Hawkesbury Classic

The final Triple Crown event for the year is quite clearly the most demanding and it would be reasonable to think that most teenagers would find little appeal in spending Saturday night paddling down a river with no prospect of rest until Sunday morning. At 111kms it is a true marathon and there are so many unknowns that no paddler is really sure that they will complete it. What all are sure of is the promise of physical and mental struggle on a lonely dark river in the middle of the night. So it is significant that 36 TAS students, representing a significant proportion of those eligible from Years 10 and 11, committed to the Classic this year. That commitment began months ago as they trained on frosty Sunday mornings at Malpas Dam, travelled to Grafton to experience night paddling and raised funds for the Arrow Foundation’s work in bone marrow transplants. TAS students have long carried a reputation for taking up big challenges and seeing this continue with such great enthusiasm this year is something that we can all be proud of. I congratulate all who took the challenge this year.

An event like this requires a great deal of support and the 80 strong landcrew that provided the back-up for our paddlers deserve congratulations too. I particularly offer thanks to our Hawkesbury organiser Tim Wheaton for his inspired leadership. The success of the event in 2015 owes much to the work of Tim and his team and I wish them well as they look ahead to 2016.

Co-education Update

Last Thursday 15 girls joined us for the second of our girls’ experience days and all reports indicate that it was as successful as the first. Parents and students alike will know the importance of having the opportunity to experiences classes, have lunch in the dining hall and get to know others before formally joining the School. It serves to allay the natural trepidation that comes with moving to a new school and answers many questions lurking in the back of the mind. The ‘buddies’ that look after our experience students play a very big part in making the day a success and I offer special thanks to those students who helped make sure that it all worked well for our experience visitors.
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As Bivouac and Activities week quickly approach I would ask that all parents ensure that the Medical Centre is made aware of any current medical issues that may need treatment during these times.

Also that parents of day students that have been diagnosed with Asthma have had their sons asthma reviewed in the last 12 months by a Dr. It is important that we are aware of their normal PFR and current treatment please. The Medical Centre phone number is 0428 152 29.

Year 7 vaccinations for HPV & Varicella will occur next Thursday 5 October at the school Medical Centre.

Sr Jenny Murray
We all have reference points for identifying the severity of a drought. For me, the television pictures of the Menindee Lakes near Broken Hill, left me feeling disturbed. The reasons for the loss of water there are not just climatic but also political, environmental and social. As we were identifying in Counsellor’s Corner last week, everything affects everything else. Thinking about ourselves as organic systems can also be applied to wider contexts, ecological, social and organisational, and to the planet as a whole. Because we live in ‘villages’ that range from family to school to community to nation to global structure, we are all connected. How one part of the system functions affects others. In terms of the Darling River, how we relate to it in Queensland affects the water supply in NSW; how this is used in NSW affects whether there is water flowing out the mouth of the Murray in South Australia.

One of the things that helps to identify adolescent well-being, indeed well-being for any of us, is the sense of connection that exists between us and our surrounds, the sense of connection they/we have to the ‘villages’ in which we belong. Our sense of self is tied to the well-being of others. When others close to us suffer, we suffer. When someone sneezes in Tokyo, we catch a cold in Sydney.

Our school community is as well and healthy as the well being and sense of connection that each student has to it. We need to work hard at building and maintaining connectivity in our lives. When this breaks down the work of understanding what has caused this and re-building the fractured sense of self and belonging is vital. Sometimes we need to include others to help this to occur.

Mr Rob Hadfield
School Counsellor
It is only 1 1/2 weeks to go until TAS@Dusk on Saturday 7 November from 3pm until 8pm, with something for everyone. Some old favourites are still there – such as the Plant Stall and Emporium, but we have expanded the music offering and now we not only have performances from many of our talented students, but also local band Rough Justice will also be performing. In addition, a new feature event will be the Piggie Racing. If you would like to know more please CLICK HERE and today I am happy to announce that our newest addition is rides on a Harley Davidson motorbike.

Please expect to receive several emails from your Liaison Parents with various requests and reminders. We know how busy everyone is but in order to make this a fabulous and fun time for the whole TAS and Armidale community we do need your help. Some of the help we need is:

- Volunteers - We would love for everyone to volunteer just 1 hour of your time to help man a stall. Please take the following link to enter in your selected time and stall http://vols.pt/M7ihz7

- Cakes and biscuits for the Afternoon Tea stall - feel free to bake up a storm, donations of baking can be brought to TAS on the day after 1pm and taken directly to the stall or delivered to Big School on Friday for storage in the kitchen.

- Tombola - We need filled jars for selling on the Tombola stall - you can do something for the children or something more adult. Jars of lollies, preserves, wine, hair clips, marbles, colouring pencils, olive oil or anything else that takes your fancy. Please just ensure that the use by date is for a while away.

- Christmas Hampers - These form part of the prize pool. Please bring in your Christmas themed donations to the main office this week - anything with a Christmas theme - food, books, music, decorator items or tree lights/decorations. These is quite a lot on the shelves of our shops already, so let your imagination run wild!

