Old Boys’ Weekend

The opportunity to welcome Old Boys back to the School is always a pleasure. Having hundreds of past students on campus again, from a handful of 2014 leavers and the 5 year reunion through to the big reunions for the various decades right through to the 60+ year leavers, is a highlight of the TAS calendar and last weekend did not disappoint. In sparkling New England weather the activities began on Friday evening with debating between the 20 year leavers and the School and continued on Saturday with shooting, tennis, chess, hockey, football and finally the traditional tug-o-war. All these competitions come together under the Croft Cup and this year the result rested on the tug-o-war as the decider. I congratulate the Old Boys’ Union on using their considerable weight advantage well this year and securing the cup.

The weekend was greatly enhanced of course by the visit from St Joseph’s for rugby across all ages. TAS and Joey’s have been competing in rugby since their first encounter at the Sydney Agricultural Grounds (the old Showground) in 1921 and I was very pleased to see the good sportsmanship and camaraderie that has been the hallmark of matches between the schools continue last weekend. It is always a pleasure to have St Joseph’s at TAS and I thank all their staff and players for travelling and staying with us.

Old Boys’ Weekend is not just about sport though. It is an opportunity for some to see the School for the first time in many years and for all to catch up with old mates and relive their memories. For our most senior Old Boys (those over 70), this was at lunch in Big School as an impressive gathering of 55 members of the Belltower Society enjoyed the company of others with similar memories and welcomed their new patron, Sir Owen Croft. Having generations of Old Boys around the School is good for our current students too, as they recognise that they are part of something bigger than their generation alone and that those who have gone before remain interested in them today.

Co-education Expo

As our Director of Development reports later in this edition of TAS Talks, the much publicised co-education expo last Thursday evening was a great success, with hundreds taking advantage of the opportunity to hear from our staff about plans for this big change next year. It was hugely encouraging at every level and I offer thanks to all involved, from our visitors to staff on the booths and the dynamic and energetic teams in the Development Office and Hoskins Centre who were the driving force behind it.
Tezukayama

As all in our Junior School will know, our visitors from Tezukayama Gakuin are now with us and I wish all our Japanese friends, both students and teachers, well for a wonderful week of activities. Our relationship with Tezukayama is now over 20 years old and it has been a consistently rich and rewarding one, providing a cultural connection that is very difficult to simulate in a classroom.

Special thanks are due to the families who are billeting the Tez children this week. The experience of staying with a generous and caring family while in a foreign country far from home and dealing with a foreign language will be one that lasts with them for years to come and may well shape their impression of Australia for a lifetime.

AgQuip

TAS will be on show at AgQuip this week, both at our new stand to meet past, current and prospective families and, for our Agriculture and Primary Industries students, around the show learning what is happening in agriculture in our region. For those who will be at AgQuip on Thursday, our students will be serving steak sandwiches at the Poll Hereford stand and I can thoroughly recommend them.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

Week 6

18 – 20 August  AgQuip
18 – 23 August  Tezukayama School, Japan visit Junior School
Saturday 22 August  Rugby v Sydney Grammar School in Sydney

Week 7

Monday 24 August  HSC Practical Drama performances
24-25 August  Science & Engineering Challenge State Finals (Year 10 top Science class)
Tuesday 25 August  TAS Board meeting
26 – 28 August  da Vinci Decathlon at TAS
Thursday 27 August  6.30pm TAS at Twilight Ensemble Hoskins Centre
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 Combined Chapel Service and Dinner at NEGS
Thursday 3 September  NECOM ‘Walk through the Orchestra’
Friday 4 September  Year 6-8 Social at PLC Year 9/10 Social at NEGS
Sunday 6 September  TAS Service at St Peters
3 – 9 September  Year 11 End of Course Exams

Week 9

Thursday 10 September  4.00 pm Junior Hockey Presentation & Afternoon Tea 6pm TAS Hockey Club Presentation and Senior Dinner - Hoskins Centre Foyer
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
Years 9 and 10 2016 subject choices

All students should have now entered their subject preferences for 2016 online. Students and parents will receive the timetabled lines for the following year and new login details by the end of Week 9.

The Stage 5 Year 9/10 Academic Program book can be accessed on the TAS website.

Final choices will then be submitted (1st, 2nd & 3rd preferences in each line) by the end of Week 1.

Students and parents will be notified of their final elective allocation for the following year by the end of Term 4.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6776 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

Year 11 2016 subject choices

An email containing information regarding Year 11 2016 subject choices has been sent to parents and students with your access webcore.

