Year 10 Parent Teacher Information Sessions

On Thursday evening and Friday before lunch this week parents of Year 10 students will have the opportunity to hear from our Director of Studies on the HSC that lies ahead. Mrs Wark’s presentation will explain how the HSC works, including key rules and the often misunderstood operation of scaling and ATAR calculations. This information will enable parents to help their children make the subject selections that will best suit them in their senior years and even those who have experienced the HSC before will find it useful. At TAS we view the HSC as a shared journey between students, parents and the School and I believe that this presentation is the ideal start to creating the collaborative support network that every student needs.

The sessions are deliberately attached to the two days of parent-teacher interviews in order to make it as convenient as possible for parents to attend and I strongly encourage all who can possibly be there to make it a priority.

HSC Trials

As Year 10 students are thinking about subject selections for their HSC, our Year 12 students will be feeling that the end of their journey is almost in sight. The two weeks of Trial HSC exams now underway not only presents the final major assessment task for most subjects, but also the opportunity to experience real HSC exam conditions. To enhance this experience the exams are run by our HSC presiding officers and this is designed to provide confidence before moving into the HSC exams in October.

I wish all Year 12 students well as they endeavour to present the fruits of their study in the best possible light.

Twilight Concert

Last Thursday evening over 20 TAS musicians, ranging from Junior School to HSC performers, came together for the first twilight concert of the semester. The show was compered by our music captains Harry Wright and Rob Butcher and it was as impressive as it was diverse.

The purpose of the twilight concerts that run through the year is to offer all our musicians the chance to perform in front of an appreciative audience and develop their confidence and skills in the process. Whether this was their first performance in front of an audience, as it was for some, or a chance to rehearse an HSC piece, the opportunity was appreciated by musicians and audience alike and I congratulate Leanne Roobol, Warwick Dunham and our peripatetic teachers on the success of the night.

City to Surf

The TAS team that will travel to Sydney this weekend for Sunday’s 14 km City to Surf will be the biggest ever fielded. Almost 80 boys have signed up for the iconic event this year and this is impressive. However demanding the course may be, especially for the TAS team who will board the buses directly after Saturday sporting commitments, I have no doubt that all are up to the challenge and I congratulate them for taking it on.

Co-education Update

Our planning for the introduction of coeducation has been focussed on three areas over the past fortnight.

First, the TAS Co-education Expo is ready to go next Thursday and will offer an important opportunity for families interested in having a look at the school and chatting to staff about the plans for 2016. We have received interest in attending the day from families far afield and all parents are warmly invited to come along and be a part of the afternoon.
Second, under the leadership of Mrs Vivienne Tearle and with the support of a keen committee of parents and staff, the girls’ uniform has been set in place this week. Whilst I cannot reveal it here, it will be launched at the Coeducation Expo next week with students wearing the summer and winter uniforms for Years 6 to 10 and Years 11 and 12.

Finally, recruitment for the new position of ‘Girls Education Director’ is underway. National advertising for this executive position which commences at the start of 2016 will be seen in the coming weeks.

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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Week 4
3 – 7 August  HSC Trial Exams
3 - 5 August  Assessment of Language Competence Competition
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 7 August  6pm France Cultural and Language Trip - Parent Information Session
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
HSC French Continuers Speaking Examination (TAS)
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
18 – 23 August  Tezukayama School, Japan visit Junior School

Saturday 22 August  Rugby v Sydney Grammar School in Sydney

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.
**Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held this Thursday 6 August 3.30pm - 6pm and Friday 7 August 1.30 - 5.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

A parent information session will be held on Thursday beginning at 6.30pm and a repeat session on Friday beginning at 11.45am in Big School. All Year 10 students will also attend the information session on Friday.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien if you have any problems in booking your interview times.

**TAS Electives 2016**

Information has been sent to parents and students currently in Years 8 & 9 in relation to electives in 2016. This information includes links to the handbook and a video of the presentation given by Mrs Wark. The email also includes the website access link and your personal webcore allowing you make your preferences in the subjects you would like. Remember this is just the first step in the process of selecting you elective choices for 2016.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien or Mrs Seonia Wark if you have problems accessing the site or if you did not receive the email conveying this information.

