

# TAS TALKS #10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 10 – Wednesday 26 September 2007

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## Headmaster – Murray Guest

### Old Boys' Weekend

Celebrations by our 5, 10, 20, 30, 36, 40 and 50 year leavers spread across Armidale and right through the weekend. I was very pleased to see our Old Boys return to the School in such numbers, both to catch up with old friends and to interact with current students and the School as it is today. I believe that this link to the legacy of past generations of TAS boys is important to our boys and for the School as a whole. It highlighted to me, once again, the depth in the traditions and values we hold as a school. Fundamentally good values and traditions do not change easily and that is a good thing.

### Dedication of Adamsfield

Following the Old Boys' Chapel Service on Sunday morning a good gathering of Old Boys formally dedicated what was Frontfield as Adamsfield in the name of Bill Adams (Old Boy 1924 – 1927). Mr Adams provided the funds which have allowed us to renovate the surface of the field, put up a new fence around it, and also will allow us to construct a new school sign.

Benefaction of this kind allows the School to move ahead with projects which quite probably would not be possible otherwise. We are all the beneficiaries of it and I thank Mr Adams on behalf of the whole school.

### Passing Out Parade

I was very proud of our Corps as they put on a fine show to celebrate the passing out of our senior cadets. This is the only major ceremonial occasion for our cadet unit and I know that our twenty-three senior cadets appreciated the backing of the Unit and the quality of the parade.

It was a special privilege for us to have Keith Payne, the last man to receive the Victoria Cross, as our special guest and I thank him for his support. The story of courage in battle that led to this decoration is really quite extraordinary and an inspirational one to any Australian.

### Year 12 Leavers

This week we say farewell to our Year 12. The valedictory service on Friday will provide the opportunity for the School to farewell them and their families in an official sense and the formal will allow these boys to celebrate their graduation from school as adults. For many of them this will be an emotional time as they know that although there is the matter of the HSC exams looming, the end of this week represents their departure from school-boy life and all that goes with it.

Our Year 12 have enjoyed more than their fair share of success, particularly in their senior year and they will emerge from school with a good deal of pride. I wish them well.

### End of the Winter Season

Along with the Cadet and House farewells and preparations for Valedictory Day, the past week has also seen the end of the Winter sporting season and celebrations of the achievements of our senior teams. Individually, these have been occasions to recognise the efforts of individual boys and teams and I have been fortunate to join a number of them. As I look at them collectively though, I see that the past season has been a particularly successful one for TAS sport and, more importantly, that our senior boys remain active, involved and competitive at a high level. Football, rugby, shooting, hockey and basketball all carried leadership and strong representation from our senior boys and this must be a healthy thing.

### Spicks and Specks – Baroque Style

Last Friday the TAS and PLC Year 10 music students came together in a high-brow battle to crown the kings or queens of baroque music knowledge. In the style of the ABC's Spicks and Specks music show, the boys and girls sang the school rules in baroque melody, uncovered composers names from anagrams, named musical scores from rapid fire audio clips and faced each other to beat the buzzer with baroque trivia. The afternoon was great fun all round and, in a very tight finish, PLC left the TAS music building with the trophy and our congratulations. We will see them again...



The 2006 Armidalian will be distributed to the youngest child in each family today. The cost of \$35.00 will be charged to your school account.

Additional copies are available for purchase from Reception.

# Weekly Calendar

## Wednesday 26 September

- Year 11 Primary Industries and IT work placement
- 8.00am JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
- 6.00pm Senior Jazz Band rehearse  
Big Band rehearse
- 5.00–8.00pm **Junior School Art Show and Concert**

## Thursday 27 September

- Year 11 Primary Industries and IT work placement
- 6.00pm JS Kindergarten 2008 Info Evening Big School

## Friday 28 September

- Valedictory Day**
- 10.00am **Morning tea on Chapel Lawn for Year 12 and parents**
- 11.15am **Valedictory Service in Memorial Hall**
- 12.30pm **Valedictory Lunch in Dining Hall**
- Fiji Pilgrimage departs

### End of Term

### Holiday Activities

- 28 Sept–8 Oct Fiji Pilgrimage
- 29 Sept–9 Oct Vietnam Cultural Study Tour
- 29 Sept–9 Oct Kokoda Track Expedition
- 6–25 Oct International Round Square Conference and Pre Conference Trip to India

## Chaplain – *Richard Newton*

### Knowing God #6 1 Corinthians 13

Boys to men! No, not another 'boy band', but our Year 12's. There is a handful of young men who have been here since the Junior School and many of you will have watched them grow and develop into the individuals we see before us. But as the following literary masterpiece unfolds you may well ask what has changed?

When they were graduating from the Junior School their teacher wrote these words:

There's Fraser, with his curly hair,  
Who questions all existence.  
But his theory that I wasn't there  
Met with some resistance.

Charles enjoys a game of chess.  
His movements are well-taught  
And in the game of handball,  
He wipes me off the court.

David likes to push his luck  
By rocking on his chair.  
But when he's told to stand, not sit,  
He thinks it isn't fair.

I walk past young Chris Myers' desk  
And inhale this wafting pong.  
His claim to fame?

The deadly, but impressive, "Monster Gong"!

Benn likes telling jokes a lot.

The only trouble is,  
The only laughs within the room  
Are often only his!

Harry is our "turbo tongue"  
(He has a "Squishy Belly")

I only wish his volume  
Could be turned down like the telly.

Boys to men?

