

TAS TALKS #9

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 9 – Wednesday 20 September, 2006

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Headmaster

Breakfast with Tim Costello

In an opportunity that fell out of the blue at late notice, a number of senior students and staff joined Tim Costello, Head of World Vision and respected social commentator, for breakfast in the Maxwell Room last week.

Mr Costello spoke with the group about matters ranging from world terrorism to refugees, global poverty and his hopes for the future of world vision. Such weighty matters may not be usual breakfast fare at TAS, but Mr Costello's engaging manner and wisdom ensured that it was a significant event for all who were fortunate enough to be there. I offer thanks to Mrs Jan Wyles from the Armidale 'Sanctuary' group who so thoughtfully included TAS in Mr Costello's itinerary.

JSHAA Concert in the Sydney Town Hall

My congratulations go to the Junior School and Music Department staff who led our largest choir ever to the JSHAA Concert in the Sydney Town Hall last week. Our singers from Years 3 to 6, conducted by Ms Leanne Roobol, performed very well indeed and I was proud to be associated with them on the night.

Beyond singing as a school and in a TAS/PLC combined choir, the JSHAA Concert gives our students the chance to sing alongside 250 choristers from other NSW independent schools on the centre stage of the stunning Town Hall in front of a huge crowd. Such a special musical experience will inevitably broaden the horizons and lift the aspirations of our students and this must surely be our goal.

The Sporting Weekend

The past weekend saw the conclusion of the football and athletics seasons for the School as some of our best sportsmen competed in football finals and in track and field at Homebush. The timing of the crescendo to these seasons was cruel for a good number of boys though, as they saw their loyalties torn between football finals and the chance to compete at a world class venue in front of a screaming crowd of 10,000. This was particularly the case for those seniors who had to choose between perhaps their last chance to compete at Homebush and being part of just the second TAS team to play Armidale Men's A Grade Football Final. (My apologies to the 2004 finalists who I neglected in my comments last week!)

Whatever decision was made, the strong efforts over the weekend showed genuine commitment and created a fitting end to the winter season.

Old Boys' Weekend and Passing Out Parade

The final weekend of this term will be a big one for the School Family. Reunions of various generations of Old Boys will take place across the weekend, along with sporting competitions and tours of the School.

The traditional School v/s Old Boys rugby match has been changed this year following new regulations for under 19 games imposed by the Australian Rugby Union. The critical element of these changes is the creation of a 'two year age window' within which competing teams must fall. To play outside this regulation requires guarantees of player suitability which are not possible for games against unknown old boy competition. As a result, efforts are being made to create games in future years between the School and the previous Year 12 (thus falling within the two year window). Other matches between Old Boy sides are being organised to continue the great spirit of the weekend.

The Old Boys' Chapel Service on Sunday morning will be followed by the Passing Out Parade for our senior cadets. This is an important occasion for those young men who have served the School through their leadership and it promises to again be an impressive event this year. All families and friends of the School are invited to the ceremony which commences at 11:00am on Frontfield and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Valedictory Day/End of Term Boarders' Buses

Most in the TAS family will be aware of the significance of Valedictory Day for our outgoing senior students. An important part of this dignified occasion is the traditional lining of the drive by the School as Year 12 process from the Chapel to the Hall. The silent respect from the School is a tribute that has developed as a right of passage for our seniors.

The recent change of policy for end of term boarders' buses which sees them leaving early in the morning has threatened this occasion and I know that this has concerned Year 12 greatly.

Despite strong representations to both the Ministry of Transport and CountryLink by TAS, NEGS, PLC, Calrossy and Farrer, we have been unsuccessful in changing the times of the end of term buses. As a result, it has been decided that TAS will run some services privately for this term only to ensure that our Year 12s are supported in proper fashion on their day. I am sure that both parents and boys will be keen to support this stance and our on going efforts to bring about a change of policy from CountryLink and the Ministry of Transport.

Murray Guest

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 20 September

	Year 11 End-of-Course exams
7.45am	TAS Singers rehearse
8.00am	Jnr Vocal Ensemble rehearse
1.30-3.15pm	Full TASCU rehearsal
3.45pm	Junior Drama in Moyes
6.00pm	Big Band rehearse

Thursday 21 September

	Year 11 End-of-Course exams
7.45am	Brass Ensemble rehearse
7.45am	TAS Orchestra rehearse in Music Centre
3.45-5.15pm	Full TASCU rehearsal

Friday 22 September

	Year 11 End-of-Course exams conclude
8.00am	Clarinet Ensemble rehearse
3.45pm	Chapel Choir rehearse
6.00pm	Hawkesbury dinner for the Arrow Foundation - TAS Dining Hall

Saturday 23 September

	Old Boys Weekend
8.30am	Tennis vs the School
	Shooting vs the School
12.00	Tours of the School departing from McConville Centre
12.30pm	Barbecue Lunch
2.00pm	Rugby
3.00pm	Tug-O-War
3.30pm	Presentation of Croft Cup
3.45pm	OBU AGM
6.30	Reunion Dinners
	HSC Jap Beginners Speaking Skills exam
6.30/7.00pm	Abbott House dinner -Squires restaurant

Sunday 24 September

	Old Boys Weekend
9.30am	Old Boys' Service-Choral Communion - Year 12 to attend
10.00am	Cadets report to School
11.00am	Passing Out Parade
6.00-6.30pm	1st XV Rugby Dinner-The Armidale Club
	Round Square Junior Conference at Westminster, Adelaide commences

Monday 25 September

7.45am	Junior Strings rehearse
8.15am	MS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
	Round Square Junior Conference at Westminster, Adelaide

Tuesday 26 September

	Round Square Junior Conference at Westminster, Adelaide
	Junior School Concert - dress rehearsal
3.45pm	Senior Jazz rehearsal
3.45pm	Junior Stage Band rehearse
3.45pm	Middle School Players

Wednesday 27 September

	Round Square Junior Conference at Westminster, Adelaide
7.45am	TAS Singers rehearse
8.00am	Jnr Vocal Ensemble rehearse
3.45pm	Junior Drama in Moyes
5.45pm	Junior School Art Show in Big School
6.30pm	Junior School Concert in Memorial Hall
6.00pm	Big Band rehearse

