

# TAS TALKS #1

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 1 – Wednesday 26 July, 2006

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## Headmaster

Welcome back to all students, staff and families after what I trust has been an enjoyable break. The new term sees enrolments continuing to grow and it is a pleasure to welcome our new students, as well as those returning from time away. We also welcome back our Director of Studies, Peter Hall, who has been away on long service leave for the past term.

In other staffing news, Mr Ralph Hunt has taken on the responsibility for our international students and will be teaching in the language centre. Mrs Julie Dunstan will take Mr Hunt's English classes and I am pleased to welcome her to the permanent English staff. We also welcome Mrs Marianne Enoch who will work in the Learning Support.

In the Junior School we welcome Ms Gerry Vanzella who will replace Mrs Tania Ball during her maternity leave and also Mrs Leslie Brown who joins the learning support team.

### Academic Giants Amongst Us

It was quite a thrill at yesterday's assembly to present Michael Fahey with the Bronze Medal he won at the International Chemistry Olympiad in South Korea over the holidays. The applause from the school body reflected well the great pride that the whole School has in Michael's success and I am sure that all parents will wish to join us in congratulating him.

I also offer congratulations to Jack Tearle who has won a medal for scoring the highest mark in the Year 5 University of NSW English Competition this year. Given that this competition draws the very best students from across the state, Jack's achievement is at the highest level and worthy of acclaim.

### Holiday Activities

As seems to be the norm here, the holiday period saw plenty of activity both at the School and further a field as TAS students represented us around the country and overseas.

At home, TAS hosted another very successful Forensic Science Camp and the NIDA drama workshops. Both of these high profile events draw the most capable young students and performers from around the state and provide local opportunities at the highest level. I was delighted that a good number of our students were able to take part and have already heard great reports from a number of them.

TAS was also in show in the sporting arena, with teams travelling to the Gold Coast, Sydney, the Snowy Mountains and New Zealand. Reports from our rifle shooting team, rugby players and skiers will appear in this and next week's newsletter and will give details of the results and experiences of our teams. We wish Mitchell Joyce, our lone underwater hockey representative, good luck as he heads off today.

From another perspective I have received an unprecedented number of compliments from hosts, schools and members of the public about the way that our boys carried themselves whilst on tour. This experience, of representing your school off the field as well as on, reveals just as much about character and maturity as does the competition itself. That our teams have represented us so well over the past three weeks gives me great pride.

Murray Guest

*Don't Forget  
TAS Junior Drama Club  
Every Wednesday  
after school!!*



*When: 3.50 pm to 4.50pm  
Where: TAS drama room/Moyes  
(next door to Transition)  
Who: 7 years and older*

*Jocelyn Ryan has had a great deal of  
experience working with primary school  
aged students as a drama tutor.  
We are delighted she will be running our  
group. The focus will be on movement and  
improvisation as well as working on per-  
formance and group skills.  
See you there!!*

# Weekly Calendar

## Wednesday 26 July

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 7.45am | TAS Singers rehearse                           |
| 8.00am | Jnr Vocal Ensemble rehearse                    |
| 3.45pm | Junior Drama in Moyes                          |
| 3.45pm | <b>1st XV vs Rugby School, UK on Backfield</b> |
| 4.15pm | Year 5/6 Rugby – Landmark Cup (UNE)            |
| 6.00pm | Big Band rehearse                              |

## Thursday 27 July

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 7.45am | Brass Ensemble rehearse                   |
| 7.45am | TAS Orchestra rehearse in Music Centre    |
| 8.50am | <b>Australian Maths Trust Competition</b> |

## Friday 28 July

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 8.00am | Clarinet Ensemble rehearse                                   |
| 3.45pm | Chapel Choir rehearse  |
| 4.00pm | LBK Prime Cup Rugby in Tamworth<br>– preliminary semi-finals |

## Saturday 29 July

### Sunday 30 July

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| 9.30am | Choral Communion |
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### Monday 31 July

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 7.45am      | Junior Strings rehearse   |
| 8.15am      | MS Vocal Ensemble rehearse<br>Year 11 Building Construction<br>– work placement |
| 5.30–6.30pm | <b>TEZ information session</b><br>– <b>McConville Centre</b>                    |

## Tuesday 1 August

|         |   |
|---------|---|
|         | Year 11 Building Construction<br>– work placement |
| 9.00am  | Basic Skills Writing test – Years 3 and 5         |
| 12.20pm | Activities briefings                              |
| 3.45pm  | Senior Jazz rehearsal                             |
| 3.45pm  | Junior Stage Band rehearse                        |
| 3.45pm  | Middle School Players                             |

## Wednesday 2 August

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| 7.45am | TAS Singers rehearse   |
| 8.00am | Jnr Vocal Ensemble rehearse<br>Year 11 Building Construction<br>– work placement |
| 3.45pm | Junior Drama in Moyes  |
| 4.15pm | Year 5/6 Rugby – Landmark Cup (UNE)  |
| 6.00pm | Big Band rehearse  |

## Thursday 3 August

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 7.45am  | Brass Ensemble rehearse  |
| 7.45am  | TAS Orchestra rehearse in Music Centre   |
| 9.00am  | Basic Skills Language and Reading test<br>– Years 3 and 5<br>Year 11 Building Construction<br>– work placement |
| 10.00am | Legacy Public Speaking<br>– <b>McConville Centre</b>   |

## Friday 4 August

|        |   |
|--------|---|
|        | Year 11 Building Construction<br>– work placement |
| 8.00am | Clarinet Ensemble rehearse                        |
| 1.30pm | <b>Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interview</b>            |
| 3.45pm | Chapel Choir rehearse                             |
| 4.00pm | LBK Prime Cup Rugby in Tamworth<br>– semi-finals  |

## Saturday 5 August

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|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 5.00pm | Downlands rugby teams arrive at TAS |
| 7.30pm | PLC Garden Games                    |

## Sunday 6 August

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 7.00am | Year 11/12 drama depart for Sydney                  |
| 8.00am | Choir to sing at St Marys<br>TAS vs Downlands games |
| 7.00pm | Service at St Peters                                |

## Monday 7 August

### Activities Day No 5

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 7.45am | Junior Strings rehearse   |
| 8.15am | MS Vocal Ensemble rehearse<br>Year 11/12 drama return from Sydney |

## Tuesday 8 August

### Winter Photos

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|--------|----------------------------|
| 3.45pm | Senior Jazz rehearsal      |
| 3.45pm | Junior Stage Band rehearse |
| 3.45pm | Middle School Players      |

# Chaplain

## 1 Corinthians 13

There have been many literary attempts at describing love:

“Love is a many splendid thing”; “love lifts us up where we belong”; “All you need is love”; “I was made for lovn’ you baby you were made for lovn’ me”.

Let’s face it some people want to fill the world with silly love songs, from the Beatles to KISS, we love, love.

