Headmaster’s Country Tour

I write this week from the road between Moree and Walgett as Pip Warrick, Michael Holland and I are in the midst of the first leg of our country tour. Michael has written about the tour in his Director of Boarding section of TAS Talks this week and I echo his thanks to our function hosts and all those who have and will join us through the week. The country tour is a milestone in the school calendar and it provides something of a barometer for the mood and interest around our boarding community. All that we are seeing this week, including the busiest schedule of interviews we have ever seen, has been very heartening and I look forward to the events to come in Walgett and Narrabri.

Summer Season

The Summer season is coming to a close across all sports as Easter approaches and there has been plenty to celebrate over the past week. Jim Pennington has reported on the fine achievements of our triathletes both in Armidale and Sydney last weekend and I recommend his articles to you. Our most able athletes competed for the first time in the NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships. As the name suggests, this competition attracts the elite from right around the state and opportunity for our best triathletes to test themselves in this company has been a great addition to our calendar this year. Some of those athletes backed up on Sunday in the last round of the Armidale series, with wins in both the short and long courses from Brent Rees, Lachlan Knowles and Georgie O’Brien, with other TAS students right behind them. This success, both in Sydney and at home, highlights the ever growing strength of the sport here and I offer congratulations to all those who have performed with such dedication through the Summer.

Similar success has been enjoyed by our cricketers as they approach the finals this weekend and next. TAS teams will feature in grand finals this weekend in the 12 years, 14 years and 16 years age groups and our First and Second XI teams will play in preliminary finals after good wins last Saturday. I am sure that all will join me in wishing our teams well for their matches this weekend.
GPS Rowing

Whilst our cricketers are playing in finals on Saturday, our rowers will be competing in the GPS Head of the River at Penrith. This is the premier school rowing event in the country and our three crews will be racing in front of a crowd of over 10,000. It is certainly the pinnacle of the season for TAS and I wish our crews well for what is certain to be an exciting and memorable challenge for them.

NAPLAN Results

The 2015 NAPLAN results have been released on the MySchool website today and whilst I am reluctant to give too much weight to them, I was pleased to see TAS included in the list of schools that have shown outstanding growth in reading scores in a Sydney Morning Herald article this morning. This is good recognition for the work of our Junior School teachers and I congratulate them on it.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Week 7**

**Wednesday 9 March**
- HMCT (Walgett)
- NCIS Football
- Year 9&10 Music Day (NECOM)
- P&F Meeting (7pm)

**Thursday 10 March**
- HMCT (Narrabri)
- Year 11&12 HSC Music Workshops (NECOM)

**Friday 11 March**
- Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews (2-6pm)
- TOAD Cup (5.30 - 8.30pm)
- Armidale Sports Ground

**Saturday 12 March**
- GPS Head of the River

**Week 8**

**Monday 14 March**
- **Bye Bye Birdie** Boarders Preview

**Tuesday 15 March**
- **Bye Bye Birdie** Boarders Preview

**Wednesday 16 March**
- Cloisters Run

**Thursday 17 March**
- Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
  - **Bye Bye Birdie** (7pm)

**Friday 18 March**
- **Bye Bye Birdie** Matinee (2pm)
- **Bye Bye Birdie** (7pm)

**Saturday 19 March**
- **Bye Bye Birdie** (7pm)

**Sunday 20 March**
- **Bye Bye Birdie** (7pm)

**Week 9**

**Monday 21 March**
- Year 12 Auto Work Placement

**Tuesday 22 March**
- Junior School Athletics Carnival
  - Year 12 Auto Work Placement
  - TAS Traditional Easter Service

**Wednesday 23 March**
- Easter Celebration Service (6.30pm)
- Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival
  - Year 12 Auto Work Placement

**Thursday 24 March**
- Year 12 Auto Work Placement

**Friday 25 March**
- Good Friday

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**Kokoda Trek - Information Evening**

The Kokoda expedition has stood the test of time at TAS because boys and girls still crave great adventure today as much as they ever have, but nothing compares to the real thing.

The 2016 Kokoda expedition will run from 22 September to 3 October 2016 during the September school holidays.

An information evening hosted by the Kokoda tour company 'Our Spirit' will be held at TAS in Big School on Tuesday 26 April at 6.30pm.

Find out more by visiting the Kokoda information pages or contact Mr Trevor Thatcher on 0427 765 806 or email tthatche@as.edu.au. Click **HERE.**

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**Uniform Shop Holiday Hours**

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* Please note that the Uniform and Book Shop will be closed on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March.

**Student Services**

Term 1/2 Vacation charter coach and rail bookings for boarders. Parents/carers of boarders are reminded that bookings for the usual services are open for only a short time as end of term fast approaches.

Please note that Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews at end of Term 1 - 6 & 7 April - will affect homeward journeys for that Year group if you plan on attending. For all enquiries regarding the charter coaches and train services, please contact travel@as.edu.au without delay.

Thanks to those who responded to the call for Easter bookings. Cancellations are accepted up until the day of departure on the above email address - notifications are appreciated.
General Meeting TONIGHT

The meeting scheduled for TONIGHT, Wednesday 9 March 2016 will be a General Meeting. It will be held in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7.00pm – all members of TAS P&F are welcome and indeed encouraged to join. Would you like to be included by phone or Skype? We tried this last month for the first time, and it was a good first time, albeit with a few teething problems. Come on, get involved and come along via technology. Please let us know if you would like to join from afar.

Come along with some new social or fundraising ideas, or just come along.

A major topic of discussion will be the TAS Rugby Carnival and our plans for activities over that weekend – the first weekend in the School Holidays 8 and 9 April. We will be looking for community service volunteers (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday) and parent volunteers (Saturday and Sunday only). Parents, if you like getting in and getting things organised, this is the perfect opportunity for you! TAS P&F caters for the players and teams lunches, and also runs the canteen in McConville and we can use all the help you can give. This is a major fundraising activity for the P&F and it is a sensational way of showcasing our school to over 1000 visitors across just one weekend.

In addition, the Committee is considering updating the association’s constitution (this would be voted on at a general meeting), and any parents wishing to be involved in this project, or just interested in joining the Committee, are welcome to contact the President or Secretary.

