Rowing Season Launch

Whilst our rowers are well into their training for 2015/16, the official launch of the season last Friday evening set the scene for the competition that will begin in earnest in the coming weeks and it was a great opportunity for the School community to show their support for some of our most dedicated sportsmen, and perhaps sportswomen as the new year commences. It was also a signal of the continuing high level of support being shown by our wider community. Old Boy and TAS Rowing Patron Bob Crossman travelled up from Sydney to present our crews with their hats and the eight new Croker oars that will furnish our boats this season. These first class new oars have been funded with a donation of $8,000 from the 1963 leavers and very generous personal support from Bob Crossman himself. What is still a burgeoning sport at TAS continues to attract great interest from our wider community and I know that our rowers feel this and are inspired by it.

I am sure that all will want to join me in wishing our MiC Will Caldwell and the TAS rowers every success in their training and competition over the coming months.

TAS@Dusk

A great deal of creative energy and planning from our innovative P&F resulted in a community event last weekend that breathed new life into the annual TAS Fete. Re-badged as TAS@Dusk and coming complete with live music, pig racing and more fun for adults and students alike, the evening was a great success at every level and that was felt by everyone in the big crowd on hand.

What the day did have in common with past fetes was its place in school life as a social event for our community, rather than one carrying any particular focus on student cultural, sporting or other activity. Coming together in this way develops the sense of school family that we value so much at TAS and this is every bit as important as the fundraising function of the afternoon, especially as such opportunities are few in a school with a program as full as ours.

A great deal of effort was put into the creation of TAS@Dusk, spanning many months, and I offer special thanks and congratulations to our P&F Executive and all who were central to it.

HSC Creative Arts Showcases

News was received earlier this week that a number of our 2015 HSC Creative Arts students have been nominated and selected for inclusion in the showcases of the best major works from across the State in Music, Visual Arts and Drama. Robert Butcher was nominated for Bravissimo, a celebration of the work of highly successful HSC music students from the North of the Stage held in Port Macquarie. In the NSW wide showcases, Willis Yeung was nominated for Art Express for his drawing ‘This Must be a Cultural Thing’ in what is a very competitive genre and Calliden Hunter was nominated for On Stage for his individual drama performance ‘Shallow, Quick’.
News has now been received that Tom Bishop has achieved a rare and very special double being selected for On Screen for his film ‘Murder Apparently’ and receiving a nomination for Art Express for his time-based forms artwork ‘Prismatic Comparisons’.

All will want to join in congratulations to all these students on the work behind this fine recognition. This is the second consecutive year that TAS students have been recognised for exceptional performance in music and selected for both Art Express and On Stage and it highlights the very healthy state of the TAS Music, Visual Arts and Drama programs. I congratulate the teachers behind the 2015 results; Leanne Roobol, Ian McPherson and Leasa Cleaver, for their part in this success.

Hawkesbury Recognition

News received this week tells us that it was not only the size of the paddling contingent from TAS, NEGS and PLC that impressed in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic this year, but the quality of their efforts as well. For only the second time in our three decades of involvement in the Classic, the Armidale paddlers have won the Commonwealth Bank or ‘Club Cup’ for the best performing team on the water in terms of results and kilometres paddled. Our team has also brought home the Macquarie Cup for the fastest three boats and the Arrow Cup for fundraising for this fine cause. In personal successes, stalwarts of the Classic Peter Hall and Cam Banks won the landcrew award, something that will be especially applauded by the paddlers. Liam Donaldson and Sebastian Scott won the fastest Juniors and Jim Orr and Oscar Alcorn the Junior Rec 2 Class. Mikaela Ball from NEGS won the junior fundraiser title and the family title with her father and we celebrate with her too.

It will be clear to any who have been involved in the Hawkesbury Classic that recognition like this is not the aim of the exercise. It is significant nonetheless though and worthy of our admiration.

NIAS Hockey

Last week I offered congratulations to Sterling George on his inclusion in the NIAS Hockey Squad for the coming year and this week I offer similar applause to Sam Wright who has received the same honour and will join Sterling in the squad. TAS Hockey is enjoying something of a purple patch of form thanks to talent and commitment such as this and I wish our new NIAS representatives well.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 6

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 11 November</td>
<td>Remembrance Day Service Evening Prayer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 12 November</td>
<td>Northern NSW Philosothon (Years 9/10/11) at Coffs Harbour Twilight Concert</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Week 7

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17 November</td>
<td>6.30pm Cash Cup (Memorial Hall) Evening Prayer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 18 November</td>
<td>Evening Prayer Foundation Summer Organ &amp; Music Recital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 20 November</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Week 8

