Girls’ Experience Day

This morning we have 25 girls with us for the first of our experience days for girls who are looking at joining TAS in 2016. There is a good mix of day and boarding students in the group and they have come from as far away as Sydney to have a day in classes with us. I offer thanks to the boys who are acting as their buddies today and wish them all well for a happy and positive day. Further experience days are being planned for all those who have been unable to join us today.

On Stage Nomination

Congratulations to Calliden Hunter who has been nominated for ‘On Stage’ for his individual HSC Drama performance. ‘On Stage’ is a selection of the best HSC drama works from across the state and being nominated for consideration in the final line up reflects the quality of Cal’s work as judged by the HSC markers. I doubt that anyone who saw his work in the ‘Curtain Up’ Year 12 showcase some weeks ago would be surprised by his nomination.

Passing Out Parade

The 2015 Passing Out Parade for our senior cadets will be held this Friday from 2:00pm. The change from our regular practice of holding the parade on Sunday morning has been made to enable our whole school to be a part of this significant event for our Year 12 cadet leaders. For those who are passing out from the Unit, Friday represents the conclusion to what will certainly be one of the significant and memorable parts of their school lives and they will no doubt reminisce about their cadet adventures for many years to come. For others on parade it is the chance to recognise their seniors in a fitting fashion and perhaps to imagine their own passing out in the future.

As usual, a warm invitation is made to all who would like to come and see the TAS Cadet Unit on parade. Ours is the second oldest cadet unit in Australia and this Passing Out Parade is a continuation of a tradition now well over a century old. A good deal of preparation has gone into the parade already and I wish all our cadets well for it.

Celebration Dinners

The final fortnight of Term 3 is always the season of celebration at TAS and this year is no different. We begin tomorrow night with the Senior Hockey presentation dinner and continue with the formal Cadet Dining In Night on Friday, the Opens Rugby dinner on Sunday, Opens Football dinner on Monday and then house dinners later next week and the Year 12 Valedictory and Formal next Friday. The opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students with their families is always a privilege and I hope that all involved are looking forward to it.

Finals Football

After good wins last weekend the First XI and 16As will play in grand finals on Saturday at Doody Park and I wish them well as they prepare for that. As I commented last week, 2015 has already been a very positive year for TAS Football and it is good to see it finishing in such exciting fashion. With other sports now finished I hope that many will take the opportunity to support our footballers on the weekend.

Congratulations also to the TAS Dads XI who overcame our Third XI in an entertaining match on Adamsfield to make it through to their grand final in the Third grade competition and I wish them the best of luck too.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

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## Valedictory 2015

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Valedictory 2015 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 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

UNIFORM AND BOOK SHOP

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

LIBRARY

Library closing hours
The library will be closing at 3.45pm from Friday 11 September to Friday 18 September inclusive as Lou-Anne Allan will be absent. Sorry for any inconvenience.
Work nominated for OnStage

Congratulations to Year 12 student Calliden Hunter whose rendition of Pete Malicki’s monologue Shallow, Quick has been nominated for OnStage, which showcases the best HSC major works in Drama. Many in the TAS community would have seen Calliden perform the work at the Curtain Up HSC Drama showcase held at the Hoskins Centre last month.

The announcement is all the more impressive given Calliden is studying three other subjects that have a major work component: Visual Arts, Design & Technology and Music.

Around 60 works from students from across NSW have been nominated for OnStage, with the finalists announced later in the year.
The fragility of life is confronting us directly in the refugee crisis. We are being addressed at the core of our moral and ethical sensibilities. The scale of social, political and world dislocation and conflict can overtake and overwhelm us. As well, unexpected and therefore unanticipated events in our personal lives can re-position us in a moment of time. Our life trajectories can be changed in a flash. We like to imagine that we are in control of our destinies, but in reality we are not. Not as much as we would like or assume.