- Community Service - Any boys wanting Community Service hours before the year ends please contact Mrs Rachael Nicoll on nicolfamily1@gmail.com.

Finally, there is another TAS@Dusk meeting TONIGHT in the Lower Maxwell at 7pm. Please come along and help make this a great event!

Liaison Parents

We as your P&F really appreciate the contributions made by all parents across the school, but a special thanks goes to our strong team of Liaison Parents from each year group. Your value is never underestimated for the contributions you make to creating a family group across each year by organising perhaps some social activities for your year group, or by welcoming new families to the school, or even just by emailing requests from us. It is time to start thinking about 2016 and I invite anyone who is interested in becoming a Liaison Parent to contact me to discuss just what is involved – and in essence, it can be as little or as much as you like, and new parents are welcome too. And it’s nice to have a few LPs for each year group to share the load. So please give it some thought and contact me. It’s not an onerous job, and it is certainly one that opens up your contacts and enjoyment of the school - suecart@uow.edu.au or 0409 973 247 – I’m really excited to say that I’ve already had some new LPs come forward – why not join them? You certainly don’t need to be a long standing school parent, just someone who wants to contribute in some way to this fabulous school.
Career Opportunity for outgoing Year 12

TRAINEE ACCOUNTANTS (ARMIDALE) x 2

Are you a student about to finish school? Currently thinking of studying Business or Commerce at university? Or looking to further your career in Accounting? If so we have an opportunity that will interest you!

Crowe Horwath Australia is one of the largest providers of practical accounting, audit, tax, business and financial advice to individuals and businesses from a network of over 80 offices throughout the country.

The company currently has an exciting opportunity for two Trainee Accountants to join the team in Armidale in the Business Services (accounting/tax) team.

They are looking for someone who:

Has a passion for Accounting/Business.

Is looking to further their career in Accounting within an International Financial Services Company.

Is looking to Commence their degree in 2016

Has sound verbal and written communication skills

This opportunity is commencing late 2015 or early 2016 for the exceptional candidate. If you would like to be part of an internationally recognised financial services brand, that provides a real kick start and exposure for your career this is your opportunity.

For further information on this role or to apply please contact HR Officer Chloe Smith - chloe.smith@crowehorwath.com.au
Dear Parents,

Would you like your child to experience independence, adventure, personal development and responsibility? A fantastic opportunity exists for 12-14 year olds to attend the Young Round Square Conference in Perth in April 2016.

What is Round Square?
Round Square is a world-wide association of schools on five continents sharing unique and ambitious goals stemming from the six pillars or ‘IDEALS’. They ‘IDEALS’ are Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service. Our region is Australasia and East Asia and includes countries such as New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Korea, Singapore and China. Students attending Round Square schools make a strong commitment, beyond academic excellence, to personal development and responsibility. Each year a Round Square member school host a conference for other member schools in order to reinforce the pursuit of the Round Square ideals. Young Round Square conferences are held at a regional level, aimed at students ranging in age groups from 10-12 year olds and other Young Round Square conferences hosting 12-14 year olds. Most conferences are annexed by a pre or post-conference experience which may include, service work, history or adventure and usually in a group with other schools.

What is a Round Square Conference?
Round Square conferences are first and foremost about the students. Both the organisation and running of a conference is centred on student input, with adult supervision. Each Round Square conference has a theme. Throughout the conference, the theme dictates what activities the students will be doing, guest speakers, environment and service activities. Keynote speakers are an important part of a Round Square conference. They are always relevant to theme and correlate with activities or Barazas (discussion group) that take place throughout the conference. Speakers at a Round Square conference challenge delegates to think creatively about the topic or issue at hand. Service components of the conference are essential because they directly incorporate one of the IDEALS. Activities aim to achieve meaningful community partnerships, or grow on expanding ones in several cases. Service comes from the heart and is just as important for conference members to experience as it is for those in need of service. Conferences normally seek to bring out a conclusion of sorts from the week’s events so that the work done and opportunities experienced may be carried forward. This generally corresponds with the theme of the conference.

Location: Scotch College, Perth
When: Conference from April 11 to April 15, 2016 – followed by a 4 day post-conference tour (details to come)
Cost: The cost will be an airfare and the pre-conference trip, so approximately $1700 per delegate. The conference fee is paid for by TAS.
Delegation: Six students and two staff. Details of accompanying staff members will be announced in when confirmed.
Conference: This year’s conference theme is, ‘Life on the Edge’. More details regarding conference program, guest speakers and activities will be forwarded when they are made available by Scotch College.

To be considered for this trip, please return the attached expression of interest form. Expressions of interest will again be sought early next year. Following this, if there are more applicants than spaces available, a selection process will take place early next term to determine the delegation of students to attend.

