

# TAS TALKS #10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 1, Week 10 – Wednesday 4 April, 2007

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## Headmaster – *Murray Guest*

### Weekend Activities

Following Activities Day 3 and the first overnight camp for our new cadets, the past weekend saw plenty of action for Middle and Senior Schools in what must look like a crescendo to bring us to Easter.

My congratulations to Mr Jeremy Nash on his initiative in taking a bus load of boys to the play 'Arms and the Man', staged in Dorrigo. It is good to see our boys being a part of the wider cultural life of the New England and I hope that we will see more cultural expeditions of this sort in the future.

Well done also to Mr Jim Pennington and the 112 TAS runners who joined the Campus-City Canter on Saturday morning. I was very pleased to receive the Teams Trophy from Andre Verbeek-Martin at our assembly today and congratulate him and his team on their success.

It was back to Armidale cultural events after the run as the Senior Jazz Band represented us and entertained the crowd on the back of a Booralong Pastoral Company truck driven by Doug McRae who is currently showing our Year 11 Ag students how to shear sheep. The boys then joined the Big Band in the creeklands for the second annual 'Battle of the Bands' playing again in great style. It seems that the Autumn Festival and the activities around it gain more momentum each year and I think it is a great privilege for our school to be able to take part.

Back at School and a movie night to support the 'Just Enough Faith' program feeding the homeless of Sydney. This raised \$1,500 and I commend our senior boys for their planning, promotion and management of the night. I also offer thanks to NEGS and the girls who supported the night.

Our 1st XI finished off their cricket season in a rather relaxed style as they took on a team of fathers and junior players. Though the match could not be described as tight, it was great to see families joining the fun of senior sport.

What was really a big weekend for the School as a whole finished in style on Sunday evening with the Easter Carol Service. The Chapel Choir was again in very good voice and I congratulate Mr Ian Slater as their leader on maintaining the excellent standard of recent years.

### CIS Swimmers

Our strongest team for some time headed to Sydney to compete in the Combined Independent Schools

Carnival recently. For our 7 primary and 6 secondary swimmers this was the culmination of many early mornings and long training sessions. It was also the opportunity to compete at the Homebush Aquatic Centre – something most of us will never do – and I am grateful to Kirsty Brunson and coaches Di Gray and Jim Pennington for making that possible.

My best wishes to all for a happy and holy Easter.

## This Week on the Web

### Father/Son Weekend at Kunderang

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/smb/Secret%20men.html](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/smb/Secret%20men.html)

### Ag type stuff

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/ag/current\\_ag.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/ag/current_ag.php)

HSIE in the Bush (interesting geographic facts from PHW?)

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/hsie/current\\_hsie.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/hsie/current_hsie.php)

### New kids in Junior School (some of those uniforms fit pretty well..)

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/current\\_junior\\_school.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/current_junior_school.php)

### Tennis squad in darkest Qld

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/tennis.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/tennis.php)

### Dramatic masks

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/drama/current\\_drama.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/drama/current_drama.php)

### OBU stuff – OBU weekend coordinators

[http://www.as.edu.au/community/Alumni/Alumni\\_news.php](http://www.as.edu.au/community/Alumni/Alumni_news.php)

### HSIE – excursion

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/hsie/current\\_hsie.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/hsie/current_hsie.php)

### Middle School Boarding bed allocations for Term 2

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/boarding/mschool.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/mschool.php)

### Year 4 to Saumarez Homestead

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/year\\_4.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_4.php)

### Rural Fire – Activities Day 3

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/rfs/current\\_rfs.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/rfs/current_rfs.php)

# Weekly Calendar

## Wednesday 4 April

MS/SS Athletics Championships

86.30pm Foundation AGM in McConville Centre  
7.00-7.30pm 1st XI Cricket Dinner at Ex-Services Club

## Thursday 5 April

8.00am Boarders depart  
Sydney Royal Easter Show

End of Term

## Beginning of Term 2, 2007

## Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 April

Staff Days

## Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Holiday  
Boarders return by 8.00pm

## Thursday 26 April

Classes resume

Remember Week 2 is Excursion Week, Business Week for Year 11 and Year 12 Exams

## Chaplain – *Richard Newton*

### “Sometimes it makes me tremble”

At the Easter Carols Service on Sunday night the choir sang the following song:

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble when I think how they crucified my Lord.**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?**

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble when I think how they nailed him to the tree**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble when I think how they laid him in the tomb.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord.**

While the choir sang I contemplated what this song means. After all it is not as if any of us present on Sunday night were actually there when Jesus was crucified. It's a strange sort of question. However, it did make me think of the moment when I was fifteen or sixteen when I strongly felt the impact of my contribution to Jesus death. In a sense at that moment I was there at His crucifixion.

I wasn't Judas sneaking off in the dark so as to receive remuneration for betraying the one who was once my teacher; I wasn't one of the violent rabble sent with clubs and swords to capture Jesus; I wasn't one of the high priests or teachers of the law that accused Jesus; I wasn't the notorious Barabbas who snatched his freedom in the place of the innocent Jesus; I wasn't Pilate washing my hands with indifference and thus contributing; I wasn't one of the Roman soldiers who mocked, tormented and beat Jesus; I wasn't one of the jeering crowd who hurled insults at Jesus as he hung on the cross; I wasn't there, it wasn't me. Although my contribution was significant. Listen to what Isaiah writes:

**“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed”. Isaiah 53:5**

Jesus died for me and my wrong doing, crushed and beaten for the way I neglect God and His loving will for my life.

When I was reminded of this on Sunday night a large lump lodged in my throat. For when I thought of that moment 20 years ago it didn't simply cause me to tremble, it reduced me to a blubbering mess. It was at this moment I became aware that Jesus hadn't just died for sins so that we might be forgiven, but he hung there in my place. When I came to that realisation I was left with one thing to do – to thank him for all he has done for me.

