

TAS TALKS #10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 2, Week 10 – Wednesday 27 June, 2007

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Headmaster – *Murray Guest*

Titration Winners

Once again, a TAS team has taken out the regional section of the NSW Schools Titration Competition. The team of Daniel Assef, Matt Coulton and Carl Davis took this prestigious chemistry title from a field of 13 teams, scoring a total error of just 64 points (out of a possible 35,000!) whilst our two other teams were placed 4th and 5th.

Whilst I feel ill-equipped to give a personal perspective on the place of titration in Science education, I do know that its practical base fits keenly with the approach of the TAS Science Department from Middle School through to the HSC. This experimental and hands-on style is naturally appealing to TAS boys and, I believe, a key reason for the consistent success of TAS students in Science.

For those who would like more information on this mysterious scientific business, I suggest you visit:

<http://www.nswtitration.com/>

Award Winning School Prospectus

Congratulations to the creator of the new TAS Prospectus, Mrs Anne White, on winning the silver medal in the national Schooldays' School Prospectus Competition. Mrs White was celebrated by her peers in the school publications field last weekend at the official awards ceremony and I am sure that all at TAS share in the pride of this achievement. I suspect that most parents and students, other than those who have arrived at TAS recently, will not have seen the new prospectus. For those who are interested in seeing what all the fuss is about, it is available on the website at: <http://www.as.edu.au> or you can browse through a hard copy when next at the Front Office.

As most will know, Mrs White is also the publisher of TAS Talks, Binghi, 2006 in Review and almost every other document and magazine that emerges from the School. I often receive compliments from other schools, old boys and parents about the quality of Binghi in particular, but the credit falls directly to Mrs White.

While the TAS Prospectus has been in the limelight, Mrs White has been organising a new DVD for the School, encompassing an entertaining 12 minute movie, a number of slide shows and a very clever virtual tour of the School. The DVD is the work of old boy and film maker Jonathan Heath and should be available next term.

Much of Mrs White's work is designed for families who are considering schools for their children, but I would suggest that anyone in the TAS family will find them interesting.

Harry Potter Predictions

Amid great excitement, Harry Potter devotees gathered at lunch yesterday to share their ideas and make their predictions on the big issues in the seventh and final book in this series (to be released the day before we return to School next term).

This is big stuff and it is no surprise that the crowd had to be thinned by Harry Potter interrogation in order to fit into the room. Debate was equally as fiery and ruthless as boys from Year 3 to Year 12 stretched their imaginations and voiced their opinions on questions ranging from whether Snape is a good man, to who is going to die. If anyone doubted the emotional attachment of the Potter series, this TAS book forum would have put paid to those doubts!

Well done Ms Hoddinott on a great idea and good luck to all those who have put their names to the competition to predict the plot.

This Week on the Web

TAS' awarding winning prospectus and preview of our new DVD are now at www.as.edu.au

photos from the Eisteddfod Gala Concert and a list of results

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

Tyrrell House tennis day and other matters

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

Year 8 Science

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/science/current_science.php

Junior School computer afternoon

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

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 27 June

Junior Round Square Conference
– Ballarat
8.00am JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
6.00pm Senior Jazz Band rehearse
Big Band rehearse

Thursday 28 June

Junior Round Square Conference
– Ballarat
8.30am Year 11/12 Music and Year 11 Drama
Excursion depart to Sydney
5.00–6.00pm Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 29 June

9.00am Confirmation Service
This is a normal school day for everyone except boarders who are booked on the Countrylink buses

End of Term

Chaplain – *Richard Newton*

Confirmation this Friday Luke 14:25–35

There is a Chinese proverb that says something like this, “The man who tries to walk two roads will split his pants.” The cost of being a disciple of Jesus is great. Jesus likens it to carrying a cross, the most vivid image of Jesus, costly love for us.

Jesus urges those who were joining the ‘would be’ crowd of followers to weigh up the cost of following Jesus very carefully. Just as we weigh up the cost of construction of a home at the personal level, or the cost of battle on a national scale, so too must we weigh up the cost of following Jesus. It is meant to be clear that following Jesus will be costly, that it should not be entered into lightly, or thoughtlessly. As in the end, we will only do ourselves damage if we try to serve ourselves and say we follow Jesus, it will be like the man who tries to walk two paths.

This years confirmees have thought carefully about what they are doing. They have weighed the cost of following Jesus and have concluded that it is worth it. Now they are prepared to stand publicly and declare their allegiance to Christ, and their willingness to follow Him. May I ask that we all pray for the following young people in journey along the narrow road.

