky working out whether the changes parents are seeing in their adolescent son or daughter are normal developmental vacillations or indications of things beginning to go wrong.

The best clues that can lead to closer enquiry of what is happening can include:

• Loss of engagement and interest with things previously important to them
• Changes in behaviour – moodiness, withdrawal, wanting to spend increasing amounts of time away with friends or by themselves, secretiveness, avoidance, deception, less eye contact, emotional shutting down
• Changes in appearance – glazed eyes, changing sleeping patterns, less care with clothes
• Decline in school performance, loss of connection with the activities that the school provides
• Less interest in doing things with the family that doesn’t seem attributable to being adolescent

You will notice that each of these are about something having changed in ways that you experience as distancing and negative. If you are noticing aspects such as these it would be good to talk to key pastoral care people at TAS.
Matthew 6:19-21

On this day… almost.

Hand up if you have heard of Carl Lewis?

Mmm, sad, most of the boys, even the athletes here don’t know who Carl Lewis is.

Tomorrow, 29 July in 1996, track and field legend Carl Lewis won his fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal in the long jump. It was the ninth and final Olympic gold of his almost memorable career.

At the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles he went home with four gold medals, winning the long jump, the 100 metres, the 200 metre and anchoring the victorious U.S. team in the 4 x 100 metre relay.

By the time the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta rolled around, Lewis was 35 years old, and another four gold medals in the bag. Though he was still admired around the world for his previous Olympic triumphs, he had barely managed to qualify for the U.S. team in the long jump and most experts believed he’d be lucky to medal, let alone win another gold. But, with the best leap in two years he snatched gold from the hands of the French jumper.

I don’t know what Carl Lewis’ understanding with God was. I don’t want to comment on that.

What I do want to say is, it doesn’t get much better than what Lewis achieved as far as athletes go.

Yet even for someone like him, his glory faded, there are other athletes who have come along and run faster, jumped further and won gold medals.

I do not want to suggest that what he did didn’t count for anything – it was fantastic, I think he even fulfilled the Biblical mandate to work hard at what ever you do and enjoy your work.

However, at the end of the day, there is still something more important. It is the question of, have you invested in eternity, or have all your efforts gone into gaining money, fame, and position in the present life? If the answer is this present life, then we have sold ourselves, our God-given life and God himself short. He came and paid the ultimate cost that we might have eternal life, we must seek to invest there, we do that by putting our trust in Him, prioritising Him, above the things that rust, that fade, that can easily be forgotten.
It’s Tough Being A Leader

“A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd” Max Lucado

This is not unique to an orchestra. Whether you are the director of a play, captain of a sporting team, CEO of a company or Commander-in-Chief, you need to be prepared to go against the flow. You must stand up for what you believe is right and not be influenced by the crowd. Your decisions will rarely be popular with everyone but provided they are made with sound judgement and good intent, you will earn the respect of others.

Perhaps the toughest position of leadership is that of match officials. All our sports rely on officials to ensure a fair competition and a safe environment. Every week we are extremely fortunate to have the services of local referees as well as our own staff and students. It is very easy to take these people for granted or treat them with indifference. These people are the true leaders. They exhibit courage and integrity; making decisions despite the objections of the crowd.

I would like to think that it is still common practice to give the referee three cheers at the end of the game. However, perhaps there is more you can do to show your gratitude? It is no easy task that they do. They exhibit the greatest attribute of leadership –the commitment to serve. How will you acknowledge this service?

RSG Friendraiser

If you are part of the TAS community; current parent, Old Boy, past parent, staff or simply friend of the school. If you are planning to watch the Bledisloe Test or you appreciate the opportunity to offload the kids and share some quality time with other members of the TAS community then please join us at the New England Hotel on 8 August. This is an informal gathering, however, we need numbers for catering by 4 August. Please contact either your Year Group Liaison Parent or Rugby Age Rep to confirm your attendance. (Please see flyer attached for more information.)
THE RUGBY SUPPORTERS GROUP INVITE THE WHOLE TAS COMMUNITY & FRIENDS TO JOIN US IN CHEERING ON THE WALLABIES.