This Easter remember Jesus hung on the cross in your place and be thankful.

## P&F Association

Thank you to all who helped in our muffin making venture last week and thanks also to the wonderful staff in the kitchen for putting up with us and for all their assistance. Aside from being productive, it was also all very entertaining, to say the least.

I still can't quite believe we're already in the last week of the term – a bit scary... Please remember that we still have Dom and Gordon Burke's Open Garden over Easter which we hope you will all support.

We also hope to see many of you at the Primary Rugby Carnival which will be held in the last weekend of the holidays – see below. Donations of cakes to sell over the weekend are also welcome.

Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday and thank you all for your assistance this term.

The TAS Primary Schools' Rugby Carnival is again being held on the last weekend of the school holidays – 21/22 April. Some of the elite rugby schools in Australia, along with local schools, and clubs and teams from across NSW and QLD will enjoy all that rugby has to offer over the course of the weekend.

We are hoping that our parents will be able to contribute some time over the weekend to assist in the running of the P&F Canteen. All proceeds go back to the School.

There is a core group of parents running the weekend, but there is a need for help from the wider school community.

There are two hour time slots needing to be filled on Saturday from 8.00am till 4.00pm and again on Sunday from 8.00am until 2.00pm.

Duties include: assisting in the canteen, running the BBQ, selling raffle tickets, setting up and cleaning up.

Please contact Margot on 0439 377 262 or Dominique on 6778 1150 to register your availability.

Thanks in advance for your support.

# General Notices

## Welding

Dave Rowland of Burrow Workplace Training will be delivering metalfab/welding courses for adults and students (Years 9 to 12) at TAS in Term 2.

Dave is a former TAFE teacher and will offer 2 courses: on Mondays (students) and Thursdays (Year 12 and adults) from 6.00 to 9.00 pm.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$270 for the term. Payment and enrolments can be made at Reception and those interested must sign up and pay for 9 weeks prior to the start of the course.

Term 2 courses run for 9 weeks from Week 2 to Week 10 inclusive.

Classes are limited to 10 students and are held at our metal classroom next to the TAS dam.

Peter Hall

## Secret Men's Business

Saturday 24 March saw an intrepid crew of fathers and boys travel to West Kunderang—a property in the middle of the Oxley Wild River National Park.

The intent was to have some fun together and, under the guidance of TAS counsellor Rob Hadfield and PDHPE teacher Jim Pennington, share the experiences of later adolescence now and then.

Year 9 marks the time when boys start to look for adult male role models beyond the simplistic hero worship of earlier days and a time when they look for direction.

Our program included activities in which sons and fathers/adults took turns in exercising some mentoring or leadership for each other, with some structured conversation time, and, of course, some time just to relax in the beautiful surroundings.

It was an opportunity to build connections further and create good memories.

We certainly will remember the engineering and earthmoving required to get vehicles up the hill after 50 mm of rain!

Check out the photo essay on the TAS website:

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/smb/Secret%20men.html](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/smb/Secret%20men.html)

Martin Levins

## Drama News

We were lucky enough to host Dennis Murphy at TAS on Thursday.

He did a performance for our elective Drama students (and students from Armidale High) and this was followed by a workshop for Year 9 and 10 drama on mask work. This was a terrifically exciting opportunity and you should check out the photos on the web. We are really lucky to be able to offer our students this opportunity to work with an internationally acclaimed puppeteer and performer. Why not check out his website <http://www.murphypuppets.com.au>



## Late news on the Kokoda Trek, 29 Sept to 11 Oct, 2007

Unfortunately, due to a lack of applications by TAS boys, the TAS Kokoda Expedition is looking doubtful.

An extension in time for applications and deposits has been granted by Nuigini Holidays, now required in by Friday 27 April. If the school does not gain at least 12 applications from our boys, then unfortunately the expedition for this year will need to be cancelled. For application forms please see the website:

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/kokoda/kokoda.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/kokoda/kokoda.php)

Contact Trevor Thatcher on 0427 765 806



I am delighted to inform you that the TAS Foundation's TASTE of TAS Wine Prize Draw took place at the school on Monday. Stuart George from Petersons Winery and Guesthouse supervised the draw, which was conducted by Murray Guest.

### The lucky winners are :

3rd Prize – Mr Robert Heath, Armidale, won the

Lunch for 2 at Petersons Cellar Door (valued at \$150).

2nd Prize – Mr Andrew Murray, Armidale, won the mixed case of Petersons Premium wine (valued at \$300).

AND . . .

1st Prize goes to Mrs Vickey O'Brien, Armidale! Vickey has won one night's accommodation in a Premium Spa Suite in the new exclusive Petersons Guest House including breakfast (valued at \$350).

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners!!

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the TAS Foundation's Wine Drive.

The prizes may have been won, but the Wine Drive still continues. So, if you haven't purchased any of the premium red or white, it's not too late. Order Forms are available from Reception.

Our sincere thanks to Stuart George from Petersons Winery and Guesthouse for the prizes as well as his ongoing support of TAS. Thank you Petersons.

Shona Eichorn, Community Relations

## TAS Rugby Carnival Dinner

A friendly reminder to families – Sat April 21, 7.30pm at the TAS Sports Centre. Tickets cost \$50 pp which include a 3 course dinner (provided by Pronto Catering), with limited beer and wine on tables (a bar will be available) and entertainment. Bookings and payment by Friday April 13.

Bookings at TAS Reception on 6776 5800. A child minding service is available for a nominal fee for 5–13 year olds.

There will also be additional children's activities throughout the carnival, which will certainly appeal to the non-rugby player of the family ie: jumping castle, face painting etc, gourmet coffee for the mums and dads!