There is a line in the school lesson; "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I still act like a child." Well that's how it would read if I wrote it, likewise it seems not a lot has changed for many Year 12s. But the line actually concludes with; "I put childish ways behind me."

The School lesson appears to be describing the coming age. But does it accurately describe the typical school leaver? Maybe, maybe not, but that is not the purpose of the line, rather it is there to serve as an illustration. It is the first of two illustrations of the one idea. The second is; "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face."

Paul spells out the point for us, when he goes on to say; "Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known." While God has revealed himself in His Son, and this, a perfectly sufficient revelation of Himself, our ability to know God is limited this side of heaven. However, there will come a time when we will know fully our heavenly Father, just as he knows you and I fully already. It is a relief to know that one day full maturity will be ours, when full knowledge of God is attained.

## Counsellor's Corner

Last week I shared some thoughts about the relative merits of a 'gap' year following completion of the HSC. On Tuesday 18 in the SMH there was an article describing the results of some research that provides the first systematic study of the benefits of a 'gap' year for later tertiary performance.

The study by two academics at the University of WA, suggests that a 'gap' year translates into better results in the first year at University, compared with students who go straight on to tertiary study from school. The result was strongest for males who were underachievers and who then took a 'gap' year. There is a suggestion that motivation for study increases if students engage in a purposeful 'gap' year. This study is published in the latest Economic Record. Of course, trend research such as this does not necessarily mean that the results will hold true in the individual case and personal aspects may be important. However, it is worthy of note that the research study did take into account several factors that influence academic performance such as: students' university entrance scores, age, ethnicity, and socio-economic background.

When these factors were held constant the differences were as described. By looking at [smh.com.au](http://smh.com.au) you can see how readers have responded to the question 'Is a gap year worthwhile'? Well, there it is – an interesting question and I would be happy to hear from ex-TAS people who have a story to tell about this. Email me on [rhadfiel@as.edu.au](mailto:rhadfiel@as.edu.au) or phone 67 765 852.

Best wishes, Rob

## P&F Association

Just a few fete reminders for the holidays – plants needed for the plant stall, white elephants needed for the elephant stall, empty jars for the Tombola Stall and if anyone feels inspired to bake cakes for the fete, cake boxes can be picked up in the Junior School Office.

Once again, many thanks for all your fabulous support this term and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday – enjoy!!!!

Dotty and Margot

### WANTED FOR THE FETE

#### Empty Plant Pots

Please leave these at Reception asap in time for them to be potted up. If you are a gardener yourself, please remember that now is the perfect time to sow seeds, plant seedlings and take cuttings for the plant stall.

#### Empty Jars for the Tombola Stall

#### Goods for the White Elephant Stall

Now is the perfect time to sort out your cupboard.

Also wanted quality toys eg lego.



**Saturday 3  
November  
from 10.00am**

Below is the list of stalls and their convenors”

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Transition:     | Lucky dip, badge making                 |
| Liaison:        | Alison Evans, Belle Close               |
| Kindy Liaison;  | Candy bracelets, bag decorating         |
|                 | Tania Slack-Smith, Rose Meehan,         |
| Year 1 Liaison: | Tattoos, hair & nails, magnetic fishing |
|                 | Mandy Fenwicke, Pia McBean              |
| Year 2 Liaison: | Jumping castle, noodle jousting         |
|                 | Sandra Kaynes, Chrissie MacKenzie       |
| Year 3 Liaison: | Lob a choc                              |
|                 | Vivienne Tearle, Jackie Murphy          |

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| Year 4 Liaison:                         | Mobile phone toss, tombola jars<br>Scott Waterson, Karen Pears  |
| Year 5 Liaison:                         | Cakes and sweets<br>Heather McPhie, Robyn Haydon,<br>Tracey Kennedy   |
| Middle School Liaison:                  | White Elephant stall, secondhand<br>legos/electronics, money tree<br>Linda McCarroll, Prue Morgan,<br>Sandra Grant, Sally Castle,                                     |
| Year 9 Liaison:                         | Pancakes and fruit salad<br>Sylvia Marks, Lynne Walker  |
| Year 10 Liaison:                        | Gourmet pizzas<br>Gaye Piper, Lucy Adams  |
| Year 11 Liaison:                        | Hot dogs, drinks, chips, slush puppies<br>Kelly Lamearoux, Linda Pearson  |
| Day Houses Convenor:                    | Haunted house in Drama Room,<br>Wine drive<br>Alan Jones  |
| Abbott Convenor:                        | Pillow fights on balance beam<br>Wally Richards   |
| White/Dangar Convenor:                  | Gate raffles<br>Ian Lloyd   |
| Croft Convenor:                         | Putt putt golf<br>Jason Lincoln   |
| Tyrrell Convenor:                       | Bash the bomb<br>Jamie Moore  |
| Emporium Convenor:                      | Commission stalls in Memorial Hall:<br>Mindy McDouall   |
| Chocolate Wheel Convenor:               | Angus McDouall,   |
| Clothing Pool:                          | Rosemary Marshall selling crested<br>ware, TAS merchandise, TAS Puds  |
| Plants:                                 | Dotty Laurie, empty pots needed urgently.   |
| TAS Puds:                               | Linda Pearson – to be sold at Clothing<br>Pool Stall and Cake Stall<br>Require donation of bottles of brandy.<br>If any one can help they can be left at<br>Reception |
| Recycled children's clothing Convenors: | Kath Harris and Jen Cook  |
| Plaster Casting:                        | Prue Morgan   |
| OBU BBQ                                 |   |
| Country Café:                           | Alison Cameron  |
| Country Preserves Convenor:             | Kim Coulton   |
| Egg and Bacon rolls Convenor:           | Jonathan Roberts  |



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### **Country Produce stall**

Could everyone please keep in mind our bottled jams, chutneys, pickles, fruit and produce stall (eg eggs, herbs, vegies etc).