Given existential uncertainty on such a scale we define our humanity through our responses. What lies at the centre of our identity is not the atomised self in a vacuum, but the connectivity of relationship. For ‘me’ to reach ‘my’ potential as a human person, I need a ‘you’. ‘You’ call me out of my self-preoccupation and self-concern and make it possible for me to discover relationship and community. This reality exists in our personal world, in our local settings, nationally and globally. We need each other.

At TAS it is crucial that we do everything we can to build respectful connection. Only then can we say that we are educators in the holistic sense of the word. Faced with the emergence of co-education at the School, our response needs to position respectful connection at the centre. Life is uncertain and pain is inevitable. At such times the sense of connection supports and enables us to live with a strong sense of our shared humanity. Pastoral care at all levels in the School is not an optional extra – it goes some distance in defining who we are as a school community.

STUDENT SERVICES

At the end of this notice is an information flyer, regarding roadworks on the New England Highway south of Uralla.

These roadworks will start next week and be on going until to 2 October and are likely to effect the arrival time in the morning of the Kentucky School service. I have been advised that up to 5 minutes in either direction.

This could make the Kentucky School bus up to 15 minutes late to school.

Please read the flyer any direct any questions or concerns to me as it may be possible to transfer students on to another service.

Click HERE to view flyer.
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)
Girls’ Experience Day – Wednesday

The first of our Girls’ Experience Days is on today and we are all thrilled by the response from parents and girls to the opportunity of having a day here at TAS. We know that a number of girls cannot make it today because of prior commitments, so another Girls’ Experience Day will be arranged in Term 4 for all those who would like to have a day at TAS.

Jim Graham Launches His New Book

Last weekend Jim Graham (staff member at TAS for 43 years from 1955 - 1998) celebrated the launch of his latest book, Word of Mouth a collection of articles and speeches he has written over the course of his career. If any Old Boys or parents are interested in purchasing a copy, please email me and I will arrange it for you.

Armidalian 2014

The 2014 edition of The Armidalian, the official yearly magazine of the school, has arrived and is ready for distribution! At almost 190 pages it is a comprehensive record of the life of the school - academic, well being, co-curricular, and boarding. We have printed enough to ensure there is one copy per 2014 family, with it generally being given to the eldest child in the family, to take home. Copies will be posted to the families of Year 12 2014 students, whilst this year’s Year 12 families will receive theirs at Valedictory Luncheon.

Distribution to those eldest children of 2014 families in Years 11 and below will be given theirs in Advisor or their home classroom, next week. Please keep an eye out for it in the school bag (day boys) or the end of term luggage (of boarders)!

Also to be distributed will be the copies of the 2013 edition that have not yet been collected by families. Meanwhile work has begun on the 2015 edition, with the hope that it will be completed by the end of Term 2 next year.

Cressida Mort
Director of Development
**The Greater The Hurdle The Higher They Jump**

Two Sundays ago, I witnessed a dire battle between the TAS First XI Hockey and Guyra in a sudden death semi-final in the B Grade Premiership. Immediately following this game, several of the TAS players donned their Guyra jerseys to play in the A grade Premiership.

What this highlighted to me was how much we value opportunities. What is perhaps less obvious is that this actually enhances their performance. What I see time after time is the greater the challenge, the more determined the effort. The bodies may be fatigued due to the earlier game but the minds are primed for competition and the skills are finely tuned.

This Saturday our First XI and ‘TAS Dads’ Football teams will play in the Grand-Finals of the New England 1st and 4th Division Premierships. For several players in both these matches, they will have already played in the Under 16s Division 1 Gran Final that morning. The decision was made at the beginning of the season to encourage players to double up, for the development of both the individual and the team.

Our belief in this philosophy has not waned and will not be swayed by the expectations of a Grand Final. These boys will honour their commitments to both their teams. Not just because it is right but because it is sure to produce the best performance.