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>23 – 27 November</td>
<td>Activities Week</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 26 November</td>
<td>Junior School Play - Peter Pan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 27 November</td>
<td>Junior School Play - Peter Pan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28-29 November</td>
<td>Junior Gold Program</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Week 9

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 30 November</td>
<td>School Carol Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 1 December</td>
<td>Board Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 2 December</td>
<td>Junior School closes Junior School Speech Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 3 December</td>
<td>Middle/Senior School Speech Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Holiday Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3-7 December</td>
<td>Grafton Head of the River</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Spring rains have made the flower gardens around Armidale especially colourful. I enjoy taking photos with my mobile phone – these days mobiles provide such good quality pictures, who needs a proper camera??? But there is another form of gardening worth mentioning here that brings its own rewards.

There’s a great joy to be had in growing your own vegetables. Preparing the garden, enriching the soil, buying the seedlings, planting and nurturing them. Each step has purpose and a clear outcome in mind. The meals you eat using your own produce has a special enjoyment attached. Being so close to the process, observing and participating, brings its own satisfactions.

There is another experience that emerges from a Spring flower garden or growing your own vegetables – gratitude. It is something that can transform the inner landscape. Gratitude is the Spring of the interior. Gratitude creates a special sense of well-being. It provides warmth just like the sun and, like a flower or vegetable garden, it produces something special in its time. It is the opposite of a sense of entitlement or a belief that life owes you something. Learning to be grateful opens us to the many gifts that come our way, without demand. It develops a sense of appreciation for all the good things that come our way.

Mr Rob Hadfield
School Counsellor
Well it’s done!

TAS@Dusk 2015 was, by all accounts, a resounding success and I would like to, on behalf of the P&F Executive team, thank everyone who contributed in any way to this inaugural event in the TAS calendar. Late last year we canvassed the idea of revamping the fete with the Headmaster, Mr Guest, and he offered his support and even attended early planning meetings to provide guidance and insight as we worked to create a fun new event for the TAS family and wider community to enjoy.

And so the idea of TAS@Dusk grew

Whether you were on the organising committee; school staff who added to your normal workload so that you could assist us in so many ways, parents, friends, Old Boys and students who volunteered for an hour or two (or many more)on Saturday; donated anything, or just came along to enjoy the beautiful day and to see just what exactly a piggy race was – THANK YOU.

On a personal note, and for those of you who do not know, I am now based in Sydney full time, and so this brand new event was delegated to the rest of my team to coordinate with a wonderful group of parents who met fairly regularly to plan and scheme and create and chase. As I understand it, they also managed to have fun at the same time. This group, led in particular by Rachael Nicoll and Sal Molesworth, managed to keep everything good from the RazzamaTAS fete and add in a lot of excitement to create what we enjoyed on Saturday – and I thank you most sincerely for your efforts and your commitment.

We hope you agree that we have developed a new event, and that you will support us in developing it further for next year.

Christmas Puddings

The amazingly tasty TAS 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 Main School Reception quickly. Puddings cost $25 each.

Save the Dates

TONIGHT – TAS@Dusk wrap up. Yes, it was a wonderful start to a new event, but there is always room for feedback and debriefing. That is taking place tonight in the Archdall Room at 7pm. Come along if you can, or send an email to Rachael at nicollfamily1@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

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 participation. For catering, please RSVP to me at suecart@uow.edu.au by Monday 23 November.
As the end of another very busy year draws to a close, preparation for the final stage in our introduction to co-education wellbeing program is underway and I would like to take this opportunity of detailing these plans so you could continue the conversation with your son over the holidays.

Over the course of this year, various sessions have been held with boys in all year groups to discuss co-education and to explore the concerns boys felt about this significant move. These discussions provided the opportunity for boys to air their feelings and find out more about the plans for implementation and the enormous benefits of growth for TAS.

Now that the numbers of girls in each year group for 2016 are firming up, we will be running targeted sessions next Monday for all Years 6 – 11 to discuss how many girls they will have in their year and how, as a year group, they can work at welcoming them and be sensitive about what coming to TAS means for them.

On Tuesday we will then hold the next sessions in smaller groups across the school, to build on their knowledge and awareness and to continue the conversations that will be so pertinent to the changes required for next year.

Then, on Wednesday down in the Hoskins Centre we welcome Old Boy Jamie Holbeck as an external presenter with a strengths-based approach to discussing issues of masculinity, being a person of integrity, mutually respectful relationships, emotional intelligence, finding your sense of self within the framework of transitioning to co-education.

We are very much looking forward to these activities.

Mr Barney Buntine
Director of Pastoral Care
What is the TAS Foundation and what does it do? …. Do you know?

