Passing Out Parade

Last Friday the TAS Cadet Unit farewelled their Year 12 compatriots in full ceremonial parade and, as always, it was a moving occasion. This year the annual Passing Out Parade was shifted from its usual Sunday morning timeslot to be in the school day and this meant that all students from the upper primary years through to Year 12 were able to be a part of this important occasion for our senior cadets. The Unit responded to that opportunity with what was perhaps the best parade performance for many years, from the introduction of pipes and drums for the first time to the quality of the marching, having Bushmaster vehicles from the 12/16th HRL holding ground, the fine work of SUO Nick Finney and the well targeted message of our reviewing officer. I know that a good deal goes into preparing for such a significant parade and I offer congratulations to all who were involved in it and, in particular, Major Thatcher and Sergeant Ball.

The parade was followed by the Cadet Dining In Night for our senior cadets, Ceremonial Guard and their families, with all the pomp and formality that military dinners carry and it complemented the farewell to our Year 12 cadets well.

CIS Athletics

Congratulations are due to Jonathan Harris who took out the Combined Independent Schools 10 years 800m event last week by more than 3 seconds. This qualifies him for the NSW PSSA Championships in October, putting him into elite athlete company and I am sure all will want to join in wishing him well for his preparations for that.

Football

The 2015 Football season concluded with the Opens Presentation Dinner on Monday evening and there was plenty to celebrate following the premiership wins by both the 16A XI and 1st XI. The mood of the evening and speeches from players and coaches highlighted the very good shape that TAS Football is in and it is clear that our footballers are enjoying their sport.

Senior School Tri-School Debating

Last week TAS hosted NEGS and PLC for a quality afternoon of senior debates that saw the accolades evenly shared across the schools. With 22 TAS speakers in action from Years 9 to 11, debating is clearly taking hold as a major activity and that is very encouraging indeed. Next term Years 6 to 8 will take up the debating baton as they compete for the Middle School Tri-Schools Shield and I know that a good number of boys are looking forward to that.

Farewell to Year 12

As I write our Year 12s are moving into the last stages of their farewells from School. With sporting and cadet dinners behind them they are now preparing to travel down to the coast for an evening with their houses, returning tomorrow to process down the drive for their final assembly and on to house dinners that evening and their Valedictory and Formal on Friday. This is an emotional and happy time for them and I am sure that all will join in wishing them well for it.
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Due to alterations to the Uniform and Book Shop it will not be open during the holiday period. Please make sure any Summer Uniform purchases are made prior to the end of term if possible. Summer Uniform will be available to purchase from Monday 7 September.

Opening hours at the beginning of Term 4 - Summer Uniform should be worn from the beginning of the term for Middle and Senior School children.

Monday 5 October - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Tuesday 6 October - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Wednesday 7 October - 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Thursday 8 October 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Friday 9 October 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Recently, I attended my first Twilight Concert at TAS. It was an outstanding event and the talents and gifts of the students were everywhere in evidence. Music is such a powerful medium for connection and expression. The opportunities to learn music at TAS are many and varied. Sometimes, the hard work involved can test patience and passion, but the rewards eventually are immense. So often that is true of our experiences of life generally, in our occupations or vocations, in our studies along the way. Sticking with something sometimes requires us to dig deep.

In an age when so much instant gratification is expected and often available, it requires a step of considerable discipline to travel another way. Sometimes, it may help to step away from words like ‘discipline’, ‘motivation’, ‘drive’, etc. in favour of something very commonplace like ‘doing what is required’, or just ‘doing it’ because at some stage you made a decision to begin the journey and the reasons for beginning are still relevant. Hard slog right now, big rewards sometime later. Occasional celebrations along the way can spur us on. That is what the Twilight Concert offered. Recognition of skills already developed is important; feedback from an audience can encourage us. The connection that is built by being in a community together, making music, is in no way inferior to being in a Rugby or Football team. A sense of well-being is the outcome.
Argumentative students take the day

Making Maths compulsory just doesn’t add up - or does the HSC really count, without it? Clever team lines, (generally) sound logic, plenty of humour and the odd missed opportunity were par for the course when TAS hosted teams from NEGS and PLC for a Years 9-11 invitational debating challenge on Monday.