A great way to fill in time over the holidays, bottle a batch of jam or maybe ginger beer or Granny may have a favourite chutney recipe, please see what you can whip up for us.

All contents should be labelled. PRIZES for the most creative batch donated to the stall by an adult and child.

Queries please contact Kim Coulton 07 46762198

## **General Notices**

### **Boarder Buses at the end of Term 3**

Valedictory Day is this Friday and as is our long held tradition there will be a lining of the front drive by current students through which Year 12 will process from the Chapel to the Memorial Hall. We regard this as a very important day in the School's calendar and as such we hope to minimise early leave and seek parents understanding on this occasion.

The timing of the Country Link buses poses special problems and as a mark of our commitment to the day, TAS will be providing a coach to Sydney and another to Tamworth/Gunnedah/Narrabri/Moree leaving after the ceremony at 11.30am. Boys who live beyond these destinations may travel on the Country Link buses as usual. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL DAY BOYS WILL BE AT SCHOOL THAT DAY AS NORMAL.

Grant Harris, Deputy Headmaster

### **PLC Phone Number Change**

PLC has changed it's phone number to 6770 1700  
The "old" number 6772 2418 will still work.  
The fax number hasn't changed.

## **This Week on the Web**

Positions currently advertised at TAS: <http://www.as.edu.au/employment.php>

Recent music images including the Cadet Band: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/music/current\\_music.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/music/current_music.php)

Junior School Term 3 Sport allocations: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/junior\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/junior_sport.php)

Cadet Leadership Course Information: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/outdoor/current\\_outdoor.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/outdoor/current_outdoor.php)



Congratulations to James Walker, Year 10, for being awarded his Gold certificate in Athletics at assembly. This achievement represents 20 weeks of consistent effort, and he is to be heartily congratulated!

Michaela Inglis, Coordinator of Mathematics

### **Subject Choices**

Final Subject Lines for Year 9 – 2008 and Year 11 – 2008 will be published this week.

Then final subject choice forms will be distributed to Year 8 and 10 initially via home room and tutor groups. The forms will also be available on the TAS website for download: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/forms.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/forms.php)

Please return the forms (signed by parents/guardians) to school on the first day of Term 4.

### **Year 11 Graham Hyman Leadership Seminars – 17/18 October 2007**

Graham Hyman, nationally renown motivational speaker again visits TAS to deliver an inspiring talk to our Year 11 students. He is an experienced and gifted communicator who has worked with teenagers for over 30 years.

Year 11 will attend a compulsory full day on Wednesday 17 October and those aspiring school leaders who wish to attend the morning session from 8.30 – 11.30 on Thursday 18 October may elect to do so.

**These seminars will be held in the Green Room.**  
**Wednesday 17 October (only) \$25 per student**  
**Pds 1–3 Thursday 18 October \$10 per student**  
**Both Sessions \$35 per student**  
**Costs will be charged to account.**

Graham Hyman's presentations are funny and relevant. He is exceptionally helpful and challenging.

#### **You will learn**

- \* How to live with your parents without losing your mind.
- \* How to soar like an eagle when you feel like a goose.
- \* The power of making things happen rather than letting things happen.
- \* How to make the best out of who you are.

Grant Harris, Deputy Headmaster

## 2007 Kokoda Expedition

The group departs this Friday for Brisbane, with the expedition commencing in PNG on Saturday.

The following TAS boys are participating:

Doug Glasson, Tim Wellham, Mitch Maguire, Jonathon Wheeler, Sunny Greig-McKinnon, Oliver Smith

Also, the following other students are attending:

Kim Spooner (PLC), Nakita Wheeler (PLC)

Zoe Armitage (PLC), Joshua Osborne (O'Connor)

Felix McKenzie (Duval)

Other staff participating are:

Keith Brown (TAS), Maureen Brown (PLC)

Claire Davies (PLC), Dave Davies (O'Connor)

Chris Smidt (NEGS)

Many parents and friends are also attending. In total, 30 people are participating in the Kokoda Expedition this year.

We wish them well.

Thanks, Trevor Thatcher, Kokoda Expedition Coordinator

## Fiji Pilgrimage Fundraiser

Last Saturday during Old boys weekend another fundraiser for the Pilgrimage to Fiji took place. A spring raffle for the keen gardeners was the basis of the fundraiser. The prizes were kindly donated by Purkiss Rural and we thank them very much.

The winners were as follows:

1st Prize: Phillip Pain. 40kg of Lawn Fertiliser

2nd Prize: Jim Graham. 25kg of Multigro Fertiliser.

3rd Prize: Ngaire Bates. 5kg of Rose Fertiliser.

1st Consolation Prize: Tiera Hardey - packet Herb Seeds

2nd Consolation Prize: Robyn Crossle - packet Flower Seeds

3rd Consolation Prize: Tania Ball - packet Vegetable Seeds

Well done to all the winners and thank you very much for everyone's support on Old Boys Weekend. It is greatly appreciated. \$360 was raised for the Orphanage to build a covered walkway there. Money well spent!!!