The TAS Foundation is such an integral part of the TAS community but I am not sure that everyone has a good understanding of what it actually is and what it does. This is entirely my fault and this week I would like to address this gap in your knowledge and take a minute to explain the importance of the Foundation to the school now and for the future.

The TAS Foundation was launched 31 years ago by some dedicated staff, parents and Old Boys of the school who wanted TAS to have some independent financial security at a time when government pressure on funding was an increasingly worrying issue. Since that time, the Foundation has grown through donations, bequests of property and shares and through significant gifts that have changed the face and fabric of the school. The Foundation has an independent Board of Directors and manages their significant assets completely separately from the school.

The TAS Foundation has 2 tax-deductible funds for donations; the Building Trust used for buildings as the name suggests, and the Scholarship Fund, which provides the financial resources for our range of scholarships and bursaries. Over 70 families get some form of financial assistance from the Foundation using the income generated from the funds under investment. Without this support, many of our families would be unable to send their children to the school. Our aim is to continue to grow these funds so more assistance for those in need can be forthcoming.

So, what does this mean for you I can hear you ask? Well, this magnificent campus, the maintenance of classrooms, boarding houses and infrastructure requires financial support. The funding of bursaries during drought or when times are challenging is possible when we have a strong Foundation. As people donate money they can become Members and then are able to vote and enjoy being a part of the Foundation.

How you can help is very simple, if you are able you could contribute to our Annual Giving Program, which is sent out far and wide in our TAS community to raise money for certain projects. Or, by choosing to pay the $50 voluntary building fund on school fees also goes directly to the Building Trust for maintaining this aesthetic school we are lucky enough to be a part of.

Or, you could choose to come to the Foundation’s one event of the year – The Summer Organ and Music Recital – where the voices of our students and the brilliance of our staff will be on show. Funds raised from ticket sales and donations on the night will go towards the continued upgrade of Memorial Hall.

It would be lovely to see you there!

Cheers,

Cressida
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
Lions Youth of the Year Quest

Charlie Wyatt and Jarrod Bourke did a fine job representing their school, and themselves, at the Armidale Dumaresq Lions Club’s Youth of the Year quest on 4 November. As part of the public speaking component, contestants had to give two, 2 minute impromptu speeches and deliver a prepared speech. The boys were impressive in their content and delivery. Former YOTY national finalist Adam Marshall was also impressive with two impromptu speeches while the judges were deliberating. Congratulations to Ciara Hadley from O’Connor CC who was the winner on the night.

BIVOUAC AND ANNUAL CAMP

C Company

Bivouac proved to be very successful, with C Coy honing their skills (and packing abilities) ready for Annual Camp. Our new location of Jeogla Station was a beautiful backdrop for some intensive navigation challenges, first aid, radio, initiative games and camp craft.

The boys worked hard, as was indicated when there was silence coming from their sleeping areas 20 minutes after lights out!

Next Tuesday will be our briefing for Annual Camp, the pinnacle of our program. A big ‘thank you’ to all of the staff who came out with us at such a busy time of year.

2LT Fiona Taber
OIC C Coy
**THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL CADET UNIT**

**BIVOUAC 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></td>
<td>Trekking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trekking</td>
<td></td>
<td>Canoeing &amp; Kayaking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field craft</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ropes course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abseiling (A Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td>River crossing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River crossing (A &amp; B Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Radio communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Obstacle Course Competition (A Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td>Search &amp; rescue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trekking</td>
<td></td>
<td>Orienteering</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canoeing &amp; Kayaking</td>
<td></td>
<td>Abseiling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ropes course</td>
<td></td>
<td>Solo over night camp (A Coy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River crossing</td>
<td></td>
<td>Duo over night camp (B Coy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Radio communication</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ganyoning (A Coy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Search &amp; rescue</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Orienteering</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abseiling</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solo over night camp (A Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duo over night camp (B Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ganyoning (A Coy)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Timings: Depart TAS</th>
<th>Monday 9 Nov</th>
<th>Early Breakfast: 0730 hrs</th>
<th>All Coy depart from Armidale: 0830 hrs</th>
<th>Saturday 21 Nov</th>
<th>Advance Party Q, Radio, volunteers (departs 0800 hrs)</th>
<th>A Coy 1 Platoon departs at 1800hrs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tuesday 10 Nov</td>
<td>Parade: 1515 hrs</td>
<td>Dismissal: 1530 hrs</td>
<td>Sunday 22 Nov</td>
<td>A Coy 2 &amp; 3 Platoon and B Coy depart at 0800hrs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return to TAS</td>
<td>Monday 23 Nov</td>
<td>C Coy depart 0845hrs</td>
<td></td>
<td>Monday 23 Nov</td>
<td>C Coy depart 0845hrs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Friday 27 Nov</td>
<td>Parade: 1500 hrs</td>
<td>Dismissal: 1530 hrs</td>
<td>Friday 27 Nov</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>School Issue</th>
<th>Cadet Provided</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bivouac</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></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>As above</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>
</tbody>
</table>

*available at Q Store
#available at Book Store

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
No Reverse - No Kill Switch

To progress you do not have to move quickly. You must simply move forward. To finish, never say die.

