

TAS TALKS #9

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 2, Week 9 – Wednesday 20 June, 2007

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Headmaster – Murray Guest

The first half of 2007 has seen plenty of Round Square activity, with a record number of exchanges in and out of the School. In an effort to share these experiences with our whole school family, reports are now being put onto the TAS website and I encourage any family considering an exchange to have a look through the sorts of experiences that others have had this year.

Simply go to the Round Square current happenings page or follow the link to:

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

The Round Square action continues right through to the end of term with a TAS delegation now in Singapore at the Senior Regional Conference and a group of Year 8 boys preparing for the Junior Regional Conference in Ballarat starting this weekend. My experience of Round Square conferences has consistently highlighted to me the power of gathering together students with diverse backgrounds but a common belief in international understanding and our responsibility to promote it. This is an environment which invites leadership to emerge as students tackle both big issues affecting our world and practical service in their immediate environment.

The message from returning conference delegates is always the same; that the experience was an amazing and personally changing one. Of course we should be able to create these experiences at home, but it seems that venturing into a new and challenging environment brings out qualities and creates experiences that are very hard to generate in the comfortable and familiar surrounds of home.

I wish our travellers well and look forward to hearing of their experiences.

This Week on the Web

Costume Hire

<http://www.as.edu.au/community/costume/costume.php>

Mission Possible is go

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

Round Square exchange reports

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/round-square/current_round_square.php

Transition by train

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

Year 3 in Council

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_3.php

Shooting continues to be updated

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

As does Rugby

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

OBU Notes (somebody reads them ...)

<http://www.as.edu.au/community/Alumni/notes.php>

and yet more photos....

<http://www.as.edu.au/community/archives/photographs/index.html>



Proudly Presents

TAIKOz

Australia Japan Taiko Drumming Fusion

7.00pm Saturday July 21st

Lazenby Hall, UNE, Armidale

Tickets: Adult \$30 Concessions \$25, Under 18 \$20

Bookings: Armidale Visitors Centre 6772 4655 or

Online: www.armidaletourism.com.au

DO NOT MISS THIS!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 20 June

Regional Round Square conference
Cattle Pregnancy Testing course contd
8.00am JS Vocal Ensemble rehearse
6.00pm Senior Jazz Band rehearse
Big Band rehearse

Thursday 21 June

Regional Round Square conference concludes
Cattle Pregnancy Testing course concludes
5.00–6.00pm Year 9/10 Film group meet in Drama room

Friday 22 June

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

Saturday 23 June

Sunday 24 June

5.00am Junior Round Square Conference
delegates depart for Ballarat Grammar
School
9.30am Choral Communion
7.15am–5.50pm Gunnedah Junior Rugby Canival (13A/13B)

Monday 25 June

Junior Round Square Conference
(Ballarat Grammar School)

Tuesday 26 June

Junior Round Square Conference

Wednesday 27 June

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

Thursday 28 June

Junior Round Square Conference
8.30am Year 11/12 Music and Year 11 Drama
Excursion 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

Truth #6

John 14:1–6

I've had my fair share of dares. One stands out from recent years; I was sitting in a bistro in the Blue Mountains with some friends and I explained that my wife had just finished sewing me an ankle to neck, full lycra, ultra figure hugging, Flash Gordon suit (why she did it is another story). So the obvious dare was for me to get changed in the nearest telephone booth, ala superman, and return via the main bar, to the bistro to eat my dinner, which having completed the dare, would be paid for by my mates. For a free meal I happily accepted.

However, there is another type of dare scenario that does not appeal to me. I recall the game of 'truth or dare' or as was played in the sports shed at my primary school 'truth, dare, double dare', I still don't quite know the difference, only that the later is meant to be riskier. Now in this game give me the truth option any day, the thought of being dared to kiss (this was always the dare) anyone in those days did not appeal at all.

Yet many took the dare option. It seems that this tendency exists when it comes to God as well. We tend to take the dare option in our dealings with God.