WHERE: UPSTAIRS THE NEWIE. DOORS OPEN AT 7PM, KICK OFF AT 8PM. AFTER 11 PM IT TURNS INTO A NIGHTCLUB, FEEL FREE TO STAY ON AND RELIVE THE OLD DAYS IN THE RAGE CAGE!

COST: $20 PER PERSON, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT.

INCLUDES: RUGBY LIVE ON THE BIG SCREEN AND FINGER FOOD FULL BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE.

RSVP: BY THE 4TH AUGUST, NUMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE. RSVP TO YOUR YEAR GROUP LIAISON PARENT OR RUGBY AGE GROUP REP. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JODIE - jodie@jqm.com.au

Please note 18 years and over
RUGBY – TAS v NC & SIC
1st August 2015
at Newington College, Stanmore & Saint Ignatius College, Riverview

Travel: by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.
Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 31st July:
  • BUS 5 - 13s: 1.30pm
  • BUS 4 - 14s: 1.45pm
  • BUS 3 - 15s: 2.00pm
  • BUS 2 - 16s: 2.15pm
  • BUS 1 - Opens: 3.45pm
Return – TAS front of school approx. 10pm Saturday 1st August.
(Actual departure time for each team will be published on Team APP).

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Accommodation: (nb. a swag/sleeping bag and pillow will be required at Grammar & Newington).
  • 13’s: SHORE Boat Shed
  • 14s: Newington Gym
  • 15’s: Sydney Grammar Boatshed
  • 16’s: Newington Gym
  • OPENS: Sydney High Boat Shed

Meals: Dinners on route, breakfast at venue, lunch at venue.

Dress: 13s – 15s TAS tracksuit; 16s & Opens TAS formals to be worn for all travel and on game day.

Cost: All students $100 charged to school accounts.
Young shooting team grew through GPS championships

The performance of TAS shooters from improved dramatically during three days of competition a fortnight ago, as the team garnered the advice of some of the best in the business.

At the annual GPS championships held at Hornsby Rifle Range on 14-15 July, the team improved its ranking across competitions and disciplines, and while not coming home with a trophy, showed a strong development in skill and technique.

On the first day of competition the First VIII struggled with the Rawson Cup competition, shot at a 500m and 600m stage, and placed last. Later that day in the NRA Shield over 600m, a significant improvement resulted in a lift to fifth place, with only seven points separating them from the third place getters, and Cameron Holcombe only dropping seven points.

The second day of competition commenced with the Second VIII shooting a seven shot stage at 500m followed by seven shots at 300m for the GPS Seconds Premiership Shield. The team ranked fifth, only four points behind the second-place getter. Best of the TAS shooters was Henry Smith, who dropped only one point for the match with a score of 69-7 (possible 70).

Smith was rewarded with elevation to the Firsts for that afternoon’s final match of the premiership, the Buchanan Shield, which involved a 300m eight-shot deliberate stage followed by a snap application.

TAS ranked third in this match, narrowly beaten into second place by two points from The Scots College and further ahead in first place was The King’s School, who ultimately won the premiership. For TAS, Smith, Sam Cannington and Tom Southwell were the top shooters, all with 75-3 (possible 80).

Overall Kings won this year’s GPS Shooting Premiership with TAS ranking 5th.

Our best shooter was Cameron Holcombe with a score of 186-8 (possible 200). Unfortunately TAS shooters did not qualify for a place in the GPS representative team, the cut off being 189.

The boys benefitted greatly from the expertise of former Olympian David Hollister, current Australian coach Rick Ashton and veteran competitor Rob Bondfield, at a pre-competition camp. With many of the boys only in Year 9, TAS had the youngest team in the competition and their experience augurs well for the future.

This year the TAS team stayed at Sydney Boys’ High School boat shed, and we thank the school for their generosity. The boys made the most of the wonderful location, even catching some fish with hand lines during some relaxation time after training. The camaraderie of the team was evident during the week, both during training and competition, and in ‘down time’ which included cricket and board games.