The original outboard motor for our rowing program was an 8 hp Mariner with no reverse gear and no kill switch. Whilst it struggled to keep pace with the crew, its unique qualities manifested themselves in the psyche of the oarsmen; a culture that is now well engrained.

Rowers and Supporters gathered at Malpas Dam last Friday evening to launch the fifth season since rowing was resurrected in 2011, and celebrate the most recent addition to the shed; eight magnificent new oars. We were honoured to have Bob Crossman, a great supporter and benefactors of TAS Rowing, present the rowers with their ‘baggy yellows’.

The evening provided the opportunity to reflect and reminisce. The fleet has grown to accommodate the three crews. However, the ‘One Team, One Dream’ mantra remains. The Head of the River crews will be selected at the January camp. In the mean time, it is all about supporting each other, to develop both the individual and the team. Moving Forward – never ceasing.

Black Friday Prize Shoot

Current students, Old Boys, Parents and Friends are invited to participate in Friday night’s prize shoot and experience the new lights at the TAS small bore range. This is a new initiative and well worth supporting. Further information is provided on the following page.

On with the Show

Year 6-11 students will entertain and be entertained at 6:30pm next Tuesday 17 November in Memorial Hall. The Cash Cup is part of the inter-house competition. In recent years it has been dominated by boarding houses, although, there are rumblings that the day houses may be planning something special. The order in which houses perform will be announced on the night.

Check Mate

Congratulations to Ali Ahsan, Joshua Stevenson, Charlie Wyatt and Harry Pollard, who competed in the NSW Junior Chess League in Sydney on Monday. Whilst they did not progress to the next stage it has been an amazing achievement to get this far and a wonderful experience for all involved. Ms Catherine Boydell has supported the team every step of the way and I thank her for her dedication and her no fuss organisation.

TAS Rowing Patron and donor, Old Bob Crossman (58-64) presented rowers with their flouro bucket caps at the rowing season launch at Malpas on 6 November. Mr Crossman and former classmates also donated a new set of oars to the School which will be used this season.
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 ttthatche@as.edu.au or phone: 0427 765 806 to confirm attendance by Tuesday 10 November.
NSW Junior Chess League Country State Final

Congratulations to Ali Ahsan, Josh Stevenson, Charlie Wyatt and Harry Pollard who represented the New England and Northwest at the NSW Junior Chess League Country State Final in Sydney last Monday. The first round against John Paul College from Coffs Harbour was a great way to start the round robin winning all four boards. Round two saw TAS winning three boards to one against Marian Catholic College from Griffith. Sadly, here ended the dream run as Newcastle School of Performing Arts won all four boards in Round 3. By this stage the exhaustion was really beginning to set in. Unlike games in regional rounds, where there was always a chance of an easy game, the same cannot be expected at the finals. The fourth round against Macquarie Anglican Grammar School Dubbo, saw Josh winning board two, with the final round against Smith Hill High School Woolongong saw Ali winning board one. The TAS team can be extremely proud of their effort and overall results being placed 4th overall on 9 points. Ali has happily now passed the Chess Captaincy mantle over to Charlie for 2016. Congratulations to all for a truly wonderful chess year.

Cricket

With our First XI having the bye last weekend, attention was focused on our two Second XI teams. TAS Blue are undefeated this season and they continued their winning ways with a win over Guyra/Ollera. Our TAS White team has struggled this season but they turned their season around with a wonderful team performance in their win over Hillgrove. If both teams continue this form they should make the semi-finals at the end of the season.

The highlight of the weekend was the century scored by Kieran Dennis in the Under 16 competition. It was a classy innings with a good mix of placement and aggression. It is his first century and I’m sure there will be many more in the future. Both our Under 16 teams had easy wins on the weekend and are first and second on the table.

TAS teams are performing well so far this season. The future is looking bright for cricket at TAS. Below are the table positions in each grade.