Best wishes,

Luke Polson
Young Round Square Coordinator
Australasia and East Asia Region
Scotch College Conference for Round Square
Students 12-14 years
April 11-15, 2016 and post-conference trip

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Student Name: 
Class: 
Parent Signature: 
Parent Phone contact: 

Number of Delegates: (Maximum 8 including 2 staff)

Please return by 3 December 2016 to email: lpolson@as.edu.au

Interviews will be held when school resumes in 2016
TAS to welcome Steve Waugh and the inaugural Captain’s Ride team

Next Tuesday, 3 November (Melbourne Cup day no less) we are very excited to be able to welcome to TAS for the evening, Steve Waugh and the team of cyclists riding from Sydney to Byron Bay in the first ever Captain’s Ride. The money raised over the course of the ride will go towards young adults with rare diseases.

The team will arrive at TAS in the evening for a barbecue and presentation after they have made their way up the 2750 vertical climb and cycled 146 km over the course of the day. While this is a closed event to the general public, we will be fortunate enough to allow some of our senior cricketers to attend the evening.

Needless to say, it is a great honour to be able to host this group of enthusiastic cyclists and ‘captains of industry’ as they raise such crucial funds for a very worthwhile cause.

TAS Foundation Summer Organ and Music Recital

The reaction from audience members to 2014 Organ Launch Concert was so great that we are improving on the model and arranging another concert on November 20.

The TAS Foundation puts on an event every year to raise money for a project deemed essential for the School and this year we continue to raise the necessary funds for the continued upgrade of Memorial Hall.

The $25 ticket price includes a drink on arrival, cocktail food after the concert and a contribution toward the upgrade. Everyone in the TAS and Armidale community are invited to attend to witness the extraordinary capability of the new organ played by the very talented Warwick Dunham and the wonderful capabilities of our musical students.

Of course it is only possible to put on a summer concert that featuring the range of instrumentalists, soloists and choirs because we have such an impressive and dedicated music department whom we thank enormously for allowing us to celebrate with them.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Cressida Mort
Director of Development
TAS Foundation
Summer Organ and Music Recital
Friday 20 November 5pm

Join us to celebrate the TAS Foundation
Summer Organ and Music Recital in the TAS Memorial Hall

Date: Friday November 20

Time: Concert 5 - 6.30pm
Function 6.30 - 8.00pm

Cost: $25 per head (includes cocktail food and drink on arrival)
Bar available for purchase of drinks

Online Bookings & RSVP by 16 November
to: www.trybooking.com/GBOP
or contact TAS Reception (02) 6776 5800
‘The Classic’

It was an outstanding event in every respect; demanding perseverance, resilience, teamwork and sacrifice. Congratulations to all 150 paddlers and landcrew in last weekend’s Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. It was a wonderful demonstration of Armidale Community with students and parents from TAS, PLC, NEGS and UNE all working together as one awesome machine. The time and effort that so many contribute to this event is inspiring. None more so than the chief engineer, Mr Tim Wheaton, whose generosity of spirit and personal sacrifice showed no bounds. Thank you to all involved and enjoy reading Tim Wheaton’s full report in this edition.

Cash Cup – A Brave New World

The Cash Cup is a traditional inter-house creative arts challenge named after former Headmaster Alan Cash. This is a student-driven event and the spirit is one of fun, creativity and experimentation.

The performances are on Tuesday, November 17 at 6.30 pm in Memorial Hall and will involve all students in Years 6-11. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

The format is:

1. A WHOLE House Music Performance (3-5 mins.);
2. A House Drama performance involving ONE person from each year group + two additional performers from any year, (3-5 mins.);
3. A SOLO ‘Lip Sync’ performance (1.5mins).
4. An original Artwork to be exhibited at Memorial Hall.
5. The theme for this year is: A BRAVE NEW WORLD

Interschool Basketball and Rugby 7s

On Friday 30 October, our First VIII Basketball will travel to Warwick to play against Scots PGC College, in preparation for the NCIS Tournament on Tuesday 3 November. Travelling with them will be twelve Year 10 and 11 Rugby players who will compete in an invitational Rugby 7s Tournament on Saturday. We wish all players well for what should be a competitive and enjoyable set of fixtures.

Sporting cancellations

At this time of year it is not unusual for inclement weather to threaten our sporting program. Whilst at times sport will be cancelled, we will give it every opportunity to go ahead. A final decision will be made prior to 3:30pm and notified by email and or TeamApp by the MIC of each sport. Please assume that sport is on unless notified otherwise.

Sport will run as normal during Year 6-10 exams and on Tuesday 17 November (Cash Cup), provided it is finished by 5:30pm to allow students to prepare.
This year saw one of the largest groups of paddlers TAS, NEGS and PLC have entered into the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (HCC) for many years. Sixty nine paddlers and approximately 80 landcrew travelled to Windsor to compete in the 39th HCC last weekend.