So, don't be afraid to book early for your Carnival Dinner experience!



## ANZAC Arrangements – Term 2

### TAS Guard to March

With ANZAC Day falling in the holidays we are once again faced with the Guard having to come back to Armidale to present a service at both Dangarsleigh (8.40 am) and Central Park in Armidale (11.00 am) on 25 April. My thanks to all the guard members and their families who make this possible.

I encourage the TAS Community to come to either (or both) services if possible to support the TAS Guard and to honour the memory of our ANZACS.

### TAS ANZAC Service – Friday 27 April, 7.00am

The School will conduct its own ANZAC Service at 7.00am on Friday 27 April on Frontfield. A warm invitation to all parents, students and friends of the School is extended to join us in this annual event. A personal invitation will be sent out in the end of term mail out to all families.

Grant Harris

## Arms and the Man

A select band of enthusiasts filled the P&F bus to Dorrigo to attend the opening night of "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw. The boys were pleasantly surprised to find a cosy and well appointed theatre with comfortable seats. They were impressed with the lighting and the ingenious set changes, the atmosphere of a well attended performance and the acting in a well directed production.

The play is set in Bulgaria during one of the wars between Serbia and Bulgaria in the late 19th Century, and hinges around a Swiss mercenary soldier who escapes from his pursuers by climbing in the bedroom window of an idealistic young woman. Shaw was attempting to debunk the Romantic idea of war. He treats the theme comically, and this made the evening pass by most enjoyably.

The club provided delicious snacks and drinks during the interval and all the boys would be prepared to recommend, to anyone, a repeat visit to the Dorrigo theatre for any future productions.

Jeremy Nash and Callum Dillon Year 8

## Year 10 Get Together

**Sunday 20 May 07  
at "Swallowfield" Rockvale Road  
(Adams Family Home)**

**Time 10.30am  
BYO picnic and chair**

**Boarders without parents will be  
catered for and transported  
More information to follow in next  
term's newsletter.**

**Any queries phone Lucy ah 6pm to  
8pm 6775 1774**

## Musical Notes – Ian Slater

Phew – what a busy weekend. On Saturday the Senior Jazz and Big Band took part in the Armidale's Autumn Festival parade. A float was decorated in the morning upon which the Senior Jazz Band played as part of the parade.

In the afternoon a 'battle of the Bands' had been organised in the park. The TAS Senior and Big Bands took part as well as NEGS, Armidale High School and two bands from PLC. Congratulations to Armidale High and well done to TAS Big Band who came in a close second. Mr Hughes and I were very proud of all of the boys and helpers.

On Sunday our traditional Easter service took part in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. The choir were magnificent, especially considering they had missed a few Friday rehearsals with Activities days

On Easter Saturday and Sunday the TAS trio – Nigel Bell (violin), Bernard Chong (cello) and Timothy Williamson (piano) will be entertaining the public at an Open Garden.

Next term sees the Armidale Eisteddfod taking place and rehearsals have been in full swing, but can I remind students that attendance and practice is essential if we are to do as well as we can this year.

A tenor in a Welsh choir had a dream. He had gone to Heaven and was admitted to the Celestial Choir. It consisted of 1,000 bases. 1,000 sopranos, 1,000 altos – but only one tenor, himself. After only one verse the Almighty tapped with the baton and said "Mr Jones please, not so loud".

### Why join a choir?

At TAS many students are learning an instrument. Singing is an important part of learning any instrument. If a student wishes to take examinations on any instrument, even percussion, they have to sing as part of the examination. Being part of a choir teaches the necessary vocal skills.

Being in a choir allows students to enjoy music and enhance the skills they are learning whether that be pitch, pulse, rhythm or melodic phrase or shape.

Many students learn an instrument independently (especially piano and drums) and rarely/never play with a group. If nothing else coming together for a common goal with like-minded people through singing encourages contacts, and the desire to form groups or be part of an ensemble.

Students who play in ensembles have to listen to ensure the band are balanced, in-tune/together/playing stylistically. Singing is most important in developing the skills to be able to do this.

Music elective students in particular need the vocal experience that comes with being part of a choir. Singing carries a weighting of 5% in the HSC. Additionally, singing allows the students to enhance their aural skills by being able to 'filter out' non-important sounds and focus on the question at hand in the aural paper. Furthermore, students need to experience and be able to identify and appreciate an eclectic mix of music and have open minds towards music.

Research has shown that students who take 30 minute group singing score 80% higher in object assembly skills and significantly improve motor development and cognitive development.

Being in a choir is not exclusively for those learning an instrument; it is open for all who enjoy making music together.

Finally what greater pleasure can a parent have than seeing their child on stage singing as part of a choir and doing rather than watching?

In addition to our junior choral program, the Junior Vocal Ensemble meets on Wednesday mornings at 8.00am.

The Middle School Vocal Group meet on Wednesdays 11.00–11.35am.

TAS Singers meet on Tuesday 7.45–8.30am

Chapel Choir meets on Friday 3.45–5.00pm

### **And finally,**

Some Country & Western definitions – Yee Ha have a great holiday.

12 Tone Scale -- The thing the State Police weigh your tractor trailer truck with

A 440 -- The highway that runs around Nashville

Aeolian Mode -- How you like Mama's cherry pie

Altos -- Not to be confused with "Tom's toes," "Bubba's toes" or "Dori-toes"

Bach Chorale -- The place behind the barn where you keep the horses

Bass -- The things you run around in softball

Bassoon -- Typical response when fishing and asked what you hope to catch, and when

Big Band -- When the bar pays enough to bring two banjo players

### **Rotary Aviation Careers Expo**

See link to website. A reminder that all applications are due to Mr Thatcher, Careers Advisor, for comment prior to being submitted to Careers Network Inc of Tamworth.