The busy-ness of end of term aside, debaters - many of whom were first timers - took to the floor with enthusiasm and aplomb. There are some very solid individual performances but it is a team that takes the spoils - and it was great to see them shared between the three schools. In the end, TAS won two from five, NEGS won both its debates and PLC had two narrow losses and a convincing win, but whatever the result, it was clear that there is plenty of interest in more such fixtures in the future.

Thanks to Mr Andrew O’Connell, Ms Catherine Boydell and Old Boy Mr Sam Doyle for assisting with adjudicating and also, Mrs Kate Clynch from PLC and Mr Geoff O’Neill from NEGS.

Mr Tim Hughes
Debating Coordinator
HSC Study Camp

The purpose of the HSC study camp is to enable students to change the type of study environment that they have been working in over the next few weeks and to clarify a few things with their teachers. It is not the time to ask staff to teach major components of the course but our staff will do everything that they can to help.

This year’s camp comes at a time when many of our TAS staff are busy with other school events and, as such, some staff will not be available. These staff, however, will be on deck from the start of term and students are encouraged to access them at this time.

Specific information is being sent directly to students and families later this week, however, a few important points are listed below.

* The study camp will begin at 9:30am on Sunday 4 October and finish at dinner on Monday.

* The cost will be $100 per day which includes all meals.

* Accommodation for boarders will be in one boarding house as numbers at this stage are small and we need to ensure that we have adequate supervision.

* All normal school rules apply and students will not be allowed to leave the school grounds during this time.

* Students are not required to wear school uniform on these days.

Year 12 2016 Textbooks

Parents and students should have received an email with the details on ordering textbooks for Year 12 from Better Books. If you have not received this please let Vickey O’Brien know.

There are a couple of second hand books available in Geography, Legal Studies, PDHPE and Physics. Please email if you are interested - there is only 1 copy of each of these so get in quick.
First and foremost in this final week of Term 3, I would like to, on behalf of the P&F Executive and our Liaison Parents, send best wishes to all of Year 12 as they finish their schooling at TAS, get ready for their exams and embark on the next exciting stage in their life journey. Our thoughts are also with family, friends and school staff who continue to offer unwavering support for the next few weeks. May you all have good questions, strong writing hands and confidence to answer. Not only that, but we thank you for all that you have contributed to TAS and to our P&F efforts over your school life.

**TAS @ DUSK – prize donations**

Just a reminder about prize donations for our major raffle to be held in conjunction with and drawn at TAS @ DUSK on Saturday 7 November.

We are still looking for imaginative and interesting prizes to offer. If anyone 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 - so that your generosity can be acknowledged on the flyer which will accompany raffle tickets in the end of term mail-out. Two very interesting major prizes we have been offered are:

- a career coaching session with Careers for Life (www.careersforlife.com.au) by one of our talented parents of a Year 8 boy.
- Two cases of Mudgee wine from Bunnamagoo Wines (www.bunnamagoowines.com.au) courtesy of a Year 7 mum.

Your generosity is brilliant, thank you, and I encourage members of our community to support these two businesses in return.

***And don’t forget our House Christmas Hampers which will form part of the prize pool. Please bring in your Christmas themed donations this week and the first week of Term Four – anything with a Christmas theme – food, books, music, decorator items or tree lights/decorations. We have noticed that there is not a lot of Christmas stock on the shop shelves yet, but there surely will be by the time we return for Term Four.

Mr Guest will be announcing the best House Spirit early in Term 4.

**TAS Christmas Puddings 2015**

It’s time to cook up a storm at TAS.

And we all know that one of the important ingredients in any Christmas Pudding (and probably one of the keys to its pantry longevity!) is Brandy. To help us keep costs down we are urgently looking for donations of brandy to soak the fruit. The fruit has been collected and has started soaking, but we could do with some more Brandy please. Remember, the longer it soaks up the brandy goodness the better the end result.

Please leave your donations with Veronica at Big School reception.

