Welcome back to all after what I hope has been a refreshing and enjoyable break.

I offer a special welcome to the new boys joining senior boarding houses this term and to the four girls who have begun their HSC year at TAS this week. This is an important time for each of these students as they settle into their new school environment and I wish them well for a happy, smooth and encouraging transition. As usual, I encourage all our students to make a special effort to make the new members of our school community feel welcome.

This is also an historic week for the School of course. Whilst only girls entering Year 12 have joined us this term and others will wait until 2016, co-education has begun at TAS and the positive energy and enthusiasm that has come with that reflects very well on our community.

Staffing Matters

As reported in my end of term newsletter, a number of staff will take periods of leave this term and I alert parents to the arrangements related to that:

- Mr Newton continues his long service leave this term and his role as chaplain is taken by former Dean of the Armidale Cathedral and past TAS parent Mr Stephen Williams.
- Mrs Benham begins her maternity leave this term and she is replaced in her role as Assistant Chaplain by Mrs Maria Craven.
- Mr Portell takes long service leave for the term and his class is being taught by Mrs Gerry Vanzella.
- Mrs Pollard takes long service leave this term and she is replaced by Harriet Miss Symonds.
- Mme Tamminga takes long service leave for the first five weeks of term, but will continue work with her new Year 12 students. Mme Tamminga’s other classes are being taught by Ms Kim Englehart.
- Finally, our Deputy Headmaster, Mr Jones, will be away for the first three weeks of term on long service leave and I wish him and his family well for that break. Mrs Wark and Mr Buntine will cover the bulk of Mr Jones’ responsibilities for the early part of the term and I thank them for stepping into those roles.

We are fortunate that, in each case, the teaching and other responsibilities of those staff taking leave are being covered by staff who are familiar with TAS and I wish all of them well for their work this term.

Holiday Activities

I write this week from the United World College of South East Asia in Singapore where the Round Square International Conference is coming to a close. The conference has carried the theme ‘act today, change tomorrow’ and seeing motivated and enthusiastic students from across the world engaging with it has been an enormously uplifting experience. As expected, our delegation of senior students has impressed and represented us with distinction.
Reports from the other parts of the diverse range of school activities over the holiday break are now coming in; from those trekking the Kokoda, serving in Fiji and Thailand, the language and art students who were in Europe, and all have been very encouraging. Closer to home our Year 12 students have been in study camp and the cricket season got underway with a visit from Scots College U15.

In all, it has been a full and very productive short holiday break and I offer considerable thanks to the many staff who made these activities possible.

Exams

It is now time for all students in Middle and Senior School to focus their full attention on their academic program. Students in Years 6 to 10 will sit their end of course exams in Week 3 and directed study programs should be underway in preparation for that this week and next. Our new Year 12 students will be moving into their HSC program in the coming weeks and planning, preparation and goal setting will be needed for that. This is our shortest term for the year, but it is an intense one in academic programs and I wish all our students well as they pursue their best efforts in class and study.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Term 4

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Girls make history at TAS

It was an historic day for TAS on Tuesday with the first secondary girls commencing their schooling at TAS.

When the TAS Board announced in May that the school would move to full co-education in 2016, special dispensation was given for any girls going into Year 12 to be able to start in Term 4.

Holly Tearle, Maddy Dennis, Emily Blackbourne and Elyssa Rogers-Ellis may be the first senior girls at TAS but they are all familiar with the school. Holly attended Junior School at TAS, and along with Maddy and Elyssa, has had older brothers complete their education here in recent years. While Elyssa, Maddy and Emily have already been studying some HSC subjects at TAS (Economics, French and French, respectively) since the start of Year 11, as part of a combined subjects arrangement TAS has had with other Armidale secondary schools for many years.

All four are day girls, and have come to TAS from three different schools. Girls from Years 6-11, including boarders, will commence at TAS in Term 1.
Sometimes dreams come true. Ask JT and the Cowboys. Ask the Wallabies after their win against England. Yes dreams matter in life. Without them we do not aim high and give our all. I think it is amazing when a person achieves their AMusA, or gains a place in a high profile orchestra.

