

TAS TALKS #1

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 1 – Wednesday 25 July 2007

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Headmaster – *Murray Guest*

As I welcome the school community to the new term, I also must pass on very sad news which sees our school with a heavy heart. Arjun Daniel (Year 11 Green House) passed away during the school break whilst with family in Paris.

As many will know, Arjun had been battling with leukaemia for some time and his cancer recently took a turn which could not be dealt with. He now rests in the Cimetière du Père Lachaise, alongside the likes of Oscar Wilde and Frederic Chopin.

Arjun and his family were in Europe visiting friends and family. The chance for Arjun to be there to help his grandparents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and to join a barbecue with his friends from school in Germany must have been very special.

Boys in Middle and Senior School came together as they arrived at school yesterday to receive this tragic news and to pray together.

A memorial service for Arjun will be held at 10:00am on Saturday 4 August in the TAS Memorial Hall to celebrate the great gift that his life has been. Arjun's friendships, activity and influence spread well beyond this school and this will be a community event.

In the meantime, I am sure that all will join in prayers of support for the Daniel family and thanks for Arjun's life.

Chaplain – *Richard Newton*

Faith Hope and Love – John 20:24-30

I think it's a shame that Madonna did not have the opportunity to attend TAS. This is not a blatant plug for a co-ed TAS, nor is it the expression of some performing arts fantasy. It is simply in response to an interview that she gave a couple of weeks ago. She was remembering the religion of her youth. She recalled growing up within the Catholic Church. She lamented that religion as she experienced it, was simply something that you believed, because that is what you do. One goes through all the religious routine because that is what you have been taught and that is what you accept. However, sadly for Madonna she claimed that it failed to deal with any of life's big questions. This made me sad, because this is not the experience of many Christians I know, I believe the Bible does deal head on with many of life's issues, but more than that, her profile of faith was severely distorted.

I couldn't help noticing the words of the first verse in our school hymn. The idea of faith is dealt with well; it is for this reason that Madonna would have benefited as TAS student.

Verse 1

Sing out in exultation;
faith is our sure foundation,
faith our rock, our refuge,
faith which conquers all.
Shadows which seem to be forming
vanish like mists of the morning,
In the dazzling light of faith in Christ our Lord.

'Faith' is central in this verse. What is this faith? Is it a case of switch off your brain, shut your eyes and step out into the unknown abyss, ala Indiana Jones. Is it as Madonna experienced a submission to the church's teachings without really understanding them?

The best way forward in defining faith is to state what it is not. It is not a feeling. The level of our faith is not the crucial factor; rather it is where our faith is directed. Faith is not trusting in faith. It is not a case of as long as I have faith that's all that matters. If my faith is misdirected it does not do me any good. Nor is faith trusting something that there is clearly insufficient grounds to do so. For instance believing the Newcastle Knights will win the NRL.

Recently with cadets we have been taking Year 9 students abseiling and rock climbing. Imagine for a moment that one student approach the edge of the cliff attached to the proper equipment and rope, most of which can carry a weight of about 2000 kgs, and yet they were terrified, but with much coxing and encouragement they managed to step over the cliff top. But another student who was confident, arrogant even, strutted up to the edge brushing aside the use of the harness and other equipment, grabbed hold of a piece of string and stridently stepped over the cliff top. Who would complete the abseil safely and who would plummet to an abrupt halt at the bottom? Is it the student with great confidence, the one with great faith in his ability? Or is the one whose faith in the whole exercise seems shaky? Clearly it is the later, the one whose faith is well directed, not whose faith is strong.

However, it should be noted that faith is not a sheer intellectual exercise either. Whereby I can know what it is to have faith in the right direction and thus have faith. It is a common observation of mine to find that people often equate belief with faith. James 2:19 tells us that even Satan believes in God. So clearly knowledge is insufficient.

It seems one of Jesus' disciples is a great example to us of faith. Thomas, of doubting Thomas fame, he is our model. In John 20:24–30 Thomas demonstrated that he is going to use all his senses, not a mindless belief.

