HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

I write this week from the program that sees our students from Years 7 to 11 in the field with the Cadet Unit, Pioneers, Rural Fire Service and Surf Lifesaving. This culmination of the year’s program is an important milestone in the TAS calendar and it invariably produces some of the memories that our students will carry through the remainder of their time at school and beyond. The week is designed to be a challenging one and the reports from around the activities indicate that these challenges are being responded to well.

Last night I had the opportunity to speak with a number of the senior members of the Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club who are once again dedicating their time and expertise this week to train our students, in many cases taking time away from work to do so. In that discussion I was reminded how much of an impact our students can have when they are out in the community. The experienced instructors and surf club stalwarts spoke of how impressive our students are every year; in their willingness to commit, their manners and their responsiveness to instructions. It was clear that it is not something that they always see and it is a good part of the reason that they are willing to help us in this way. This is what we might expect of our students, but we should not take it for granted and it should be applauded.

I look forward to spending time with the Cadet Unit today and with the Year 10 Pioneers later in the week.

Foundation Gala Organ Concert

Last Friday evening a good audience of music lovers and TAS supporters were treated to what can only be described as a stunning organ concert. The concert was a celebration both of TAS music and the very impressive a organ that now takes pride of place in the Memorial Hall and it showcased the great talent in both our student body and the Armidale musicians that support them. I offer congratulations to all involved in the wonderful night and special thanks to Rachael Butcher, Phil Oxley, Warwick Dunham and our Director of Music Leanne Roobol for making it possible.

Recognition for our First XI Footballers

Amongst a number of TAS sporting teams and individuals nominated for awards at the Armidale Sports Council annual awards dinner last weekend, the TAS First XI Football team received the honour of being named the Armidale Sports Council Junior Team of the year. Followers of TAS Football will know that the 2015 premiership winning season was a very successful one for our team and it was particularly impressive as it came on the back of another premiership season in 2014 which saw a good number of Year 12 footballers depart. The depth in TAS Football that this shows is every bit as impressive as the results themselves and I offer congratulations to all in the Club.

Mountain Bike Challenge

Last weekend TAS made its first outing to the NSW All Schools MTB Championships in Sydney with four teams joining the 200 strong competition across junior and senior ages. The School’s success in placing 2nd overall is reported later in this edition of TAS Talks and I recommend it to you. This growing sport is clearly attracting some talented and determined athletes and their success is very encouraging indeed.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 8

23 – 27 November
Thursday 26 November
Friday 27 November
28-29 November

Activities Week
Junior School Play - Peter Pan
Junior School Play - Peter Pan
Junior Gold Program

Week 9

Monday 30 November
Tuesday 1 December
Wednesday 2 November
Thursday 3 December

School Carol Services
STEPS Program (Year 10)
Board Meeting
Members Meeting
Junior School closes
Junior School Speech Day
Middle/Senior School Speech Day
Rowers depart for Grafton Head of the River

Holiday Events

3-7 December
Grafton Head of the River
7-11 December
Mountain Bike Christian Camp (Scotts Head).

Student Travel

Please ensure the diary for travel undertaken with your son or daughter in the car this semester has been submitted by the close of business on Thursday 3 December so claims can be processed without delay.

Any questions re new applications or claim can be directed to Mrs Meg Sadler by email to msadler@as.edu.au

The Headmaster, Mr Murray Guest requests the pleasure of your company at

Speech Day 2015
Thursday 3 December at 9.30am
TAS Sports Centre

Guest of Honour
Michael Crossland
Inspirational Speaker, Trainer and Humanitarian
The concert recital at TAS last Friday night was truly awesome (in the true sense of the word). The power of music to evoke a whole range of emotions and responses, to take us into the soaring heights of the majestic and into the subtle movements of the heart, in short to transport us into transcendent and sacred spaces, was the experience we had at TAS. The impressive organ playing (Sam Thatcher and Warwick Dunham), the choral voices, the soloists, other instruments, all contributed to a peerless evening. The joy of it lingered and reverberated. I was so glad to have been there.