Thursday 28 September

	Round Square Junior Conference at Westminster, Adelaide
7.45am	Brass Ensemble rehearse
7.45am	TAS Orchestra rehearse in Music Centre
	Final Assembly

Friday 29 September

Valedictory Day
Boarders' buses depart
End of Term - have a great holiday

Chaplain

Finals Fever #5 Who is in? John 14:1-6

The finals, who is in and who is out? Who will be there standing at the very end? Well it seems like the goodies. With the crushing defeat handed to manly on Friday night, St George is obviously there. So it would be clear that the good guys have prevailed and the best teams are there at the end. However, this does not explain why the Broncos, and perhaps even more surprisingly the Bulldogs are there. It is not sounding quite as neat as it should; what is going on, the goodies and the baddies are in? Whether they are seen to be good or bad they seem to have at least all earned their place in the finals. They were better than the opposition. Their performance was sufficient and their season lives for another week.

As Phil Gould said in the Herald "Melbourne, St George Illawarra, Canterbury and Brisbane are the ones left standing - and you didn't have to be Nostradamus to predict it." The trouble is there is only one team who can win. So I feel sorry for Canterbury, Brisbane and Melbourne. Is it the same when it comes to 'The Final Day', to what has become known as judgement day? Can we predict who will be there or would that be presumptuous, even arrogant? Who will remain standing on 'The Final Day', who will triumph on judgement day? Is it those, like a football final, with the best performance?

Two things can be said regarding the Final Day and entry into eternal life from the reading. The first is; it is not so exclusive that there is not enough room for those who qualify. In fact there are many rooms and Jesus is preparing a place for those who will be accommodated. At the end of any sporting season there is the team that won, and there is the rest. It is a huge disappointment if your team did everything throughout the season to win, to be the best, to be the last one standing, but on final day, you were not the winning team.

Jesus assures His followers that there are many rooms; don't be anxious, there is accommodation for you, there is room.

For whom though? Jesus makes it clear that there is a specific and clear way to the Father, a clear and specific way to this place He is preparing. In fact, He is the way, Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Who will be there? The best? The best looking? The best performer? The nicest person? The smartest? The fastest? No, no-one comes to the Father except through me, Jesus says, it is those who trust in Him. Who depend on Him. There is great assurance and comfort here. If your performance is as uncertain as mine, if your ability to come up with the goods, reliably, every time is as flawed as mine, you will find great comfort in these words with me.

Leading up to the finals there can be great anxiety as you consider the possibility of losing, it's a bitter pill to lose at the last hurdle, the results seems so uncertain. However, do not let your hearts be troubled when contemplating the 'Final Day'. Rather, look forward to it, long for it, your position is secure when you trust in Jesus, for His performance has been proven and it is in Him we trust.

Rev Richard Newton

P&F Association



It is getting close to that time of year again, The RazzamaTAS fete will be held in early November. A fete meeting will be held on Friday 22 September in Lower Maxwell, at 12.00pm. Those interested in joining the Fete Committee please come along and share your ideas.

Cheers Gaye (67720451, gayetombs@yahoo.com.au)
and Mindy 67723375



Recycled Children's Clothing

If you are planning to clean out your kids clothes during these holidays - please remember out TAS fete.

Year 1 are running the recycled children's clothing stall this year - this was hugely popular in 2005.

Please leave any such items in Reception and there is a box for collection in the afterschool care room in Junior School. We are also seeking clothes racks to display the clothes. We need these a few weeks prior to the fete, so if you can help please contact us.

Jen and Kath, Year 1 Liaison Parents phone 6772 9366

Dean of Students

**Year 12 Day Students
Parent "Get Together"
The Armidale Club
91 Beardy Street
6pm - 8pm
Monday September 25
RSVP : ajones@as.edu.au**

**Please join me for an
informal gathering next
Monday evening for drinks and
nibbles for a few hours
at The Armidale Club.**

Alan Jones

General Notices

Year 11 2007 Subject Choices

Forms detailing courses being offered in timetable lines for 2007 have been published and distributed to Year 10 students.

Any student who has a clash that is unable to be resolved is advised to seek an appointment with the Director of Studies, Mr Peter Hall, as soon as possible.

Forms are available via download from the TAS 'current happenings' website. Please return these, completed and signed by parent/guardian, by Monday 16 October.

Completed forms may be faxed via [02] 6776 5830. Please contact Meg Sadler for further assistance or information, (email: msadler@as.edu.au or [02] 6776 5805).

End of Term Buses/Valedictory

The five boarding schools in Armidale and Tamworth have unsuccessfully tried to have the Country Link buses departure delayed until after the Valedictory Service on Friday 29 September.

In an effort to support Year 12 and the Valedictory lining of the drive, the school will provide transport for our Sydney students and those going to Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri and Moree. See details in the Student Services section of this Bulletin.

I trust parents will understand the reason for doing this and also hope that all leave prior to this time be kept to a minimum in order to have an impressive service for out departing Year 12.

Grant Harris

Australia's Open Garden Scheme



presents

two outstanding gardens

• Jeogla Station

**on the Kempsey Road, Wollomombi
– from Armidale take the Waterfall
Way towards Grafton; travel 41 kms
and turn right into Kempsey Road;
garden is further 10 kms on right**

• Palaroo

**– from Armidale take the Waterfall
Way towards Grafton; travel 27 kms
and turn right into Stockton Road; in
Hillgrove turn left at the phone box
into Long Point Road, garden is a
further 6.5 kms on left**

**Admission \$5.00 per garden
from 10.00am to 4.30pm**

**catering by the TAS P&F
Association**

Passing Out Parade

The final practice for Passing Out Parade will take place on Wednesday at 1.35pm to 3.30pm with Thursday 3.45pm to 5.15pm if required.

Belts and Slouch hats are required on Wednesday.

By now any cadet who needed to should have exchanged any incorrect uniform at the Q Store. Boots and belts should be clean and the shirt and trousers IRONED and hung for the weekend.

Cadets are to meet under the covered way at 9.30am on Sunday for a final gear check. It is imperative that every cadet has a good breakfast and drinks plenty of water. This all helps to prevent fainting along with the measures they have been shown at practice.