The Stage 6 11/12 Academic Program book can be accessed on the TAS website. Students need to have entered their preference online by Monday 24 August.

All students will be notified of their initial subject allocation by the end of Week 2 in Term 4.

Potential Trade students should enter subjects that meet the full requirements of an HSC in case they are not successful in gaining employment. Hence, they do not enter subjects like English Studies and IBL as they are specific to the trade program. Mrs Wark will then speak with each of the potential Trade boys to determine what their subject selections will be if they are chosen to be part of the 2016 program.

If you did not receive the email or have trouble accessing the website please contact Mrs Vickey O’Brien on 6775 5806 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) 2015

The NCCD is being phased in over a three year period. 2015 is the first year that all Australian schools are participating.

*You can choose if you want your child’s information to be included in the data collection or not.

* No names or identifying information are collected as part of the collection process.

Once this data has been collated, our school will de-identify the data so that no student names are captured before providing it to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

There is a letter from the Headmaster attached to this TAS Talks with further information and a section for parents to complete if you wish your child NOT to be included in this collection of data. Click HERE to view letter.

Year 12 Information

Mr Taylor and Mrs Wark held a meeting with Year 12 on Monday 17 August about UAC, School Recommendation Scheme and other early entry options. This meeting included a presentation from Steph Lowe at UNE about their Direct Entry Scheme. In this meeting all students received a UAC guide and had access to other information. Any further queries are to be directed to Mr Taylor.

Please CLICK HERE for information and a checklist for year 12 students applying through UAC.

Applications for tertiary study in 2015-16 opened on Wednesday 5 August. Students will receive their UAC PIN in the mail early August. They will need their Year 12 student number (issued by BOSTES) and their UAC PIN to apply. Once they have entered their contact details they will receive their UAC Application Number. They will need this number and their PIN to make any changes to their application and check their ATAR and offers. Students should keep these numbers in a safe place.

The processing charge for on-time applications is $32. Students should apply by the on-time closing date of Wednesday 30 September 2015.
US Universities visiting Sydney

Please find attached information on the visit to Sydney of five leading US universities – Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, Northwestern and Princeton.

They will be holding two information sessions for interested students and parents on 2 September hosted by Cranbrook School and 3 September hosted by MLC Burwood.

This is a great opportunity to hear directly from the admissions officers about their university and the US undergraduate application process.

Please feel free to share this with your students. Thank you!

Session #1: Wednesday 2 September, 2015
5:15 for 5:30-7:30pm
Cranbrook School
War Memorial Hall
5 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill
Enter via gates on New South Head Road and Wolseley Road

Book your seats at: https://ugadmission.northwestern.edu/register/sydney15

Session #2: Thursday 3 September, 2015
5:15 for 5:30-7:30pm
MLC School
Level 3, ILC Centre
Rowley Street, Burwood

Book your seats at: https://ugadmission.northwestern.edu/register/sydneytwo15

The following link will take to the careers page where you can download the flyer for the proposed visit.

http://wordpress.as.edu.au/careers/2015/08/14/us-universities-visit-to-sydney/

University of Canberra: Personalised Course Guide

The University of Canberra recently launched its new online personalised course guide website. We’re excited that students can now easily access and personalise the course information they want to see. Students simply visit the webpage, choose the study area or specific course they are interested in, fill in their contact details and we send a personalised course guide in pdf format to their email address.

The guide also includes information about our University and students can choose to include more detailed information on accommodation, scholarships, studying abroad and more. We hope this will be a fun and easy way for students to get the information they want without having to read through long hard-copy brochures or navigate unfamiliar websites. We look forward to your feedback and hope it is also a useful tool for you as a career advisor. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you require any further information, I am more than happy to help you!

Kind regards,
Emma Burns
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Web: canberra.edu.au
HSC Trials are over and students in Year 12 now have information about what they need to attend to over the next seven weeks. Information is the data upon which we can base our thoughts and work out our responses. Without data, we can fall into distortions, impressions, prejudices, assumptions, subjective bias and so on. Waiting for information to emerge can tax us in various ways, giving rise to increased anxiety and insecurity. When we have information it helps to alleviate anxiety because we know what we are facing in reality.

Anxiety consists of the stories we tell ourselves about the way we imagine things will unfold. We make them negative, disastrous or catastrophic. It takes us away from the here and now and the fact that we cannot control outcomes. Focusing instead on what we can participate in brings us back to the here and now and the process we are involved in. In this process we can commit to ‘giving things our best shot’. And that is what people in Year 12 can do now.