This has been the 37th time our group has competed in the 39 year history of the event and over this time have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research with the support of the wider TAS, NEGS and PLC community. This year will see us add to this with over $30,000 being raised collectively by our paddlers with Mr Anthony Uren (over $2500), Mr John Hamparsum (over $1000), Sarah Hamparsum (over $1800), Keira Shaw (over $1300) and Jim Orr (over $1000) leading the online donations. This can still be added to as donations are still being accepted through the HCC website at www.canoeclassic.asn.au

All entrants received a HCC badge in recognition of their efforts in raising money and getting themselves prepared for the event. At the end of the race, all successful paddlers also received a bronze medallion as a momento of their completion of the 111 km race.

Mr Will Caldwell began his sixth HCC at 4pm and lead the 35 strong group of boats down the river towards the 30 km checkpoint where landcrew were waiting to assist them in getting fed, changed and back into the water. Junior paddlers started at 4.15pm and the adult/junior paddlers were left to chase down the fleet of boats when they started at 4.30pm.

Mr Peter Hall and Mr David Lawrence manned the Sackville checkpoint and organised other landcrew to help cook, clean and carry equipment needed to and from the vehicles. Parent Mal Moffatt spent hours driving landcrew back and forth from the carpark to the checkpoint as well as trying to dig up as much freshly grown grass as possible with the bus earlier in the day when it almost got bogged in sand. David Lawrence brought his two sons, Angus (14) and Callum (10), to assist him with the Sackville checkpoint. They did a fantastic job helping set up and pack up the checkpoint. Angus took Callum to compete in a gymnastics event that morning in Sydney and both were still packing up at 10pm that night without complaint.

At this point of the race one paddler had to be withdrawn due to an injury. This left another paddler, Harry Graham, able to continue but without a partner, had to also withdraw. To his credit he and his landcrew then drove to Wisemans Ferry and waited until the last boat had gone through the checkpoint at around 2.30am in case another boat had a paddler withdrawn and needed a paddler to take their place.

Mr Simon Ball and Ms Gail Rogers organised the Wisemans Ferry checkpoint and kept both paddlers and landcrew fed throughout the night even though plenty of landcrew had brought their own supplies of cakes and biscuits to share around. Usually this is the point where a number of paddlers tend to ‘hit the wall’ and find it very difficult to get back into the water to complete the final 45 km leg of the race. To the credit of the landcrew, all paddlers were in and out of the checkpoint before they could think of an excuse to pull out and they were back into the water and on their way to the finish.

Landcrew were then left to get a few hours rest while they waited for their paddlers to get through the final hurdle of getting past Spencer (checkpoint ‘O’) before the cut off time of 9.30am. All got through within the time allowed and they were then only two and a bit laps of Malpas from the end. Strong tides against the paddlers at the end meant that the early finishers had a tough time getting to the end. Later paddlers were assisted by an outgoing tide but this is no comfort when you are tired, sore and have no energy left.

The fastest paddlers to get in to Brooklyn after 111 km of paddling were Liam Donaldson and Sebastian Scott in a time of 11 hrs 53 mins 13 mins, and the last paddlers arriving after a slight detour along the way with a time of 18 hrs 39 mins 58 secs.

The group of adult/junior boats all started at the same time and with some fierce competition between the Balls, Urens, Farrars, Kinghams, Rodgers’, Hughes’, Perrottets, Thatchers, Marshalls, Larsens, Hamparsums, Chambers’, Kaynes’, Boydells and the Lanes. At the end, the Balls came first with the Urens and Farrars coming in four minutes later after paddling for 13 hours.
Dakotah Love and Dominic Pilon were the first entrants to compete in the mixed Junior Long Rec 2 race class and as a result set a new record arriving after 17 hrs 50 mins 7 secs. Anna Finney and Lucy McDonald were the first Ladies Junior boat to arrive with Georgia Hutton and Emma Ranck arriving 1 minute and 20 seconds after them getting in with times just under 18 hours.

This event cannot be possible without the support that all the families provide for their paddlers. Most people would not want to dedicate Sunday mornings cooking BBQ’s, cleaning out boats, repairing fibreglass, towing trailers for hundreds of kilometres across NSW, getting tyres and axles on trailers fixed at short notice throughout the season. Then for them to spend a weekend with very little sleep while loved ones paddle out into the darkness and watching a board anxiously to see if they have reached certain checkpoints is a big ask.

Others leave their families in Armidale to help support people who were strangers at the start of the training sessions. Mr Cam Banks and Mr Peter Hall dedicated their time throughout the season attending all training sessions on Sundays at Malpas as well as being major contributors to the running of the event down in Sydney. The support these two have given to the TAS, NEGS and PLC team cannot be expressed in words but the event would not be as successful without their contributions.

Mr Tim Scott once again drove the coach down to the HCC and back as well as also providing support for his own son who paddled his second HCC. This year Tim was able to see his son finish the race.

This year had such a large number of paddlers keen to paddle that we had to loan boats from the wider TAS community. Mr Andrew Murray, Mr Rob Perkins, Cam Banks and Peter Hall all provided their boats to the club to allow an additional nine paddlers to be able to compete. My thanks goes to them and their continued support for this cause as all of these people have paddled the HCC many times and see it is an important event both physically and mentally for all those who participate.