Remember to have the green thermal vest ready if the weather is cold.

MAJ Harris



Australian National Chemistry Quiz

This year 113,323 students entered this quiz from 1,352 schools in 15 countries from around the world, including one from England!. In total there were 14,898 entries for Years 7 and 8, 42,419 for Years 9 and 10 and 35,064 in Year 11.

TAS students have produced another excellent set of results with all Year groups exceeding State mean as shown below:

YEAR	NSW ENTRIES	STATE MEAN	TAS MEAN
7	1753	61.98	62.27
8	2512	61.81	62.00
9	2857	61.92	64.29
10	3509	61.92	65.42
11	4620	61.96	75.56

Individual Results with High Distinctions being in the top 10% of the State and Distinctions the next 15%:

Year 7:

Distinctions: Grant Lillyman

High Distinctions: Ben Brunckhorst, Levi McKenzie, Timothy Williamson

Year 8:

Distinctions: Tom Armitage

High Distinctions: Jock Barnett, Sebastian Soto

Year 9:

Distinctions: Sam Adams, Matt Baker, Stephen Dewhurst, Richard Nixon, Nick Shepherd

High Distinctions: Toby Brunckhorst, Elliot Diebold, Ethan Fry, Clive O'Connor

Year 10:

Distinctions: Alexander Barwick, Sam Gates, Brent Trenerry

High Distinctions: Hamish Barnet, Joseph May, Robbie Oppenheimer, Matthew Redhead.

Year 11:

Distinctions: Haldane Begg, Gunar Daniel, Ian Dewhurst

High Distinctions: Fraser Allan, Daniel Assef, Carlos Cacho, Carl Davis

Outstanding results:

Of special mention are Timothy Williamson and Hamish Barnet whose results have placed them in the top 800 students in the entire competition and they have been given Awards of Excellence!

Also noteworthy is the fact that TAS boys have collected more High Distinctions (17) than Distinctions (13) which is an unusual result to say the least of it!

I congratulate all concerned on an exceptional effort.

Mr W D Richards, Science Co-ordinator

HSIE – Economics and Business Studies Competition – 2006

Economics and Business Studies students at TAS achieved some very pleasing results in two state competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales. Students in Years 11 and 12 sat the competition, which tested their knowledge of business and economics concepts.

The most outstanding result was achieved by Peter Bedford, a Year 12 student. He came in the top 0.8% of the state for Economics, and achieved a cash prize of \$45.

Other commendable results in Economics were achieved by Haldane Begg and Fraser Allan, who also achieved High Distinctions. Their achievement is particularly impressive considering that they had only been studying the course for a few weeks before the competition was held.

Joseph Lord is also to be congratulated for achieving a High Distinction in Business Studies.

Year 12 candidates in both competitions had the most pleasing result of the two years, scoring significantly higher than the state mean. Year 11 results were slightly lower than state mean, but this is hardly surprising considering they only started the course this year, whereas the majority of schools in NSW started the Preliminary course in Term 4 last year. The names of the boys who achieved High Distinctions and Distinctions are:

Economics

Distinctions to: Charles Cull, Carlos Cacho, Jack Dilweg, John Herdegen

High Distinctions and prizes to:

Fraser Allan, Haldane Begg, Peter Bedford (\$45 prize)

Business Studies

Distinctions to: Ryan MacDougall, Peter Simmons, Ed Warrick, James Hunt, Michael Corcoran, Mike Arunthumakun, John Herdegen

High Distinction to: Joseph Lord

Year 12 HSC... Young Life Study Camp 2006

There is no use denying it any more, the HSC is just around the corner. Don't spend your holidays sitting in your room procrastinating and feeling guilty that you're not getting any work done. Sign up for the Young Life study camp to recharge the batteries

Where? Lennox Head

Have some fun and most importantly get a stack of study done at the same time!

When: Sun 1st Oct – Sun 7th October

Cost: \$350

Any questions or want more information see Mr Bock.

Sally, Ian and the boys would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the TAS family and friends for the fantastic support and generosity which has been forthcoming during her time in hospital. Sally is now home, recovering steadily and looking forward to getting back on deck.

You are invited to ...

*A Very Fabulous
Armidaale Event*

The Melbourne Cup

**Tuesday 7 November
at 11.30am**

*all proceeds to TAS
Creative Arts Centre*

*Celebrated at
'Belmont'*

Tombs Road, Armidaale

**tickets \$45.00 per
person**

**Invitations from
TAS Reception or
Jackie Murphy 6771 1441
Sandra Kaynes 6772 3370**

an event not to be missed

TAS Year 12 Study Camp

Bookings for both the Study Camp and the RCG Course should be made on line via the TAS website at www.as.edu.au via the Current Happenings page (link to "HSC Study Camp").

Remember that Registrations close on Wednesday 27 September. Any queries contact Anna Ireland in the Enrolments Office.

Musical Notes

Another exciting week in the music department started on Monday at 7.00 am as the Junior Schools Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA) got underway. The seven hour trip went successfully and fairly quickly due to the friendly banter – and Disney videos. Upon arrival we had a look around the shopping arcade in The Haymarket (opposite the hotel). On Tuesday the group went along and performed at Sunrise at the Channel 7's studios and in the evening performed in the magnificent Sydney Town Hall. On Wednesday the long trip – with more Disney videos saw us arrive at a weary 4.30. For more news on the trip go to the Junior School page in the bulletin or check out the music department webpage where you will find a podcast on the event under the 'Current Happenings' section.

Also on the webpage is a podcast regarding the Year 8 Gamelan trip to UNE plus lots of photos of recent events.

On Sunday evening and all day Monday Mal Hewitt came to TAS to conduct the Armidale choirs who will be taking part in the Celebration concert again in Sydney's Town Hall where some 700 singers will be in full voice accompanied by a semi-professional orchestra soloists and the magnificent pipe organ. If you can make the concert on the 29 October you will not be disappointed.

On Saturday the TAS strings played at the ex-services club in Armidale to help NERAM to raise money to save a painting being sold. They played popular classics and were very well received.

On Sunday the Chapel Choir were in fine voice singing in a choral communion. The choir will also be in action next weekend at the Old Boys Weekend choral communion.