Cooking up a storm

Swimming carnivals are done and dusted and all of your baking and buying efforts were appreciated by students and staff alike. And it’s time to do it all again! The Athletics Championships are on in two weeks and we will be looking for your assistance again to help satisfy the munchies of our athletes and their supporters. Please pop it in your diaries.

- Junior Athletics Championships – Tuesday 22 March
- Middle/Senior Athletics Championships – Wednesday 23 March

Mrs Sue Cartwright

ANNOUNCEMENT re: P&F AGM

THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

The School Calendar had advertised the holding of the P&F AGM on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7pm.

Under applicable legislation for incorporated associations that was amended in 2010, the Committee of the P&F must ensure that annual general meetings are held within six months after the close of the association’s financial year. In addition, at each AGM, the association’s committee must cause the association’s financial statements for the previous financial year (ending 31 December) to be submitted to the meeting.

To allow further time to complete the financial statements and in the interests of further developing a vibrant Committee, the 9 March meeting will be conducted as a general meeting (without AGM business) and the AGM will instead be held on a date in Term 2 (these being scheduled either for 11 May and 15 June 2016), with the following AGM business being then conducted:

- Election of Committee and office bearers
- Consideration of 2015 financial statements

Apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment caused.
Academic Support - Notify the school please-
Years 6-12

In order for us to be able to program specifically to cater for your child and their learning needs in either extension and enrichment classes or with learning support, it is recommended that any educational, vision or hearing testing results are made available to the school. Notably, those results that indicate the school could adjust their programs to assist your child to achieve to their potential. For example, if your child has recently acquired coloured lenses or requires specific coloured paper, or has any other specific learning needs, it is important that you notify Ms Catherine Boydell the coordinator for all Academic Support so that we can set appropriate adjustments in place to assist your child. cboydell@as.edu.au

Ms Catherine Boydell
Academic Support Coordinator
My own favourite tragic last words were spoken by Union General John Sedgwick, at the battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse: "I'm ashamed of you men, dodging that way. They couldn't hit an elephant at this range! His words speak of denial, and the sheer impossibility of death at this point in his life.

Australian icon and infamous outlaw Ned Kelly allegedly said “Such is life” moments before he was hung in Melbourne Gaol on 11 November, 1880. The words speak of the inevitability of death, and an acceptance that ultimately, you get what you deserve.

Ned Kelly was punished for his crimes by execution.

On Friday a fortnight from now we commemorate and celebrate a man who was also punished, but on this occasion, he had done no wrong, he was unjustly dealt with. As Jesus hung on the cross, he died the death of an outlaw, yet we know that this man was innocent.

The Bible makes it clear that Jesus came with a mission. His death did not come as surprise, his last words aren't of denial, like John Sedgwick's or of defeat like Ned Kelly's; Jesus' death on the cross was entirely intentional. The purpose was to be our substitute, he is in our place, he died for our sins, meaning that we no longer have to face God's justice alone and suffer eternal separation from the One who gives life. When Jesus utters his final words, my favourite of all time, “It is finished”, his mission is complete. Those who put their trust in him get the exact opposite of what they deserve.

Through his death Jesus gives us real hope that we don't have to face the inevitable, because he has done it on our behalf. That is why Good Friday is so very good!

Thailand Information Evening

During the past three years, the Thailand service trip has offered help and hope to those less fortunate, and a sense of purpose and meaning to those who have found it a privilege to attend. To find out more information or to submit an application visit the Thailand webpage HERE.

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 9 March at 7.30pm in Mr Newton's teaching room F1-5. All welcome!
Rev Richard Newton warmly invites all TAS community, family and friends to celebrate Easter at a special contemporary-style service.

Where: TAS Big School
When: Wednesday 23 March at 6.30 pm
(a light meal will be served prior to the service from 5.45pm)
A children’s activities program will be provided for young ones

* This service does not replace the traditional TAS Easter Service on Tuesday 22 March.
If you watch ‘Q and A’ on the ABC you will quickly become aware that people have very different points of view about contemporary issues. Sometimes this can degenerate into cheap point scoring among panellists but sometimes the discussions in response to audience questions can be illuminating in terms of what drives a panel member’s perspective. ‘The Drum’ is probably a more serious conversation on the issues of the day but once again different points of view are invited from the guests on any particular occasion. It seems we find conflict played out in the media entertaining and an inevitable part of living in a complex and relatively open society.

Conflict simply reflects the fact that we are different from each other in all kinds of ways and these differences are inevitable. When we have a point of view that we are passionate about we can be sure it comes from some deeper layers of our lives that have shaped our way of seeing and the values we consider important in the moment. However, there is a difficulty if we respond to difference by attacking the other person with ridicule, blame, insult, exclusion and rejection. We can easily mistake the argument for the person and then conflict becomes a social and relational fracturing involving personal antagonism and aggression. Unfortunately, this plays out all too often in social media. The first thing to disappear is accurate listening to the other’s point of view – we filter, distort and misrepresent the other, reducing their perspective to a selective ‘cardboard cut-out’ that justifies the adversarial stance we adopt towards them.

So, we need to learn how to do conflict well. There are specific skills that we can learn that will enable us to engage in conflict in a cleaner and respecting way, where our opponents have the experience of being understood accurately, even as we disagree. That is very rare in our society and peer relationships but that does not mean that what normally happens is OK. There is a better way and we sell ourselves short when we do not reach for more appropriate ways of engaging in conflict. I would certainly like to see this included in what we do in our personal development programs at school.

Mr Rob Hadfield
A number of years ago I went to Bangladesh with a Christian Community Development Organisation called TEAR Australia. Amid this amazing few weeks, the group I was with was asked to play some cricket against a local U18 team. We laughed at this as our hodge podge team consisted of 20 people from across Australia and all but 2 had never played cricket. For obvious reason we hoped it would be a friendly backyard cricket match. The reality was somewhat terrifying! We arrived at the dirt dust bowl to see a crowd of thousands ready to see the ‘Australian Team’ play their local boys!

I can’t begin to capture the atmosphere in that place or the tangible embarrassment mixed with fear that we felt as our raga muffin crew piled out of our mini buses amid the chanting of ‘Go Aussies’. Anyhow, there was no turning back, so we fumbled with the pads, pretended to warm up and gave it our best shot. I can’t account for what happened next; we were smashed, but maybe it was God having a laugh, because somehow I ‘got my game on’ and I bowled and batted like a wizz.