**Colour Run**

Over 100 TAS students, staff and parents participated in the Armidale ‘Show Your Colours For The Chopper’ fun run last Sunday. All funds raised go towards the Westpac Rescue Services and it was fantastic to see such positive community support. The fact that it was Fathers’ Day only enhanced the experience – there is no bonding quite like a father and son imitating a stranded whale in the Orange Colour Zone.

**Senior School Debating**

Following a successful Tri-Schools Competition with NEGS and PLC in Middle School Debating, a Senior Competition has been arranged for next Monday 14 September. If you want to know whether Compulsory National Service should be introduced or if New Zealand should be a state of Australia, then the answer will be revealed next week.
Football

Last weekend was another big weekend for TAS Football, with TAS having six teams in semi-finals. The 12As, 14As and Third XI contested some challenging semi-finals on the weekend with some close results, which weren't in favour of TAS. I'm sure you would join me in congratulating both of these sides on a tremendous achievement to make it this far in the competition on the back of what has been a very successful season for these sides.

Our 16As, coached by Mr Shortt, won their semi-final 5-2 on Saturday and will now progress through to the 16As grand final this coming Saturday, 13 September. This will be played at 8:15am at Doody Park. Our TAS Dads team, coached by Brad Evans, are progressing through to the 4th Division Grand Final, 1:00pm at Doody Park.

We also wish all the best to our First XI as they prepare for their grand final this weekend against Guyra. This will be at 3pm at Doody Park.

I hope there will be much support at both games as we wish the boys well.

This weekend will also see the end of all small sided football competitions (6s - 10s), with these teams taking the field for the final game of the season. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the boys and girls who have played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the season. To the coaches who have guided these teams, we thank you for your support of the football program at TAS. Training ceased on Monday for all these teams and there will be no training for any team in the final week of term next week.

I hope everyone enjoys the final weekend of Football for 2015 and I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines for the grand finals in which TAS is competing this weekend.

Mr Luke Polson
MIC Football

Tennis

On 2 September a team of 11 boys travelled to Grafton to compete in the NCIS tennis tournament. All boys represented the school with dignity and pride during the round robin series and should be congratulated on their performance. A number of boys made the play offs including Josh Miron, Hunter Hine, Sam Wright, Will Waterson and Nick Barnier.

Unfortunately Josh, Hunter and Sam were all eliminated in the quarter finals. Will was defeated in a close semi final. A special mention must go to Nick Barnier who was the Junior Champion of the day, displaying incredible skill and sportsmanship on the court to take out the tournament. Well done to all boys involved.

Ms Jayne Heagney

Hawkesbury update

Kayak allocations

Currently there are 22 paddlers that are still to be allocated a boat for the Hawkesbury. All paddlers who lodged their expression of interest form on time have been allocated a kayak.

We have still got six double kayaks available (12 paddlers) and will be hiring five for the Hawkesbury itself to make up the difference.

Hawkesbury registration and payment is due by Sunday 20 September, however remaining boats will be allocated to the paddlers who have registered first.

To allocate the remaining six TAS kayaks to paddlers, those who have registered on the Hawkesbury website, paid their registration fee of $55 (juniors) and submitted their signed landcrew form will be allocated a TAS kayak in order of earliest payment date. They will then use for that boat for the HCC. Those who register after the final boat has been allocated will use the kayaks hired from Sydney Kayaks. Any paddlers who have already been allocated a kayak need to also register by the 20 September, 2015 or else their kayaks will be reallocated and they will then be paddling the hired kayaks.

When registering please ensure you include TAS as your club to allow the HCC people to link you to our group of paddlers. List your event as Brooklyn or Bust 2 (BorB2) and I will change it as needed.

HCC bookings

Bookings also are overdue for the bus and there are currently 17 people listed as going on the bus. Be sure to RSVP as going or not going on the event in Team App. Due date was 6 September 2015.

There are still beds available in the bunkhouse for Friday of the HCC weekend and if this fills you will need to find your own accommodation for that night. RSVP to this on the events as well to prevent disappointment. Due date is this Thursday 10 September 2015.