It is important for us to cultivate the beauty of music and I would have wished every student in the school to be there, to have that experience too. The creative arts must have a central place in our lives. It is through them that the deeper meanings of human experience can be expressed, in ways that enable us to touch the 'other ways of knowing'. Not everything can be reduced to words, scientific or mathematical formulae, or scientific method. Our intelligence is opened up to new possibilities for understanding our lives, through the power of creative expression. The emotional depths of human life require another language too.

The students at TAS have wonderful opportunities for expanding their lives and for appreciating the good and the beautiful. These things are not everywhere present in the world and so we need to cultivate the only response possible – gratitude.

Mr Rob Hadfield
TAS School Counsellor
**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

The amazingly tasty Christmas puddings sold like proverbial hotcakes at TAS@Dusk, and we don’t have too many remaining. So if this is becoming a part of your Christmas tradition, please contact Veronica at TAS Reception quickly. Puddings cost $25 each. If we still have any remaining by Speech Day, they will be sold then, and any remaining will be donated to local charities.

**NEXT MEETING (and Christmas thank you and get together) – TONIGHT!**

Wednesday 25 November in the Lower Maxwell is our P&F General meeting followed by Christmas drinks and thank yous to everyone, especially our Year Group Liaison Parents and Rugby Supporters Group Liaison Parents who move information from us to the whole school community and raise awareness of our activities by encouraging community participation.

**LIAISON PARENTS 2016 LPs for 2016**

Please do not assume that we know you would like to help us in this incredibly wonderful way, just drop me a line to confirm that you would like to either continue or join the LP crew – we’d love to have you on board. suecart@uow.edu.au is where you can find me.

Our most sincere thanks is extended to all our Liaison Parents and we look forward to working with you again next year.

**NSW PARENTS COUNCIL**

For those that do not know, I am an Executive Member of the NSW Parents Council – the premier lobby group for Independent Schools in NSW. I will be attending a meeting in Sydney this Saturday, but I can share that the NSWPC is involved in BOSTES curriculum work, disability funding and moving a range of information out and about via a range of school/area visits, newsletters and social networking sites, including Facebook – why not like their FB page and gain more information on services available to assist in our parenting.

**And so we reach the end of the year**

To all students, parents, teachers and staff, I would like to extend to you all and your families the joy of this Christmas season and very best wishes for a safe and restful summer break, wherever you may be. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted the P&F activities this year, in whatever capacity – we cannot do it without you.

As much as I would like to list all of the very special helpers we have had who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, this is not the place – but thank you. Your commitment to helping us serve the TAS community is valued and appreciated.

And finally, a special and personal thanks from me must go to the Executive Team – Rachael, Sal and Mandy – who have kept things moving since I relocated to Sydney.
Co-ed Transition

Last week we devoted three days to preparing students for next year’s full transition to co-education. Following a presentation from the Enrolments Office on the themes that emerged from enrolling the girls and then chatting in smaller classes the next day about how next year is likely to look and feel, Jamie Holbeck (Old Boy and former Wallaby) spoke to all students from Years 5-11.

Within the framework of transitioning to co-education, Jamie touched on a variety of concerns. In particular, he dealt with:

• The pressures of ‘being a man’, shedding the mask of ‘manly toughness’, how to be comfortable with vulnerability and how to be your truest self;

• How each of us can be a ‘Comeback Kid’, that is, dealing with setbacks and developing resilience;

• How we can choose to leave our comfort zones and, through persistence, conquer fear and self-doubt; and

• The art of being grateful and the connection between gratitude and wellbeing.

Finally, he spoke of cultivating specific skills for welcoming the girls next year, from particular gestures and conversations that might be had to broader ideas of inclusiveness. He spoke of setting goals for the students, outlining key attributes of a successful community by developing responsibility, respect, humility and a sense of belonging, all great challenges for next year.