However, it does not hold true that because we aim high that we will have our dreams come true. However, it does hold true that most dreams will not come true without aiming high and giving our all. Perhaps it is true sometimes that our dreams can be completely unrealistic – the gap between our dreams and our achievements call us to a certain realism. As a young boy I dreamed of playing cricket for Australia. However, there was a moment when I realised that there was an unbridgeable gap. My gifts were not up to that. While still at school I remember fielding and observing batsmen on other teams already marked out for rapid progress through Sydney grade cricket.

So what does all this mean? Dreams, pushing our personal limits and giving things our best shot, reaching for achievable goals (or going beyond what we believe is achievable by changing the limiting stories we tell ourselves), are crucial. So too is discernment, recognising our strengths and capacities so that our dreams do not become occasions for an internal sense of failure. Once I let go of playing for Australia, I enjoyed playing cricket for many years, setting realistic goals, occasionally having the satisfaction of reaching them. So, both dreams and discernment are important to us.
Community Service

Calling community service helpers!

In preparation for the TAS@Dusk raffle, we are looking for some community service helpers this week, and perhaps next week, to assist with collating raffle tickets and flyers into a mailout. Please contact Rachael Nicoll ASAP to offer your assistance on nicollfamily1@gmail.com

What does this mean for parents? Keep an eye out for raffle tickets in your mailbox, and then please help us raise much needed funds by selling them to family and friends. We will only be sending a book of 10 tickets to each family, but more are available if needed.

TAS @ DUSK – prize donations

***And don’t forget our House Christmas Hampers which will form part of the raffle prize pool. Please bring in your Christmas themed donations this week – anything with a Christmas theme – food, books, music, decorator items or tree lights/decorations. There is quite a lot on the shelves of our shops already, so let your imagination run wild! ***

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 it’s NEXT weekend – yes, end of week 2.

Calling all cooks, sous chefs, Mums, Dads, general dogs bodies and anybody else who wishes to help. Book in 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.

Please wear closed in shoes and BYO apron.

We would love to see you there!
Year 9/10 2016 Subject Lines
All parents and students of current Year 8 and 9 students should have now received an email from me outlining our elective lines for 2016. In the next few days students will all receive login details so that they can select their first and second preference in each of the three lines for both Semester 1 and 2. These choices will be due in by this time next week.

Year 11 2016 Subject Lines
In the holidays all families should have received a copy of our elective lines for 2016 that was sent in the end of term mailout and are available on the school website. Mr Taylor and I will start meeting with students next week to look at their final selections for 2016. Families are able to discuss these choices with Mr Taylor by contacting him via email (mtaylor@as.edu.au) to organise an appointment.

HSC Exams
HSC exams start next week. Students should refer to these two documents to ensure that they understand what is required over the next few weeks. We wish all of our Year 12 students the best with their upcoming exams.

HSC Exam timetable:

HSC Rules and Procedures:
Click HERE

Year 6-10 Exams
Term 4 sees all of our students in Year 6-10 sitting their Semester 2 exams. In the coming week students will get a copy of their exam timetable, exam notification for each subject and revision guidance from their teachers.
Applications for Cambridge Immerse 2016 are open!

Cambridge Immerse is a unique two-week residential educational experience that allows participants to gain an unrivalled insight into a chosen discipline, ranging from the arts to the sciences. Subjects offered include Medicine, Law, Economics, History and Engineering and many more.

Tutorials and seminars are taught by highly regarded tutors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities in an optimal learning environment that stimulates academic enquiry; yet the carefully planned schedule ensures that the programme not only meets the academic needs of the participants, but also provides a unique insight into the university city through an abundance of activities.

Students reside in Queen’s College, one of central Cambridge’s most beautiful university colleges. Within its historic walls, the college prides itself on providing unique experiences of leadership and academic excellence through a programme for participants that instills the confidence and passion for learning that are essential to success in higher education.

To find out more & to apply:

Enrolment in the program is ongoing, and students aged 15 and above are welcome to apply at www.cambridgeimmerse.com.

