NCIS Athletics

I write this morning from Coffs Harbour where our best athletes from Years 2 to 11 are competing in the annual North Coast Independent Schools championships. The NCIS is an association of 13 schools spread from Kempsey in the South to Tweed Heads in the North and across to Armidale and it provides TAS with opportunities to compete with like-minded schools in a very wide range of sports, including athletics, swimming, tennis, football, triathlon, cross-country and basketball. As co-education is introduced in 2016 it will provide opportunities for our girls too in all those sports as well as netball, softball, hockey and others. It also provides the pathway for our most successful competitors to proceed to representative level in the NSW Combined Independent Schools competitions. With less travel involved than in other similar competitions and so many schools competing at both primary and secondary level, it is an ideal association for TAS to be involved in and we are fortunate to be a part of it.

With competition already underway today, I wish all our athletes the best of luck in their events.

City to Surf

At the end of a very successful Saturday of sport last weekend, including the successful rugby fixtures at home against King’s, a team of almost 80 keen and committed runners boarded buses to head for Sydney for the annual City to Surf fun run on Sunday. As you will see in the report from our organiser (and competitor) Jim Pennington, all boys completed the demanding course and represented the School once again with distinction. For many, this was the second leg of the 2015 Triple Crown challenge that includes the 2km Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim earlier in the year and the 111km Hawkesbury Canoe Marathon next term. That so many volunteer for this high level of physical and mental challenge (all boats for the Hawkesbury are now taken) is quite inspiring and reinforces once again that our students are hungry to test themselves and puts to rest the notion of indolent youth that is so often spoken of in other places.

I congratulate all involved, including the staff and old boys taking part, on their achievement and wish them well as they look ahead to the next test.

Old Boys’ Weekend

Next weekend will see the final home fixture in our GPS rugby season against St Joseph’s College run alongside the Old Boys’ Weekend that will bring hundreds of former TAS students back to the School. This is a big and important weekend for the School and I look forward to welcoming all those Old Boys back to the School, some for the first time in many years. A large number of our students will be involved in the Old Boys’ activities on Friday and Saturday, from debating to shooting and tennis, and I know that many parents will be involved to support as we host so many visitors. It promises to be great fun and I encourage all who can possibly be here to be a part of it.
Coeducation Expo

Details of the Co-education Expo that will showcase our plans for 2016 (and Term 4 2015 for the Year 12 girls joining us) are in this edition of TAS Talks and I recommend it to you. This event is being supported by many of our staff who will be on hand to talk about all aspects of our new program, from pastoral care arrangements to the academic program, boarding, outdoor activities, sports and other co-curricular activities. It is designed for all who are interested in the future of the School, both prospective and current families, and I encourage you to share in it.

Year 12 girls to start in Term 4

As stated on ABC Radio this morning, the breadth of our senior subject offering means that not only will we be continuing to offer some HSC subjects to 45 girls from NEGS and PLC in 2016, but they will be joined by at least five confirmed Year 12 TAS girls, who will commence their HSC studies with us from Term 4 this year. This opportunity allows these day girls to have continuity with their subjects in their final academic year of school, and we look forward to welcoming them later in the year.

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 5

10 –14 August  HSC Trial Exams

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 Joseph’s 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

Week 7

Tuesday 25 August  TAS Board meeting

26 – 28 August  da Vinci Decathlon at TAS

Saturday 29 August  TAS v Scots in Sydney

Week 8

Monday 31 August  Girls Day In at TAS

Wednesday 2 September  NCIS Tennis at Grafton

3 – 9 September  Year 11 End of Course Exams

Friday 11 September  2.00 pm Passing out Parade
                     Cadet Dining in Night

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.
THE ARMYDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT
Passing Out Parade
Friday 11 September 2015

Passing out parade for all cadets in Year 8 and above will be held on Adamsfield on Friday 11 September (Week 9). The parade and rehearsal are compulsory activities for all cadets.

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt.

Uniforms will be ironed by the school laundry staff and stored at school.

