

TAS TALKS #9

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 9 – Wednesday 19 September 2007

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Headmaster – *Murray Guest*

This Week on the Web

Tri-Service Shield

Congratulations to the 10 man TAS Cadet Skill at Arms team that won the Tri-Service Shield held between Army, Navy and Airforce Cadets from northern NSW last week. This annual event is an opportunity for our keen cadets, both junior and senior, to test the skills that they have been developing through the Activities program and the competitive environment seems to bring out the best in them.

The most important aspect of the competition from my perspective is its team nature. Talented individuals will not beat a good team in this environment and the mutual support and camaraderie that it elicits reflects much of what our cadet program is about.

GPS Athletics

I was proud to be amongst our athletes as they mixed it with the best of the Sydney GPS schools at Homebush last weekend. Few Australian athletes at any level have the opportunity to compete in front of a vocal, boisterous and hugely supportive crowd of over 5,000 and it is no surprise that this event produces so many 'personal bests' from our boys. Even with some badly timed sickness spreading amongst the group, the team performed very well and I congratulate each of them on their great spirit.

I also offer congratulations to those who were successful in moving through to represent the NCSA at the Combined Independent Schools competition on Monday of this week. To reach this next level of competition, again held at Homebush, is a great achievement.

1:1 Laptop Review

I offer thanks on behalf of the School to the Council Sub-Committee which has been working solidly on putting together the findings of our review into the introduction of our laptops this year. The survey data has now been compiled and will be reported on in the end of term mailing to parents, along with feedback on the work of Steve Knowles, visits to other schools and data on laptop usage in classes at TAS.

The Council Sub-Committee will continue working in the coming weeks on recommendations to present to the full Council at its October meeting. Areas of interest have already been identified through the review process and initial feedback on these will be included in the coming mailing.

Chopping wood to raffle for Fiji:

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/fiji/current_fiji.php

Recent music images: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/music/current_music.php

Junior School with their puppets:

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/current_junior_school.php

Shooting update:

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

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 19 September

	Year 11 End of Course Exams
8.00am	JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
3.45pm	Staff vs 1st XI Soccer on Cricket Oval
6.00pm	Senior Jazz Band rehearse Big Band rehearse

Thursday 20 September

	Year 11 End of Course Exams
5.00–6.00pm	Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 21 September

	Year 11 End of Course Exams
8.00am	Clarinet Ensemble rehearse
1.20pm	Junior Strings rehearse
3.45pm	Chapel Choir rehearse

Saturday 22 September

	HSC German Extension – speaking exam
	Old Boys' Weekend
8.30am	Mixed Tennis on the School courts Shooting at Meadowfield Rifle Range
12.00noon	Tours of School from the McConville Centre
12.30pm	Football (Soccer) on the Cricket Oval 1st XI vs Old Boys Barbecue Lunch–McConville area
1.00pm	Rugby – Year 11 vs Year 12 Backfield
2.00pm	Rugby – 10 Year (and below) leavers vs 20 Year (plus 11 year and above) leavers on Backfield
3.15pm	Tug–0–War on Backfield
3.30pm	Croft Cup Presentation on Backfield
3.45pm	TAS OBU AGM McConville Centre
6.30pm	Reunion Dinners Year 12 Dinners – Croft and Abbott House

Sunday 23 September

9.30am	OBU Chapel Service
10.30am	Dedication of Adamsfield on front drive
11.00 am	TAS Cadet Unit Passing Out Parade, Frontfield (Adamsfield)
1.30pm	Shooting Awards – McConville Centre
6.30pm	1st XV Rugby Dinner – Armidale Club

Monday 24 September

Year 11 Primary Industries and IT work placement

Tuesday 25 September

Year 11 Primary Industries and IT work placement

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
5.00–6.00pm	Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 28 September

	Valedictory Day
8.00am	Clarinet Ensemble rehearse
1.20pm	Junior Strings rehearse
3.45pm	Chapel Choir rehearse Fiji Pilgrimage departs

End of Term

Chaplain – *Richard Newton*

Knowing God #5

John 1:14–18 & 14:9–11

I was trawling through my memory bank trying to think of a time when I had met someone famous. In the end the only person I could think of was a bloke off “The Bill” ‘John Bolton’ – well that was pretty lame and he denied being ‘John Bolton’ anyway.