We look forward to implementing this new offering in 2016 and hope that the students will find many courses where they can follow their passions, try something different and assist them in choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12 when the time comes.

**Fate of the Fete Meeting**

A P&F Meeting will be held this Saturday 8 August at 12 noon (or shortly after) in McConville to coincide with the end of the TAS vs Kings home games. This meeting will be about 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 how we can revamp this annual event. Please come and give your ideas. You don’t necessarily need to commit to being fully involved but we need your ideas to help make this a fabulous event.

Please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien or Mrs Seonia Wark if you have any problems in booking your interview times.

**TAS Puddings**

The time of year is approaching where we cook up a storm of TAS Christmas Puddings. Please save the dates of Saturday 17 October for the cooking and/or Sunday 18 October for wrapping them. Making these is always fun and a great way to meet new people and I encourage people to come and help. All cooks, sous chefs, general dogs bodies and anybody else who wishes to help is welcome.

**TAS Tea Towels**

We have some wonderful Indian cotton TAS tea towels for sale. Stocks are limited but they are a bargain at $5 each and make great presents for the TAS extended family especially if you have billets staying (eg. Tezukayama students in a couple of weeks) or if you/your sons are heading off on exchange. If you would like one please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662 or you can buy one at the Home Games P&F Canteen in McConville.
Year 9 Geography field trip

On 14 August, Year 9 will conduct field research at Bellingen. This is a part of our current unit ‘Changing Australian Communities’ and is where their major assessment for the semester, the Research Action Plan, will be modelled.

Timings: The bus will leave at 8:30am and return at 5:00pm.

Cost: $33 per student to cover transport and lunch in Bellingen.

Wear: Full TAS sports uniform (tracksuit not spray jacket, clean joggers)

Day boys, please bring your own morning tea. Boarder’s morning tea will be supplied.

Please contact Ms Taber on ftaber@as.edu.au if you have any questions.

UAC and School Recommendation Scheme (SRS) information session

Monday 17 August period 1&2, the Year 12 cohort will be meeting with myself and Mrs Wark to receive information about completing UAC & SRS forms for those seeking early entry to university. UNE will be in attendance to assist with inquiries regarding their Direct Entry Scheme.

SRS works as follows:
• students complete a simple online SRS application
• schools provide their assessment of a student’s ability via a separate online rating process
• institutions consider applications
• SRS conditional and unconditional offers may be made to the first preference you have listed in your UAC application for undergraduate admission as at midnight on Monday 30 November 2015.

Alternatively, many of the participating SRS universities, have their own Direct Entry Schemes similar to that offered by UNE. I will be discussing these schemes and distributing information with regards to their particular requirements.

The UAC books have arrived in the school and they will be distributed at the same time.

Lodging a Tax Return

The Australian Tax Office has sent out a letter giving directions about lodging a tax return for the first time. It is a simple step by step process listed below. There is also a brochure available on the school’s website, Careers page.

• Watch our videos ‘How to create a myGov account and link to the ATO’ and ‘A quick demonstration of lodging with myTax’
• Find out more about lodging your first tax return at ato.gov.au/firstreturn

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor
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 Year 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 is published below. 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.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PASSING OUT PARADE REHEARSAL

Trevor Thatcher
Major (AAC)
Commanding Officer
Pioneers activities day 5

On Monday, 10 August, Pioneers and Pioneers Support will leave for the Styx River area to practise their navigation skills. They will need to be at the Pioneers Shed by 0845 on Monday.

They will need to bring:

- Compass
- pen or pencil
- Watch
- walking boots
- hat
- wet weather gear
- 2L water bottle
- eating gear (knife, fork, spoon and plate)
- sunscreen
- a change of clothes
- toiletries
- towel
- some old shoes/sandals to wear if in the water
- your pack and tent

Their camping gear is needed in case they become “geographically embarrassed” and need to overnight in the valley. It’s also good training for the end of year trek.

Full details are available for Activities Day 5 at [http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/pioneers/](http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/pioneers/)

Mr Martin Levins
MIC

RFS Activities

The RFS activities participants will be conducting Hazard Reduction Works at Granite Springs, Wards Mistake on Monday 10 August for Activities Day 5.