And don’t forget we would love to see you at the mixing and wrapping of the puddings in October. 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.

We would love to see you there!

**Holidays**

Again on behalf of your P&F Executive, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful break, enjoying time with family and friends.
International Round Square Conference

The Round Square International Conference is to be hosted by the United World College of South East Asia in Singapore from 2-8 October. Prior to this conference, our delegation of Mr Buntine, Miss Heagney and Nathan Rasmussen, Charlton Grant, Nic Moore, Cameron Holcombe, Jarrod Bourke and Angus Simmons will be spending some time in Singapore visiting Changi prison, followed by a three day cultural tour to Malacca in Malaysia with a number of other Round Square schools from around the world.

We look forward to their presentation to Assembly after their return late in Week 1.

Exchange

A good number of Year 9 students have submitted their applications for exchange in 2016. It is preferable that you make application sooner rather than later to keep your options open.

Young Round Square Conference - Perth 2016

Scotch College, Perth, will be hosting the Regional Young Round Square Conference from 11-15 April, 2016. This is open to 12-14 year olds and, if interested, should contact Mr Luke Polson in the first instance. We are able to take a student delegation of six students so please register your interest early.

Mrs Anna Barnier
Round Square Rep
Girls Experience Day 2 – Thursday 22 October

As you all know, last week was our first Girls Experience Day at TAS and the response to it from all involved, and the interest in attending from those who could not make it, was so very positive that we have finalised a date for running a second experience day for girls.

Our wonderful staff and boys welcomed the girls wholeheartedly on what was a very historic day at TAS and we really look forward to repeating it again next term for those who would like to try a day at TAS.

So, the date is set for Thursday 22 October and we will encourage all girls who are interested to book in by contacting Pip on pwarrick@as.edu.au or calling 6772 5823.

The Armidalian

Keep an eye out for The Armidalian 2014 which is currently being distributed to the eldest child of every TAS family enrolled at the school last year. Copies have been handed out in homeroom classrooms (Junior and Middle School) and by Advisors (Senior School); please ask your child for it if it isn’t automatically produced! Copies of the 2013 Armidalian will also be given out to those 2013 families who have previously not collected their copy.

Photo gallery updated

The photo galleries on the school website capture TAS life at its busiest. Recent updates include galleries of the TEZ excursion to TAS, Passing Out Parade, and Cadet Dining in Night. Football and hockey galleries will be loaded in coming days. Take some time to browse through these images during the holidays; the gallery can be found by clicking on the camera icon at the top of the website homepage, or by clicking on the photo of the chapel at the bottom right hand side of the homepage, or clicking here: http://www.as.edu.au/community/photo-gallery
Celebrating Growth

Over the past week I have taken great joy in watching buds burst from the trees as I drive to school each day. The strongest are fully clothed within two days yet still some are bare. I wonder whether some have died after a dry summer and a harsh winter but then I see the faintest sign of green. A day later – more green – I quietly celebrate, confident that they will flourish.

Growth does not occur in a linear fashion and not all plants grow at the same rate. Whilst they are stunning when in full bloom, the excitement for me, is not the end product, it’s the growth. I don’t really mind when or how quickly. In fact slow growth can be the most rewarding experience.

In my role, I get to see students grow in a plethora of activities and receive countless reports of progress. I have the advantage of not seeing them from one training session to the next and thus the growth I see and hear is all the more profound. Whilst I commend the achievements and praise the successes, I celebrate the growth, particularly the last to grow; the one that struggled all last summer and over winter but is now beginning to flourish. Not because their growth is any more momentous but because now the whole team can celebrate.

It is important to note that growth is not all natural. Sustained growth requires nurturing. The support and love of parents, the guidance and inspiration of coaches, the care and interest of friends, all contribute to the individual’s growth.

The end of term provides a time to reflect. I have been fortunate to share the celebrations for Hockey, Cadets, Rugby and Football over the past five days. In the midst of these celebrations I recognise that TAS is an exceptional School. Not only for what it achieves but what it creates.