We love the school reading about love. More often than not the couples that wish to be married in the school chapel want the school lesson read. It is ‘THE’ love chapter in the Bible. It would be hard to find a better expression or monument to love elsewhere in society. It is a genuine feel good passage. The idea of loving others is such an attractive notion. It has been suggested by adolescent researchers that those in their teenage years are the most idealistic amongst us, naturally then 1 Corinthians 13 is a very appealing chapter. We have not thrown this love chapter out as irrelevant or antiquated. But we hold on to it, we hold it up as a most desirable attribute, one that is to be encouraged in all who walk these hallowed corridors.

The importance and priority of love should not surprise us. After all it is the essence of Jesus’ great summary of the law – “love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself.” Love is not just commended it is commanded. Those romantics among us will claim love cannot be commanded, you fall in love, you are inflamed by love, love surges or wains but cannot be demanded. However the command to love is still there. Some will attempt to dodge it by claiming that to act in love is to exercise the will such that one seeks to benefit another regardless of how one feels about that person. They argue that you can act in love for your neighbour and hate his guts.

However, 1 Corinthians 13 itself will not allow for such an interpretation. Ultimate sacrifice even the giving of one's life in the name of philanthropy, in the name of doing good for others, amounts to zero without love.

No getting out of the command to love so easily. We must love in every facet of our lives. KISS were right when they said I was made for lovn' you and you were made for lovn' me, but we don't. The reality is that while we hold up the attributes of pure love we all fail in our attempts to put it into practice.

Our failure to love perfectly whether it is to love God or to love one another is not a function of our inability to respond to the command to love; rather it exposes our inherent imperfection and desperate need to rely on the love of God for us. While we should pray that the love described in this beautiful passage of scripture would characterise us, it is a reminder that we fail and are in great need of the grace of God and his forgiveness won for us. Won at the point when He demonstrated love most perfectly when Jesus died for our failure to love, in fact He gave His life because of our failure to love.

Rev Richard Newton

## P&F Association

Welcome back to Term 3, very busy time ahead of us. Hope you all dusting of your Crowns and Jewels ready for the P&F Ball, Kings and Queens, Prince and Princesses. To be held on 19 August, \$35 each, tables of 8, book at front office. A ball committee meeting will be held on this Wednesday 26 July in the Archdale room at 12pm. See you there. Also dont forget the TAS costume hire, next to the Clothing Pool if you dont have any Royal attire in your wardrobe!!!!



**location:** tas gym  
**time:** 6.30pm  
**tickets:** \$35.00  
**byo:** drinks & dinner  
**dress:** kings & queens  
**music:** 'fatman don't dance'

Cheers Mindy and Gaye

## Dean of Students

Hello and welcome to Term 3. I would like to begin this term's series of notes with an extract from an article by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on the dangers of excessive internet usage and some of the issues he is currently dealing with in his consultations with young people.

"While the net is undoubtedly a source of education, entertainment and information, there is no doubt that the net's omnipresent offer of escape from reality, affordability, accessibility and opportunity for anonymity can also lure otherwise healthy young people into an addiction. It is up to parents to monitor not just what their sons and daughters do online but also the length of time that they spend in front of a computer screen. To ignore this responsibility is tantamount to child abuse and can create significant psychological and social problems for years to come."

Alan Jones

## General Notices

### Year 9 Parent/Teacher interviews

Friday 4 August 2006

Thanks to those parents who have responded promptly to the invitation to Parent/Teacher interviews on 4 August 1.30 – 5.30 pm. Appointment times are still available with all teachers so please fax (6776 5830) or send in forms to Reception with your preferred teachers/times. Allocated appointment times will be confirmed via fax or mail by the end of this week.

Enquires can be directed to Mrs Meg Sadler on 6776 5805 or email [msadler@as.edu.au](mailto:msadler@as.edu.au).

### TVET courses at TAFE for 2007/8

Year 10 students interested in pursuing a TAFE course in 2007/8 as part of their HSC 12–14 units of study may be interested in attending a 'Taster Day' organised by the New England Institute of TAFE for Friday 4th August.

\* Proposed 'Framework' courses that contribute towards a UAI include Entertainment, Tourism, Hospitality (Commercial Cookery) and Construction (Building Industry).

\* 'Non-Framework' courses include Automotive, Digital Photography, Horse Industry Skills, Animal Care and Recreational Fishing. These courses do not contribute to a UAI.

It must be stressed that, if chosen as part of a student's HSC total units, these courses come with significant extra financial costs to parents e.g Automotive \$2,000, Entertainment \$1,500 per annum.

Therefore only students genuinely interested in pursuing one of these options need apply to attend the 'Taster Day'. Places are limited and in high demand from students across the district. So see Mrs Sadler (office on Tyrrell stairway) as soon as possible to register your interest.

Please contact Mrs Sadler 6776 5805 further information.

## Olympiad Success for Michael Fahey

Michael Fahey, Year 12, travelled to South Korea at the end of last term to represent Australia in the Chemistry Olympiad.

This was a wonderful and very successful trip for Michael as he not only enjoyed a wide range of different experiences but, more importantly, he gained a Bronze Medal in the competition.

This was no mean feat as the supervising staff said it was the hardest Olympiad competition they had ever seen and this was supported by the fact that Gold Medals were awarded to students who gained over 70 marks whereas in the past they have been given to those achieving over 90! Michael must have been very close to a Silver Medal as Bronze awards went to those gaining over 40 marks and he had a score of 55!

Overall, the Australian team gained two Silver and two Bronze medals and Michael is to be congratulated on his contribution to that team effort.

## Science and Engineering Challenge

Good news! I have just heard that our top Year 10 Scientists have qualified for the Gold Medal round of the Super Challenge of the Science and Engineering Challenge.

What this means is that the score they achieved here in Armidale was the highest in the region and that, as a consequence, they will compete against the seven other 'Best' teams from NSW to find out who will represent the State in the Grand final.

The Super Challenge will take place in Newcastle on Friday 25 August and I wish the boys every success and hope they qualify for the Grand Final later in the year.

This will involve them leaving TAS after school on Thursday 24 August, sleeping in Newcastle, competing on Friday 25 and returning to school by about 10.00 pm that night.

I wish them every success in this upcoming event and hope they can rise to the challenge of a higher level of competition which always results when winners of preliminary rounds compete against each other.

W D Richards, Science Co-ordinator

## Year 10 Get-Together – Thursday, 31 August 2006 at the White Bull Hotel 5.30–7.00 pm – followed by Dinner

A flyer was sent out with the end of Term 2 mailout, outlining the details of this function. Kelly Lamoureux and I hope that all Year 10 parents received it and will be able to join us on the evening.

Please call me as to your availability or otherwise and anyone who did not receive the flyer please phone me for details on 6779 2458 or email me at: [lipearson@bigpond.com](mailto:lipearson@bigpond.com)

Many thanks Linda

## NIDA Workshops

In the first week of the July holidays TAS hosted the NIDA workshop. This is our fifth year of hosting these very successful workshops. Many TAS/PLC Drama students attended and learnt a lot about performance as well as meeting new and interesting people. Those involved included Fraser Allen, Andy Roberts, Harry Hughes, Archie Denning, Tamlyn Avery and Amy Burton who both study drama at TAS. They gained a great deal from this experience.