All participants will be required to be at the TAS Q-store at 07:00 hrs to catch the bus to the New England Fire Control Centre for departure to the fireground at 07:30. Our planned return to Armidale will be around 17:30 although this may be later depending on how long to takes to have the fire blacked out to a stage where it will be safe to leave in the landholders care. All participants need to be wearing leather workboots and preferably cotton clothes for wearing under their PPE.

All meals, snacks and drinks will be provided on the day. For any queries on the day, don’t hesitate in calling Bevan Michel on 0411 051 489.
We are moving beyond a period when mental health issues were untalkable. This is a new age of openness about mental health and we need to embrace the opportunity it provides us to become informed. Information itself is empowering and enables us to take the initiative in maintaining good health and well-being.

I would like to encourage all students and families to become familiar with the BeyondBlue website. On this site is a treasure-house of information relating to anxiety and depression. It will alert you to the symptoms to look out for, tell you about the nature of anxiety and depression and how it is treated. We know that about 25 percent of young people will experience anxiety and depression before they are in their mid twenties. Anxiety and expression can undermine us and spoil our sense of life and being truly ourselves. The symptoms have a way of invading our lives and we begin to think this is normal, the way everyone lives. Except it isn’t.

If you are reading this Counsellor’s Corner and you haven’t been onto the BeyondBlue website, please do it today. It is as important as that. Don’t put it off or fall into the belief that it doesn’t relate to you. Know about it. Be a good friend to another who you might see as developing some of the symptoms. Information is a helpful preventative or early-intervention initiative.
Why challenge yourself?

If it doesn’t challenge you it won’t change you. When faced with any physical task the human body responds in changes to the physiological and neurological systems; undergoing adaptations that increase the body and mind’s efficiency and capacity.

Already 52 paddlers have signed up for the gruelling 111km Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Training in sub-zero temperatures on Malpas Dam all are operating beyond their comfort zone. There are no shortcuts in this event and no substitute for hard work. However, students who complete the event will recall their accomplishment with a sense of confidence and pride. When faced with future challenges, they will recognise that overcoming one challenge make the insurmountable seem possible. Challenges allow us to grow.

The same motivation drives runners in Sydney’s City to Surf. This Sunday two bus loads will depart TAS. Many of its passengers are focussed on satisfying the second element of the Gold Triple Crown. Having completed the 2km Coffs Ocean Swim in March, their aim is to cover the 14km from Hyde Park to Bondi Beach, before conquering the final peak; the 111km paddle on 25 October.

NCIS Athletics

Invitations have gone out to all students selected to compete at the NCIS Athletics Championship in Coffs Harbour next Wednesday, 12 August. This event provides a second pathway for many of our athletes to compete at the CIS Athletic Championships in September, the first being the AAGPS Championships. I would encourage all those athletes selected to make the most of this opportunity and wish them all the best on the day.
Riders selected for new academy

Two Year 7 TAS students have been selected for a new mountain bike development program that aims at helping improve the skills and fitness of riders during the off-season.

Josh Jones and Tom Cannington will be amongst the seven founding riders with Hi 2 Wheel Academy, a joint initiative of the Torq Merida Mountain Bike Team that is a community project of financial planning business Complete Wealth.

The Armidale academy has been supported by Community Mutual and the Northern Inland Academy of Sport, allowing the use of NIAS facilities and support.

The academy will have its official launch at the Armidale XCO cross country race on 30 August, which will be followed by a mountain bike junior development camp in Armidale on 5-6 September.

Pictured are Josh (left) and Tom who are looking forward to the academy.
Football

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.

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. There will still be catch up games for the 12As (x1), First XI (x2) and Second XI (x1) that need to be played before the end of August.

Third XI and TAS Dads - Advance notice of game time for 15 August

Due to Old Boys Weekend, the TAS Third XI vs TAS Dads game will be played at 11.15am on Saturday 15th August.

16Bs White Catch up Game

TAS White vs DK White Walkers- game to be played Thursday 6 August at Rologas 1. 4.00pm kick off. This game will be in lieu of training.