Parade training schedule is listed below:

Passing Out Parade Rehearsal Schedule

Week 7
- 25 August (Tuesday) – Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Adamsfield Year 11 (sword drill) & 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- 26 August (Wednesday) - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Adamsfield Year 11 (sword drill) & 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm

Week 8
- 31 August (Monday) - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Adamsfield Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- 1 September (Tuesday) – Afternoon 3.30 - 5.00pm Adamsfield (no sport training)(Dress Rehearsal)
- 2 September (Wednesday) - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Adamsfield Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm

Week 9
- 7 September (Monday) - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Backfield (no Yr 11) Year 12 Rehearsal 3.40 – 5.00pm
- 8 September (Tuesday) - Lunchtime 1.20 to 1.55pm. Backfield (no Yr 11)
- 9 September (Wednesday) - 3.30 – 5.00pm. Adamsfield (no sport training)
- 10 September (Thursday) - 1.30 – 5.00pm Adamsfield (no Pd 6&7 or sport training)

Passing Out Parade – 11 September (Friday) – 2.00 – 3.30pm
(cadets required from 11.20am for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest and Commanding Officer Cadets, Major Trevor Thatcher request the pleasure of your company at

The Annual Ceremonial Passing Out Parade of The Cadet Unit on Adamsfield

Friday 11 September, 2015 at 2.00pm

Reviewing Officer Colonel J. Squire Director- Information Activities, Military Strategic Commitments Division

Military personnel are invited to meet in the Archdall Room at 1.30pm Dress: Service Dress with medals

followed by Afternoon Tea in Big School
Fate of the Fete Meeting

A special P&F Meeting was held last Saturday 8 August in McConville after the successful TAS vs King’s home games, and I thank those that attended for their input and enthusiasm. Some lively discussion was held and I can reveal that we have a new TAS event on offer this year. We can now invite you to:

Experience TAS @ Dusk - music, fun and food

This new event will take place on Saturday 7 November from 4.00 pm until 8.00pm and will feature some of your old favourites from the fete along with a slightly new location and some new feature events designed to offer fun for all members of our school family and also the wider Armidale community.

But we will need your support, and year groups will be asked to contribute both time and effort. Please look out for more information in coming weeks from your Liaison Parents.

One of the first things we would like to share is some detail of the giant raffle. First of all we are looking for a major prize. Do you know of someone who owns a guesthouse, or a houseboat, or a tropical island? Would they like some publicity through our school and wider community in return for a prize of accommodation? Please get back to me if you have some thoughts you would like to share. But we did confirm that we would also like to offer some significant hamper prizes as well. To this end we are asking each house to work together to collect Christmas themed goods to make up some sensational hampers. We will provide the baskets, but could each family please bring in by the end of Term 3 a donation for your house hamper/s? Mr Guest has offered to judge the gathering of prizes and award the most successful house a special Community Service Acknowledgement Award early in Term 4, to be announced here in TAStalks.

Let’s work together to see just how special this can be!

And do you have a business, or know a business, that might like to donate a prize to the kitty? If you do, please contact me by the end of term at suecart@uow.edu.au so it can be featured on our flyer. You will get your first look at the flyer in your holiday mail out, and it will have tickets attached for you to start selling. Remember, the more tickets you can sell, the more funds we raise for our school. The raffle will be drawn at TAS @ Dusk.

And stay tuned next week for more details of this exciting new event.

Home games

We only have one more this season, this week, Saturday 15 August Old Boys’ Weekend against St Joseph’s. For the last time this year I 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 before the Home Game or may be delivered to the McConville Centre from 7.30am on Game Day. Although rugby is the game that is being played, these fixtures are all about showcasing TAS to a wider audience and raising money that we can channel back into all parts of school.

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.
On This Day
Hebrew 7:26-27

On this day in 1984, the South African-born British athlete, Zola Budd, found herself at the centre of controversy following a messy incident during the women’s 3,000m final at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

This was not the first time she felt the glare of an unwanted spotlight. Note she was South African born, but running for Britain. The reason being that this was during the time of apartheid, and South Africa had been excluded from the Olympics. So, Zola’s British citizenship and subsequent entrance in the games was very political and controversial to say the least. Important background – not everyone was a Zola fan.

Hence, when she became tangled with top American runner Mary Decker, putting Decker out of the race, the crowd became hostile and the flustered 18-year-old runner could only finish seventh.

However, she continued to show what a remarkable athlete she was, in 1985 breaking the world record in the 5,000m by 10 seconds. Yet, it is suggested that the ‘trip’ incident is still the most talked about and hotly debated topic when Budd’s name is mentioned.