First XI – 2nd place
TAS Blue – 1st
Under 16 White – 1st
Under 16 Blue – 2nd
Under 14 Yellow – 2nd
Under 12 – 1st

Outstanding individual performances include:
Kieran Dennis 100
Nick Farrar 80
Harry Jackson 71
George Miller 68
Dan Lethbridge 63
Sterling George 49
Henry Smith 46no
Toby Smith 45
Henry Smith 45
Sam Jeyakumar 3/13
Andrew Knight 3/27
Hudson Eicorn 2/4
Ryan Schmitt 2/5
Harry Ackling 2/6
Sam Marshall 2/8
Henry Smith 2/8
Joe Alcorn 2/11
Gus Davidson 2/13
Here is Kieran Dennis raising his bat after scoring his maiden Century on the weekend. Congratulations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cricket Team Draw Week 6</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st XI</td>
<td>v Easts</td>
<td>TAS Oval</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd XI Blue</td>
<td>v Barbarians</td>
<td>Newling 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd XI White</td>
<td>v Guyra</td>
<td>Guyra Turf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 16 Blue</td>
<td>v Uralla</td>
<td>Elizabeth Park</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 16 White</td>
<td>v Hillgrove</td>
<td>Newling 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 Blue</td>
<td>v Ex-Services Maroon</td>
<td>TAS Wakefield</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 Yellow</td>
<td>v Hillgrove</td>
<td>Newling 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 14 White</td>
<td>BYE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 12</td>
<td>v Uralla</td>
<td>Uralla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 10</td>
<td>v Ex-Services</td>
<td>Bruce Browning Oval</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 9</td>
<td>v Hillgrove</td>
<td>Rolagas 3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Here is Kieran Dennis raising his bat after scoring his maiden Century on the weekend. Congratulations.
For the Creative Arts, the HSC operates a little differently to most other subjects, with students completing, submitting or performing project components months before the actual exams. Over the last few weeks, we have received amazing news about the achievement of our current HSC students in these major projects. In Drama, Calliden Hunter was nominated for his Drama performance ‘Shallow, Quick’ and Tom Bishop’s Drama film ‘Murder, Apparently’ has been selected to be part of OnScreen. Rob Butcher has been selected to perform as part of Bravissimo, the region’s HSC Music showcase, next year. And in Visual Arts, Willis Yeung has been nominated for Art Express for his work ‘It Must be a Cultural Thing’ and Tom Bishop’s time-based forms artwork ‘Prismatic Comparisons’ has also been nominated for Art Express. Such high achievement in a subject usually happens only very rarely, so recognition across all Creative Arts disciplines is very exciting for us. Perhaps most unbelievable is that this is the second year in a row for TAS to be recognised in all three disciplines at the highest levels and we are truly fortunate to have such talented students being supported by dedicated staff. But nominated or not, all our Creative Arts students should be congratulated on their hard work and dedication to a most demanding and rigorous process that must be juggled alongside their studies and other commitments. What an exciting time to be in the Creative Arts at TAS!

I managed to catch the end of rehearsals for Peter Pan Jnr on Tuesday afternoon and it was wonderful to see the excitement of the students as they ran scenes and the involvement of all the staff in the creative process. Have a look in this edition of TAS Talks at the photos from the rehearsal for a sneak peak at the vibrant mischief going on in Neverland. The show is a huge undertaking for Leasa Cleaver and the team and I am sure the hard work of the students, staff and parents involved will absolutely pay off. There are now only two weeks until opening night for those young performers and so I wish them the very best as they refine their lines and choreography. I remind you all to jump on the Hoskins website and secure your tickets for the show.

Though 2015 in Hoskins is only just drawing to a close our 2016 calendar is already looking extremely busy. Starting a couple of days into the new year with Opera New England’s La Traviata, the Hoskins Centre is once more set to be the busiest venue in town. Next year should see us increasing the number of community groups involved in the space, student productions using the venue and opportunities for students to be involved in the Arts.

We will be looking at better ways to advertise the many fantastic productions we host in the venue, as well as continuing to use spaces like this, to make sure that everyone makes the most of the experiences on offer in Hoskins.

Lastly, a reminder that 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. Information about Musical Camp will also be distributed to students soon so they should be ready for that.
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 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 @ Dusk performances

It is hard to believe that this event is over again for another year! We thoroughly enjoyed showcasing our ensembles at TAS @ Dusk and am sure that the crowd enjoyed hearing our students play and sing. One of the highlights was seeing the pride on the faces of the The FanTAStics as they performed alongside the TAS Big Band again in the TAS ‘Huge’ Band. There was some very cool improvisation by our younger brass students too!