A PDF version of our prospectus is also available to view HERE

If you are interested in registering, please do so online through the website, or alternatively, if you require further information please don’t hesitate to email enquiries@cambridgeimmerse.com

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor

BOSTES HSC Test yourself App

BOSTES has produced a range of Apps to assist HSC students with their study leading up to their HSC exams.

All BOSTES HSC reference material is very valuable and I would think useful for the final stages of their HSC study.

Click here to access BOSTES Test Yourself App

Mr Mark Taylor
Careers Advisor
The 2015 Art-French Cultural and Language Trip, 2015

Twenty-four French and Art students were fortunate enough to spend their September holidays in France, for what would be a once in a lifetime experience. Around every corner there was something amazing; a château, a cathedral or even a Paul’s baguette. Home stays in Loches in the Loire Valley allowed students to immerse themselves fully in the French culture and provided an invaluable opportunity to practice their French language skills with native speakers. Returning to Paris our Art students were spoilt through a plethora of historical, Impressionist and modern art galleries and Renaissance, Gothic and Neo-Classical architecture. For all students, seeing the beautiful castles and cobbled streets intertwined with modern buildings and cafes instilled an unforgettable insight into French culture.

Reflecting on this trip, it is hard to fully grasp how we experienced so much of France in only 10 days. We managed to fit in the Catacombs, an evening cruise on the Seine, an Eiffel Tower climb, the Mont St-Michel, Monet’s Garden, the Centre Pompidou and many more.

A huge thank you to Ms Kathryn Tamminga and Ms Catherine Simmons for accompanying the group, and to all parents and friends for their immense support.

Mr Ian McPherson
Japan Study Tour 2016

Spaces still Available

Organisation is currently underway for the 2016 Japan Study Tour. The trip is a combined Japanese/HSIE Study Tour and will involve a three day stay in China before travelling around Japan for 10 days. There are spaces still available on the trip and I will finalise bookings next week.

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

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

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting us. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mr Allan Moore
amoore@as.edu.au

Mr David Toakley
dtoakley@as.edu.au
Girls Experience Day 2 – Thursday 22 October

This is such an historic start to a new term with the arrival of our first 4 girls into Year 12 and it has generated a flurry of interest in our 2nd Girls Experience to be held on Thursday 22 October.

Like our first experience day last term, this day really just provides any girl interested in a co-educational experience to come and try the school and see the breadth and depth of a TAS education in the classroom and beyond.

Anyone interested in more information about the day should email Pip Warrick on info@as.edu.au or call her on 0428 414 995

The TAS Foundation’s ‘Summer Organ and Musical Recital’ – Friday November 20

This event is definitely one to put in your diaries now! Save the date and watch out for booking information that will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Following the very successful launch of our new organ last year, which you might remember was an incredibly generous gift from an Old Boy and his wife, we raised $10,000 on the night for the purchase of the façade pipes that now adorn the organ.

This year the concert will expand to include our TAS choirs, soloists and instrumentalists as well the magnificent music from the organ and of course food and a drink on arrival will also be available. This year the fundraising plan is to complete the restoration of Memorial Hall so all proceeds from the night and any tax-deductible donations will contribute to this excellent initiative.

Save the date now!
Leaving a Legacy

Last Friday our cricketers hosted a team from The Scots College. Whilst I was not able to be present at the game, I was eager to hear how the fixture went. The visitors were victorious by 15 runs, although, I could not have been more encouraged when I heard that three of our departing Year 12s volunteered to come and man the BBQ. I hope that the presence of spirit that I have come to recognise as being synonymous with TAS cricket will continue to thrive this season. It is important that we see these fixtures as an opportunity to both develop our program and promote all that is good about inter-school fixtures.

Promoting Health and Fitness

You will find attached the Training Schedule for all sports. This schedule provides a foundation for students to develop in their chosen sport. However, we are all encouraged to exercise daily for both health and fitness. Whilst it is possible to manage your own health and fitness, it is sometimes helpful to have sessions scheduled for you. This week, students have the opportunity to sign up for various sessions ranging from boot camp to bikram yoga (see schedule attached). These sessions are fixed for the term and a fee of $40/term will be charged to students who sign up.