While investigation is important this is not the crucial factor, rather it is when he had seen sufficient evidence, when he saw Jesus, he believed. But again this is not where he leaves it, he then acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God. It is a position of submission to Jesus as the one in whom he must trust and in trusting, obey. This is what it is to throw your self onto Jesus; it is a declaration of trust and lived out through action.

Faith is a sure foundation, not because of our faith, but in whom we have placed our faith.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 25 July

	Year 12 Construction, work placement
8.00am	JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
9.00am	Australian Mathematics Competition
6.00pm	Boarder's formal dinner
6.00pm	Senior Jazz Band rehearse
	Big Band rehearse

Thursday 26 July

	Year 12 Construction, work placement
5.00–6.00pm	Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 27 July

	Year 12 Construction, work placement
8.00am	Clarinet Ensemble rehearse
1.20pm	Junior Strings rehearse
3.45pm	Chapel Choir rehearse
	LBK Prime Cup Rugby (14s, 15s, 16s, Opens)

Saturday 28 July

Sunday 29 July

9.00–3.00pm	Rugby v Downlands at TAS (<i>see Sport pg 6</i>)
6.15pm	Choral Communion

Monday 30 July

1.15am–12.00	Middle School Choir rehearses
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Tuesday 31 July

9.00–10.30am	Years 3–5 Basic Skills test
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Wednesday 1 August

8.00am	JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
6.00pm	Senior Jazz Band rehearse
	Big Band rehearse

Thursday 2 August

9.00–10.30am	Years 3–5 Basic Skills test
5.00–6.00pm	Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 3 August

	Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews
8.00am	Clarinet Ensemble rehearse
1.20pm	Junior Strings rehearse
3.45pm	Chapel Choir rehearse
7.00–10.00pm	Senior Social at NEGS
	LBK Prime Cup Rugby (14s, 15s, 16s, Opens)

Saturday 4 August

10.00am	Memorial Service for Arkim Daniel in the Memorial Hall followed by morning tea
1.45pm	Rugby at Scone: TAS 1st XV v St Joseph's Sydney 17As

Sunday 5 August

7.30–9.30am	Chapel Choir to sing at St Mary's anniversary service
9.30am	Morning Payer

Monday 6 August

9.00–3.30pm	JS Science Enrichment day
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Tuesday 7 August

1.30 –5.30pm	Winter Sport photos
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Wednesday 8 August

8.30–5.30pm	Winter Sport photos
8.00am	JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
5.30–6.30pm	TEZ information evening in Junior School
6.00pm	Senior Jazz Band rehearse
	Brisbane Queen's series shooting competition in Brisbane

P&F Association

Hopefully everyone is rested and ready for the new term after a well deserved break – personally I could have done with another five or so weeks, but I don't think that's on the cards! Just a few things to start our new term with:

Our Trivia night, previously advertised as being on September 8, has been moved to September 15, as the PLC 120 year celebration/reunion is being held on September 8 and we obviously didn't want to clash.

We are still looking for people to come forward to form a "Trivia Night Committee". Please contact either Margot or myself on our P&F email if you are interested.

The P&F will be selling snacks and drinks in the McConville Centre over the three days of the NSW PSSA All Schools Rugby Carnival at TAS, being Tuesday 14 August, Wednesday 15 August and Thursday 16 August. Any assistance whatsoever would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you can help!

And last but not least a reminder that this term's P&F meeting will be held in Lower Maxwell on Wednesday 15 August at 7.00pm. Please come if you are able, as your input is greatly valued.

Looking forward to a busy and productive Term 3. The P&F Minutes are on the TAS website/School Community/Parents and Friends.

Dominique & Margot

This Week on the Web

To try to cure a lack of knowledge about the history of the School:

WW1 Honour Roll and links to profiles of the fallen

<http://www.as.edu.au/community/archives/ww1/ww1roll2.php>

WW2 Profiles (now in searchable form)

<http://www.as.edu.au/community/archives/ww2/ww2roll.php>

some tweaks to the search engine and the Site Index

and some Sporting stuff:

Swim Centre page

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/swim.php

and updated Alligators page

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/alligators/alligators.php

usual updates to Rugby and Athletics, etc

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/rugby.php

Round Square reports

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/roundsquare/current_round_square.php

GPS shooting

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/shooting.php

Term 2 wrap-up for Croft House

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/croft.php

General Notices

knowledge
if you know how to learn you have an edge

Review of the Laptop Program

Steve Knowles (PhD student from Griffith University) is currently at TAS beginning his study of the educational impact of the laptop program.