A selection of photos have been loaded onto the website and can be found by clicking here.

The TAS First VIII (l-r) Henry Smith (shot in the third match), Tom Southwell, Duncan Quast, Hugh Morton, Will Claridge, Cameron Holcombe, Tom Mailler (shot in the first two matches) Angus Mazzei and Sam Cannington gave the GPS championships their best shot in Sydney earlier this month.
ARMIDALE TRAINING CAMP

WED JULY 29
5PM PLAYER APPEARANCE
MCDONALDS ARMIDALE
6PM WELCOME DINNER
ARMIDALE BOWLING CLUB
$20 ADULT / $10 CHILD

THUR JULY 30
4PM JUNIOR TRAINING CLINIC
ROLAGAS FIELDS
FREE, 6-16 YEARS
ADVICE & TIPS FROM A-LEAGUE PLAYERS
REGISTER ONLINE

FRI JULY 31
6PM TRIAL MATCH (JETS A vs JETS B)
CONSETT DAVIS FIELDS
SPORTUNE
NATIONAL CALIBRE FOOTBALL IN ARMIDALE
FREE ENTRY

for more information and a full list of events visit sportune.com.au
Newcastle Jets Community Clinic
Rologas Playing Fields, Taylor Street Armidale
Thursday 30th July, 4 – 5.30 pm

Applicants Details

Player Name: ____________________
Date of Birth: ____________________ Age: ______

Medical Issues (i.e. Asthma, Diabetes): __________________________________________________

Parent Name: ____________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone: ________________ Mobile: ________________________________

Email: __________________________

Current Football Club: ______________________________________________________________

Age group applying for
☐ (U/6-U/10 years) ☐ (11-12 years) ☐ (13-14 years) ☐ (15-16 years)

PLACES ARE LIMITED 120 PLAYERS – GET IN EARLY

Completed forms can be returned to;
SportUNE,
SportUNE Drive
University of New England, Armidale.
or send your completed application form to sportune@une.edu.au.

NB: applications for the Jets Coaching Clinic will be based on a first in basis.

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Hockey

Under 13s - TAS Blue

After a long break over the mid year holidays, and icy conditions the previous week, TAS Blue went up against City Bees keen to put a solid performance in. With almost all on deck, the team showed from the onset they were playing sharply and with some good ball movement and high work rates they were matching the Bee’s skill and efficiency across the pitch. Having gone down to the Bees’ by double figures in the past, largely due to their State midfielder and his amazing pace, ball handling and distribution skills, TAS Blue were showing that they have made significant improvements throughout the season, especially by those new to the game. In the end, TAS couldn’t quite get on top, but ended with a highly respectable scoreline of 5-3, after two goals by striker Andrew Kirk and one from youngster Charlotte Portell. Tim Lindeman once again showed determination throughout, as did all, and our rugby players will surely be missed during away games this term.

Mr Alex Portell

Tas Firsts - B Grade

Playing the best we have all season last week, the lads were definitely keen to put a good game together as the final rounds of the season commence. Up against Guyra, the Firsts were heartened by the Seconds quality win over Guyra side in the C Grade clash prior. From the starting whistle it was evident that coach Ben Hanlan’s teachings were beginning to gel and it was not long before TAS were on the board through a classy short corner conversion involving six unanswered movements before the backboard was disturbed by Matt Turnbull’s final deflection. The pace of TAS’s short passing and athletic game was proving too much for the older Guyra team, and with a bench full of subs, TAS were not looking like slowing down. In the second half the game got away from Guyra, and with a couple of nasty ball injuries late in the second half, they had no answer for TAS, who piled on three more goals to secure a quality 4-0 win.

Mr Alex Portell

Tennis

On Sunday 26 July a number of TAS boys competed in the JDS Tennis Tournament held here in Armidale. A huge congratulations should go to all boys on their sportsmanship and the way they represented the school. A special mention to Nicholas Barnier who was the U15’s Runner up, going down 6-4 in a tight game.

