Awards Night

Last Friday evening a sizeable contingent of TAS staff joined other educators from across the New England region for the annual awards presentations from the Australian College of Education and the Australian College of Educational Leaders. It was a happy night and a significant one for the School as Fiona Taber, a former award recipient herself, delivered a keynote address that was as inspiring as it was entertaining and two of our teachers received awards. In a formal ceremony with a good deal of tradition behind it, Luke Polson received the Alan Kerr Award for excellence in classroom teaching and contribution to improving school life from an early career teacher. Our Director of Studies, Seonia Wark received the senior honour for 2015, the William Walker Award from the College of Educational Leaders, for her exceptional contribution to the academic life of the School.

I would like to thank the good number of people from across the community, including parents and colleagues, who contributed testimonials to the nominations for both the Kerr and William Walker awards and I am sure that all will join me in congratulating Fiona, Luke and Seonia on this high recognition.

Exam Period

Whilst more assessments and serious study lie ahead for our senior students, this week sees the finish of formal examinations for the year as Years 9 and 10 complete their end of course exams and the Visual Arts exam today completes the 2015 HSC. The reports from the study period leading up to the exams for Middle School last week and Years 9 and 10 this week have been very encouraging and I commend those who have used this opportunity well. All this effort is part of the journey to the HSC and the skills and good habits developed along the road will contribute to the final outcome.

Armidale Fun Run

TAS contributed a solid team of 25 serious runners for the annual Armidale Fun Run and the results reported later in this edition of TAS Talks highlight their individual achievements and the success of the team as a whole. Seeing 5 TAS athletes in the top 10 finishers and 9 in the top 20 makes a strong statement on the good health of the triathlon program at TAS and the ability of our runners in particular. Congratulations are also due to our MiC, Jim Pennington, for his continued inspiration of our athletes.

NIAS Representation

News has just come in that Sterling George has been selected in the NIAS Hockey Squad for the coming year and I congratulate him on that recognition. This is another good step forward for this burgeoning sport at TAS and a good sign for its future.
Captain’s Ride

Last night TAS was privileged to host Steve Waugh and 65 riders joining him for the 2015 Captain’s Ride, along with their considerable support crew. The Captain’s Ride is an annual event supporting the Steve Waugh Foundation’s work in the area of rare diseases. The ride attracts leading business figures and the challenge of their 900km ride from Sydney to Byron Bay over 6 days clarifies how committed they are to the cause. Each rider targets the raising of $15,000 for the Foundation and so this is a significant charity event. Yesterday the team had ridden up the mountain from Gloucester to Walcha but were still in bright spirits as they were entertained by the TAS Singers and fed from the barbecue by our 1st XI cricketers. I wish the peloton well as they head to Dorrigo today and on to Byron Bay and I hope that we will have the opportunity to be involved with the event in the future.

To find out more about the ride, go to: http://www.stevewaughfoundation.com.au/the-captains-ride.html
Week 5

Monday 2 November  
2 – 6 November  
Wednesday 4 November  
Thursday 5 November  
Friday 6 November  
Saturday 7 November  
Sunday 8 November

Week 6

Monday 9 November  
Tuesday 10 November  
Wednesday 11 November  
Thursday 12 November

Week 7

Tuesday 17 November  
Wednesday 18 November  
Friday 20 November

Week 8

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

Week 9

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

Holiday Events

3-7 December

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 tomorrow, Thursday 5 October at the school Medical Centre.

Sr Jenny Murray

TAS TALKS | 3
Almost but not quite. The Wallabies almost did it but came up against a team that must surely rank amongst the greatest. One thing is for sure - our players gave it everything they had. As is sometimes said, there was nothing left on the field. It was all spent in the efforts to wrest victory from the favourites.

That is what needs to be celebrated in the midst of the disappointment. Giving things our best shot is what living fully means. When we do live fully our natural ‘highs’ are higher and when we have disappointment it can be profoundly felt because we invested so much. It takes courage to live fully. When the experience of disappointment wears off the memory of having lived the moment fully will remain.

Another aspect that emerged from this final was the respect with which each of the teams had towards the other. It is respect that will remain after the celebrations are over. The mutuality of the respect will be a core experience.

Finally each team member had a strong sense of connection with others on the team. The high quality of the coaching, the willingness of the players to commit to each other and believe in the coach’s methods bore rich dividends. The unity that connection forges was evident at each point.

So, giving things our best shot, respect for the other, and connection to others, emerge as qualities that we might like to emulate in the whole of our lives, not just in sport. They help us to live fully.

Mr Rob Hadfield
School Counsellor
TAS@Dusk
This Saturday 7 November from 3pm until 8 pm, see our inaugural TAS@Dusk event - with something for everyone (A program will be emailed later this week with full event details). Some of the old favourites will be there such as the Plant Stall and the Emporium, lots of food and also our fabulous Christmas Puddings will be on sale for $25. Some new highlights are the expanded the music section with loads of performances from our wonderful school musicians and also local band Rough Justice, and we are delighted to be able to introduce Piggie Racing to everyone, and Harley Davidson rides too, plus bunches of peonies will be available for sale too.

It’s looking like being a fun event and hopefully the weather will hold!

In order to make sure this event goes smoothly there are still things we would love some help with…

1. **TONIGHT** - there is a final TAS@Dusk meeting **TONIGHT** in the Lower Maxwell at 7pm. Please come along.

2. **TOMBOLA** - we don’t have enough jars of goodies yet for the Tombola. We still need heaps more…. Jars can contain whatever you wish (but please check use by dates are ok)… We are having both adult and children tombola so get creative. Please drop them into Veronica in Reception at Big School before Friday or if you can’t get there then at the stall from 1 on Saturday…Some examples of ‘jars’ are:

   - lollies
   - hairclips
   - bouncy balls
   - marbles
   - coins
   - jams and preserves
   - toiletries
   - wine
   - olive oil
   - pen and pencil….. The list is endless….