By all accounts the Year 12 boys played very well in their HSC practical examinations and now I wish good luck to our Year 11 students taking their end of course examinations next week.

And finally,

9 ways to irritate the conductor:

1. Never be satisfied with the tuning note. Fussing about the pitch takes attention away from the podium and puts it on you, where it belongs!
2. When raising the music stand, be sure the top comes off and spills the music on the floor!
3. Complain about the temperature of the rehearsal room, the lighting, crowded space, or a draft. It's best to do this when the conductor is under pressure!
4. Look the other way just before cues!
5. Never have the proper mute, a spare set of strings, or extra reeds... Percussion players must never have all their equipment!
6. Ask for a re-audition or seating change! Ask often! Give the impression you're about to quit! Let the conductor know you're there as a personal favor!

7. Pluck the strings as if you are checking tuning at every opportunity, especially when the conductor is giving instructions! Brass players: drop mutes! Percussionists have a wide variety of dropable items, but cymbals are unquestionably the best because they roll around for several seconds!

8. Loudly blow water from the keys during pauses (Horn, Oboe and Clarinet players are trained to do this from birth).

9. Long after a passage has gone by, ask the conductor if your C# was in tune. This is especially effective if you had no C# or were not playing at the time! (If he catches you, pretend to be correcting a note in your part!)

Ian Slater, Director of Music

Student Services

End of Term Travel

End of term bus departure times from TAS are listed below:

Departure time – 7.45am

Bus to Bourke stopping at: Wee Waa, Cryon, Walgett, Bourke

Bus to Lightning Ridge stopping at: Inverell, Delungra, Warialda, Collarenabri, Lightning Ridge

Departure time – 9.45am

Bus to Dubbo stopping at: Coonabarabran, Dubbo

Departure time – 11.30am

Bus to Sydney stopping at: Willow Tree, Scone, Maitland, Broadmeadow, Gosford, Hornsby, Waitara and Central.

Bus to Moree stopping at: Tamworth, Gunnedah, Boggabri, Narrabri and Moree

Departure time – 12.30pm

Bus to Tenterfield stopping at: Glen Innes, Deepwater, Tenterfield

Departure time – 4.00pm

Bus to the coast stopping at: Dorrigo, Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Clybucca, Port Macquarie

Arrival times to these destinations will be available early next week. Students should collect their tickets from the Students Services Office on Wednesday next week.

If you have any questions regarding travel please call 6776 5806.

Vickey O'Brien, Student Services

Careers

Applying to University for 2007

Applications for NSW, QLD and Victorian universities close on 29 September. Late applications can be made with an additional fee. Boys need to refer to respective state UAC, QTAC or VTAC handbooks and will generally apply via the web.

For information on special university access schemes, check out the UAC website: www.uac.edu.au.

University Scholarships

Information on University Scholarships is held in the Study Centre, and on university websites. Most scholarship applications have opened and close on 29 September.

Sport

Rugby games this week

Landmark Cup for Armidale Secondary Schools'

Date: Wednesday 20 September

Game	TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue
Round 8	13s	4:10pm	AHS	UNE1
Final (3 vs 4)	14As	4:55pm	DHS	UNE2
	14Bs	No game		
Final (1 vs 2)	16As	4:15pm	OCC	OCC
	16Bs	No game		
Final (1 vs 2)	Yr 11As	4:20pm	OCC	Backfield
Final (3 vs 4)	Yr 11Bs	4:20pm	AHS	Wakefield

Transport: 13s, 14As and 16As will be transported by TAS minibus leaving from Brown St.

13s and 16As leave at 3:45pm. 14As leave at 4:25pm.

GPS Athletics Results

A full list of results is at www.as.edu.au/current happenings then scroll down to news.

The following boys gained places:

1st

Sam Cameron Open High Jump 1.95m

Calem Lukeman U17 400m 50.46sec

Charlie Lockyer U16 100m 11.26sec

Charlie Lockyer U16 200m 23.02sec

2nd

Sam Cameron Open Long Jump 6.52m

James Perrett U15 High Jump 1.80m

Simon Haron U15 200m 23.16sec

3rd

Jack Archdale U17 High Jump 1.85m

Simon Haron U15 100m 11.57sec

Worth Noting:

Simon Haron's times in the 100m and 200m broke the GPS record

Sam Cameron broke the TAS Open High Jump record (old record set in 1985)

Calem Lukeman broke the TAS U17 400m record by 2 seconds (old record set in 1973)

Charlie Lockyer broke the TAS U16 200m record (old record set in 1942)

Simon Haron broke his own existing record in the U15 200m

Football Draw for Saturday 23 September

Congratulations to the following TAS teams for making it to the finals:

TAS Team	Time	Opponents	Venue
16A Bears	8:30am	DK Devils	Sportsground
10A Rams	9:00am	Souths' Stallions	Rologas 11
10 Eagles	9:00am	Uralla Lions	Rologas 8"

Football

16A Football Report

The 16A's have negotiated a tricky semi-final match against Uralla, 2-1, to progress to the grand final. TAS opened the scoring after 24 minutes when Sean Lee sliced through the defence and finished well. Uralla equalised just before half-time through a well worked free kick to leave the match evenly poised. Ten minutes into the second half, a goal mouth scramble saw the ball fall to Sean Lee who kept a cool head to finish at close range. Best for the 16A's were striker Sean Lee, defender Alex Barwick and goalkeeper Tim Williams. The team will play the DK Devils at 8.30am this Saturday at the Sportsground in the grand final.

1st XI Football Report

The TAS First XI were dealt the same fate as their 2004 counterparts when they lost to Glen Innes in the ADASA Division 1 grand final on Saturday. After a nervous start, TAS fell behind when Glen Innes scored from a defensive mix-up. The goal spurred the team into action and they proceeded to dominate the remainder of the half, with short fluid passing a feature of their play. Despite this dominance, opportunities were missed that would ultimately prove costly. The second half began in much the same manner as the first had ended, however good opportunities were again spurned. The match was sealed with fifteen minutes remaining when two goals within the space of a couple of minutes by Glen Innes saw them take an unassailable 3-0 lead. Best for TAS were mid fielders Mitch Joyce, Cameron Patrick and Warwick Allen, and defenders Tannoy Lai and Amila Siriwardana. Despite the loss in the grand final, the team enjoyed an outstanding season. The team won the pre-season Consolation Cup, the Rologas Trophy as Division 1 Minor Premiers, and was grand final runners-up.