We dare to assume on God's goodness.

We dare to assume that we are good enough for him.

We dare to assume that we can appease God, by somehow paying him off, by going to church often enough, or getting baptised or confirmed.

We so often take the dare option.

When I would play 'truth or dare' I would take the truth option because I couldn't handle the dare. We so often take the dare option when dealing with God because we 'can't handle the truth', to take that famous line from *A Few Good Men*.

We can't handle the truth that we need anyone else, let alone God. We can't handle the truth that we are not able to do it all by ourselves, through hard work or skills or our charming personality. We can't handle the truth that when it comes to pleasing God it is not what we can do, but rather what God has done.

Jesus says that he is the way, the truth and the life. Truth can be found, it's not a scary option, in fact Jesus tells His followers "do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, trust also in me."

When we trust in Jesus our future is certain, he is the way to the Father, he is the truth about God, through Him we may have life eternal.

Can you handle the truth?

P&F Association

The P & F are looking for people to come forward to assist with the organisation of a Trivia Night which will be held during Term 3. If you're a trivia enthusiast, please contact us on our email address: pandf@as.edu.au.

Dominique & Margot

General Notices

knowLedge

if you know how to learn you have an edge

Keep checking knowledge.as.edu.au regularly (or subscribe to the newsfeed on the site if you're that way inclined.) New information is regularly placed on the site.

Laptop cases

The long awaited laptop cases arrived last week to great disappointment: they were the wrong size!

After consultation with a number of parents, students and teachers, it was decided that these wrong-sized cases were unworkable and would be returned.

This has been quite a saga, but we don't want to supply a case that will inconvenience students, be too heavy to carry or mark them as carrying an expensive piece of equipment.

Ideally, we are trying to source a solid protective case or sleeve that will allow the student to carry the laptop within their existing backpacks, yet provide the structural strength to protect the machine's screen from fracturing if their bag is mishandled or overful.

Commercially available laptop cases are designed for business people who don't normally carry books, a computer and sports gear together. As such they are a poor choice for schools students.

Mr Levins is currently in the United States at the worlds biggest educational computing conference and will look for a solution there for supply in Term 3.

Year 9 Drama present their play building performance work. There are three self devised pieces around the central idea of the journey.

When: Monday 25th June at 7.00pm upstairs Moyes

**Recorder Workshops 7-11 July
contact cmichels@aapt.net.au**

Just a Reminder about our Casual Boarding Policy

TAS offers a service to families of day students to alleviate the travel burden for boys, by providing over-night accommodation in boarding Houses on a casual basis. This can only occur where space exists, as full time boarders have priority over bed spaces in all Houses.

The student will have a bed made up with fresh linen, but may not have access to a dressing table, a desk, drawers or hanging space. In each boarding house, provision is made to provide a suitable study environment for the boys to do their prep.

Casual boarding, be it for a single night or several weeks, is proving to be increasingly popular.

The cost of casual boarding (1 to 3 nights) is **\$45 per night** inclusive of clean linen, housekeeping, dinner and breakfast. Day boys still need to swipe their card for lunch, unless they are **casually boarding for 4 nights** or more.

Please note, however, that the cost of four or more nights a week is equivalent to one week's boarding fees, being the appropriate rate for the year group divided by 38. Parents seeking casual boarding should remember that due to increasing enrolments, together with the provision of boarding experience nights for prospective students, space in particular Houses may not always be available at the times required.

Please assist us by providing as much notice as you can.

Casual Boarding Bookings

Please complete the booking form on line, or print the form and fax it to Miss Anna Ireland. Bookings are unable to be taken over the phone. The booking will be confirmed with you by Miss Ireland once it is arranged with the relevant Housemaster. If you have any questions in relation to Casual Boarding, please contact Miss Ireland directly on 02 6776 5831.