Summer Sport

Term 4 sport will start first day back, Tuesday 6 October. A copy of the:

1. Training Schedule
2. Strength, Conditioning, Health & Fitness Schedule, and
3. The Coaching Allocation

are attached. Please consult the website if you have any questions or contact the MIC of the particular sport.
Football

Well, what a season that was.

Last weekend saw the conclusion of the 2015 football season and with two Grand Final premierships in hand, it was certainly a fitting conclusion to the season. Our juniors from 6s-10s also took to the field in their final games of the season. I was lucky enough to get to a few of these junior games on the weekend and it is pleasing to see the enjoyment for the game evident on all of the children’s faces.

2015 again saw significant growth for TAS football, both in our level of competitiveness in our local association and in our offerings to our students. This year, we increased the depth of our pre-season fixtures and entered 17 teams into the local ADFA competition. Our player base encompassed students, parents, staff and Old Boys’ and 2015 saw a number of highlights.

Our First XI, coached by Mr Christian Nexo, were again major premiers in 1st Division, following a 3-0 victory over Guyra last Saturday. Our 16As, coached by Mr Alan Shortt, were both minor and major premiers in the 16s Division 1 competition, following a nail-biting 1-0 victory over Norths at the weekend. Our 3rd team in the grand finals, the mighty TAS Dads put up a valiant effort against Glen Innes in the grand final, with the final result not being in our favour. I offer my sincere thanks to Brad Evans for his stewardship and enthusiasm with this TAS Dads side. In addition to our Grand Final appearances, TAS was also represented in a number of semi-finals including the 12As and 12Bs, 14As and 3rd XI. On the basis of these performances, this marks one of the most successful seasons Football at TAS has seen.

It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the outstanding work of our grounds manager, Mr Chet Davies and his dedicated staff. It is a real credit to Chet and his staff to have the privilege of hosting a full set of Grand Finals fixtures at Doody Park and the fields looked an absolute picture. Our students are very lucky to be able to train and play on such high quality surfaces.

Finally, I extend thanks to the coaching staff, who without them, our football program quickly falls apart. To the parents, you are on the sidelines week in, week out, through the highs and lows and for this we cannot thank you enough. Finally, to our players, in whatever division and team you play. You are the public face of TAS Football and you all should be proud of what you have achieved in 2015.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Hockey - End of Season Wrap Up

With another great hockey season just finished, we have a lot of great achievements to look back on. Although we didn’t gain any titles this year, it was probably our strongest season ever in terms of participation with six Junior teams and two Senior Men’s sides hitting the turfs throughout 2015. Amongst the highlights were Will Brissett’s selection in the CIS NSW U18s Squad, five talented Year 7 boys assisting in taking the U13s NSW B Division State Title, and a host of representative selections in both indoor and outdoor hockey. Two of our junior teams (U13s White and U16s) and our TAS Firsts B Grade sides made the 2015 semi finals, but were all unable to make it through despite some close contests. Last Thursday saw a big turnout to the Junior Presentation and Senior Players Dinner and Presentation whereby our young players were inspired by the words of Hockey New South Wales Regional Coaching Coordinator and Selector Blair Chalmers; and Junior Club Person of the Year Sterling George and Senior Club Person of the Year Harry Wright were presented with the Wright Shield and Simmons Family Trophy, respectively. Sunday not only saw three of our TAS boys playing in the A Grade Mens Grand Final for Guyra (S.Wright, H.Wright and B.Moffatt), but also saw a number of nominations and four of our players awarded Hockey New England Association Awards, including Sam Behrend - Best & Fairest U13 Boy, Sam Wright - Best & Fairest U16 Boy, Cooper Johnson - Arthur Adams Award for Best Junior Boy Goal Keeper and Will Brissett - Partridge Family Award for Best U21 Goal Keeper.

A big thanks to all of the coaches and families who showed their support this year and of course to all of the players who demonstrated such great sportsmanship and commitment to their teams. We hope that TAS Hockey Club will only get bigger and better next year.

Mr Alex Portell
TAS to host schoolboy international game

Northern rugby enthusiasts will have the chance to see an international clash in their region this Saturday (19 September) when The Armidale School hosts the touring Samoan Schoolboys XV for a match against NSW Country Schoolboys.

