Breadth of Activity

Over the past week some of the breadth of our co-curricular program has been on show, both at TAS and away, and three events last Thursday provide a good snapshot of that. Two teams with a total of 17 members travelled to Bishop Druitt College last Thursday for the 4th annual Northern NSW Philosothon and, as the report from our organiser Catherine Boydell details, our students came away with unprecedented success, including first place in the seniors, second in the juniors and the award of ‘spirit of philosothon’ for Angus Simmons. More than a competition though, the day is a celebration of philosophy as a discipline and a wonderful opportunity for young minds to be challenged and stretched. I extend our thanks to Bishop Druitt College for their initiative and generosity in making this possible again this year.

Back at TAS our Under 16 cricketers hosted Hills Grammar in the first round of the Wiburd Shield and coach David Toakley has reported on the game in this edition of TAS Talks. This state wide 40 over competition for cricketers in Years 9 and below carries a high profile and the success in this early stage gives our talented young players the opportunity to move on to play Oakhill College in Sydney this week.

To finish the day, the TAS Music Department staged its final Twilight Concert for 2015 and it was quite a show. For those who are not familiar with these regular events, our Twilight Concerts bring the full spectrum of our musicians together, from first time performers from Junior School to accomplished HSC musicians, to play for a close family audience. The concerts are a celebration of all that it means to grow through the experience of learning and performing music and seeing this on show last Thursday highlighted how much this means through the course of a school career in music.

Cash Cup

Continuing the spirit of creativity, the Cash Cup held last night was a thoroughly entertaining display of student created and led art, music and theatre. The Cash Cup was first presented by retiring Headmaster Alan Cash in 1983 as an inter-house competition involving photography, art, craft and creative writing.

In recent years it has morphed into a ‘gala night’ of performance that continues the spirit of the performing arts in house competition and now incorporates an art work, musical performance, dramatic performance and the promise this year of some fresh ‘sophistication’ in the new lip-sync item. There is no doubt that the standard lifted this year and I particularly congratulate Croft House on their clear win and very entertaining performances.
P&F Support from Year 12, 2015

Our 2015 Year 12 families have offered generous support as they farewell the School. At the instigation of our senior students, they have donated $2,000 to fund a table for the new Year 12 Common Room that transforms from a study platform to a table-tennis table and the clever design was presented by Jack Bennett at the Valedictory lunch. The generosity of their spirit in enhancing a facility that they did not enjoy themselves has not been lost on us. In addition, the year group has donated $1,000 to kick-off the charity fundraising of our new Year 12’s and $1,000 to the P&F to use at their discretion. This generosity has been made possible by the good management and volunteer work at their Year 12 Formal and represents contributions from many for which we are very thankful.

Activities Week

I wish all our students from Years 7 to 11 well as they prepare to head into the field for Activities Week. Over 400 students and staff will be spread across the Clarence Valley, the coast and the New England with cadets, pioneers, senior pioneers, rural fire service and surf lifesaving activities next week. This huge logistical exercise covers a diverse range of activities that share the common ambition to challenge our students in ways that will show them that they are capable of more than they thought possible. This is an ambition that this school has held dear throughout its history and it is every bit as important now as it was 100 years ago. This is why our Activities program has never been a voluntary exercise and why our staff give of their time and energy so generously to make it happen.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Week 7
- **Wednesday 18 November**
  - Evening Prayer
- **Friday 20 November**
  - Foundation Summer Organ & Music Recital
- **Saturday 21 November**
  - Cadet Advance Party depart

## Week 8
- **23 – 27 November**
  - Activities Week
  - Junior School Play - *Peter Pan*
- **Thursday 26 November**
  - Junior School Play - *Peter Pan*
- **Friday 27 November**
  - Junior Gold Program
  - 6.30pm Carol Service
  - Perrott Chapel, Kelly Plains
- **28-29 November**
- **Sunday 29 November**

## Week 9
- **Monday 30 November**
  - School Carol Services
  - STEPS Program (Year 10)
- **Tuesday 1 December**
  - STEPS Program (Year 10)
  - Board Meeting
  - Members Meeting
  - Junior School closes
- **Wednesday 2 November**
  - Junior School Speech Day
  - Rowing depart for Grafton Head of the River
- **Thursday 3 December**
  - Middle/Senior School Speech Day

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

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

**Speech Day 2015**

Thursday 3 December at 9.30am

TAS Sports Centre

**Guest of Honour**

Michael Crossland

Inspirational Speaker, Trainer and Humanitarian
Students are preparing for Activities Week and the outdoor opportunities and personal learning that it provides. It is important to recognise the importance of this in a balanced suite of educational offerings. The challenges and mutual co-operation needed to meet these challenges, is a process that cannot be lived theoretically, or in the classroom. It is a lived experience – an integration of mind, body, will and relationship. When it works well it brings a student to a high pitch of participation, connection, and achievement. While exhausting, for many it brings a sense of personal expansion. This is sometimes a surprise because it is uncomfortable to step outside our comfort zone. We may not want to be there at all, yet the outcomes make the effort worthwhile.