There will be many stories that come out of this event that show the true character of people and their support of others, as well as moments in the race that will not be forgotten for many years. I look forward to hearing some of these at the presentation evening that will be held at TAS in the near future.

All results can be found on the HCC website at www.canoeclassic.asn.au and there is a list of times for TAS, NEGS and PLC paddlers on Team App. Don't forget it is not too late to donate online and this can also be found on the HCC website.

Mr Tim Wheaton
The Cricket Report

Our First XI was again successful on the weekend. At the end of our 40 overs TAS were 5/193 with the two openers again making a great start to the innings. Nick Day (53) and Nick Farrar (35) putting on a partnership of 82. Some late order hitting by Mr Hugo Johnson (33), Sam Weston (21 no) and Jack Berry (23no) pushed the score to 193.

The highlight of the match was the opening spell of Jack Evans with 5 wickets with his first eight balls including a hat trick. The Barbarians fought back and almost won the game, however, Hugo Johnson (3/7) and Kieran Dennis (2/24) bowled well to dismiss the last five batsman for eight runs.

Our two 2nd's teams had close losses. Highlights were James Hartog-Smith (81), Mr Jonny Beer (36) and Will Brissett (36) and bowling, David Toakley (3/21) and Harri Jackson (2/33)

There were some very good individual performances from our Junior cricketers this week. The teams are going well this season and the enthusiasm is high.

Jacob Fernandez (51 ret)
James Wicks (32no)
Toby Smith (28no)
Ben Rowe (20 ret)
Marcus Hempel (2/2)
Sambavan Jeyakumar (2/2)
Harry Litchfield (2/4)
James Hartog-Smith (2/4)
Sam Marshall (2/7)

Cricket

The TAS First XI Cricket Team travelled to Tamworth on Monday to compete in the Douglas Shield, Independent Schools Cricket Competition against Calrossy.

The day wasn't off to the best start, having arrived at 'Belmore Park', only to realise the pitch hadn't been prepared for the day's play. The alternative was to play on a synthetic pitch, the kind that U12's play on, with the boundary being far smaller than what we were used to.

Calrossy won the toss and elected to bat and put up a solid 365 runs with one batsmen managing to score 111, an outstanding effort which must be acknowledged.

TAS unfortunately gave away a few chances in the field, which didn't make life easier for the batting innings ahead.

All bowlers, despite the disappointing figures on paper, should be happy with their efforts as we still managed to collect all 10 wickets. Even though things weren't going our way in the field, the boys kept the TAS morale high in the field and remained in high spirits right to the end.

The batting innings began and Nick Farrar and Nick Day, once again got the team off to an excellent start, where they were well above the required run rate in the first 5 overs.

With heavy rain and thunderstorms on its way, TAS played strategically whereby we were determined to bat until rain, staying above the required run rate, however, unfortunately with the fall of a few wickets, TAS couldn't get themselves back into the game.

Batting efforts include Jack Radford’s knock, 28 and a quick 30 from Dom Pilon.

The true test of character were to the boys who completed the gruelling Hawkesbury the day prior and backed up to play in Monday’s game, even more so Jack Radford and Dom Pilon, who were forced to roll the arm over and bowl 8+ overs.

Despite the result, the boys should all be happy with both their individual efforts, but more importantly their team efforts.

Ben Moffatt
Year 11
Congratulations to Jack Evans on his great results playing for the First XI cricket on Saturday. Not only did Jack achieve a hat-trick, he also had taken five wickets in his first eight balls!

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I made a resolution this year to try and see as many theatre productions as I could. Being a Drama teacher who has to put on a number of shows, I find there is nothing that invigorates and inspires the creative mind more than seeing the fine work of others. It is a treat to see the many community and touring productions that visit the Hoskins Centre transform the space into something new and different each show. At the same time, it is great to see theatre put on in different spaces by different companies. I’ve been lucky to see a number of performances in Sydney this year and the most recent one, STC’s production of George Bernard Shaw’s exotic romantic comedy *Arms and the Man*, was another wonderful show full of colour and vibrant characters. There is something truly special about live performance and stories told on the stage. As the festive season draws near or you draw a blank on a birthday gift I encourage you to consider a theatre ticket as a rewarding and prized gift that is perfect for the picky recipient - because really, what can be treasured more dearly than a memory?

Closer to home in Hoskins, this week Felt Tip Theatre Company’s *Alice in Wonderland* takes audiences down the rabbit hole for a wacky adventure on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The production features student and adult actors from the Armidale community and is a faithful adaptation of Carroll’s classic, brimming with colour and humour. While the matinee shows on Friday and Saturday sold out in record time there are still tickets available for the evening performances so jump on the Hoskins or Felt Tip websites and grab yourself a seat. What better way to celebrate the beloved children’s book’s 150th (un)birthday?

*Peter Pan Jr* busily continues development, with students refining choreography and songs and teachers working hard on the different production elements. Our head of Junior School Mr Ian Lloyd is sending out frequent updates on the show and I encourage members of the TAS community to lend a hand when this is possible. I also encourage our junior actors to invest a little bit of time every day practising their lines and building their characters up - particularly if any of them are also preparing for the upcoming Trinity Drama exams. Being an actor is no easy task and, like any meaningful endeavour, requires hard work and dedication to achieve success.