Norm Lockett

Basketball

TAS 2nds 26, Magnificent Seven 41

TAS 2nds ended their season on Monday night when they lost the preliminary final of Men's C grade in a well-contested game against a worthy opponent.

TAS certainly started better, and led throughout the first half by playing good controlled basketball. Sam Campbell rebounded very strongly and dominated the defensive boards, while we were being patient in offence and limited our turnovers.

All players were giving their usual alert efforts in defence, snaring intercepts, and running hard for their team mates. Steve Brown's efforts in this regard have been exemplary all season.

In the second half, Magnificent Seven got their offence flowing more effectively, and drew comfortably ahead through fast break baskets by the speedy and skillful Alex Hanks, and good shooting by Adam Keough. TAS continued to compete strongly however, and showed they have learned some good team skills over the season. The entire team can be proud of their performance and the spirit in which they played the game.

Scorers: Dave Liston (8), Sam Campbell and Adam Penman (6), Tom Chamberlain (4), Matt Coulton (2).

It was a pleasure to be associated with a team that played hard for each other, enjoyed their basketball, and respected their opposition. Well done boys.

R Stayner, Coach

Hawkesbury Newsletter

The last training for this term was held on Sunday, although there still may be some training for the K8. Paddlers are welcome to borrow their boats for the holidays or pick them up from PDH's house for training. There will be one final training on the first Sunday of next term.

The paddlers' and landcrew dinner is on this Friday, September 22 (Old Boys weekend) in the TAS Dining Hall. It is a two course dinner and features a presentation by the President of the Arrow Foundation on the efforts of paddlers in raising funds for that Foundation. We will also be announcing the dollar for dollar sponsorship at that dinner.

There will be a chance to discuss race transport and accommodation. We will need to form a number of landcrew teams to deal with the large number of entries. We will also issue paddle and landcrew maps and an equipment list. A past paddler will talk about clothing and nutrition for the event and a local outdoor supplier will have a large selection of appropriate gear for order.

Can I have numbers for Friday night please.

Peter Hall



**Armidale Sports Council, in conjunction with
Armidale Dumaresq Council will be holding a
Civic Welcome for Will Brunson at the**

**Armidale ExServices Club
Friday 29 September from 6.00 - 6.30pm**

**After Wills fantastic performances at
the World Down Syndrome Titles in Ireland
recently, for him to be returning back home
with six world records, five gold two silver
and a bronze medal, is an amazing effort.**

**In fact this could be one of the best
performances by and Australian swimmer,
any where any time.**

**All are welcome, just be at the Servies by
6.00pm Friday 29 September.**

**For further inquiries you can phone the
President of the Armidale Sports Council
Steve McMillan after hours on 6772 9772**

Middle School

Attention all Year 8 Parents

This year we are launching an exciting new tradition for Year 8.

A farewell to Middle School dinner will be held giving parents and boys the opportunity to thank Mr "D" and his wonderful team for their expertise and input into the education of our sons.

This fine inaugural event will be held on Saturday 18 November 2006, details will be mailed to each family early in Term 4.

Please mark your calendars now so we can make this inaugural event a great success.

Please direct any enquires or suggestions to Victoria, Sylvia or Kaye.

Year 12 Valedictory

The last day of this term, Friday 29 September, is the Year 12 Valedictory Day. As in past years all of our Middle School boys will be lining the drive for the procession of the Year 12's. Please ensure all boys wear their formal uniform and have their Akubras.

JSHAA Music Festival

On Monday 11 September six Year 6 boys, Tom Blomfield, Tom Lomax-Sewell, Harrison Grant, Dugald Hill, Josh Taylor and Harry Guest, together with 30 students from the Junior School Vocal Ensemble left at 7:00am for the JSHAA Music Festival. That night we went out for ice-cream and had dinner at the hotel. In the morning we had breakfast at 7:00am and left at 7:45am to go to the Sunrise Studios to sing a song. We got to eat Grant Denyer's birthday cake. After we went to the Power House Museum for half an hour looking at the main features of outerspace. By 12 o'clock we had arrived at the Town Hall for the major rehearsal. That night we performed five songs, including three with the combined choir which had 500 students in it. Thanks must go to Ms Roobol, Ms Bromwich, Mr Slater as well as the support we received from the parents. Thanks also to Mrs Forsythe and Mr Guest, who joined us for the concert.

Written By: Tom Blomfield, Tom Lomax-Sewell, Harrison Grant and Dugald Hill

Ten Canoes

Last week the year 8 classes, accompanied by Ms Boydell, Ms Tamminga, Mr Junge and Mr Dempster, made their way to the Belgrave Twin Cinema to view the new Australian film "Ten Canoes" as part of their HSIE unit on Aboriginal culture and European colonisation.

This film is based on the very famous photograph taken by Dr Donald Thompson. And the producers of the film wanted to work from this to accurately document how life might have been like for the Aboriginal people of Northern Australia. The boys had their own opinions on the film but I personally thought it was excellent.

As Garry Maddox, Sydney Morning Herald said "One of the most intriguing Australian films in years". It certainly was intriguing. It was different from any other film I have seen. All the characters spoke their Aboriginal language, but the narrator spoke English. The tribe of Arnhem land went magpie goose hunting, while one member of the tribe told another about a story from past generations. This story was Ridjimiraril and his younger brother. It documented their life through its twists and turns.

There was some humour that the boys liked, but through this, it gave a very important window in to the lives of the Aboriginal people pre-colonisation. In the film we could see their laws, rituals, way of thinking and cultural differences. We could also see how skilful they were in everything they did. We hope the boys gained a better knowledge of how rich and different Aboriginal culture really was before Europeans mucked it up.

We recommend going to see the film and must thank Mr Junge, Ms Tamminga, Mr Dempster and especially Ms Boydell for organising the trip and giving us this very special opportunity to better our education in such an innovative way.