Angus Trenerry

## Round Square



### Round Square Conferences 2008

Planning for 2008 can never start too early, particularly in our busy school. Below are details for the conferences:

Junior Round Square Conference - open to Year 8

Hosted by Methodist Ladies College, Burwood, from 8-13 April 2008, centred around the Blue Mountains area. It will conclude with a few days touring around Sydney.

Australasian Conference - open to Years 10/11

Hosted by Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, WA from 29 September to 3 October, 2008 with a post-conference yet trip to be organised.

International Round Square Conference - open to Year 11

Hosted by Collingwood School in Vancouver and Glenlyon Norfolk School on Vancouver Island from 3-9 October with an additional tour prior to the conference. These dates may seem a long way off but we must have the delegation settled early in 2008.

If you are interested in being included in any of these delegations, please pick up an application form from Mrs Barnier or Mr Harris as soon as possible.

## Student Services - Vicki O'Brien

### End of Term Travel Arrangements

Friday 28 September are as follows:

Students travelling on the TAS provided buses to Sydney and Moree will depart TAS at 11.45am.

Arrival times are as follows:

#### Sydney Bus

Willow Tree (Post Office) - 2.15pm

Scone (National Bank) - 2.55pm

Singleton (McDonalds) - 4.00pm

Branxton - 4.50pm

Maitland (Railway Station) - 5.15pm

Kurri Kurri (Bowling Club) - 5.45pm

Gosford (Railway Station) - 6.45pm

Waitara (McDonalds) - 7.45pm

Chatswood (Railway Station) - 8.15pm

The driver - Gavin Latham can be contacted on 0402 436 985

#### Moree Bus

Tamworth (McDonalds) - 1.15pm

Gunnedah (McDonalds) - 2.15pm

Boggabri - 3.00pm

Narrabri (McDonalds) - 3.30pm

Moree (McDonalds) - 4.45pm

The driver - Gary Jackson can be contacted pm - 0439 009 057

All other buses to the coast, Dubbo, Bourke and Lightning Ridge depart TAS between 7.15am and 8.30am. Please phone Mrs O'Brien for arrival times.

All students booked to return to school on Monday 15 October will return on the usual Countrylink buses. If you need to cancel a return journey please phone the school during the holidays to let Mrs O'Brien know.

## Musical Notes - Ian Slater

On Thursday Year 9/10 music students from TAS and PLC took part in a 'Spicks & Specks' style quiz as part of their assessment. Students had studied Baroque music and had set works. Mrs Corinne Arter, Director of the New England Conservatorium of Music who was filling in at PLC, initially thought up the idea. Mr Hughes had prepared the boys. One of the girls had to sing chosen Baroque melodies to the words from the school uniform policy, whilst Ryan Slater had to sing to the History of PLC. Congratulations to Mr Pavel and the ladies from PLC for winning (this time!!!), and thanks to Mr Guest for presenting the trophy.

On Sunday the Chapel choir sang as part of the Old Boys Weekend communion service. We have two new members - welcome to Harry and Jessica Wright who are both singing as part of the trebles. After chapel the Cadet Band played as part of the Passing Out Parade. Special mention needs to go to Joe Radford who played the bugle parts and was commended publically by Mr Harris.

# Sporting News

## Athletics

### GPS Athletics Results

Check the following TAS website for all the results:  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/athletics.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/athletics.php)

### CIS Secondary Athletics Results

Check the following CIS website for all the results:  
<http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/CIS/Default.aspx?tabid=616>

### CIS Primary Athletics Results

Check the following CIS website for all the results:  
<http://www.aisnsw.edu.au/CIS/Default.aspx?tabid=510>

## Tritech Security Secondary Rugby Results

Date: Wednesday 19 September – Main Finals

| TAS team | Opponents | Result          |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 14s      | AHS       | TAS won 32 – 29 |
| 13s      | DHS       | TAS won 17 – 12 |

## Cricket

### Representative Honours for Under 14's

The U14 Armidale District rep team this season includes the following TAS players: Dugie Hill, Luke Webster, Arthur Lloyd, Josh Taylor, Matthew Wykniel, Mitchell Wratten and Tom Lomax–Sewell.

The strength of TAS cricket is well highlighted within this age group where the School has provided seven players for the 12 man squad.

Their first rep game of the season is played against Coffs Harbour in Coffs on Sunday, 14 October.

The Armidale rep team will have a busy schedule this season when they compete against other towns from within the Northern Tablelands, as well competing in the Tamworth U14 carnival, scheduled for the second week of January 2008. This carnival will see each team play five-games over five days.