16BS Blue - No training on Thursday

There will be no training for the 16Bs Blue on Thursday afternoon due to Parent Teacher Interviews. Normal training arrangements from next week.

Enjoy your weekend of Football.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Hockey

This week saw the U13 TAS White hockey team play the TAS Blue hockey team twice! Wednesday night brought a great game of skill, showing what the TAS U13 hockey players have to offer. There was no single stand out performance, as everyone played so well together, with so much effort. Friday night, due to a clash with rugby, saw a bit of a different game, with both sides playing short, but giving a great opportunity for some players to maximise the use of the field and passing skills. Both games were won by TAS White.

Ms Rachel Harrison
**Friday 7th August**

**Kings arrive** 9:00pm  
**Accommodation:**  
- **Opens Rugby** (x45) – Cash classrooms (+ 2 staff member)  
- **16’s Rugby** (x36) – PE classrooms (+ 2 staff)  
- **15s’s Rugby** (x36) – Greenroom  
- **13’s & 14’s Rugby** (x70) - Gymnasium (Sports Centre)  
- **Staff** - (x2) old PE Office

**Saturday 8th August**

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All games 25 min/half

**Change rooms for Kings:** 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  
- 7:00am TAS and Kings Rugby 13s, 14s and 3rd XV  
- 7:30am TAS and Kings Rugby 15s, 16s  
- 8:00am TAS and Kings Rugby Opens  
- 8:20am All other TAS boarders  

**LUNCH:** walk through lunch in TAS Dining Hall

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).
MUSIC MATTERS

Junior School Musical - Disney’s Peter Pan

We are excited to announce that the Creative Arts Department will be supporting TAS Junior School to present Disney’s Peter Pan Jr (Junior)! Peter Pan will be performed in Week 8, Term 4 and is a one act musical adapted for Primary school age students. It is approximately an hour in length and will include all Junior school students from Transition to Year 5.

TAS Junior School staff will be working with students on preparation for this wonderful musical which will be overseen by Ms Leasa Cleaver (Director), Ms Leanne Roobol and Mrs Rachel Butcher (Co-Musical Directors). The performances of the show will be as follows: Schools’ Matinee - 11:00am (Friday 27 November), Opening Night - 6:00pm (Friday 27 November) and Closing Night - 6:00pm (Saturday 28 November).

Auditions will be held during lunch time next Wednesday 12 August. Information will be provided to all interested students by Junior School, prior to the auditions next week.

Twilight Concert last week - a great success!

It was wonderful to see so many students perform at last week’s Twilight Concert. Twenty-two students ranging in age from Year 2 to Year 12 performed on a variety of instruments including cello, piano, guitar, saxophone and we also had several vocal students in the concert. An entertaining evening was had by all and I am sure that those parents and friends in the audience would agree!

Apart from being a great way to build confidence in public performance, the Twilight Concerts provide students the opportunity to experience professional accompaniment and to hone their performance technique. We are very grateful to our peripatetic tutors for their work with our TAS musical students and appreciate their encouragement for students to meet the challenge of performing in one of our termly Twilight Concerts.

Hearty thanks to our accompanists - Mrs Rachel Butcher, Mr Warwick Dunham and Mr Nick Negerevich. Congratulations also to Music Captain Harry Wright and Music Vice-Captain Robert Butcher for compering the Twilight Concert with such style and flair! This was their last Twilight concert and we thank them for their commitment and hard work over the last 12 months.

AMEB Examinations Continue....

A reminder to students sitting AMEB exams that we wish you the best of luck and like to celebrate the achievements of music students. If you would like us to publish AMEB results in TAS Talks please email Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au

Chapel Choir Rehearsal this Week

A quick note that Chapel Choir rehearsal this Friday 7 August will be from 4 - 5pm in Memorial Hall. All welcome to attend.

Have a great week!

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Absentees & Leave Request

It is a Board of Studies requirement that all absentees are explained. A note or email from parents explaining the absence is required when your son returns to school or on the day of his illness. If illness extends four consecutive days, a medical certificate should accompany a boy’s return to school.

We now require you as parents to complete leave requests if you need to take your child out of school for an upcoming planned absence. (Medical/Dental appointments do not need leave request forms.) Application forms for exemption from attendance are on the school website and must be emailed to middle@as.edu.au or handed in to the Middle School Office for approval by the Head of Middle School.