Then I thought, “I do know someone who met someone famous, well almost”. Our very own Jason Lincoln. No he is not the famous person, but he did nearly meet Wallaby, George Smith. It was actually a friend of his who met George Smith. This mate of Jason’s had the most glamorous and enviable task in World Cup Rugby of collecting urine samples from the players. Having solicited George’s urine, Jason’s friend was offered the World Cup final losing boots from the once great Wallaby. The next time the boots felt the soft tickle of green grass was here on back field when Jason sat quietly on the bench for the TAS 1st XV football team during a meagre holiday week game. Sadly, on that day the boots did not taste the sweet kiss of the spherical kind.

That day Jason had big shoes to fill, and in his own words “I filled them well”.

The reverse happened two millennia ago. Rather than someone getting to wear Jesus, the Son of God’s sandals, somewhat more impressive than a former Wallabies boots. He came down from heaven to fill our shoes.

In the mid nineties there was a song by Joan Osborne titled “One of Us”. The lyrics asked the question “what if God was one of us?” It seemed she was the same as the rest of us as we ask the question “can we ever know god?” Wouldn’t it be great if God showed himself, and showed himself in a way that we would be able to understand, in a way that we could relate to. If only he was one of us for a time. This is what today’s passage tells us. In fact just a few chapters on Jesus goes on to say “If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don’t you believe that I am one with the Father and the Father is one with me”.

In other words, if we want to know about God we should look to Jesus, and more than that, if we want to know God, we can through what Jesus achieved for us through His work on the cross. The work that healed the fractured relationship we have with our heavenly Father. Can God be known, yes, through His Son who walked as one of us, in our shoes for a time.

P&F Association

Much to our dismay we were forced to postpone our Spring themed Trivia Night, which was supposed to be held last Saturday. Our sincere apologies to all, quite a few of whom I gather were greatly disappointed. Nonetheless, considering the busy term, with so many events squeezed into every spare moment, we felt it best to reschedule the night for Term 2, next year. It seems to be the only term that isn't jam packed!! We will keep you posted. Thanks to all who made such a huge effort in organising the event as well as all those who put tables together. Hopefully we will be able to count on you again next year!!

Dominique 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.

General Notices

Fiji Wood Chop

Last week saw the Fiji pilgrims fundraising efforts get into top gear, selling tickets for the 2 tonnes of firewood. The winner was drawn at the Spring Fair at NEGS on Saturday and the winner was Sandra Bell from Armidale.

The pilgrims met on Sunday for the woodchop and spent the morning working along with their parents on the task of cutting and splitting the wood. A big thanks must go to the parents who helped with their chainsaws and block-busters, especially the Royal Easter winning demonstration of wood splitting by Sally McCormack.

Thanks also to Lucy and Rob Adams for the use of their property.

Deon Moss

Boarder Buses at the end of Term 3

Valedictory Day is Friday 28 September and as is our long held tradition there will be a lining of the drive of current students through which Year 12 will process from the Chapel to the Memorial Hall. This is followed by the Valedictory Service then a formal luncheon and prize giving in the Dining 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. In this way more boarders can share in the day and support the Valedictory Year. 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

Business Studies & Economics Comps

Several boys achieved excellent results in the 2007 Business Studies and Economics competitions held early in Term 2. Both competitions are run by the University of New South Wales' School of Business and Economics, and TAS students have a history of doing well in both tests.

High Distinctions were awarded to students who achieved a mark higher than 95%, and Distinctions were awarded to students who achieved higher than 85%.

In Business Studies:

Charles Benson (Year 12), winner of Business Studies prize in 2006, achieved a High Distinction.

Sam Gates, Boahdan Gregory (both Year 11) and Joe Lord (Year 12) all achieved Distinction grades.

In Economics:

Fraser Allan (Year 12), achieved a High Distinction, which follows the HD he achieved in 2006.

Hamish Barnet (Year 11) and Charles Cull (Year 12) achieved Distinction grades.

Twenty five credits were awarded to other students across both categories.

Congratulations to the above mentioned students.

Cadets

TAS Cadet Leadership Course

The annual Junior and Senior TAS Leadership Course is scheduled for the weekends of 20 - 21 October, and 4 - 6 Nov. Open for all boys Year 8 and above. Nominations to Mr Thatcher or Mr Harris.

TASCU

Preparation for Passing Out Parade Sunday 23 September – 11.00am

The following arrangements exist for the countdown to the parade:

- Akubra or slouch hats MUST be worn to all trainings.
- Olive green thermal vest, available for purchase at the Q Store (\$30), is highly recommended to be worn under the uniform at any time the weather is inclement.