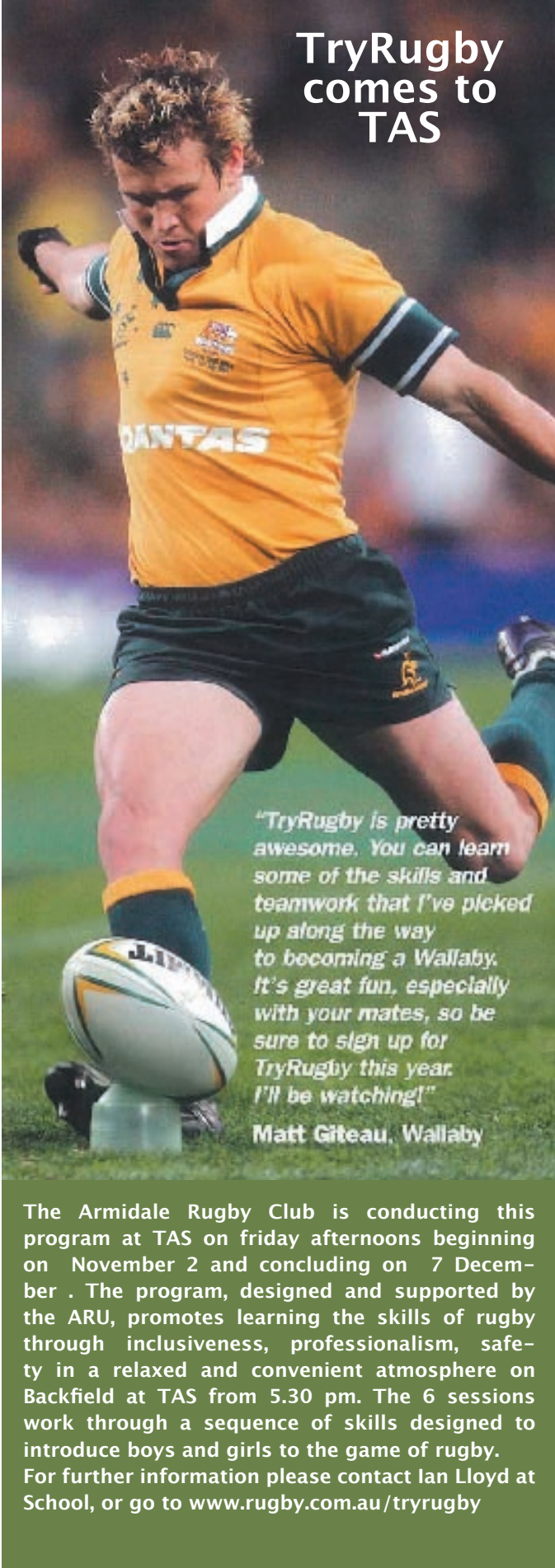
As well as representing the Armidale District, Dugie, Luke, Arthur and Josh have been well recognised for their talent and commitment by being selected to represent Northern Tablelands in the upcoming invitational round-robin, due to be held in Tamworth over the October long weekend. The players will play against the strong North–West, Hunter and Mid–North Coast representative teams. Dugie has been named captain and Luke vice-captain of the team.

The Armidale District Junior Cricket Association (AD–JCA) competition will begin at the end of Week 2 next term (October 27). A draw and a list of teams will be released at the start of Term 4. Training will commence in the first week of term – this information will be listed on the cricket web page.

The Armidale District Cricket Association competition (ADCA) the First and Second XI play in will commence on the final weekend of the school holidays – October 13.

The First XI will undertake a two match tour to play Sydney schools – Scot's and St Joseph's at the end of the holidays.

Any enquiries should be direct to Andrew Junge:  
[ajunge@as.edu.au](mailto:ajunge@as.edu.au) or check the TAS cricket web page.



## TryRugby comes to TAS

*"TryRugby is pretty awesome. You can learn some of the skills and teamwork that I've picked up along the way to becoming a Wallaby. It's great fun, especially with your mates, so be sure to sign up for TryRugby this year. I'll be watching!"*

**Matt Giteau, Wallaby**

The Armidale Rugby Club is conducting this program at TAS on Friday afternoons beginning on November 2 and concluding on 7 December. The program, designed and supported by the ARU, promotes learning the skills of rugby through inclusiveness, professionalism, safety in a relaxed and convenient atmosphere on Backfield at TAS from 5.30 pm. The 6 sessions work through a sequence of skills designed to introduce boys and girls to the game of rugby. For further information please contact Ian Lloyd at School, or go to [www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby](http://www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby)

## Middle School

### From the Head of Middle School

With the conclusion of a highly active and rewarding term we commend our students for being such fine representatives of our School. In particular, we congratulate them for their fine performances in this year's Creative Expression Evening. We wish you all a happy family time together and look forward to your sons returning with renewed energy ready to begin the final term of this year.

### Passing Out Parade

We wish to extend our thanks to Mr Harris and his staff for the time and effort they have given in preparing the Year 8 boys for this year's Passing Out Parade. Mr Harris is to be highly commended for his commitment and dedication in providing an outstanding cadet programme at TAS.

### TAS Prepares for Mosman Prep Visit

We are continuing preparations for the annual Year 6 visit of Mosman Church of England Preparatory School. Mosman Prep students will be arriving on the Monday of Week 7, Term 4 and we would appreciate your support in reciprocating billeting the child your son stayed with whilst on the TAS Sydney trip. Due to some families being unable to take a billet at that particular time we are asking our parents if you are able to accommodate more than one Mosman student to please let either Mr Mike Hill or Mrs Robyn McCarthy know. Your support of this annual exchange visit is greatly appreciated.

### Leaving School Grounds

This is a reminder to all boys about the correct procedure to follow when they leave the school grounds during school hours (8.45am to 3.30pm). If any student has an appointment or is leaving the school grounds for any reason during school time they must sign out at the Book Room and sign back in upon their return. This procedure ensures that the school knows where the students are at all times. It is preferable that appointments are made outside school hours or during the lunch hour, however we do understand that this is not always feasible.

### Congratulations

At last week's Town Meeting the following boys were acknowledged for their PSSA Track and Field Events. The boys were, Fletcher Ward, Ben Stacy, Alex Crees-Meldrum, Andrew Simson, Jackson Gilbey and Daniel Sole. Also recognized were Harry Guest who was presented with the 2007 Chess Champion's trophy and Phillip Worthing who was presented with the 2007 Runner-up trophy. Congratulations to all these boys.