The game on TAS’ Backfield will kickoff at 2.30pm, and be the first fixture on tour for the Samoan boys, before they play New Zealand Schools, Australia A Schools and Australian Schools in Brisbane at Ballymore Oval next week.

It will be a home-ground affair for four TAS players taking to the field for NSW Country Schoolboys, Ben Caskey (Delungra), Henry Coldham (Deepwater), Jack Radford (Rowena), all of whom toured Singapore and Hong Kong earlier this year on a NSW Country Schoolboys development tour, and Callan Creighton (Walcha).

Mr Tim Hughes

NIAS

Are you someone who is passionate about developing their potential both on and off the field? Are you looking for your opportunity on the pre-elite sporting pathway? The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) has opened applications for our 2016 Programs. Sports for 2016 include:

- AFL
- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Football (boys and girls)
- Golf
- Hockey (boys and girls)
- Lonestar (Individual sports)
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Tennis
- Touch Football (boys and girls)
- Water Polo (boys and girls)

All NIAS athletes are provided with specialist coaching and support, holistic athlete development, clothing pack, touring opportunities beyond our region and the annual Academy Awards. For more information please visit [www.nias.org.au](http://www.nias.org.au) or phone 67 66 25 26.
The end of Term 3 is always an interesting one in the Creative Arts. We are caught between things coming to an end and new endeavours commencing. Our Year 12 Visual Arts, Drama and Music students have completed the practical components of the courses and now they set their sights on the HSC written papers. We wish them the best as they prepare for their final study break before those demanding final exams. As the Year 12 students look to finish our Year 11 students come to the end of the Preliminary courses and prepare to commence their HSC studies. I am sure some of them are already beginning to think about what their Body of Works, Individual Projects or Electives might be and will no doubt be inspired by the success of this year’s candidates.

In terms of co-curricular activities, the Middle School production of The Lost Property Rules approaches the production run. We have had a busy end of term squeezing rehearsals around sporting finals and Passing Out Parade and making up for last-minute cast changes. Performances will be held in the Hoskins Centre next term on Sunday 11 October and Monday 12 October, which means we will have to hit the ground running on return from the holidays. The Junior School production of Peter Pan will also ramp up the rehearsals next term in preparation for performances on the Thursday and Friday of Activities Week.

But perhaps most exciting of all is the announcement of the 2016 TAS Production, the classic Broadway smash Bye Bye Birdie. After a term thoroughly researching countless musicals we have settled on this high school classic, which promises to be a show of dazzling colours, huge chorus numbers and many memorable tunes. Information on the production, including audition materials and the performance schedule, will be sent out very soon via email and will be made available on the Hoskins website, so check there for updates. Auditions will be held in Week 1 and 2 next term and are open to students at TAS, NEGS and PLC who are in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015.

Finally, I want to again publicly recognise the great success of Cal Hunter in being nominated for OnStage for his Individual Performance ‘Shallow, Quick.’ For the rest of our HSC Drama Individual Projects and both the Visual Arts Body of Works and Music Performances we will have to keep waiting a little longer to see if any other students are fortunate enough to receive this prestigious recognition.

I hope everyone has a restful and productive holiday (and that the Middle School actors keep up their lines during the break!) and encourage you all to seek out a bit of culture during this time, be it art, theatre or music. As the Creative Arts Coordinator I can say with confidence there are few ways to more enjoyably spend your time. I know I will definitely be making the most of mine.
THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL 2016 MUSICAL

AUDITIONS

For students at TAS, NEGS and PLC in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2015.
Taking place in term 4 Week 1 & 2

Email hoskins@as.edu.au
Well Done to Cadet Band at Passing Out Parade!

Congratulations to the students in TAS Cadet Band this year. Well done to the new Drum Major Matthew Turnbull who performed his role with poise and to our drummers this year: Ben Friend, Ethan Jones, Alex Ng, Liam Kennedy, Alistair Le Surf, Clancy Roberts, and to Drum Teacher Dave Van Tongeren for preparing this group.