Keep this option open for the July holidays in 2007 as we hope to continue this link with NIDA.

## School Production

Keep your eyes open for auditions for the school production.... The Canterbury Tales.

## Visual Arts Exhibition in Big School

- Year 11 have responded with oil on canvas to Renaissance and Baroque artworks
- Year 10 have looked at 'Ethics' in the world and produced a three dimensional artwork
- Year 9 have explored the environment with a Body of Works using paint
- Year 8 use machines to produce computer art replicating Andy Warhol
- Year 7 have experimented with clay to make mythological monsters and a personalised mug

Up and coming is the Year 12 Creative Arts night on Tuesday 31 August where major works in Drama, Art and Music will be on display - watch this space.





**SYDNEY HAD THE OLYMPICS  
MELBOURNE THE COMMONWEALTHS  
NOW PLC ARMIDALE P&F  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT**

**THE GARDEN GAMES**  
*Hosted by Brendan Moar,  
garden designer  
and Australia's favourite TV garden guru*

**SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST**  
**7.30 pm**  
**in the Dorothy Knox Centre  
at PLC**

**We challenge you to get together a team of 8 to  
participate in a night of garden themed games including**

- **Gnome Calcutta**
- **Snakes and ladders**
- **Jack & the Beanstalk climb (optional)**
- **Table quizzes**
- **Scarecrow building comp**
- **Spud bowling**
- **Gumboot throwing**
- **Frog racing**

*(no great fitness level required - other than a reasonably active mind)*

**Proceeds to Stage One of the major garden project**

**Entry fee of \$15 per person  
Bring your own snacks/drinks**

**RSVP Wednesday 26th July**

**Please book, and prepay tables  
through PLC Office 6772 2418**



## **Presbyterian Ladies College, Armidale P&F**

has much pleasure in inviting you to participate in our Garden Games on Saturday 5 August (details above)

As we are making the event as much like sporting games as possible, we have decided to have team names, flags and colours so the teams will be readily identifiable on the night.

So all you need to do with your team is decide on a name, what colours to wear (this is much easier than fancy dress!!) and design a flag incorporating the colours (and your team name initials if you wish).

You do need to advise us of the colours so that we don't double up  
- or have every team  
wearing green and gold!!

To make a booking for your table of 8 please phone the PLC school office on 67722418 or the P&F Secretary, Lynne Walker on 67750208.

## **Careers**

### **University Admissions**

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Tertiary Courses Guide 2007 and NSW University Admissions Centre (UAC) 2007 Guides have arrived in the Careers Centre. Boys should obtain a copy from Mr Thatcher.

Applications for NSW tertiary institutions open in early August. For Queensland they open on 21 August. Applications close on 29 September.

### **University and College Information**

A range of hard-copy information on most Queensland, NSW, ACT and Victorian universities and colleges is held in the Careers Centre. For latest up to date information, boys' should access the institutions website.

### **University and College Scholarships**

Some information on tertiary and industry based scholarships is held in the careers centre. Otherwise check out the website: [www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Postgraduate/Scholarships/UniversityScholarships/ScholarshipsAtAustralianUniversities.htm](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Postgraduate/Scholarships/UniversityScholarships/ScholarshipsAtAustralianUniversities.htm)

### **School Principal Recommendations for University Entry**

Application forms for UNE's school recommendation scheme have arrived. Boys should see Mr Thatcher ASAP. Applications close on 29 September. Southern Cross University & Charles Sturt University offer a similar scheme.

### **International Students Entry in Australian Universities**

International students wanting to study at University in Australia should check out the University Admissions Centre website: [www.uac.edu.au/mya/admin/geninfointfee](http://www.uac.edu.au/mya/admin/geninfointfee).

### **Defence Force Careers**

For apprenticeships in the Army, Navy or Airforce, check out the website [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au) then follow the links in 'Trades and Apprenticeships' For entry into the Australian Defence Force Academy for 2007 and 2008, boys should see Mr Thatcher ASAP about applications.

## Community Service

### Community Service Events for Term 3

Hopefully many boys will have completed some Community Service Hours during the holidays. Now is the time to have these hours recorded on the school Community Service data base via tutors. Students are reminded to ensure they have completed all the paper work required in their diaries- remember two signatures are needed.

- UNE – Landcare Project will be held on **Sunday 13 August (Week 3)**. This will be an all-day event.
- Assistants are needed to help at the Alligators swimming carnival which is to be held on the **Sunday 20 August (Week 4)**.

These notices will be read out at Prefects' Assembly and interested students will be asked to record their names on the School White Board Notices in either the Middle School or Senior School. Confirmation of dates and times and names of boys involved will be posted on the school notice board the **FRIDAY** before weekend events. Please ensure you check to see these details.

Community Service Opportunities are always welcome from parents and community members. Please phone or email me the details of events where you think we may be able to help. Thank you very much. Catherine Boydell  
phone: 67765881 email: cboydell@as.edu.au

## Counsellor's Corner

I thought it would be good to meet you all through the pages of the newsletter and to use it as a means for sharing some thoughts.

As you know my close friend and colleague Brother James is now at Christchurch Grammar in Perth. He leaves a wonderful personal legacy here at TAS. His contribution to the TAS community, in particular to the boys, girls and staff here, was huge. Many of you have received great support and understanding from him. There is a BJ sized hole that he left behind!

As the new Counsellor at TAS I want you to know that the same welcome awaits you though the style and person providing the support is different. Over time it is my hope that we will get to know each other really well. Always remember that the invitation to come and talk is open – you do not need to be in a crisis. Counselling is an opportunity for everyone to sift and sort through thoughts, feelings, events, relationships, plans and goals, and concerns of any kind. Or simply to have a chat and forge one more human relationship you didn't have before.

Through future newsletters I hope to address some typical experiences and issues we have as human beings, whether as individuals, parents, children, friends, teachers, students or families. By sharing our insights we can be of help to each other so your responses to any comments I make are most welcome. My contact telephone number here at TAS is 6776 5852. If you prefer to email, then the address is rhadfiel@as.edu.au

Rob Hadfield, Counsellor

## Musical Notes

This term looks like being a busy one as were the last 2!

### Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 30 July choral communion 9.30am
- Thursday 3 August 6–7.30 pm HSC recital at the Old Teacher Training College in room G31
- Sunday 6 August choral communion at St Mary's church
- Monday 7 August, Thursday 10 August, Thursday 17 August and Friday 18 August AMEB practical examinations in the hall
- Tuesday 8 August first In-House concert of the term at 6.00pm
- Thursday 31 August Year 12 showcase – exemplary works from music, art and drama
- Saturday/Sunday 2/3 September 20 boys will take part in the GPS concert at Kings School, Sydney
- Wednesday 6 September Middle School Creative Expression evening
- Saturday 9 September string quartet recital at the Town Hall (Musica Viva evening).
- Sunday/Monday 10/11 September rehearsal at TAS for the Celebration Concert to be held next term in Sydney
- Monday 11 September – Wednesday 13 September JSHAA (junior school choir) concert in Sydney's Town Hall
- Sunday 17 September choral communion
- Sunday 24 September OBU Service – choral communion
- Wednesday 27 September Junior School concert
- Friday 28 September Valedictory Day

The above are confirmed concerts there are a few other performances which are being organised and I will let you know as they are confirmed. The music department looks forward to seeing you at the concerts.