Well that’s possibly an exaggeration, I didn’t shame myself entirely in the field, but I did score 50 with the bat. I know those very generous Bangladeshi guys went a bit easy on me, but nonetheless, there I was, a white woman hitting 4s (not the usual sized field before you are impressed!) in male dominated, rural Bangladesh.

I am no cricketer and it was the biggest fluke of my life, but why I mention it, is not because I was cheered and treated like a celebrity for a few minutes, its because of what happened after this. We were heading to the buses after the crowds had dissipated, and I realised a young woman had pushed her way through and was beside me waving a pencil and scrappy piece of paper. I asked my interpreter why the girl wanted my signature. Her response blew me away, ‘I have never seen a girl play cricket and I want to remember that maybe I can do things too.’ For me on that hot, dusty afternoon it put things into perspective.

International Women’s Day is being celebrated across the world this week (officially the 8th March). It’s a day where people stop to celebrate how far women have come, to recognise the sacrifices and the fight that has been had in many countries to give women the chance to vote; the chance to work and be paid; the chance to have an education; and ultimately, to have choices. Many of us are here because of incredible women in our lives who loved and supported us- mums, sisters, grandmothers, girlfriends, wives, friends, coaches, teachers, role models and more.
But the sad truth is that unlike many of the women in our lives, women in other parts of the world are the most powerless and vulnerable in society. They are less likely to have an education, to earn a decent wage, to own property and for some, even surviving childbirth, is a major achievement. The message I want our TAS young people to hear is that International Women's Day is not about saying women are better than men or they should have more focus in our society. It's simply recognising that rights for women and girls have had to come a long way, but also, that they still have a long way to go for many in our world.

If you are interested in a thought provoking Ted Talk, ‘Why gender equality is good for everyone- men included’ by Michael Kimmel is definitely worth watching. It reminds us why gender equality is important and worthy of conversation in our homes, schools and work places.

My hope is that as more men and women in our world recognise the value of equality, and have the courage to take action in big and small ways, the girls like the one I met in Bangladesh will come to know how valuable they are, and that they can do a whole lot of things that far outweighs playing cricket.

Happy Women’s Day or perhaps I mean Happy future Equality Day.

Miss Alex Pollitt
I find myself writing this report from Moree as the Headmaster, the Director of Enrolments and I ready ourselves for another full day of interviewing prospective families and catching up with current and past families.

Travelling to meet families on their own turf is such an important and enjoyable part of my role. It has been great to meet so many exceptional young men and women who are so excited at the prospect of joining our community. Their enthusiasm and that of their parents is testament to the high esteem with which TAS is held in the wider community.

A common theme quickly became apparent when speaking with boys and girls about their expectations and hopes for an education at TAS. Each of them articulated a desire to be challenged, to be surrounded by like-minded people with a focus on doing well academically and they were very clear on the appeal of the varied opportunities for development that TAS offers. Along with the desire for their children to be happy, parents came up with the same list.

A TAS education will challenge them, will place them amongst motivated students and will provide them with a multitude of opportunities and will provide an environment where they can flourish and be happy. I know this because I see it every day our classrooms, boarding houses, playing fields and in the wider environs of Armidale where our boys and girls are actively engaged in so many learning experiences.

I would like to thank publicly our gracious hosts Kerry and Colin Moore who hosted us in Inverell and Glenn and Linda Bourke who hosted us in Moree. Both occasions were very well attended at afforded a wonderful opportunity to meet so many members of our community. A lot of work goes into organising such events and we appreciated our families opening their homes to us. We look forward to catching up with families at ‘Sportos’ in Walgett and at Peter and Kim Rozendall’s in Narrabri.

In closing, I would like to wish our 1st XI cricketers all the best in their Preliminary Final this weekend. After a thrilling win last weekend, we are all behind them in their push for finals glory. It was great to see so many boarders on hand to cheer them on last weekend. Perhaps the BBQ dinner organised by Ben Moffatt and the prefects was an inducement but I have no doubt the crowd enjoyed the spectacle.

Mr Michael Holland
Applications are open for the International Round Square Conference to be hosted by Aiglon College in Switzerland from 9-14 October. This is for Year 11 students and the delegation size is limited to 5. The pre-conference trip will involve hiking and mountaineering in the Swiss Alps with other schools, fully guided, for a period of 3-6 days.

The conference theme and program are available at the conference website: www.rsic2016.org

Please see Mrs Barnier or Mr Buntine if you are interested.

March 04 2016

Dear Round Square Student Board or Committee and Representative

It gives us great pleasure to share with you that Westminster School is hosting an unique forum for the Australasian and East Asia region of the Round Square from Friday September 02 to Sunday September 04 2016, in Adelaide, South Australia, specifically for 15 to 17 year old students with aspirations to be leaders in their schools in 2017 and beyond. Plans for this event are well underway, and we are very excited for this opportunity to host up to forty delegates from the region. The title of the forum is The Leader Within: Understanding the collective application of Collaborative, Transactional and Transformational Leadership. It will be a learning program which will move from listening to and understanding other people’s leadership experiences, and analysing specific leadership styles and communication models within workshops that provide options for you to pursue your leadership and communication style, including a basic introduction to the psychology of leadership and how people are profiled for purpose. This will give you a foundation in which to research your leadership development direction. We will provide you with a regional support network for the next twelve months, consisting of five of your peers as well as two adult mentors. A more detailed program and simple pre-course attendance preparation will be circulated in due course to forum participants which will prepare your mindset and understanding of the commitment required to attend the forum.

We invite your school to participate in Westminster School’s The Leader Within forum. The forum is limited to ten schools, and schools will be accepted in the order of the return of their Expressions of Interest. In determining who to send as participants, we will accept only full delegations of three student participants and one adult participant. (The adult participant must be prepared to experience the full forum program and be prepared to act as a mentor for their baraza group for the twelve months following the forum.)

The cost of the forum is $180, excluding GST, per participant. The cost does not cover your travel to and from Adelaide nor accommodation in Adelaide and breakfasts. (Participating schools will be required to arrange this.) The meals covered are your lunch and evening meals, and snacks during the sessions. A leadership pack will also be included, along with transfers in Adelaide and admission to the Royal Adelaide Show on the evening of Saturday September 03.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could confirm your interest via email to Mrs Anna Barnier abarnier@as.edu.au.