**VOLUNTEERS** - we still need more helpers… please…. we are only asking for 1 hour of your time and many hands mean light work and more fun for everyone. Please sign up to help somewhere by following this link [http://vols.pt/M7ihz7](http://vols.pt/M7ihz7) - just enter your email and choose a time and stall (you don’t need to register an account or keep a password). There is no particular year group doing any particular stall so please feel free to put your name anywhere that tickles your fancy. The stall times are set up as ‘spots’ on VolunteerSpot from 1-9pm. This allows for set up (1-3pm) and packing up (8-9pm) as well as during TAS@Dusk which runs from 3-8pm.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS** - we still need more student helpers as we have plenty of room for anyone wanting to get some community service hours before the end of the year. Please also sign up by following this link [http://vols.pt/M7ihz7](http://vols.pt/M7ihz7)

**CAKES & BISCUITS FOR THE AFTERNOON TEA & CAKE STALL** - the TAS Community is well known for our wonderful baking and the call is going out again for more goodies please. Cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, rocky road or whatever comes to mind will all be greatly appreciated. Items can be in single serves for people to buy as afternoon tea or whole cakes etc for people to take home. If you wish to collect cardboard boxes or trays to place your cakes/ goodies in these are available at Junior School and Big School reception this week. Please drop any baking off to Veronica in Big School Reception on Friday so that they can be stored in the kitchen or you can drop off your wares at the stall on Saturday from 1pm. Also if you have any lovely cake stands that you wouldn’t mind lending please drop those in too (but make sure they’re named!)

If you have any queries please contact Rachael Nicoll on nicollfamily1@gmail.com or 0418 980 662.

Thanks in advance and please COME AND ENJOY TAS@Dusk on Saturday….

Mrs Sue Cartwright
HSIE – University of NSW Economics and Business Studies Competitions – 2015

Four Economics students have done very well in this year’s Economics competition, which TAS students have been participating in for a number of years now. This year’s results were again very pleasing, with four students achieving High Distinctions, and two students achieving a Distinction. They include:

Charlie Wyatt – High Distinction, placed in the top 1.35% of the state, and a monetary prize of $75
Ali Ahsan - High Distinction, placed in the top 1.92% of the state, and a monetary prize of $50
Liam Kennedy – High Distinction, placed in the top 1.92% of the state, and a monetary prize of $50
Sebastian Gibson – High Distinction, placed in the top 2.97% of the state
Joshua Stevenson – Distinction, placed in the top 10.56% of the state
Tom Stier – Distinction, placed in the top 17.56% of the state.

It is great to see this year’s cohort of students continuing the fine tradition of doing so well in this competition, and for a number of years now our best Business and Economics students have featured among the prize winners. My congratulations to the above students.

Mr David Toakley

Chess-NSW Junior Chess League State Final

Next Monday, 9 November, while the rest of the school is enjoying the adventure of Bivouac, spare a thought for our four chess players competing in the NSW Junior Chess League State Final being held in Parramatta. Ali Ahsan and Josh Stevenson may have finished their HSC exams but they have one more school representative event to complete before they can hang up their school tie and blazer. Joining them at the final are Charlie Wyatt and Harry Pollard representing TAS and the New England North West. The competition will see them playing the Hunter region, Hunter School of Performing Arts, Newcastle, North Coast, John Paul College, Coffs Harbour, Riverina, Marian Catholic College, Griffith, South Coast, Smiths Hill High School, Wollongong and Western Region: Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo. This will be a round robin style competition played with clocks which adds an extra dimension of strategy to the game. We wish them all the very best.

Ms Catherine Boydell

Philosothon

Fast approaching is the 2015 Philosothon, being held next week on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 at Bishop Druitt College in Coffs Harbour. There is perhaps no other event on the school calendar which celebrates the opportunity to speak your mind and where you get points allocated for your ideas and contributions to discussion. It is always loads of fun and this year looks like it will be just as good. Questions such as ‘Is downloading stealing?’ And ‘Is it okay to lie?’ will start the competition and we have been busy brainstorming these topics and preparing how we could lead the discussion, especially if it looks like becoming circuitous. Four teams will represent TAS this with two teams being entered in both the Senior and Junior divisions. We wish the following students all the best: Angus Simmons, Nathan Rasmussen, Lachlan Tonkin, Carlton Grant, Hugh Worsley, James Murphy, Tom Wright, Saxon Hughes, Owen Chandler, Sambevan Jeyakumar, Angus Cornall, Will Grant, Harry Mason, Hamish Edmonds, Jack Halliday and Henry O’Neil. We wish them all the best of luck.
Our Prefects’ Character Strengths

Our incoming Prefect group has now been in position for several weeks and the students are finding their feet admirably. While Alan Jones, as Deputy Headmaster, leads this group and organizes their training and goal setting, in his absence earlier this term, Will Caldwell and I met with them to discuss their individual and collective strengths. With the principles of Positive Education foregrounded, the students all undertook the VIA Character Strengths survey and then mapped their results using a programme called Wordle. The way it works is that the more particular words appeared within the 18 students individually, the bigger these words appeared within the collective group.