On This Day…

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

On this day not so long ago, in fact only a week has passed since that moment of great poignancy and gravitas. Yes, I speak of Toaks’ rousing speech and presentation of awards, amongst other things. For those of you who were unable to attend, please let me recap. After handing out some HSIE awards, Mr Toakley rebutted the claim that these awards are easy to achieve, and of course no one present thought they were, most of us haven’t received such awards. Besides, we would certainly not want to degrade the achievements of those many boys who have been carefully and lovingly steered towards geographical excellence by those dwelling in the upper echelons of the school (upper Fisher Wing). Of course these awards are of note! However, through what has since been reported as a “misunderstanding”, Mr O’Connell’s results, I thought seemed quite reasonable. Yet, with the chastisement that only the head of HSIE can bring down, he presented Mr O’Connell with a “Geography Brain”, to assist with future endeavours of this type.

Well, most of you know this much. What you may not be aware of is the ensuing frenzy of “brain” giving that has occurred amongst the staff over the following days. Miss Robins gave us all a maths brain, not sure what to do with it, we all popped it in the draw until such time when its usefulness is known; Chet gave us all maintenance brains… so we can complete those much needed tasks; we received French brains, Japanese brains, science brains… (a little larger than most, and dripping with formaldehyde), PE brains (looked suspiciously like a tennis ball), and so on it went.

But of course this is all nonsense. The beauty of a school, its teachers, students and all who make up the complex community have different gifts and abilities. These differences help us to function as a whole. When Paul wrote his letter to the Corinthians he was urging them to take seriously the notion that the body (in this case the community of followers of Jesus) is made up of many parts, none more important than the other, all different, but equally vital for proper functioning. How much more then, as a school who’s foundation is Christian should this apply to us, we don’t need each other’s ‘brains’, we need to see how our own fits to help the whole, to honour this Christ who’s name we bear.
THANK YOU to all the parents and friends who helped in any way with the Rugby home games this season. Your time and donations of goodies to sell have helped to raise funds to be distributed across our school and your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

FOR SALE

We have excess stock of PowerAde that we would like to sell. Boxes of 12 bottles are available for just $25! Please phone Rachael Nicoll on 0418 980 662 or email nicolfamily1@gmail.com.

Great for sports teams etc

CALENDAR NOTES

TAS @ DUSK

The inaugural TAS @ Dusk will be held on Saturday 7 November, and there will be a special planning meeting next Wednesday 26 August at 7pm - so that we can get things really moving along for this exciting new event.

Puddings 2015

It’s time to cook up a storm at TAS. Please hold the dates Saturday 17 October for the cooking of the amazing TAS Christmas Pudding and/or Sunday 18 October for wrapping them. This is a fun time and a great way to meet other parents, and I encourage people to come and help. All cooks, sous chefs, general dogs bodies and anybody else who wishes to help is welcome. A thank you for all the help through the year regarding the rugby weekends.

TAS @ DUSK – prize donations

Although at this stage I’m not revealing details, I would like to send a big thank you to those who have come forward with offers of prizes for a giant raffle to be drawn at TAS @ Dusk. Your generosity is welcomed and your P&F Executive look forward to working with you on this!

If anyone else in our wider school community has ideas or contacts for some super prizes to be included, please do contact me via email as soon as possible – suecart@uow.edu.au
AgQuip 2015

Students from Years 9-11 agriculture and primary industries will again be attending AgQuip 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 barbecue 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 have been approved through the DHM (Mr Alan Jones) 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.
There has been much activity from the Development Office over the past week and it gives me great pleasure to report on it all and to let you know what events we have coming up on the calendar.

Co-ed Expo

Last Thursday afternoon in the Hoskins Foyer, over 250 people from afar afield as Sydney and Brisbane attended our first Co-ed Expo which we hoped would give our community of current and prospective parents a better insight into the plans for a fully co-ed TAS from 2016.

Our dedicated and passionate teaching staff were there en masse to talk about their areas of expertise and interest; academic offerings, support and initiatives, sporting programs and pathways, leadership opportunities, Round Square exchanges, creative arts and music, lifesaving, cadets … the list goes on. This format allowed our visitors to speak directly to our staff and collect specific information from each booth and have their specific questions answered in detail. The new prospectus was also distributed to those interested in a TAS education for their son or daughter from next year.