We are seeking parent participation in a series of 'focus' groups meeting early next week.

These will be held on Monday 30 July and again on Tuesday 31 July (numbers permitting).

There will be two 90 minute sessions:

- 6.00–7.30pm
- 7.30–9.00pm

Any parent wishing to participate in the 'focus' groups could they please contact Christine Haydon at Reception before this Friday: chaydon@as.edu.au/phone 6776 5800

For those seeking background information on the project: <http://users.tpg.com.au/adsly8tk>

Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to those parents who have responded to the invitation to attend interviews with teachers on Friday 3 August. Confirmation of interview times will be sent via email, fax or mail later this week. Should you have any queries regarding the interviews then please contact Meg Sadler on 6776 5805 or msadler@as.edu.au

Lost

Jock Perkins has lost his mobile phone:

Black LG Chocolate No.0407786932

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this phone could they please contact Reception.

Musical Notes – Ian Slater

At the beginning of the holidays Mr Hughes and I took thirteen Year 11/12 music students to Sydney to experience genres in music and enhance their aural skills. Ms Hoddinott joined us with some 23 students from TAS and PLC who engaged in drama activities.

We arrived on Thursday afternoon and, after a quick change and dinner, were off to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Opera House. The orchestra played music by Haydn, Debussy and Meale. The Meale was an excellent piece for the group to experience tone colour with the orchestra employing a large orchestra, two grand pianos, Celeste, organ and a barrage of percussion instruments. It also required six trumpeters to stand in one of the boxes and play from behind the audience.

On Friday morning I took Joe Lennox, Brent Trenerry, Daniel Assef and Jesse Stevenson to see Lee Kernighan playing at Martin's Place from where the Sunrise TV show was being broadcast. Whilst we were there we met and had photographs taken with Adam Brand, Lee Kernighan and Leo Sayer. The boys sang 'Good-night Sweetheart' to Natalie Barr (one of the Sunrise presenters) and sang to Morris Iemma. Later we had a tour of Opera Australia which opened the eyes of the students to the many areas of industry from lighting, carpentry, painting, costume making to acting, singing and languages. In the evening we heard the Bernie McCann/Paul Grabowsky jazz quartet who were 'sublime', playing smooth, cool jazz. Bernie McCann is regarded by many as one of the best saxophonists in the world and he certainly demonstrated his skills.

Saturday saw us at the IMAX cinema followed by the musical '25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee'. Seldom have I laughed so hard at a musical – which included our own Ethan Fry as one of the spellers. If you get a chance to see this musical I highly recommend it. In the evening we went to Angel Place to hear the Australian Chamber Orchestra. It started at 7.15pm with a very informative pre-concert talk and then we witnessed a thrilling performance. The solo violinist was Patricia Kopatchinskaj who was electric in her barefoot engaging display of virtuosity on the violin.

We finally arrived back at TAS on Sunday afternoon weary – but fulfilled. These trips are essential for elective students to witness a high class and eclectic mix of music and be able to give their opinions of performances.

And finally,

As we heard a magnificent display of violin virtuosity; two violinists make a pact that whoever dies first, he will contact the other and tell him what life in Heaven is like. Poor Max has a heart attack and dies.

He manages to make contact with Abe the next day.

Abe says, "So what is it like in Heaven?"

Max replies, "Well, it's great, but I've got good news, and I've got bad news. The good news is that there's a fantastic orchestra up here, and in fact, we're playing "Sheherezade," your favorite piece, tomorrow night!"

Abe says, "So what's the bad news?"

Max replies, "Well, you're booked to play the solo!"

Careers – Trevor Thatcher

University Admissions 2008

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) have commenced taking applications for entry into QLD and Nth NSW universities in 2008. See their website: http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses/2008_Admissions.htm or view the QTAC guide in the study centre. Applications close on 28 September.