Information Evening

An information evening will be held on the final day of school this term, Thursday, 17 September, 2015. Details of the Grafton paddle, HCC planning and other useful information about tide charts etc will be covered.

Food and drinks will be provided. Venue to be announced on Team App.

As always, please contact me if you need assistance.

Mr Tim Wheaton
0410 920 106
MUSIC MATTERS

HSC Music Performance Examinations are over for another year

Congratulations to the Year 12 Music students - Robert Butcher, Calliden Hunter, Harry Williams and Harry Wright on completing their performance examinations for HSC Music yesterday. It was an exciting afternoon in the Hoskins Theatre yesterday during which each student performed four pieces of varied repertoire in front of the two HSC Examiners.

Their performances were a credit to them and were the culmination of many months of practice, rehearsal, commitment and hard work. We heartily thank the TAS ensemble students that so generously gave their time and expertise to accompany peers in the examinations. Also many thanks to Accompanists - Ms Wendy Griffiths, Mr Warwick Dunham, Mr Nick Negerevich, Mr Matt Nolan and Mr David Van Tongeren.

In the 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 of 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.

TAS Cadet Band Rehearsals for Passing Out Parade (POP)

Lastly but certainly not least, POP is happening this Friday. Rehearsals for the remainder of the week will be held with the full unit as per Mr Thatcher’s notice. Students in the Cadet Band need to ensure their cadet uniforms are well pressed for the Parade this Friday.

Yours in Music
Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET BAND
Passing Out Parade (POP)
Friday 11 September 2015

Each year TAS Big Band becomes the TAS Cadet Band to play at the POP. The Cadet Band will involve students from Years 6 - Year 12. POP will be held on Adamsfield on Friday 11 September (Week 9). Please note: The parade and rehearsals are compulsory activities for all cadets from Year 8.

Uniform is DPCU Ceremonial – Slouch Hat and Black Belt. If you do not have a camo uniform (Year 6/7) there will time allocated during this afternoon's rehearsal to collect your uniform.

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

Band training schedule is listed below:

POP Cadet Band Rehearsal Schedule

Week 8

• 31 August (Monday) Lunchtime: 1.20 to 1.55pm. Cadet Band meet at Music Centre. Drummers to rehearse on Adamsfield with Cadets.
  Afternoon: 3.40 to 5pm Cadet Band/Drummers rehearsal in Music Centre

• 1 September (Tuesday) Afternoon: 3.30 to 5.00pm. (Dress Rehearsal) Full rehearsal on Adamsfield. *Bring instruments. (NO sport training)

• 2 September (Wednesday) Lunchtime: 1.20 to 1.55pm. Full rehearsal on Adamsfield. *Bring instruments.

Week 9

• 7 September (Monday) Lunchtime: 1.20 to 1.55pm. Full rehearsal on Backfield (no year 11)
  Afternoon: 3.40 to 5pm Cadet Band/Drummers rehearsal in Music Centre

• 8 September (Tuesday) Lunchtime: 1.20 to 1.55pm. Due to HSC it is Drummers only to this rehearsal Wakefield North. Note venue!

• 9 September (Wednesday) Afternoon: 3.30 to 5.00pm. Full rehearsal on Adamsfield (no sport training)

• 10 September (Thursday) All Afternoon: 1.30 to 5.00pm. Full rehearsal on Adamsfield (no P6 &7 or sport training)

Passing Out Parade Friday 11 September: 2.00 – 3.30pm
(Cadets required from 11.20am for issues, lunch and dress inspection – form-up at 1.30pm)
Walk Through the Orchestra

It was a very special treat last Thursday, when Junior School was able to ‘Walk Through the Orchestra’ at the Old Armidale Teachers’ College. Lead by Mr Warwick Dunham, watching and listening to the Armidale Youth Orchestra at very close range was a real education for our students and they thoroughly enjoyed the entire concert. Watching Jonathan Harris conduct and joining in with the somewhat tricky, syncopated rhythm of the Jamaican Rumba were just two of the highlights. Our thanks go to the Music Department for their organisation and promotion of this really informative and enjoyable event.