Edwards Coaches Seeking Expressions of Interest for the 2007 Woodford Folk Festival

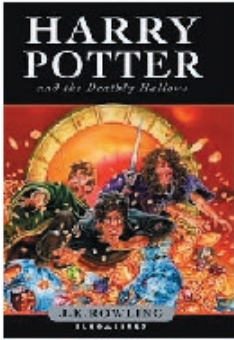
21/12/07 to 01/01/08

The Woodford Folk Festival is an event of international standing. Held over six days and nights it presents more than 2000 performers and 400 events - the cream of Australian and International performers.

Edwards Coaches has been approached to provide travel to the Woodford Folk Festival.

At the moment we are just looking for expressions of interest. Depart Armidale 27 Dec 2007 and return Jan 2 2008 at a cost of \$250 per person - transport only.

Please contact Edwards if you would like further information. Phone 02 6772 3116



HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS

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IT IS THE FINAL BOOK IN THIS
FANTASTIC SERIES

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL
HAPPEN TO HARRY? SHADE?
HERMIONE AND RON?

WILL THE DEATH EATERS BE VICTORIOUS?
DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW?

COME AND DISCUSS WHAT COULD POSSIBLY
HAPPEN IN THIS FINAL BOOK.

IN DRAMA ROOM AT LUNCHTIME ON THE
LAST TUESDAY OF TERM
26TH JUNE

PIZZA PROVIDED
PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME TO
MS HODDINOTT AS THERE ARE
LIMITED SPACES

Musical Instrument Hire

The TAS Music Department prides itself on having available for hire a large range of good quality musical instruments. Please contact Karen Hutton in the Music Department for details of hire and lessons.
Phone 6776 5890

If you have at home or in the boarding House a TAS hire instrument you no longer require, please contact Karen and return it to school to avoid unnecessary hire charges.

Musical Notes – Ian Slater

Last Tuesday in assembly Gunar Daniel played one of his HSC pieces – Ross Edwards' White Cockatoo spirit dance. This week the clarinet choir will be performing as this is the last week of teaching for Jane Growns. Jane works tirelessly at TAS teaching clarinet and saxophone, as well as running the clarinet choir, teaching musicianship and helping at In-House recitals. On behalf of the music department I sincerely thank her for her work and inspiration.

Last night our second In-House recital 6.00 – 7.00pm. Twenty students signed up for an entertaining evening.

Mrs Hutton is busy collating the Eisteddfod results and I'll be putting those onto the music department website soon.

On Sunday we have our second Choral Communion at 9.30am and next Friday the Chapel Choir will again be in action at the Confirmation Service at 9.00am.

Next Thursday Mr Hughes and I take the Year 11 and 12 music elective students to Sydney. One of the many highlights will be to hear the ever-popular pianist/composer/TV personality Paul Grabowsky.

And Finally,

One for Mrs. Growns;

Q: What is the difference between a clarinet and an onion?

A: Nobody cries when you chop a clarinet into little pieces.

Student Services – Vickey O'Brien

Travel

Students who are not travelling on boarders' buses should still attend classes on Friday. Boarders' buses will depart TAS at around 8.00am on Friday 29 June. Arrival and departure times will be available from Mrs O'Brien early next week. Any cancellations for travel at the end of term should be made this week.

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

All students must abide by the Countrylink Luggage Policy.

Excess luggage will be refused. Only two pieces of luggage allowed weighing less than 20kg and not exceeding 60cm in height, 70cm in length and 50cm wide.

One piece of hand luggage allowed on the coach (this can be the student's laptop)

Health Careers

NEGS is hosting the Hunter New England Health Rural High School Health Careers Expo 4.00 – 6.30pm Tuesday 26 June.



HSC winter schools at Uni of Sydney

www.edassist.com.au

For info on this and other study camps, boys should check out the pamphlets and posters in the study centre.

Counsellor's Corner

There is a skill we can develop as human beings that is potentially very helpful to us – the capacity to eavesdrop on our own thinking. When we learn to do this in the middle of strong emotional reactions to things that happen we can begin to notice all kinds of insecurities, fears, anxieties, egocentricities that seem to take over and warp our perceptions, interpretations, and actions.