And finally,

Sometimes it's difficult to motivate students to come to rehearsal or concerts. Here are some reasons to join the chapel choir!

- You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
- The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
- You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get use to sitting with a large group of people.
- The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
- There's a clock in the back of the church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
- For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.
- You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the minister to catch you.
- The chairs for the choir are padded and are the most comfortable chairs in the church

Ian Slater, Director of Music

# Sporting News

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Boahdan Gregory who will be heading to Western Australia in September to represent NSW in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. Following good results at Queen's birthday weekend Boahdan was selected in the NSW senior boys team. Well done and good luck.

## TAS Snow Sports Team Results Division 1 winners!

This year we have expanded our horizons and entered teams in Snowboard as well as Skiing.

Our Skiing Team consisted of **Ryan MacDougall (Yr 12)**, **Alex Wardlaw (Yr 10)**, **Doug Glasson (Yr 10)**, **Ian Dewhurst (Yr 11)** and **Tom Turnbull (Yr 7)**.

Our Snowboard Team was **Andre Verbeek-Martin (Yr 11)**, **Marc Nies (Yr 12)**, **Ben Miles (Yr 10)** and **Edric Verbeek-Martin (Yr 10)**.

The races were in Thredbo and Perisher Valley between July 6 and July 12. We were extremely unlucky with snow and some races were cancelled. The Skiercross and Boardercross races were postponed and our teams were invited to race in the the State Champs in August in those events.

In those races that were held we did extremely well. In Interschools Northern Division Alpine, our Division 1 Team of 4 boys came 1st by 4.44 seconds. Individual results of note were Ryan MacDougall 2nd, Alex Wardlaw 4th and Doug Glasson 7th. In Interschools Northern Division Snowboard, our Div 2 Team attained 3rd place. Ben Miles came 6th overall. The first 5 teams are invited back to the State Championships. Andre Verbeek-Martin placed 5th overall in Div 1 Snowboard and was also invited to State as an individual.

The Scots College Cup was held in Perisher Valley on Monday 11 July. This is an individual race –not a team event– and this year there were 550 entries from schools from all over the state.

Exceptional results were Ryan MacDougall 2nd (Div 1–by .18 of a second), Alex Wardlaw 6th (Div 2), Ben Miles 5th (Div 2) and Andre Verbeek-Martin 8th (Div 1).

The Redlands Cup is a team event in the same format as Interschools. It was held in Thredbo on Tuesday 12 July. Our Snowboard Division 2 Team did very well to come 3rd. Individual results were Ryan MacDougall 2nd Div 1 and Ben Miles 3rd Div 2.

Thanks to the parents who helped as volunteers. Interschools is a huge event–this year there were over 9000 entries! We are all looking forward to the challenge of the State Championships in late August.

Joan MacDougall, Co-ordinator

## Basketball 24 July TAS 1sts 29, Snoloc 28

The omens were not good when TAS 1sts, missing several regular players, took to the court for the game against the canny Snoloc team on Monday night. Fortunately, Sam Campbell and Masaki Inayabashi were happy to fill in at short notice.

Despite our height disadvantage, we chose to play a man-to-man defence, and this worked well in a low-scoring first half, keeping Snoloc to 8 points. Snoloc slowly pegged back the score in the second half, but TAS kept up their fierce defence, and Jack Scholes, Jason Jeong and Jin Choi pulled down plenty of rebounds.

TAS kept within reach through fast break points by Jake Carter, and from in close whenever Jack Scholes got inside the key. But when Snoloc led 26–20 with about three-minutes to go, they seemed to have it under control. A three-pointer from Masaki kept our hopes up, and the boys refused to panic or put up 'speculators'. Still trailing by two points with less than three seconds on the clock, we had the ball to in-bounds from the sideline. The pass went to Jake Carter, who had an open look from outside the arc, and banked his shot into the net as the siren sounded!

It was great to be on the right side of a close game, and to see the boys enjoy their win.

Point scorers: Jake Carter (11), Jack Scholes (10), Masaki (5), Jason Jeong (3). One to remember, boys!

Richard Stayner, Coach

## Indoor Soccer

The final match in the senior indoor soccer competition was played on the last day of term between the interhouse winners, Ross House, and the teacher's team.

The teacher's team started strongly, with some unbelievable footwork by Mr Thatcher awarding them the first goal. However, after this wakeup call the Ross defence tightened up and denied the teachers any more opportunities. Meanwhile, Ross's forwards were doing their job up front, managing five goals in ten minutes. The game came to an end with a definitive result, five to one, ending the season with Ross undefeated.

Special mention must go to Mr Lincoln's attempt at a bicycle kick, and to Mr Pennington's superman suit, what was he thinking?

A trophy will be presented to Ross House at the beginning of the term, along with the final results for each House. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the competition, either as a player or just supporting your House.

Thanks, Sam Brazier-Hollins

## GPS Shooting Competition Report

The TAS 1st VIII Shooting Team participated in the GPS Competition at Hornsby Rifle Range during the latter part of the holidays. The team comprising Dean Thompson (C), Harry Warrick, Callum Paltridge, Charles Benson, Jamie Thompson, Henry Killen, Tom McDouall and Sam Adams performed admirably under very challenging wet weather conditions in Sydney.

After a 2 day lead-up training camp at Hornsby, the boys competed in an All-Schools Competition at Malabar Range on Saturday 15 July. Unfortunately, heavy rain resulted in the competition being cancelled after 2 shoots. On Sunday the boys ventured to Cessnock to compete in the club's Prize Shoot, as part of their lead-up training program. Henry Killen proved successful in C Grade, winning a number of prizes including a pairs competition with Dean Thompson.

Upon completion of official GPS Shooting Practice on the Monday, the competition commenced on Tuesday again in difficult weather conditions. Over the 2 days of competition at Hornsby Rifle Range, the team competed in the Rawson Cup at 500 and 600m, the NRA Shield at 600m, and the Buchanan Shield at 300m. Although not successful, the boys displayed determination and tenacity, typical of TAS teams, against very strong Sydney teams and challenging weather conditions. Importantly, the team demonstrated strong improvement in their performances over the course of the competition. Standouts in the team were Henry Killen, who missed Combined GPS Team selection by 1 point, Jamie Thompson, Harry Warrick and Tom McDouall.

The team thanked Mr Max Tavener (MIC) for his excellent organisation of the team, Mr Rob Bondfield for his valued technical coaching, Mrs Denise Combs for cooking, Mr James Patterson and Mr Daniel Kiss for their general assistance, and Mr Chris Spencer and Mr Trevor Thatcher for supervision and assistance. Also thanks to the parents who attended in support of their boys and those that provided much needed cakes and biscuits.