Toby Crothers	Angus Trenerry
Mitchell Hore	Sam Moore
Kate Moore	Tim Pearson
Tim Vidler	Jack Vidler
Lorne Gurney	Ben Brunckhorst
Andrew Patrick	Campbell Duff

P&F Association

Hard to believe it is the end of term – again!!!

Just a couple of reminders before you all head off on a well deserved break.

Next term's P&F meeting will be held in Lower Maxwell on Wednesday 15 August at 7.00 pm and our “thing” for next term will be the Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday 8 September. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Meanwhile, many thanks for your terrific and enthusiastic support during the past term and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.

Dominique and Margot

General Notices

NSW Schools Chemistry Titration Competition

The annual Regional Competition of the NSW Schools Chemistry Titration Competition was held at UNE last Thursday.

Titration is the very precise measurement of volumes of solutions enabling the concentration of unknown solutions to be determined.

TAS entered three teams in the event and they achieved first, fourth and fifth place.

The winning team composed of Daniel Assef, Matt Coulton and Carl Davis had only small errors in the fourth decimal place. Daniel had the accuracy of being out by only one in the fourth decimal place.

The team who came fourth may well have won the competition as two of the boys had similarly small errors and the third with correct calculations would have had zero error. Well done boys.

Grant Harris

Year 11 and 12 Drama and Music are heading to Sydney to experience some professional performances. This is an important part of the Drama students course work as one area we study is ‘Elements of Production in Performance’. We will see the ‘Merchant of Venice’ at the Belvoir Street theatre; a performance of ‘Ruby Moon’ at the Riverside theatre, Parramatta; ‘Othello’ by Bell Shakespeare Company at the Opera House as well as ‘The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee’.

Susan Hoddinott

Just a reminder that the ‘Australian Mathematics Competition’ is to be held on Wed 25 July – which is just as school returns next term. So if you are in Years 3 to 12 keep up the maths practice.

Will Caldwell

DATA PROJECTOR

A white Sony Data Projector went missing from room CO2 last weekend. Please return this to Mr Bock asap.

If your Son is in Year 7 to 10 Science ask him about his Computer Assignment for the Holidays Your son has been asked to:

explain his favourite experiment in a two minute podcast using photos from school saying why they enjoyed it, what they learnt from it and giving a real world application of the concept learnt by doing the experiment.

Students and parents/guardians are then asked to work together to prepare an interview style podcast in which the student explains the practical he most enjoyed and parents are asked to contribute to it through feedback and or assessment of the work.

The best podcasts will go into the final for judging in National Science Week in August with prizes to be awarded to students in each year group?

(Sorry, parents, there are no prizes for your efforts in all of this but we hope you have some fun doing it!)

Wally Richards, Head of Science

IT Challenge

The University of Sydney, School of Information Technologies runs a programming challenge each year. The Challenge is delivered via the web and assumes no previous programming knowledge.

TAS took part in the challenge last year and greatly enjoyed the experience. The Challenge runs for 5 weeks starting on Monday, July 23 and is available for Years 9 to 12. By special arrangement, I have been able to include some keen Year 7 boys so please email me if you are interested and you aren't in Years 9 to 12.

Please register at: <http://challenge.ncss.edu.au/>

The cost is \$11 and I will arrange payment later in Term 3.

Tim Scott

Student Services – Vickey O'Brien

Travel

For all travel enquiries please contact Vickey O'Brien – 6776 5806, mobile 0412 475 339 or email vobrien@as.edu.au

HSC Tutoring

HSC tutoring session will continue in Term 3

Business Studies – Mondays (5.45pm), Thursdays (5.45pm)

Economics – Tuesdays (7.30pm)

2U Maths – Mondays (6.15pm), Wednesdays (6.45pm)

3U Maths – Mondays (7.30pm), Wednesdays (5.45pm)

General Maths – Mondays (6.15pm), Wednesdays (5.45pm)

ESL – Wednesdays (6pm)

Advanced English – Tuesdays (6pm), Thursdays (7.30pm)

Literacy – Tuesdays (6pm), Thursdays (7.30pm)

Modern History – Thursdays (5pm)

Chemistry – Tuesdays (6.30pm)

Physics – Thursdays (6.30pm)

EES – Mondays (7.00pm)

Counsellor's Corner

At last we are beginning to recognise that mental health and well being is the responsibility of all of us.

As parents we have a responsibility to become informed about issues such as stress, depression, anxiety and early onset psychosis as they relate to young people.

As adolescents we have a responsibility, to ourselves and our friends, to look out for any signs that we, or they, are not travelling too well. And it is so easy to become informed, especially about depression and anxiety. Take a little time to look on the internet. In the case of depression try the www.beyondblue.org.au website.

Become informed because that is the beginning of empowerment in relation to prevention and early intervention. You are always welcome to come and talk.