Applications need to be in to Mr Thatcher by Wed 4 April.

### **UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test)**

Year 12 boys interested in studying medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and physiotherapy in 2008 will need to sit the UMAT on Wednesday 25 July. Registration for the test open in early April and close on 1 June. Check out the website:

<http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

### **ISAT (International Student Admissions Test)**

International students wishing to study medicine or dentistry in Australia in 2008 may need to sit the ISAT. Check out the website:

<http://www.acer.edu.au/tests/university/isat>

or see Mr Thatcher for help.

### **Armidale Careers Expo**

A careers expo involving many university, TAFE, trade and industry, and Defence Force representatives is to be held at UNE Wright Centre on Thursday 3 May. Yr 12 boys are encouraged to attend. As it is an exam week for Year 12, Mr Hall will identify when an exam is not scheduled so boys can attend.

## Community Service

Urgently needed before the term ends!!

Senior boys (4–6 ) who would be interested in helping out at the Rugby Carnival Dinner on Saturday 21 April – collecting and washing glasses, etc. – please see Ms Boydell as soon as possible. (Remember this is during the holidays)

Also the P&F are catering for the TAS Primary Rugby Carnival on 21–22 April (last weekend of April holidays). Eight boys are needed to help – sell raffle tickets, setup and assist at the stalls. Please see Ms Boydell as soon as possible (or email) if you would like to volunteer for this community service.

## Counsellor's Corner

'Solidarity' is an experience we have when we belong to a community or group with shared interests, feelings or action. It expresses a mutual reliance on each other to support the common cause, to be there for each other, to hold together as a unit. To experience solidarity is to go beyond the littleness of our self-interest or personal agendas. We accomplish something really important when we do this, whether in sport, in outdoor adventure, in the Pilgrimage of Hope, or in our school houses at an athletics carnival.

Knowing what we stand for, the power of relationship, understanding the cause to which we give ourselves, and recognising the values that undergird our lives, also comes to the fore when we celebrate Easter or remember the sacrifices of people on Anzac Day.

Solidarity takes us to another level because it connects us to a whole that is more than the sum of the parts that make it up. We belong to something 'more' than us. In difficult times we pull together to preserve, protect and advance this 'more'. Nothing defines a community more than when it rises to a challenge by pulling together, holding the line on what really matters, maintaining its core values through 'thick or thin'.

In an age that celebrates individualism and personal advantage, it seems important to emphasise what connects us and what can build community.

Every best wish for Easter.

Rob Hadfield

## Sporting News

### Toowoomba Tennis Visit 2007

After much negotiation the TAS tennis team finally set off on our traditional tennis matches in south eastern Queensland. This was the eighth occasion we have the pleasure of finishing our tennis season with the opportunity to challenge and extend our tennis teams with competition against schools with significantly larger population and thus greater drawing power.

This year's program consisted of matches against Toowoomba Grammar, Downlands College and the Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane.

A major addition to our numbers this year was the physical presence of the local tennis coach Mr Justin Sherriff who kindly agreed to join the group as coach, mentor and relief driver.

Our hearty band of twenty-two set off for Queensland early on Friday 16 March to arrive in Toowoomba around lunch time (Qld time). After time to our get lunches and stretch the legs, we progressed to Downlands College to be shown our accommodation for the weekend.

Our first match was against Toowoomba Grammar. Historically, the matches between TAS and TGS have been extremely close with TAS taking the day on two of the previous eight occasions.

Unfortunately, we were not to prevail this year either. The squad started strongly after an extensive warm up conducted by the Mr Sherriff, well known as a fitness fanatic, but faded towards the end of the match. The first IV team performed very well and defeated TGS 5 sets to 3 with Brock Sherriff having to forfeit a match due to unexpected illness. The second, 15 and 14 teams fought courageously but were unable to break the TGS combinations. The 13's had a tight match and were still able to win by the bare minimum of one game.

The next morning was an early rise with departure from Toowoomba being 5.30am, so that we could arrive in Brisbane in time to stretch legs and have breakfast before our 8.00am game against Anglican Church Grammar School (ACGS). ACGS boasts an impressive plot of ground in East Brisbane. The school has a total population of 1600 students approximately four times the TAS population. The day was particularly warm and humid which did not resemble our altitude training conditions. Our boys fought valiantly but again lost the matches 3-2, with the 13's and 14's winning convincingly. The match of the day was in the first IV were the boys played first to nine games in the doubles and best of two sets with a super tie-breaker to decide the game when sets were 1-1. The result was 10-4 sets but it could have been closer but for some of the tight matches swinging the other way.

With an afternoon to spare, we headed off to Wet'n'Wild. It was a particularly pleasant way to unwind and reinvigorate some tired muscles.

Watching Mr Sherriff breaking the sound barrier as he descended the "Mach 5" slide was a highlight for all who witnessed this tremendous feat. The boys gathered on the school bus with lots of stories about spectacular events and heroics. We arrived back at Downlands for the traditional game of night touch football. The TAS boys were made to feel very welcomed and enjoyed the evenings entertainment very much.

Our final game was against our host for the weekend. Downlands is not renowned for their tennis and this proved to be the case as we took the exchange four matches to one with the seconds being the only team to lose to the Queenslanders.

We boarded the school bus at precisely 12.30pm and headed home. I was expecting a quiet trip home, thinking the boys would be all "tuckered out", but this did not prove to be the case. Numerous games and discussions reliving the events of the weekend kept everybody busy and loud. Adam Penman and Daniel Assef seemed to be the ring-leaders in this respect.

Strong performances were had by all the first IV and 13's teams with the 14's winning two of the three matches. Thanks to Mr Sherriff for his support during the weekend. His presence made my job a lot easier than previous years for which I am very grateful.