In my survey, of three staff members, all remembered Budd, two thirds remember that she ran bear footed, two thirds remembered she was from South Africa, yet ran for Britain, and two thirds also recall the ‘trip’.

In 1992 the long-anticipated ‘re-match’ with Decker ended in a massive… anti-climax, with Decker winning easily. Zola Budd, was without doubt a fantastic athlete, yet controversy followed her, and it became difficult for anyone to remember details, other than her lack of patented footwear, beyond what she hoped all would forget.

Take note of the passage read to us, we doubt God’s ability to forgive us, we tend to remember what he has long time past dealt with, in fact he has even dealt with our future mistakes. For Jesus death was a once and for all act, dealing decisively with sin, never having to repeat it. Do not go through life feeling like you have to perform for God, so that he might forget your past – he has already, in the sense that he will not hold it against you. It’s hard not to think that Zola lived her life trying to redeem her public perception. God has redeemed us, if your trust is in him, the job is done, complete, finished!
Ag-Quip 2015

Students from Years 9-11 agriculture and primary industries will again be attending Ag Quip 2015 on Thursday 20 August. We will be leaving at 6:30 am and returning at approximately 6:00pm. Students are to wear the following:

- **Sturdy covered leather foot wear (polished).**
- **Neat blue jeans**
- **Winter grey TAS shirt**
- **Winter grey TAS jumper**
- **TAS Cap or Akubra**
- **TAS Jacket (If weather is expected to be cold)**
- **No tie needed**

There are no exceptions to the uniform.

Students will be working on the Herefords Northern Group BBQ for approximately 1.5 hours as part of their community service commitment for the day. Students will also have year group specific tasks to complete during the day.

Any leave requirements must be approved through the DHM (Mr Alan Jones) 5 days prior to this excursion.

Cost of this excursion is $45/ day student and $41/ boarder to cover cost of bus and lunch.

Japan Study Tour 2016

We are excited to announce the plans for the 2016 Japan Study Tour. The trip is a combined Japanese/HSIE Study Tour and will involve a three day stay in China before travelling around Japan for 10 days.

Students currently studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 and HSIE students in Year 8 and 9 (History and Geography) are invited to participate on this Study Tour. It is estimated that 20 students will participate and at this stage the Study Tour will take place from Saturday, 24 September to Friday, 7 October 2016.

The Study Tour will allow the students to use their language skills in an authentic environment and experience the history, culture and lifestyle of two fascinating Asian countries. The previous trip in 2014 was very successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We will be visiting Shanghai, Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, our Sister School Meitoku and other interesting places.

We will be having an information evening late in Term 3 outlining more details and answering any questions you may wish to ask. If you would like your son to participate on the Japan Study Tour could you indicate your interest by emailing Allan Moore amoore@as.edu.au OR David Toakley dtoakley@as.edu.au

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting us. Looking forward to hearing from you.
New photo galleries on TAS website

Have you checked out the photo galleries on the TAS website lately? In recent weeks we’ve added some wonderful images that capture just part of the breadth of TAS - the North West Equestrian Expo, the dramatic production Treasure Island, Forensic Science Camp, the HSC Drama night Curtain Up, and sub-galleries of photos of various rugby and football fixtures.

Behind the lens have been staff, parents and students; in particular, thanks must go to teacher Mr Tim Scott, parents Mrs Annie Rogers and Mr Graham MacDougall, and young Will Forsyth of Year 8 for their efforts. We welcome contributions however please be judicious in limiting the images to 50 in total and being as inclusive as possible. We reserve the right to choose which images may be included, and how they may be used.

For more information, please email Tim Hughes at thughes@as.edu.au
Cerebral Challenges

Last Friday, the fourth round of the NSW Junior Chess League was played at Inverell High School. The students involved were Ali Ahsan (captain), Charlie Wyatt, Harry Pollard and Sam Thatcher. Inverell were the school that eliminated TAS from the competition last year, giving the team greater resolve to win. The boys were calm and focused in the heat of battle, settling the score from last year with a well deserved 3-1 victory.

On Monday night, seven Year 11 students competed in the UNE Intercollegiate Quiz. Testing their knowledge on Law, Science, Education, Arts/Humanities, Business/Economics and Health, the boys were the only school entry against eight University Colleges. The boys enjoyed the experience and were wonderful ambassadors for TAS.