Ms Jayne Heagney
You are invited to the Term 3 Twilight Concert!

Why not come along to the Twilight Concert being held this Thursday 30 July in the Hoskins Theatre from 6pm? These free concerts are held each term to provide performance opportunities for all music and vocal students at TAS. They are entertaining and intimate concerts featuring performers with a range of skill and experience - from beginner to advanced students. For example - the program for this week's concert will include two of our youngest vocalists and instrumentalist and also a number of senior TAS students playing some of their HSC repertoire. The students would love your support and you can enjoy a tea/coffee in the foyer before the concert! We hope to see you there.

AMEB Examinations

A reminder to students sitting AMEB exams over the next few weeks to let the school know you will be absent from class for your exam. Also - best of luck!

We like to celebrate the achievements of music students so please let us know the outcome of your AMEB examinations. If you would like us to publish AMEB results in TAS Talks please email Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au

New England Sings! receives a National Arts Music Awards nomination

Congratulations to everyone associated with the 2014 New England Sings! project. We heard recently that it has been shortlisted as a finalist in the category ‘Award for Excellence in a Regional Area’ in the national APRA AMCOS Arts Music Awards. This year there are only four finalists from the wealth of nominations so this is an extraordinary honour.

Without the participation of choral conductors and music educators from around the region the project could not have happened. Well done to all involved! This extraordinary choral showcase is unique and exemplifies the leadership and commitment to musical excellence by all the schools that performed in this event.

Save the Date for the 'Final Note' Concert on Tuesday 18 August

Our HSC music students are busily rehearsing their repertoire in preparation for upcoming HSC trials next week and the final performance exams. Many people might not be aware that HSC music students have their final performance examinations later this term where they will perform up to four instrumental or vocal pieces in front of the HSC examiners. As part of the preparation for these (nerve-wracking) final performance examinations, HSC music students will perform their repertoire at the 'Final Note' concert being held in the Hoskins Theatre on 18 August. The ‘Final Note’ event is not to be missed so be sure to save the date in your diaries.

'Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.
~Berthold Auerbach'

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Staff: steady despite change

The longer mid-year break is paying dividends. Over the last week I’ve spoken to staff and many boys who are relaxed and looking forward to this very busy term with renewed energy. On the whole, classes are settled, staff are enjoying their ‘charges’ and boys, likewise, are responding well to them.

You’ll know by now that White Housemaster, Andrew Junge (ajunge@as.edu.au) has assumed his new Middle School role by becoming the Homeroom teacher of Year 8J. His is a welcome appointment and I know that he is happy about the prospect of academic involvement with the Year 8 boys and also know that they are lucky to have his experience. Andrew Junge’s knowledge of the pastoral practices that underpin academic performance is unquestioned. So, as indicated, we are lucky to have Andrew here.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Regina Pollard, again, for so ably having stepped into the breach with Year 8 last term. There’s no doubt about this woman. Mrs Pollard’s academic expertise is characterised by confident and easy knowledge and her pastoral skills are such that she could easily go into the business of setting up a pastoral care college! For those of you who’ve been lucky enough to have had your sons in Regina Pollard’s classes over the years, you know exactly what I mean. For those others of you who’ve not been so lucky, ‘take my word for it; this woman ‘is gold’. So, thank you Mrs Pollard.

It is really good to welcome Mrs Alex Murray (amurray1@as.edu.au) back to TAS. Mrs Murray, as well you know, is an excellent practitioner and we’re lucky to have her at TAS and more particularly, the Middle School. Alex Murray is a literary and literacy specialist and also a very keen historian, so the students in her Homeroom class are going to have a most productive semester. Already she has settled into and organised thoroughly her new Year 7 Extension class.