This is how it looked and it’s a lovely balance from a group promising, and already delivering, exciting things.
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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name:</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent Signature:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent Phone contact</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of Delegates:</td>
<td>(Maximum 8 including 2 staff)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

*Interviews will be held when school resumes in 2016*
TAS Surf Lifesaving Bivouac

November 9/10 2015

Travel
Depart Monday 9 November
• 6:30am Brown Street. Pack trailer and bus at 6:15am.
• Boarders early breakfast at 6am. Return Tuesday 10 November
• Depart Sawtell Beach 1.00 pm
• Arrive Brown Street at 3.30 pm

Accommodation
Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club

Staff
Mr J Pennington 0419 250 984; Mr J Moore

Organisation
Monday
Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am.
Unpack bus.
• 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Beach Session 1
• 12.00 noon Lunch Club
• 1.00 pm- 4.30 pm Beach Session 2
• 6.00 pm Dinner-Club BBQ
• 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Theory Session
• 9.30 pm Bed

Tuesday
• Early Morning Beach Session 3
• 7.30 am Breakfast-Club
• 9.00 am -12.30pm Beach Session 4
• 12.30pm Lunch Club
• 1.30 pm Depart Sawtell

Requirements
Swimmers, goggles, pens, manual and workbook. Casual clothes including covered shoes. Sleeping bags and roll up mattress, pillows, swags if possible.
Sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

Dress
To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel.

Meals
Breakfast: Cereal/toast spreads
Lunches: Rolls, salad filling, sliced meat, fruit
Dinners: BBQ with salads
THE AR MIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT

BIVO UAC AND ANNUAL CAMP 2015

General
1. Bivouac and Annual Camp represent the culmination of the year’s training. Bivouac will be conducted on 9 – 10 Nov 15 at Styx River State Forest and surrounding properties. Annual Camp will be conducted over the period 22 - 27 Nov at Nymboida. Advance Parties including Q Store, Radio, 1 Platoon will depart on Sat 21 Nov, whilst C Coy will depart on 23 Nov.

Outline of Activities
2. Activities to be conducted include:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activities</th>
<th>Bivouac</th>
<th>Annual Camp</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Navigation</td>
<td>Trekking</td>
<td>Trekking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trekking</td>
<td>Field craft</td>
<td>Canoeing &amp; Kayaking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field craft</td>
<td>Abseiling (A Coy)</td>
<td>Ropes course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abseiling (A &amp; B Coy)</td>
<td>River crossing (A &amp; B Coy)</td>
<td>River crossing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River crossing (A Coy)</td>
<td>Obstacle Course Competition (A Coy)</td>
<td>Radio communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Obstacle Course Competition (A Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Search &amp; rescue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Orienteering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Abseiling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Solo over night camp (A Coy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Duo over night camp (B Coy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Canyoning (A Coy)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Location
- Styx River State Forest and adjoining private property
- Nymboida via Grafton

Timings: Depart TAS
- Monday 9 Nov
  - Early Breakfast: 0730 hrs
  - All Coy depart from Armidale: 0830 hrs
- Tuesday 10 Nov
  - Parade: 1515 hrs
  - Dismissal: 1530 hrs

Return to TAS
- Saturday 21 Nov
  - Advance Party Q, Radio, volunteers (departs 0800 hrs)
  - A Coy 1 Platoon departs at 1800hrs
- Sunday 22 Nov
  - A Coy 2 & 3 Platoon and B Coy depart at 0800hrs
- Monday 23 Nov
  - C Coy depart 0845hrs
- Friday 27 Nov
  - Parade: 1500 hrs
  - Dismissal: 1530 hrs

Attendance
3. Bivouac and Camp are an essential component of the school’s outdoor activity program and curriculum. As such, boys are required to attend and participate.

Organisation
4. Cadets will work in platoon groups of up to thirty, guided by their leaders and supervised by members of staff and Nymboida Canoe Centre guides.

5. Cadets will camp in pairs in military style hootchies with their platoon, and amenities blocks will facilitate showering and washing at Camp HQ – Nymboida Canoe Centre.

6. Most meals will be prepared and consumed in platoons, with some meals cooked and served centrally at the Canoe Centre with rations drawn from a mixture of fresh food, canned food and ration packs.

Dress and Equipment
7. Dress: • A & B Coy cadets, & C Coy leaders - DPCU. • C Company cadets – greens. See list below:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>School Issue</th>
<th>Cadet Provided</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bivouac</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Webbing (see diagram below)</td>
<td>Sleeping bag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>web belt x 1</td>
<td>Knife, fork and spoon set*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>water bottles x 2</td>
<td>Kidney Cup*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bum pack x 1</td>
<td>Mug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ammo pouches x 2</td>
<td>Torch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Back Pack</td>
<td>Thermal shirt*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hootchie x 1</td>
<td>Swimmers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camo/Green Trousers x 1</td>
<td>Towel (small)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camo/Green Shirt x 1</td>
<td>Socks x 2*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camo/Green Bush Hat x 1</td>
<td>Raincoat (poncho)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camo/Green Jumper x 1</td>
<td>Toiletries (incl. sun cream, repellent)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boots Bush x 1</td>
<td>Change of underwear</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ground Sheet</td>
<td>Pegs x 8 (for hootchie)*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rope/Cord x 10m (for hootchie)*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Compass#</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Notebook in plastic bag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Pens</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Plastic Bag for dirty/wet clothes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Camp</td>
<td>As above plus:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Long sleeve shirt x 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jeans trousers x 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Gym shoes old (Dunlop Volleys for canoeing &amp; canyoning)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Underwear x 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Socks x 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Shorts x 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>T Shirts x 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kit Bag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 x Plastic Garbage Bags (for waterproofing back pack and dirty laundry)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Basic Sewing Kit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*available at Q Store</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#available at Book Store</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

N.B. 1 Pocket knives are not to be taken or carried by cadets. Only leaders can bring their own small pocket knife.
2. An additional set of DPCU/greens will be available at camp on a one for one basis.
3. Sandshoes are mandatory for water activities – Dunlop Volleys should be purchased.

What not to Take

8. Boys are **not to bring** the following:

- Aerosol Cans
- Mobile Phones
- Matches/Lighters (except leaders)
- Other Electronic items (i.e Ipods, laptop, video games, etc)
- Anything valuable
- Lollies or soft drink
Medical

9. First Aid kits will be carried by each section and staff will have access to more sophisticated medical kits. Serious cases of injury or illness will be evacuated to Armidale (bivouac) or Grafton (camp).