Hamish Haron and Andrew Grigg

Ask Your Son

Year 6 PD Moore – ask your son what is the importance of having a support network for their health and well-being.

Year 8J – ask your son if they enjoyed reading the their Quest Fantasy novel? What components make up a quest fantasy? Who are the main characters? How does Star Wars fit the genre?

Year 6L – ask your son about weather maps and what can be found on them. What are the similarities and differences concerning the DVD's of "Stuart Little 1" and "Stuart Little 2"?

Year 7N – Ask your son to explain how Brian came to be on his own in the Canadian wilderness.

Year 7N HSIE – ask your son to tell you about the "BLAH".

Year 9 Elective Choices for 2007

This week the Year 8 students have been issued with choice forms for their Year 9 2007 electives.

A copy of the form is available to view or download from the 'current happenings' page on the TAS website.

Parents who do not have access to the internet may collect a form from Reception or contact the school so one can be posted.

Timetable lines have been determined primarily according to majority student interest. The minority of students who find all three of their preferences are in the same column may book an appointment with the Director of Studies, Mr Peter Hall, by contacting Mrs Meg Sadler (02) 6776 5805 or email msadler@as.edu.au.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 20th September

No Assembly today

Breast Cancer Morning Tea @ Jennie Henzell's

Friday 22nd September

Year 4 & 5 Prac students finish

Saturday 23rd September

Old Boys Weekend

Sunday 24th September

Passing Out Parade

Tuesday 26th September

Full Dress Rehearsal in Hall from 2.00pm

- audience welcome

Wednesday 27th September

No Assembly today

Junior School Art Show in Big School at 5.45pm

"Billabong Prank" Concert in the Hall at 6.30pm

Friday 29th September

Last day of Term 3 – School ends at 3.30pm

and after school care finishes at 5.30pm

TAS Year 12 Valedictory Service – Years 4 & 5 to wear formals

Monday 16th October

Staff Day & boarders return

Tuesday 17th October

First day of Term 4

Transition attend Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday this week only

Happy Birthday Wishes

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

Thomas Faint, Oscar McBean and Sinclair Moore

Bronze and Silver Awards

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

Olivia Fenwicke, James Murphy, Joshua Beattie and Jessica Chambers in Year 1

We congratulate the following children who received their Silver award at last week's assembly: Tahlia Paull and Jacob Faint in Year 2 and Tim Pears in Year 3

JSHAA Music Festival

What a brilliant three days we had at Sydney performing at the Town Hall for the JSHAA Music Festival. We travelled to Sydney on Monday, with a quick trip to the Haymarket shops to stretch our legs. The next day was raining, but we were pumped with our walk to Martin Place as we approached the Channel 7 "Sunrise" studio. Grant Denyer was celebrating his birthday, and with a quick chat with the studio from Mr Slater we were suddenly performing on television (even though we were a bit wet from the rain). Ms Roobol was the star, explaining about our sensational singing group. We were put on a couple of promo's for the show and felt famous for a minute.

Then we were greeted by all of the presenters (Mel, Kochie, Grant, Nat and Berrets). They came and autographed photographs of themselves for all of us. They were an amazing group of people, who greeted us with enthusiasm. The children even got to share Grant Denyer's birthday cake.

If that wasn't enough buzz, we then went to the Powerhouse Museum before rehearsing in one of the most magnificent buildings, The Sydney Town Hall. The quality of the music was sensational. The children worked very hard that afternoon and performed brilliantly on the night.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents that attended the night and particularly thank the ones that came on the trip and gave the staff a helping hand. Our gappies, Nick and Craig, were also brilliant. It was a pleasure to be with such a lovely group of children, parents and staff. I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful experience and encourage all students to be part of such a wonderful event.

Ms Bromwich

Updates on the TAS Web

The Junior School has been very busy and we encourage you all to have a look at the current happenings in the Junior School on the TAS web page. Things to look for are Year 4 in the Science lab, JSHAA Music Festival excursion, our soccer semi finalists and many more.

Junior School Concert & Art Show

This year's show, "The Billabong Prank", promises to be another great performance and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

We will be having our final full dress rehearsal on Tuesday 26 September from 2.00pm to approx 3.00pm to which we invite interested people to attend if they feel they won't be able to attend the evening performance on Wednesday.

From 5.45pm on Wednesday 27 September, prior to the evening performance, each child in the Junior School will have an item of artwork that they have created, on display for everyone to view. The children have excelled in all aspects of art this year and all artwork is well worth viewing. During this time (from 5.45pm to 6.30pm) refreshments and nibbles will be provided and is an excellent opportunity to socialise. Framed art works may be purchased for \$55 that covers the cost of replacing the frame for the Junior School collection. No art work is to be removed from the display that evening, but should you wish to purchase your child's framed artwork, please see Mrs Ranck/Mrs Forsythe for collection the following day.

For the evening performance children are to report to their classrooms at 5.30pm sharp for costumes and make up. Could parents ensure their children have a foundation base on their faces when they arrive at school in preparation for the concert, please? The performance will then commence at 6.30pm and will conclude at approximately 8.00pm. Children can be collected from their classrooms after the performance.

Austin College Painting Competition

Notification arrived last week about the success the Junior School children enjoyed in the Austin College Painting Competition to raise awareness and funds for Gemma Sisia's School of St. Jude in Tanzania. We congratulate the following children for their success:

K-Year 3 Category: 1st Kieran Dennis in Transition (Kieran won \$20), 2nd Jessica Chambers in Year 1 (Jessica won \$10), Highly Commended to Fraser Smith, and Charlton Grant in Year 2 and Katie Collins in Kinder

Year 4-6 Category: 2nd Lauchlan Smith in Year 4 (Lauchlan won \$10)

Year 12 Valedictory Day

Friday 29 September is the Year 12 Valedictory Day. This is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School, and is equally special for the Year 11 students as it marks the beginning of their new leadership role.

Part of this day includes students lining each side of the drive from the Chapel to the Hall as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School for up to the past 13 years. Years 4 and 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Could all Year 4 and 5 students please wear their formal uniforms on this day.