I have found that a book by Sarah Edelman called 'Change Your Thinking' very helpful for people in their journey towards recovery.

Just as importantly we need to explore what it is to be resilient, confident and happy in our lives. The elements that assist us to live well are identifiable and learnable. Resilience has to do with our capacity to live through adversity and disappointment, to move beyond surviving, to the point of thriving, even when our circumstances are difficult. Of course, this is not magic, nor is it an invitation to pretending. It is a real possibility for staying involved in the realities of our lives and to do so without burdening ourselves with negativity or hostility towards self.

Once more, why not look up 'resilience' on the net and become more informed about it. You might also like to read 'Learned Optimism' by Robert Seligman or his most recent book on 'Authentic Happiness'. These are easy to obtain. Enjoy the holiday period.

Rob Hadfield

Musical Notes – Ian Slater

Last Tuesday saw our second In-House concert. Some twenty-two students performed. They ranged from Year 4 to Year 12 and all put on a magnificent show – well done.

The Chapel Choir sang beautifully on Sunday and will again be in action at the Confirmation Service on Friday morning with Dr Maddox at the helm. Next term we will be singing at St Mary's church on Sunday 5 August at 8.00am.

Mr Hughes and I have our bags packed and are ready for the music excursion to Sydney on Thursday. We will be experiencing:

Sydney Symphony Orchestra playing 'Images for Orchestra'; a backstage tour of Opera Australia; a jazz concert with Paul Grabowsky/Bernie McGann Quartet; Patricia Kopatchinskaja with the Australian Chamber Orchestra and the much acclaimed 'The 25th Putnam County Spelling Bee' – all in four days and that includes travel!

Mr Hughes's Senior jazz band played at the annual Rotary changeover dinner last Tuesday evening to much acclaim.

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Can I remind all of the Celebration Concert? This is a concert of some 800 voices, plus orchestra and soloists which this year is on at the Sydney Opera House on 27 and 28 October. Recent numbers have been disappointing considering this is a great opportunity. Rehearsals are on Tuesday mornings from 7.45 – 8.30am and I will be taking names next term. If you or your son (Years 9 – 12) wish to go and can't make the rehearsals please let me know in person before Thursday.

Have a well-earned rest, but make sure you take your instrument and music home and practice – especially if you are entering the AMEB examinations straight after the holidays.

And finally,
As we're going to Opera Australia,
What's the difference between a Wagnerian soprano and the average Wallaby prop?
Stage makeup.

Careers – Trevor Thatcher

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS FOR 2007

Australian Catholic University

Canberra Campus	25 August
North Sydney Campus	
Information Night	5 September
Strathfield Campus	8 September

Australian Maritime College

Newnham Campus	26 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment.	
For further information call 1800 030 277	

Australian National University 25 August

Charles Sturt University	Every Day
For campus tours/appointments and course information call 1800 334 733	

La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga Campus	19 August
Mildura Campus	12 August

Macquarie University 1 September

Southern Cross University	
For personalised campus tours and special events call 1800 111 890	

University of Canberra 25 August

University of New England 6 September

University of New South Wales	
Courses and Careers Day	11 September
Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra	25 August

University of Newcastle

Callaghan campus	8 September
Ourimbah campus	15 September
Port Macquarie campus – Information Night	25 September

University of Sydney

Camperdown and Darlington, Mallett Street,
Sydney College of the Arts and Sydney

Conservatorium of Music

(Macquarie St campus) 25 August
For campus tours call 1300 262 006

University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day, Broadway campus	25 August
UTS Information Evening Kuring-gai campus	5 September

University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus 19 August

University of Wollongong

For personalised campus tours and
special events, call 1300 367 869

For information on school visit days, contact individual universities.

Sporting News

Shooting Congratulations

The results of the Tasmanian Postal Shoot Championship have just been posted with Sam Coulton from the TAS Rifle Club coming third in the C Grade with a score of 95-9. This was a great effort from Sam considering shooters came from all over Australia and New Zealand.

Football Results

TAS Tarus vs DK

Despite being a player down the Taurus put together another great team display to dismantle a DK side that never really got a chance to take the game to the TAS boys. With Michael O missing from the backline, skipper Harry Lloyd took on the 'Rocks' roll and once again led by example with determination and grit, not letting anyone past the defensive line and setting up counter attacks with side line runs or long balls to the flanks of Matthew Haydon and Jack Campbell. Ben Laurie was again in the thick of things as was Michael Moore helping create defence into attack and the two put together their best performances to date. Out in the midfield Patrick Hetherington dominated proceedings with a great reading of the game and appeared to have all the time in the world to direct traffic with an exceptional passing game. Patrick Marquardt performed well up front in a roll he hadn't played before and was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal. 3-0 at the end of the day with goals to Jack Campbell, Patrick Hetherington and Matthew Haydon and many missed chances which left the score line flattering a demolished DK side.