In some ways, the experiences of Activities Week become a kind of metaphor for living fully in our lives. Committing to personal challenges is something that will be required of us time and again. Later reflection on these Activities Week experiences can help us orientate to the possibility of change through participation in new and different things that express significant values that are important. This is a general attitudinal shift – looking for expansion based on significant values. Working out these values for ourselves is an on-going process that continually orientates us to the future and the sort of person we want to become.

Mr Rob Hadfield
School Counsellor
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

The amazingly tasty Christmas puddings sold like proverbial hotcakes at TAS@Dusk, and we don’t have too many remaining. So if this is becoming a part of your Christmas tradition, please contact Veronica at Main School Reception quickly. Puddings cost $25 each.

NEXT MEETING (and Christmas thank you and get together)

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.

LIAISON PARENTS 2016 LPs for 2016

Please do not assume that we know you would like to help us in this incredibly wonderful way, just drop me a line to confirm that you would like to either continue or join the LP crew – we’d love to have you on board. suecart@uow.edu.au is where you can find me.
Year 10 Steps Program

The Year 10 Steps Program is going to run again in the last week of term for a day and a half. This is a mixture of playful and serious sessions on growth to manhood and the current sessions are:

- Handshakes and table manners - Murray Guest
- Home Handyman - Justin Davies
- Healthy Masculinity - Barney Buntine
- Ironing and coffee making - Richard Newton
- The Women's Perspective - Cressida Mort
- The Art of Conversation - Pip Warrick
- Financial Matters - Angus Murray
- Careers - Mark Taylor
Philosothon

Congratulations to our 17 students who took part in the 4th Northern NSW Philosothon held at Bishop Druitt College, Coffs Harbour last week. Not only were the students part of a wonderful competition, but they were also able to hear guest lecturers from the University of Queensland’s Philosophy Department discussing the nature of argument. All our philosophers contributed well to the community of Inquiry style discussions and can be proud of their efforts prior to the competition in planning their responses to the topics. This year’s mystery topic was ‘Is ignorance bliss and knowledge anguish?’ Most students loved this topic as it ensured the true thinker had a chance to show how their mind works without weeks of learning a response off by heart. Congratulations to our Division A senior team who were joint winners of the event, sharing the 2015 title with O’Connor Catholic College. Congratulations also to our Division B team who were runners up this year to Bishop Druitt College. Angus Simmons was also awarded the spirit of Philosothon award, given to a student who is able to consider the ideas of others and move the discussion forward. A wonderful achievement. This is certainly an event TAS students do well at and a worthwhile enrichment activity on our school calendar. I encourage all boys, especially those in Year 7, to consider nominating themselves next year.

Division A team: Year 11 Alexander Chambers, Angus Simmons, Nathan Rasmussen, Lachlan Tonkin, Year 10 Saxon Hughes, Tom Wright, James Murphy, Hugh Worsley, Division B team : Year 9 Owen Chandler, Xavier Tonkin, Angus Cornall, Will Grant, Year 8 Henry O’Neil, Jack Halliday Tom Price, Hamish Edmonds and Harry Mason.

Ms Catherine Boydell
Assessment of Language Competence Certificate Results 2015

Language students in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region sat the Assessment of Language Competence Test in August. This competition covers reading and listening comprehension skills over a wide range of topics.