NSW University Admissions Centre (UAC) commenced taking applications in August. UAC books are expected to arrive in early August. Applications close on 28 Sep.

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) applications open on 30 July.

Sporting News

TAS Ski and Snowboard teams

During the holidays the TAS Ski and Snowboard Teams competed in the Northern Division Interschools Races in Perisher Valley on the best and most snow for years.

In sometimes extreme weather conditions the teams performed really well with three out of three teams and one individual skier invited to the State Championships.

- In the DIV 1 BoarderX and the Snowboard GS our Snowboard Team of Andre Verbeek–Martin, Ben Miles and Edric Verbeek–Martin won both the BoarderX and Snowboard GS. The conditions in the GS were atrocious –a raging wet blizzard. I was particularly proud of our boys during the second run when 9 out of 11 teams had either all or most of their team members not turn up for the second run, because it was too cold!!! Our thanks go to Miriam Verbeek who worked as our volunteer gate keeper under very difficult conditions.

- In the DIV 1 Alpine, Alex Wardlaw skied very well to gain 2nd place as an individual and he was invited through to State Champs.

- Our DIV 1 Skiercross Team of Alex Wardlaw and Jonathon Wheeler did really well to gain 4th place–and go through to State–particularly as it was Jonathon's first race.

We look forward to some good racing and results in the State Championships in Perisher Valley on 23–26 August.

Joan MacDougall, Interschools Co-ordinator

Football Results – TAS 1st XI – July Holidays

The Armidale 1st Division competition continued through the July holidays and TAS 1st XI continued their very successful 2007 campaign. Thanks to dedicated players and their accommodating parents, TAS managed 2 wins, a narrow loss to Guyra and hopefully a deferred game in hand.

30.6.07 TAS 4 Guyra 2nds 1

TAS dominated this game as expected but still had to work hard. Scorers were Cameron Patrick (2) & Munya Hoto (2). Best players were the goal scorers with the defence excellent as usual.

Team; Warwick Allen (c), Charles Cull, Matt Coulton (vc), Chris Roe, Toby Brunckhorst, Cameron Patrick, Alex Butt, Robbie Oppenheimer, Alex Barwick, Alastair Doyle, Richard Newton, Munya Hoto, Jock Gledhill, Sam Webster.

14.7.07 TAS 0 Guyra 1

This was an outstanding defensive performance despite missing some key players. Best players were Daniel Schroder, Derek Miller, Cameron Patrick and Alastair Doyle. Well done to 16As players Jock Gledhill and Sam Webster. Also Jarrod Hore's game was faultless.

Team; Warwick Allen (c), Charles Cull, Matt Coulton (vc), Jesse Stevenson, Cameron Patrick, Charlie White, Robbie Oppenheimer, Daniel Schroder, Alastair Doyle, Richard Newton, Derek Miller, Sam Webster, Jock Gledhill, Jarrod Hore.

21.7.07 Ex Services West All Stars 1 TAS 2

TAS survived a torrid encounter against Ex Services West. TAS won the midfield contest with Cameron Patrick's class and Robbie Oppenheimer and Alex Barwick's physical game. The TAS backs and our goalie Charles Cull were again calm under pressure and very brave. Scorers were Alex Butt and Cameron Patrick. Well done.

Team; Matt Coulton (c), Charles Cull (vc), Chris Roe, Toby Brunckhorst, Jesse Stevenson, Cameron Patrick, Charlie White, Alex Butt, Robbie Oppenheimer, Alex Barwick, Daniel Schroder, Ben Haime, Alastair Doyle, Richard Newton, Derek Miller.