We look forward to hearing from you.
CAREERS, MARK TAYLOR

Lets Live/Tutors Worldwide Gap Tutorship Recruitment 2017

Tutors Worldwide is an organisation that specialises in the placement of students into UK schools in GAP positions. It is a fee for service organisation who will complete most of the organisation and administration requirements for working in the UK. Along with a letter explaining their services and cost structure, is a sheet explaining UK Visa Information. Many TAS Old Boys have used their services in the past, and if you are successful during the interview process you are almost guaranteed a position the following year.

Click HERE for additional information.

St Andrew’s College - University of Sydney

St Andrew’s is a co-educational residential college at Sydney University who offer a wide range of residential, academic and sporting programs for students attending Sydney University. Each year they offer very generous academic scholarships targeting rural and remote students. If you and your son/daughter are considering tertiary study at Sydney University, it worth your while to consider the scholarships on offer.

Click HERE for more information.

Job Jump Newsletters

Job Jump is an organisation that offers the TAS students the Job Jump program which organises and help students find relevant information about tertiary study and options. It is a very thorough and excellent resource that is offered to the students at TAS. The Year 10-12 students have access through a common school password. I would encourage you to have a look at the program with your child. As part of their service, they offer a newsletter each week, detailing the current career news. The information listed is sorted according to teaching KLA’s making it easier for students to find the information relevant to their subject choices. I have been emailing the Year 11 and 12 cohort directly with the newsletter. I would encourage parents to ask their child about the newsletter and encourage them to read it carefully.

Mr Mark Taylor
Career Advisor
Founders Day 2016 - The School Photo

As promised last week, Founders Day this year was designed around celebrating our past 122 years but really focussing on our future as a fully co-educational school.

As you can see from the photo below, a school is made up of more than the great students and teachers, it includes everyone from Transition to Year 12, all our Academic staff, our Administration, Grounds, Housekeeping and Kitchen staff and we all assembled in the Lawrance Quadrangle for this historic photo. It is the first whole school photo for many years- in fact, since the School Centenary shot was taken in 1994. We will send this to all families via an email link so you can have an electronic photo if you would like.

Founders Day is just that organised moment in time when we all reflect on our history, our values and what it means to belong to this remarkable TAS community which has been in existence for much longer than any of us here now and will continue for generations to come.

We also had 8 massive decorated cakes to feed over 750 of us all - many thanks to our kitchen staff once again.

Enormous thanks to all our students in particular who assembled so quickly. I am pretty sure it was a record!

Ms Cressida Mort
Work to your strengths

The day before the first Ashes Test would you expect to see David Warner steaming down from a long run up? Can you imagine Laura Geitz shooting goals in preparation for the Olympic final? Or on the Eve of the World Cup Final, would you see David Pocock lining up long range field goals.

It is important in life that we look to improve ourselves; to develop and grow. However, when the pressure is on and our team needs us we need to draw on our strengths. Whether it be our physical skills or character strengths, these are the attributes that will make the greatest difference.

“Most people have a full measure of life... and most people just watch it slowly drip away. But if you can summon it all up... at one time... in one place... you can accomplish something... glorious.” Highlander II, The Quickening

As we draw towards the end of the summer season, I would encourage all teams to reflect on their season. Recognise your growth both in skills and character. Cherish the friendships and the memories you will take with you. For those playing in the finals this weekend, recognise your strengths. Work on them and deliver on game day. May fortune smile upon you.

End of Summer & Transition into Winter

Key Dates

Wednesday 16 March: Cloisters Run (1:15pm) Athletics Pre Events (2pm – 5:30pm)

Saturday 19 March: Summer sports conclude (except Basketball and Mountain Biking which continue competition only)

Monday 21 March: Athletics catch-up day (3:45-5pm)

Tuesday 22 March: Junior School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 23 March: Middle & Senior School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 30 March: All Winter Sports Admin Day (3:45-4:30pm)
Congratulations

Last week saw some outstanding results in a variety of events. In the pool, at NCIS Swimming, Olivia Fenwicke and Jessie Digby were Runners-Up to the Age Champion while Tom Ball was awarded Age Champion. At Penrith Lakes in the NSW All Schools Triathlon, Sam Jones placed an incredible 9th overall in the 12-14 years event. Further outstanding results are highlighted in the Triathlon report below.

In the National Mountain Bike Series TAS had five riders. Michael Harris was placed 2nd in the Elite Mens event while Angus Apps and Duncan Chalmers were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the U17 Men’s event.

Facing Backwards -Looking Forward

Best wishers to our rowing crews who compete at the GPS Head of the River this Saturday and our Footballers who represent the school at the NCIS Carnival today. I am also pleased to announce that the First XI and Second XI Blue will play in the Preliminary Final whilst the 12s, 14s Yellow and 16s White will all play in Grand Finals this Saturday.

Head Injury Survey/Test

All students from Year 5-12 will conduct a survey this week and a follow up test next week. They will receive a link via email that will allow them to access this. Any student who does not receive the link should contact dcc@as.edu.au. This test provides us with a base line from which any head injury can be assessed. I cannot highlight enough the value of this test in ensuring that head injuries are effectively managed.

Mr Will Caldwell

Cricket

Great results last weekend enabled TAS to make the Grand Finals in the Under 16’s, Under 14’s and Under 12’s competition this Saturday. Our First XI and Second XI Blue also won on the weekend and will play in the Preliminary final this weekend.

The under 12’s and under 14’s had to win their games to qualify and they had strong wins over tough opposition. It should be a festival atmosphere at the games so come along and support the teams this weekend. After the Grand Finals in the morning, it would great to see a big crowd to support our Open teams as they strive to make the Grand Final the following weekend.

On Friday night our TOAD Cup team performed very well but unfortunately they were defeated by a very talented O’Connor cricket team. O’Connor scored 111 in their 20 overs and TAS were only five runs short after their 20 overs. It was an exciting game and the players enjoyed playing under lights at the Sports Ground. One of the highlights of the game was the massive six hit by Kieran Dennis in his 40 not out.