Congratulations to our numerous representatives

Hearty congratulations go to the many representatives we have seen in the last weeks representing Junior School on various stages. You will read below more reports of successful representation in tennis, athletics and chess and it highlights our busy students who are embracing the opportunities provided. Furthermore, our Year 4 & 5 students will be joining the rest of the School at the annual Passing Out Parade, held for the first time during school time, and when the current Year 12 are farewelled on Valedictory Day. Developing a sense of direction for our more senior students is an integral part of their Junior School experience and provides a great opportunity for perspective. Having previously attended many of these events, I am sure they will gain a great deal from them and the School warmly welcomes all parents and friends to join us for these special occasions.

Parent/Teacher Interviews K – Year 4

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 September. Teachers prepare carefully for this valuable exchange of information and it is held at this time of the year so that follow up work and additional feedback can take place before the end of Term 4. You should have received an email on Monday with information regarding the interviews for Years K – 4. If you did not receive this information or are having trouble logging onto the system, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Alison Evans on junior@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5817.
Wearing our Uniform proudly

With spring in the air, it is a great time to have a ‘spring clean’ with our uniforms. We are encouraging the children to take more pride in their uniforms, ensuring they arrive at school neatly dressed, hair brushed and shoes polished. Girls should be wearing a navy blue ribbon if their hair is tied up. Please also ensure hats are clean and tidy and worn to school each day. I would like to remind students in Year 5 that they should wear their blazers in public and that all sports uniform worn on sports training days continues to be PE uniform and not the uniform of the sport (football or rugby gear etc.). We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Ryan Sharkey and Alec Campbell.

Friday 11 September - Passing Out Parade

Please remind all Year 4 & 5 students to wear formal uniform on this important day and we welcome parents to join us for the afternoon.

The Parade is the traditional Annual Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony and marks the 119th year of the TAS Cadet Unit.

Twelve of our Year 12 Cadets mark the end of their first stage of Army training with the ‘Passing out Parade’ where family and friends come to watch as these young men are recognised for their achievements. This will be held at 2.00 pm on Adamsfield this Friday 11 September and Year 4 and 5 will be invited to watch the parade with the remainder of the non-cadet student body.

Thursday 17 September – Lining of the Drive

This is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School. It is equally special for the Year 11 students as it marks the beginning of their new roles in leading the School. Part of the tradition of this day includes students lining the drive at the front of School as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School for up to the past 14 years. Years 4 & 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Please ensure your child is wearing well presented, formal uniform for this day.

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PYP Additional Language Focus

During additional language class (French) Mrs Hine has worked hard to complement the class' current Unit of Inquiry.

Transition have been exploring the central idea ‘Light comes from different sources and has different properties.’ In French they made traffic lights using torches and learnt to say the colour names in French—rouge, vert, jaune. They also made Fire Fly—Ma Luciole, which they labeled in French.

Kindergarten’s central idea is: Stories express feelings and ideas, so the students have been learning ‘Les Contes des Fees’. We are reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears in French, where the porridge in the French version is soup. This lends itself very well to learning adjectives, such as hot, cold, hard, soft in French.

Year 1’s central idea is: ‘Stories have been told through many generations in many cultures’. The students have been learning ‘Les Fables,’ in French. This also lends itself very well to learning animal vocabulary in French.
Chess

Last Wednesday St Mary’s Primary School hosted the ‘One Day Inter-schools Swiss Chess Tournament,’ held at St Mary’s Primary School. It was a huge success for TAS’ nine participants: Sam Ball, Marcus Hempel, Will Jubb, Frank Perrottet and Ben Rowe from Year 5 and Josiah Alcorn, Dom Ferguson, Alex Gibson and Stewart Williams from Year 6. Here are a few quotations from some of our team members.