Matt Campbell

TAS 1st XI – 23.6.07

TAS 3 Uralla 2

TAS 1st XI deserved the gutsy 3–2 win against an aggressive Uralla side at TAS on Saturday. The TAS hero was Alex Barwick who scored the desperate winner two minutes from the final whistle, following good midfield build-up. The nail-biting win moved TAS back into 2nd place on the ladder, equal on points with leaders Glen Innes.

Other scorers for TAS were Cameron Patrick and “most improved player” Adrian Butt in the 1st half.

It may have seemed a “lucky” win to some, but TAS did dominate possession, and field position for most of the game. TAS eased the pressure on the ball and in tackles before half time and this allowed Uralla back into the game.

The game plan had called for a more creative and attacking style of play and TAS delivered in spades. This was the best game for ball control and passing so far and there were plenty of opportunities for shots on goal.

The downside to an attacking style, where most of the team is “pushing” to attack, is that a quick breakout by the opposition can cause confusion and problems in defence. As the half-way point of the season approaches, TAS should feel confident that both defence and attack are improving against quality opposition. To be able to withstand pressure and come back to win in the “Championship period” is a special quality for a team to have.

Next game is against Guyra 2 at TAS at 3.00pm, with a strong team despite the holidays. Training as usual this week.

Team; Warwick Allen (c), Charles Cull, Matt Coulton (vc), Chris Roe, Toby Brunckhorst, Jesse Stevenson, Cameron Patrick, Charlie White, Tim Williams, Alex Butt, Robbie Oppenheimer, Adrian Butt, Alex Barwick, Daniel Schroder, Ben Haime, Alastair Doyle.

Martin Oppenheimer, Coach

Round 9 on 30 June

Time	Grade	For	Agn	Venue
01:00	Open/3	Norths United	TAS Blue	North Oval
	Open/3	TAS White	BYE	
03:00	Open/1	TAS	Guyra 2	TAS Oval
	16/1	TAS Thunder	BYE	
08:30	16/2	TAS Titans	TAS Torque	TAS Oval
10:15	14/1	TAS Titanics	TAS Tenacity	TAS Oval
10:15	14/3	TAS Titanium	TAS Thrifts	
			Elizabeth Park 1	
11:00	12/1	TAS Taurus	TAS Tomahawks	
			Rologas 2	
11:00	12/3	TAS Trucks	TAS Tridents	Wakefield

Hockey

The TAS under 11 hockey team has some fantastic news to report. We've scored a goal! The first goal for the season. And the second and third goals too – all in one match.

We're not really sure why. Our coach, Miss Yates could not be present; Will Chapman (our gun stand-in coach who's in Year 8) did a fantastic job; three of our players were away sick; Holly Reed played with us for the first time; Isaiah Dillon played goalie for the first time; we played much better than we ever have before? Who knows? Who cares? Now we feel much better about ourselves even though we didn't win. City had some big boys on their team and beat us 4–3 but we reckon we played better than them and can beat them next time. Will congratulates Tahlia Paull for the first goal of the season and the match and Tom Simmons for the next two – they had excellent games. He also says Emma Soto and Holly Tearle also had excellent games. Well done kids!

Geoff Derrin – MIC Hockey

Rugby

LBK-Prime Cup Rugby Results from 22 June

TAS team	Opponents	Result
14s	Farrer 2	TAS lost 12 – 24
15Bs	McCarthy	TAS lost 12 – 24
15As	Quirindi	TAS won 37 – 5
16s	Farrer 2	TAS lost 0 – 29
3rd XV	Farrer Green	TAS lost 0 – 48
2nd XV	McCarthy	TAS won 31 – 5
1st XV	Farrer Rust	TAS won 65 – 0

Tritech Security Primary Rugby Competition

Date: Wednesday 27 June

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

Game times:

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

* 'Consett Davis No 2 Oval' at UNE

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

Gold Coast Rugby Carnival

Our 15As leave for this carnival on Monday 9 July at 7:30am. The complete draw for the carnival can be viewed at the following website:

www.world-sport.com.au/rugby/documents/07GCRC_Draw_sm.pdf

2nd XV 2007 Mid Season Report

The 2nd XV has enjoyed a positive start to the 2007 rugby season with some impressive performances against traditional rivals Farrer and Sydney High.