These are some of the many cerebral challenges that face TAS students over the coming weeks. At 5pm on Friday night the rivalry will commence between the School and the Old Boys as they debate whether or not “tradition is a thing of the past”. A full program for the weekend’s events is available on the TAS website.

Today six Middle School students will stand in front of their peers and present a 3-4 minute speech. This is the second stage of the Clemson Cup for inter-house debating and public speaking and will be followed by the senior speeches in next Tuesday’s Assembly.

Middle school students are also rehearsing for the Middle School Play later this term and musicians from Kindergarten to Year 12 are preparing for ‘Ensemble Night on 27 August. Both events will showcase some of our finest creative talents.

It is by design that these Actors, Musicians, Quizmasters, Debaters, Public Speakers and Chess Players, are successful across many domains. The attributes of courage, discipline and strategic planning are transferrable to all activities and prepare students for challenges way beyond the school gates.

Sports Choices

Students will select their summer sports next Thursday 20 August. An explanation of all sports offered will be emailed to students and published on the Home page of the School website this Friday. Could I please encourage parents to discuss these choices with their child and contact the relevant Master in
Hawkesbury 2015 - We are full!!!

Due to the overwhelming response of parents and students to participate in the Hawkesbury Classic, we have got to a stage where we have too many people interested in paddling compared to the number of boats available.

We will allocate the boats to people who have returned their expression of interest form on time, followed by allocating to those in order of submission, until we run out of kayaks.

There are a number of things that will need to be booked soon, so please keep checking Team App (Kayaking - The Armidale School) and RSVP to events whether you are going to attend or not, as well as adding extra numbers if you are booking for others.

Accommodation is ready to be booked and there will be a bus seat booking to also respond to as soon as possible.

Please contact me if you are not able to access Team App. Please also ensure if you are considering doing land crew for paddlers that you add yourself to the app as you will get information that is different to the paddlers at times.

Mr Tim Wheaton
0410 920 106

State Junior Development Camp – Armidale

A State Junior Development Camp will be held in Armidale, NSW on 4-6 September. The camps are open to all junior MTBers aged between 12 and 17 years old in the current calendar year, while riders outside this age range can apply for special consideration.

The purpose of the camp is to provide access to a coached environment for entry and intermediate level riders, as well as to promote MTB as a safe and fun activity.

The camp will also help to provide a consistent pathway for the development of junior MTB athletes aspiring to compete in MTB events.

Please visit the registration page HERE

FOOTBALL

Old Boys’ Weekend

There will be a number of fixtures held at TAS this weekend.

The Third XI vs TAS Dads (11.15am at Adamsfield) replaces the Old Boys’ vs Students football match. It is set to be quite a match and all support is welcome.

This will be followed by the Second XI at 1.00pm and First XI at 3.00pm, both at Adamsfield. All support is welcome.

Upcoming Deferred Matches

Please be aware of the following games to be played next week:

Second XI have a catch up game against DK - Rologas 1, Tuesday 18 August, 6.15pm kick off.

First XI have a catch up game against DK - Rologas 1, Thursday 20 August, 6.15pm kick off.

TAS 16As vs Norths Quokkas - Wednesday 19 August 4.15pm kick off, TAS Adamsfield

This Week’s Fixtures

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

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football
**St Joseph’s College v TAS Rugby Fixtures and Old Boys’ Weekend**

**August 14 and 15, 2015**

**Friday 14th August**

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City 2 Surf 2015

It says something about the character of these young men from TAS, when 79 of them (33 per cent of Years 9-11) accepted the 14km challenge of the City to Surf, which was run in Sydney on Sunday. That most had played rugby or football just moments before they got on the bus, for yet another trip to Sydney. That despite being over 500km from the race start, TAS had what is believed to be the largest school team competing in Sydney.

The City to Surf has now become part of the TAS landscape. It is one of the most iconic events in Australia, and this year drew over 80,000 participants. The TAS contingent was by far our largest ever, requiring two coaches to transport the team to Sydney. A total of 79 boys, two Dads, one Old Boy and two staff lined up early on Sunday morning to take on the challenge of this famous race.