Week 9

Wed 19 Sept

1.30 to 3.15pm FULL UNIT REHEARSAL.
(belt and slouch hat to be worn)

Thurs 20 Sept

3.45 – 5.15pm FULL REHEARSAL or groups
as called

Sun 23 Sept

11.00am PASSING OUT PARADE
Cadets arrive at TAS at 10.00am

Extra Year 12, prize recipients, door attendants and Colour Party practices will be notified separately. Band practices will be advertised separately but will be on parade for the major practices in Weeks 8 and 9.

MAJ(AAC) Grant Harris

*Young Life Study Camp
30 September to 7 October
Lennox Head*

*No use denying it anymore...
HSC is just around the corner..
The HSC...*

*Don't spend your holidays sitting in your
room procrastinating and feeling guilty that
you're not getting any work done.
Come away on the Young Life Study Camp
and recharge your batteries. Have some fun
but most importantly - get a stack of study
done at the same time.*

*Interested?? Contact John Bock
email jbock@as.edu.au*

Reminder

Under 15 Rugby team

invite parents and family to join them
for an afternoon of lawn bowls followed by

the Presentation Dinner

at The Armidale Bowling Club

Wednesday 19 September

Bowling from 4:00pm until 5:30pm

Dinner from 6pm

Presentations to the boys will follow.

If you would like to join the boys could you please
notify Mr Moss dross@as.edu.au ph 6776 5858

RSVP: Friday 14 September

THEATRESPORTS

WE ARE STARTING TO TRAIN FOR
THEATRESPORTS

...NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
COME AND LEARN THESE GREAT
GAMES, LEARN THE ART OF
IMPROVISATION AND HAVE FUN TOO
SO!!! ...WHAT ARE THEATRE-
SPORTS??

THEATRESPORTS ARE A FORM OF
IMPROVISATIONAL THEATRE THAT
USES THE FORMAT OF A COMPETITION
FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT- BUT
BASICALLY, ITS HEADS OF FUN

WE HOPE TO CHALLENGE THE LOCAL
SCHOOLS TO A FUN AFTERNOON EARLY
NEXT TERM

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB
TUESDAY 3.45 TO 4.45
MOYES



October is Breast Cancer Month

TAS will again host a Pink Ribbon Breakfast for Breast Cancer Research in Term 4.

The breakfast will be held on Tuesday 23

October and more details will follow closer to the date.

Defensive Driving Course

Terry Mitchell is offering a Defensive Driving course to TAS boys.

This would involve one day from 8.30am-4.30pm.

For any boys thinking of using driving as their skill in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a defensive driving course is essential.

If you are interested could you please let Christine know at Reception.

Year 12 HSC Study Camp

This will again be held at TAS during the forthcoming holidays - Friday 12 to Sunday 14 October.

To register go to: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/study_camp/s_camp.php

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) books will be collected by Mr Thatcher and Mr White in Week 10 (next week).

Boys are to have completed Service, Skill and Physical Recreation.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the 205 boys from Years 6 to 12, who entered this year's Australian Mathematics Competition, held on Wednesday 25 July. The Competition consists of intriguing problems which challenge students logic and reasoning.

Overall, students from TAS received: 3 High Distinctions, 18 Distinctions and 64 Credits.

Particular commendation should go to Matthew Coulton and Joseph Radford (Year 12) and Hamish Barnet (Year 11) who were awarded High Distinctions and to the following boys who were awarded Distinctions:

Year 6: Jack Tearle

Year 7: Thomas Wyatt and Max Frankham

Year 8: Joseph Kozera, Angus Trenerry and Angus Begg

Year 9: Jack Vidler, Henry Noakes and Jacob Gardiner (who also won the Prudence Award for the most consecutive correct answers)

Year 10: Toby Brunckhorst and Elliot Diebold

Year 11: Edric Verbeek-Martin, Robbie Oppenheimer, Boyd Lamoureux

Year 12: Andrew Young, Jason Jeong and Carlos Cacho.

All participants receive an individual performance report and a certificate.

Round Square



Exchange Students depart

Farewell to our three exchange students this term, Anant Vaishya (The Scindia School, India); Alex Stevenson and JT Ferreira (Woodridge College, South Africa). Our community have enjoyed and been enriched by your presence and we wish you a safe journey home.

Round Square Committee

Also, a big thank you to Alex Butt who has led the student based Round Square Committee throughout 2007. He has organised interviews and introduced initiatives. Also, our thanks to all the boys who have assisted on conference and exchange interview panels. You are all integral to the ongoing success of this program and we appreciate your efforts.