Up to Date Information

Whilst the schedules attached provide an overview of all sports, it is important to refer to information specific to your sport. Further information can be found on the TAS website. If any details are unclear please contact the MIC of your sport (see coaching allocation attached.) There are invariably teething issues early in any season. It is important that we are all patient and work together to make this a positive experience for players, coaches and parents.

Summer Training Schedule Term 4

Strength Conditioning Health and Fitness

Staff Summer Sports Allocations
Cricket

Welcome to the 2015/16 season of Cricket at The Armidale School. This year we are fielding 11 teams ranging from Under 9's all the way to 1st XI. With some exciting fixtures at local and schoolboy level, the upcoming year will challenge and create a friendly environment for all cricketers.

TAS offers regular games in the local Armidale competition and opportunities to play other schoolboy teams. This season we will be hosting the Cricket Festival for our First XI in January and hosting a game against Scots College Under 15's in October. Our First XI team have entered the prestigious Douglas Shield and Year 7-9 team will enter the Wyburd Shield for the first time this season.

Cricket has a long and proud tradition at The Armidale School. We emphasise the improvement of cricket skills and the enjoyment of playing cricket with like-minded players. This school-level professionalism underscores all elements of the cricket program and the practice of cricket here at TAS.

Games commence this Saturday, 10 October and below is a list of the opponents and the location of each game.

Under 9 to Under 16 games commence at 9am with all boys expected to arrive at the ground 20 minutes before the game.

First XI and Second XI games commence 1:15 with all boys expected to be at the ground at least 30 minutes before the game.

For further information on TAS Cricket, please click on the links above or contact the MIC, Mr Allan Moore on amoore@as.edu.au or 0408 695 017.

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It feels only yesterday that the curtain went down on Once Upon a Mattress and somehow we are already about to commence our exciting journey on the 2016 TAS Production Bye Bye Birdie. Auditions for the show start this Thursday 8 October and will continue in the afternoons on Friday 9, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15. Bye Bye Birdie is one of the most captivating shows of our time and an iconic high school musical. It is a particular favourite for its catchy songs, large cast speaking parts and humorous characters and promises to be another memorable show in the rich history of TAS productions. Whether you are a keen performer, dancer and singer or have never been in a production before, we invite everyone to come along and give it a try as it is a truly exciting process and a great way to make new friends and learn new skills. Auditions are open to everyone in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2016 and you can find information on the audition process and book an audition time by going to the Hoskins website (http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/).

As a new production is about to start our Middle School Play The Lost Property Rules prepares for two nights of performances this Sunday 11 and Monday 12 at 6pm. This year we have decided to open the ticketing so anyone can come along and we just ask that the audience makes a donation at the door that we can contribute to St Christopher’s Orphanage in Fiji, where some of our Middle School Students have just returned from doing a service project. It is a very imaginative show and would be a lot of fun for Junior School and Middle School audiences. The students have worked throughout the very busy Term 3 and it would be great to see audiences come along to support them and their hard work.

This term the Hoskins Centre is extremely busy (when is it not?) with many different productions being put on by a number of different local theatre companies. Closing a two-week production run this week is ADMS’ comedy play The 39 Steps. It has been incredibly well-received and seems to be another success after their sell-out Legally Blonde earlier in the year. There are still four performances left and I encourage everyone to come along and make the most of this rare experience to see a show that is the current toast of Broadway. Make sure you watch this space and check the Hoskins Centre website regularly for information on what will be a very theatrical and entertaining Spring.
AUDITIONS
The Armidale School 2016 Musical

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
MUSIC MATTERS

TAS Ensembles have recommenced

Term 4 will be another busy term with a number of musical events including a Twilight Concert in Week 6, Christmas concerts and Speech Days later this term. Conductors will be preparing for these events and need all ensemble members in attendance at every rehearsal. Please email your Conductor or Mrs Broadbent at sbroadbe@as.edu.au to let us know if you are unable to attend rehearsal.