With the launch of the new TAS girls’ uniform, a visionary presentation from the Headmaster and a number of school tours, it is definitely a format we will repeat again!
Old Boys’ Weekend

The day after Co-ed Expo we opened our gates for our annual Old Boys Weekend, which by all measures was an outstanding success with more attendees at many events than we have ever witnessed.

The weekend is planned on a date when we have a GPS rugby fixture at the school, and added to that is the cornucopia of activities that are held for the enjoyment of our alumni who return to the school for their reunions. It is a weekend that involves the whole TAS community – the Old Boys Union, Rugby Supporters Group, P&F, Foundation, parents, teaching staff and boys.

Events began on Friday with lunch and an Ambrose golf competition followed by a hilarious School vs Old Boys debate (the School won!) and the official welcome and opening of Old Boys weekend. Saturday was awash with sporting activities which included the inaugural Moffatt Family Shield for Hockey, the TAS Dads/Old Boys v TAS 3rd XI Football game (an ADFA competition match) and the Tug-o-War. TAS won the shooting and chess - meaning the Old Boys retained the Croft Cup, 4-3.

Added to this sporting bonanza was the Bell Tower brunch with over 60 of our more senior Old Boys enjoying each other’s company over a slow breakfast, a stunning organ and musical concert in Memorial Hall and school tours aplenty.

With the historic Sulman building and Memorial Hall bathed in blue light thanks to the technical wizardry of Anthony Carlon and Will Forsyth, around 160 Old Boys and guests attended the annual OBU Dinner in the Dining Hall on Saturday night. The guest of honour was Old Boy Robert Aisi (1970-75) the outgoing Papua New Guinea Ambassador to the UN whose very moving speech and reflection on his education and life, lead to a spontaneous standing ovation.

The Old Boys chapel service was one of the best supported for many years, and the weekend wrapped up with the OBU AGM, at which current parent Graham MacDougall was elected president and outgoing president Mark Berry thanked for his time at the helm.

Girls’ Day In

The next event in our planning toward co-education is our highly anticipated Girls’ Day In event on Monday 31 August. Girls and their families who are interested in a TAS education are invited to the school for lunch and an afternoon of activities to meet each other and become more familiar with the school.

For more information or to RSVP call Pip Warrick 0428 414 995 on or email her on pwarrick@as.edu.au
Getting the Balance Right

A Balanced Diet is essential to our general health and wellbeing. In the same way a healthy work – play balance ensures that we are physically, mentally, socially and emotionally equipped to function day to day.

Balance is not only a matter of proportion but also distribution. I am constantly aware of the juggling act performed by active students and our programs are always aimed at providing a variety of opportunities within a manageable structure. We aim to spread activities throughout the week to avoid excess stress at any one point in time.

The TAS model is simple in theory

• All students select one FULL sport that involves two training sessions during the week and competition on the weekend (preferably Saturday)
• Monday afternoons are reserved for Creative Arts and Wednesday evening for Chapel.
• A Strength and Conditioning program is available to all students to supplement and complement their existing sport.
• Students may select an extra sport so long as it doesn’t compromise their full sport. Eg. students may play cricket as their full sport and also compete in Triathlons on the odd Sunday.
• A student may take on extra challenges such as the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Training for these activities are usually scheduled to avoid clashes.
• Students involved in clubs tend to be smaller groups whose schedules are negotiated by its members.
• If there is an activity that TAS does not offer, students may seek approval to pursue their passion, provided that it is consistent with the School philosophy.

In practice there are some elements outside our control. We cannot always dictate the scheduling of competition or the availability of facilities. However, in the same way that we don’t need to always have a roast on Sundays, we can be flexible with our training schedule so long as we get the balance right.

Senior and Middle School students will select their summer sports this Thursday. If you have not yet had the opportunity to view these choices please click on the link: http://www.as.edu.au/life-at-tas/co-curricular/sport/tas-sport/

TAS Boys Get Better With Age

It was a pleasure welcoming so many Old Boys back to TAS over the weekend. The weather could not have been kinder and the School looked a picture. The Students battled against the Old Boys in Debating, Shooting, Tennis, Chess, Hockey, Football and Tug-o-war. The Old Boys took out the honours with a 4-3 victory, proving the old adage, that TAS Boys get better with age.
RUGBY – TAS v GRAMMAR
22 August 2015

**Travel:** by Oxley & Edwards Coaches.
Departure times from TAS front of school Friday 21 August:
- BUS 5 (Oxley TV5803) - 12s & 13s: 1.30pm
- BUS 4 (Edwards) - 14s & 16As: 1.45pm
- BUS 3 (Oxley TV6968) - 15s: 2.00pm
- BUS 1 (Oxley 7192MO) - Opens: 2.15pm

Return – TAS front of school approx. 10 pm Saturday 22 August.
(Actual departure time will be published on Team APP).