Good Performances this week

Tom Forsythe 53 ret
Sam Skipper 50 ret
Lucas Atkin 33
Andrew Kirk 30 no
Lachlan Thomas 28
Dominic Pilon 5/47
Joe Alcorn 3/2
Liam Donaldson 3/12
Henry Smith 3/20
James Wicks 3/20
Euan Spiers 3/33

Click HERE for this week’s Cricket Draw

TAS White

TAS White U14 had their last game this weekend, and what an exciting game it was. With batting first, and achieving a commendable score, with the help of Tom Forsythes 52 not out, we set the standards high. In the second innings, TAS followed up by taking five quick wickets within the first 10 overs - which included an amazing catch by Will Ellis. The wickets kept falling, however Hillgrove’s score was creeping up to ours. With six overs left, Hillgrove only needed 19 runs to win and TAS needed one wicket to win. The pressure was unbearable, and unfortunately got the better of TAS. Hillgrove won the game, but top efforts all round for the TAS team.

Ms Rachel Harrison
Armidale Triathlon Round 6

The final round of the Armidale Triathlon Series for 2015/16 was dominated by TAS Triathletes. Brent Rees backed up from round 5, again winning the Open Long Course event, in the blazing time of 58min. His performances this season have grown in statute at every outing, his leadership as Captain of Triathlon has been exemplary as has been his training ethic. Brent’s victory was mirrored in the Short Course by Lachlan Knowles, notching his first win of the season in a dominating fashion. Lachlan’s power on the run set up his race, as Sam King (2nd place), used his immense bike talent to open the field right up. Hamish Cannington finished in 4th place, with Henry Perrottet right on his heels. Georgie O’Brien showed the benefit of racing twice in one week, as she claimed her first win, again in the Short Course event. Brough Whibley, one of the most consistent triathletes at TAS, finished his final triathlon at school with aplomb. His enthusiasm and dedication has been a hallmark for many years.

NSW All Schools Triathlon

The 2016 NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships provided a magnificent platform for TAS Triathletes to display their talents. Under a blazing sun with temperatures reaching 36 degrees, our students competed with vigour and passion. In the Opens Championship Race, Brent Rees stepped up to a new format. For the first time in the event’s history, this was a draft legal race, which followed the ITU rules for professional racing. A solid swim had Brent positioned well, which unfortunately was blown apart by the pace of the main pack. On the flat and fast course, athletes were reaching speeds of 58km/hr in a group of eight riders. This saw the race transition into those in the main pack, and the rest. Brent was stoic throughout the ride, racing solo in the dry heat. A hard 5km run at the end saw Brent take a few scalps and finish 17th overall. A tremendous performance. Sam Finlayson in the Opens non-drafting race finished a sensational 9th overall. This event, whilst not a championship race, had over 60 competitors and a powerhouse run from Sam set-up a wonderful race. The Intermediate (15/16years), saw the first TAS female compete in our history. Georgie O’Brien used her vast talent in the water to exit 27th outright. Despite being new to cycling and much less, running hard off the bike, Georgie held her own and finished a resounding 34th overall. Hamish Cannington (37th), Michael Paull (49th) and Hamish Tydd (53rd) raced in the mens category, and all demonstrated a vastly improved performance from 2015. It was especially pleasing to witness the boys tenacity during the run, as the heat continued to beat down upon them unabated. Joshua Jones and Samuel King took on the Championship (draft legal) event and hammered the course.

With over 80 competitors, the boys knew from the outset that the race was on! One really needs to witness such a day to comprehend the pace from the gun. The packs which formed on the bike course held a relentless pace, spitting out those who couldn’t sustain the tempo. Fortunately Joshua and Samuel eventually found a pack to ride with and joined the throng. Solid 25th (Joshua) and 28th (Samuel) finishes are a testament to their talents. The Junior race saw another TAS female take the challenge. In only her second ever triathlon, Eliza Ward blitzed the course and finished 74th. This is a terrific start to what will be a long career in the sport. The Junior mens race was the home for the most outstanding performance of the day. Samuel Jones absolutely monstered the bike and run, to finish ninth outright in the State. This was a joy to watch, as Samuel drove himself on throughout the race, even moving from 11th to 9th in the last 200m of the run. This performance now opens the door for Samuel to be considered for Elite Junior Development Camps. James O’Brien continued that same verve in the race, putting together an accomplished performance to finish in 61st
Solid effort at National Mountain Bike Series Round 6

Five TAS riders took part in the final (sixth) round of the National Mountain Bike Series at Toowoomba’s Jubilee at the weekend, with some outstanding results. The riders were contested by tough conditions, being very dry, dusty, with temperatures in the low thirties and high humidity.

On Saturday they raced a Cross Country Olympic format (XCO) – an endurance long course event which is competed to Olympic Level.

Competing in their first national level race in the U17 men’s division, Angus Apps came 11th, Duncan Chalmers was 13th, Tom Cannington 14th with Joe Sewell in next place.

Michael Harris came second in the U19 men’s category, ultimately finishing third overall in the series results.

A Cross Country Criterion (XCC) short course multi-lap race was held on Sunday.

In C Grade men, Angus Apps placed second, Duncan Chalmers was third and Joe Sewell, home in fourth spot.

Michael Harris (U19) put in a terrific race in the A Grade men’s race, coming third. Michael will attend the national championships in Bright, Victoria on 17-20 March and then and Oceania Championship in Queenstown New Zealand the following week.
### Middle/Senior School

**ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

Pre-Event Day Wednesday 16 March

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**TAS TALKS | 19**
In less than a week Bye Bye Birdie will be enjoyed by members of the TAS, NEGS and PLC boarding communities at preview shows ahead of our opening on Thursday 17 March. The set, costumes and props are really coming together, the actors are refining their scenes and songs further and the band has been wonderful in giving us extra support in our last few rehearsals. This Thursday night the full band comes together for the first time with the singers and it is always an exciting (and busy) evening. Throughout the last few weeks we have also had a dedicated team of students working on sound and lighting and this weekend the essential tasks of plotting and managing the technical elements will be up to them.

On Monday several members of the cast travelled to Guyra to be a special musical item at the 2016 Guyra Senior’s Ball. They received an amazing reception from the enthusiastic crowd, with many of them fans of the hit Broadway classic. It was wonderful for the students to not only receive some great audience experience but to also give back to the community and thanks must go to Leanne Roobol and Warwick Dunham for supporting the students there.