Parent Interviews

We had Parent Interviews and Year 9 information sessions last Thursday and Friday for boys in Year 8. For future reference, it’s probably good to enquire whether your son would benefit from attending the interviews. Thanks to Mrs Susi Redhead’s organisation, the academic interviews held in the Memorial Hall ran very smoothly and from what I can glean, parents, boys and staff were happy with them. I spoke to a good number of you and enjoyed seeing you as it’s so healthy to ‘catch up’ in person. Two Transition to Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) elective subject and pastoral (Advisor Group) sessions were run by Mrs Seonia Wark, Director of Studies, and Mr Barney Buntine, Director of Pastoral Care. Seonia Wark’s presentation of such an eclectic range of subjects is such that you are very fortunate that your boys are at this school. It was good to see the boys and so many parents (the one I attended in Hoskins boasted a capacity crowd) at these important sessions and now families have some time to discuss elective subject options for the boys’ Stage 5 coursework. If you think we may be of assistance to you in relation to questions, enquiries, please contact us.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Looking Ahead

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Happy Birthday Wishes

This week we wish a very happy birthday to Tom Ball.

Lost Property

Lochlan Gerdes has misplaced his Chappell hat. If anyone finds Lochlan’s hat could you please return it to Junior School.

Josh Pongrass has lost a school shoe, if found could you please return to Junior School.

Head lice

A case of head lice has been reported in Junior School. Please keep an eye on your children and if head lice are found please treat your child before sending them back to school. Everyone living in the same house should be treated at the same time. Please notify the school.

Time from infestation to eggs hatching is usually five to seven days.

Symptoms

Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs, lice may be found on the scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home?

No, as long as head lice management is ongoing.

How can I help prevent spread?

Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and managed if infested.

Book Club due Friday 7 August

Junior School students will be bringing home brochures for our two book clubs, Lamont and Scholastic. If you wish to purchase from either of the book clubs, please select the books you would like and follow the instructions for ordering and payment that are found on the back page of each brochure.

Scholastic orders can be submitted in two ways: 1) By using the Scholastic ‘LOOP’ online webpage, where you will order and pay by credit card, or 2) by filling in the order form, and placing that order form and a cheque in the RED LETTER BOX in the Junior School office. Orders from Lamont can only be made online through their website, but payment can be made by credit card and Paypal (no cheques). PLEASE NOTE THAT CASH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY EITHER CLUB. Happy reading!
Jump Rope for Heart

The date is now set…… Monday, 17 August has been set for our ‘Jump Off’.

Our Year 5 leaders officially launched our Fundraising Jump Rope for Heart appeal today in Assembly. All children will be bringing home a sponsorship form from the Heart Foundation. Our Junior School has participated in Jump Rope for Heart for many years and has enjoyed not only raising money for the Heart Foundation but has also used the opportunity to improve our fitness. Don’t forget you can fundraise online

Please find as many sponsors as you can and start skipping!

More information about the Heart Foundation can be found at its website:

www.heartfoundation.org.au/research

Routine changes

Often the need arises for the routine of your child to change and it is essential these changes be made prior to 3pm.

Teachers are not always able to check emails and often phone messages are not picked up in time for many reasons.

We appreciate your support with this.

Arriving at School

While we understand the pressures of getting children off to school in the mornings, the morning routine is an important one. As important as it is for children to play with friends in the playground before school, it can also be disruptive if children arrive once a lesson has commenced.

If your child is late please escort them to the Junior School Reception desk prior to heading to the classroom and sign them in as it is likely that they have been reported absent. It is also timely to mention that, the Junior School playground is not supervised before 8.15am in the morning. While there may be occasions when children need to arrive at school earlier than this, it should only be for an activity or occasion which would be associated with the appropriate supervision.

TEZ visit – Week 6

A reminder that Mr Allan Moore is running Japanese speaking classes every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm in the Japanese classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a few key phrases in preparation for our visitors in Week 6.

Year 5 Excursion
Recount By Hugo Catterall

On July 23 Year 5 went on an excursion to the 2AD studios in Armidale. When we arrived we met Chrissie and Mr McMillan. Then we split up into 2 groups of 9 one with Chrissie and one with Mr McMillan. Mr McMillan showed us where the CDs were kept there was 35,000 on one wall only. We also went into a recording studio and looked at the soundboards. Then we went with Chrissie, we went into another recording studio and recorded our ads. Then Chrissie quickly edited one ad. She also showed us the secret sound ad. We will get back our edited ads and what Chrissie thought about our ads in two days time.
PYP in Kindergarten

Kindergarten have just commenced their new unit of inquiry.