TAS French and Japanese students from Years 9 and 10 entered this year’s competition and I would like to offer special congratulations to the following students on their excellent results:

High Distinction in French
Year 9
Sambevan Jeyakumar
Hugh Stonier
Yannick Tursan D’Espaignet

High Distinction in Japanese
Year 9
Bayden Wright

Year 10
Matthew Giakoumi
Caton Lupica
Mike Nyathi
Samuel Thatcher

Distinction in French
Year 9
Angus Apps
Sam Wright

Year 10
Matthew Giakoumi
Caton Lupica
Mike Nyathi
Samuel Thatcher

Distinction in Japanese
Year 9
Jack Berry
Owen Chandler
Lucas Cook

Year 10
Jonathon Chamberlain
David Wu

Credit in French
Year 9
Tom Bailey
Oscar Barrett
Angus Haire
Hunter Hine
Sam Marshall
Charlie Radford
Noah Rose
Sam Ruba
Angus Smith
Matthew Turnbull

Year 10
Ben Clark
Ziggy Harris
Saxon Hughes
Lachlan Knowles
Jock McMaster
Nathan Moon
Sinclair Moore
Tom Wright

Credit in Japanese
Year 9
William Almond
Nicholas Bohlson
William Grant
Xavier Tonkin
Julian Vogt

Year 10
Lucas Cook
Floyd Hardingham
Henry Perrotet

Merci beaucoup/ Arigatou!

Ms Kathryn Tamminga
Coordinator of Languages
Hospital Work Experience Program for Summer Break

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

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

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

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

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

**Click to view Summer Special Programs**

Ricky Persson  
Student Placement Manager  
Gap Medics – Launching medical careers  
Baltic Place  
South Shore Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE8 3AE  
United Kingdom
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 its significant assets completely separately from the school.

The TAS Foundation has two 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.

Don’t forget 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.

Tickets available by clicking HERE. It would be lovely to see you there!

Cheers,

Cressida
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
## ACTIVITIES WEEK

### Surf Lifesaving (Please click on image below to expand timetable).

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Groups responsible for cooking and cleaning duties. 

# Be on time so you don’t let each other down.

**Staff**
- Mr Pennington 0419250984
- Mr Moore 0429660009

### Requirements
- **Dress**: To travel - School sports uniform - Full school tracksuit if necessary, white polo shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, sunhat, walking shoes.
- **Equipment**: Sleeping bag, change of clothes, swimming gear, towel, torch, sunscreen, brimmed hat, 'camp shoes' as well as your walking boots. Each Pioneers will be given funds for food purchases and it is strongly recommended that these monies be pooled with the rest of their group and that they plan your purchases well, based on what was learnt from Bivouac.

### Pioneers

In the past, Activities week has been held in the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park, the Nymboida River area and the Gibraltar Range National Parks.

This year’s destination will be in real Australian wilderness within the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park with Pioneers on your own, ‘just you and a few mates’. Independent, under control, having a great time (with satphone equipped teachers close by for assistance if needed).

Year 10 & 11 Pioneers will need to be at the Pioneers shed by 9.00am on Monday 23 November for a pack inspection and final instructions, expecting to depart at 10.00-10.30am.

We will return on Friday, November 27, at approximately 2.00-3.00pm for a debrief then dismissal.

Essentials that they will need to bring include: sleeping bag, change of clothes, swimming gear, towel, torch, sunscreen, brimmed hat, ‘camp shoes’ as well as your walking boots. Each Pioneers will be given funds for food purchases and it is strongly recommended that these monies be pooled with the rest of their group and that they plan your purchases well, based on what was learnt from Bivouac.

Please note that they do not need hunting or penknives, or any aerosol cans of any sort. If these items are found after pack inspection they will be kept for pick up on their return.

Each Pioneer will have been given $40 and recipes to help with purchasing food for the week. A recipe booklet is on the website, as will be latest information and any change of plans.

Emergency communication during this week is possible via the Pioneers base, reachable from TAS reception. Parents should ring Reception (02 6776 5800) if this is necessary. Reception will also have details of our amended arrival time on Friday should we be delayed.

**Mr Martin Levins**

**MIC Pioneers**
**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:

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<td>Location</td>
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| Timings: Depart T AS | Monday 9 Nov  
Early Breakfast: 0730 hrs  
All Coy depart from Armidale: 0830 hrs  
Tuesday 10 Nov  
Parade: 1515 hrs  
Dismissal: 1530 hrs | 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:
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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
What makes you Smile?

Have you ever been so bewitched by what you observe that all you can do is smile?

Your response is not generated by the creation itself but by the passion that created it. The courage and integrity it takes to put aside your fears and reveal your soul; committing your true self to the cause.

No, I am not describing the extraordinary performance by the staff basketball team in their narrow defeat against the First VIII – although, it was a courageous effort. I am, in fact, referring to the inspired performances of our six Houses as they sculpted, sang, played and acted at last night’s Cash Cup. It was an absolute pleasure to share this occasion and I thank all performers and judges for their efforts.