Game 1 of the Prime Cup in Tamworth was played against Farrer Gold. This is always a difficult fixture as it is immediately after excursion week. It was a tough game with TAS fortunate to score two identical intercept tries mid way through the second half. This gave the second's the necessary momentum to hold. Best players were Alec Pengilly and Jack Garrad. Tom Chamberlain deserves mention for scoring three tries.

Game 2 was against Farrer Green at TAS – Farrer Day on Backfield. The seconds revel in the opportunity to play at home and although not one of the better performances, they were still able to over power Farrer. A very good team try finished by Oscar Mitchell was the highlight. The team was well led by Joe Piddington with James Walker having a very strong game.

Game 3 was played on Sydney High weekend and the TAS Second's were far too strong and disciplined. Teamwork is continuing to improve and a number of the Year 11 members of the team are improving and pushing for higher honours. Tom O'Connor at half and Stirling Osland are playing strong games week in week out.

Game 5 was the annual trip to Sydney, this year to play Shore at Northbridge. After a good nights sleep at Sydney High boatshed, the second's were ready to play. Some good early attack saw great vision by James Perrett resulting in a good try to Tom Chamberlain. A tough second half saw great character exhibited as the home side attacked the TAS line only to be resisted for about ten minutes. A hard fought victory to the 2nd XV to ease the pain of a long bus trip home.

Prime Cup has continued with success over Carinya, Farrer Rust and McCarthy. The pleasing aspect of the 2nd XV play this season is that they are enthusiastic and continue to want to learn the game. They are playing with a team mentality and are unselfish. They have seen that good on field performances mean they can receive higher honours. Alec Pengilly, Joe Piddington and Jack Garrad have all confirmed themselves as 1st XV players having started the season in seconds.

Next term sees a final round of Prime Cup, followed by Finals and a home fixture against Downlands on Backfield.

Brett Monley and Andrew Junge – Coaches 2nd XV

Attention all Rugby Mums and Supporters

The TAS P&F soup kitchen will be operating on Sunday 29 July for the Downlands visit. We need helpers from 8.45am until 2.00pm – even half an hour would help us out. A small donation for morning tea or some soup would also be most welcome. Please contact Kim Coulton if you can help or need more info on 0746762198 or email coulton@northnet.com.au

Middle School

From the Head of Middle School

As a very busy term draws to a conclusion I am reminded of the fantastic support we receive from our parents and the time and effort our staff gives in providing a program that supports your son's emotional and intellectual development. I am very proud of our students' ability to accept and act upon the expectations of our Middle School and congratulate them on their academic achievements and accomplishments in a range of cultural and sporting activities. My thanks to the Year 8 Monitors for their leadership and assistance throughout this semester and I look forward to expanding this opportunity to a number of new boys during the second semester. On behalf of the Middle School I wish you a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe three-week holiday.

Junior Round Square Exchange

During the last week of the holidays, Mitchell Hore, Luke Zanesco and Bevan Walker will be heading off to Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston, Tasmania for a two week Junior Round Square exchange. We trust they will all have a rewarding and memorable experience and we look forward to hearing of their trip upon their return. We thank Mrs Barnier for arranging this very worthwhile educational opportunity. Three students from Scotch Oakburn will be spending time at TAS later in Term 3.

Creative Arts Evening

On Thursday, 6 September, we invite our families to an evening of Middle School music, drama and art. This is our annual Creative Expression Evening and we look forward to a large turn-out so please mark your calendar for this event.

A Winning Attitude

Top sports stars employ many techniques to stay ahead of the field. During the Olympic Games in Athens, many athletes commented on the need for, not only physical excellence, but also mental toughness. You can finish the term successfully with the right attitude – combined of course with good work habits.

* **Commit yourself to achieving your personal best.**

Every athlete strives to reach their personal best. You don't need to compare yourself to others. What are YOU capable of? What is the best YOU can do?

* **Put in 100% effort.** Our sporting heroes don't sit and dream about winning. They don't just turn up on the day and hope they will win. Their success is based on hours and hours of practice and training. Brilliant talent and luck play their part on the day BUT long term focussed effort is the most powerful ingredient of success.

* **Be positive.** A negative attitude almost guarantees a negative performance. Yes, there will be setbacks along the way but a positive attitude helps you keep going.

*** Set yourself short-term, simple goals.**

You know what your long-term goals are. Now set yourself short-term goals to meet along the way so you can achieve tangible results and keep building on them.

*** Concentrate.** Sports stars keep focussed on their training whatever their emotions. They don't allow their feelings to get in the way of their goals. That doesn't mean they don't have feelings. It just means they recognise how they feel, have ways to deal with their feelings and carry on with their training program.