The first students across the line were Jack Boydell and Sam Tullie (both in 1:02:57) followed closely by Saxon Hughes (1:03:36) and Nicholas Makeham (1:04:34). All up there were 12 runners under 70min, which is a fantastic achievement, and all finished comfortably under two hours. For Jack Boydell, Jim Orr and Brett Kelly-Wirth, this was their third City to Surf in a row, whilst Will Brissett, Lukas Cook, Lachlan Cruickshank, Jordan Frahm, Robert Hann, Saxon Hughes, Joe Kingham, Jock McMaster, Henry Perrottet, Jack Parker, Jack Radford, Harry Tombs, Sam Tullie, Brough Whibley, PJ Woodburn and Charlie Wyatt have all now ‘doubled-up’. Quite simply an outstanding achievement by these young men.

The City to Surf is a great medium to highlight the performances of those students who excel outside of the mainstream schoolboy sporting fraternity. They are not afraid to step out of the traditional realm, rather they seek challenges which then encourages their peers to also do so. The ever increasing numbers chasing the Triple Crown highlights this fact.

Mr James Pennington
Final Note - Year 12 Music performances

We are looking forward to our Year 12 Music students performing next week at the ‘Final Note’ Concert on Tuesday 18 August in the TAS Hoskins Centre Theatre. This showcase of HSC Music will be held at 7:15pm, after the HSC Visual Arts Exhibition ‘Masterstroke’. Harry Wright, Harry Williams, Cal Hunter and Rob Butcher will each perform a selection of their HSC repertoire at ‘Final Note’.

‘Final Note’ is free and everyone is welcome to come along and support our HSC students. We hope to see you there.

AMEB Examinations come to a close

The Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) practical examinations have concluded for another year in Armidale. Please send through AMEB results to Mrs Broadbent by email, sbroadbe@as.edu.au, as we would like to publish our students’ results in next weeks TAS Talks.

Disney Peter Pan JR Auditions

There has been much excitement in Junior School since the announcement that we are staging Disney Peter Pan JR next term. Auditions are commencing this week and we have a large number of students who are trying out for the many and varied roles. Any student still wishing to audition can speak to Mrs Broadbent or Mrs Evans to ask for an audition time.

TAS Big Band Rehearsals

TAS Big Band is busy rehearsing for our upcoming Ensemble night on Thursday 27 August and Passing Out Parade on Friday 11 September. Mr Dunham and Mrs Butcher would like to remind all Big Band members about rehearsals on Monday afternoons from 3:45pm - 5:00pm. Every member of Big Band needs to be in attendance each week in order to rehearse for these big events and to get the pieces to the highest standard.

Bass Guitar Donation - Robbie Oppenheimer

Thank you to Old Boy Robbie Oppenheimer who recently donated a five string Bass guitar to the TAS Music Centre. We are very appreciative of this donation and look forward to hearing this beautiful instrument being played in our TAS Bands.

Organ Concert (Please add Flyer)

Mr Warwick Dunham will be showcasing the magnificent TAS Organ with the recently installed pipes at a concert on Saturday at 1:30pm as part of Old Boys’ Weekend. This will be an opportunity for Old Boys and the TAS Community to hear one of Australia’s finest organists and to hear the full range of our beautiful Organ. Warwick will also accompany young treble Jasper O’Neil (Year 4) and Old Boy Will Smith on Trumpet. Mr Dunham has started teaching Organ at TAS and his student Sam Thatcher (Year 10) will also perform at this event. This is a concert not to be missed and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Leanne Roobol
Head of Music
Half Way - though no less busy

The days are longer, occasionally threatening to become warmer and the wattle trees, foolishly I suspect, are ‘beginning golden’: in their combination these facts suggest that winter is beginning to lose its hold and, of this I am sure, that at the end of this week, the term will have reached its half way mark.

All is well with us. On the whole, most boys are settled, very busy with their Term 3 sporting commitments and working sensibly on assignments and formal assessment tasks. Boarders’ prep also continues productively.

By the time this reaches you, Middle School students will have participated in a good number of away trips in a range of sports – and have hosted other schools at TAS. This last weekend, for example, saw them looking after and competing against their counterparts from The Kings School. Middle School boarding has reached the 70 mark at the moment, so visitors to the school make it a very busy place. Clearly these ‘events’ are popular and most students from each of the Middle School year groups are involved in them. Such events provide balance in their co-curricular lives and complement such activities as debating and public speaking. These, by the way, are beginning to ‘ramp up’ as well.