10. Sister Murray will be attending Annual Camp again this year and will provide the valuable medical support that she has in past years. Please be sure to notify Sister Murray of any medical problems or medications that are not already known to the School.

Other

11. **Discipline:** Normal School discipline applies, particularly with respect to contraband and behaviour.

12. **Haircut:** Students are to ensure they parade with appropriate length hair, above the collar and ears, and cropped on top and their fringe. This will significantly aid hygiene in the field. Please note, this is a requirement of the Australian Army Cadets and is a school expectation.

13. **Laundry at Annual Camp:** Laundry tubs are available at Camp. Cadets are expected to wash their own clothing where necessary.

14. **Weather:** November is usually hot and humid. Cadets must be prepared for this and carry an adequate supply of sun cream and insect repellent. Spring thunderstorms are also prevalent and cadets should bring an army style rain coat or can purchase a poncho from the Q Store.

Meals and Water

15. All cadets must carry 2 L of town or purified water and maintain a high daily fluid intake.

16. Food will be supplied via School catering and commercially purchased cadet ration packs. Please note: *The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is unable to provide a severe food allergy free environment (such as from peanuts) in relation to the consumption of food during cadet activities. Such a risk may be life threatening for people who suffer from a severe food allergy. Parents may consider it is in their child’s best interest not to allow participation of their child in the proposed activity. In the event that the child is allowed to attend a catered cadet activity, the parents may choose to provide, at their own expense, sufficient food to cover the duration of the activity.*

Conclusion

17. This document is designed to give parents and boys early warning, in order to provide time for planning and preparation for both Bivouac and Annual Camp. Further details will be issued to cadets during briefings prior to each event, and any enquiries should be directed to CO Cadets Major Trevor Thatcher or the Quartermaster Sergeant Simon Ball.

T. W. THATCHER
Major
Commanding Officer

7th October 2015
BLACK FRIDAY PRIZE SHOOT

TAS Rifle Club (TASRC) will be holding a smallbore competition shoot on Friday evening 13 November, from 4.30pm - 9.30pm at the TAS Smallbore Rifle Range, Brown St, Armidale.

Participation: The prize shoot is open to all students from across the district and adults (Old Boys and any interested target shooters).

The match will involve three stages:

- 20 shot deliberate (possible 200 at 50m on the NSW Smallbore Rifle Association Official 50m card)
- 8 shot snap (5 second exposure - possible 80 at 50m on single 10 x scoring-ring target)
- 8 shot rapid (80 second exposure - possible 80 at 50m on single 10 x scoring-ring target)

The stages will be shot consecutively with the snap and rapid stages likely to occur under lights.

Match Rules: All stages are to be shot from the prone position using a sling/jacket and open sights, in accordance with target rifle shooting conventions. No rests or magnification allowed. Shooters are to use spotting scopes and make own adjustments to sights - exemptions allowed for the junior category.

Prizes include: grand aggregate to 3 places, individual stages to 3 places, junior (Year 9 and below), senior (Year 10 and above), adult divisions and concurrent team competition (pairs and fours). TASRC will be looking for donations from local businesses and individuals.

Entry Fee - $15 (applied to school account for TAS students) otherwise cash on entry.

Ammo: .22 ammo will be supplied with entry fee - SK Magazine to be shot.

Rifles: school rifles available or BYO.

Jackets: school jackets or BYO

Catering: BBQ (sausages sandwiches/salad and canteen on-site for dinner - free for TAS students, cash sale for visitors.

Licence: all shooters must have a licence (or minors permit for U18s), presented upon registration. Students may shoot on a P650 (NSW Firearms Registry permission to shoot form) if arranged in advance.

RSVP: please email Trevor Thatcher tthatche@as.edu.au or phone: 0427 765 806 to confirm attendance by Tuesday 10 November.
Steve Waugh and the Captain’s Ride

On the day that stops the nation, it could have been easy to overlook the extraordinary efforts of a group of 65 amateur cyclists winding their way over 6 days from Sydney to Byron Bay to raise money for young adults with disabilities.

Last night, a number of fortunate staff and students (the 1st XI and TAS Singers) were able to celebrate the Herculean efforts of Steve Waugh and 90 of his fundraising team at Hoskins Centre for a dinner, musical performances and presentation. Having come from the heart of Sydney in their capacity as business leaders, for most of them, this was their first opportunity to see TAS with its glorious grounds, beautiful buildings and a group of talented, gracious students.

Many thanks are extended to Ben Moffatt and the 1st XI who barbequed the food for starving cyclists – most of whom were amazed at the charm and easy manner of the team. And our very special thanks are extended to the true talent on the night - the TAS Singers - lead by Leanne Roobol, Rachael Butcher and Robyn Bradley. Their superb performance resulted in a cry for an encore, rockstar treatment and endless praise, and a very special serenade to Steve Waugh himself….. we were all so impressed.

TAS is very proud to have been able to support such a worthy cause lead by a great Australian cricketer whose motivation is for everyone to give more of themselves, to challenge the concept of personal limitation and to genuinely serve others fits so neatly with the values we hold dear at TAS.

TAS @ Dusk Saturday 7 November

We have all heard so much about this fantastic new initiative of the P&F - to revamp the TAS fete into a new event, TAS@Dusk. We have heard about the Pig Races, fabulous music, an expanded emporium, food and plant stalls all of which sounds enticing to our whole community.

Now it is time to throw our collective weight and support behind TAS@Dusk this Saturday and be involved in all there is on offer.

Bravo to the P&F for this fabulous new initiative – see you all there.