International Conference, Daly College, India 2007

The delegation for the International Round Square Conference to be held in India from 18–24 October will leave Armidale on 6 October with Mr Harris and Mrs Barnier and Mr Harrison from NEGS and two of his students will also join us. The group will enjoy a cultural experience prior to the conference in the north of India after visiting Agra and the Taj Mahal. The delegation consists of: Boahdan Gregory, Alex Barwick, Charlie White, Nick Hoynes (TAS), Anna Sutherland and Brioney Bishop from NEGS.

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.

Counsellor's Corner

To have a 'gap' year or not seems to be a question many senior students seem uncertain about when they consider the next stage of their lives. For some there is the fear that if they get out of the study routine they might not go back to it. For others there is a sense of needing some time out to learn some more about life and themselves, see a bit of the world, or get some money together by working for a year.

Perhaps it is more important to consider what kind of year is being constructed, the planning of it and the development of concrete specifics around these plans. Although there is something to be said for spontaneity, it is amazing how many young people don't make such a year count. There are few such occasions in a working life when a person can take such a significant time out. To let it slip away seems a real shame. Being deliberate and intentional seems to offer more than letting time float by during the post-school year.

For people moving on to tertiary education directly, there are the challenges of living in college or renting a flat with some other students. In my time with tertiary students it always surprised me how randomly people chose to set up accommodation arrangements and how short-lived many such arrangements turned out to be. Living in college has its own challenges, especially in the first year. It is easy to get carried away by the freedom and social life that is on offer. This in itself may be another reason for taking a gap year, just to grow up a little more, have some freedom but not have to engage with study at the same time. There's a lot to be said for maturity when moving into tertiary study

Best wishes, Rob Hadfield

Musical Notes – Ian Slater

On Tuesday evening we had our second In-House recital of the term. It was very successful with once again an eclectic range of music from Year 2 through to Year 11 and from piano to clarinet. Many thanks to Mrs Bradley for stepping in at the last moment to accompany Brent Trenerry.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 12 HSC music boys played their solo performances. From what little I could hear they all performed admirably and they all came out with smiles and were pleased with their work.

At the weekend the orchestra and Junior Stage Band were in action at the NEGS spring fair. It was a beautiful spring day, and although we were down on numbers – but not on enthusiasm the groups played to much acclaim. On Saturday evening the Middle School Trio and NEGS/TAS bells and string quartet played as part of the Innovation Awards for New England at Lazenby Hall, and may I say I was proud of the musicianship and the professionalism demonstrated by the students.

On Sunday some of the Chapel Choir helped out the NEGS Chapel Choir in a Choral Communion as part of the Old Girls' Weekend celebrations.

This weekend sees the Chapel choir performing as part of the Old Boys' Weekend, and the cadet band will be playing as part of Passing Out Parade.

For your diaries in Week 10, Wednesday is the Junior School Creative Arts Concert and Friday 28 is Valedictory Day at which the Chapel Choir will be again singing and the Senior Jazz Band will be performing in the evening.

My thanks go to Mr Finco who ably stepped into Mr Hughes's shoes during the past two weeks, and welcome back Mr Hughes – I can't wait to pick his brains on HSC marking.

And finally they say music and maths are closely related – here's a puzzle:

Betty plays in the viola section. Despite her best efforts she is unable to play with the rest of the orchestra and, on average, plays 0.3528 seconds behind the rest of the viola section, which is already 0.16485 seconds behind the rest of the orchestra. If the orchestra is moving into a new concert hall with a reverberation time of 2.7 seconds, will she be able to continue playing this way undetected?

Careers – Trevor Thatcher

University Applications: For UAC, QTAC and VTAC apps close Fri 28 Sept. Applications are done online.

University Scholarships: Check out the website: <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/FeesLoansAndScholarships/Postgraduate/Scholarships/UniversityScholarships/ScholarshipsAtAustralianUniversities.htm> or see the range of information in the Study Centre. Most Scholarships close on 28 September.

Qantas Pilot Cadetship – Captain Phil Emanuel, Qantas international pilot will be talking about careers as an air-line pilot on Wednesday 19 Sep 11.00 – 11.30am, in the library. This was postponed from last week.