Many thanks to our talented Junior School soloists who finished off the set by bravely fronting the crowds to perform solos. Well done! We extend our thanks to Conductors - Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham, Mr Jackson and Mr Scott for their wonderful work with the ensembles. Of course, none of this would be possible without the commitment of the many TAS students who have rehearsed and worked so hard in our ensembles, to prepare for TAS @ Dusk. Thank you students and parents too!

Come along to enjoy a Christmas Supper after this week’s Twilight Concert

Don’t forget that the Twilight Concert is coming up this Thursday 12th November in the Memorial Hall from 6pm. Please stay on afterwards to enjoy a Christmas Supper with us after the concert. Donations of a plate to share would be gratefully accepted. Students are reminded to wear formals and everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

TAS Summer Gala Concert

Friday 20 November

Vocal ensembles have been preparing for the Foundation Fundraising Summer Gala Concert coming up in the TAS Memorial Hall in just over a week on Friday 20th November. TAS Singers, TAS Chapel Choir, and TAS Jnr Vocal Ensemble will feature along with a number of vocalists, including TAS students Jasper O’Neil and Andrew Knight, and accomplished singers Constance Rolfe and Stephen Tall. With TAS student Sam Wright, Old Boy Will Smith and also teacher Georgie Chorley playing brass, and internationally renowned organist Warwick Dunham performing on the magnificent Memorial Hall organ - this will be an event not to be missed.

Rehearsal Reminder

With this concert coming up next week TAS Singers and TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble are required to attend rehearsal this Friday afternoon in the Memorial Hall. TAS Junior Vocal Ensemble will rehearse from 3.45 - 4.30pm. TAS Chapel Choir and TAS Singers will rehearse with them from 3.45pm and finish at 5pm.

REMINDER: Instrument Recall 20 November

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

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

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
TWILIGHT CONCERT

TAS MEMORIAL HALL

6PM THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please stay afterwards to enjoy a Christmas Supper.
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARK HARRISON

Hear this…

While staff members are working on their final marks and reports, it’s appropriate that I write something about outcomes as they relate to both. Examinations, assessments and class tests are necessary. Far more than their actual marks value at this Middle School stage, they are valuable as tools and benchmarks in the process of your children’s school ‘careers’. Their completion indicates to all and sundry the level of effectiveness of revision, ability to perform under time conditions and familiarity with specific technique. With respectful apology to, and reverence for, that very small and select number of students who don’t quite fit the mold, if all students performed brilliantly, then there’d be a good argument for shortening the school year, not to mention the whole, impliedly laborious, academic experience. Accordingly it is the process that we should concentrate on, more so than the product when, as teachers and parents, we discuss outcomes with students.

Context - Grades

Knowledge; rather, it could be attributable to a number of factors. Good revision techniques depend on the individual who undertakes them. They don’t miraculously appear out of the ether, either. Generally, they develop over a period of trial and error and again, depending on the individual, such development takes time. As adults we need to be aware of this fact and, above all else, be sure to bite our tongues before commencing any vitriolic communication about laziness, ‘wasted school fees’, or ‘selfishness’. Unless we’re absolutely ‘sure of our ground’ we could be doing some damage that could frustrate the process of future success.

Time Conditions

Practice makes perfect: it is only through nail-biting practice that we learn to drive. Likewise, performance under time conditions takes time to effect good work practices and technique. Rather than vent at the unfinished product we should reflect first on what’s been recorded and then enquire about what’s absent from an unfinished response to a topic. This is just one of the reasons why post exam periods at the end of the year are crucial to the overall learning experience – students need this time to reflect on enquire about and listen to advice about their learning and exam experiences. This part of the year will start to occur after their Activities Bivouac this week. For example, we need to advise about the wisdom of completing timed practice responses to revision materials so that a better future performance can occur. Time can be a ‘killer’ and it is only through working to it that it can be turned to advantage. Also, remember that we’re working with young people who so often benefit from repetition of advice, especially at that specific time when they reflect on and assess their examination performances.

Technique

Characteristically, it takes time to perfect and as an examination skill this is where ‘trial and error’ comes into play again. There are so many techniques that attach to different types of exams and while there are ‘models’ we follow, it’s not until students develop specifically those that ‘fit’ them, can they then confidently approach exams. Again, we need to remind ourselves that ‘one size fits all’ is not the ideal ‘look’ because we’re all different. It only through continued practice that young adolescents will arrive at the reassuring conclusion that they’ve modified a model that suits them.