Acknowledgement: Steve Ward, sports performance coach.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 27 June

Year 5 assembly

Friday 29 June

Last day of Term 2

Monday 23 July

Staff Day and boarders Return

Prac students commence

Peter Voysey – Yr 2, Alex Portell – Yr 4

Tuesday 24 July

First day of Term 3 all students return to school

Sport Training commences for Term 3

Wednesday 25 July

Westpac Maths Competition for Yrs 3, 4 & 5

No Assembly today

From the Head of Junior School

I congratulate the children and staff for their efforts this term. All have contributed to a busy and purposeful ten weeks with considerable progress being made in many areas.

Our two Transition classes have really settled in well to school routines and are a much-valued part of our school. Their many excursions around the community this term have resulted in glowing compliments on what delightful children they are and what a pleasure they are to have visit. We can only agree! Having conducted two days of interviews recently for Transition 2008, it is very reassuring to see another class of beautiful children and their enthusiastic parents entering our school. At this early stage, there are still positions available in this class, so please mention this to your friends.

The introduction of laptops to Years 3, 4 and 5 have seen a change in the way children present their work and the creative possibilities are endless. The creation of personal iWeb pages, by Years 1 to 5 have been superb and are a fitting showcase of the children's work.

As always we were very proud of the children in their Eisteddfod performances. They performed beautifully and to see them take such pride in their personal presentation was very heartening.

Thank you to our parent community for your ongoing support. We are, as always, appreciative of the assistance you provide us in so many ways.

I hope everyone enjoys their three week break to rejuvenate, recover from any illnesses and to spend some time together with families and friends. I will be away for the last week of this term and the first week of Term 3 as I take some Long Service leave to visit my children overseas. Please see Mrs Veronica Waters should you have any concerns in my absence. I look forward to hearing of everyone's holiday happenings when we return next term.

Farewell and Thank you

The School would like to offer their sincere thanks to Mrs Fiona Wake for the very professional job she has done in Transition Blue whilst replacing Mrs Ball during her maternity leave this year. Mrs Wake has not only taught Transition Blue in an admirable fashion, she has set up a wonderful program and has the children very settled. Mrs Wake finishes her work with Transition Blue today. We wish her well for her term's work at PLC during Term 3 and will be delighted to call her again when the need arises. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Ball and Ms Bromwich back to TAS next term.

We would also like to offer our sincere thanks to Mrs Anne Hine for the very professional job she has done whilst replacing Ms Bromwich during her leave this term. Mrs Hine has continued on with the program Ms Bromwich set up for the Kindergarten children and has kept them busy and happy over the past eight weeks. Mrs Hine finishes her work with Kindergarten this Friday. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hine back to TAS next term from Week 7, when she will teach French to Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 for the remainder of the year.

URGENT – Host families needed

At present we do not have enough Junior School families willing to host Tezukayama children when they visit us next term. If you have not considered hosting some children, we ask you to please take some time and give it some thought. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. The dates are from Monday 20th August until early Saturday morning, 25th August.

We are asking families to consider billeting children, preferably in pairs, during their visit with us. This exchange programme has been running for approximately 13 years now and continues to be a highlight of our year. A meeting will be held early next term, to give parents the full itinerary of their visit to TAS.

We thank those families who have already indicated they would like to billet children from TEZ.

Could you let Mrs Ranck know if you are able to billet children from Tezukayama?

Happy Birthday Wishes

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

Will Claridge, Lucy Ball, Callum Ferguson and Lauchlan Smith

We also wish the following children a very happy birthday who celebrate their birthday during the holidays:

Lachlan Alford, Katie Allen, Sophia Thatcher, Jacob Hunt, Nathan van Duijnhoven, Zoe Reed, Aidan McEnroe, Jack Cregan, James Gilson and Ziggy Harris



Bronze Awards

We were delighted at last week's assembly to be able to recognise the following children who have gained their Bronze Award. Congratulations to: Yvette Harrison, Tom Jarvis and Hugh Fletcher in Kinder; Lachlan Tonkin, Holly Tearle, Madison Taylor, Dougal Stacy, Jacob Faint, Sophia Bohlsen and Madeline Murphy in Year 3 and Will Waterson, Dane Townsend, Mitchell Green and Dan Allen in Year 4.

Laptops in the Classroom

Last Friday the students and teachers of Years 3, 4 and 5 hosted an afternoon for parents to experience "Laptops in the Classroom".

The Junior School was a buzz of activity as the students demonstrated their ICT skills and showcased some of their work completed this semester.

They then had the rare opportunity to step back as learners and become teachers as they instructed their own parents in the use of iWeb. It was amazing to see so many adults and children so engaged in what they were doing. The teachers were very impressed with the parents' ability to be students for the day and the speed with which they developed new skills.