The next possibility is to stop oneself acting straight out of that instant, automatic emotional reaction long enough to engage in some other behaviour. For a start we can begin to ask other questions like: What am I protecting? What is at stake for me in this situation? What is driving me here? Does it need to be seen this way? If I were to respond from a more balanced place what would that response look like? When else in my life have I felt this strong reaction? What distortions of reality come from these thoughts that spring straight out of my emotional reaction? What other thoughts are possible?

The interesting thing about all this is that thinking is something we do. Once we know that thoughts are changeable, we can begin the hard work of engaging in personal change. If I don't immediately and automatically think negatively about myself, others, the past, present or future, I may begin to think new and different thoughts that have the potential to influence my feelings and actions. Once I take off my distorted lenses and let things be what they are instead of what I turn them into through my core beliefs that play themselves out in automatic reactions and behaviour, a new sense of hopefulness and personal freedom can begin to emerge. That's not to say that we are naïve about life – life can be difficult. It is recognising though that my response to things that happen does not have to be an additional burden to carry.

Personal change and development takes time and effort. It begins with awareness – noticing what is going on in our minds.

Take care, Rob Hadfield

Sporting News

North West Equestrian Expo 2007

The North West Equestrian Expo is the largest school equestrian event in NSW. This year in excess of 500 riders competed on more than 600 horses representing over 90 schools from across NSW and Queensland. TAS was competently represented by Doug Glasson, Edward Hoddle, Tristan Cameron, Campbell Duff, Lachlan Creighton, Ben & Jock Armstrong and Thomas Martin at the four day event held at Coonabarabran Showground.

On Saturday and Sunday the TAS equestrian team competed in both the One Day Event (ODE) and the Showman's Challenge. Doug Glasson and his horse "Max" completed all 3 phases of the ODE on Saturday, performing very well in the jumping phases. Edward Hoddle also performed well in the jumping and achieved his best cross country round on his current horse. Tristan Cameron and "Primadonna" had a triumphant weekend, taking second place in the dressage phase and riding clear rounds in both the showjumping and cross country phases. This performance made Tristan the overall winner of his ODE for which he received the "Bowman Family" trophy rug.

Lachlan Creighton, Ben & Jock Armstrong, & Thomas Martin also performed admirably in their ODE but had some bad luck, drawing the show jumping arena with a rather alarming wall to jump or falling victim to the startling plastic flowers at the beginning of the cross country course. Campbell Duff gave a very commendable performance in the showman's challenge.

A highlight of the event is the Teams barrel race held on Sunday afternoon and evening. TAS entered two teams of three riders. While Tristan, Lachlan and Thomas had a respectable run, Ben, Campbell and Jock's

performance was nothing short of brilliant, securing them 4th place overall.

The team's thanks go to Doug Glasson who offered to ride with a NEGS team as we did not have the numbers to make up a third team. We hope it wasn't too much of a hardship, Doug. Following the team barrel we enjoyed a team dinner at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club.

On Monday the schedule included show jumping and sporting events. Doug Glasson, Jock Armstrong, Thomas Martin and Lachlan Creighton gave very commendable performances over some very difficult jumps, against some very hot competition. Congratulations to Lachlan and "Brat" who secured a commendable 2nd in the "Time, Fault & Out" event.

The TAS Equestrian team then went on to achieve many victories in the sporting arena. Ben was awarded 2nd place in the time trial. Lachlan was 1st in the barrel and 2nd in the flag race. Thomas Martin was awarded 5th in the bending and 1st in the barrel race. Tristan achieved a 2nd in the bending and 5th place in the barrel race and keyhole rider. Campbell and "Topsey" achieved a 4th in the bending, 2nd in the barrel and 1st in the flag races and 5th in the time trial. Through this commendable performance Campbell was then awarded "Champion Sporter - 14 years" for which he received a bag of assorted equine products.