Forget the rose-colored glasses

What were we like when we (without computers, visuals or instant connections) were their age – really? Did we struggle? I did. Did we ‘waste’ time? I’m not too bad at doing this now, as a matter of fact. Did we believe we were invincible? Did we crawl before we walked? You know the answers here. The old saying ‘you can win more people with honey than vinegar’ is instructive: they’re young; their learning is two or three stages away from Stage 6; they can ‘feel bad’. In almost all cases I think there’s a better argument for sensitivity than there is for censure. These are people who are growing up and it’s our job to assist the process.
For so many exams can be unpleasant experiences but they are, as indicated, as necessary as occasional bad days – you don’t appreciate the full quality of a good day unless there’s a point of reference, a comparison with its opposite. Similarly, as a general rule, you don’t know how to improve grades, perform effectively under time conditions, or perfect technique unless there’s a ‘start point’.

Aren’t the Middle School students lucky that they undertake two batteries of exams each year! As young adolescents, they have the facility to fix things before they find themselves in situations where results (admittedly in this age, a far less paralysing injunction than they can be later on, thank goodness) can inexorably determine long-term futures. Ultimately, you know your children rather better than we do. If they’ve underperformed because of uncertain method, or because they had a bad day, or they just ‘didn’t get it’ then you’ll know what to do about it.

Still, if your child has underperformed because of laziness, I guess you’ll know what the best action is here as well. Above all else, it’s our collective brief to encourage these people to learn positively from the experience of examinations.

Where are they now?

No, no more lectures – this is something much lighter. Since they have finished their exams, and before the process outlined above begins, all students have been on Bivouac early this week. I came back from Jeogla this morning and am including here some images of the water activity on this amazing spring day. I’ve taken the liberty, too, of including a photo of multi-tasking staff member Jayne Heagney who, as you can see, is marking the Year 9 English Exams in between the sessions on Bush First Aid and Radio!

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Peter Pan and the Picture Perfect Picnic

We now have our musical on stage and the rehearsals are in full swing. As we have a number of reservations from outside groups which will be entered soon to the booking system, I have been asked to remind all our TAS community that the bookings for Peter Pan are very easily done online at the following address - http://wordpress.as.edu.au/hoskins/event/peter-pan-jr/

Please book early, as we will be allocating seats to many of these outside groups before the end of this week. Friday evening is already very busy with only a few seats remaining.

This reminds me to draw your attention to the picnic, which will be held immediately after Friday’s evening performance in the Junior School playground from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. We intend 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). I look forward to seeing you there.

Bike Safety and Triathlon Day

Plans are well underway for the Bike Safety/Triathlon day on 17 November. It is important that any bike brought to school has been thoroughly checked over at home because, I am afraid to say, mechanics is not one of my strong points... There are many activities planned for the day including guest speaker from Bike Central and we thank them for their time.

After much discussion, if the weather prevents us from continuing with the bike component on the day, we will continue on with the daytime sessions and the afternoon triathlon without bikes. A decision will be made by 5.00 pm on Monday 16 November and I will advertise this by email and leave a message on the Junior School answering machine (6776 5817). Please contact us for further information where necessary.
Languages Activity Day

As I write today, our students are moving from one activity to the next, decorating Bûche de Noël, speaking and singing in French, and sampling the culinary delights from around the world. From Transition to Year 5, the buzz today has been tangible and full credit goes to the organisers and staff involved, particularly Mrs Anne Hine, but also some of our helpers on the day, Madame Sally Young & Kathryn Tamminga, Audrey Panon and her friend Salomé and senior French students including, Madeline Dennis, Emily Blackbourne, Elyssa Rogers-Ellis, Lachlan Apps, Fraser Moore and Hadrian Wright.

It has been a cast of many and their time and effort has been wonderful. I am sure you will have heard many stories about the day. I hope the sugar hit had diffused by the time they all returned home!
Looking Ahead

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 7pm-9pm
(JS Playground)
Monday 30 November       No sports training or Learn to Swim this week
Carols Service at 2:15pm
Tuesday 1 December     Pool Party 8:45am – 11:20am
Wednesday 2 December       Junior School closes at 1pm
Junior School Speech Day 5pm
(students to wear formals)

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to Remy Webber and Mitchell Evans who celebrate their birthday this week.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

Peter Pan

As you know, we are busy gearing up for our Junior School production, but I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the countless benefits of putting on a show with students.

Having a regular creative outlet is not just part of a well rounded education – it is essential for a child’s emotional health and well being. Producing a show brings the arts together and provides growth opportunities for all varieties of learners. For example, kinesthetic learners engage their bodies through dance, linguistic learners dive into the written and spoken word, spatial learners tackle set and costume design, and musical learners revel in the show’s score.

Besides being incredibly fun, musical theatre helps young people develop many of the skills necessary for success in today’s world such as Self-Confidence, Communication, Imagination, teamwork, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving.