Ms Cressida Mort
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
Master of Your Destiny

Like many of you, I set my alarm for 3am on Sunday morning with some reservations. Will this game be worth sacrificing my precious sleep? At half time the signs were ominous. With 20 minutes to go, the commentator made the call: “The Wallabies are going to have to take some risks if they are to have a chance of victory”.

I considered this advice. Does taking a risk mean deviating from the plan; throwing caution to the wind? I am quite sure that the Wallabies were prepared for being behind. They would have rehearsed every “what if?”. Each of these scenarios has an element of risk, however it is managed. Each carefully laid plan is designed to provide the greatest chance of victory.

Sometimes we are simply confronted by a stronger opponent. This is a test of faith in our plan, our team, our ability and our resolve. When obstacles appear in our way we commit to an alternate path and trust that the hours of practice have prepared us for this situation. We keep our composure. We stay in control.

At 5am when I turned off the television and returned to my bed, I was not disappointed with the result - even though it was not the one I had hoped for. There were no excuses from the Wallabies and only praise by both teams for their opponents. I was impressed by the Wallabies resolve, in awe of the spirit in which the game was played and inspired by how gracious both teams were in victory and defeat.

NCIS Basketball

The TAS First VIII Basketball returned from their pre tournament warm-up in Warwick appreciative of the experience and confident in the team. Buoyed by the support of the TAS Rugby players, they won both their games leading into the NCIS Championships yesterday. Amidst some stiff competition, our boys managed a comfortable victory against Emmanuel Anglican College Ballina 42-5, before rallying their mental mettle to overcome Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour, 23-18. They then had a solid win over Kempsey Adventist College 34-9, took out their semi against Clarence Valley Anglican College 36-14, and met Tweed Valley Adventist College in the grand final, coming out victors 14-10. Having been defeated by Bishop Druitt for the last three years, the mental challenge was as tough as the physical - and overcoming their opponents paved the way for the first NCIS title since the inaugural championship, in 2011. Congratulations to both the players and coaches. A great way to start the season!
Sport after Bivouac

I recognize that this is a busy time of year and managing our academic, co-curricular and Leadership, Service and Adventure commitments is sometimes a juggling act. Next Monday and Tuesday all staff and students are involved in their Activities Program. As a consequence most sports will not run. The exceptions are U14 and U16 Basketball, who will play in their usual Tuesday evening competition, Rowing and any private lessons. Students should remember to bring the appropriate gear with them on Monday morning and store it in their locker.

State Champs Indoor Hockey

Congratulations to Liam Matherson, Zac Matherson, Cooper Johnson, Sam Behrend, Jack Sewell, Cooper Mills, Stuart Williams and Cassidy Williams who competed in the State Indoor Hockey Championships in Gosford last Sunday. Representing New England, the boys made up 50% of both the A and B teams.

The A team won the 1st Div U13 boys and the B team won the 3rd Div U13 boys. Particular congratulations to Sam Behrend who won the Development Player of the Tournament.

Mr Will Caldwell
Director of Co-Curricular

TAS Mountain Biking

TAS Mountain Bikers have been enjoying this fantastic summer sport and in a myriad of ways, so far this term. Courtesy of Armidale Dumaresq Council’s ‘Get Active’ program and the New England Mountain Bikers (NEMTB) students have been given the opportunity to refine and develop new skills. Experienced riders have been on hand to go through both trail fundamentals and advanced techniques with emphasis on building strong riding foundations. These skills are put to the test each Friday afternoon at the Twilight social races held in the Armidale Pine Forest, also facilitated by the NEMTB.

On 18 October students took part in the Walcha Mountain Festival Mountain Bike Race. While many riders found ‘heartbreak hill’ somewhat challenging, TAS’ Michael Harris remained unfazed and finished on the first overall team and was fastest rider on the day.

Last Sunday 25 October saw a number of students, parents and staff participate in the SportUNE 3 Hour Fun Ride. This fancy dress event was an opportunity for everyone to get out on the track at UNE and just have fun.

On Sunday 22 November students representing the school in Mountain Biking will travel to Yellowmundee Regional Park near the Blue Mountains to participate in the NSW All Schools 2015 Championship. This is a four-hour team event at both Junior and Senior levels. We wish our riders all the best for the day.

Ms Colette Brus
Armidale Fun Run

A beautiful Sunday morning produced ideal running conditions for the annual Armidale Fun Run. Nicholas Makeham kept the family name well and truly alive in running circles with a resounding 2nd place in the blistering time of 17:28 for 5km. Just two places adrift in 4th was Lewis Taylor, followed by Jonathan Harris (only in Year 4!) in 7th, Jarrod Bourke in 8th with Lachlan Knowles in 10th place. Five TAS students in the top 10 is simply a fantastic result.

Not too far behind these runners were Angus Webber (12th), Jack Boydell (14th), Jack Parker (15th), Hamish Moore (18th), Jordan Frahm (23rd), Samuel King (26th), Ryan Mitchell (30th), Hugh Finemore (32nd), Callan Moffatt (34th), Jack Kaynes (38th), Will Bartel (44th), Stockley Warton (53rd), Thomas Price (58th) and James O’Brien (91st). This was a terrific effort by the TAS team, given the majority had risen at 3am to watch the Wallabies in the World Cup Final and were yet to return to bed!
Cricket

A wonderful batting performance from the TAS First XI enabled them to score 6/282 from 45 overs. Everyone made a start and contributed to the final score. Nick Day continued his good form with stylish 89 and other good contributions from Jack Radford (38) and Hugo Johnson (35). Unfortunately rain forced the game to be abandoned with Ex-Services 2/107. There is a good team spirit within the team and I recommend TAS students and parents come along and support the players on game day.