### MS Guessing Competition Winner

Congratulations to Mrs Celeste Crothers, mother of Toby (Year 8) and Lewis (eaYr 11) who guessed the correct amount of snakes in the jar. The winning number was

172.

A special mention to Levi McKenzie-Kirkbright and Angus Trenerry for organising this competition.

### Adolescence

The transition or pre-pubescent period (between the ages of 10 and 14) is one of change, challenge and uncertainty for both children and parents. It is a period of tremendous physical growth when children become very self-conscious about their physical appearance. It is often a difficult period as they feel that they are no longer children yet they are not adolescents either. For some, saying goodbye to children can be sad and scary, while others can't wait to embrace the future.

Parents too can be saddened by the end of childhood and may find it difficult to stand back and let go. In this period parents may have to change roles from being predominantly protectors of their children and learn to be supporters. It is also a time to control their parenting rather than trying to control their child.

### Ask Your Son

If your son is in Year 8 Boydell – Ask your son to read to you his description of a favourite place. We have begun our unit on John Steinbeck. This is our first attempt to try to write a little like him.

History – Ask your son to tell you who Governor Macquarie was and what he aimed to do in the early 1800s? Has anything changed since then?

Japanese – Help test your son on his new vocabulary – Ask him what a pair of scissors, paper, ink, ruler, eraser etc is in Japanese. Check his book for his list of words.

## Junior School

### Looking Ahead

#### Wednesday 26 September

No assembly today

Junior School Art Show 5.30pm Formal uniform

Junior School Creative Arts Concert 6pm

#### Thursday 27 September

Kindergarten 2008 Info Evening 6pm Big School

#### Friday 28 September

Last day of Term 3

Year 12 Valedictory Service – Year 4 and 5 students to line the drive – formals to be worn

Mr Portell's last day with Year 4

#### Monday 15 October

Transition Blue – classes commence

Staff Day

Boarders return

#### Tuesday 16 October

Classes commence for the remainder of the school

#### Wednesday 17 October

Learn To Swim classes commence

No assembly today

Summer sport training commences

## From the Head of Junior School

Term 3 has provided the children with many opportunities, both in, and beyond the classroom walls. The staff and children have been very busy and the two-week break will refresh everyone before the final term of the year. For many, the exchange visit from Tezukayama was a highlight, and much was memorable. The enthusiastic involvement of our parents ensures the success of this week of busy activity.

We are all looking forward to showcasing the creative arts opportunities that the children are exposed to, and it promises to be a great highlight tonight, with every child involved from Transition to Year 5. We encourage you to come along and appreciate the talent of your children.

By now all families of K-5 children will have received information about their child's end of year excursion and this is an activity that everyone looks forward to as a fitting finish to the school year. Kindergarten will be enjoying an overnight camp at the school, Year 1 and 2 are off to Bonny Hills, Year 3 and 4 go to Lake Ainsworth and Year 5 enjoy the challenges of a new venue at Coffs Harbour.

Mrs Geraldine Roberts has informed us that she will not be returning to the Junior School and this saddens us greatly. Mrs Roberts is an exceptional teacher and one we will miss enormously. Her inspirational organisation of our yearly concerts provided a brilliant event for all to enjoy, and it is at this time of year that our thoughts are especially with her. Geraldine's care for the children and dedicated teaching are held in high regard, and I have no doubt this will continue in her next teaching position. With all our hearts, we wish her the very best, as she starts a new chapter in her life. She will always be fondly remembered as part of our school.

Mrs Anne Trenerry will be replacing Mrs Roberts in 2008 as she becomes a full time member of the Junior School staff and we look forward to her continued contribution.

Mrs Hilary Harvey will begin her maternity leave in Term 4 whilst still retaining her ICT responsibilities. Mrs Theresa Grills will be the full time Year 3 classroom teacher for the remainder of the year.

We thank you again for the support you have provided your child and our staff, as working together provides the best outcome for all. The staff and I wish all families a wonderful holiday filled with family fun and relaxing activities. We look forward to welcoming our Transition Blue class back on Monday 15 October and all other students back on Tuesday 16 October.

Mrs Lou Forsythe



## Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week: Alexander Chambers, Liam Kennedy, Lily Graham, Jake Beattie, Kathleen McPhie and Will Waterson.

We also wish the following children a very happy birthday when they celebrate their birthday in the holidays:

Madison Taylor, Harry Mackenzie, Will Monie, Dane Townsend, Tim Pears, Theo Druce and Sebastian Scott.

## Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards

We congratulate the following children who received their Bronze award at last week's assembly: Luke Wright, Liam Kennedy and Jack Parker in Year 4.

We congratulate the following children who received their Silver award at last week's assembly: Claudia Meehan, Charles Henzell and Jessica Chambers in Year 2; James Hill, Jake Beattie, Will Claridge and Will Waterson in Year 4.

We were delighted at last week's assembly to be able to recognise the first children this year who have gained their Gold Award. Our congratulations are extended to David Miller in Kinder and Sebastian Gibson and Marc Lindberg in Year 4.

## Assembly

Please note that there will be no assembly this week because of rehearsals for our Creative Arts evening that will be held on Wednesday.

## JS Art Show and Creative Arts Concert

Children are asked to wear their FORMAL uniform for the evening. At 6.00pm we are holding our Junior School Art Show and Creative Arts Concert. This Concert promises to enthrall the audience as all children will be participating to demonstrate the breadth of the Creative Arts being taught at TAS. Not only will you hear our wonderful Choirs perform under the direction of Mrs Jodie Winton and each class perform an item, you will also hear the wonderful sound of our Junior Strings players, watch the wonderful dancing of our students choreographed by Miss Colette, see some great drama performances and enjoy the children's art work in Big School before the Concert begins.