Martin Oppenheimer, Coach

Football Draw – Saturday 28 July

Time	Grade	For	Agn	Venue
13:00	Open/3	TAS White Ex–Services	v West Blue	TAS Oval
13:00	Open/3	Demon Knights Diebacks	v TAS Blue	Rologas 9
15:00	Open/1	TAS	v Ex–Services West	UNE TAS Oval
08:30	16/1	TAS Thunder	v Norths United	Redmen TAS Oval
08:30	16/2	Ex–Services West	v TAS Torque	Elizabeth Park 1
08:30	16/2	Demon Knights Fires	v TAS Titans	Rologas 2
10:00	14/1A	TAS Titanics	v Souths United	Snakes TAS Oval

11:15	14/2A	TAS Tenacity v Demon Knights Vikings	TAS Oval
10:15	14/3A	Ex-Services West Flutterbies vTAS Titanium	Rologas 9
10:15	14/3A	TAS Thrifts v Norths United Chillipepper	TAS Wakefield

GPS Shooting

TAS had a fantastic GPS competition and lead-up training week at Hornsby. The GPS competition was conducted at Hornsby Range from 17 – 18 July. TAS fielded two relatively young and inexperienced teams, a 1st VIII and 2nd VIII. Of the 16 boys competing for TAS, only six had competed at the GPS previously.

The competition was staged over three matches.

The Rawson Cup: a 500m stage and 600m stage (7 shots to score at each stage), the NRA Shield: 600m stage (10 shots to score), and the Buchanan Shield: 300 stage (8 shots to score) and snap practice (8 shots to score).

TAS 1st VIII placed 2nd in the Rawson Cup, 3rd in the NRA Shield and 3rd in the Buchanan Shield. Overall, TAS came 3rd in the premiership, behind Shore and Sydney Grammar. Individual aggregates for the competition are (possible 200):

Sam Coulton: 191.13
Sam Adams: 191.10
Henry Killen 188.12
Mitch Maguire 177.7
Tom McDouall 177.7
Harry Warrick 174.6
Lewis Crothers 165.8
Andrew Murray 163.4

The 2nd VIII shot well and were placed third in the Seconds' Premiership.

Three TAS boys were selected in the GPS representative side. They were Sam Coulton, Sam Adams and Henry Killen. Unfortunately, Sam Coulton fell ill and couldn't attend.

Sam Adam and Henry Killen, as part of the GPS A & B teams respectively, competed in the Josephson Shield U21 section at Hornsby Range on Sunday 22 July.

The match was competed at 300,400, 500 & 600m with 10 shots to count at each range. Henry and Sam shot superbly, only dropping 5 points each. Individual results were (possible 200 points):

Henry Killen 195.17
Sam Adams 195.13

The GPS B Team won the match.

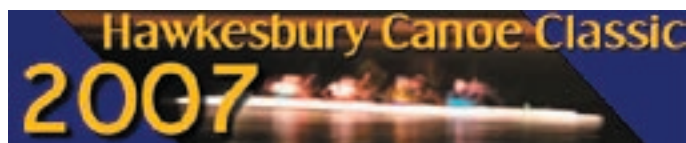
Trevor Thatcher, MIC Shooting

Polocrosse

During the last school holidays, Harry Kirk, an up-and-coming junior polocrosse player, competed in an A-Grade competition. It is a rare event for a junior player to be included at such an elite level, and as a first-time competitor at this standard, he is to be congratulated in this fine achievement. To cap it off, Harry's team (Guyra) came Runner-up to Bunnan/Scone. Well done Harry.

Junior Rodeo

On 9 and 10 June three TAS boys competed at a Junior Rodeo held at Kempsey-Ben Armstrong, Jock Armstrong and Campbell Duff. The boys were very successful: Ben Armstrong came 2nd in his camp draft and received two 2nds in his sporting. Jock received 6th and 7th in his camp draft, 4th in his bend and 5th in his flag. Campbell came 10th in his camp draft, won his cut out, 3rd in his flag and 5th in his barrel. It was a stiff competition with a number of talented riders competing. Congratulations to the boys for their efforts.



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 single and double kayaks and we can cater for 50 paddlers. Students from Years 9 to 11 can paddle with a friend or their parent and we also cater for adult pairings (although students have the first option on boats). 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.

Trainings occur every Sunday morning at Dumaresq Dam with a bus available from TAS. They start on the second Sunday back, August 5.

If you think that you would like to be involved ask for the fact sheet in Week 1 of Term 3. Boys can pick it up from Reception or Peter Hall after Assembly or we can email or fax it to parents and friends

This is an experience not to be missed and part of the rich heritage of TAS.