Our two Second XI teams played against each other for the first time this season. TAS Blue batted and scored an impressive 9/214 off 40 overs. Sam Weston scored a classy 67 and was well supported by Jack Berry (35). Unfortunately TAS White collapsed to be all out for 76 with Piers Beasley scoring a quick fire 41. Fine bowling from Hugh Stonier (3/12), Sam Weston (2/8) and Oscar Alcorn (2/9) ensured an early end to the game.

There were a number of impressive performers from our Juniors this week especially from our two Under 16 teams. Sambevan Jeyakumar achieved a hat trick in Uralla. Other highlights include:

- Dan Lethbridge (63)
- Cotter Litchfield (50 ret)
- Will Young (50 ret)
- Henry Smith (45)
- James Wicks (40)
- Jacob Fernandez (36)
- Jack van Roy (20)
- Nick Farrar (4/4)
- Dom Ferguson (4/16)
- Sambevan Jeyakumar (Hat Trick)
- Ben Hamparsum (3/9)
- Andrew Kirk (2/4)
- Sam Marshall (2/5)
- Hamish Parsons (2/7)
- Cotter Litchfield (2/7)
- Gus Davidson (2/11)

**Cricket Team Draw Week 5**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1st XI</th>
<th>BYE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2nd XI Blue</td>
<td>v Guyra/Ollera</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd XI White</td>
<td>v Hillgrove Brumbies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 16 Blue</td>
<td>v Hillgrove</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 16 White</td>
<td>v Uralla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 Blue</td>
<td>BYE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 Yellow</td>
<td>v CSC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 White</td>
<td>v Ex Services Blue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 12</td>
<td>v CSC Green</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 10</td>
<td>v Guyra</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 9</td>
<td>v CSC Green</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
It has continued to be a strong season for shows in Hoskins, with Alice in Wonderland taking its final bows on Saturday and all performances almost completely sold out. For amateur (or even professional) performers of any age there is nothing more rewarding than playing to a full house and it is wonderful to see Armidale getting excited by community theatre. Groups such as Felt Tip and ADMS present many opportunities for our students to be involved and I encourage everyone to keep their ears open for announcements about any casting calls and production assistance.

The Junior School musical Peter Pan is the last full production on in the Hoskins Centre this year and that vibrant young student cast are becoming very familiar down in Hoskins. Each day the office seems to house another prop or sketch of set and costume and I know that performers and teachers are working very hard on choreography and scenes. Tickets for the show are now on sale through the Hoskins website and I encourage you all to grab a ticket before the best seats in the house are whisked away.

We only have a couple of weeks of rehearsals left for Bye Bye Birdie this term and then all eyes will be on 2016 and Musical Camp. On Monday 16 November at 4:30pm in Hoskins we will be holding a meeting for all parents and friends of the cast or the TAS community to look at how everyone can be involved in the production. We will be talking through costume design and collection, set construction, props, marketing and front of house. This is a big show with a huge number of cast members and so many hands will very much help lighten the load. While curtain up is obviously a long way off, because of the busyness of Activities week and the following end-of-year ceremonies there may not be another occasion before the holidays and some tasks will start before we return next year. If you or someone you know is interested in giving us a hand please put that one in your diaries as it would be great to see many people at that meeting. There will also be a meeting this Friday in Hoskins at lunch for any students keen to be involved in set design and construction.

While the productions are wrapping up in Hoskins it still remains a busy place, with a number of functions taking advantage of the beautiful foyer and theatre space. On Tuesday night we hosted the Steve Waugh Foundation’s ‘Captain’s Ride’ as they overnighted on day three of that wonderful charity event and Hoskins will serve as a hub for the upcoming and revamped TAS @ Dusk. While you’re down here I encourage you to take the time in the foyer and have a look at the many different student artworks on display. It is so very worthwhile for the students to have their work enjoyed by an audience and there is some serious talent at the school that should be celebrated.
TAS Junior School Production of

**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 Zelink

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

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY
**TAS Ensembles will be showcased at TAS@Dusk this coming weekend!**

The following ensembles are performing this Saturday afternoon between 3 - 5pm. A couple of important notes:

- Students can wear neat casual clothing (no thongs please)
- Students are able to use their performance and set up time towards Community Service.

Band members and soloists are to be at the big tent (located at the side of the Music Centre) 10 minutes prior to your performance time to ensure you are ready to go.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ensemble</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TAS Big Band</td>
<td>3.00 – 3.40pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The FanTAStics</td>
<td>3.30 – 3.40pm (playing with Big Band)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAS Senior Jazz Combo</td>
<td>3.40 – 4.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAS Camerata</td>
<td>4.00 – 4.20pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAS Singers</td>
<td>4.20 – 4.40pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAS Junior Vocal</td>
<td>4.40 – 4.45pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soloists from JS</td>
<td>4.45 – 5.00pm (Mr Dunham will accompany as required)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We are looking forward to showcasing our bands and have plenty of wonderful repertoire ready to entertain the audience! We hope to see you on Saturday afternoon...

**Invitation to the Term 4 Twilight Concert next Thursday 12 November at 6pm**

Although it is a little early, we are going to have a Christmas celebration after the Twilight Concert next Thursday! Please bring along a plate to share with everyone and we can have supper together in the Memorial Hall. 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 that would like to sing or perform a piece of music should discuss entry with their music teacher. 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.

**Reminder: Instrument Recall 20 November**

On Friday 20 November 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.

**Interested in having singing lessons or learning a new instrument in 2016?**

TAS is very fortunate to have access to a huge number of talented instrumental and vocal teachers who teach students at TAS. Freelance and NECOM teachers are again available to students in 2016 for lessons on an impressive range of instruments including: bagpipes, banjo, cello, clarinet, double bass, drum kit, euphonium, flute, guitar (acoustic and electric), organ, percussion, piano, recorder, saxophone, sousaphone, trumpet, trombone, viola and violin. We also hire out a variety of instruments at a cost of $60 per term which are serviced annually. Tuition enrolment forms are available on the TAS website at http://wordpress.as.edu.au/music

Book in now for lessons in 2016 to avoid missing out!