Finally, if you’re doing some Spring-cleaning and happen to find items of clothing that, while past the season of fashion, would make for excellent costumes I encourage you to drop them by to Hoskins for us to add to our Costume Room. We will be looking for a lot of 1950s outfits for *Bye Bye Birdie* so any donations at this early stage would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator
TAS Junior School Production of

Disney
Peter Pan Jr

November 26 & 27 12:00pm & 6:00pm
$15 Adults, $10 Concession, $7 Children, $40 Family

TAS Hoskins Centre
hoskins.as.edu.au or 6776 5817

Music and Lyrics by
Sammy Cahn, Sammy Fain, Michelle Tumes, Xavier Atencio, George Bruns, Jack Lawrence, Frank Churchill, Winston Hibler, Ted Sears, Oliver Wallace and Ray Kelley

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Lyrics by
Eric Svejcar

Book adapted and Additional Lyrics by
David Zellnik

Based on the screenplay by
Ted Sears, Erman Penner, Bill Peet, Winston Hibler, Joe Rinaldi, Milt Banta, Ralph Wright and William Cottrell

Based on the play by
J.M. Barrie

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More on TAS Ensembles performing at TAS @ Dusk 7 November

We have now finalised which ensembles will perform at the upcoming inaugural TAS @ Dusk event on Saturday 7 November. This will be a fun afternoon and students will be able to perform with their group and then enjoy the fete. TAS Ensembles will play over a two hour time frame and the following groups will perform as listed below.

- **TAS Big Band** 3.00 – 3.40pm
- **The FanTAStics** 3.30 – 3.40pm (with Big Band)
- **TAS Senior Jazz Combo** 3.40 – 4.00pm
- **TAS Camerata** 4.00 – 4.20pm
- **TAS Singers** 4.20 – 4.40pm
- **TAS Junior Vocal** 4.40 – 4.45pm
- **Soloists from JS** 4.45 – 5.00pm

We will be emailing band members and parents soon so you are aware of the timing and requirements for TAS @ Dusk.

All Saints' Day at Gostwyck Chapel this coming Sunday 1 November

Chapel Choir will sing at the Gostwyck Chapel this Sunday at 2pm for All Saints' Day. All members are to meet at TAS at 12.15pm to travel out to the Chapel. We will be emailing information out to the Choir this week.

Term 4 Twilight Concert 12 November

Don't forget that the Twilight Concert this term will be held on Thursday 12 November in the Memorial Hall from 6pm. Students that would like to sing or perform a piece of music should discuss entry with their music teacher. The TAS Twilight Concerts are a fantastic way to gain valuable performance experience in a non-threatening and friendly environment. The concert is free and open to all TAS students. Students perform in front of a small audience of peers, parents and friends so nerves are minimised and public performance skills can be developed. If you would like further information please contact the Music Office on 6776 5890.

Summer Gala Concert 20 November

TAS Singers, TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Jnr Vocal Ensemble will perform at this wonderful TAS Foundation Fundraising event. A number of soloists will be featured including TAS students Jasper O’Neil and Andrew Knight, along with singers Ms Constance Rolfe and Mr Stephen Tall. Internationally renowned organist Mr Warwick Dunham will perform on the magnificent Memorial Hall organ. This will be an event not to be missed.

Instrument Recall 20 November

On Friday 20 before Activities Week (23 - 27 November) we will again be collecting all the TAS hire instruments that are currently being borrowed by students.

While you are away on Activities Week these instruments will be serviced and repairs will be carried out if required. Middle and Senior students will then be able to pick up their hire instruments again when they return from their week away. TAS Junior School students will also need to hand in their TAS hire instruments on the Friday for servicing and can pick them up once they are done.

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Full Steam Ahead

The formal examination period is in full swing and assessment marks that inform us to determine semester grades are beginning to come in so that the report writing period can continue in earnest. However, and I need to stress this, academic work has not finished. Ms Fiona Taber, Mr Andrew Junge and I will be reinforcing this message to our Year 8 students as soon as their exams are completed and then I’ll speak to the Year 7 and 6 students soon thereafter.

As most of you know, academic and co-curricular programs run in tandem for the rest of the term and it’s very important that all students participate fully in them. They culminate in the Middle School Final Assembly and the School Speech Day early in December. Needless to say, perhaps, your attendance at TAS to celebrate your sons’ end of year activities would be welcomed and, in anticipation of it, I both thank you on behalf of all staff and look forward to welcoming you to the School. I know for a fact that the boys enjoy having their families visit them. I also know that we, the staff, would welcome you – to celebrate the achievements, both individual and collective, of boys in 2015.