Within the refined format, all houses had the opportunity to reveal their talent. Broughton took us on a magic carpet ride, Croft employed the services of David Attenborough to provide a very clever lesson on the evolution of the Croft student, Ross extended the hand of peace through their artwork and Abbott helped us “remember how that music used to make us smile” with a rousing rendition of American Pie.

However, the Cup can only go to one house and my congratulations go to Croft House, whose entire performance moved many to tears whilst others simply smiled in awe.

Wiburd Shield

Congratulations to our Wiburd Shield Cricket Team who defeated Hills Grammar last Thursday. It was great to start the competition with a home game and the Support from TAS students, staff and parents created the ideal atmosphere. The players reciprocated with a polished display of batting and wonderful spirit and energy in the field. My best wishes to the team as they travel to Oakhill College for their round two fixture this afternoon.

NSW All Schools Mountain Bike Championships

TAS will field two senior and two junior teams in the NSW All Schools Mountain Bike Championships this Sunday at Penrith. This is still a fledgling sport at TAS and it is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic riders taking advantage of this opportunity. I wish all teams well and look forward to seeing them in action.
Under 16 Cricket - Wiburd Shield

TAS hosted Hills Grammar last Thursday in the first round of the Wiburd Shield cricket. The two schools’ top under 16 representative teams played on the Cricket Oval in perfect conditions for cricket.

TAS lost the toss and was sent into bat on what looked likely to be a fairly lively wicket. However, TAS quickly gained control of the match, and thanks to some outstanding batting from Nick Farrar (c) and Henry Smith, managed to put on 161 runs before the fall of the first wicket. At the end of its allotted overs, TAS had reached 4 for 209, with Nick Farrar only just falling short of his century, scoring 93 runs, and Henry Smith compiling a very graceful 60.

Hills Grammar’s run chase started slowly, and never really looked like threatening TAS’ total. The bowling was a bit erratic, but effective enough to bowl the opposition out for 120 in the 32nd over of their innings. Nick Farrar returned great figures of 4 for 25, and was well supported by Ryan Schmitt (2 for 4 off three overs), and Dan Lethbridge (2 for 8 off three overs). The team now travels to Sydney on Wednesday and Thursday this week to play Oakhill College, the winners of the competition in 2014, so we know that this will be a much tougher match for the players.

Many thanks to Mr Allan Moore for organising the event, Mrs Helen Dennis for her flawless scorekeeping, Ms Amanda Robins for her moral support, Dom Pilon for his entertaining Team App updates, and all of the boys and other teaching staff who came out to support the match over the course of the day.

Mr David Toakley

TAS Cricket Needs You

Due to large numbers of boarders in our Senior teams, I am looking for parents, old boys and teachers to replace them and play a few games of cricket in December. Games will be played on 5, 12 and 19 December. If you would like a game please contact Allan Moore on amoore@as.edu.au.

Mr Allan Moore
MIC Cricket

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Armidale All Schools Triathlon Challenge

The Annual Armidale All Schools Triathlon Challenge was held last Sunday and TAS entered 10 teams across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools.

The Primary event commenced bang on 8am, with Tom Ball second out of the pool, closely followed by his brother Sam after a blazing 100m swim. As soon as they tagged their respective riders in Toby Inglis and Frank Perrottet, the boy’s flew out of the transition area and sped off to the turnaround some 2.5km away. Rocketing back in second place was Toby, who then tagged his runner in Jonathan Harris. Jonathan shot away, intent on chasing down the first place runner. Alas, the gap was too much, and the boy’s had to settle for second place. Hugo Catterall showed great speed on the run, to bring his team home not far behind the winners, rounding out a great morning in the Primary division.

In the Seniors (Years 10-12), it was the team of Brent Rees, Jack Parker and Jarrod Bourke who took out the Opens event. Tight competition saw the boy’s stretched throughout the race, but a blazing Jack Parker ride gave them a little space which Jarrod was able to maintain. The remaining places were filled by TAS, with some notable performances from Brough Whibley and Angus Webber in the run and Lachlan Knowles and Lewis Taylor on the bike. The Middle School’s (Years 7-9) event was taken out comfortably by Armidale High, with TAS finishing 2nd and 3rd. Emerson Browning, Samuel King and James O’Brien all shown out in their respective disciplines.