Plate Fundraiser

We apologise for the disappointment felt by many, after our discovery that the company we were to use for our melamine plate fundraiser had closed down without warning, leaving us with no time to pursue other options. At the end of last week we received some information from another plate fundraiser company who are happy and able to fill our orders – unfortunately though not this year. Since this is such a popular fundraiser we will run this fundraiser at the beginning of next year. The first run will happen in March, 2007 so we will be ready for that date. Information will be sent home early in Term 1 next year.

Thank you

At the end of this week, Years 4 and 5 will farewell their prac students. We have appreciated the energy and enthusiasm of David Brown in the Year 4 classroom and Matthew Arrua in the Year 5 classroom. The children have certainly benefited from their well thought out lessons and great variety of presentation. Our best wishes go with them for their teaching careers.

Chapel Street Car Park

Parents will notice the steady progress being made to the extension of the Chapel Street car park over recent weeks. It is expected that all of the carpark works, east of the creek, will be completed and ready for use by the beginning of Term 4. In the meantime, however, please continue to enter via the Croft gates and leave via Brown Street, being especially aware of students moving to and from Middle School.

The new Chapel Street car park incorporates additional parking spaces, improved traffic flow, and importantly a turning circle, south-east of the Swimming Centre (which will facilitate pick-up and drop-off of students). This turning circle will have an apron around the outside to allow cars to partly pull off the road surface to allow other cars to pass. During peak traffic times, it will still be preferable for you to park your vehicle and escort your child to and from the carpark, away from the busy traffic flow.

Once the Chapel Street carpark is operating smoothly, it is then planned to alter the traffic arrangements at the front of the School. This will provide additional parking adjacent to Big School and also facilitate the pick-up and drop off of students from there, providing an alternative to using the congested Brown Street gates area.

The final change to traffic arrangements will then be to control access to the Brown Street parking area to authorised staff and service vehicles only.

Parent Seminar – “One of the Kids”

“One of the Kids” is a seminar for parents. The seminar is about educating children with and without disabilities in the same classes and schools. The day is about planning positive futures for all our children and looking at what is needed to achieve an inclusive education. There will be group work to practice new skills, the opportunity for questions and a chance to meet other families in the local area. It will be held in Armidale on Thursday 28 September, 2006 from 9.00am to 2.30pm at the Armidale Bowling Club. Cost for the seminar is \$20 if you register before 15 September and includes morning tea and lunch. Please phone 1800 620 588 to register or collect a registration form from Mrs Ranck in the Junior School Office. Please note it is essential that you register for this seminar and not just show up on the day as you may be turned away.



What Are You Doing These Summer Holidays?

Join the fun at the
Asthma Children's Camp
6-12 January 2007

Department of Sport and Recreation
Milson Island, Hawkesbury River

- learn to enjoy life with asthma in a fun safe and caring environment
- abseil, bike ride, canoe, fence, fish, orienteer, swim and loads more!

If you are between 8 and 12 years old, have asthma and think this sounds cool, ask your mum, dad, or guardian to contact us today.

Hurray applications close
31 October, 2006

Note: financial assistance is available for approved applicants

Download a Registration Form from the website, or call
Asthma Information Line
1800 645 130
www.asthmansw.org.au

Australian Mathematics Competition

Results and certificates for the Australian Mathematics Competition arrived this week and we would like to acknowledge the success of our children. We have been very impressed with the standard this year and the levels the children have achieved with 59% of our children receiving a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction in what is always a very challenging competition. The Junior School children received 1 Prize, 1 Prudence Award, 2 High Distinctions, 8 Distinctions and 27 Credits. We congratulate Jack Tearle, Year 5, who received a Prudence Award for achieving the highest number of consecutive correct answers and John Dennis, Year 4, who received the Mathematics Prize for achieving results in the top 1% of the state/region. John receives a lapel pin and a cheque for \$30 for this achievement.

Prize – John Dennis in Year 3

High Distinction – James Hill in Year 3 and Jack Tearle in Year 5

Distinctions – James Gilson and Max Cushway in Year 3, Patrick Williamson, Ben James, Lochie Ferrier, Jay Kennedy and Riley Baile in Year 4, Daniel Stanley in Year 5

Credits – Jake Beattie, Jesse Arnott, Sophia Thatcher, Jacob David, Will Waterson, Tim Pears, Emily Wark, Billy Roberts, Dane Townsend, Jakob Slack-Smith and Emma Soto in Year 3, Sam Johnston, Josiah Seaman, Isaiah Dillon, Harry Lloyd, Will Monie, Michael O’Sullivan, Philip McBride, Michale Moore and Patrick Marquardt in Year 4, Hugh Morgan, Adelaide Sherriff, Michael Young, Jackson Gilbey, Daniel Sole, Nicholas McCarroll and Mia Moloney in Year 5

Lost Property

Tim Pears, Year 3, has lost his TAS track top which he left at the Rologas fields after soccer on Saturday. If you happened to pick it up for him please return it to him in the Year 3 classroom.

Patrick Hetherington, Year 4, lost his watch on Monday in after school care. If you find Patrick’s watch please hand it to him or to Mrs Waters.

Junior School Sport

Little Athletics

Little Athletics is open to any child who is over 4 years of age and under 15 by 30 September, 2006. It is run in a 3 week cycle enabling the athletes to experience each type of event. The competition is a point score one where the athletes are competing against themselves and striving to improve each week. At the end of the season there are presentations to those athletes who have achieved this. There are competitions throughout the season for those athletes wishing to compete against others, where the result does count. Little Athletics encourages all athletes to participate no matter what their ability is. Registration will be held at Harris Park between 4pm and 5.30pm on Thursday 21 and 28 September.

If you are new to Little Athletics please bring along Proof of Age in the form of a birth certificate, passport or blue book for identification purposes. If you are a returning athlete can you please note your registration number from last year. There will be plenty of uniforms on sale. Little Athletics competition afternoons will begin on Thursday 19 October at Harris Park with warm up at 4.45pm. Have a look at the Little Athletics website www.armidale.info/alaa. If you have any queries, please contact Sue Gregory on 6772 6157 or email her on alaa@armidale.info

CIS Junior Athletics

We were delighted with the performances of our athletes (Adelaide Sherriff, Fletcher Ward, Mark Carolan, Daniel Sole, and Will Monie) at the CIS Athletic Carnival held at Homebush last Tuesday. Remembering that these were our best athletes at the Junior School carnival, who competed at the North Coast Sports Association and were chosen to represent NCSA at the next level, being the Combined Independent Schools Athletics Carnival. To reach this level alone, is a great credit to their talent, commitment and perseverance to train to improve. It was wonderful to see the support given to the children by so many parents on the day. Each one performed to their best, but special mention needs to be made of the Junior Boys Relay team who finished ninth in the State. Team members were Daniel Sole, Aaron Buckley, Fletcher Ward and Tom Lomax-Sewell – a truly great effort.