I would also like to thank Adam Penman and Jack Garrad for their leadership over the weekend and the way they related to the younger students and made their weekend particularly special. Thanks also to Mr Gavin Wright (TGS), Mr Ian Malpass (ACPS) and Mr Lindsay Mason (DCC) for their organization at the other end. Without their support the exchange could not happen.

Score cards and photos from the weekend are on the school website:

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/tennis.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/tennis.php)

The teams were:

#### Open 1st

A. Penman  
J. Garrad  
B. Sherriff  
J. Stevenson

#### Open 2nd

D. Assef  
R. Walker  
C. Davis  
B. Lamoureux

#### 15's

A. Newey  
N. Shepherd  
N. das Neves - Jones  
T. Armitage

#### 14's

H. Guest  
A. das Neves- Jones  
N. Bell  
T. Lomax-Sewell

#### 13's

J. Moloney  
J. Taylor  
A. Lloyd  
H. McKinnon

Mark Taylor, MIC Tennis

## Shooting

### Middle School Small Bore Shooting

Small bore shooting will again be offered as a second sport for Middle School boys during winter. Boys will be expected to shoot at the small bore range one night a week. Small bore shooting will also be conducted most Saturday afternoons, with boys required to attend at least one of these practices every fortnight. A calendar for Term 2 will soon be released on the shooting page of the TAS website.

### Senior Shooting

Full bore shooting at Wollomombi Range will be scheduled for 3 Saturday afternoons per month during Term 2 & 3. Also, the Warwick Prize Shoot is scheduled for the weekend of 19 - 20 May. Travel to Warwick will occur on Friday afternoon, however boys involved in the Sydney High visit on Saturday will be transported later that afternoon in order to participate in Sunday's events.

## GPS Shooting Premiership - July

This year the GPS Shooting Premiership will be competed again at Hornsby Range on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th July (3rd week of school holidays). Boys will be expected to attend lead-up shooting meetings on Saturday 14th July in the 'All-Schools' (Malabar) competition, and Sunday 15th July at the West Wallsend (Cessnock) Prize Shoot. The school expects to field a 1st VIII and 2nd VIII team, therefore at least 16 senior full-bore shooters will be selected to attend from Friday 13th to Thursday 19th July.

A GPS Preparation Camp is planned for the weekend 23rd - 24 June, at Wollomombi Range.

Parents are encouraged to come and support their sons over the GPS competition days.

Boys and parents need to look at their planned holiday activities and confirm their intention to represent TAS at GPS Shooting, with Mr Thatcher ASAP.

## Launceston Rifle Club Open Prize Meeting

The Launceston Rifle Club sponsor a full bore competition each May.

This is a 'postal shoot', where applicants shoot on allocated targets, on their home range. Target sheets are sent to Launceston Club for scoring. The shoot is to be conducted by the end of May, is conducted at 600yds, as a 2 and 20. Entry cost is \$13.00. Most TAS senior full bore shooters will be enrolled in this.

## Soccer Results

### TAS First XI - Mann Cup

TAS 1sts started the 2007 pre-season well, with encouraging performances in the Mann Cup last weekend.



Playing against higher ranked Premier League teams including UNE/Ex-Wests. TAS had to hit the ground running and eventually made the Consolation Final. TAS finished runners-up to Demon Knights in an exciting final after a draw was decided on corners.

Highlights were; the strong combination from midfield and backs to defend our goal and not concede in the Semi-Final and Final; Tim Williams' powerful winning goal against Souths; Big defensive tackles by Toby Brunckhorst and Matt Coulton; excellent leadership by captain Warwick Allen with support from the whole team.

The Division 1 competition starts on the first Saturday of next term, with training on Tuesday and Thursday. It looks like another promising season ahead for TAS.

Martin Oppenheimer, Coach

## Mini Basketball

### Games for Yr 5/6 for 5 April if needed

6.00 TAS	Purple Pirates	v	Blue Moon
6.00 TAS	Green Giants	v	Red Roadies
4.30 NEGS	White Wizards	v	Gully Redbacks
5.20 NEGS	Black Adder	v	Blue Bayou

## 1st XI Fathers vs Sons Match

The annual 1st X1 versus Fathers/Sons and Old Boys Cricket match was held on Sunday with Backfield Oval in near perfect conditions thanks especially to the TAS Grounds Staff who prepared a good wicket for the occasion.

Fathers/Sons skipper for the day, Tony Corcoran called correctly at the toss and batted much to the disappointment of 1st X1 Captain, Michael Corcoran. The disappointment didn't last long because Alistair Doyle bowled Bruce Coppock with "a beauty" for 1. Chris Munday helped Tony Corcoran take the score to 38 before being removed LBW by Scholes for 15. Phil Penman went soon after for 1. When Michael Corcoran bowled Tony for 18, Fathers/Sons were in big trouble at 6 for 58.

An 8th wicket partnership of 52 James Perrett 34 and Charlie White - 37 retired not out - put some respectability into the score and after 40 overs Fathers/Sons had scored 8 for 147 setting 148 to win off 40 overs.

Headmaster, Mr Guest joined the players and parents for afternoon tea break at McConville Centre provided by the parents.

Benn Roberts - opening with Adam Penman - was run out for 5 with the score at 10. Charles Cull joined Penman and together they put on 89 for the 2nd wicket, virtually assuring victory for the 1st X1. Penman hit 9-4s and 1-6 before being bowled by Charlie Powell for 57 - showing why he was missed when the team lost it's semi-final in the Town Comp. Charles was caught for 41. Tom O'Connor then put the result beyond doubt with a "cavalier" 56 which included 8 x 4s and 3 x 6s. Anthony Pryor retired on 18; Alistair Doyle a six and was bowled; Michael Corcoran coming in down the order hit 3 x 6s before retiring for 27. Best of the bowlers was next year's opening bowler, Charlie White, (0 for 20) who will team with the vastly improved Tim Williams to open the bowling in the 2007-2008 season.