Trevor Thatcher

## TAS competes successfully at the 2006 Coonabarabran Horse Expo

The annual north west Horse Expo was held in early June at Coonabarabran. This year, 109 schools from Qld and all parts of NSW, including many from Sydney, were represented by 494 competitors from years 7 to 12.

Events included a One Day Event, (comprising dressage, cross-country and showjumping), Polocrosse, Stockhorse Challenge, numerous Sporting, Hacking and Rider events, programs of Showjumping and Riding for the Disabled.

### This year TAS was represented by;

Jock Armstrong - 12 years; Lachlan Fletcher & Jonathon Wheeler - 13 years; Ben Armstrong, Douglas Glasson & Oscar Mitchell - 15 years; and Cameron Brookes, Archie Fletcher, Stirling Osland & Tristan Cameron - 16 years.

Any rider does extremely well to gain a placing, given the large number of competitors in each division (around 100 in each of the 13, 14 & 15 years age groups).

TAS's team performed really well, and the school needs to be very proud of their efforts.

Archie Fletcher won Champion Boy Rider 16 Years & over and Stirling Osland was awarded Champion Showjumper - 16 years & over at the final presentation of trophies.

For TAS to have 2 Champions among our team of 10, when there were just 23 Champion ribbons to be awarded among the 494 competitors overall, is a fabulous effort.

All the boys represented TAS with pride and were a credit to the school. They were all well-behaved, well-mannered and had a lot of fun as well!

A huge thank you to parents who transported their children and horses to Coona, and spent the 4 days/nights camped in various horse trucks, floats and caravans in dusty and frosty conditions and even a day/night of rain! The assistance willingly offered by parents to all the riders and the camaraderie among all team members, not only the boys, but parents (& the 2 non-TAS siblings (PLC & NEGS)) as well, really helped build the terrific team spirit exhibited during the expo. Thanks to you all for making the team manager job so easy!!

Dar Brookes

### Individual Results

Ben Armstrong;

3rd - Pair Galloway Hacks with Lachlan Fletcher

Jock Armstrong;

5th in D Grade One Day Event - overall

5th in 12 - 13 Yrs Stock Horse Challenge

Cameron Brookes;

15th in C Grade One Day Event - overall

5th in AM5 Show jumping

2nd - 16 Years Boy Rider

Tristan Cameron;

10th in D Grade Combined Training

Archie Fletcher;

4th - D Grade One Day Event - Dressage

1st - 16 Years Time Trial Race

1st - 16 Years Boy Rider

2nd - 16 Years Bareback

Lachlan Fletcher;

4th in D Grade Combined Training

3rd in Pair Galloway Hacks with Ben Armstrong

Douglas Glasson;

8th in D Grade One Day Event -overall

Oscar Mitchell;

1st - 15 Years Bending Race

3rd - 15 Years Flag race

Stirling Osland;

1st - AM5 Show jumping

2nd - Fault & Out Show jumping

4th - Power & Speed Show jumping

4th - 16 Years Boy Rider

Jonathon Wheeler;

4th - 13 Years bending Race

1st - 13 Years Boy Rider

Team of 4 Riders - 4th - Ben Armstrong, Lachlan Fletcher, Archie Fletcher, Jonathon Wheeler

## FOOTBALL draw for 29 July

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| TEAM            | Time    | Opponents                 | Venue           |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st XI          | 3:00pm  | Guyra Caspers             | TAS Oval        |
| TAS Blue Yr 12  | 1:00pm  | Nh Arm Redmen             | TAS Oval        |
| TAS White Yr 11 | 1:00pm  | Guyra OldTimers           | Guyra           |
| 16 Bears        | 8:30am  | Demon Knight Diamonds     | Rologas 9       |
| 16 Legends      | 8:30am  | Uralla Wolves             | North Oval      |
| 16 The Clash    | 8:30am  | Walcha Dynamites          | TAS Oval        |
| 14 Cougars      | -       | BYE                       |                 |
| 14 Pythons      | 10:15am | East Armidale Eagles      | Rologas 9       |
| 14 Terriers     | -       | BYE                       |                 |
| 12 Strikers     | 10:15am | Guyra Dashers             | Guyra 112       |
| Taipans         | 10:00am | TAS Zeplins               | TAS Frontfield  |
| 12 Hurricanes   | 11:00am | North Armidale Stars      | Rologas 12      |
| 12 Zeplins      | 10:00am | TAS Taipans               | TAS Frontfield  |
| 10 Rams         | 10:00am | Demon Knight Shields      | Rologas 10      |
| 10 Panthers     | 9:00am  | North Armidale Bandicoots | Rologas 10      |
| 10 Eagles       | 10:00am | South Armidale Strikers   | TAS Dangarfield |
| 8 Tornadoes     | 9:00am  | Demon Knight Dragons      | North Oval 3    |
| 8 Pumas         | 9:45am  | North Armidale Frogs      | North Oval 2    |
| 7 Tigers        | 9:00am  | Walcha Giants             | Rologas 5       |
| 7 Redbacks      | 9:00am  | Walcha Dragons            | Rologas 6       |
| 7 Devils        | 11:15am | Demon Knight Thunder      | Rologas 4       |
| 7 Angels        | 9:45am  | Uralla Spurs              | Uralla 4        |

## Rugby

# 1st XV vs Rugby School

Wednesday 26 July at 3:45pm on TAS Backfield

# LBK-Prime Cup in Tamworth

Date: Friday 28 July 2006

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV, 16As, 16Bs, 15As, 15Bs, 14As & 14Bs

Preliminary Semi-Finals

Travel Timings:

Bus 1: Edwards 45 seat coach (TV620): 1st XV & 2nd XV, depart TAS 4:00pm, return TAS 11:15pm.

Bus 2: Edwards 57 seat coach (3449): 3rd XV, 15As & 15Bs, depart TAS 4:00pm, return TAS 11:00pm.

Bus 3: Edwards 57 seat coach (3440): 16As & 16Bs depart TAS 4:00pm, return TAS 11:00pm

Bus 3: Edwards 57 seat coach (3470): 14As & 14Bs depart TAS 4:00pm, return TAS 10:30pm

Cost: \$25 (day boys), \$22 (boarders). This includes transport and \$10 for dinner.