Peter Hall

Rugby Opens

Opens rugby in 2007 is flourishing with good numbers and exceptional talent and depth. The season to date has produced positive results.

The season highlights have been victories over Farrer 1st XV, Sydney High School 1st XV and Shore 3rd XV as well as a number of significant wins over Tamworth schools in the LBK Prime Cup. The team has shown discipline and dedication at training under coach Mr Jamie Moore, striving to advance the quality and level of rugby played. This work has been showcased through the on field discipline and the reduction of simple handling errors, which sees the standard of play improve further each week for a much more entertaining spectacle.

The long weekend saw the majority of both the 1st XV and the 2nd XV travel to Tamworth to represent New England at the NSW Country Schools Championships. Although going down in the final to a stronger Hunter outfit the weekend was a success as far as TAS rugby was concerned. Congratulations must go to all boys who gained selection in the Country Schools 1st XV, Country Schools 16s and those in the Country Schools Development tour to South Africa next year.

Term 3 will see three of the season's most important games of the 2007 season. Downlands Toowoomba, St Joseph's College and the Prime Cup Final are all in the first three weeks of term, which will hopefully cap off what has been a successful season thus far.

Cameron Amos

LBK-Prime Cup in Tamworth

Date: Friday 27 July 2007

Teams: 2nd XV, 3rd XV, 16s, 15As, 15Bs, 14s (note Carinya has forfeited to TAS 1st XV)

Timings:

Bus 1: Edwards coach, 15As, 15Bs & 14s: departs TAS 4:00pm, returns to TAS 10:50pm

Bus 2: Edwards coach, 1st XV, 2nd XV, 16s: departs TAS 4:00pm. Returns to TAS 10:50pm

Cost approx: \$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), Pirates Oval (P), Viaduct Park 1 (V1). Viaduct Park 2 (V2). Note that Pirates oval is near Wests League Club

Dinner: will be at McDonalds (North) after all games

Game times

TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue
14s	6:00pm	St Marys	V2
15Bs	6:00pm	Farrer 2	V1
15As	7:05pm	Farrer 1	T
16s	6:10pm	William Cowper P	
3rd XV	7:10pm	William Cowper P	
2nd XV	6:10pm	Oxley	W1

Dress: As per 'Rugby Dress Code'

What to take: Include the following:

rugby gear: TAS jersey, shorts, socks, boots, mouth guard, (shoulder pads, head gear)

TAS tracksuit & joggers

personal water bottle

towel and soap (Opens players)

Tritech Security Primary Rugby Competition

Date: Wednesday 25 July

Teams: Yr 5/6: TAS 1 & TAS 2 (10-a-side)

Game times: (Note That TAS 1 and TAS 2 will play at the same time and venue each week)

TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue*
TAS 2	4:15pm	Sandon	CD2
TAS 1	4:55pm	ACPS 1	CD2

* 'Consett Davis No 2 Oval' at UNE

Transport: TAS minibus departs Brown St at 3:45pm, returns to TAS at 6:00pm

Dowlands Visit to TAS 2007

(Saturday 28 July and Sunday 29 July)

Saturday 28 July

5:00pm Downlands arrives

Accommodation: Green Room and gymnasium

Sunday 29 July

Time	TAS team	Venue
9:00am	16As	Backfield
9:00am	15Bs	Wakefield South
9:00am	13Bs	Wakefield North
10:00am	3rd XV	Backfield
10:00am	15As	Wakefield South
10:00am	13As	Wakefield North
11:00am	2nd XV	Backfield
11:00am	16Bs	Wakefield South
11:00am	14As	Wakefield North
12:15pm	1st XV	Backfield

Lunch 11:45pm to 2:15pm (TAS Dining Room)

All TAS 1st XV and 2nd XV to attend lunch with Downlands 1st XV and 2nd XV following the 1st XV game (brief speeches by 1st XV Captains)

Soup Stall: TAS P&F will be running a soup stall at the McConville Centre selling pies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee, slices, drinks and sweets from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Dress: For TAS on Sunday 29 July: No 1 school uniform for non-players. Players may wear TAS tracksuits prior to their game and get changed into No. 1 school uniform after their game.