The ensemble rehearsal schedule is attached below.

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition at TAS

A reminder that we have upwards of 20 talented music tutors who teach students in the Music Centre at TAS during term time. Tuition is available in voice and on the following instruments: bagpipes, banjo, drum kit, piano, organ, acoustic guitar, bass and electric guitar, cello, violin, viola, double bass, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, french horn, and more...

Speak with Ms Roobol, Mr Dunham or Mrs Butcher or contact the Music Office for more information on 6776 5890.

Boarders’ Practice

Supervised Boarders’ practice will recommence next week. The Boarders’ Practice Supervisor is an experienced musician and can assist students with their practice routines and ensure they stay on track. It is recommended that students practice their instruments a minimum of three times each week so the Music Centre is open at the following times again this term to facilitate practice.

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BOARDERS’ PRACTICE TIMES

Term 4, 2015

The TAS Music Centre will be open to boarders for instrumental practice at the following times during school term:

EVENINGS: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

All Boarders
6.00 – 7.00pm and 8.00 – 9.00pm

MORNINGS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

All Boarders
8.00 – 8.30am

WEEKENDS: Saturday and Sunday

All Boarders
3.00 – 5.00pm

Please see the Boarders’ Practice Supervisor to sign the roll when you arrive for your session.

Last but certainly not least, we are very excited to announce that Robert Butcher has been selected to perform at ‘Bravissimo’, a showcase of outstanding HSC Music students from the Mid-North region. This concert will be held at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie on February 10th, 2016. Rob will perform ‘Mercy, Mercy, Mercy’ with the TAS Senior Jazz Combo and Mr Warwick Dunham.

We would like to thank Mr Nick Negerevich, Rob’s Saxophone teacher, and the New England Conservatorium of Music for all their support. Well done Rob!

Many thanks

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
And the last one begins

Welcome back to all members of the Middle School community. I trust the two week break allowed you and your family to do those things you intended to do and that, in so doing, you are relaxed and, more importantly, that your sons are ready for the final term of 2015.

Needless to say perhaps, it’s going to be busy for the students as it includes a formal examination period, a bivouac and the annual camp at Nymboida Canoe Centre and also the annual Mosman Prep visit during the second last week of the term. By the time the bivouac is completed, students will be ready for the camp and the activities in which they will be involved will be enjoyable for them. So, please tell them that you’ve read this and that ‘all will be well’.

The students will be receiving very soon information about their exams and I urge you to become fully involved in the preparation process. From their experience of the mid-year exams the boys will be more aware of expectations and, I’m hoping, better able to manage their time leading up to the examination week. I’ll be speaking to staff about the lead-up process this week in our meeting and will give you more information over the next several weeks.

I went to Fiji last holiday with Ms Fiona Taber and twelve of our intrepid Year 8 students – you’ll be hearing more about this trip next week.

Please find below important dates for the final term.

Year 6 - 8 Exam week commences Monday 26 October, 2015
Bivouac Monday and Tuesday 9 & 10 November
Activities week commences 23 November
Final Assembly Wednesday 2 December – more information to follow over the next several weeks

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Welcome back for Term 4, a busy and often chaotic time for us all. Packing so much into such a short term will present some challenges I’m sure, so, please watch this space carefully and stay in touch with each other when there is the need! At least the weather is being kind to us. I know there is already a spring in the step of our students.

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Gerry Vanzella who will be joining us this term on Mr Alex Portell’s class while he is away on his Long Service Leave. Mrs Vanzella is a very familiar face in our Junior School and it is great to have her back.

We are also very fortunate to have Mr Daniel Burmudez and Mr Kenneth Kamathi as our gappies this term and we welcome them to Junior School.

We congratulate Mrs Jo Benham, our Christian Development teacher on the safe arrival of her third child, baby Edward. Both are doing very well. We welcome back Ms Maria Craven who will take Mrs Benham’s place for the rest of the year.