On Tuesday, the final day of competition, the TAS Equestrian Team horses looked impressive in their new saddle cloths and brow bands. In the Hack Ring, our team of four riders and our pairs of riders looked impressive but seemed to "escape the judge's eye". Thomas Martin was awarded a 2nd place in the Boy Rider - 12 years and Tristan Cameron was awarded 3rd place in the Boy Rider - 17 years & over class.

Shooting

GPS Competition (10 - 19 July)

TAS plans to compete with 2 teams this year. Information to parents was sent out last week. Permission forms are required in by 15 June. For copies of the GPS instructions check out the web page: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/shooting.php

GPS Small Bore Competition

The GPS Small-Bore Competition (Postal Shoot) commenced at the Meadowfield Range, with the first of 3 stages being shot. TAS is competing with 4 x 8 man teams. Competition shooting is held between 4.00 - 5.15pm Mon - Thur. Next stage will be shot in Week 9 ie this week.

Armidale Rifle Club Teams Challenge

On Sunday fourteen students from the TAS Rifle Club competed against the Armidale Rifle Club in very cold and blustery conditions at Wollomombi.

Although the Armidale Rifle Club won the competition the experience and coaching received was invaluable.

The outstanding shooter was Andrew Murray, Year 7, who scored at 500 yards 45-2 out of 50 and at 600 yards 46-1 out of 50 - creating a combined score of 91-3 out of 100.

Football

Results - TAS 1st XI - 16.6.07

Demon Knights 1 TAS 5

TAS 1st XI returned to form and third place on the ladder by winning 5-1 against Demon Knights last Saturday. Despite a bitterly cold and strong westerly and an uneven surface at Rologas, TAS players were a better team and used a creative passing game to dominate throughout.

Scorers for TAS were Alex Butt (2), Munya Hoto (2) and a wicked first half strike from attacking midfielder Cameron Patrick, who was back to his best form.

The most pleasing aspect of the TAS performance was the team positional play. That is, TAS kept its "shape" and gave DK few opportunities. The addition of an extra midfielder was a success.

Warwick Allen, Cameron Patrick, Charlie White, Adrian Butt, Robbie Oppenheimer and Alex Barwick were excellent in the midfield. Reliable backs Chris Roe, Toby Brunckhorst and Matt Coulton continually blunted the DK attack.

The score should have been more impressive as TAS' shooting in the 2nd half fell away as the boys relaxed. This lapse in concentration needs to be improved as many shots were either too hard or too early. The positive is that TAS is creating more shots on goal.

Next game is against Uralla at TAS at 3.00pm. TAS will play every weekend through the July holidays except 7 July.

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, Ben Haime, Munya Hoto.

Martin Oppenheimer, Coach

TAS Taurus

We found some form on the weekend when Harry Lloyd and Matt Haydon stamped their authority very early on in the game against Joeys United to create a goal scoring bonanza for Patrick Hetherington and Jack Campbell. The Taurus ran riot notching up 13 goals in a polished display right across the park. From the outset the Taurus were on the front foot but it wasn't until Patrick Hetherington carved his way up the middle on a fine solo run to post his first goal that the the Joeys tasted what was to come from the Taurus. It wasn't all about attack though - Michael "The Rock" O'Sullivan marshalled his troops at the back and snuffed out any possible retaliation from the Joeys. Ben Laurie and Michael Moore were making length long runs down the park and Jay Kennedy performed a polished display in goals, taking a few heavy knocks on the way. Five nil at the break and the onslaught continued with Cameron Norbury and Will Monie chiming in with a goal each. Sam Johnston was showing signs of what he is capable of and each game is getting better with his running of the ball before sending it on its way to the ever hungry attack.

It was a fine day for each player who all bar none performed well. Patrick Hetherington capped off the day with an amazing 7 goals. Well done!

The next day the boys took on teams in the North United carnival and although taking a loss to leaders North Star, going down 2-0, they never lost another game. Finishing third at the carnival was no disgrace. Playing teams older and very much bigger TAS Taurus can be very well proud of their gutsy efforts against Gunnedah and an Inverell/Armidale combined Joeys who got the shock of their lives when they couldn't roll the Taurus. A great weekend for Harry Lloyd and his men with only bigger things to come.