Sporting News

Football Finals

Time	Grade	For	Agn	Venue
09:00	14/3A	TAS Titanium	Norths United	Chillipepper Rologas 12
09:00	10/2A	TAS Tornadoes	Norths United	Frogs Rologas 10
10:30	10/3A	TAS Typhoons	Demon Knights	Arrows Rologas 8

TAS Taurus

The TAS Taurus bowed out of the 12's 1st division with a 3-2 loss in extra time to DK. Going into the match with Jay Kennedy away and a few others carrying the flu, the Taurus were off to a very slow start and found it hard to contain the big DK side, who seemed to dominate the early part of the 1st half and snuck in a goal before our boys even knew what had happened. But, true to the way the Taurus have played all year, they found the form that had been missing earlier and started to take some control on the game. No one player stood out, but it was just a sound team effort that saw the Taurus going into the break feeling confident and strong albeit a goal down.

The 2nd half again started terribly for the Taurus with DK slotting away their second goal and the feeling that some how this game had got away from us. The boys however had other ideas and once again started to take control, playing as a team and slowly building pressure onto the DK defence. It was about half way through the half when Patrick Hetherington received a short ball from Micheal O'Sullivan, and in a moment of brilliance snuck in behind the defence and calmly slotted the ball wide of the keeper from a difficult angle and the Taurus were finally on the charge! With the momentum now firmly on the TAS side, holes were starting to emerge all over the DK defence and the Taurus were making the most of it. Harry Lloyd burst down the right flank beating numerous players with his strong running before sending a long cross to Will Monie who proceeded to smash the ball out of the net with a superb shot and all of a sudden two apiece, the tension at boiling point. Full time came and went, and the extra time golden goal was now in progress with neither side giving an inch and both sides losing two players every 5 minutes as per the rules.

The Taurus were launching attacks and came ever so close when Jack Campbell hit the cross bar with a flick over the keepers head, but the fairy tail ending wasn't to be, and DK counter attacked and put away their third goal to end one of the most exiting games of the year. The boys however, can be well proud of their efforts the season, playing in the 12 year 1st division as a team of players one and two years younger than their opponents but showing courage and commitment that made them such a hard team to come up against. We are very proud of all the players and thank them very much for putting themselves on the line and also putting up with us!! Well done, Matt and Tim.

Tritech Security Secondary Rugby Competition Games

Date: Wednesday 19 September – Main Finals

TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue*
14s	5:10pm	AHS	UNE 1
13s	5:10pm	DHS	UNE 2

* Consett Davis Fields

These games will be followed by a brief presentation.
Transport for both teams: Depart TAS at 4:30pm by TAS
minibus. Leave UNE approx 6:25pm
Dinner for boarders: at McDonalds following the games

Shooting

End of Year Awards Function – Sun 23 Sept 1.30 – 3.30pm
at McConville Centre. All boys who have been shooting as
a Summer or Winter sport are invited, with their parents.
Invites have been sent out, RSVP Fri 14 Sept. The function
is to take place after Passing-out-Parade luncheon with
nibbles and drinks offered, \$20 per head.

TAS Champion Shot (Cox Memorial Trophy)

This was competed for at Wollomombi on Saturday.
A close competition resulted in Sam Coulton winning
narrowly from Henry Killen and Sam Adams. AJ Murray
won the junior section. Results were (Possible 150):
S. Coulton – 145.9
S. Adams – 143.9
H. Killen – 143.7
AJ. Murray – 136.6
T. McDouall – 130.5
L. Styles – 126.6

TAS vs Old Boys Small Bore Competition

The annual smallbore comp will be held at Meadowfield
(TAS) smallbore range, commencing 8.30am on Saturday.
Teams of 10 will compete. The TAS team is:
H. Warrick (C), H. Killen, S. Coulton, L. Crothers,
T. McDouall, S. Adams, C. Benson, M. Maguire, J. Barnett,
A. Murray

Firearms Safety Awareness Training

The following boys need to attend safety training this
Thursday evening, 6.30 – 9.00pm in F1-2:
N. Allen, A. Burke, M. Duprez, M. Lockyer, F. Ward,
A. Finney, T. Holcombe, L. Meatheringham, W. Smidt,
C. Brookes

Middle School

Bush Poet

On Monday 10 September, Mr Warren Fahley, a bush
poet and balladier, came to TAS to talk and perform bush
ballads.

The Year 7 TAS and NEGS students went and watched his
performance in the morning at the Memorial Hall.

He spoke about the instruments they used in the songs
and some of the music history behind Australia.

Then he and two other talented musicians performed
several entertaining songs about the Aussie bush, the
early settlers and the convicts travelling from England to
Australia.