A much deserved win to the 1st X1 which have not beaten the Fathers/Sons team for some years. It was a great ending to a wonderful season of cricket.

The Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation will be held on Wednesday night this week.

Tony Corcoran

**Soccer Camp with World Cup player Terry Phelan in April School holidays 12-15 and 17-20 April Eleven Years and up.**  
For further information phone 0433 815533 or [www.tfaustralia.com.au](http://www.tfaustralia.com.au) or email [tfaustralia@bigpond.com](mailto:tfaustralia@bigpond.com)

## Middle School

### From the Head of Middle School

As the first term of 2007 draws to a conclusion, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a fine group of young men to teach, a supportive group of parents and a fantastic teaching and learning environment. We wish to thank our parents for their contributions to our School and encourage their continuing involvement in their sons' education.

I would also like to express my thanks to our Middle School team for their commitment to ensuring a high standard of instruction and pastoral care. On behalf of the Middle School staff I extend our best wishes for a safe, happy and joyous Easter. We look forward to our students returning refreshed and prepared to begin the new term.

### Year 6 Mosman Excursion

We encourage parents to make contact with your son's Mosman family during the holiday in order to begin communication before our excursion takes place during Week 2 of Term 2.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

The Year 8 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Friday 18 May. Interview request forms will be mailed to families at the beginning of Term 2 and should be returned to Mrs Evans as soon as possible. We wish to thank the Year 6 and 7 parents for their attendance at the parent/teacher conferences during the past two weeks. Your support of your son's education is appreciated.

### Easter Carol Service

We wish to thank our Middle School representative Angus Begg, Year 8, who delivered an exceptionally fine reading at short notice, at the Easter Carol Service on Sunday.

### Round Square in the Middle School

Already two Year 8 boys have arranged to exchange this year with two boys from Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston, Tasmania. Well done Mitchell Hore and Luke Zanesco.

Over the holidays it might be a nice time to discuss other options Junior Round Square offers this year. Of course there are still opportunities to attend the Australasian Junior Round Square conference in Ballarat - in late Term 2 and why not add an exchange on then? Any boys who are interested please see the Round Square weblink on our TAS website for more details, or just pick up an application form directly from Ms Boydell.

**Please mark on your calendar.....**

### Middle School Social

On Friday 27 April, TAS will be hosting the Year 6 to 8 social beginning at 7.00pm and concluding at 9.00pm. The boys are looking forward to a large number of guests from PLC and NEGS.

## Student Contributions

**ADOLESCENCE  
A TRICKY TIME  
A SMELLY TIME  
A MOODY TIME  
ADOLESCENCE.**

**ADOLESCENCE  
THE HAIR GETS OILY  
THE MUSCLES GROW  
THE PARENTS GET ANNOYING  
ADOLESCENCE.**

**ADOLESCENCE  
PIMPLES POPPING UP EVERYWHERE  
AND WHY AM I ANGRY?  
OH AND THERE'S THIS GIRL NEXT DOOR  
ADOLESCENCE.**

by Lorne Gurney Year 8

Dear Year 7 Parents,

As you would have read in the 'TAS Talks' we have a few school activities coming up where the P&F would love your help and your company, these always being great opportunities to meet other parents and students.

### **Middle & Senior School Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 4th April – today**

P&F are asking for contributions of baked goods to sell for morning and afternoon teas and assistance.

### **Open Garden on Easter weekend – 7th & 8th April**

Gordon and Dominique Burke, Old Inverell Rd, Armidale (their son Alex is in Year 6), are opening their gorgeous garden as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme. TAS P&F are catering the teas and lunches as a fundraiser for the school. Please contact Margo Hill (phone 67722197 or email jr35@bigpond.net.au) if you can help on either day, as she is putting together a roster or prior to the weekend making muffins etc.

### **PS Visual Art teacher James White will have his painting for sale as well**

### **Primary Rugby Carnival April 21–22nd at TAS**

our Years 5 and 6 are involved in this carnival and the P&F is specifically calling on Rugby parents to help with catering, though as it is very much a whole school event all parent assistance would be greatly appreciated. It will be BUSY and fun weekend with an estimated 600 outsiders attending the carnival. Once again contact Margo or Dominique Laurie (phone 67781150 or email doniquelaurie@gobushmail.com.au)

As liaison parents, if we can assist in any way regarding school routine, P&F events, activities etc, please give one of us a ring.

Regards Sally Castle (phone 67724442) and Sandra Grant (phone 67751939)

## Year 6 Parents Get Together

You are cordially invited to Year 6 Parents Get Together (Kids optional)

Wednesday, 4th April  
(after the athletics carnival).

at the Wicklow for drinks and dinner.  
We will be there from 6.00pm  
so drop in for a drink and dinner  
or just a drink.  
An indication of numbers for dinner  
would be helpful

Dominique 67715288  
Linda 67723375  
Prue 67776494  
Angela 67791862

## Tutoring Services

We are pleased to announce that Mr Neil Druce (former staff) is now offering private tutoring services in literacy and numeracy for Junior and Middle School students.

This can be as individuals or small groups.