Matt Campbell

Games to be played in Round 8 -23 June

Time	Grade	For	Agn	Venue
01:00	Open/3	TAS Blue v Demon Knights Dads		Rologas 1
01:00	Open/3	TAS White v Demon Knights Diebacks		TAS Oval
03:00	Open/1	TAS v Uralla		TAS Oval
08:30	16/1	Joeys v TAS Thunder	Consett Davis	
08:30	16/2	Norths United Brumbies v TAS Titans		Rologas 9
08:30	16/2	TAS Torque v Uralla United		TAS Oval
10:15	14/1	TAS Tenacity v Uralla Cosmos		TAS Oval
10:15	14/1	Souths United Snakes v TAS Titanics		Sportsground
09:00	14/3	TAS Thrifts v TAS Titanium		TAS Wakefield
10:00	12/1	Demon Knights Saracens v TAS Taurus		Rologas 2
10:00	12/1	TAS Tomahawks v East Armidale Echoes		Rologas 12
10:00	12/3	TAS Tridents v Walcha Warriors		TAS Wakefield

Rugby

LBK-Prime Cup Rugby

Results from 15 June

TAS team	Opponents	Result
14s	McCarthy	TAS won 45 - 7
15Bs	Farrer 1	TAS lost 0 - 17
15As	McCarthy	TAS won 39 - 17
16s	McCarthy	TAS won 16 - 10
3rd XV	Oxley	TAS lost 5 - 8
2nd XV	Farrer Rust	TAS won 41 - 0
1st XV	McCarthy	TAS won 59 - 0

Games for Friday 22 June

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV, 16s, 15As, 15Bs, 14s

Timings:

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

Bus 2: TAS Minibus, 16s: depart TAS 4:00pm, returns to TAS 9:50pm

Bus 3: Edwards coach, 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV: departs TAS 4:00pm. Returns to TAS 11:00pm

Cost approx: \$25 (day boys), \$22 (boarders). This includes transport and \$10 for dinner.

Where: Tamworth Rugby Oval (T), Wests League Club No 1 (W 1), Wests League Club No 2 (W2), Pirates Oval (P), Viaduct Park 1 (V1). Viaduct Park 2 (V2). Note that Pirates oval is near Wests League Club

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

Game times

TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue
14s	6:30pm	Farrer 2	V2
15Bs	6:00pm	McCarthy	V1
15As	7:05pm	Quirindi	T
16s	6:10pm	Farrer 2	T
3rd XV	7:10pm	Farrer Green	P
2nd XV	6:10pm	McCarthy	W1
1st XV	7:10pm	Farrer Rust	W1

Dress: As per 'Rugby Dress Code'

What to take: Include the following:

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

TAS tracksuit & joggers

personal water bottle

towel and soap (Opens players)

Tritech Security Primary Rugby Competition

Date: Wednesday 13 June

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

Game times:

TAS team	Time	Opponents	Venue*
TAS 2	4:15pm	St Marys 2	CD2
TAS 1	4:55pm	Ben Venue 1	CD2

* 'Consett Davis No 2 Oval' at UNE

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

Gunnedah Junior Rugby Carnival

Team: 13As & 13Bs

When: Sunday 24 June 2007

Games: First games commence 10:00am sharp. Scheduled to finish by 3:00pm

Where: Gunnedah Rugby Park (Wandobah Rd)

Cost: \$38 (dayboys), \$35 (boarders) (includes transport and lunch

Travel: Edwards coach: Depart TAS 7:20am. Return to TAS at approx 5:45pm.

Meals: Breakfast: boarders to have an early breakfast at 6:50am. Lunch: Full canteen facilities will be available at the ground*. (* Boys will each be given \$10 for lunch, charged to parents' accounts)

Dress: TAS Rugby Dress Code applies, ie. Travel both ways in a TAS sport polo shirt and TAS track suit with joggers and TAS cap or bucket hat.