His was a great presentation that concluded very constructive conversations on the exciting times ahead and we thank him, Pip Warrick and Susannah Warwick from the Enrolments Office and all teachers involved over the three days.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care
Subject Choices
All students in Years 8 and 9 have now met with Mrs Wark to confirm subject choices. Some classes are full and therefore students were unable to get their first choice. Please note these students will be put on a waiting and both students and parents will be notified if things change. Any concerns or questions should be emailed to Mrs Wark - swark@as.edu.au

All students in Year 10 have also met with Mrs Wark to confirm their subject selections for Year 11 2016. Any requests for changes or concerns should be emailed to swark@as.edu.au

Year 11 2016 Textbooks
A textbook list will be sent to parents in the end of year mailout. This list indicates the books required for your child’s Yr 11 subjects and can be ordered and paid for through the supplier Better Books. This is one option - you may source the books elsewhere if you wish.

Please remember to purchase your child’s textbooks early so they are ready to begin on Day 1, 2016.

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

Competition Achievement
Congratulations to Lachlan Knowles and David Wu (Year 10) who have been invited to attend ‘A Day at UNSW’ based on their achievement of a High Distinction in the ICAS Mathematics Competition.

‘A Day at UNSW’ offers a series of activities and lectures to give Lachlan and David a taste of tertiary study and to help determine what university program is right for them. These events are a valuable opportunity to visit UNSW and learn about the tertiary study options available. Well done Lachlan and David.
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
Hospital Work Experience Program for Summer Break

How would you like to give the aspiring doctors, nurses, dentists and midwives in your school unparalleled insight into their future professions before applying and interviewing for university?

As the world's leading provider of hospital work experience programs abroad, Gap Medics offers students aged 16+ top-notch mentorship from health professionals in their chosen fields as they explore global health and the clinical environment. This December, we’re running two amazing specials in Europe and Africa. Please feel free to check them out on our special projects page and forward this information on to any of your students who may be interested.

Of course, all of our programs are fully supported, coming complete with housing, meals, airport pickup and in-country support. And because our destinations are open every week of the year, you can rest assured that no matter when your students have downtime, we'll have a program that suits their needs.

And for you, we have created a special guide tailored toward educators. To learn all about our personal approach toward experiential learning, head over to our website to download your free copy.

We look forward to helping your students arrange the educational experience of a lifetime!

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Student Placement Manager
Gap Medics – Launching medical careers
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United Kingdom
Summer Organ and Music Recital a wonderful success

Last Friday evening in the fading heat of the day, the TAS Memorial Hall with its magnificent new organ, sprang to life with the sounds of music! The concert was astounding, and to hear the combined forces of TAS Singers, TAS Chapel Choir and the TAS Junior Ensemble and the extraordinary talent of the soloists was a treat for the audience that is very hard to describe.

It goes without saying that enormous thanks are extended from the Foundation who benefitted from the fundraising to Warwick Dunham, Leanne Roobol, Rachael Butcher and Phil Oxley for all they did to make this concert possible. With everything they have on at the school at this time of year, they added one more concert to their schedule and we were all the beneficiaries of a magical evening of sublime music.

Thanks too to the TAS kitchen for the stunning food, the TAS technical genius of Anthony Carlon, Pat Bradley and Will Forsythe for cameras, light and film, and to the wonderful team of staff who are always there, working above and beyond to make these events possible.

The continued renovations of Memorial Hall are only possible from the donations received by the TAS community – and to all who are able to give, many thanks indeed!
Here’s to the Worker Bees

When chatting with a boy this past few days about how his co-curricular activity was going this term he replied that it was going well, and his team was having success and fun. I told him he was showing great development and doing a wonderful job and he commented, maybe so, but he would never be the person out the front making the speeches, in the limelight. My answer to him was that that was OK…the world needs many more worker bees than queen bees. In fact, in a typical bee colony, there are 20,000 - 80,000 worker bees who do almost everything as compared to just one queen bee.

I see this everyday at TAS. We have wonderful leaders, and those willing to be centre stage which is tremendous, but we have many, many more who work away quietly, consistently, going about their business, getting the job done. They think they are un-noticed, but the truth is quite the contrary. These people are our worker bees without whom nothing would happen. No team would take the field, no musical production would have a chorus, no debate would be prepared. Everyone has their niche.