As you can see, our students will gain valuable life skills through their participation in this production. We’re looking forward to seeing the TAS community come together to support the students. Tickets are selling fast. So make sure you go to the Hoskins website to secure your seat!

Of course, we are always looking for parent volunteers to help pull everything together. Please contact me if you’d like to lend a hand with our show. Thank you for your continued support of your child during this educational experience.

Ms Leasa Cleaver
Director of Peter Pan Jr
REHEARSALS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR *PETER PAN JR*
PYP Update

Today was a wonderful opportunity for all Junior School students to join together and celebrate Languages Day. There was much to be learnt about different cultures including food, Christmas traditions and games. It was wonderful to see our Year 5 students step up as wonderful role-models and leaders to the younger members in the Junior School during the rotating activities.

Each group was encouraged to think carefully about the PYP attitudes we have all been focusing on in our classes this term and how they could help to make the day run so smoothly ensuring that all participants had fun. The Year 5 students had a matrix, which they devised with Madame Hine where they gave tallies to groups who displayed the attributes of each of the attitudes. The Vert group came out on top with an astounding 72 out of 80 points.
**TAS Junior School Triathlon**  
**Tuesday 17 November**

Next Tuesday, our Junior School Bike Day and Triathlon will be held in our beautiful grounds. Bike Day will commence at 9am with activities involving obstacle courses, long distance rides and bike safety sessions.

Our Triathlon will commence at 2pm after walking the course at 1:30. Lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:15pm on the day.

Kindergarten and Year 1 children will all be involved in a team event, whilst students in Years 2 and above will have a choice of either entering as an individual or as part of a team.

Following are the distances each year group will have to complete as part of the Triathlon.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year Group</th>
<th>Swim</th>
<th>Bike</th>
<th>Run</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>2 laps</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
<td>½ lap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>2 laps</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>3 laps</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 5</td>
<td>3 laps</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
<td>1 lap</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please ensure your child has their bike in good working order ready for the day, along with their bike helmet, drink bottle and hat. Children will wear sports uniform for the day.

Presentations will be held from 3pm on Wakefield Oval.

If you would like to assist with the Triathlon and are available to help direct competitors, please contact Mrs Christine Wright cwright@as.edu.au or Alison Evans in reception on 6886 5817.

Please note: If inclement weather is pending, a decision will be made at 5.00 pm on Monday, 16 November as to whether the event will go ahead and information about any change will be emailed with a message left on the Junior School answering machine (6776 5817).

---

**Gymnastics Report**

After a slightly delayed start to our session on Monday, it was a busy afternoon of gymnastics routines. The action started with some animal movements, followed by a springing and landing vault circuit and a bounce routine on the large trampoline. The children were challenged to perform handstands with the large mat as a support and everyone’s attempts were amazing. Happily for everyone, the ever-popular pit featured again today! Our gymnastics session finished with a fun routine on the low bars, high bars and the pommel. What a courageous bunch of budding gymnasts we have!

*Mrs Anne Trenerry*

**Miniball Year 4**

There is no stopping this Year 4 team with another great win at The Den on Monday afternoon. This week we took on one of the Town teams and came away with the win 24 to 8. All players supported each other well with the following players making their mark on the game. Jasper O’Neil scored some great points, Emily Buntine worked hard in both defence and attack, Will Nash was always there to support his players, Alex Webber for his outstanding dribbling and ball control skills and Flynn Broadfoot for going for the long shots and it paying off at least twice. Well done to all players. A representative from the Armidale Basketball Association has given Ms Dowse some details about the up and coming representative training days. If you are a player aged 9 to 17 years and are interested in trying out for one of these teams please see or contact Ms Dowse for further details. This is open to anyone not just Monday afternoon players.

*Ms Tabitha Dowse*

**Basketball**

TAS 3/4 Team had a very close encounter with the Town White team this week. The play went from one end of the court to the other, and the score board climbed goal for goal for the entire match. It was a very entertaining match up between these two teams and every player was very involved, Town White just came away with the game in the final minutes 16/19. A big thank you to Oliver Smart and Thomas Dundon who volunteered to make up numbers on the Town Blue team for a half each. Conal Nicoll and Calin Simmonds were confident point scorers this week and Blair Eichorn, Lincoln Connack and Henry Kirton were very strong around the court in offence. We have another match up with TAS Year 4 next week which will be a game to look forward to.

*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
in conjunction with QBE Insurance
invite you to an evening with Red Bull Air Race Pilot Matt Hall at Armidale Services Club
Friday 13th November 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Adults $15
U18 Students $10
All proceeds donated to

To make a donation go to www.tourdecure.com.au

See Matt at www.matthallracing.com