With this weekend off due to Activities Week, all attention now moves to the ‘Suck it Up Buttercup’ Mud Race on Saturday 28 November in Tamworth.

Mr James Pennington
CASH CUP

The annual inter-house creative arts challenge, the Cash Cup, was held last night and the Memorial Hall was filled to capacity by students, parents and Old Boys who were treated to a terrific night’s entertainment. The format had four components: an original artwork form each house, a whole-of-house music performance, a house drama involving one person from each year group, and a new segment, a ‘lip sync’ performance on film which was screened on the night.

All students involved are to be congratulated on their creativity, courage and sense of fun, with special congratulations to Croft House who were the clear winners on the night. Croft’s exploration of the ‘evolution of a Croft boy’, as ‘narrated’ by David Attenborough, was a clever and amusing piece that was rightly acclaimed.

Here are a few photos on the night; more will be added to the photo gallery on the school website in coming days.
TAS Junior School Production of

Disney

Peter Pan Jr

November 26 & 27 12:00pm & 6:00pm

$15 Adults, $10 Concession, $7 Children, $40 Family

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

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

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Lyrics by
Eric Svejcar

Book adapted and Additional Lyrics by
David Zellnik

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

Based on the play by
J.M. Barrie

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY
Twilight Concert last Thursday - What a night!

It was a lovely evening of music last Thursday 12 November with a variety of student performers of all ages showcasing their talents. How fantastic to hear TAS Year 10 student, Samuel Thatcher playing the Memorial Hall organ! Thank you to the following students who performed either solo or at our special Christmas Concert - Lachlan Costello, Thomas Rowe, Ruby Straker, Frank Perrottet, Nicholas Munsie, Conal Nicoll, Liam Smith, Ethan Monk, Benjamin Rowe, Jasper O’Neil, Oliver Smart, Clancy Roberts, Angus Lloyd, Chad Kleindeinst, Ethan Jones, Alistair Le Surf, Alex Ng, Matthew Giakoumi, Dominic Pilon, William Almond, Ziggy Harris, Matthew Turnbull, Angus Earle, Marcus Hempel, Nicholas Bohlsen, Sambavan Jeyakumar, Oliver Broadbent, Samuel Thatcher, Andrew Knight, Charlton Grant.

Each term our dedicated instrumental and vocal teachers nominate students from their studios, to perform in the Twilight Concerts. They work with these students to prepare them for these public performances. We thank all our peripatetic tutors for their ongoing commitment to providing broad musical experiences for students at TAS.

Also, many thanks to accompanist extraordinaire, Mr Warwick Dunham, TAS Camerata Director Mr Robert Jackson and TAS Drummers Director, Mr David Van Tongeren.

Not to forget that we very much appreciate parents bringing such yummy snacks for everyone to enjoy after the concert. Thank you, thank you! It really made the evening truly enjoyable...

TAS Summer Gala Concert this Friday 20 November - Parents can purchase tickets

The Foundation Fundraising Summer Gala Concert is coming up in the TAS Memorial Hall this Friday. A reminder for parents that this is a closed fundraising event so if you would like to watch your son/daughter perform why not purchase a ticket for this special function? Follow this link:


Arrangements - TAS Singers, TAS Chapel Choir and Jnr Vocal Ensemble required from 3.45pm

All members of the TAS Singers, Chapel Choir and Jnr Vocal Ensemble will be required to rehearse in the Memorial Hall from 3.45pm this Friday 20 November before the concert.

All TAS students (JS, MS and SS) are to wear formal uniform. TAS Chapel Choir are to wear blacks please.

A substantial afternoon tea will be provided for ensemble members as they will not be able to eat until the concert ends at 7pm.

Pick up for TAS Students will be from 7pm after the concert.

REMINDER: Instrument Recall this Friday - Hand in your TAS Hire Instruments by this Friday please

Next week we will be servicing all our TAS instruments so we require all TAS Hire instruments to be handed back in this Friday. While you are away on Activities Week these instruments will be serviced and repairs will be carried out if required. Students will be able to pick up the serviced instruments later next week.

Many thanks,

Ms Roobol, Mrs Butcher, Mr Dunham and Mrs Broadbent
Flying

It’s difficult to believe (not to mention, daunting to know) that we only a few weeks away from Speech Day. The Term has been accelerating at a fierce speed and the fact that we’re still in one piece indicates that we’ve been fairly successful in its overall management.