What to take: rugby gear: jersey, shorts, socks, boots, mouth guard, (shoulder pads, headgear); TAS track suit, TAS cap, sunscreen lotion, personal water bottle.

Middle School

Junior Round Square

Ballarat – Junior Round square Conference

Next week Tom Walsh, Jack Johnston, Christopher Bohlsen, Luke Webster and Nigel Bell, accompanied by Mr Dempster and Ms Boydell will be down in cold gold country – Ballarat. We are now in the process of packing our gloves, thermals, beanies, thermals, trekking gear, thermals, wet weather gear and thermals in preparation for taking part in the Australasian Junior Round Square Conference being hosted by Ballarat Grammar. The Conference will be held for three days concluding with a few days visiting Melbourne. Some of the activities we are looking forward to taking part in are: climbing, abseiling, bike riding the Great Divide Trail, an environmental service activity in conjunction with the Ballarat Environment Network and visiting Sovereign Hill. One of the guest speakers at the conference is Steve Moneghetti as well as representative speakers from the REACH foundation – Road to Educational Achievement through Choice. The week is gearing up to being very challenging in Adventure, Service and Environment activities. We hope to be able to bring back some great ideas to share with the school.

Leaving School Grounds

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

Student Contribution

Trials for the NSW CIS

As some of you may know I was chosen to trial for the NSW CIS (Combined Independent Schools) for rugby. Last week I went to Sydney to trial at the Knox College. The trials were held over two days – the first day being Monday. There were approx. 120 boys trialling for a squad of 22. At the end of the first day we were told whether we had made it through to the next day of trials. Out of the 120 boys only 44 got through to this, of which I was one. I was billeted with a boy from Knox who was also trialling. His family were very nice and I hope to stay friends with Jack. I went to Knox the next day to spend the day at school which was great fun – the teacher gave me a can of coke and a chocolate bar!!! On Wednesday we trialled again and I played very well although I was being trialled for a position I have never played before. They played under 19 rules where we at TAS we only play 10 a side non-contested scrums so I was lifting players and jumping in lineouts which was great fun. Unfortunately the competition was too great for

me and I didn't make the squad but I had a great time in Sydney and met some cool people! Luckily I will get to see some of my mates again as the State competition is being held at TAS in August so hopefully I will get time off school to cheer them on!!!! I would like to thank Mr Lincoln for organising me to go down there, Mr Lloyd and my dad for helping with my rugby and my family/friends for supporting me the whole way!!!!!!!

By Ben Stacy

Year 8 Film Study

The whole of Year 8 are working on a film unit. The boys have been asked to see a short film, and learn to analyse what the film maker has done to achieve certain desired effects. The combination of script and visual image, of light and sound combine to create a discrete genre with which all people in today's world are very familiar. If we are all familiar with film in most of its manifestations, we are not often as canny as the filmmakers in deciphering the ways we are being manipulated to engage our emotions.

One of the great ways of helping your sons to understand more deeply some of the ins and outs of this world is to ask them to make a short film, and that is what they are busy with this week. Our short film festival will be held in Week 10, when the boys have edited their offerings.

All the Year 8 teachers are operating in the pious hope that the boys will transfer their learning of the making process to a heightened awareness of other film maker's techniques.

Feel free to ask your son discerning questions about their film unit.

Ask Your Son

If your son is in Yr 6 McCarthy ask him:

6M Maths – what is the difference between prime and composite numbers

6M Maths – what is the short cut that tells you if a number can be divided by 3 or 9

6M Homeroom – from what scene of “The Sign of the Seahorse” are you making your claymation

6M Homeroom – what are the names of 3 rainforest tribes

6M Homeroom – how close are you to finishing your stamp chart

6M Homeroom – what type of snake is our class pet?

If your son is in Yr 7 Lincoln ask him:

About his studies of Joan of Arc

Who Sir Lancelot was?