For more information phone Neil on 0437 891 253

## Junior School

### Looking Ahead

#### Wednesday 4 April

Transition Assembly – Easter  
MS/SS Athletics Carnival

#### Thursday 5 April

Last day of Term 1

#### Monday 23 April

First day of Term 2 for Transition Blue  
Staff Day

#### Tuesday 24 April

Transition Blue attend school  
Staff Day

#### Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday – school closed

#### Thursday 26 April

First day of Term 2 for remainder of Junior School  
– Transition Red and Years K–5

#### Friday 27 April

TAS ANZAC Service 7am  
Junior School Cross Country from 2pm

#### Monday 30 April

MS/SS Excursion Week

#### Wednesday 2 May

Year 5 Assembly

## From the Head of Junior School

We have all enjoyed a very busy but productive start to the year. Having delighted in great participation and many successes at a myriad of events and activities this term, and of course the normal every day classroom activities, it is no wonder that Term 1 has gone so quickly!

Children have settled into school routines and expectations remarkably well and we are proud of all their achievements, be they sporting, music, academic or social. To all our new students, we are delighted that you have joined our school and with how well you have adapted, and we are thrilled with the wonderful progress you are making. We have also been delighted with the parent input into our school. It is only by working with parents to educate their children that the greatest benefits are achieved. We look forward to this continuing and strengthening for the remainder of the year. We hope you, both parents and children, have a very restful and enjoyable two-week break. We will miss the children during the break and look forward to their return.

Mrs Lou Forsythe

## No TAS Talks Week 1 Term 2

Due to the two day week we start with next term, there will be no TAS Talks in the first week of Term 2.

## Birthday Wishes

We wish the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week, a very happy birthday: John Dennis, Archie Stacy and Sam Johnston.



We also wish the following children a very happy birthday as they will be celebrating in the holidays: Holly Tearle, Cooper Gerdes, Hamish McPhie, Joshua Beattie, Michael Paull, Jacob Smith, James Hill, Harry Ackling, Jack Ackling, Jacqueline Hill, Ashleigh Slater, Michael O'Sullivan, Charlotte Caldwell and Luke Evans, Dougie Close and Will Brissett

## Thank You Mrs Grills

We wish to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Theresa Grills for the work she has done with the Year 4 class this term. All the children responded well to her quiet and ordered manner and the work on display in the classroom is a testament to what the class achieved in Term 1. Thank you from all of us.

## Leukaemia Fundraiser

We wish to thank all the children for contributing to the Arrow Foundation fundraiser organised by the Prefects last Thursday. The children loved the opportunity to come to school dressed in casuals and were entertained by the teachers who all came dressed in uniform. The School raised approximately \$600 for the Foundation – a great effort.

## Congratulations

We were very proud of Cameron Norbury (Year 5) who represented the Junior School at the TAS Easter Service on Sunday evening. Cameron spoke clearly and very confidently in front of an appreciative audience. This is not an easy thing for young children to do and we commend him for speaking so well.

## Thank you to Mr Jeitani

We would like to thank Mr Badaui Jeitani for all the book covering he has done this term. It has been wonderful to get these books into the classrooms so quickly for the children and teachers to enjoy.

## Library Books

Please ensure your child returns all borrowed library books by tomorrow. There will be no borrowing this week.

## Start of Term 2 and Uniform

For the first week of Term 2 Transition Blue students will attend school on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April and Transition Red students will attend school on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th April.

For the first two weeks of Term 2, children may wear either summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. From Week 3 all children are required to wear their winter uniform.

## Premiers Reading Challenge

Premiers Reading Challenge booklets were distributed at the end of last week. It is not too late to add your name to the list if you wish to participate in the Challenge this year.

From the beginning of Term 2 please remember to bring in your Reading Challenge booklet each Wednesday so your progress can be monitored. Please hand them to Mrs Ranck or Mrs Forsythe in the Junior School office.

## Latin Club

Unfortunately due to a heavy work commitments and declining health Miss Hardy will be unable to run the Year 2 to 4 Tuesday Latin Club. She passes on her apologies.

## WRAP in Years 3 to 5 in Term 2

At the beginning of Term 2, all children in Years 3, 4 & 5 will be tested to determine the appropriate level at which they will be working in WRAP. Three groups will then be decided on these results, with the children being grouped more closely to allow the teacher to focus their teaching on that particular level.

## Year 5 Gifted & Talented Enrichment Day

Thanks to the efforts of a planning group of local educators, an 'enrichment day' for students in Years 5 to Year 8 is to be held in Armidale on Saturday 12 May.

The enrichment day will be a program called Crime Scene Investigation (CSI). Crime Scene Investigation allows students to simulate the role of forensic scientists. They will learn to search for and examine traces of material that might either establish or exclude an association between a suspect and a victim or a crime. These traces include: saliva, paint, glass, blood, footwear and tyre/ lip/ dental impressions, flammable substances, hairs, fibres and vegetable material. As forensic scientists students may also need to examine written and typed documents.

The enrichment day is meant to allow students with high potential and interest in an area to meet others of like mind and to engage in activities that may challenge and extend them. By participating in the program, students may also be given the further opportunity by their school to lead and teach others, enabling greater opportunity for further participation within the program and/ or collaborating to make their own CSI program.

In addition to these components we are also running a workshop for parents of gifted and talented students on the day. At the close of the day we will bring all groups together for a student presentation, followed by a debriefing session for teachers.

For more information on times, cost, registration and contacts please see Mr Hadfield. Please keep in mind there are limited places allocated to each school.

### **URGENT – WRAP Introductory Parent Course**

If you have already expressed interest in attending this course or would like more details about the course, please contact the Junior School office (67765817) as a matter of urgency as we are finalising details this week. The course dates are 18, 19 and 20 April, 2007. This course helps parents, teachers, tutors and aides to assist children's literacy learning. It is especially helpful for those who wish to support students in the formative years. Enables trainees to develop skills for Literacy Learning Support.

### **Family Reading**

Five ways to grab 15 minutes of family reading time every day.

Read on the go. On car trips, make it a game to read interesting billboards, road signs, shop names and so on. Be prepared. Take a few favourite books in a book bag when you are going somewhere you may have to sit or wait for a while, e.g. on the bus or train, or at a doctor's surgery, train station or airport.