Today’s chess tournament was enjoyable for all, from pondering moves to quick moves to thinking, “How can I do this?” The tranquility was amazing as well, with the only noise being someone calling ‘check.’ This was just an all round fantastic day and I learnt a lot from it.

By Will Jubb

There were three TAS chess teams TAS A, TAS B and TAS C. Josiah Alcorn, Marcus Hempel and I were on TAS B. We weren’t the best team, but we still did pretty well.

By Frank Perrottet

Today was the annual chess tournament at St Mary’s. The day turned out to be awesome, as TAS C’s got a pretty good start. Will Jubb won all of his matches in round 1, 2 and 3. I have only won one so far, but I am still excited to play on.

By Ben Rowe

After the fourth round, it started to get challenging for our A team. We were in the top three, and I can tell you first hand that it is very challenging. At that point, we had a score of 8.5 out of the possible 12. The thought and effort put into these games seems like it would be a person’s profession. In the end, we came 3rd overall. We were all very proud!

By Alexander Gibson

Mrs Anne Hine
As our winter season draws to a close I would like to thank our dedicated and enthusiastic coaches who have given of their time to help our students to enjoy their winter sports this year. Please take the time to thank your coaches if you haven’t already done so as the season draws to a close.

This is our final week of training for all sports. Please take Week 10 to enjoy a well-earned rest in preparation for our summer sports commencing in Week 1 next term.

Please see the attached summer sports list for next term with coaches, training days and game days if applicable. Any concerns or questions please email me on cwright@as.edu.au

**CIS Athletics**

As we go to print our two athletes, Jonathan Harris and Lachlan Costello will be competing in Sydney at the CIS Athletics Carnival. We eagerly await news of their individual competitions. Jonathan will be competing in the Junior 800m event while Lachlan competes in the Junior Discus event. We wish them both well.

**NCIS Tennis**

On 2 September a team of four Year five boys Harry Price, Josh Miron, Cameron Le Surf and Lachlan Morgan all travelled to Grafton to compete in the NCIS tennis tournament. All boys represented the school with enthusiasm and pride during the round robin series and are to be congratulated on their performances. It was pleasing to see that each player had a number of exciting positives as they left the court after each game. Special congratulations go to Josh Miron who made the play offs, but was unfortunately defeated in the quarter final.

**Football**

I can’t believe that the season is nearly over. The TAS Tigers have certainly grown. This was evident in our last game against the North United Hurricanes with an amazing win of 10/Nil. We had Felix Winslet who was our sweeper, Lachlan Schumacher and Mitchell Evans as our wings. Tom Rowe and Charlie Ryan took turns as centre. This team has now developed strong positional play and as a result, we have graduated from ‘herd’ ball, to quite skilled passing. I can’t wait to see how we go for in our final game next week. Keep it up boys!

Ms Lana Hawksford
The 10’s footballers played an Ex-Services team on Saturday and it was an entertaining match all round. Our TAS players took awhile to warm up and get their game plan together so shortly before half time the score was 3 - 0 to Servies. Only minutes before half time Oliver Smart scored a wonderful goal running down the field and finishing off with a huge kick that was too good for their goalie. After a wake up reminder at half time by the coaches the team decided to bring their A game to the match. After goals by Lachlan Hunt and another by Oliver, it was 3-3. We had wonderful passing between the players and some really exciting play happening. The last 15 minutes were spent alternatively attacking and then doubling back in defence to try and get ahead by one more goal. Unfortunately it didn’t come off so the score was 3-3 at full time. The players should be proud of their last half as this is when they played the football we are used to seeing.

Our last game is this Saturday at 9:30am against Walcha on Rologas 13. We have our presentation and morning tea following this so let’s all make sure we are there to share in a wonderful culmination of a great season.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

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