Clothing and Behavior

It is important that you are aware of issues that concern your boys in their daily interactions with one another. Uniforms, as well you know, are expensive. It’s an unfortunate fact of life in school communities that, from time to time, items of clothing will go missing or worse, are damaged.

This is a cause for concern for everyone. For staff it’s amazingly frustrating. Please support us by telling the boys to: look after their clothing; make sure that blazers and so on, when they’re not being worn, are put into a special place; that, whilst it’s kind to allow others to borrow clothes, in the long run this may not be good policy; that the current owner’s name must appear clearly on clothes and, in the case of blazers, this name should appear in a number of places.

Largely, we’re dealing with teenage boys: appropriate language in the grounds is a priority as much as it is anywhere else around the School. Ours is an amazing language and it when it is used, the user needs to be aware that it ‘tells’ something about him. Swearing and thoughtless behaviours are an issue at the moment and it’s time for tougher measures to be taken when these occur. Again, in our next Staff Meeting I’m going to advise duty staff to deal with it ‘on the spot’ and, using their professional judgment, to send any boy who swears or who behaves inappropriately to sit outside the Office for the duration of Morning Break, or the half lunch ‘down time’. Certainly, I’ve spoken to the boys about appropriate language and behavior and this ‘out’ time should not come as a surprise to any offender. There are occasions when we, as adults, have to ‘hold our tongue’ and it’s time that these adolescent boys learnt the ‘skill’. I’m feeling better now I’ve written this. The uniform, behavior and language issues are concerns for all staff and the more we (parents and staff) are working together the greater will be our overall success in assisting students to do the right thing by others and themselves.

Please remember that the above is an ongoing matter that has its ‘peaks’ in relation to each of the matters discussed. On the whole, all is well with us.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
I am very excited to be back at school having had the wonderful opportunity while on leave to travel and be with family overseas. While there is no doubting that it may take a while to acclimatise, the welcome I received on my returning was heart warming. It’s good to be back, and I have enjoyed catching up on all the news and plans for the future. I would like to thank all the Junior School staff for their support throughout this time, but especially Mrs Christine Wright who stepped into the acting Head of JS position with such calm professionalism. I am always impressed by the feedback I receive as a result of the fantastic job she does.

**Tezukayama visit**

As the date approached for the arrival of our visitors from Japan, I thank Allan Moore for the thorough planning and organisation for this complex week and we will be posting the itinerary and other information for the visit on the Junior School website.

I would like to bring to your attention the flyer advertising the Social/Disco that will be held on the evening of Thursday August 20, at the Memorial Hall at TAS. This is always a great night and we encourage all our families to come along to the appropriate session for what will be, I am sure, a very exciting time for all!

**Peter Pan – 27 & 28 November**

With auditions progressing and excitement building in Junior School, I am very pleased to see that we will be performing a musical next term. Already the students are talking, planning and preparing for what will be a fantastic opportunity for every student to perform. This production, from Disney and part of the Broadway Junior Collection, comes with a wealth of material that our teachers will be including in classrooms as well as on stage.

Why a musical? Well, musicals are fun. The opportunities for personal development through collaboration, overcoming challenges and conquering fears are enormous. Whether your role is to assist with set making, managing behind the scenes, participation in the chorus or playing a lead, every person involved has the chance to participate. Our thanks got to the Creative Arts department, especially Mrs Leasa Cleaver and Leanne Roobol who will be leading this production.

**Looking Ahead**

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Happy Birthday Wishes
This week we wish a very happy birthday to the following student:

Henry Taylor & Marcus Hempel.

Absentees & Leave Request
It is a Board of Studies requirement that all absentees are explained. An email or a phone call from parents explaining the absence of their child is required on the day of their illness. If illness extends four consecutive days, a medical certificate should be sent to the 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, although we do need notification) Application forms for exemption from attendance are on the school website and must be emailed to junior@as.edu.au or handed in to the Junior School Office for approval by the Head of Junior School.

Jump Rope for Heart
Heart Foundation 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.