So to the boy who I was chatting with last week and to all of the worker bees in our school community, I say well done! Stand tall, be proud of your achievements and of your place in the bigger picture. Don’t think that your contribution is any less than that of those who are front and centre and know that your contribution is immense, noticed and hugely appreciated.

Wiburd Shield

Congratulations to our U15 cricket team who travelled to Sydney to play Oakhill College in round 2 of the Wiburd Shield. In extremely warm, testing conditions our boys displayed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and skill and were courageous in defeat.

Back home at TAS there was great support for the team from TAS students, staff and parents who were all following keenly on Team App!
All Schools MTB

A busy weekend was enjoyed by our Mountain Biking team who travelled to Nepean to participate in the Jet Black MTBA All Schools Championships. The boys pushed themselves and put their bodies on the line, taking TAS to second-placed school overall on the testing course and the boys represented our school with distinction.

Congratulations to Lewis Taylor, Michael Harris and Jack Feltham who came second in the Senior Male Division, while our junior boys team of Alex Kirk, Tom Cannington, and Duncan Chalmers won the Junior Male Division!

Special thanks to Mr Matt Benham, Ms Colette Brus and our gappie, George Miller for training and supporting the team so well.

First XI Football – Armidale Sports Council Junior Team of the Year

It was wonderful to see our successful First XI team be awarded the Armidale Sports Council Junior Team of the Year at the Sports Council’s awards dinner last week. Congratulations to all members of the team and to Mr Christian Nexo and Mr Luke Polson who have supported the team so ably this year.

Further congratulations to all who were nominated for various awards throughout the evening.

Sport Week 9

As Week 9 is the last week of our school term arrangements for sport are as follows:

- All swimming, triathlon, tennis, shooting, mountain biking will not take place;
- There will be no basketball training for any age group, however there will be games for Opens on Monday night and games for the 14's and 16's on Tuesday afternoon/evening;
- Kayaking will have canoe polo in the TAS pool on Tuesday;
- Squash will take place on Tuesday only;
- Cross fit will take place on Monday 30 November, but there will be no yoga.
- Cricket will see:
  - U16 TAS Blue v TAS White on Wakefield on Monday 30 November
  - U14 TAS Blue v TAS White at Wakefield on Tuesday 1 December
  - All other junior and senior games will be as scheduled for 5 December
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, Erdman 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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MUSIC MATTERS

Tickets to Peter Pan are selling fast!

A reminder to all that tickets are still available to some of the Peter Pan shows later this week.

The Creative Arts Team and Junior School teachers and students have been working really hard in the lead up to present Peter Pan Jnr. Don’t miss out on seeing this wonderful musical and be sure to buy your tickets before they sell out.

Ensemble plans for next week

What a busy week we have ahead next week! With Carol Services, Speech Days and Final Assemblies it will be a hectic time for our ensemble students. Please note that ALL TAS ENSEMBLES are still rehearsing at their scheduled times on Monday and Tuesday next week for the upcoming events.

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent

Here is an overview of the schedule involving TAS Ensembles

Monday:
10.00am       Chapel Choir & TAS Singers rehearsal in Memorial Hall
12.00pm       TAS MS & SS Carol Service on Monday
1.30pm        The FanTAStics rehearsal in the Music Centre
2.00pm        TAS Junior School Carol Service
3.45pm        TAS Big Band rehearsal 3.45 - 5pm
5.00pm        TAS Senior Jazz Combo from 5 - 6pm

Tuesday:
8.00am        TAS Singers / TAS Jnr Vocal Ensemble rehearsal in Music Centre at 8am SHARP
2.00pm        TAS Big Band to MS Final Assembly Rehearsal in Memorial Hall
6.00pm        TAS Singers will sing in the PLC Carol Service from 6.30 - 7pm