The rest of the Cadet Band 2015 comprised of the following students: William Almond, Nicholas Bohlsen, Oliver Broadbent, Jaden Carroll, Sambavan Jeyakumar, Henry Perrottet, Samraj Ruba, Angus Smith, Jack Van Roy, P.J. Woodburn, Harry Wright and Samuel Wright. With the assistance of Mrs Butcher, Ms Roobol, Mr Dunham and TAS Residential Staff member Patrick O’Connor, along with TAS Old Boys, Will Smith and Nick Hadfield - this was the first time many of the students had played in the TAS Cadet Band. They sounded fantastic and put on a very strong show at this important event. Well done boys!

We also wish to express our gratitude to TAS Bagpipe Teacher and Old Boy, Andrew Nash and the accomplished pipers from Armidale Pipe Band who volunteered their time to play at this year’s POP. The majestic sound of the bagpipes always add something special to TAS events!

Reminder: Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at TAS

Are you interested in commencing lessons on an instrument or voice at TAS? Tuition is available in Voice and also one the following instruments: Bagpipes, Banjo, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Drums, Cello, Violin, Viola, Double bass, Piano, Organ, acoustic and electric Guitar, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn and Euphonium. By having a regional Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) close by, TAS music students have a unique opportunity to access a range of exceptionally talented teachers who provide tuition on a broad range of instruments.

We are currently taking enrolments for Term 4 and places with our teachers will fill fast. You will find tuition enrolment forms on the TAS website at http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music

If you would like more information please contact the Creative Arts Administrator on sbroadbe@as.edu.au or call the Music Department on 6776 5890. Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher or Mr Dunham would be happy to have a chat about options for lessons so give us a call.

Yours in Music
Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
This is the week

The boys are ready, the staff are ready, meaning the holiday break is going to be welcome at the end of this week. The Term? Well, if you’ve been following the weekly news reports, it’s been characteristically ‘full’. And its end has been no less full than its beginning - ten weeks ago. Only this week, for example, we’ve had the football grand finals, football, cadet and rugby dinners, assembly awards, front drive practice for farewelling our Year 12 boys, formal assembly awards for academic and co-curricular pursuit, farewells for our prac-teaching staff and Mrs Pollard (who’s going to be at home for her elder son’s HSC next term). And we’re not even mid-week yet. You do get your money’s worth here, you know. Ah yes, and the trees are coming out, too – translating to the fact that spring’s arriving – the emphasis here being on the fact also of the continuous present…

Early Leave Requests

For whatever reason, early leave requests come to us at the end of term. Unless they attach to very unusual conditions, strictly, these are not granted. Activities at School are all inclusive as a general rule. For example, at the end of this week all student from Years 4 – 11 will farewell the Year 12 leavers on Thursday, by lining the School’s main drive. This kind of farewell is a tradition at TAS and it’s important that our Middle School boys feel a sense of connection to the wider school. As such, I believe it is very important that they are here to participate in such an activity and ask for parent support in regard to the matter of early leave requests.

Holiday Activity

As the term finishes we farewell Ms Fiona Taber and Year 8 boys who will travel to Fiji for their Service Trip to St Christopher’s Home for Children. This year the boys have raised hundreds of dollars from their chocolate stall and many of you have donated bed sheets and bath towels – so, thank you. The experience is an amazing one for the boys: they assist in classes, help organize and supervise games and provide help at meal times. The trip will not be a holiday for them because their primary task, as indicated, is to help others for the whole time they are away. Also an assembly holiday farewell went out to Ms Heagney who will travel to Thailand and Singapore for the Senior Round Square holiday trip.

Whilst on the subject of holiday activity, I want yours to be enjoyable. Your sons need it and so do we, actually. We need to divest ourselves of TAS for a few weeks, be with family and friends, enjoy this stunningly good weather, one another and also ourselves.

Until next term, then

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
End of Term 3

There is something quite invigorating about what spring brings, the change of season and its warmer weather reminds us that the end of Term 3 is close. This is a great time to reflect on how busy it has been. There have been many worthy events and achievements that have been reported on recently and this edition of TAS Talks is no different. Suffice to say, those that made many of these opportunities for our students possible deserve all our thanks as we have much to celebrate.