Academic reports are ‘done’ and being pasted into the system as I write this to you. I’m in the process of editing my Middle School ones and my mood is good because I’ve read many teacher comments about boys who have done their best to navigate the examination period. What is immediately clear is that so many have studied effectively and well and that their success is deserved. The exams, written several weeks ago, have constituted a significant goal they’ve worked towards. Again, further to my information to you on this topic, I endorse the system of exam periods for Middle School students. By the time our boys reach Senior School life they’ve already begun to develop coping mechanisms that equip them for their academic futures.

The other important aspect of reports is that they catalogue wider curriculum achievement, including Community Service hours. Clearly all have been busy with sports, many with full service hours and an increasing number are availing themselves of opportunities in the areas of community sports participation, Music and Drama. As I’ve indicated on a number of occasions now, it’s so much healthier to be busy than it is to be bored. It’s also affirming to be working in a school where the social, emotional and physical growth patterns of students are catered to and complemented by their academic needs.

The end of this next week heralds a mass exodus with the Year 7 and 8 boys travelling to Annual Camp. Activities Week these days gives students the chance to engage in a range activities that allow them to be in mutually dependent exercises and others that encourage them to develop individual strengths. The boys are fully supported by seniors and staff and I look forward to seeing them at Nymboida and ‘doing’ some of the activities myself. The Year 6 cohort will be welcoming and hosting our Mosman Prep visitors for the entire week.

So, for all students and staff the week will be activities’ based and this is a wonderful way to approach our last days of 2015, culminating in the Christmas Chapel and Carol Service, our Middle School lunch for parents and students on Wednesday, 2 December and, finally, the full School Speech Day on Thursday, 3 December.

Year 5 into 6 Information Afternoon

On Wednesday of this week we welcomed Year 5 parents to an information afternoon, beginning in the McConville Centre. Following the Year 5 students’ experience day, this occasion has given Mrs Brunsdon, Mr Polson and me the opportunity to talk about Middle School curriculum, Homeroom structures, wider activities and philosophy respectively. It is good that all who are new to the Middle School have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings before the first school day of 2016. The Year 5 visit was informative and the current Year 6 boys and staff have been excellent hosts, so the morning was very successful. Special thanks go to Kirsty Brunsdon and Luke Polson for their organization of appropriate and enjoyable activities for all students and thanks also go to Susi Redhead for organizing the day, food and other matters. I also had an opportunity to meet the Year 5 students. Schooling nowadays is definitely a shared responsibility and requires easy and sensible parent and staff, both academic and boarding, communication. It’s imperative that we table ideas and concerns as they relate to the young adolescents we co-manage. We need to be fully cognizant of the fact that we’re dealing with people who, in every way, are growing very quickly and who, as a result, need a number of mutually dependent support systems. Since they are, in effect, our future this is the least we can do for them in their preparation for it.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School

Important Dates

Wednesday 2 December

Middle School Lunch for students and families of Middle School at 1pm at McConville Centre. Followed by Middle School Assembly at 2pm in Memorial Hall

Thursday 3 December

Speech Day – boys to wear formals.

Last day of school
End of year activities

Please read the summary of the highlights and special events that will bring us to the end of 2015. It will be a remarkably busy time for us all. As advertised in our upcoming events they include, the Final Assembly, Peter Pan, the musical followed by our Junior School Picnic in the Junior School playground, our Swimming Pool Party at the town pool, our Christmas Service in the Memorial Hall, and our Junior School Speech Day with Mr Paul Jarman, internationally renowned musician. We offer a warm invitation to all our community for all these events and ask that you contact us if you have any questions.

Twilight Concert

Performing in public, whether as an accomplished musician or a beginner can be a nerve-wracking experience; I suppose this is all part of the process. In interviewing prospective students throughout the years, it was evident that those learning instruments became used to the rigors of practice and the benefits of persistence. As a parent of two violinists, I know this can apply to the parents as well as the children! So, to watch last Thursday’s Twilight Concert was a real treat. There were eight Junior School soloists and others who joined ensembles on the night. The concert was a wonderful showcase of the musical talent at TAS, providing an excellent opportunity for our junior students to benefit from the experience of joining with others in such a way. Congratulations to Marcus Hempel (TAS Camerata - cello), Lachlan Costello (guitar), Thomas Rowe (piano) Ruby Straker (violin), Frank Perrottet (piano), Conal Nicoll (guitar), Benjamin Rowe (guitar), Jasper O’Neil (voice) and Oliver Smart (guitar).