Athletics

NCSA carnival is at Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 21 August Primary and Secondary teams have been selected. You can view the proposed teams and information about the trip on the TAS website ('under' Current Happenings, Sport).

If a student is in one event only and does not wish to participate, he/she should see Mr Hodgson or Mrs Brunsdon as soon as possible.

GPS Athletics Championships –Saturday 15 September at The Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

You can view the proposed teams and information about the trip on the TAS website ('under' Current Happenings, Sport). If a student is in one event only and does not wish to participate he should see Mr Hodgson as soon as possible.

Middle School

From the Head of Middle School

Welcome back to the beginning of the new term. We trust you've had a wonderful family holiday and the boys have returned full of renewed energy. This term will be very busy and challenging with a number of events including our annual Creative Expression evening to be held during Week 7. This will also be a very busy term academically and we encourage parents to contact their son's home room teacher if any concerns arise. The winter sports will finish at the end of this term and we remind parents to ensure the boys are at their scheduled training sessions and notify their coaches if they are unable to attend week-end matches. We look forward to another rewarding term.

Middle School Social

NEGS will be hosting a Year 6 to 8 social on Friday 10 August from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please be reminded that it is a School expectation that the boys will travel to NEGS and return to TAS by bus.

Creative Expression Evening

On Thursday 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 a large turn-out so please mark your calendar for this event.

Parent Information Night for Year 8

In order to lessen the amount of travel imposed on our parents it has been decided to schedule the Year 8 Parent Information Session prior to the Creative Expression Evening.

The session will commence at 5:00pm and conclude by 6:00pm. We encourage all of our current Year 8 parents and sons to attend this event as it will assist your sons in making an informed decision regarding 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. We look forward to a large turn out from our Year 8 parents at the information session and from all of our Middle School parents and their guests for our Creative Expression Evening.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 25 July

No assembly today

Australian Maths Competition Years 3, 4 & 5

Transition Red – first day of Term 3

Thursday 26 July

Dance Club recommences with Miss Colette

Monday 30 July

Mrs Forsythe returns to school

Art Club commences

Tuesday 31 July

Basic Skills Test for Years 3 & 5

Chess Club recommences

Student Banking recommences

Wednesday 1 August

Year 4 Assembly

Thursday 2 August

Basic Skills Test for Years 3 & 5

Dance Club recommences

The Term Ahead

We 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 take longer trips away. We look forward to hearing about some of your holiday travels and the highlights for the children.

Attached to this newsletter and on the website is a calendar of events in the Junior School for this term. Any alterations to this will be notified to you through this newsletter.

Science Week occurs in Week 3 and then in Week 5, 42 students and staff from Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Osaka, Japan arrive for a week at TAS. Much planning for our Creative Arts concert comes to fruition in the last week of term with one public performance on Wednesday 26 September when all the Junior School children will perform. The Creative Arts 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 Bonny Hills, Year 3/4 go to Lake Ainsworth and Year 5 go to Coffs Harbour.

We hope that everyone involved with the Junior School has a most enjoyable and productive term.

Welcome back to Staff

This week we welcome Mrs Tania Ball back to School to resume teaching our Transition Blue class. Mrs Ball has been on maternity leave for 12 months. We also welcome back Ms Bromwich who was away for the majority of Term 2. It is wonderful to have them back.

Welcome

We warmly welcome Liam Cooper and his parents Ross and Lyn to the Junior School community. We are delighted he has joined Year 4 and wish him a very happy time with us.

Happy Birthday Wishes

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

Noah McCann

Charlotte Slack-Smith

Aiden Rogersellis



Bronze and Silver Awards

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

Hugo Henzell, Nicholas Jackson, Thomas Faint and Ethan Jones in Kinder; Harry Graham, Toby Niemeyer, Nathan Van Duijnhoven and Sam Wright in Year 1; Alexander Chambers and Jack Evans in Year 3 and Jake Beattie in Year 4.

We congratulate Marc Lindberg in Year 4 who is the first child to receive a Silver award this year.

Basic Skills Testing

Children in Years 3 and 5 will sit the Basic Skills Test on Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 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.