I would like to thank all those parents who were able to attend on Friday and encourage those who couldn't make it to ask your children for a demonstration over the holiday break.

A big thank you also to the teachers for their work over the last few weeks preparing for what was an extremely successful and fun afternoon.

Hilary Harvey, Junior School ICT Support Teacher

Semester One Reports

All Junior School Semester One reports will be mailed out to families during the first week of the school holidays.

Interschool Chess Competition

At Armidale City Public, TAS had two games which were well matched. Lachlan Tonkin, Aidan McEnroe and Patrick Hetherington all won their games with Patrick's being a very long game. Jack Waters loved his first excursion playing away from TAS and James Murphy, Will Monie and Jacob Hunt improved greatly with their strategies. James Hill's game was very entertaining as he acquired seven-Queens....then finally reached a stalemate....I think he was shocked by the result!

Georgie Monie, Junior School Chess Co-ordinator

Science Week 2007 - Antarctic Science

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

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

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

A book of activities based on this year's theme is available from the Junior School Office should children be looking for ideas.

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

Entries are to be centered around the following topics:

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

The projects are due on Tuesday 7th August, 2007 (Week 3 of Term 3) by 9.00am

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

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

Lost Property

We are asking for our parents help during the holidays when laundering school uniforms. Can you please double-check all jumpers to ensure your child has not brought home the wrong jumper in error.

If you discover that you have an incorrect jumper, we hope you wouldn't mind washing it and returning it to school on the first day of Term 3. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Holiday Fun

This is a popular request from parents in the Junior School and provides hours of entertainment.

Microwave Playdough

3 cups plain flour

1/2 cup salt

3 tablespoons of oil

1 box of Cream of Tartar

3 cups coloured water

Mix all ingredients in bowl.

Cover and microwave on HIGH for 7 minutes, stirring half-way.

Cook for 1 extra minute and stir well.

Knead when cool.

CSIRO's Double Helix Science

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- Science by Email weekly e-mail newsletter, packed with experiments and news
- Discounts at CSIRO Shop www.csiroshop.com and Double Helix Holiday Programs
- Exclusive deals and discounts at participating science centres across Australia. Heaps of fun for students of all ages and helpful for homework and assignments too. More information or JOIN ONLINE at www.csiro.au/helix or call 02 6276 6643 or see Mrs Ranck in the Junior School for an application form.

Junior School Sport

Sports Training

Sport Training will commence the first day back at school in Term 3 – Tuesday 24 July. Please ensure your child brings their sports training gear with them to school on this day. Please ensure your child brings their tracksuit to school on Tuesdays. It is getting very cold, and even though your child is running around, they still need the warmth of their school tracksuit. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator

Soccer Reports

7 Tractors – Mrs Waters

It seems each week our team keeps on getting stronger and stronger. I am so proud of all players for how well they maintained positions and supported each other on the field. Special mention goes to Charlotte Slack-Smith this week as her growth in confidence was commendable and she kicked the ball with such determination. As a result she received the trophy for most improved player!! The final score saw both TAS and DK's each scoring one goal. Tractor's goal was scored by Jack Waters – it was well set up by his team-mates. Thanks to all players for a fabulous term and I am sure next term will be even better!

7 Tigers – Mrs Harvey

The TAS Tigers had another successful game this week. They had a win against the Quokkas with the final score being 3-1.

Again some really good plays by all members of the team. One notable being some great passing from Dimity Tearle to Sam Wright and then onto Lachlan Alford who was very close to scoring a goal. A big congratulations to Amelia Newton who had her best game of the season this week. She displayed some great skills as Goalie in the first half and had a clean sheet. Dimity Tearle was a great backup to Amelia as back and set up some nice plays from the forwards in the second half. Nathan Van Duijnhoven took to the goal in the second half also showing some great stopping skills. Dan Lethbridge had another strong game as back with Nicholas Bohlsen, Lachlan Alford and Xavier Tonkin sharing the roles of back and forward. All three players kept to their positions well and showed great improvements in skill. Sam Wright ran the field again this week demonstrating his fine skills and incredible fitness level. The attacking skills of Fred Jeitani were more constant resulting in a great shot for goal.

Congratulations to our point scorers this week, Fred Jeitani, Dan Lethbridge and Sam Wright. A big thank you to Mr Ian Tonkin who stepped in as Coach this week. I'm sure the team benefited greatly from his experience and fine coaching skills. Mr Tonkin gave me a great update on the game. His conclusive word being "Great Game, Great Team, Great Spirit".

A reminder that the scheduled game for Saturday 21 July has been cancelled. Our next game is not until the 28 July at Guyra at 9.30am. Happy Holidays.