We look forward to seeing all parents, grandparents and friends of the Junior School children tonight. At the Art Show (from 5.30pm to 6pm) refreshments and nibbles will be provided and this is an excellent opportunity to socialise. Framed art works may be purchased for \$55 which covers the cost of replacing the frame for the Junior School collection. No artwork is to be removed from the display that evening, but should you wish to purchase your child's framed artwork, please see Mrs Ranck or Mrs Forsythe for collection the following day.

Please ensure all children are at their classrooms at 5.30pm sharp dressed in their formal uniform. The performance will commence at 6.00pm and will conclude at approximately 7.30pm. Children can be collected from their classrooms after the performance.

A gold coin donation is always appreciated.

## Year 12 Valedictory Day

This Friday 28 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 of 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 the front drive 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 children please wear their formal uniforms on Friday please?

## **Kindergarten 2008 Information Night**

Tomorrow we will be holding an information evening for Kindergarten 2008. We are very excited about the prospect of having two Kindergarten classes and this opportunity will allow us to outline all that has been planned for next year. With two classes our options for collaborative teaching programmes are broadened and this avenue has been embraced by staff.

Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested in sending their child to TAS, to come along as there are a few places remaining in these classes.

Venue: Big School

Time: 6pm to 7pm

## **EdAlive Fundraiser**

Thank you to the many families who supported the EdAlive fundraiser last week. The orders have been collated and sent away and the software will be back at school next term. We raised \$645 and the school will receive dollar for dollar to spend on educational software.

## **Competitions**

Entry forms for all the following competitions are available from the blue wall-box outside the Junior School office or from Mrs Ranck:

### **Stamp Collecting Month**

Stamp collecting month is held in October each year in conjunction with Australia Post and are offering all schools the chance to win \$2000 cash. The children are invited to enter the "Blast Off! 50 Years in Space" crossword puzzle competition. The first correct entry from each state and territory wins the \$2000 prize for the student's school. In addition to the major prize for the school, they will also offer eight individual \$105 prize packs to the students with the first correct entry from each state and territory. Entries need to be received by the end of term, entries can be left with Mrs Ranck in the Junior School office.

This competition will be drawn on 12 October.

### **Fantastic Furniture**

Fantastic Furniture are running a colouring-in competition for primary aged children. They are offering a \$100 gift voucher to the winning student and a \$200 gift voucher to the participating school. Entries need to be received by the end of term, entries can be left with Mrs Ranck in the Junior School office. This competition will be judged on 7 October.

## **Photographic Competition**

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is inviting all budding photographers to enter this year's 'My Favourite Outdoor Place' competition and have their work featured in a special children's photographic exhibition and to potentially win prizes. Children may choose to photograph a special place in their neighborhood if any other special place. As indicated on the entry form, all entries will need to be accompanied by a 'photographer's statement' outlining why the place was chosen as the subject. Selected entries will form part of this exhibition which will be held at Headland Park in Mosman and will open on 11 November. \$400 will be awarded to the school of the winning entrant and a prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winning entrant, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd.

## **Headlice**

A case of headlice has been reported at school and all parents are asked to check their children.

## **Student Banking**

We are encouraging the children to join up to student banking. The Commonwealth Bank has a competition running at the moment where every time a new banker joins, the school goes into the draw to win \$1500.00. Each new banker has to deposit \$10.00 by the end of September and we go into the NSW draw. Information packs are available from the Junior School office.

Mrs Kaynes, Banking Co-ordinator

## **Collect-a-Tub**

We have earned 105 pts so far which is wonderful - view our tally on the glass door near Mrs Forsythe's office. The promotion ends on October 5th so lets really make an effort to get our codes in - just remember to keep your docketts showing your purchase. View the products we can exchange points for on the door also. TAS Junior School is taking part in SPC Ardmona Collect-a-tub program.

Parents can purchase the specially marked tubs of Goulburn Valley Fruit Snack tubs from Coles. Once the product is purchased you can visit the Collect-a-Tub website ([www.collectatub.com.au](http://www.collectatub.com.au)) and enter the unique code found on the pack. Each tub earns one point for the school. The promotion concludes on Friday 5th October so we have lots of time to buy the tubs.

### **The steps to collect points are as follows:**

Log onto [www.collectatub.com.au](http://www.collectatub.com.au)

Register the unique code on the pack, select the state from the drop down menu, select the school from the drop down menu, and enter your name.

**YOU MUST RETAIN YOUR DOCKET FOR PROOF OF PURCHASE.**

We can earn sports equipment from as little as 30 points so if you buy this product please take the time to enter your details and keep your docket handy.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Brunsdon and Mrs Waters, Community Service

## Uniform for Term 4

For the first two weeks of Term 4, children may either wear their summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. From the start of Week 3 (29th October), all children will be asked to wear their summer uniform.

## Lost Property

With holidays just around the corner, now is the time to ensure you only have your child's uniform at home. Could parents please check their children's clothing and return any belongings that have accidentally been taken home by mistake?

Tahlia Paull, Year 3, lost her sports bike shorts (navy & light blue) last Thursday. They are labelled on the tag. Can girls please check to see they haven't pick up Tahlia's by mistake?

Duncan Chalmers, Kinder, has lost his navy school jumper. The jumper is clearly labelled. It has been missing for some time so can everyone please have a good look to make sure you haven't picked up Duncan's jumper by mistake.