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
The next few weeks

You’ll know by now that there’s little ‘down time’ at TAS. The students are so much better busy than bored. We’ll be busy too over the coming weeks finalizing Yearly Reports as well as looking towards and planning for our end of year activities. The final term is a good one and I think the boys benefit greatly from the various activities offered. I’ve spoken before about the values attaching to the varied nature of these and want you to know that your support of them is something that we value. A number of these involve opportunities to forge mutually dependent relations and these, in turn, enable stronger friendships. There are parts of days when you’re inclined to think otherwise, but generally the boys do ‘look out’ for one another and this is what makes working with them a worthwhile task.

Academic lessons over the next weeks will be valuable, too. I’ve indicated in the past that the value of exams at this level, especially, are individual preparation and technique. As I indicated to all Middle School students during this week’s Town Meeting, teachers will ‘revisit’ exams, indicating where and how ‘things’ could have been better done, Units will be concluding and preparations will be made for their academic programs next semester. In short, the work that we do is real and relevant and it is important that boys are here to complete exercises. In our Advisor times and elsewhere we are also going to look at pastoral / social strategies regarding support of others, mutually beneficial relationships and, for the Year 8s, strategies to assist with their management of life in the Senior School.

Bivouac

Monday and Tuesday of next week are bivouac days for all Middle School students. Now that the exam period is finished, that other part of the boys’ time at school begins its operation in earnest. The one night they will spend out this week is good preparation for the Cadet Camp later this month. In fact the bivouac and camp are the culmination of the previous five Activities Days throughout the year. The students will be given opportunity to put skills learned to the test. I think the themes of bush craft and self-sufficiency are important, encouraging individual pursuit and, importantly, teamwork. Staff have invested many hours in their preparation of various activities and, once it has begun, boys will probably find these enjoyable. On Wednesday all students will be back in class and, as indicated in previous TAS Talks the work they will do is designed to consolidate knowledge and will serve as excellent preparation for next year’s coursework. In short, as you know, what happens between now and the Christmas break is important to their academic wellbeing next year.

Reports

As has been the case in previous years, School Reports for the second semester should be available for collection or posting around Speech Day. Overall, the examination period seems to have progressed well and I’m pleased with the level of preparation of boys. I want to acknowledge here the staff that have worked very hard with all students to ensure the best personal outcomes for each. Long gone thankfully are the days where students were presented with exam papers and expected to answer them. The work sheets and booklets the Middle School students received have been discussed and sample questions and ‘modelled’ work have been given in those courses that requiring same. In particular, I thank again Homeroom staff on behalf of all concerned for their careful management and operation of a week that could have been fraught with difficulty. Unscathed, the students are now a little better prepared, especially in terms of technique and time management, for next year’s examination periods.

Parents of Year 6 in 2016

The Middle School Year 6 teachers join me in inviting you and your son or daughter to an afternoon tea and meeting on Wednesday 18 November, to learn more about Middle School and Year 6 in 2016.

The meeting, to be held in the McConville Centre from 4pm-5pm is an opportunity for parents to hear from us about Middle School. Children are welcome to go to the Hoskins Centre with Ms Harriet Symons to watch a video.

Please RSVP to Mrs Susi Redhead at middle@as.edu

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Outstanding Achievements in the Newcastle Maths Competition

Not everyone has a penchant for all things mathematical but there is no doubting that we have many students who have! Recently, a select few from Junior School competed in this competition recently and we congratulate them all, especially the following who achieved such outstanding results, some of whom participated from Year 4 & 3! Year 5 Division: Distinction - Cameron Le Surf; Merit - Frank Perrottet, Harry Pennington, Joshua Pongrass, Marcus Hempel, Will Jubb, Harrison Price, Lachlan Costello and Jonathan Harris.

Languages Day – Tuesday 10 November

Junior School will be holding its annual and extremely popular Languages Activities Day soon, this year designed, prepared and organised by Madame Hine. The opportunity to tweak our curiosity about other cultures through language and related activities fits very nicely with our philosophy relating to global perspectives. So, whether it be cooking, paper folding or cake making the opportunities all lead in the same direction. Some preparation is required so please read the requests and related information carefully. Please help your children get sorted by assisting students in Years 3 – 5 with some edible cake decorations & lollies in order to decorate their Bûche de Noël, remembering no nuts please. Je vous remercie, Madam Hine, pour l’ensemble de l’organisation que vous avez mis dans pour cette journée.

Bike and Triathlon Day - Please check your bikes!

Please note the date, Tuesday 17 November, for this fantastic day in Junior School. It is imperative that all bikes are in very sound working order as some prior repairs and/or preparations may well be in order. I welcome you to TAS during the day to either see the morning activities and/or to watch the triathlon after lunch in the afternoon. It is quite a sight!
Looking Ahead

- **Wednesday 4 November**  
  Kinder Assembly

- **Saturday 7 November**  
  TAS@Dusk (TAS Fete)

- **Tuesday 10 November**  
  Activities Day – Junior School Languages Day

- **Wednesday 11 November**  
  Year 4 Assembly

- **Tuesday 17 November**  
  Bike Safety & Triathlon Day

- **Wednesday 18 November**  
  T-6 Orientation Morning

- **Friday 20 November**  
  Year 5 Dinner in Hoskins Centre

- **Wednesday 25 November**  
  Junior School Final Assembly

- **Thursday 26 November**  
  Peter Pan Production (12.00 pm & 6.00pm)

- **Friday 27 November**  
  Peter Pan Production (12.00 pm & 6.00pm)  
  End of Year Picnic Celebration 7pm-9pm

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to Lance Latham who celebrates his birthday this week.