Their unit of inquiry comes under the Transdisciplinary Theme: How We Express Ourselves.

They are exploring the central idea: “Our Imagination Grows through creative play, art, drama and stories from different cultures.”

The Kindergarten students have commended the unit by exploring some Fairy Tales and discussing their country of origin.

To commence the unit a brainstorm was conducted where students shared their knowledge and explored what they thought a fairy tale was and the various elements of a fairy tale were discussed.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
**JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT**

**PSSA Athletics – Thursday 30 July**

Our postponed PSSA Athletics Carnival will be held this Thursday. Mrs Alison Evans has emailed you the program we have received from the PSSA association. Please note there are no specific times allocated to each block of events, however, the day commences around 8:45am.

**NCIS Athletics Carnival – Coffs Harbour – Wednesday, 12 August**

Our NCIS Athletics team will be notified this week. The carnival provides a wonderful opportunity for our athletes to compete at the NCIS level gaining more experience in competing and opening up opportunities to qualify for CIS in Sydney.

**TAS Hockey - Under 9s**

With only Christopher Bower out for their first game in around 4 weeks, the mighty under nines were excited to go up against United 2 on Saturday morning. The team were playing superbly and our younger players of Lily Peart and Maddie Buntine were showing just how great their passing and trapping skills have become. Archie Douglas-Menzies was distributing the ball beautifully, whilst showing encouragement and guidance to his younger team mates, and Millie Coupland was tenacious up front, making many good approaches to the opposition’s circle. Charlotte Portell made some skilful runs around the defence but also passed the ball with accuracy to the strikers, such as Scarlett Buntine, who finished superbly. After a great game played in good spirit, TAS came out on top 7-2. Many thanks to Sam Behrend who assisted by being a mentor to the trainee umpire.

Mr Alex Portell

**Football**

**TAS Tigers VS Demon Knight**

Last Saturday the determined TAS Tigers played against Demon Knights. For the first half of the game they were running into the wind. Demon Knights were 2-0 at half time.

In the second half TAS tried to make use of the wind with Tom Rowe scoring a goal. By this time the score was 3-1. Unfortunately this was to be the only goal for TAS with the final score being 5-1.

Mr Rowe who took the team last weekend was extremely impressed with their relentless effort and determination throughout the game. We apparently had extremely tired boys by the end of the game.

Well done TAS Tigers and Mr Rowe!

Mrs Lana Hawksford

**Netball**

Not deterred by the chillier than predicted conditions on Saturday, the Sandon Stars played a spectacular game against ACSC Opals. Drills and moves practised at training were successfully used and the girls executed some great passes. Scarlett Buntine and Millie Coupland both attacked well and were always ready to receive a pass. In the circle, Scarlett and Millie supported each other well, enabling Scarlett to score four goals. The Stars were convincing victors, winning by 12 goals. Next Saturday’s game is against Ben Venue Lions at 12pm.

Later in the afternoon, the Sparkles took to the court meeting a height advantaged Ben Venue outfit. The first quarter saw Sparkles caught on the hop with Ben Venue scoring a goal within the first minute and four more in quick succession. Undeterred, however, the Sparkles calmed their nerves and went on to play a strong game, featuring great passing and success in goal scoring. Isabel Newton broke her goal scoring drought, scoring five wonderful goals. She was very well supported with a strong, determined game from Emily Buntine; dependable defending from Casey Smith and well-timed passing from Ruby Straker. The end result was thoroughly deserved with Sparkles winning 18-5. Saturday’s game will be at an earlier time of 1:20pm against PLC.

Mrs Anne Trenerry

Caption: The Sparkles Netball team featuring TAS students Isabel Newton, Ruby Straker and Casey Smith in back row and Emily Buntine front and centre.
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