Where: Tamworth Rugby Oval (T), Wests League Club No 1

(W 1), Wests League Club No 2 (W2), Viaduct Park 1 (V1), Viaduct Park 2 (V2)

Game times

| TAS team | Time   | Opponents    | Venue |
|----------|--------|--------------|-------|
| 14Bs     | 6:15pm | Quirindi     | V2    |
| 14As     | 7:00pm | Carinya      | V2    |
| 15Bs     | 6:15pm | Oxley        | V1    |
| 15As     | 6:15pm | Farrer B     | V1    |
| 16Bs     | 6:15pm | Tamworth     | W2    |
| 16As     | 7:15pm | Farrer B     | W2    |
| 3rd XV   | 6:40pm | Farrer Rust  | T     |
| 2nd XV   | 6:15pm | Farrer Gold  | W1    |
| 1st XV   | 7:15pm | Farrer Green | W1    |

## # Landmark Cup for Yr 5 & 6

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2006

Venue: UNE - Consett Davis ovals

Games:

TAS B vs St Marys 2 at 4:15pm

TAS A vs St Marys 1 at 4:55pm

Transport: TAS minibus departs TAS at 3:45pm



## The 30th Hawkesbury Canoe Classic will take place on October 28 and 29.

TAS will again enter a large squad of paddlers, all hoping to complete the 111 kilometres from Windsor to Brooklyn Bridge under the light of

a full moon.

This continues the proud tradition at TAS of challenge and service through this unique event. The Classic is still one of the great physical and mental challenges available to our students in a relatively safe environment. It is also the primary source of funds for bone marrow research and has contributed over \$1.5 million in the past 30 years.

We are looking for keen and determined paddlers to join our team. Training, boats and all equipment are supplied or arranged as well as transport, accommodation and the support of a land crew during the event. Our boats include singles, doubles, a four man and eight man canoes and kayaks. Students from Years 9 to 11 can paddle with a friend or their parent and we also cater for adult pairings. Parents and students can also experience the event by being part of the land crew

Training will take place throughout Term 3 with expert tuition available both in paddling and race conditioning and preparation.

If you think that you would like to be involved ask for the fact sheet this Friday. Boys can pick it up from Reception or Peter Hall after Prefects' Assembly or we can email or fax it to parents and friends

## Middle School

### From the Head of Middle School

Welcome back to all returning boys and a special welcome to our new students, Will Chapman in Year 7 and Max Melville in Year 8. This term the boys will be involved in a number of activities including our Creative Evening on Wed 6 September. This will also be a demanding term academically and we encourage parents to contact their son's homeroom teacher if any concerns arise. Winter sport will finish at the end of this term and we remind parents to ensure the boys are at their scheduled training sessions and to notify their coaches if they are unable to attend weekend matches. We look forward to another enjoyable and rewarding term. Dennis Dempster

### Creative Expression Evening

On Wednesday 6 September you are invited to an evening of Middle School music, drama and art. This is our annual Creative Expression Evening and we look forward to your attendance so please mark your calendar for this event.

### Parent Information Night for Year 8

We also look forward to meeting Year 8 parents on Wednesday 30 August for the Year 8 Parent Information evening. This is an information night for the parents of this year's Year 8 students to help you help them make decisions on their elective choices for Year 9 and learn more about the Senior School program. The intention is to explain how choices at this point may affect subject choices further along in their schooling and how the subject "lines" work. This evening is for all Year 8 boys and their parents.

### Surviving the Teenage Years

If you're the parent of a teenager, chances are you're dealing with a person you've never met – never mind that they've been living with you all their lives. That's what the teenage years are about in large measure, children dedicated to the tasks of changing, becoming grownups. And while this developmental stage on the path to adulthood may cause you to think a lot about their welfare, your teens are probably not doing all that much thinking about you. They are likely to be behaving in ways that distance them from the family. If this is the current situation at your house, here's some counsel from the experts in the trenches – don't take it personally – it's not personal. But parents are people too. Common sense can prevail. Just as you wouldn't let a toddler run out into traffic, so parents can draw boundaries for teens, especially when behaviour becomes unacceptably risky. Parents can say no but it's often best to just say no without an accompanying criticism or lecture. The teen years are a temporary time of momentous physical and emotional growth and development, and although most teens would challenge the assertion, the fact remains they are not yet grownups, able to support and sustain an independent life. For the parents, who are grown up, it's a time to show how qualities such as patience, tolerance, respect and acquired wisdom play out in family life.

## Junior School

### Looking Ahead

#### Tuesday 25 July

First day of Term 3 – all classes resume  
Transition attend Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of this week only

#### Wednesday 26 July

No assembly today

#### Monday 31 July

French Club recommences  
Japanese Club recommences  
Art Club commences

#### Tuesday 1 August

Chess Club recommences

#### Wednesday 2 August

Drama Club recommences  
Year 3 Assembly

#### Thursday 3 August

Dance Club recommences

#### Friday 4 August

PLC Social at PLC

### From the Head of Junior School

I hope everyone had a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Three weeks allows families' precious time together and many took advantage of this longer break to venture further afield. We look forward to hearing about some of your holiday travels and the highlights for the children.

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar of events in the Junior School for this term. Any alterations to this will be notified to you through this newsletter. The Canteen list is also attached and extra copies will be available to parents and children in the blue box on the wall outside the Junior School office.

Science Week occurs in Week 4 and then in Week 5, 48 students and staff from Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka, Japan arrive for a week at TAS. Two weeks later, our Junior Vocal Ensemble travels to Sydney to perform in the JSHAA Music Festival at the Town Hall. Much planning for our school concert comes to fruition in the last week of term with one public performance on Wednesday 21 September, where all the Junior School children will perform. This Cultural Evening and Art Show promises to be most entertaining and not to be missed.

Letters also will be sent to parents at the end of this term outlining arrangements for the major class excursions for all children in K-5 that occur in Term 4. These excursions are always a great highlight for the children and staff alike, and preparations are well underway. Kindergarten children will enjoy an overnight camp at the school, Year 1/2 go to Sawtell, Year 3/4 go to Lake Keepit and Year 5 go to Narrabeen.

I hope all involved with the Junior School have a most enjoyable and productive term. Lou Forsythe

## Special Congratulations to Jack Tearle

We are very proud to congratulate Jack Tearle in Year 5 for his outstanding achievement in gaining a medal in the ICAS English competition for achieving the highest mark in NSW. In excess of 400,000 children in the Australasian region sat this paper last term, so this truly is an impressive achievement and a great credit to him. He will be invited to a special ceremony to receive this medal at the University of New South Wales in Sydney at a later date. He will also receive a certificate that we will present at our Assembly. Very well done Jack!

## Welcome back to Mrs Gerry Vanzella

This week we welcome Mrs Gerry Vanzella, our new Transition teacher, whilst Mrs Ball goes on maternity leave. It is wonderful to welcome her back to the Junior School staff as we value her input and professionalism.

Our best wishes also go with Mrs Ball, as we await her exciting family news early this term.

## Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Charlotte Slack-Smith and Sam Hutton.



## Bronze & Silver Awards

We congratulate the following children who received their Bronze Award at last week's assembly:

Patrick Marquardt, Isaiah Dillon, John Dennis and Philip McBride in Year 4.

We congratulate Ben Collins in Year 2 who is the first child this year to receive a Silver award.

## GAS (God and Stuff)

An invitation is extended to all children to attend GAS. It will be held in the Green Room on Fridays from 1.30-2pm. It will be run by Mr Newton and some senior school boys. As they will be discussing the bible reading about the banquet, they have decided to hold a 'banquet'. Children are asked to bring in \$1 on Thursday to give to Mr Newton so shopping can be organised that afternoon, in preparation for Friday.