While aspects of the show are coming together the final rehearsals and performance week will bring new challenges for the production team. If there are any members of the TAS community who would be available to help with hair and make-up they are encouraged to contact Leasa Cleaver (lcleaver@as.edu.au). And though most shows are starting to really fill up, everyone can also help by spreading the word about the show and encouraging friends and family to come and celebrate the amazing talent of our performers.

And this week we are very pleased to welcome Michael Cornford to the Hoskins Centre as the new Technical Supervisor. Michael studied at both UNE and NIDA and comes to us after working with different theatre companies in Sydney. He arrives just in time to assist with the musical and has hit the ground running on technical and set construction for the show. It is excellent to have another member of the Creative Arts team so passionate about the Arts and I know that the students will greatly benefit from his knowledge and experience.

Mr Andrew O’Connell
Creative Arts Coordinator
THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL Presents

Bye Bye Birdie
A Musical Comedy

In Association with NEGS and PLC

Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams

Originally produced by Edward Padula

17, 18, 19 March 7:30pm
18 March 2:00pm

Tickets $25, $20, $15 hoskins.as.edu.au or 6776 5878

by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
Ensemble Commitments

The success of any group depends on the dedication of each person to the group goals. Enjoyment and achievement of the group depends on both commitment and preparation by all members. Just like sport at TAS - bands and ensembles at TAS have ‘training’ sessions. This is so that when you go to play or perform, you are fit and ready to work with your ‘team’. It is difficult for a team to perform if some members have not been a committed member of that group because they do not know their role and are not fit to play.

For example, Monday afternoon is the Big Band and Senior Jazz ‘training session’. In order to perform at peak standard at the important performances each term, all members of the band are required to be at every training session/rehearsal.

If you are a member of a TAS ensemble you are marked off the roll each week so if you are unable to attend your ensemble rehearsal time, we need to know.

Please contact the music office on sbroadbe@as.edu.au or email your conductor in advance to advise us if you are unable to attend your rehearsal.

A reminder of the TAS Ensembles and their ‘training’ times click HERE to view timetable.

Autumn Parade - TAS Senior Jazz Combo - Save the Date!

The Armidale Autumn Festival is coming up soon on Saturday 19 March. The big Autumn Parade will occur on the Saturday morning and the TAS Senior Jazz Combo will play again this year on the back of a truck. Students, please keep this date free to perform for our community!

REMINDER: Plans for Year 11/12 HSC
Music Workshops Thursday 10 and Friday 11 March

Transport: TAS Minibus will depart TAS from outside Q Store for the OTC at 8.30am and return students to TAS at 3.30pm
Lunch: Day students are to take their own lunch. Boarders will take a packed lunch from TAS.
Clothing: Students are permitted to wear casual clothing with closed in shoes.

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

REMINDER: Plans for Year 9/10 Music Day
Wednesday 9 March

Transport: TAS Minibus will depart TAS from outside Q Store for the OTC at 8.45am and return students to TAS at 3.30pm
Lunch: Day students are to take their own lunch. Boarders will be supplied with a packed lunch from TAS.
Clothing: Students are permitted to wear casual clothing with closed in shoes.
So, what’s in a friend?

I want to draw your attention to a theme that’s relevant to the Middle School at the moment. I’ve been speaking lately to students in my Homeroom class and also to Year groups about ‘real friends’ – you know those with whom we forge connections, often as young people, that have the potential to be longstanding. Their basis is simple: their strength is attributable to honesty; their longevity, likewise, is dependent on the enduring nature of such honesty. Their opposite is the ‘fair weather friend’, being those people who are ‘there for us’ on the proviso that we can give to them what they need, but who aren’t ‘there for us’ when we need them.

It’s difficult to be everyone’s friend, provided we’re honest with ourselves. Life just doesn’t work this way. One of the best aspects of community life is variety and the only way of ensuring such variety is through development of the confidence necessary to be ourselves, to be comfortable being ourselves. Significant alteration of behavior in order to ‘fit in’ with others can equate, ultimately, with denial of ‘self’ and there’s little chance in such situations of fulfilling personal development.

Your daughters and sons are growing up and they’re beginning to think in abstract ways. In fact they’re becoming critical thinkers and critical thinkers need an environment where they feel comfortable about what it is that distinguishes them from their peers. Their real friends will be those whose personalities complement, support and encourage them. Such complementary relationships of course can include those who are opposite to us in terms of personality, provided such relationships are formed on an honest footing. Then there are those others who have vastly different interests and I (all adults should, I think) encourage all these young people to be friendly in their interactions with such people. There’s no necessity to be their friend, especially if being so involves considerable denial of personal interest.

It follows that one of the sure signs of emotional and social growth is the capacity to accept others for who and what they are despite essential differences. This belief is the ideal and, while it is hard to effect, we need to keep working at it till Middle School students realize that it can become a reality. Such a situation is one in which students can begin to feel happy and when they are so they’ll find themselves comfortable enough to tackle, with greater ease, some of the difficulties their social and academic lives present to them. I know we all function better when we’re happy.
Needless to say, perhaps, I don’t speak to your children in these terms, but I do speak to them about ‘being yourself’ in an environment that allows, enables and encourages them to pursue personal interests. Because of the relative youth of its members the overall ‘health’ of the Middle School depends on its capacity to manage difference and variety. Provided that other people’s behaviour does not interfere with their enjoyment of school life, I also tell these people that they have no right to make another person’s enjoyment of life an uncomfortable experience simply because your children don’t like it. However, if someone else’s behaviour does interfere with their or anyone’s well being, it’s every student’s brief to tell me / us about it and we’ll help them to deal with and resolve the issue. To be honest, Middle School staff do this every day. I feel very strongly about issues of wellbeing, resourcefulness and self-reliance and I urge your support of me and the way this place needs to operate. TAS Middle School needs to be a friendly place and all of its students have the right to be happy.

You may be wondering whether there’s a subtext here: is there a reason why I’ve included my views on these topics in a publication that so often simply catalogues events of the ‘past week’? Isolated (and known) instances that are a part of communal life notwithstanding, the general answer is ‘no’ – simply, at this stage of the term I feel it is appropriate to tell you about some of the things that I do, daily, and some of the things I think about – always. You’re the fee payers and you’ve the right to know what it is that I think and do.