Staffing for Term 4

Mr Alex Portell will be taking well-earned Long Service Leave next term, with Mrs Gerry Vanzella replacing him in the classroom. We welcome Gerry back to our midst and wish Alex a productive and refreshing term’s break.

ICAS English results

Congratulations all our participating students and especially the large number who received Merit Certificates or better. Merit: Lachlan Costello, Conal Nicoll, Cameron Le Surf; Credit: William Gilpin, Henry Kirton, Emily Buntine, Jonathan Harris, Hugo Catterall, Marcus Hempel, Frank Perrotet, Harrison Price, Casey Smith & Ruby Straker; Distinction: Harry Pennington; High Distinction: Will Jubb.

$3582.90 - Fabulous Fundraising in Junior School

It is timely to mention the fantastic support our students have received in their fund raising effort this term. In a combined effort, for Jump Rope for Heart, Junior School raised a total of $3,238.35 with some absolutely outstanding efforts, particularly from two of our younger students. While their names will be announced at a later date, I am very appreciative of the support they all received from friends and family for such a worthy cause. In addition to this, I can now announce that our students also raised a total of $344.55 on Daffodil Day again, a wonderful reflection of the generosity of our community. Congratulations go to our senior students, Will Jubb, Hugo Catterall and Frank Perrotet, for their inspiring organisation (with assistance from Ms Dowse).
Peter Pan Jr – The Musical

For the information of all our parents and friends the dates for Peter Pan Jr, our JS School musical in Term 4, has been adjusted slightly to accommodate the feedback we have been receiving recently. For your diaries, the dates are now Thursday November 26 and Friday November 27 with a matinee and evening performance on both days.

Sporting successes

Congratulations to Jonathan Harris on yet another fantastic athletic performance. He and Lachlan Costello both travelled to compete the 800m and Discus respectively at the recent CIS Championships in Sydney. While this in itself is a wonderful achievement, Jonathan came first in a very good time of 2.30.43. He will now compete at the NSW PSSA on 14 & 15 October and we wish him every success. In addition, our netballers had a very close grand final last Saturday. I would like to mention the relationship between our girls and those from Sandon Primary who have enjoyed a remarkable season together.

Combining new friendships with great skill development has been produced a fantastic season for them as you will read. I would like to thanks Mrs Anne Trenerry and the coaches from Sandon, Katie Roberts and Mel Springborg who have so ably guided the girls this season. There is a wonderful report waiting….

The Old Teachers’ College – and the Paper Plane Competition

At the end of this edition, you will find information for a fundraising event that supports the on-going refurbishment of the Old Teachers’ College building. This resource is very important to Armidale, and it maintenance and upkeep is very expensive. As part of a fundraising initiative, a Family Fun Day will be held at the Old Teachers’ College on Sunday October 11 with a myriad of fun events and activities, including a paper plane flying competition for children of primary school age, in two divisions, K to 2 and 3 to 6.

Enrolling and folding of provided paper starts at 2.00 pm and launching begins at 2.45 pm. Entry fee for the event is $2.00 and a handsome prize will be awarded to the winner in each division. Participants can receive assistance in the folding from family and/or friends but must launch their own planes.

Looking Ahead

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Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week and during the holidays: Xavier Stephen, Jack Wood, Max Junge, Oliver Murphy and William Jubb.
NSW PYP Network

Collaboration between teachers from like-minded schools is central to the Primary Years Program. (PYP) As the Junior School Primary Years Programme Coordinator I am part of the NSW PYP network. This network meets once per term and these meetings provide professional development and an opportunity to share experiences and programmes.

Hunter Valley Grammar School is also a part of the NSW Network and is in candidacy phase for the PYP. They are approximately 12 months ahead of us with their implementation. Their PYP Coordinator Cameron Wallace has very kindly extended an invitation to all our JS teaching staff to visit their school on our upcoming staff day, Friday 18 September. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teaching staff to see the PYP in action, have the opportunity to observe other practitioners, attend PYP grade meetings and to see the 5 elements of the PYP come together.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Summer Sport

Our summer sports will commence in Week 1 next term. Please look at the attached schedule to find out which days and times you will be training next term.