Wednesday:
10.30am       TAS Big Band rehearsal 10.30 - 11.40am in Memorial Hall
1.00pm        MS Parent and Student lunch with TAS Camerata playing
2.00pm        TAS Middle School Final Assembly with TAS Big Band playing
2.45pm        TAS Big Band and TAS Senior Jazz Combo will rehearse for Speech Day
5.00pm        TAS Junior School Speech Day at 5.00pm

Thursday:
8.30am        TAS Big Band and Senior Jazz Combo set up and rehearse
10.00am       MS and SS Speech Day commences and ends at 12pm.
What a difference a week will make

As the term hastens towards its final week, so too does the activity that accompanies it. By the time this arrives on your computer all Year 7 and 8 boys will have been at Nymboida for several days for end of year Activities Week and the Year 6 students and staff will have completed the Mosman Prep welcome, allocation of billets and begun their full schedule of activities. Again, I’m lucky enough to be able to be with all boys during the week, spending a few days with those in Year 6, some time in tutorials with the Year 12 girls and then, mid week, travelling to Nymboida to see the Year 7s and 8s at Camp in, I’m hoping, cooler weather.

In addition, we are preparing for the Middle School Final Assembly, the Annual Carols Service, musical performances and Year 8 Leavers’ Certificate presentations in the Memorial Hall. I am hopeful that as many boarder parents as is practically possible can travel to Armidale to be with day parents for the Assembly and our final Middle School gathering at McConville next Wednesday. Against the whirring backdrop of industrial strength fans (I hope) the School Speech Day will be held next Thursday in the Gymnasium. I’m looking forward to seeing you on these days – and I know that your sons likewise are looking forward to being at home with you for the Christmas break. If it’s a wet Christmas I’m fairly confident most won’t give a damn. The amount of rain we’ve had over the last few weeks wasn’t forecast, so ‘you never know’.

Year 5 into 6 again

As you know, last Wednesday welcomed our future recruits from Year 5 into the Middle School for an Experience Day. Since that time there has not been one report that indicated anything other than success in relation to all activities. And such success is largely attributable to our Year 6 teachers Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon and Mr Luke Polson who, in addition to their normal daily activity, managed the transition morning with ease.

The parents of our new students attended an information afternoon in McConville and I believe that was as productive for us as I’m hoping it was for them. One point Kirsty, Luke and I emphasized was the wisdom, indeed necessity, of communication between home and school. It’s timely that such a reminder about productive, mutually beneficial communication is given to you, as well.

Staff Farewell

Our Middle School Administrative Assistant, Mrs Susi Redhead (mother of Sam, Year 12, 2015) will leave us at the end of term. Susi and her family will be returning home to Brisbane over the Christmas break. I want, on your behalf, to take this opportunity of thanking Susi for her many contributions to all members of the Middle School over the past three terms. Susi’s good humour, sensitivity and concern for others have endeared her to them. We will farewell Susi at the end of term.

Final note

Because I will be at School with the Year 6 students for the first and last parts of the week, I would be happy to speak to parents about ‘what’s in store’ for 2016. Susi Redhead has my schedule for the week and would be able to give you details about my ‘whereabouts’ at various times during the week.

Again, I’m looking forward to seeing you over the next week.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
School Reports

School reports are currently being complied for the end of the school year. As mentioned in last week’s edition, this report is a summation of the semester and more broadly the year’s progress. We provide a summary of the academic, co-curricular and social achievements and developments of your children and endeavour to lay the foundation for reflection and future action. This year, for the first time we are using our new Edumate reporting system and as the implementation has been more complex than anticipated, we will not be in a position to hand out reports on December 2. Instead, all reports will be mailed out to you with the Headmaster’s end-of-term newsletter and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Peter Pan, Wishing Tree, End of Year Picnic

Please let me know if you did not receive a letter detailing information relating to the Peter Pan arrangements for students and the Celebration Picnic. It is very pleasing to see the interest our musical has raised throughout our community, including a number of schools and pre-schools in Armidale. If you are yet to book, please do so as soon as possible online by clicking HERE.