All Middle School students will be involved in bivouac activities on 9 and 10 November. While our Year 6 Rangers will visit Buccarundi, the Cadets (Years 7 and 8) will have two days of bush activities that will constitute excellent and, I believe, necessary preparation for Annual Camp activities later in the term at Nymboida. Staff have spent considerable time in their preparation of relevant activities for your sons and next week will be as enjoyable as it will be beneficial. To facilitate the process of the Bivouac and the Annual Camp I ask you to refer to information sent so that the boys are able to go away with all, in terms of clothing, toiletries and so on, that they need for their absence from School. Your support of us in these matters is vital to the success of 2015’s final term.

Involvement and Activity

As you know, we’ve been busy, for well over a term now, conducting a good number of enrolment interviews for new students in 2016. In fact, I noticed only this morning that I’m still doing several enrolment interviews each week and we’re still welcoming students in for Experience Days. And it’s Term 4, so these are good signs of school health. Last week, we conducted our second Girls’ Experience Day. I had the pleasure of teaching six girls in Year 8 and I enjoyed this class work very much. However, the highlight of my day was, while walking around the grounds, happening upon the Year 6 girls who had obviously been invited by the boys to play Volleyball during the lunch break. I think these girls will fit in well here – they were playing very happily despite the minor variation to the game. The ball was a rugby ball. I like invention and initiative and I love the fact that these kids were just – well, kids really.

I’ve been thinking, especially lately, of the breadth of activity TAS offers to students and believe that the fees you pay certainly give you value for money. I’ve said, in response to questions generally concerning “Why TAS for my child?”, words to the effect of those that follow: This is a place where the person, a ‘concept’ if you must that includes the pupil, is given many opportunities to develop as an individual. It is only through willing involvement in a range of activities that students can find a comfortable ‘place’ in relation to others and the wider school. Of course there will be times when they are challenged. These people, all, need challenge in order manage the ‘growing up’ part of their lives. Such personal challenge is necessary to the development of resilience, confidence and ease of interaction. Accordingly, the primary focus in the development of ‘self’ has to be on the willing nature of involvement earlier mentioned.
I think that now is an opportune time for me to have included the above in this edition of TAS Talks because we are heading towards a period of the year when students are experiencing the wider curriculum and our collective support of them in such undertakings is important to their development as individuals.

It is only through involvement that students can realize that this environment is a mutually supportive one. Our staff ‘wear a few caps’ and their determination to support our students is part of their wider brief as TAS employees. I say employees advisedly because it isn’t just the teaching staff that are involved in co-curricular activities. In relation to the wider curriculum, I think one of our distinguishing characteristics is our easy capacity to get to know TAS students as people.

As important, it is vital to the success of education that students have the opportunity to get to know us as people. Arguably, it is only through involvement in ‘whole school’ activities that this process is possible. As vital to the success of such education is your support of our efforts to assist young people in the School.

It’s been trying to rain, hasn’t it…we need rain.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
End of Term dates

I hope you all received the information via email about our very busy end of term. With fetes, activities days, musical performances, special carol services and end of year celebrations, it will be a hectic time for both students and families. If you did not receive this information or have any questions, please contact us at school.

International Baccalaureate

You will have read weekly articles about the work being completed in our classrooms demonstrating the aims of the Organisation and many of its teaching and learning practices, particularly in terms of creating active learners and students who look to inquire and explore ideas. Visiting our classrooms regularly, demonstrates to me how well our journey is going towards implementing many of the principles and understandings involved, and I hope that you have seen a difference at home as well.

It is not always possible but when you do have a chance, please talk with your children about their current Unit of Inquiry and the concepts being covered. Ask them what the central idea is in this unit and what activities they are doing in class which relates to concepts being covered. Your children will be able to talk to you in terms of what type of learner profile they are demonstrating – perhaps developing an appreciation of others as an open-minded learner, or being able to thoughtfully consider their own learning experiences as someone who is developing the ability to reflect. Each week, our classrooms have been introducing a particular set of attitudes including: appreciation, cooperation, confidence, commitment and this week, empathy. These terms and the ideas behind them are all regularly used and discussed in class.

The implementation of IB in Junior School involves the whole school community, from the School Board through to our families and students. We encourage you to get to know the PYP (Primary Years Programme) and become involved wherever possible.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School
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Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week: Cameron Le Surf, Byron McCann, Minnie Chick, James Smith, & Toby Ford.

Assembly for Term 4

Please note that Kinder and Year 4 have swapped their assemblies. Kinder will be hosting the assembly on 4 November and Year 4 will be hosting on 11 November.

Lost Property

Alex Webber Year 4 has misplaced his school jumper, if all parents could please check their child’s jumper to make sure they haven’t picked it up by mistake. If found, could you please return it to Junior School.

Book Clubs

Junior School students will have now brought home the latest brochures from Lamont and Scholastic book clubs. The closing date for orders from both clubs will be Wednesday, 4 November, 2015.