It was a lot of fun joining in on the chorus and getting into
the feel of the music. These wonderful pieces were each
followed by a description of the instruments they have
used and what the story line behind the song is.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable experience
for the group of year 7 students.
Harrison Grant and Monty Haron

Lost Property

Lachlan Roberts has lost his computer charger. It was
last seen near the science block. If anyone has seen the
charger, please return it to him or to the Middle School
Office.

Chess Club

On Thursday, Middle School Chess Club had their final
meeting for the year. The boys enjoyed a pizza lunch
which was followed with a presentation to Harry Guest the
winner of the Middle School competition and Phillip Worthing
who was Runner-Up. Congratulations to all boys and in
particular to Harry and Phillip who received trophies for
winning.

Recommended Reading

'Parenting for Character' is a practical manual to help
parents develop in their children qualities necessary for
a happy and fulfilling adult life. These qualities include
sound judgement, responsibility, self-control, integrity,
perseverance, courage and resilience. In this book the
author, Andrew Mullins, argues that parents need to help
build character. He also explores ways to encourage young
people to think independently and make choices that are
not only good for themselves, but others as well. In his
experience, young people are damaged by too readily
accepting their peer group's values or messages from the
media. They are able to take control of their lives once
they acquire well-developed habits of thinking, decision-
making and acting. The advice for parents in the book
is clear and simple: lead by example, ensure that good
habits are encouraged repeatedly, nurture the spiritual
side in your life, and show love and affection to your
children. The book draws on parenting principles from
classical times to the present.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 19 September

Transition Assembly

Friday 21 September

Mr Tart's last day with Year 5

Saturday 22 September

Old Boys Weekend

Sunday 23 September

Passing Out Parade

Monday 24 September

Concert rehearsals start this week

Wednesday 26 September

Junior School Art Show 5.30pm

Junior School Creative Arts Concert 6.00pm

Friday 28 September

Last day of Term 3

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

Mr Portell's last day with Year 4



Happy Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week: Riley Eichorn, Thomas Faint, Sinclair Moore and Oscar McBean.

Silver Awards

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

David Miller and Kieran Dennis in Kindergarten and Daniel Allen in Year 4

Australian Mathematics Competition

Results and certificates for the Australian Mathematics Competition arrived last week and we would like to acknowledge the success of our children. The Junior School children received 1 Prudence Award, 8 Distinctions and 20 Credits.

We congratulate James Gilson, Year 4, who received a Prudence Award for achieving the highest number of consecutive correct answers in the Junior School.

Distinctions – Sophia Bohlsen, Jacob Hunt, Ben Collins and Lachlan Tonkin in Year 3; James Gilson, Sebastian Gibson and James Hill in Year 4 and John Dennis in Year 5

Credits – Will Brissett, Katie Gordon, Charlton Grant, Holly Tearle, Umur Gultekin, Finn McCarthy, Fraser Smith and Andrew Spokes in Year 3; Jake Beattie, Max Cushway, Sophia Thatcher, Dane Townsend and Will Waterson in Year 4; Sam Johnston, Ben James, Patrick Hetherington, Lochie Ferrier, Sam Doyle, Isaiah Dillon and Riley Baile in Year 5.

Year 1 Class

As most of you are aware, Mrs Waters has been unwell recently and will not return to school until next term. We are very grateful to Mr Lloyd Bennett who has stepped into teach the Year 1 class in Mrs Waters' absence.

Year 6 Prepare for Science Challenge

Mark your calendar for the annual Year 6 Mission Possible Science Extravaganza which will be held on Friday, 26 October. We would appreciate as many parents as possible to attend so please return your reply slip to your son's classroom teacher by Friday.

If you require any further information please go to the Mission Possible website at:

<http://www.as.edu.au/missionpossible/index.php> or

contact Mr Gordon McLennan on 6776 5857.

Promoting Independence

The main task for parents is to raise responsible and independent children – this can be tough because our natural instinct is to care for and nurture them. However, parents shouldn't wait until children are ready to leave home before they give them responsibility.

Training for independence needs to start from a young age and continue into the teenage years. Encouraging independence in children is not just good training for adulthood. It is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. When we teach children to do jobs for themselves we demonstrate our faith in them and send a powerful message that they are capable. Our actions definitely speak louder than our words.

RazzamaTAS Fete

The Middle School will again be running the White Elephant Stall at the fete this year. Liaison Parents will contact you closer to the date for any assistance required.

Meanwhile, please start sorting through your cupboards for quality used goods. There will be a separate used toy section for goods such as lego and electronic toys.

Ask Your Son

If your son is in Year 6 McCarthy ask him:

What five objects he has in his "Watson's Jackdaw" box
To practise his Key Democratic Figure oral presentation to you.