Arrow Foundation Fundraising Day

Well done to all our Junior School children who participated in a mufti day during the last week of Term 2 for the Arrow Foundation. This fundraiser was organised by the Senior Prefects and the Junior School raised \$195.75 towards this very worthwhile foundation.

Book Club

Book club will be distributed this week. Please note that all orders are due back at school by Wednesday 1 August. Please place orders in the red letter box on the floor inside the Junior School office. Please ensure your name is on every order you place and the correct payment is enclosed.

MS Readathon

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MS Readathon which concluded on 30 June. Now sponsorship money and lists of books read need to be collected and posted to MS Readathon by 30 August. Thirteen children from TAS registered and participated in the Readathon, which is a great effort. Please honour your commitment to the MS Society, and send in your money to help those less fortunate than yourselves. Thanks everyone.

Premiers Reading Challenge

We hope you all had an opportunity to do some reading while you were on holidays. Please bring completed reading logs into the Junior School Office when complete. Mrs Ranck is happy to check your progress, so just drop your book into her on Wednesdays. Out of the 14 children registered, we have had 8 children complete the challenge. Well done everyone and keep up the great work.

Dance Club

Dance Club starts again week. Dance Club is held on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.10pm to 1.55pm in the Green Room with Ms Colette Brazier. Dance Club is open to all children from Kinder to Year 5. If you wish to join Dance Club please come and get a letter from Mrs Ranck for your parents to sign which also outlines the cost.

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 cost to replace.

Science Week 2007 Antarctic Science

Children in all classes from Transition to Year 5 are encouraged to participate in the annual Junior School's science project competition. As a lead up to our Science Enrichment Day in Week 3, children are invited to submit a model, project or experiment related to 'Antarctic Science'.

There will be a prize for the best entry in each class, and certificates for the runner up.

Parent involvement is encouraged but the entry is to obviously be the work of the child.

A book of activities based on this year's theme is available from Mrs Forsythe should children be looking for ideas.

As in past years, Mr Wally Richards, Head of TAS Science Department, will be judging the projects and presenting the prizes.

Entries are to be centered around the following topics:

- Transition - An animal and its adaptations to Antarctica
- Kinder - Ice in Antarctica
- Year 1 - Food chains in Antarctica
- Year 2 - Human adaptations to Antarctica - clothing, housing
- Year 3 - Design a house for Antarctica/the Antarctic landscape
- Year 4 - Weather on Antarctica
- Year 5 - Environmental issues in Antarctica

The projects are due on Tuesday 7 August, 2007 (Week 3 of Term 3) by 9am

Entries need to be placed on the tables in the Junior School Homework Centre room.

Please make sure your name is on your entry in an obvious place.

TAS Junior School Social

On Friday 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 5.30pm to 7pm and children in Years 3 to 5 will attend from 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost will be \$5 per child.

Junior 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 14 August. Teams 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. Please notify Mr Pennington as a matter of urgency, if you are unable or unwilling to compete in the team. Practice will be on prior to the carnival as mentioned on the note sent home this week. On practice days please bring your swimmers, towel and goggles.

Mrs Brunsdon, Junior School Sport Co-ordinator

U12 Soccer

A reminder that TAS Tomahawks and TAS Taurus will be playing their match on Thursday afternoon on Wakefield North this week. Also TAS Tridents and TAS Trucks will be playing their match on Thursday afternoon on Dangarfield this week. Please be prompt getting changed as the matches will start at 3:50pm.

U10 Soccer

A reminder that TAS Totems and TAS Tornadoes will be playing this Saturday as per your draw and also a match on Tuesday 31 July as well. Please be prompt getting changed as the match will start at 3:50pm on Dangarfield.

Change to Soccer Draw for U10 & U12

U12s Thursday 26 July

12A Tomahawks vs 12 B Taurus on Wakefield North

12C Tridents vs 12C Trucks on Dangarfield

U10s Tuesday 31 July

10 Totems vs 10 Tornadoes on Dangarfield

(10 Typhoons to train on Belfield)

10 Typhoons will forfeit their game against North Bilbies on 21 July.