Student Leaders

I intend, this week, to meet all Middle School Monitors to canvass views on sports participation, prep, assessments and school life generally. We’re fairly busy here (a good thing, overall) and we need to assess how well we’re doing things, how well these people think others are managing what, at times, can seem to be a juggling act. Because they’re our primary focus, it’s necessary and healthy to get student feedback – sometimes they see things that we teachers, for whatever reason, do not do not see. Again, I encourage you to let me know about well you think your children are managing their time at TAS. It’s important that we adults maintain contact.

I hope your week is good and that it’s raining where it’s supposed to be…but, if our uncharacteristically brittle and brown lawns are representative, I’ll bet it isn’t wet where you boarder parents live.

Mr Mark Harrison
Head of Middle School
Red & White Fiji Red Cross Fundraiser

Having seen the student turn out on Monday for our Fiji Fundraiser, I was really impressed with both the high level of participation and the enthusiasm shown to support the cause. And this was just the teachers!

The students were simply outstanding as well. They went to a great deal of effort to dress up and play the part, as you’ll see in the accompanying photos and together the Junior School raised $215.50. What a great effort but even more impressive, was the understanding behind the fundraising and the fact that so many knew the reasons for the day. At lines, most hands were raised when I asked, “Why and for whom are we raising this money?” From one of our youngest came the answer, “There was a big storm and all the houses blew over and now they nowhere to live.” Pleasingly, our more senior students also knew the country and even the name of Cyclone Winston. We are focusing more on global issues and what it means to be a responsible citizen and it is great to think that such an enjoyable day contributes in such a meaningful way for our children.
The ‘Three Steps’ - A joint effort

TAS Junior School is continuing to reinforce the ‘Three Steps’ strategy with our children to help them through the difficult issue of how to deal with unwanted behaviour and/or attention. The philosophy is for the children to begin to understand that they can make a difference themselves in some situations, while allowing them to have the support they need in others. We explain that it is OK to miss step 1 or 2 if behaviour is dangerous or very serious, but it encourages them to take some ownership of the situation confronting them as well.

Rather than simply going to "tell" we are encouraging the kids to say:

Step 1 - "Please stop doing/saying that. I don’t like it."

Step 2 - "I’ve asked you to stop. If you do it again, I will go and talk to a teacher."

Step 3 - "I am going to talk to a teacher."

We encourage students to talk to the teachers, rather than "tell". In doing so, the students have the opportunity to "fix" the situation themselves. Of course, this skill is a difficult one. Please discuss this strategy with your children at home and perhaps let them have a practice with you when you have the chance. If we all develop a similar approach to such situations, I am sure it will pay dividends in the long run.

Excursion Week – 2-6 May

Excursion Week is traditionally held for the entire school next term in Week 2. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be travelling away to Sport & Recreation camps and our junior classes are organising some exciting learning opportunities to take advantage of the week at school. Please contact us for further details, and if you did not receive a letter explaining the Year 3 – 5 camp details, please contact us at school.

Behaviour on School buses

Please talk to your children about their experiences on their way to and from school on buses. We have received some information from the drivers suggesting that the levels of behaviour could be improved so it is important that we all expect a high level of behaviour. If there are concerns, please contact me directly.

Mr Ian Lloyd
Head of Junior School

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Happy Birthday

This week we wish a very happy birthday to: Blake Whitehill.

Junior School Athletics Day 1 - 18 March

The day will be dedicated to field events and it is a great way for our students to prepare for the Championships on March 22. We combine with Minimbah Primary School to run field events and practise track and relay events as well. Music lessons will not be possible on this day and parents are asked to make alternate arrangements for these lessons.
Student Absences

Please note that it would be appreciated if parents would contact the Junior School by 9am to advise of student illness or appointments.

If your child will be absent on a family holiday or taking time off school other than illness, an application for Exemption form needs to be completed. This enables us to keep an accurate record of our students’ attendances.

The Australian Red Cross

Investigative writing by Flynn Broadfoot

Australia Red Cross is one of the many international Red Cross Societies around the world. The Australian organisation was established in 1914, nine days after the starting of World War 1.

The founders of Red Cross were Henry Durant and Gustave Moynier. Henry Durant was also known as Jean Henri. Durant was the founder of the Red Cross and also the recipient of the Nobel Peace Price. The 1864 Geneva Convention was based on Durant’s ideas. Gustave Moynier was a Swiss Jurist who was active in many charitable organisations in Geneva. He was a co-founder of the ‘International Committee for relief to the Wounded’, which became the International Committee of Red Cross after 1876.

Conclusion

Red Cross is there no matter who you are and where you live. The Red Cross are there to keep you safe and alive.


Best Dressed and most Creative Award Winners with Mr Lloyd
Scholastic Book Club

Dear parents,

Brochures for issue 2 of the Scholastic Book Club are now available for Junior School students to bring home. You will have noticed that Scholastic is now providing just one brochure which spans all primary school age groups. They also offer a small variety of books at $1 and $2 each.

Ordering and payment for Scholastic can be made via their website, according to the instructions on the order form in the centre of the brochure. Payment by cheque is also accepted, by placing both your cheque and order form in the red letterbox located at the Junior School reception desk. Please note that cash is not accepted and will be returned to you.

The closing date for Scholastic orders is Friday 18 March, 2016.

Please contact me at the Library or at nramazan@as.edu.au if you need any assistance with Book Club.

Happy reading!

Natalie Ramazani
TAS Library

Chess Club

The inter school Swiss Chess Tournament, held at Farrer Agricultural Memorial School, is on March 17. Our teams are busy preparing for this ‘buzzer-style’ match, by playing a plethora of games at Chess Club and at home! Watch this space for the results.

Chess Club is in full swing! Every Tuesday morning (8:15-8:45), the Chess Club meets in the E & E room. All levels of expertise are welcome, from Beginners to budding Chess whizzes. Middle School students attend to mentor new players by sharing their tricks and helpful tips. There will be inter-school competitions later in the term, including the NSW Junior Chess League competition.

Come along and join in the fun!