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 up Alex’s by mistake. If found, could you please return it to Junior School.
Languages Day

Languages Day is on Tuesday, November 10 involving all Junior School students from Transition to Year 5. All Year 5 students will take on a leadership role this year. They will be implementing an ‘Evaluation of PYP Attitudes’ rubric for each of the four rotations, with the group scoring the most PYP attitudes points to receive a prize at the end of the day. Mlle Audrey Panon, our French assistant from Paris and her lovely cohort, Salomé, from Southern France, will implement a Games and Activities station outdoors. There will also be a Music and Drama station, run by Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Adams and Mrs Butcher. Madame Tamminga will be in the Languages kitchen creating les ‘Bûches de Noël.’ Madame Hine will open the ‘Café International’ to students, so they can sample some tasty traditional dishes from Germany, Spain and Japan. We anticipate an active, fun-filled, multi-cultural day promoting the attitudes and values of international-minded students.

Mrs Anne Hine
PYP Update

Year One is currently doing a unit of work: Sharing The Planet.

They are exploring living things that live in different places where their needs are met.

They have conducted many scientific investigations and asked many questions:

Can a seed grow in a jar?

Yes we do! Look at all our radish plants.
How long would it take the seeds to germinate in a grassy head?
What special features does a praying mantis have?

Do we need to water plants when the days are hot?

How do desert plants survive?
Miniball Year 4

Another great afternoon at the Den for the Year 4 Miniball team saw us take on a Town Team. For the first half we were shot for shot but fatigue saw the town team come away with the win this week. Prior to the game a representative from the Armidale Basketball Association spoke to the children about trying out for the Under 12’s Representative team. He indicated that he would have more information about this ready for next week. If your child is interested then they need to see their coach initially and obtain a note next Monday afternoon. During the game the players continually had to turn their attack into defence and vice versa as the game was one of pace. This week a special mention goes to Jasper O’Neil who played his best game of the season. Also a special mention this week goes to Alex Webber who played a great support game for his fellow players. Thanks to all players for your continued commitment at games and especially training.

Year 5 Basketball

Year 5 basketball played St Johns on Monday night. The TAS team played them for our first game of the competition and it was wonderful to see the difference in skill ability this time around. Although the team lost the game, the half time score was only 6 points in difference. It’s wonderful to see the players working as a team, trying hard to stop the attack of the opposition and taking every opportunity to shoot a basket. Will Jubb had a great game showing some wonderful defensive skills, Ruby Straker shot a basket and Hugo Catterall was full of energy running all over the court in both attack and defense. Well done to all players on making the most of their training and really taking on board advice to use in the games.

All games are on at 5pm each week.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon

Tennis Training

After some student led warms ups and an enjoyable cross-country run led by Wilkie Davison all participants were ready for their training session with Mr Sherriff.

The session commenced with an active game of ‘Ups and Downs’ - a great way to develop hand-eye coordination and skills required to serve a tennis ball. Following this a game of crazy tennis was enjoyed by all with some great ‘eye for the ball’ evident.
**Gymnastics**

It was another great afternoon at the Gymnastics Club with each gymnast demonstrating great concentration and improvement. The afternoon’s activities began with a warm up game of frogs and lily pads. There were some excellent frog jumping displays. This was followed by stretches and a rotation of static activities. Everyone attempted bunny hops and handstands using the wall mat. Circuit skills this week were swings on the parallel bars and a series of rolls on the large wedge. The afternoon session concluded with beam balances and the ever-popular pit activity, which entailed a standing jump into the pit and an attempt at walking over all the foam and out the other end! The gymnastics program offered to our gymnasts is outstanding and we all look forward to what is in store for us next Monday.

Mrs Anne Trenerry

Lily Peart and Peter Thompson in their lily pad during the frogs and lily pads warm up game.

Lucas Hu waits in a static frog balance in his lily pad during the warm up game at Gymnastics on Monday.

Maddie Buntine performs an L Shape on the parallel bars.

**TAS 3/4 Basketball Team**

This week the TAS 3/4 team were on fire. We had to share two of our players to other teams who were short. A big thank you to Blair Eichorn and Lincoln Connack who put up their hands to help the other teams out. Everyone was strong out on court this week and with only five players the players didn’t get the usual subbing off breaks. This didn’t affect the performance today with 100 percent effort put in by everyone. Special mention has to go to Thomas Dundon who was everywhere on court. He was very strong in defence, collecting many rebounds and efficiently getting the ball down court. Thomas scored a very well deserved goal in the second half. Conal Nicoll was also strong in defence and found the net on many occasions this week. Congratulations TAS 3/4 team on a convincing win, defeating the Town Blue team 28 to 13.

Ms Gerry Vanzella
2pm
Sunday 29
November 2015
Lazenby Hall, UNE

GALA CONCERT

Armidale Youth Orchestras Gala Concert 2015
Sunday November 29 at 2pm
Lazenby Hall, University of New England

TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/IWHC • Family: $35
Adults: $15 • Pensioners/students $10 • Children $5
HUTCHINSON & HARLOW SCHOOLS TEAM CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 15\textsuperscript{TH} NOVEMBER 2015

RACE START 8.00AM

ENTRY $30.00 PER TEAM

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 10, 11 & 12 DAVE ROBINS PERPETUAL TROPHY + $CASH

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7, 8 & 9 $CASH PRIZES

PRIMARY SCHOOL 10 YEARS AND ABOVE $CASH PRIZES

(Teams entering in the Primary School Challenge must be attending a Primary School)

3 Person Teams / Pre – Event Registration Only

Team number allocation 7.30am / race brief 7.50am

Race Start 8.00am

All entries to your school for collection on Friday November 13\textsuperscript{th}

All enquires to Lea McMillan 0417667859 / Facebook: Armidale Triathlon Club