Ben Laurie, Year 5, has lost his sports bag which has his brand new sports shoes in it. If anyone knows where Ben's sports bag is please let him know.

Sam Johnston, Year 5, has lost his school jumper which is clearly labelled. He has also lost a chappell hat and school track top which are labelled 'J. Johnston'. These have been missing for some time so can everyone please have a good look to make sure you haven't picked up Sam's things by mistake.

## Junior Sport

### Winter Sport Trophies

The Junior School Staff and coaches would like to thank Mr Dick Hodgson, TAS Sportsmaster, for his kindness in providing all children who participated in a winter sport, with a wonderful trophy. This was very generous of him and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting them. The looks on the younger children's faces, in particular, as they got their trophies was priceless. For many, it was their very first trophy! I'm sure this will take pride of place on many windowsills or bookcases.

Mrs Brunsdon, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

### Summer Sports

Please note that Sport will commence on the second day back of Term 4 (Wednesday 17 October) for all children who are doing summer sport.

Please see the attached form for your child's allocation to sport or go to the TAS website: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/junior\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/junior_sport.php)

The Year 3 students are only required to do training on Wednesdays however are encouraged to attend Monday trainings as well.

A reminder that no Transition, Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 child will be permitted to take part in summer sport unless they have given Mrs Brunsdon their sports

nomination by the end of Term 2. This is for the purpose of allocating coaches.

## Term 4

A reminder that we will have the PSSA Orienteering for Years 4, 5 and 6 on Friday 2 November and our wonderful Triathlon for all children on Monday 5 November. A great way to finish our sporting commitments.

## Football Grand Final Reports

### TAS Typhoons v Demon Knight Arrows – Mr Nash

I was giving the boys a bit of a wrap at the end of the game, and as I spied various boys, I was praising their efforts in their positions, until my two wingers piped up: "What about the wingers?"

On reflection, I know for sure that having two such conscientious wingers, in Andrew Spokes and Fraser Smith, was the launching point for our team playing the open, passing and successful football that all the spectators saw on Saturday morning.

As was usual, the whole team of twelve turned up excited and ready. Before I go on, well done to all for your appearance and match attendance record. Well, we kicked off with Marc Lindberg in goal, on a pre-arranged basis, where he and Lachlan Tonkin, chosen for skill and reliability, were going to protect our base line.

The day was slightly overcast, there was a cool wind blowing, and I think the Typhoons needed to warm up a little. We had a misunderstanding in the back line about who was clearing the ball, and in the blink of an eye, the Demons had snuck past to score the first goal of the match.

Instead of despair, suddenly the spark returned, Tim Pears' unerring judgement never again faltered in the back line, and Will Brissett got his eye in. Jacob David played as a free sweeper throughout the midfield, and saved all his greatest runs for the last game. Everyone turned on the pressure and the game was played mostly in the opposition half. Adam Jenkyn made a fine run at the goal, as he worked together with Umur Gultekin in a very commendable partnership in the forwards. Umur was always in position ready to strike. The next heart stopping moment was a run from Jacob, then swiftly followed by another from Adam. With all this pressure, all the cousins, sisters and aunts on the sidelines occasionally forgot to breathe.

Something had to give, and the Demons conceded a penalty shot at goal, which was convincingly placed in the net by Jacob. Well, spirits lifted, we were still in the first half, we were 1-1, and firmly in the race.

The frazzled coach was at this moment trying to remember to substitute players from the bench, so that no-one was unduly disadvantaged, so at this point I thank Frazer Moore, Sebastian Gibson, Lachlan, Will and Fraser for doing a stint on the bench with commendable good humour.

Then we were in the second half, Marc was out of goal and playing back, Will moved up to centre with Alex Chambers and Sebastian, and they proceeded to put on a spectacular display of football. They commanded the midfield, and it should have been no surprise when Will lifted the ball up high from a good way out to score a goal. Except that we were all surprised, and mad cheering broke out.

I think I should paint a picture of my loyal troupe of spectators, there were every Mum and Dad, there were younger and older brothers and sisters, there were chairs and rugs for the well organised and laid back, and there were the faithful on foot.

What a wonderful support and help you have been all season, thank you, and special thanks to the Spokes family for the half time refreshments this game.

Sorry, were we writing about the final? Right, let us get down to it. The next attack on the Demon goal was played by Alex, who demonstrated great courage and perseverance. The Demons counterattacked, and Tim played some superb defensive moves. Alex struck once again and scored. Wow, now the score stood at 3-1, and there it was destined to remain. For the last five minutes of play, discipline broke down completely, because at a corner kick in Demon territory, there were 35 TAS players all around the penalty box, and I could have sworn I only put 11 players on the field. My last comment should be to say that you must have been playing well and in position, for the centres to have scored the two final goals, and to have the whole informed bench of spectators award man of the match to the third, Sebastian Gibson. Well done Sebastian, well done team, and my thanks to the great team manager, Kathryn Moore, and to you all for a great season. Now hang up your boots and medals, ready for next year.



### **TAS Titanium's verses North United Chillipeppers**

The TAS Titanium's played the North United Chillipeppers at 9.00am at the Rolagas fields, Saturday 22 September, and after 20min extra time they won 2-1, leaving their coach and the parents watching with very few finger nails left, but glowing with pride. Every boy played a brilliant and important part and should all be very proud of themselves. They finished the season Minor premiers as well as Grand Final winners, receiving a trophy and a medallion. I have quite a few action shots also if any of the kids parents are interested.

Nerida McNeill