7 Taipans – Mr McEnroe

Lachlan Wood received special recognition for his tenacious presence in all aspects of the Taipans closely played victory on Saturday. Harry Graham and Kathleen McPhie also had notable performances. This match against the Possums was our most animated demonstration to date of team effort. Each player gave 110% throughout the contest and gave proof of our focus in training sessions on attacking the ball, on passing, and on good sportsmanship.

The Taipans will enjoy a much deserved break and then look to continue our work on team play in the second half of the season.

8 Tanks – Mr Moore

The TAS Tanks faced the North Sharks for the second time this season, losing 3–0 (it was 4–0 last time). The Tanks had a much better second half than first half (although only one of the goals came in the first half). The Tanks put the most pressure they have applied on the opposite goal all season. Jacqueline Hill made a number of great breaks with Sam Thatcher and Josh Beattie and came perilously close to scoring several times. This earned her the best player award. A big part of the reason for the breaks was Sebastian Scott’s athletic contesting for the ball around throw ins and broken play. For this he earned the best effort award. Sinclair Moore and Aidan McEnroe did a great job returning the ball into space from goalie kicks to allow for counter attacks. Georgia Hutton defended well (including with her head again!) and Sarah Evans returned from illness with great determination. Phoebe Slack Smith and Charles Henzell were a solid defensive combination that thwarted many Norths breaks. Thanks very much too to Mr Beattie for refereeing.

It is great to see the way the Tanks play as a team and keep on improving enthusiastically. Norths showed us how an attacking pair that passes the ball between them can get around defenders and we will focus on this before the next game. We look forward to a great Term 3 season. The Tanks will pay their first game at the end of Week 1.

10 Tornadoes – Mr Brown

The U10 TAS Tornadoes travelled to Guyra on a very cold winter morning. Although Armidale had been cold and sunny in Guyra it was simply cold. This led to a sudden rush of volunteers not to be goalie. Fortunately Jakob Slack-Smith came to the rescue and he played the whole game in goal and acquitted himself very well, particularly with a bit of encouragement from dad.

With Dane away sick, the team once again played with 10 men. Fortunately Guyra were also short a player until half time. Nevertheless the absence of Dane in midfield, the unusually big pitch and the cold weather combined to unsettle the team. After only 5 minutes Guyra burst through the TAS defence and scored a rather soft goal. This helped to rally the TAS boys and they came back strongly. Mitchell had one of his typically strong runs towards the Guyra goal and unleashed a powerful shot to even the scores: 1–1.

Another 5 minutes and against the run of play TAS were in the lead. A mistake by the Guyra goalie gave TAS an indirect free kick in the goal area. With the Guyra defence standing around, quick thinking yet again by Finn McCarthy saw him pass the ball to Will and he had the ball in the goal before the defence had moved. 2–1 to TAS and this remained the half time score.

In the second half Guyra had a player advantage and this gave them most of the possession. TAS had a few attacking chances but Finn had forgotten his scoring boots today. Most of the chances went to Guyra and eventually

they equalised with a good goal that Jakob was powerless to keep out. The final score was 2–2 so the Tornadoes remain unbeaten now for 5 games and looking forward to meeting the Typhoons on Tuesday.

10 Totems – Mrs Wright

Our Totems continue to play well as a team, even against the likes of a well-structured team such as the DK contingent we faced on Saturday. Having obviously been together for many years the DK team were on attack right from the start and really tested our goalie Nicholas Burke. Nicholas was able to pull off many outstanding saves during the first half. Dan Allen performed just as well during the second half as goalie, saving many sure goals. A big thank-you to Umur for filling in for us this week. We now look forward to a well earned break for 3 weeks. However, we have been given a game on the 21 July, just before we return to school. A note will be sent home this week to see who is able to play on that date. We will make a decision as to whether we can play or not before the end of this week, so please ensure you return your information to Mrs Wright before Thursday.

Round 9 on 30 June

Time	Grade	For	Agn	Venue
11:00	12/3	TAS Trucks	TAS Tridents	Wakefield
09:00	10/Gold	TAS Tornadoes	TAS Typhoons	Dangar
10:00	10/Green	Demon Knights	Dragons	TAS Totems TAS Dangar
09:00	8/Cats2	TAS Transformers	Norths United	Goannas North Field 3
10:30	8/Cats	TAS Tanks	East Armidale	Emus North Field 2
10:15	7/7B2	Uralla Mariners	TAS Taipans	Uralla 2
*09:45	7/7BC	TAS Tigers	Norths United	Dingoes Rologas 5
09:00	7/7C1	TAS Terriers	Ex-Services	West Leopards Rologas 3
09:45	7/7C2	Demon Knights	Archers	TAS Tractors Rologas 4
* cancelled				