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**Accommodation:** *(nb. a swag/sleeping bag and pillow will be required at all venues)*
- 12’s & 13’s: SHORE Boatshed
- 14s: St. Joseph’s College Gym
- 15’s: Sydney Grammar Boatshed
- 16’s: St. Joseph’s College Gym
- OPENS: Sydney High Boat Shed

**Meals:** Dinners on route, breakfast at venue, lunch at Weigall Oval.

**Dress:** 12s – 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.
Flames and Minions inspire young speakers

What do fire, the rock band Kiss, an old map of the world and a Minion animated movie character have in common? They were all used as inspiration for speeches delivered by students in the Middle School inter-house public speaking competition held last Tuesday.

While some took their source material literally, others used lateral thinking to come up with a topic that may have seemed only vaguely associated with the random image they were given.

Students were given four days to prepare, with their four-to-six minute speeches delivered in front of all of Middle School’s Years 6-8 students. Fire was the source material for Tim Cimino representing Croft House; Archie Graesser of Abbott House had a photo of the rock band Kiss, Henry O’Neil for Green House had a British Empire map of the world, Tyrrell House’s Josh Jones was given a Minion, and an image of a mask was the inspiration for Heath Chandler, representing Ross. Unfortunately Jacob Fernandez was unable to be present on the day to give a speech based on books, for Broughton House.

After a close contest, Tim Cimino was declared the winner with an address that focused on the dichotomy of fire as both a life giver and destroyer.

Adjudicator Mark Harrison, Head of Middle School, praised the students for their delivery, anunciation and content.

The competition earnt points for the Clemson Cup for inter-house public speaking and debating; the senior school competition will be held next week.

Mr Tim Hughes

A speech on fire delivered Tim Cimino the TAS Middle School public speaking title on 12 August.
UMPIRE LAWS TRAINING COURSE - ARMIDALE

12th & 13th September 2015

Presented by

Cricket NSW Darren Goodger

Venue: Cricket House
      Armidale Sports Ground

Session Times
Saturday 12th 9.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday 13th 9.00am – 2.30pm

Cost – includes all catering for weekend
NSWCUSA Members  FREE
Non Members  $40.00
Payment to be made to Armidale District Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association.

The Training Course on the Laws of Cricket will be facilitated by Darren Goodger from NSW Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association (NSWCUSA).

The course is targeted for prospective umpires, team captains and players, club officials, coaches and team managers. Umpiring is open to men and women of all ages and stages in life. If you want to be an umpire, and make a contribution to cricket, there is a place for you umpiring Australia’s favourite sport in one of our many competitions.

If you would like to register for this Umpire Training Course, please contact Armidale Umpires Association Secretary Alan Hollebrandse (M) 0432 158 066, hollies3@bigpond.com

Nominations Close: Friday 28th August 2015 (Min 10 participants required to make course viable)

Umpiring is a great way to stay involved in the game, as many will tell you “it is the best seat in the house!” And it’s a fantastic way to meet fellow cricket lovers and make new friends.
TAS Firsts Hockey vs Old Boys

Following their win in the 2014 inaugural Old Boys Hockey match, the TAS young guns knew that they would be in for a solid contest once again this year. Played at a more civilised 9.45am on Saturday, the conditions were at their best with beautiful clear skies and a splashing of sun. The quality of hockey was equally fantastic, as was evident from the starting whistle with both teams having a number of chances.

It could be said that TAS were unlucky not to have converted in the first half, but the shots at goal were lacking some of their usual sting and Old Boys keeper Sebastian Hempel was well and truly on his game. In attack the Old Boys were on song and despite some tenacious defence from our backs, the scoreboard was ticking over in the Old Boys favour without challenge well into the second half.

Following a nasty accident in the TAS defensive circle, where back Robert Hann was hit in the forehead by a swinging stick, resulting in five stitches after a long wait in Armidale Hospital casualty, the TAS strikers seemed to get a second wind. With two comeback goals form Jonathon Chamberlain and Sam Behrend respectively, a shift in the game was evident as the clock was winding down, but unfortunately for the TAS boys there were just not enough minutes left in the shorter 50 minute format.