## Year 4 & 5 TAS to Tezukayama, Japan

There will be an information session next Monday, 31 August, for those families who are interested in their children participating in the bi-annual exchange trip we have to Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka, Japan. The trip is planned for early December, 2006 so all interested families are urged to attend this meeting to find out what is involved in this excursion and to answer any questions you may have. This will be the fourth exchange trip we have had and all previous participants would agree that this is an opportunity not to miss!

The meeting will be held in the McConville Centre from 5:30 - 6:30pm with wine and nibbles. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

## PLC Social

PLC have invited all TAS Junior School children to attend their social which welcomes students visiting PLC from Hanoi in Vietnam. The social will be held on Friday 4 August. The cost will be \$5 which will include chips and a drink, please pay at the door. Transition to Year 2 will attend from 5pm to 6pm and Years 3 to 5 will attend from 6.30pm to 8pm. Children are to wear comfortable casual clothes. Please talk to your children about the social as their classroom teacher will be asking them on Monday if they will be attending for catering purposes.

## Languages in Years 3-5 for Semester 2

Mrs Forsythe will be teaching Years 3, 4 and 5 in semester two in lieu of their usual LOTE lesson each week due to the unavailability of a Language teacher. Mrs Forsythe will be working with each class on ITC projects that will support the unit of work being studied in each class for Science and/or HSIE.

## Science Week Competition - Week 4

As a focus for Science Week in Week 4, children again this year are invited to submit a model, project or experiment related to "Our Dry Continent" for our annual Science Week competition. This competition is not compulsory and entries should be completed in the children's own time. Entries are to be centered around the following:

Transition - An animal and its adaptations to the desert

Kindergarten - A plant and its adaptations to the desert

Year 1 - Human adaptations to the Australian desert

Year 2 - Our dry continent - Australia

Year 3 - Design a house for arid Australia

Year 4 - Causes of desertification

Year 5 - Conserving water

Entries (named) need to be submitted to the After School Care room on Wednesday 16 August by 9.00am. This year there will be a prize for the best entry in each class. Parent involvement is encouraged but the entry is to obviously be the work of the child. Mr Wally Richards (Head of Science at TAS) will once again judge the children's entries.

A book of activities based on this year's theme is available on the coffee table outside the Year 2 classroom should children be looking for ideas.

## National Memory Test Kicks Off

Can you remember what you did yesterday? Are you sure you've met someone before but can't recall their name? Are you forever misplacing things? Have you forgotten how to spell certain words?

In the lead up to National Science Week next month, Australians will be asked to test their grey matter in the first ever online National Memory Test.

From Tuesday, July 18 through until the middle of Science Week (August 19), Australians of all ages will be able to go online and take the national test. The nation's results will be published during National Science Week (August 12-20).

The exercise will test three kinds of memory: short-term memory, recognition memory and prospective memory (being able to remember future appointments etc) and you will also be able to find tips on how to improve your memory and valuable links to further information.

Everyone who completes the National Memory Test will go in to a prize draw to win a three-day holiday to Alice Springs and its desert surrounds, in recognition of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification. Runners up can win one of 10 ABC gift vouchers valued at \$50 each and there's a special under 16s prize of a \$50 CSIRO shop voucher plus membership to the Double Helix Science Club.

To enter the National Memory Test, visit the National Science Week website [www.scienceweek.info.au](http://www.scienceweek.info.au) and follow the links to the National Memory Test.

## French and Japanese Clubs

For all those interested in joining the French and Japanese clubs this term please let Ms Tamminga know. Please do not have your children just "show up" to either of the clubs on the first Monday back in Term 3. Please make sure you have notified Ms Tamminga if your child wants to join either club. The fee for the clubs will be \$15 per child again next term which is a cash payment to Ms Tamminga or Mr Dent on the first day the club meets.

There are many places still available in Japanese club and the children are having a wonderful time learning many things about the Japanese language and culture. As we are hosting many visitors from Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Japan this term, what is learnt in this club will be very beneficial.

French club is as fun and as busy as ever, you will need to be quick to join French club.

## Austin College Art Competition

For those children who are entering the Austin College Art competition, which was advertised in last terms newsletter, could you please ensure that all entries and the entry fees are handed in at school by this Friday morning. Mrs Helen Dennis has kindly offered to take all entries out on Friday morning.

## Basic Skills Testing

Children in Years 3 and 5 will sit the Basic Skills Test on Tuesday 1st August and Thursday 3rd August. These papers will be given at the beginning of each of these days. Detailed results of your child's performance will be sent home to parents later in the year.

## Naming Belongings

We remind our parents to ensure that ALL their children's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled. If clothing is second hand please ensure the previous owners name is taken off or made illegible and a new label with your child's name is placed on the item. At the end of term we were amazed at the amount of lost property in the box in the basement, all unnamed, and the amount of money it would all cost to replace.

## Dance Classes

Mrs Melissa Killen will be teaching dance club this term in Miss Colette's absences on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.15pm to 1.55pm in the Green Room. Cost for this term is \$45 per child. If your child is interested please collect a permission note from the Junior School office.

## CSIRO's Double Helix

Do you love science? This is the magazine for you! The Double Helix Science offer a choice of two magazines (Scientrific or The Helix) delivered to your door every two months. Both magazines are fun-packed scientific education resources featuring hands-on activities, current research, experiments, comics, brain-stretching puzzles, cool competitions and fabulous freebies. Member events, adventure and holiday programs run from 9 CSIRO Science Education Centres across Australia. Science by email weekly e-mail newsletter, packed with experiments and news. Discounts at CSIRO Shop [www.csiroshop.com](http://www.csiroshop.com) and Double Helix Holiday Programs. Exclusive deals and discounts at participating science centres across Australia. See the attached form for subscription details or pick up a copy from the blue box on the wall outside the Junior School office.

## Science By Email

This free weekly e-newsletter includes breaking science news, experiments and activities to try at home, environmental news and facts, fascinating web links, event updates, TV previews and quiz and more. Join up on [www.csiro.au/sciencemail](http://www.csiro.au/sciencemail).

## Colin Buchanan Concert

Popular singer and songwriter Colin Buchanan will be performing live in Armidale at the Town Hall on Friday 11 August at 5.00pm. Tickets are \$8 each and are available from the Koorong Bookshop in Rusden Street.

## TAS Junior School Social

On Thursday 24 August TAS will be hosting this term's social to coincide with our TEZ visit. PLC and NEGS have been invited to a great night. Transition to Year 2 will attend from 6pm to 7.15pm and children in Years 3 to 5 will attend from 7.30pm to 9pm. Cost will be \$5 per child.

## Time To Speak Up

A University of Sydney study has shown that a child's language skills can greatly improve when a parent gives that child more time to respond when talking. A mother of a child in the study has said her son's language skills have 'vastly improved' since she learnt how not to talk on his behalf.