Year 8 STOMP

As for the Twilight concert, another of the benefits at TAS is the opportunity for us to share in the whole-school curriculum offering and this was the case today when several of our classes were able to watch Year 8 students perform some of their STOMP musical items, which they have been rehearsing for sometime in their music classes. Thanks go to Mr Andrew O’Connell and Ms Leanne Roobol for including us in this particular performance which was highly entertaining and enjoyable. As we move towards our own Peter Pan performances and what will be a quite special Speech Day, I have to say that I am really impressed with the current, healthy shape of music in Junior School.
Reports

There will be further information about our reports in next week’s TAS Talks but I raise this now to talk about the benefits of the written report and its place in the school. With two Parent/Teacher interviews, two written semester reports and an open door policy to our classrooms, I know the communication lines are well and truly open in terms of the flow of information between school and home. This report is a summation of the semester’s work and more broadly, the year’s progress. We provide a summary of the academic, co-curricular and social achievements and developments of your children creating the foundation for reflection and future action. I encourage you all to carefully read your children’s report with them when you have the chance. As always, we welcome your feedback and comments as we move forward.

Bike/Triathlon Day

I am sure that there will be many stories from yesterday’s Bike Safety and Triathlon Day - there always is! We were very fortunate to have a sunny day and the day was help in really good spirits. Thanks go to Mrs Julie Heagney for presenting the trophies at the conclusion of the day, and Mrs Wright and the Junior School staff for their collaborative effort in organisation and supervision. Special thanks also go to our ground staff, who always do such a wonderful job in preparing the course and our grounds.

Staffing 2016

All parents should have received a letter outlining the staffing arrangements for 2016 recently. We know we have had some issues with our system recently and I would like you to contact let me know if this applies to you.

You will see that we are in the process of finding a replacement for Mr Neil Druce, who has announced that he will not be returning to TAS after his extended leave. Neil has been associated with TAS for 10 years, in many capacities, as a teacher in Middle School for Years 6 & 7 and Year 4 in Junior School, as Deputy Housemaster & acting Housemaster in Middle School Boarding, as a coach and as a parent. Many who have come into contact with Neil will know him as a teacher with a gift for looking after the well-being and welfare of students. In his short time with us in Junior School, this was no exception and we wish him well in all his future endeavours. He recently emailed to say that he is currently enjoying his position as Deputy Principal at Murrupurtiyanu Catholic Primary School on Bathurst Island working very closely with the Tiwi people, a position that he will hold until July 2016.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

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Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to Dimity Chalmers and Isaac Gerdes celebrate their birthday this week.

Lost Property

Alexis Langlois-Peters Yr 4 has lost his school bag. If found, could you please return to Junior School.
Well, haven’t we had an amazing term so far at Camp Australia After School Care? This term we have introduced new and exciting areas in our service based on the interests of the children, in particular the prehistoric era.

The children at ASC have worked together to build and design a natural habitat of the dinosaurs. In our prehistoric environment, the children made skeleton dinosaurs along with natural made fossils of dinosaurs and bugs from the service. We also collected natural environmental items from the TAS playground to add to our dinosaur exhibition to make it more realistic. As the children explored the prehistoric era they discussed their interests of volcanos and how they would like to make one of their own.

The children conducted an experiment using vinegar, bi carb soda, food colouring, water and a plastic bottle. As a group we discussed how the ingredients mixed together would make the volcano erupt.

At ASC, we have also had discussions about what rubbish can do to our environment. As a group, we spoke about how rubbish being left on the ground can hurt our environment in a variety of different ways, including waterways and farmland. So, to ensure all our rubbish is put in the bin, the children collectively made their own signs to effectively identify that our rubbish has to be disposed properly.

Last term, all children and educators within our Camp Australia family, worked together to support the Smith Family’s Back 2 School project. Collectively, Camp Australia raised $64,600 and we would like to thank TAS for their support with this initiative.

This term the children will be supporting Oxfam junior globalisation. They will make gifts that will be delivered in time for Christmas to a South African orphanage. You can visit www.oxfam.org.au to view the video recorded of the children receiving their gifts from Camp Australia in 2014.

Registration for The Armidale School program

Registration is secure and convenient and will give you 24/7 accesses to managing your Account. The information we collect enables us to meet our legal and compliance requirements in providing the service and is kept in the strictest confidence. Registration also ensures that we have your booking, payment, contact details and any medical or developmental needs in relation to your children.