Our first training day in Week 1 will be on Wednesday.

Looking forward to an exciting season of summer sport.

Orienteering - Friday, 16 October

Years 3, 4 and 5 will travel to Thalgarrah on Friday, 16 October for the annual Armidale Orienteering Event. Children have already selected teams for this event next term and are looking forward to the event. More details next term.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW SUMMER SPORT SCHEDULE
Grand Final Success for the Sparkles!

What promised to be an exciting and evenly matched Primary Division Two Grand Final was contested in glorious spring weather on Saturday. The match against ACSC Sapphires was a replay of the semi final where Sparkles came out on top, permitting them to advance straight to the Grand Final. From the outset, it was obvious that the match would be fast and fiercely competitive. Sapphires took the lead, quickly scoring their first goal. However, Sparkles were firing and at the end of the first quarter, the score favored Sapphires by a narrow 4-3. As the compulsory position rotations occurred in the subsequent quarters, Sparkles took time to settle and Sapphires streaked ahead. With positive pep talk and a do or die situation emerging, the final quarter came with Sparkles trailing by 4 goals. Sparkles showed grit and determination and with the score levelled at 10 all, Sparkles Goal Shooter, Ashley Green, shot for goal in the final seconds. As the ball circled the ring, silent hope pervaded the air, the hooter sounded and the ball dropped, to give our girls a much deserved win by the narrowest of margins! An exciting end to an incredible season! TAS girls Isabel Newton, Emily Buntine, Casey Smith and Ruby Straker, only hours back from her overseas trip, were tenacious. What a wonderful season it has been, playing with a great group of girls from Sandon and enjoying the camaraderie immensely. We are so proud of the team. Congratulations, girls!

Mrs Anne Treanerry
Family Fun Day at The Old Teachers’ College
plus Variety Concert at 3.30pm
Sunday October 11, 2015.
Starting 10.00am
To Raise Money For a Lift for the Building.
Free entry to fun day; Devonshire teas; Pipe & City Bands;
static display of Viking tent & lifestyle; Aboriginal dancers;
silent auction of artworks; reenactment of combat in medieval
times; sausage sizzle; drinks; lucky dip & games; tours of the
building and the garden; plants & produce stall; vintage Army
vehicles; raffle of 2 x $100 fuel; paper plane contest.

Come with rugs, chairs and generous hearts.
and there’s more!

3.30 pm concert in the Auditorium with local
talented musicians performing for
just $10 per adult.

GIVE THE OLD COLLEGE A LIFT !!
A MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEED
Fitness Boxing at TAS
(This is not a full contact class)

Learn boxing skills such as:
- punching
- evasive techniques
- pad work
- foot work.

Day: Wednesday
Time: 5:15pm (60 minute class)
Location: Meet in foyer, TAS Sports Centre
Cost: $8.00 per class

No experience necessary

Contact Chris Doherty on 67711158
or 0414 984 378
Golf Links Road, Armidale; 0417 957 982

**September 2015 Fun Tennis Camp**

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Tennis Camp will be on rain, hail or shine

9:00am – 3:00pm for 8+
9:00am - 12:00noon for 5-7 year olds

- Improve your tennis
- Loads of fun games with tennis
- A tournament/point play session is held every day after lunch.
- **Lunches (sandwiches) are provided,** fresh each day for those staying all day

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle something for morning tea and a racquet if you have one. Racquets can be borrowed free of charge.

Contact 0417 957 982 or email peterlesurf@optusnet.com.au

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*If you are not already on our database, please complete the following:

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Any medical allergies we need to be aware of:
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TAS Holiday Camps are now on at the TAS Courts

Monday 21st - Friday 25th September 9am to 1pm

Monday 28th - Friday 2nd October 9am - 1pm

Age Groups: 6 to 8yrs
- 9 to 11yrs
- 12 to 14yrs in small groups of 6/coach

The Cost: $99.00 for the entire camp or $22/Day

Bookings via email to sherriffstennis@gmail.com or phone: 0423 915 850