Perhaps in 2016 a regular 70 minute Friday night challenge may help the younger boys to swing the advantage in their favour. Regardless, the Old Boys were deserved winners of the brand new Moffatt Shield which now stands at two victories to nil.

Many thanks to umpires Mike Ball and David Simmons and the many spectators who came out to support this fantastic event.

Mr Alex Portell
MUSIC MATTERS

Last Night's Final Note Concert

How wonderful to see such a large crowd at our HSC Art and Music Showcases last night! Congratulations to TAS HSC music students - Robert Butcher, Calliden Hunter, Harry Williams and Harry Wright who performed a selection of their HSC repertoire for the appreciative audience. They have been working very hard towards their HSC final performance examinations coming up in Week 9!

Thank you to Accompanists Warwick Dunham, Wendy Griffiths, Nick Negerevich, Matt Nolan and David van Tongeren for your commitment to excellence with our HSC students. Many thanks also to those TAS musicians who are performing in various ensembles for our HSC student assessments.

Outstanding AMEB Results for 2015!

Congratulations to the students below who received the following results in their recent AMEB examinations

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Please keep sending through AMEB results to Mrs Broadbent by email, sbroadbe@as.edu.au, as we would like to publish more results in next week’s TAS Talks.

TAS Ensembles Rehearsal Reminder

Our ensembles are busy rehearsing for TAS @ Twilight next week and also Passing Out Parade on Friday 11 September. A reminder to all members of TAS ensembles that you are required to attend all rehearsals. We need a full band in attendance to prepare properly for upcoming performances. Attendance rolls are being taken each week so please put a reminder in for yourself to bring your instrument and make it to rehearsals on time. If you can’t make it to your rehearsal please email your conductor or the Music Administrator at sbroadbe@as.edu.au

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent

TAS @ Twilight - TAS Ensembles Concert next Thursday 27 August

The TAS Music Department team is very excited in anticipation of the inaugural ensembles night 'TAS @ Twilight' which is coming up next week. The concert will include all TAS Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles and students from right across all year levels at TAS. Year 12 HSC students will feature at the event along with our newest TAS ensembles. This event is free and open to all. This will be an exciting showcase of ensemble offerings and should not be missed...there are some nice surprises in store for our audience.

Be prepared to be entertained and delighted at the breadth and depth of talent at TAS!
It is at this time of the year that things come to a head for the HSC students in the Creative Arts. Tuesday saw the Master Stroke exhibition of the Visual Arts Body of Works, which are formally submitted this coming Monday (with our dedicated and talented students working hard adding the finishing touches over the coming days for that deadline). Immediately following Master Stroke was Final Note, a selection of items from all of our talented HSC Music students. These performers will have a final chance for a public audience at the coming TAS @ Twilight concert, so if you missed Final Note make sure to lock this one in as it guarantees to be a great display of our work in Music across the school. This coming Monday our HSC Drama students have their HSC Performance Exams in front of external markers and so we wish them the best for that important event.

The Middle School play The Lost Property Rules continues its rehearsals with a Week 10 performance goal. The TAS Junior School Musical has almost completed auditions for their production of Peter Pan, to be performed in Term 4, with rehearsals commencing once the cast has been announced. It is exciting to see students across the school being involved in so many productions and highlights the depth of talent that we enjoy here.

Lastly, this week the ‘Waterbirds Return as the Gwydir Floods’ photographic exhibition arrives in the Hoskins Foyer. This exhibition showcases and celebrates the Colonial Waterbird breeding event that occurred in the Gwydir Wetlands during the 2011/12 breeding season and features some stunning photographs of Australian landscapes and fauna. This will be the final showing of the exhibition, which has been on tour around the state since February 2014. On Friday 28 August there will be a formal ceremony in Hoskins launching the digital platform of the work in which the exhibition will continue to live on as. At this ceremony there will also be the launch of a traditional Aboriginal dance video put together by the local Clontarf Foundation. More information will be coming on this event through TAS Talks and the Hoskins Website and the TAS community is encouraged to come and be a part of this special event.
‘Tis the season

We’ve so many boys ‘out for the count’: boys away and staff who are looking a little ‘worse for wear’ – not so much from teaching and learning, but from running in the opposite direction to the ‘flu. But then flu is fast and furious and it’s intent on beating mere mortals. Do you notice, I wonder my penchant for cliché – yes, I have to be careful to be a little more creative. This week we have sunshine (a wonderful thing), and I’m sure, in time, it’ll provide greater warmth. We’re all looking forward to that ‘time’ – but in the meantime, we’re just going to have to manage things as best we can. If you’re the parent of a dayboy and he’s unwell, do him a favour and let him ‘lie low’ because battling the elements won’t make him feel much better. There’s the cliché again.