What happened in Birmingham on September 15, 1963.

If your son is in Year 7 Lincoln ask him:

About our studies of deserts
What video his group is making with a desert theme and what his group has created for a physical representation of a desert.

If your son is in Year 7 Lloyd

Ask your son how their desert landscape model could have been improved. What difficulties have they found with researching their personal Desert topic for presentation?

Mr Bennett has continued to teach from Mrs Waters programme and has also continued the high classroom expectations. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Waters back to school when she is feeling well enough.

Year 12 Valedictory Day

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 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 the drive near Frontfield 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 students please wear their formal uniforms on this day please?

Expression of Gaayili

Congratulations to four budding artists who participated in the "Expression of Gaayili" art competition and exhibition. They were Ben James, Jake Beattie, Ziggy Harris and Callum Ferguson. The children were given a chance to participate in an aboriginal art workshop at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Their work was displayed for judging last Monday. Congratulations to Ben James came first in the Year 4-6 category winning a \$40 gift voucher to New England Hobbies and Callum Ferguson winning the Year K-2 section. He received a gift voucher from Sticky Fingers to the value of \$10. All children produced beautiful work that will still be on show in the centre for the next couple of weeks which is well worth a look. Well done all!

Ms Bromwich

End of Year Class Excursions

This week all classes from K to Yr 5 received a letter and permission note outlining their class end of year excursion. Kinder look forward to the class sleep-over; Year 1 and Year 2 are heading off to Bonny Hills; Year 3 and Year 4 will enjoy beautiful Lake Ainsworth and Year 5 are going to Coffs Harbour Conference Centre. Can all permission notes please be signed and returned to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible?

Notes for Year 1 and 2 excursion have been handed out. Please ensure they come back before the end of term. If you have any concerns about this excursion please see the teachers involved. If you would like to accompany the children on this excursion please let the teachers know if you haven't done so already. Remember that preference is given to parents who did not attend last year's excursion. Thank you, Mrs Kirsty Brunson and Mrs Veronica Waters.

Competitions

Entry forms for all of 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.

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.

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.

Chapel Street Car Park

We have recently had a report from a neighboring school that they have encountered a few near misses with drivers turning into the TAS car park being impatient. We plead with all our Junior School parents that they respect driving laws around all schools. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Latin Club on Thursday

Latin Club starts this Thursday at lunchtime under the guidance of Mr Ryan Young. The cost will be \$10 per lesson which will be \$20 for the remainder of this term (cash would be preferable for this term). If you are interested in joining this Club, please let the Junior School office know as soon as possible.

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

Junior School Art Show and Concert

Next Wednesday 26 September 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, 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 Collette, 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 on this special night.

Please note: The Concert will begin earlier than we have in the past. It will begin at 6.00pm, with children being delivered to their classrooms at 5.30pm to ensure they are well presented for their performances.

A gold coin donation is always appreciated.

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 dockets 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) and enter the unique code found on the pack. Each tub earns one point for the school. The promotion concludes on Friday 5 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

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 Brunson and Mrs Waters, Community Service

Lost Property

Jason Brennan, Year 3, has lost his new sports jacket. It is clearly labelled with permanent marker. Can all families please check to see if they have picked up Jason's jacket 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.

RazzamaTAS Fete

Don't forget this fantastic event coming up on Saturday 3 November. In particular the ladies organising the second hand clothing stall are looking for garments now so they can organise and prepare for their stall.

Any garments can be left at Reception, thank you.

Junior Sport

Could any students in Transition, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, who have not sent back a sports choice form, please ensure I receive them by Friday 21 September. We have decided to open summer sport up to Transition this season as they will be in Kindergarten next year. Coaches need to be allocated to different sports so we need to confirm numbers by next Friday. There will be no students permitted to join next term if they have not submitted a form this term.

Mrs Brunson, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Sports Training Week 9

Soccer training will be held on Tuesday afternoon for the Typhoons and the Tornadoes who won their matches on Saturday for the grand final this Saturday. For the rest of the Junior School there will be no sports training for the remaining two weeks of term.

Mrs Brunson, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Football Finals

The following teams have made the finals and we hope that there will be lots of TAS supporters there to cheer them on. Time and venue are both listed for each team so please come along and lend your support.