Please note: medical leave notwithstanding leave cannot be taken until a certificate for exemption from Attendance at School is received.

Leaving School Grounds – a reminder

This inclusion constitutes a reminder to all boys about the correct procedure to follow when they leave the school grounds during school hours (8.45am to 3.30pm). If any student has an appointment or is leaving the school grounds for any reason during school time they must sign out and sign back in upon their return. The sign out book is placed in the Middle School Staff Room. This procedure ensures that the school knows where the students are at all times.

New Arrivals

This week we welcome two Round Square Exchange Students from Ballarat Grammar. David Cuff and Davis Coutts, both of whom are in Year 8. The boys will be joining Middle School boarders and attending classes for two weeks.

Again, it is so good that our students can take the opportunity of meeting and assisting new people, dealing with different approaches to school life and, hopefully, forging friendships.

I look forward to introducing Davis and David at next week’s Town Meeting. After our new arrivals have had time to settle, perhaps they’ll be given a further opportunity to visit some Middle School families for a weekend or a meal during their exchange. I’m going to mention this possibility during our meeting this week because, at thirteen, they are a very long way from their own homes. Please think about this opportunity that potentially benefits your sons as well as these boys. If and when this happens, we’ll be happy to make necessary arrangements, contacting and liaising with all parents involved to ensure that all boys have an enjoyable time together. While I thank you in anticipation of your support of such an opportunity, I want your sons to initiate it.

Early Adolescence

Adolescence is a stage when young people undergo many physical, emotional and social changes. It can be a challenging period for many parents who may discover their once placid child begins to resist their authority for the first time. Their once happy son may now be a little withdrawn, or a formerly friendly daughter may become hard to live with.

It can be a difficult time for young people. Not quite kids and not really adolescents, they are caught in a type of limbo. It can also be a sad time for young people. Many look back and realize that they can never really be ‘children’ again, yet looking ahead they can be apprehensive knowing that adolescence will present them with its own peculiar challenges.
This particular stage can provide a window of opportunity for parents. It is a time to help prepare your child for adolescence and even adulthood. Parents need to establish a relationship based on mutual respect and shared interest. It is also a time to help children get on the right track at school before learning difficulties become too great and an adolescent gives up rather than appear inadequate in front of their peers.

It is the start of a period of challenging, thoughtful parenting and managing of these people. I’ve said this before and I’m going to do it again, we’re ‘in this one together’ – so, any help you can give will be reciprocated at this end.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Operation Christmas Child

*Help us spread the love of Christmas across the globe*

This year the Junior School has decided to support the Christmas Child Appeal and, once again, we ask for the involvement of each family. This is a fun and involving activity for the whole family and we hope to encourage our students to consider children from around the world who may be in more difficult circumstances than themselves.

Australian Christmas Child boxes will be sent to support children in Vanuatu this year. As you know, the recent cyclone season hit Vanuatu very hard and many families are experiencing severe hardship. It is wonderful that we have the opportunity to help our near neighbour in this positive way.

Each child has started a worksheet in class and bought it home to complete. They can then place it in the box along with the gifts for either a boy or a girl of the age you choose. The leaflet you have been sent has a cut out section to be placed on the front of the decorated box. The box should be a decorated shoe-box size and it should be filled with a range of gifts, aimed at either a boy or girl of a specified age. The suggested categories for gifts are: ‘something to love;’ ‘something for personal hygiene;’ ‘something for school;’ ‘something to wear;’ and ‘something special.’ Please also send $9 in a separate envelope (with your name on it) to cover postage of the box to Vanuatu.

Decorated boxes and the envelopes can be returned to the Year 5 room at any time in the next 3 weeks, but the final days are in Week 7, ending on August 28.

Co-education Expo / Transition Interviews

Will be held on 13 August – Our school will be holding a Co-educational Expo on Thursday, 13 August in the Hoskins Centre Foyer. Parents and interested families are invited to attend this Expo from 3:30 – 6:00pm. Stands will be set up in the Foyer displaying information on every aspect of our school. Come along and bring your friends to see TAS in action and speak to staff about our school. Children are most welcome to attend also, with supervision available within the classrooms and the playground during the afternoon.