Better than TV. Read some picture books or a good action story or adventure as a serial, to replace an evening TV program.

Look and listen. Listen and read along with a book that is on tape. There are some beautiful ones around. Try the school or local Library or local bookstore.

Labels everywhere. Stick labels on items in your child's room, or around the house, and read them regularly.

### **It Takes Someone Special to Give Blood – Can You?**

It may sound amazing but it's true. Your single blood donation can help save 3 lives. Australia needs 21,000

blood donations every week to treat people like burns patients, cancer sufferers, accident victims and new-born babies. April is a busy time of the year, with public holidays and school holidays. This means many people do not get around to giving blood. Therefore, vital bloodstocks can be under real pressure.

The Junior School is encouraging all parents to make an extra special effort this April to give blood – even if you've never done it before.

Call the Australian Red Cross Blood Service today on 131495 or visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au) to check your eligibility to give blood and to make an appointment at your nearest collection centre.

### **School Holiday Chess**

The NSW Junior Chess League runs activities suitable for all ages, under 18, and levels of chess players. The following events will be held in Lidcombe during the next school holidays:

Holiday Coaching Clinic – Wednesday 11 April

Autumn One-Day Tournament – Thursday 12 April

Autumn Two-Day Tournament – Wednesday & Thursday 18–19 April

The following regional tournaments will also be held:

Dubbo Autumn One-Day Tournament – Wednesday 18 April

Wollongong Autumn One-Day Tournament – Sunday 27 May

Full details may be found on the NSW Junior Chess League's website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au).

### **Lost Property**

Ziggy Harris, in Year 2, has lost his size 10 TAS blazer. It is very clearly labelled on the inside collar and has distinctive satin stitching along the front edges of the blazer where it has frayed. Can you please check to see that you haven't picked up Ziggy's blazer by mistake?

Lauchlan Smith, in Year 5, has lost his school jumper. The jumper is clearly labelled with "Smith". Can you please check to see that you haven't picked up Lauchlan's jumper by mistake?

Aidan McEnroe, in Year 2, has lost his Chappell hat which is labelled inside. Please check to see if you've picked up Aiden's hat by mistake.

Maeve McEnroe, in Year 1, has lost her school jumper. The jumper is not labelled however it has red marker on the tag of the jumper. Can you please check to see if you have picked up Maeve's jumper by mistake.

### **Family Holidays during Term Time**

Whilst we never underestimate the importance of spending time together as a family, time spent away from school can impact on your child's learning. We are asking parents to try to avoid using school term time if at all possible for family holidays. The beginning of a school year is when all classroom expectations are set in place, and children missing this time, find it difficult when the rest of the class are already aware of what is necessary. We thank you in advance of planning your holidays for 2008.

Under 12's had a trial to determine teams and this grading will continue in the last week of term. See the attached winter sports sheet to see which team your child is in.

## CIS Swimming Carnival

This year saw a change in the format for CIS swimming with Primary on the first day and Secondary competing on the second day. For first timers, John Dennis and Josh Draycott, it was great to see them compete in the Olympic pool where other great swimmers have swum. Harry Lloyd was unfortunately recovering from a bad cold and tried as hard as he could but found it tough going with his health. Jay Kennedy did a personal best time in his backstroke and Jack Campbell performed very well to come 11th in his breaststroke, missing a spot in the final by one place!

Matthew Lockyer swam very well in his backstroke and relay and Angus Brunsdon competed well but found that 7 races in 3 1/2 hours was a bit too much. His first race, the 200m Individual Medley produced a personal best time and a 13th place. The senior relay team consisting of Harry, Matthew, Josh and Angus came 15th and swam 3 seconds faster than at Ballina. Well done boys, on a good effort in Sydney.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

## Mini Basketball – Ms Bromwich

What a sensational game to end the season with. The Black Bandits were playing against the White Whistlers. We were very short only having two players attend the game, Max Cushway and Emma Sotto, but were lucky enough to have the support of other players from different schools. We won 29 to 7. Exceptional throw ins by Emma and Max defended the game very well. Goals were made by Mitchell, Naran and our ring in from the White Whistlers.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents for their support in bringing the children to the game. I have really enjoyed the basketball season and can't wait until we can start the season again.

## Winter Sports

Attached to this newsletter or on the website under TAS Talks is the break up of the winter sports.

Winter sports training will be held once a week on Tuesday afternoons. Winter sports training will commence in the second week of Term 2. All children participating in a winter sport need to be at training with all required equipment. Hockey players must have a mouthguard, shinpads and their hockey stick. Soccer players must have shin pads, and a mouthguard is preferable.

The first game of the competition will commence on Saturday 28 April.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon, JS Sports Co-ordinator

## Soccer Competition

The Armidale Soccer Association has decided to have no graded competitions for age groups Under 10's and below. This means the teams need to be of equal ability so therefore no trials were held except to determine that all teams were as equal as possible.

## Junior School Cross Country

The Junior School Cross Country will be held at school on the first Friday afternoon of next term, Friday 27 April – weather permitting. The course will once again be challenging and will have varying distances to cater for different age groups. All children are reminded to wear their sports uniform to school on the day with their House coloured polo shirt. Drink bottles and hats are a necessity and sunscreen will be supplied on the day. If your child requires an asthma puffer please ensure they bring it to the course with them clearly labeled with their name. There are two distances to be run. The 5, 6, 7 & 8 year olds will run 1.5kms and the remainder of the children will complete the 3km course. Any parents willing to help on the day would be greatly appreciated. We will have a meeting with the parent helpers at 1.30pm at the Junior School on the day of the cross country.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon, JS Sports Co-ordinator