Once again, I draw to your attention the picnic, which will be held immediately after Friday’s evening performance in the Junior School playground from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. This to be an informal end-of-year social occasion designed to bring our families together for a sausage sizzle (with refreshments provided, unless you have a particular, personal preference).

Junior School Wishing Tree

TAS Junior School will be participating again this year in the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. This is Australia’s largest and longest running Christmas gift appeal and we have been discussing this idea in class to reinforce the commitment to helping others. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Australians, the Appeal has raised more than 6 million gifts that have been distributed to those in need. In 2014, the Appeal successfully collected more than 390,000 gifts nationally.

A Christmas tree will be set up in the Hoskins foyer and we encourage everyone to place a gift under the tree from Thursday’s matinee performance. Each gift should have a small tag indicating the age group and gender of whom you think might like to receive your gift. We will then deliver all gifts to the Kmart Wishing Tree. Thank you for your support.
Camp Australia
(students for after school care on Speech Day)

And finally this week, Camp Australia will be offering their services for After School Care on Speech Day from 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm for those parents who need to collect their children from school sometime after it closes at 1.00 pm. We will need to have the details of who will be there for catering purposes and I ask that you contact us at junior@as.edu.au to book a place.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Looking Ahead

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Lost Property

Alexis Langlois-Peters Year 4 has lost his school bag. If found, could you please return to Junior School.
Junior School Bike Day / Triathlon 2015

We were blessed with a glorious day last Tuesday for our annual Junior School Triathlon held in our TAS grounds.

Children started the day with a safety check of their bikes before riding off onto Long Distance and Obstacle Courses. We were also informed of some bike safety from Dave and Mike Harris as they took us through the parts of a bicycle and the safety elements of riding.

Thanks must go to our ground staff who make this day so exciting by setting up the Obstacle Course for us.

After lunch, all children took part in our annual Triathlon, which has children competing in either team or individual events. It was a great community effort, with students cheering and supporting each other throughout the afternoon.

Results for Junior School Triathlon

Teams events

Kindergarten
1st – Harry Brownlie, Diesel Murphy and Andi Li

Year 1
1st – Blake Whitehill, Peyton Slade and Felix Winslett

Year 2
1st – Scarlette Buntine, Millie Coupland and Evan Kwan

Year 3
1st – Harry Pennington, Caleb Baumgartner, Henry Kirton and Lennox Neilson

Year 4
1st – Peter Evans, Oliver Smart and Jasper Russ

Year 5
1st – Byron McCann, Henry Douglas-Menzies and Cameron Le

Surf

Individual events

Year 2
1st- Sam Strelitz
2nd- Iles Baker

Year 3
1st- Tom Ball
2nd- Abbott White
3rd- Banjo Lawrence

Year 4
1st- Toby Inglis
2nd- Emily Buntine
3rd- Hugh Taylor

Year 5
1st- Sam Ball
2nd- Hugo Caterrall
3rd- Alexander Zuber

Winner of the Sarah Heagney Memorial Trophy: Sam Ball and Ruby Straker

(L to R) Sophia White, Joshua Rucci, Andi Li, Diesel Murphy, Josiah Baumgartner waiting to begin.

(L to R) Henry Kirton, Caleb Baumgartner, Alec Campbell and Lincoln Connock meeting off in the bike leg of the Teams Triathlon.
(L to R) Oliver Smart, Nawaf Alenazi, Lachlan Costello, Conal Nicoll and Alexander Webber ready to ride….

Ruby Straker and Sam Ball - winners of the Senior Boys & Girls Individual Triathlon event, with Mrs Julie Heagney.
Give the gift of music to your child this Christmas.

Not sure what to get your child this year? Do their grandparents need a gift idea?

The gift of learning an instrument will be far more memorable than the latest toy or outfit. It is a gift that keeps on giving – memories, skills and friendships that last a lifetime.

Find out more at NECOM’s FREE Try A String Instrument workshop.
Come, look, listen and try!

Tuesday 24th November, 4:00 – 5:00pm
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