Bookings/Managing your account

Managing your account and making bookings has never been easier. Through the Parent Portal, Parents can access their online account 24/7 from, a computer, iPhone, iPad or mobile phone.

Functions include:

- Make or cancel a booking
- Create or end a permanent booking schedule
- Update payment options
- View historical statements

Please contact us at www.campaustralia.com.au and register your account.

Thank you.

Jacinta Coates
Camp Australia, After School Care, The Armidale School.
After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play

About the program

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

The Armidale School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of Before and After School Care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school’s values and builds on your child’s educational experiences and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kid’s faces. As trained Educators, we know lots of different ways to help your child get the most out of their day and feel good about themselves.

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The information outlined above covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of all program details and fees for the service, please visit our website. We have over 200 Holiday Clubs. Please use the Holiday Club finder on our website to find the most convenient service for you.

Next step
visit www.campaustralia.com.au and enter your school name in the school finder.

Welcome
Let us help you find your school...
Enter your school name below to begin.

* Notes on Fees and out of pocket:
Almost all Australian residents are eligible for some form of government rebate.
1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of session fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.

So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Number/s (CRN/s) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

We look forward to caring for your children
www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343
PYP Update - A Time to Reflect

Over the course of the next two weeks, many classes will be spending quality time reflecting on the attributes of the Learner Profiles, which were formally introduced during Term 1. This reflection time will allow students to re-visit the profiles and think about themselves as a learner.

The profiles, that as learners, we all strive to be are as follows:

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-Minded
Caring
Risk-Takers
Balanced
Reflective

Some reflective statements from Year 5 students:

Thinker
“In our group we thought really well together to help develop our affirmative arguments in our class debate” Harrison Ditchfield

Principled
“I was trying really hard not to copy word for word from my information source. Rather I was putting the information into my own words.” Will Jubb

Inquirer
“I was asking questions and thinking of ways I could answer them.” Ruby Straker

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
Summer Sports Training

This will be our final week of sports training for this term. Due to commitments with Peter Pan Production and our final week in Week 9, all training will finish this week. Please confirm with your coaches about final games for the year.

Thank you to all parents who have been supportive in our program. We look forward to continuing our summer sports in Term One in 2016.

Please keep in mind that if your child is in Year 5 this year, they will continue with our Junior School Sports program in Term 1, 2016. These teams remain the same for the second part of the season.

Gymnastics

The final gymnastics session for 2015 was a great finale for the year. Our session commenced with a warm up game of ‘Over Here, Over There’. Being thoroughly warmed up we completed a series of stretches before circuit time. The circuit this week focused on springing and landing with many excellent springs and lands to be seen. Backward rolls were a teaching point today and many fine rolls were executed by our gymnasts. Static balances on the beam were very well done and the courage and progress shown by everyone is very obvious and pleasing. Cartwheels and forward rolls were also part of the busy program this week. Our time finished with some strong displays of front and back supports. We appreciate the excellent program provided for us by the Armidale Gymnastics Club.

Joe Fenwicke shows his balancing skills on the beam

Evelyn Junge concentrates intently as she balances on the beam

Diesel Murphy shows a strong front support
**Year 5 basketball**

After the team scored a wonderful win last week by one point they took to the court on Monday hoping for a repeat. Our opposition was off to a really strong start and was racking up points as we attempted to stay in touch. After a team talk at half time, we did so much better. The game came down to the wire with 30 seconds left on the clock and TAS only one point behind. Several attempts were made to get that last basket but no shots went in.

Many thanks go to Charlie Repin who selflessly played for the opposition. Will Jubb had an exceptional game marking one of the better players on the opposition and Casey Smith continued her determined effort to get the rebounds and shoot baskets. Jonathan Harris was excited to score a basket and Alexander Zuber used his height well to shoot baskets and mark the opposition. Ruby Straker continued to make a concerted effort to get the ball from the opposition and Hugo Catterall made some wonderful runs up the court with a number of baskets as well. It was an exciting game and the team is making some fabulous progress.

Next week will be our last game and there will be no training after this week.

*Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon*

**Tennis**

The enthusiasm continued to be high at tennis training on Monday as all participants could recognise how much they had improved over the past seven weeks.

The session focussed on learning to serve correctly and the improved skill level by all was noteworthy. The session concluded with some rallies and there were many successful ones! (Much to the delight of Mr Sherriff.)

Please note there will be no further tennis training sessions this term.
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