I only wrote the above heading to get your attention – still, it’s a better than ‘Keep your sick sons at home’ I reckon. Yes, it’s amazingly variable this weather and I guess this is the one aspect of an Armidale winter we should expect, regularly. Considering everything though, we’re managing remarkably well and life continues reasonably normally.

Old Boys’ Weekend

While boys of Middle School age don’t normally play a major role on such occasions, ours did present to the games and other activities this last weekend. They acquitted themselves well, too – especially, by virtue of geography, our boarding students. In terms of the concept of school spirit it is good, I think, that the activities of such a weekend allow them to witness, first hand, the attachment to and fondness for their school that former students have for TAS. Last Saturday’s Rugby matches, in particular, were very popular.

The weekend weather was brilliant too and there were really good numbers of Old Boys here. Also, it was interesting to note how interested so many of them were in the philosophy of Middle School, how it ‘works’ for us and, more importantly, for current students. People stopped me and asked me about my job – they were polite enough to stay around and listen, too.

Sports and Sundry Matters

As well you know, this term is a very busy one for all sports. The away games combine with home (game) commitments and thus far the boys are ‘holding their own’ really well. The term is flying by and there are only two more away game, at Grammar and Scots, over the next two weekends. Most students enjoy these opportunities to travel and the arrangements for such travel are carefully organized to have as little disruption as possible on their ‘other’ lives. I’m going to try hard to get to the final rugby games as the occasions are special ones. I think I’ve mentioned this before, but I seem to see as many parents at these games as I do at other organized activities at school requiring parental involvement. The boys are lucky indeed to have such supportive families. I do know they appreciate your active involvement in their sporting lives.

There are times of course when we should acknowledge individual achievements. For example, I was really happy last Thursday to adjudicate the Middle School Public Speaking event. The speeches were well prepared, carefully executed and very well received. Healthily, the speeches boasted day and boarding connections and I was pleased to give the final award to Tim Cimino (Croft) whose ability to develop concrete content into abstract and thoughtful connection made me very proud, indeed. You’d be proud of the boys’ achievements as well.
Monitors

It is with much pleasure that Middle School welcomes the following six new monitors for this Semester:

Tom Deshon, Nic Ward, Harry Mason, Jack Waters, Nick Corderoy and Tim Costello

Head Monitor Day Boy Henry O’Neil and Head Monitor Boarding Nick Barnier remain the same.

Congratulations for a successful semester.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Tezukayama have arrived….Okyakusama e no kangei

It was with much excitement that the girls and boys from Tezukayama arrived yesterday afternoon and already it has been fantastic to see the growing confidence of all the students involved and the obvious exchanges of friendship that happens so naturally with these exchanges.

You will see the schedule of events posted on the JS website at [http://wordpress.as.edu.au/juniorschool/2015/08/17/tezukayama/](http://wordpress.as.edu.au/juniorschool/2015/08/17/tezukayama/) and we invite you along wherever possible to join in. It will be a very busy week and we take this opportunity to thank all those families who have so generously given of their hospitality by billeting our guests. Without your support, this simply would not continue. I have written previously of the long lasting relationships formed as children stay with each other’s families and indeed, even as TEZ teachers return to TAS 15 years later, having visited as a student on exchange themselves, many years ago. What a fantastic opportunity for all.

NEWFLASH – Unfortunately, TAS will be UNABLE to supply lunches for our TEZ students on Sunday as the Kitchen will be closed. We apologise for the late notice, and ask that you supply a simple morning tea and lunch for their travel on Sunday. I will send out further information as the week progresses. Also, for the social on Thursday night, a group of Year 9 students will be selling some ‘sweets’ as a part of a Commerce topic currently being studied. Please bring a gold coin if you would like to sample their merchandise.

All most as exciting was Jump Rope for Heart!