International Baccalaureate Professional Development

As a result of the very generous gesture from Hunter Valley Grammar School, most Junior School staff was in the very fortunate position to travel to Maitland late last term for a full day’s visit into classrooms and staff meetings. Another step along the pathway to attaining PYP verification, this experience was invaluable and I would like to publicly thank Mr Cameron Wallace and his staff for their incredible hospitality. For us to personally share ideas with teachers and administrators, plan curriculum, see IB teaching in action and establish professional links has been invaluable. This type of in-servicing demonstrates one of the huge benefits of joining the IB network. We look forward to the continuing association with HVGS for many years.

Peter Pan Jr – The Musical

I would like to send out another reminder about the dates for our performances this term of our Musical Peter Pan Jr. Again, to accommodate as many of our parents and friends as possible, there will be a matinee and evening performance on both Thursday November 26 and Friday November 27.
Old Teachers’ College Fundraiser

Last term I wrote about this special fundraiser for the wonderful Old Teachers College building, a move that will allow for the construction of a new lift. You will see a flyer at the end of this section, but I do encourage you to come along for what is promising to be a great day of activities for all. Starting at 10:00 am on Sunday October 11, there will be free entry to an array of activities including Devonshire teas; Pipe & City Bands; static displays of Medieval tent & lifestyles; Aboriginal dancers; silent auction of artworks; reenactment of combat in Medieval times; a 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 and of course the paper plane contest. This will be followed by a concert in the auditorium at 3.30 pm for a very reasonable price of $10. The students have been well briefed about the paper plane competition and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week: Joshua Rucci, Lincoln Connock, Lennox Neilson and Alistair Newton.

Uniform for Term 4

For the first two weeks of this term, children may either wear their summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. From the start of Week 3, all children will be asked to wear their summer uniform. A reminder that hats are compulsory for Junior School children when playing outside and it is important that the uniform is worn correctly.

Last Day of Term

The last day of Term 4 for the Junior School is Wednesday 2 December finishing at 1pm. The Junior School Speech Day will be held at 5pm on this day in the Memorial Hall. The Junior School children are NOT required to attend the Middle and Senior School Speech Day, which is held the following day.

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IB - Primary Years Program (PYP)

Junior School staff had a most beneficial PD day at the Hunter Valley Grammar School, in Maitland on the last day of Term 3. It was a wonderful end to the term and allowed our staff to return with an abundance of ideas to trial and implement.

It was an ideal opportunity for TAS JS staff to see the Primary Years Programme in action and to make valuable contacts with other likeminded teachers.

This term all classes will be reviewing Learner Profile Attributes, focussing on concept based learning, enhancing skills and explicitly be introduced to attitudes recommended to use as part of the PYP. The focus will be on the development of personal attitudes that contribute to the well being of individual students as well as whole class groups.

Each class teacher will introduce one or two attitudes per week through the use of picture books.

The attitudes the PYP encourages to be taught and which we will be teaching over this term are:

- Appreciation
- Commitment
- Confidence
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Empathy
- Enthusiasm
- Independence
- Integrity
- Respect
- Tolerance

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Welcome to our summer season of sport. All training commences this week. Please refer to the attached Junior School Sports list for teams, days of training and coaching staff.

**Indoor Hockey**

This season, children have chosen to play indoor hockey as a second sport. We currently require a few parent volunteers to oversee the games on Friday afternoons. The competition commences on Friday, 23 October and runs from 4pm till 5:30pm. We require assistance to set up the TAS gym with boards and goals for the Friday afternoon sessions and a parent or two to run with the team.

Please inform Mrs Christine Wright at cwright@as.edu.au if you are able and willing to assist.

**Orienteering – Friday, 16 October**

TAS Year 3 – 6 children will be participating in the annual Armidale Orienteering Competition to be held at Thalgarrah this year. As yet, we have not been given our competing time, but have requested an early start to avoid the heat. More details in next week’s TAS talks.
Family Fun Day at The Old Teachers’ College
plus Variety Concert at 3.30pm
Sunday October 11, 2015.
Starting 10.00 a.m.
To Raise Money For a Lift for the Building.

Free entry to fun day; Devonshire teas; Pipe & City Bands; static display of Medieval 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 pane 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

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.