# Junior School Sport

## Weekend Sport

Please be aware that all weekend matches recommence this weekend.

### Sports Training is NEVER Cancelled even in Wet Weather

For our parents' information, Junior School sports training is NEVER cancelled because of wet or inclement weather. All coaches have lessons planned in the event of wet weather, that are related to their sport so that these sessions are a valuable component of their training programme.

## Hanna Shield Swimming

The Hanna Shield swimming carnival is on Tuesday 15 August. These boys have been selected to compete in the inter school relay carnival. Further information will come home, along with a permission note, from Mr Pennington shortly. Practice will be on Thursday 10 and Monday 14 at 1:30 pm to practice change overs. So please bring your swimmers, towel and goggles on these days.

Mrs Brunsdon, Junior School Sport Co-ordinator

### # Boys, 11 yrs and over, freestyle relay:

Harry Guest  
Arthur Lloyd  
Angus Brunsdon  
Aaron Buckley

### # Boys 10 yrs and under freestyle relay

Harry Lloyd  
Matthew Haydon  
Jay Kennedy  
Jack Campbell

### # Boys 11 yrs and over medley relay

Freestyle: Harry Guest  
Backstroke: Dugald Hill  
Breaststroke: Harrison Grant  
Fly: Angus Brunsdon

### # Boys 10 yrs and under medley relay

Freestyle: Harry Lloyd  
Backstroke: Matthew Haydon  
Breaststroke: Jack Campbell  
Fly: John Dennis

## Soccer Reports

### 8 Tornadoes/Pumas – Mrs McCarthy

The Tornadoes came back from holidays ready and rearing to go against Norths Roosters. The team enjoyed a new player combination with the addition of Nick Burke, Charlton Grant, Jack Evans and Matthew Hooper from the Pumas.

For the first time this season, the Tornadoes went into half time 1-0 down but this only made them more determined. Jack Evans played a super game in the mid field, really attacking the ball.

Will Brissett was unlucky not to score, as he had several very close shots. Alexander Chambers played bravely in goals, putting his body on the line on one occasion and saving a certain goal.

Finn McCarthy scored 2 goals and Ben Collins scored 1 in the second half, to win the game 3-1. It was a great game from all the boys. A special thank you to the four Puma players for helping us out. You were invaluable!

### 10 Rams/Panthers – Mr Kennedy

Due to holiday absences, July 22 saw a combined team of Rams and Panthers take the field for the Rams scheduled match against DK Chargers.

From the start the boys worked as a team, spreading out, looking for each other and defending well. Fifteen minutes in, after several near misses from Will Monie, James Hill and Michael Moore, Will Waterson was on the spot to finish off a brilliant Matt Haydon cross with a powerful kick into the back of the net. Ten minutes later, Will and Matthew combined again, with Matt scoring an excellent goal thanks to a well-placed pass from Will. The midfield and defence provided excellent support to the attack, frustrating the opposition, allowing very few scoring opportunities, and feeding the ball to the forwards. Harry Lloyd as goalkeeper showed exceptional skill, in particular making one excellent save, catching the ball on the full off a high lob kick.

The boys continued their excellent form into the second half with Harry Lloyd moving to midfield, creating several more scoring opportunities. However, the Chargers came out with greater determination, our defence standing strong and second half keeper, Jay Kennedy making several great saves. Ten minutes in, Harry made a strong run through a solid DK defence, passing the ball off to Matt who deftly put away his second goal. Shortly after, Matt made an excellent solo run to put in a third goal to bring up his hat trick and give the Rams a 4-0 final result.

Perhaps the best thing about the match was that all four goals resulted from excellent teamwork right across the field. All the boys – Michael Moore, Theo Druce, Will Monie, Billy Roberts, James Hill, Michael O'Sullivan, Dan Allen, Jay Kennedy, Matt Haydon, Will Waterson, Sam Johnston and Harry Lloyd – should be extremely proud of the sporting manner in which they played the match, with each player contributing as much as the next for a great result. Well done boys, you looked like a team that had been together for several seasons!

### 12 Hurricanes – Mr Sole & Mr Brunsdon

Well, it was a fine and sunny day in Armidale last Saturday morning and on looking out to the south it appeared this would be the case in Walcha. Why Walcha?

Well that was where the Hurricanes were scheduled to play at 9.30. As we drove down the highway towards Uralla I noticed a line of cloud drifting up from the south east not unlike the cloud you see at Thredbo this time of year.

The closer we got to Walcha the lower the clouds became and the temperature gauge on the dash went into freefall. Don't read ahead, but yes you guessed it, I didn't bring a coat! The day didn't start out well and it was just going to get worse. After a long and extended warm up (I was starting to get some feeling back into the extremities after the 25m sprints) the boys got into their usual pre game huddle, which seemed a little tighter than usual. The coach / team discussion on how we were to play seemed to have been lost in the mist once on the field. Although the individual effort was often there, the control and passing game displayed by this team in the past had vanished. A lapse in our defence saw Walcha score late in the half. 1-0 at half time, all was not lost. The expectations were high when the team ran on for the second half but the standard of play waned until a passage of play 10 minutes from full time saw the control and flare emerge to give Daniel Sole an opportunity to score which he skilfully accepted. Noise erupted from the sideline as the well rugged supporters awoke from their hibernation. It wasn't to be, the final whistle blew with Walcha winning 2-1. It was a game best forgotten with some valuable lessons learnt on the day. (Yes, I will always take a coat to Walcha) The MacDonald's Award went to Alex Burke and the Eagle Boys Award went to Daniel Sole. PS Thankyou to all those who made the effort to return from holidays for this game.

## FOOTBALL draw for 29 July

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| 12 Zeplins    | 10:00am | TAS Taipans    | TAS Frontfield        |
| 10 Rams       | 10:00am | Demon Knight   | Shields Rologas 10    |
| 10 Panthers   | 9:00am  | North Armidale | Bandicoots Rologas 10 |
| 10 Eagles     | 10:00am | South Armidale | Strikers TAS Dangar-  |
| field         |         |                |                       |
| 8 Tornadoes   | 9:00am  | Demon Knight   | Dragons North Oval 3  |
| 8 Pumas       | 9:45am  | North Armidale | Frogs North Oval 2    |
| 7 Tigers      | 9:00am  | Walcha Giants  | Rologas 5             |
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| 7 Devils      | 11:15am | Demon Knight   | Thunder Rologas 4     |
| 7 Angels      | 9:45am  | Uralla Spurs   | Uralla 4              |

### U7's Soccer - Angus McBean

The combined Devil's/Angel's team played a terrific game on Saturday at Rologas fields. Jack Creagan, Oscar McBean and Nicholas Bolson all scored goals in a resounding 6-1 victory. Nicholas Moar was virtually impenetrable in goal throughout the game. Katie Collins and Laura Hooper were strong in both attack and defence. Thank you to Andrew Moar for coaching the team to their inaugural win.



TAS Tigers/Redbacks help Ziggy Harris celebrate his birthday