Team	vs	Coach	Game time	Venue
Typhoons	vs	DK Arrows	Mr Nash 10.30am	Rologas 8
Tornadoes	vs	North Frogs	Mr Brown 9.00am	Rologas 10

10 Typhoons – Mr Nash

A fantastically cheerful group of parents gathered around their cherubic offspring. And why not? It was a glorious spring day, it was a semi-final, and it was the last game of the season, and every parent freight manager was dreaming of Saturday lie-ins, or camping trips into the gorge country.

Such mundane concerns were however, far from the minds of the Typhoons, as in a frenzy of good running and

passing, they were intent on extending the soccer season for their parents.

Lachlan Tonkin was in goal for the first half, showing a secure pair of hands and a useful boot when kicking the ball clear. Umur Gultekin, recovering from a nasty bout of flu, was encouraged to play forward for the first half, and then take the goalie spot in the second, so that he did not overextend himself. After making this arrangement, and after watching Umur play a blinder in the first half, the coach was heard enquiring repeatedly of the assembled spectators, during the second half, "Where's Umur?"

The solid line up of forwards in the first half made the Guyra defence very nervous. Jacob David was very fast and dangerous, making probing attacks from the good feed from the centres, or even intercepting the ball from the opposition. Both wings, Andrew Spokes, and Fraser Smith made up a vital part of the attack, moving the ball along the sidelines and centring the ball for Umur and Jacob David.

The centres, who have been showing great improvement all season were continually successful in covering the mid-field with no gaps, thus intercepting the majority of the attacks. This was classic good soccer, Sebastian Gibson and Alex Chambers were assisted in the first half by Adam Jenkyn, and between the lot of them, we locked out our opponents more effectively than I have seen all season.

In a clockwork passing game using the team, Jacob scored the first goal. The spectators were stunned and initially unsure whether it had actually happened. We kept up the pressure fairly unrelentingly during the first half, and after a well judged throw in from Jacob, and two good passes, Adam took the ball right through to the goal with some doggedly fine dribbling skills, and plumped it in the net for our second. This time the spectators knew it had happened.

In the second half, our backs had a little more work on their plate. Tim Pears did not let anyone through, and Will Brissett could be relied on for clearing kicks, and for some useful goal kicks. Marc Lindberg, Lachlan Tonkin and Alex Chambers have consistently played a great linking game flowing from the backs to the centre, always travelling around the field to be where they are needed. I have to compliment these three in particular for their increasing skill over the season.

By the time the whistle blew to end the match, the Typhoons had held off every attack, and therefore I urge all parents to defer those beautiful weekend plans for one more week, until we have settled the small matter of the final. Well done, team, for your success two years in a row.

10 Tornadoes - Mr Brown

After a disappointing loss to the league leaders Norths, the TAS U10 Tornadoes still managed to make the semi-finals, finishing 3rd on the table behind Norths and Uralla.

The boys were drawn against Uralla in the semi-final and despite starting with the usual 10 players managed to get away to a great start with 2 goals in the first few minutes. Continued pressure saw them draw away to a surprisingly

good 5-0 lead by halftime.

In the second half they eased off and only scored one more goal to end up with a well-deserved 6-0 win. Finley McCarthy scored 5 of these goals to take his season total to a massive 27 goals in 16 games.

Liam Cooper chipped in with his second of the season.

We now go forward to the grand final against Norths at 9.00 on Rologas 10 this Saturday.

8 Tanks - Mr Moore report from 8/9/07

The Tanks played their final match of the season last Saturday. They have been a great side to coach and I have found it a real joy to see how much the players have enjoyed themselves, their improvement over the season and how they have really played as a team.

Although the Tanks lost to the Easts Emus after being a bit short of players in the first half, in the second half they found some of the form with which they won last week. Sinclair Moore made some great dashes up the wing with Jacqueline Hill and Sarah Evans to move the game from our goal to theirs. Sam Thatcher's great saves and deep kicking from goal created these opportunities. Georgia Hutton impressed when she pressured Easts at their end to get a corner kick for the Tanks. Aidan McEnroe stayed right on the most dangerous Easts player, slowing his scoring rate considerably. Sebastian Scott again proved to be an excellent long kicker, consistently putting his team deep into Easts territory. Phoebe Slack-Smith was again quick, cool headed and very skilled in the midfield. Josh Beattie played one of his best games, continually staying right on top of Easts to steal their ball.

Instead of the weekly awards, special awards went to players who have shown great form over the last few weeks without receiving trophies. They were Phoebe Slack-Smith, Jacqueline Hill, Sinclair Moore and Charles Henzell. Well done Tanks! Special thanks to Mike Beattie for organising the end of season BBQ and to everyone who came along.