Soccer Reports

**Good Luck to the
10 Rams and 10 Eagles
in their Grand Finals
this weekend**

Grand final fixtures are as follows:

9.00am 10A Rams v Souths’ Stallions @ Rologas 11

9.00am 10 Eagles v Uralla Lions @ Rologas 8



10 Rams



10 Eagles

10 Rams - Mr Hetherington, Mr Campbell, Mr Marquardt

Report from 9/9/06 - The TAS Rams finished top of the A league with a strong 8-0 victory over Uralla. The team were dominant from the outset and 5 players scored goals, notably an excellent first goal of the season for Cameron Norbury and 4 goals from Jack Campbell returning to the midfield after breaking his ankle in July. Other goals from Patrick Hetherington, Matthew Hayden and Will Monie. It was a great team effort and everyone played well. Special mention to Harry Lloyd who ran and ran and Jay Kennedy who was determined in defence. Overall the Rams have won 14 of their 16 games with 1 loss and 1 draw. Well done everyone. Now its to the finals where we hope to complete a great season.

Report from the weekend - The RAMS beat DK Corinth 2-0 in a tightly-contested semi-final. We got off to a shaky start and it was only brilliant goalkeeping by Phil McBride prevented us from going behind. A well worked goal by Will Monie from a cross by Matthew Hayden put us ahead. Although the game remained tight our midfield gradually took control and the second half was mostly one way traffic. The Rams had a number of chances but it was not until the last minute that Patrick Hetherington scored the second goal to seal victory.

So now its on to the grand final where we'll meet South Stallions, the only team that has beaten us all year. We're all geared up for revenge and a final victory.

10 Eagles - Mr Nash

Hail to the mighty Eagles. What a journey we have all been on. We have been the dreamy beginners, discovering the joy and heartbreak of a new game. Gradually it took shape, and we began to perceive what we should do. Through all our learning, we were in a division that was a little beyond our ability, and consequently we learned to play cheerfully on in the face of massive defeats. How character forming was that! Towards the end of the season the soccer authorities placed us in a division that was better matched in terms of ability, and while that was cheering, we then ran

into the problem of colds and sickness, and only fielded 6 or 7 players. Then last week, what excitement, the coach had all 12 players available for the last game.

Against the Raiders, who had lived up to their name in earlier encounters, the Eagles flexed their wings, and found it pleasing. Frazer Moore had his first stint in goal for the first half, and held his head deservedly high at half time with no ball allowed through. Josiah then wore the gloves, while the mighty forwards, Jin Lim and Jacob David were doing their enthusiastic best to score goals. What was enjoyable and exciting for the parents and supporters, was the way in which the whole team played as a team, supporting every player, moving the ball up the wing, and the backs, led by Tim Pears and Riley Baile, kept feeding the ball up through the centres, to the forwards.

The teams were evenly matched, and it was great playing that allowed Jin to score two great goals (which brother Danny missed seeing each time because of talking to the coach). So we won through to the semi-finals, and I wish to acknowledge the generosity of the players and their parents for the lovely comments and the gifts that were lavished upon me.

And so we move to the semi-finals, again against the Raiders. Once again twelve whole and enthusiastic players assembled, again there was magnificent soccer, again there was success. We are now in strange and wonderful territory, set to play a final next week. Are you exhausted yet? I'm feeling breathless just writing this.

Our two most faithful goalies shared the honours, Jesse Arnott and Josiah Seaman, and they swept up all stray and attacking balls, with the able assistance of the backs. The team agreed that Tim Pears won Man of the Match for his clearing work and his inspired running and feeds to the wing.

John Dennis, as one of the wings in question, had a great game, and must rank as one of our most improved players. Jacob David scored one goal from a cunningly placed corner kick, and a second goal put the question of whether we would be playing in a final beyond doubt. We should also note that Harry Portas came within a whisker of scoring, as did both Jesse Arnott and Jake Beattie, who were learning the thrill of close support of the forwards.

I have to say that I have enjoyed getting to know and train a wonderful bunch of boys. They are all delightful individuals, and whatever happens next week, there have been some great moments for me as their coach. I fondly remember several deep and meaningful conversations with boys as they recovered from hurt legs or bruised stomachs. I have exhorted the boys, and given them rockets when deserved, but the best memory which will stay with me is this: I was away for one Saturday game, and when I appeared for training on Tuesday, I was greeted with a spontaneous group hug.

Go the Eagles!

12 Hurricanes – Mr Sole & Mr Brunsdon



Hurricanes ended their season on Saturday with their opponents 'Walcha Roos' going into the final, where they will face 'Uralla Strikers'.

Hurricanes may not have won, however they displayed character, determination and above all, team play. These are the attributes that as their coach, I was most pleased to see develop in them over the season.

Unfortunately on Saturday against Walcha, the Hurricanes were not outplayed, so much as outsized. To quote a rugby term, "their scrum pack weighed in at probably double ours" ! Despite this, some spirited play saw Hurricanes well in contention at half time. Jackson Gilbey, Charlie Sutherland and Michael Young formed a strong defensive line and it was just bad luck that saw Walcha get past. Mark Carolan and Hugh Morgan both made some brilliant saves in goal and were again just plain unlucky to see some balls get past them. Cameron Ranck had an outstanding game with Matthew Webster proving his ability at this level. The forward play was limited due to Walcha's dominating play in our half, however Alex Burke had some strong shots at goal with Daniel Sole putting some skillful passes through to Daniel Stanley. Thanks go to Patrick Hetherington and Jack Campbell from the Under 10's for filling in for us, and also to Hugh Morgan who scored a goal.