NCIS Athletics
With a large contingent of our school away today in Coffs Harbour, it is a good opportunity to congratulate all our athletes for the time and effort they give towards competing at this high level of competition. Many of these students have recently competed at our local PSSA championships, and these results are expected soon. The challenge of these competitions itself, is worthy of mention and having seen the quality of the events, the total experience is a very valuable one. I would like to thank Mrs Christine Wright for her organisation for and preparation of the students and I look forward to hearing about their successes on their return.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

TAS Tigers VS Walcha Giants
We had an interesting game at Walcha on Saturday. The Tigers were down two players and so were the Walcha Giants. We started the game with three players each. During the first half of the game, one of the players went off not feeling well. It was up to Tom Rowe and Mitchell Evans to keep the game alive. This was working out well until Mitchell Evans was winded by one of Tom Rowe’s many giant kicks.

Although unwell, Euan Billingsley graciously went back on to the field to support his team. It was wonderful to watch his improved defensive and marking skills. Near the end of the game we had all three players back on field. However, today was not our day. We lost 4-1.

Ms Lana Hawksford

Netball Report - 8/8/15
The glorious weather on Saturday certainly made for a pleasant netball afternoon. Both teams were depleted due to illness and other commitments so with no subs, all the girls played a full game. In the SET division the Sandon Stars played Uralla. Millie Coupland had a great game for the Stars, moving well around the court, passing accurately and defending strongly. The Stars have a bye on Saturday, 15 August. Their final hit out for the season will be a round robin followed by a presentation on Saturday, 22 August. The Sparkles met Ben Venue Randoms in what was a fast, seesawing match with both teams hungry for a win. Sparkles played very well, putting into action many of the moves practised at training. Casey Smith had a great game, working tirelessly for her team and scoring two goals to top it off. Sparkles play PLC again on Saturday at the later time of 2:40pm.

Mrs Anne Trenerry
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We want to remind you that TAS Junior School is participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Year 5 has formed a committee and we will be giving our Junior School family’s regular updates. Each family has also received an Operation Christmas Child brochure, which will inform you about this community service project.

If possible, we would like each family to contribute to this worthy cause and help to make other children as happy as we are at Christmas time.

What to Bring:

You are required to bring in a wrapped shoe box—but please keep the lid wrapped separately from the base. It is really important you determine if your gifts will be for a boy or a girl and what age group your gifts will be suitable for. There is a slip to cut from the brochure to stick onto your lid.

Inside your shoebox you are to place (unwrapped) something:

• to love
• to wear
• for personal hygiene
• for school
• to play with
• special

Please do not include objects that are liquid—including toothpaste, food or lollies of any kind. All items are to be new and unbreakable. Objects that have a religious value, or are of a racial or political nature, are not to be included.

Each box also requires $9 to cover the cost of postage. Please place this at the top of your box in an envelope.

This year the boxes will be going to Vanuatu.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Date: Week 7, Friday 28 August.
PYP - Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring their new Unit of Inquiry in a truly transdisciplinary manner. They have been exploring the Transdisciplinary Theme- How We Express Ourselves with an inquiry into ‘Puppetry is a creative art form through which people tell stories, express themselves and entertain’. They showcased an impressive insight into this unit at the Junior School class last week.

The students have explored different types of puppets, discussed how puppets have been used in different cultures world wide to tell stories, investigated how puppets are used to express feelings and finally experimented with the use of light and sound to convey information in carefully scripted and presented puppet plays.

What makes this unit of inquiry transdisciplinary? How does it transcend disciplines and incorporate a range of subjects? It explores many aspects of English and History as students have been actively engaged in listening to stories and then progressed to writing scripts based on traditional dreamtime stories. These scripts have been drafted, proofed and edited and finally published as a recorded script using garage band. Creative Arts outcomes have been addressed as students have researched a range of puppets from around the world and then designed and created their own puppets. They also had to create suitable backgrounds for their backdrops using watercolours. Science concepts have been addressed through exploration of sources of light and the role played by light when telling a story using shadow puppets. The students have also had to use a range of materials and explore how these can change be and used for a different purpose such as a puppet.

The students have certainly gained a lot form this unit and would love to share their puppets with you if you have the time to call into the Year 2 room for a visit.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC)

The children registered for the PRC have been busy over the first four weeks of this term doing lots of reading which is wonderful to see!

Please be aware that there are only two more weeks left of the PRC – this week and next week. I would like all completed reading logs to be handed into the library by Friday 21 August which is the end of Week 6. This will allow us to enter your books and have your reading logs validated before the cut off date. If you have finished now, please bring your reading log with you to your Library lesson and give it to Mrs Allan, Mrs Ramazani or myself.

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

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

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Janine Ranck
PRC Coordinator
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