LAMONT BOOK CLUB: This is the final brochure from Lamont for this year, and contains a bumper gift guide for all ages. If you wish to order from Lamont, please place your order online via the Lamont website using your credit card or Paypal (no cheques or cash).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB: This is the second-last brochure from Scholastic for 2015, and again contains lots of gift ideas for Christmas. Ordering from Scholastic is done through their LOOP system on their webpage, or by cheque placed in the RED letterbox in Junior School.

Please note that cash cannot be accepted by either book club.

All orders are delivered to your child’s classroom, however if you are buying gifts, please contact me so we can make alternative arrangements.

Thank you so much for your support of the book clubs throughout the year. We have been able to purchase some excellent resources for the Library with points earned from your purchases.

Mrs Natalie Ramazani
Book Club Co-ordinator (nramazan@as.edu.au)
PYP Update

Year 3 have been having a wonderful time investigating the properties of various materials and have explored how they influence designs of buildings and structures.

They have constructed bridges and tested strength by using a variety of shapes and reached conclusions based on their observations.

Creative skills have been explored as designs were drawn for a ‘Mouse House’ and then created.

Group work has been a major focus as students have practised the attitude of cooperation, commitment and appreciation.
**Orienteering**

On Friday, 23 October TAS took part in the annual Armidale Orienteering Event at Thalgarrah Educational Centre. The day was perfect for an outdoors activity and Years 3 to 6 participated in both the Score and Line Courses this year.

For most Year Three students this was their first Orienteering event. Working in teams of two or three the students managed to find most of their checkpoints and get back to base within the hour.

TAS placed 2nd in the PSSA Trophy overall, with Martins Gully taking out the event this year.

**Score course results: Years 3 and 4**

Lachlan Costello, Toby Inglis and Peter Evans with best TAS results coming in 3rd

Daniel Morgan and Lachlan Hunt coming in 4th

Hugh Taylor and Jasper Russ - 7th

**Line Course Years 5/6**

Pleasing results with best TAS places - Archie Chick Year 6 and Alex Gibson Year 6

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**Tennis**

This week the students had two new coaches Maddison Taylor and William Waterson.

After some fun warms ups focussing on hand-eye coordination, Monday's session focussed on the skill of learning the technique of serving overarm.

All participants were taught to remember the serving process by saying: “Scratch your back, throw the ball up and snap your wrist.” They all attempted serving with no hesitation and some fabulous results were achieved.

The snap shots below show the successes experienced by many.
Basketball

TAS Year 5

TAS Year 5’s took to the court on Monday against PLC. We had our moments of greatness and it was a much closer game than the previous weeks, which is a testament to the effort they are putting into training. It was really pleasing to see so many players working on improving the passing between themselves, including trying the big throws to players further away. The other aspect that was wonderful to see was the efforts by a few players, including Casey Smith, to move around the court more and get underneath the hoop to try and get the rebound. Jonathan Harris and Will Jubb showed some great skills in defence this week and it was pleasing to see the players starting to work together as a team.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

TAS 3/4 Team

We had a great match up this week against TAS Year 4.

It was a great game to watch and wonderful to see all of the players getting involved and enjoying themselves. TAS 3/4 started strong taking an early lead, TAS Year 4 came back strong and took a convincing lead into the break. The TAS 3/4 team fought back gallantly but couldn’t quite close the gap. It was a close game with the final result in favour of TAS Year 4, winning by only 2 goals. TAS 3/4 were very strong in defence this week and more accurate with their passes around the court. Special mention goes to Conal Nicoll for his consistent court position in defending and rebounding throughout the game. It is great to see Lincoln Connock and Thomas Dundon becoming more involved each week against the older players on court. Well done boys on an exciting match this week.

Ms Gerry Vanzella

Gymnastics

The gymnastics program continued on Monday with Mandy and Bianca as our coaches. The fun started with a movement elimination game of Islands and Sharks. This was followed by the very important stretches to prepare us for our skill-based activities. These included high and low bar swings, bar rollovers, a review of our forward rolls and beam balancing. The finale was a highlight with springing and landing in the pit. As a cool down we performed some static balances. It was another great afternoon at the Gymnastics Club.

Mrs Anne Trenerry
Armidale Dumaresq Council’s Australia Day Committee would like you to design a picture for use in the 2016 Armidale Australia Day Colouring-in competition. We’ll choose two designs; junior (under 16) and senior (over 16). Happy designing!

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

• Designs must be entered on A4 size paper
• Designs must be black and white
• Designs that relate to New England High Country and what it means to be Australian are encouraged and preferred
• Designs should include the signature of the artist somewhere on the page
• Maximum of 3 entries per person
• Entries must be accompanied by a registration form available from Council or at armidale.nsw.gov.au
• Entries close October 30 and the winning design will be announced on November 6
• All entries must be submitted to council at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or via email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

WIN colouring in gift pack worth $50
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

Circuit Classes
A dynamic session involving simple machine weights, free weights and aerobic exercise. Great for increasing muscular strength and endurance. 1 hour duration.

Monday 6:15pm.
Tuesday 5:15pm.
Thursday 5:15pm
Saturday 4:15pm.

Contact Chris Doherty on 6771 1158 or 0414 984 378