Jump Rope for Heart

The Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart is all about learning how to keep fit and healthy. At the same time you will be helping save Australian lives by asking family and friends to sponsor you for being a part this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Children will be jumping on Monday 17 August and fundraising forms have been sent home last week.
Illness in Junior School

With so much illness in Armidale at the moment, we ask that any child who has been vomiting, had diarrhoea or a temperature, to remain at home for 24 hours from the last signs of illness.

If your child is absent from school could you please send an email to the Junior School at junior@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5817.

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Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to Lachlan Litchfield, Joshua Miron & Evan Kwan.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

NCIS Athletics

The annual NCIS Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 12 August. All students who have qualified for this event will have brought home information and permission notes last week. Please contact Mrs Christine Wright for any further information on cwright@as.edu.au

Hanna Shield – Tuesday, 18 August

The Hanna Shield swimming event is on again. Children will be notified this week if they have been selected to swim in this years inter-school relay competition.

PSSA Athletics

Our team of athletes hit the track last Thursday in glorious conditions to compete against other regional schools within the Armidale area. Our athletes competed very well with some personal bests throughout the day of competition. Jonathan Harris must be congratulated for a tremendous day of personal bests on the track along with his outstanding sportsmanship. It was a delightful moment when a staff member from another school congratulated Jonathan on his sportsmanship, as he congratulated other competitors after a race.

Junior School students attending the PSSA Athletics Carnival last Thursday at Armidale High School.

Daniel Morgan and Jonathan Harris competing in the final of the 10 years boys 100m race at the PSSA Athletics carnival last Thursday.
FOOTBALL

TAS Tigers vs East Armidale

This weekend we had a very competitive game. Armidale East players had a number of subs, which made the energy level of the game high.

Felix Winslett was a great sweeper of the game who also positioned himself well and proved to be an impressive defender at some key points. Tom Rowe has developed a strong boot that set up the ball for some successful goals. Lachlan Schumacher proved to be a good wing, alongside Euan Billingsley who tackled well this weekend. However, our scorer for this game was Mitchell Evans.

I am really pleased with the Tigers wonderful sportsmanship and growth this season. What a fabulous team.

The final score was 3 nil. Go the mighty Tigers!

Mrs Lana Hawksford

10’s

The 10’s took on a DK Blades side that were very focused on their football and showed quite a competitive side. Due to injuries and absentees we again played with a reduced number of players and it was wonderful to see the commitment our players put into the game. We have been working on teamwork and passing the ball into the gap to run onto at training. It was pleasing to see this happening in the game. Although the DK team scored a goal within the first five minutes from then on it was very even contest and our boys held their own even though they were one player down and running out of energy by the end of the game. The highlight of the game was discovering what an awesome goalie we have in Calin Simmonds - he has a great kick on him and was able to clear the ball consistently every time he got it!

Sunday Jack Valance Carnival

The boys were keen to participate in the carnival and with help from a few extras they were set for their first game. Each game was 15 minutes so it was important the boys were focused from each kick off. We played four games throughout the morning and the boys improved with every game. We lost the first 1-0 to a Souths team and then went on a winning streak. The next game was against the Norths team leading the Saturday competition and we won 1-0 which was very exciting. The third game was against the DK Blades team who the boys had played the day before and again it was so exciting to see them win 3-0. The last game was against Uralla and it was lovely to see the boys win comfortably again. A huge thanks to Harry Price, Conal Nicoll and Lachlan Morgan for helping us out so that we had a full team and Neil Smart for running on the field with the players each game.
Year 1 PYP

Year 1 have been exploring stories through generations and different cultures.

They have particularly focussed on fables and enjoyed learning valuable lessons from them. The students have selected fables and re-told them in their own words.

Peyton Slade wrote a fable “The Fox and The Grapes”.

To further student’s understanding that stories are told time and time again through generations Mrs Trenerry invited two storytellers, Mrs Annie Young and Sam Jackson-Bolton (Year 11 TAS student) to share some stories with Year 1. This was an invaluable experience for the students to be engaged in and enabled them to share in the joy of stories.
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