As the photos will attest, Tuesday’s jump off in the Junior School playground as the culmination of our annual fundraiser for Jump Rope for Heart. It may not be clear in the photos, but to have activities that cross over age and year groups are really special to have and to have 100 percent participation was even better. Smiling faces, challenging outdoor entertainment and raising funds for a worthy cause – what a great activity! We look forward to reporting just how much money has been raised by our jumpers!
**Christmas Child Appeal**

We would like to thank the families who have already brought their boxes in to school. If each family is able to donate one box, we will have 96 boxes to be delivered to young, disadvantaged children in Vanuatu. Imagine their excitement on Christmas morning when they get a shoebox full of goodies from us!

**Casey Smith and Sam Ball**  
*(Christmas Child Appeal Committee)*

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**Summer Sport Choices**

Mrs Wright has almost finalised the discussions relating to summer sport choices and they will soon be published with the request to notify the school of your preferences. Sport continues to be an important part of our co-curricular offering and we look forward to strengthening this program and offering a good choice for all students. I saw many great examples of the way physical activity, participation and competition enhance our children's health and well being and I congratulate everyone on the fine sportsmanship and participation from the football and rugby fields. It was so pleasing to have a clear, sunny day for Old Boys’ Weekend and I received many positive comments about our school and our children.

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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.

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.

NCIS Athletics results– Coffs Harbour

Last Wednesday, 14 children from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in the NCIS Athletics Carnival held in Coffs Harbour. Due to recent illnesses across the Junior and Middle Schools, our team was somewhat depleted this year. However, what we lacked in numbers we made up for in spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Our team had a very successful day, with each competitor giving their all, even when some were not 100% themselves.

Millie Coupland, Lachlan Litchfield and Iles Baker competed courageously in their first Athletics representative carnival at this level, with all finishing strongly in their respective 100m events. Abbott White, Caleb Baumgartner, Hugh Taylor, Hudson Eichorn and Isaac Gerdes also performed well in their events. It was encouraging witnessing these boys doing well and gaining experience at this level.

Henry Douglas-Menzies had a busy day qualifying for many events. Henry’s excellent run in the 100m in which he placed first in his heat almost got him through to CIS. Henry missed third position by the narrowest of margins.

Our two Year 6 boys, Hamish Chalmers and Ben Burwell performed well on the day flying the flag for our Year 6 cohort. Hamish performed tremendously well, placing third in the Open Javelin.

The Junior Discus event proved to be a TAS affair with Harrison Price placing first and Lachlan Costello, third. Both boys threw strongly to secure their place in CIS.

With a huge schedule and still fighting the effects of our cold and flu outbreak at school, Jonathan Harris successfully earned himself not only a qualifying place in the CIS Athletics Carnival with a win in the 800m, but a new NCIS record as well.

Congratulations to all competitors making it through to the CIS Athletics Carnival 9 September in Sydney.

Hamish Chalmers - Javelin
Harrison Price – Discus
Lachlan Costello – Discus
Jonathan Harris – 800 m

Millie Coupland, Lachlan Litchfield and Iles Baker at their first NCIS Athletics Carnival in Coffs Harbour.
Hugh Taylor competing in the Junior Long Jump at NCIS

Harrison Price, Lachlan Costello and Hugh Taylor after competing in the Junior Discus

Football

The mighty U10’s players once again took to the field without a full team against a determined Souths team that were not going to give any leniency toward their opposition. Once again our players ran themselves ragged covering the field and backing each other up to ensure they had the best chance of making an even contest out of the game. Hugh and Oliver had many chances as attackers toward the goal but were unable to convert and Daniel and Jasper covered a huge amount of ground to support both their attackers and defenders. Lachlan had the best game of his season as a back and was ably backed up by Peter. Our new goalkeeper, Cal, showed again what an amazing goalie he is becoming, with some tremendous saves. Thanks to these boys for consistently coming each week to the games. There are only four more games for the season so it would be lovely if we can get everyone, who is not injured, there for the remaining games.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon
PYP - Year 3

Year 3 has been thoroughly engaged in their UOI which has seen them exploring elements of the Transdisciplinary Theme: How We Express Ourselves.

Students have spent time discussing and exploring Indigenous people from a range of countries such as Australia and Africa. This week they have commenced an in depth study of Japan and have been reading Japanese stories and exploring Japanese art forms in readiness for our visitors from TEZ.

The three lines of inquiry the unit has focused on are:

1. Indigenous art tells a story
2. Using and exploring different media for expression
3. The different ways we respond to and interpret artistic expression

William Gilpin and Henry Kirton reading an Aboriginal dreamtime story.

Toby Ford and Harry Pennington reading some stories published by Year 3 students.

Abbott White showcasing some artworks.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
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