Mrs Anne Hine

Annual Kids’ Lit Quiz

The Annual Kids’ Lit Quiz competition was held at NEGS on Friday. Sixteen TAS students from Years 5, 6 & 7, competed with fervour, against other local Armidale schools. Teams were made up of four students who were each valued for their special expertise or knowledge about books, authors and illustrators. Each heat had a unique set of questions with ten short answer questions on each of ten categories, with the students answering a total of 100 questions. Both $5.00 notes and brand new books were the prizes that our students proudly took home. A great day was had by all! Students are already planning for next year, by setting up a “Kids’ Lit Club” to practise past Quiz questions and maybe even write their own, to test on peers.
PYP Update

This week the report will take a closer look at the essential element Action.

Action is a vital component of the PYP and is something we aim to develop in the students at TAS Junior School. Through our UOI we want to provide our students with opportunities to DO things to SHOW that they have CHANGED from their learning experiences.

When we are discussing actions we need to remember they are verbs.

As can be seen from the table below, there are several forms of action and all teachers are striving to provide opportunities to enable authentic action to occur. The questions below are a useful tool for parents and teachers.

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Through our involvement in Community Service initiatives such as the one instigated by the prefect body on Monday, our students were able to have greater knowledge on the role played by The Australian Red Cross.

Mrs Veronica Waters
PYP Coordinator
As our summer sports season is nearing completion please be aware of the following dates for continued training.

**Weeks 7-9**

- Cricket players who have finished their games will be using their training times to practise athletics events.
- Basketball players will continue training and games on Monday afternoons.
- Gymnastics team will continue attending until Week 9.
- Tennis players will continue training until Week 9.
- Indoor Hockey players will continue for at least 2 more weeks.

All sports will finish training at the end of Week 9. There will be no sport during Weeks 10 and 11 of term.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday, 18 March – Athletics Day with Minimbah.**

This is our first day of Athletic Events in which some events will be recorded as part of the carnival. The long distance events and some field events will be completed as part of our carnival on this day.

Children from Minimbah will be joining us for these events. We will also have time to run some sprint events as practice for our carnival.

**Tuesday, 22 March – JS Athletics Championships**

Our Junior School Athletics Championships on Wakefield. Our championships will start at 9am and conclude by 3:30pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided for all children on the day. The programme for the Athletics Championships will be available on our web page before the day.

**Gymnastics**

The afternoon began with the children performing some authentic animal walks including elegant emus, funny frogs and brilliant bears to warm us up! Once we had completed stretches we practised our springing and landing in a rotation of drills. This was followed by revisiting backward rolls and static balancing. Some excellent displays were seen. Our final circuit involved refining cartwheels and our forward and backward rolls. Mrs O was so impressed with everyone’s backward rolls that we had an extra viewing at the end to see how many people could stand at the end of the roll.

It was an impressive number! Some more amazing balances concluded another great session at the Gymnastics Club.

*Mrs Anne Trenerry*

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*Lucy Holland shows her poise during statics on the bars*
Cricket

Rep Trials

Flyer attached regarding rep trials for teams for next season - trials for 12s and 14s Armidale teams will be held on Tuesday 8 and Sunday 13 March. Trials for 16s will be held on Sunday 13. Please let all your club players know that these trials are on.

Junior Presentation

Junior Presentation will be held on Sunday 13 March (following the rep trials). Join us for a free BBQ at the Armidale City Bowling Club from noon. Medallions will be presented to winning teams in the Under 10s to 16s age groups, plus individual awards are also presented in these age groups.

The Pink Stumps Day raffle will be drawn (with tickets still on sale during lunch). First prize a signed NSW Blues bat (including signatures of Michael Clarke, Steve Smith, David Warner etc).

We hope to see many juniors at these events this week.

Good luck to all teams and players in finals next Saturday!

Michael Dennis
ADCA Junior President
Registrations are now open to join Armidale Auskick Club’s

ARMIDALE KOOKABURRAS!

FREE Pre-season Come ‘n’ Try and Registration Session  
Saturday 2 April, 10.30 am – 11.30 am  
At Bellevue Oval, UNE

NIAS National Primary Games  
Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April in Tamworth

ARMIDALE KOOKABURRAS AUSKICK SEASON  
12.30 pm on Saturdays at Bellevue Oval, UNE  
Season commences Saturday 30 April  
Season concludes Saturday 3 September

Register online at aflauskick.com.au

$80 registration fee per child, includes Auskick players pack, full season’s weekly coaching sessions and insurance, and 3 gala days

Payments to: NAB Account  BSB: 082 407  A/c No: 792978364

**Please use your child’s name as payment reference**

ENQUIRIES: Rachel Thorsen, Coordinator 0400 663 071; David Thorsen, Coach 0413 407 242
St Jude’s Breakfast

The School of St Jude in Tanzania was founded by the inspirational Gemma Sisia, who grew up on a farm near Guyra. When she was last in Australia in 2013 TAS Junior School hosted her for a presentation in Memorial Hall attended by the wider community. Below is some information about her 2016 visit to the region.

Learn more: www.schoolofstjude.org

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

An inspiring story of the motivated Australian teacher who founded one of Tanzania’s most successful charity schools.

You’re invited to The School of St Jude’s Community Breakfast!

WHEN 7am, Tuesday, March 29
RSVP Wednesday, March 23
WHERE PLC Astra Arts Centre, Crest Rd, Armidale
COST Breakfast provided, $20 adult, $10 school age children
REGISTER Book your tickets via www.trybooking.com/KQ0F

As seen on ABC’s Australian Story

Guest Speakers
Gemma Sisia & Dorice Livingstone

Flinders Quartet

Sunday 20 March, 4pm
Armidale Town Hall
Tickets $40 Adults, $30 Pensioners, $20 Full-time Students

Flinders Quartet is instantly recognisable as one of Australia’s most loved chamber music ensembles. A quartet for the twenty-first century, FQ continues its second decade with acknowledged musical skill and maturity. The group’s dynamic and stirring performances of a full spectrum of repertoire have audiences and critics articulating their adoration, and the quartet is now a highly respected force in Australian chamber music.

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PROGRAM

MOZART
String Quartet No. 14 in G
_movement K.387

HAYDN
String Quartet Op. 33 No. 2
in E flat major (The Joking)

BEETHOVEN
String Quartet No. 4, Op. 18, No. 4 in C minor