What was Jousting?

What is the Lowest Common Fraction Table?

What are Rhyming Couplets?

What his shield entailed and why?

If your son is in Yr 7 Lloyd ask him:

For the best poems re Joan of Arc.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 20 June

Transition Red & Blue Assembly

Friday 22 June

Yr 3, 4 & 5 Parent Laptop Afternoon

Wednesday 27 June

Year 5 assembly

Friday 29 June

Last day of Term 2

Monday 23 July

Staff Day

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



Happy Birthday Wishes

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

Phoebe Slack-Smith and Mia Emanuel.

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: Archie Stacy, Ashleigh Slater and Michael Paull in Kinder; Jack Cregan, Dimity Tearle, Fred Jeitani and Kathleen McPhie in Year 1; Charles Henzell, Jacqueline Hill, Georgia Hutton and Sebastian Scott in Year 2; Tahlia Paull, Finn McCarthy and Katie Gordon in Year 3 and Sebastian Gibson, James Gilson, James Hill, Emma Soto and Sophia Thatcher in Year 4.

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?

Year 3, 4, 5 – Mark Your Calendars

This Friday 22 June, 2007 the Junior School will be holding an afternoon IT session for parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 to come and experience the use of laptops in the classroom. The afternoon will run from 1.45pm until 3.30pm and will include an information talk and an opportunity to use the laptops with your own children. We hope to see as many parents as possible. We will send home more information about the afternoon in the near future. If you haven't returned your RSVP slip, please do so tomorrow.

Transition Gets Out in The Community

What an exciting term Transition Blue and Transition Red have had! From the outset of the term, the children have been treated to visitors at school and outings into the community. Reminders about how to make necessary 000 calls came from Ambulance personnel and the Fire Brigade. Good and bad fires and how to get down low and "go go go" were a strong message from the firemen too. Our visit to the hospital left us assured that it's not a bad place to be if you are sick – the playroom looked very inviting.

We all have the cleanest teeth, following our wonderful visit to Dr Henzell's dental surgery, where we learnt the correct way to brush and healthy foods to eat. We had a fascinating look at our own teeth on the screen.

Our journey to Uralla on the train was a highlight for all. Our excitement was palpable as we thoroughly enjoyed the train trip, the walk to Alma Park, the play in the park and the bus trip back to school.

A special visitor to the classroom last week, Helen Evans, enthralled us with stories. This week a representative from the RSPCA will inform us about pet care and other informative things about pets.

And if that isn't enough excitement, we are finishing the term with a special meal at a restaurant. These visits have been wonderful learning experiences for the children.

Mrs Wake and Mrs Trenerry

Basic Skills Test

On the 31st July and 2nd August, Years 3 and 5 will sit their Basic Skills Test. All parents should now have received a letter outlining the test. If you have any questions about the Basic Skills Test please make sure you find time to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Umur Gultekin in Year 3 who has completed the Challenge for 2007.

If you would like to have your reading log checked, please bring it into the Junior School office on Wednesday's. Keep on reading!

Help needed for Science Day

Thank you to everyone who so willingly offered to help with the show bags.

We will meet in on Thursday, Week 2 of next term, to 'pack' the bags. Thank you to Helen Dennis for her help with the shopping.

Science Week 2007 – Antarctic Science

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

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

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

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

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

Entries are to be centered around the following topics:

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

The projects are due on Tuesday 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.

NORCO Fundraiser

We received a cheque this week for our ongoing NORCO bottle caps fundraiser for \$283.36. This money will be used to purchase resources for the children. Thank you to all our families who contribute to this fundraiser.

CSIRO's Double Helix Science Club – New England Chapter Trivia Night

If you've always wanted the chance to show off your scientific know how, come along to the Double Helix Club's first ever Trivia Night.

It promises to be light hearted and entertaining romp through the world of science with loads of laughs, pizza and other treats. So grab a parent (brothers and sisters more than welcome), put on your thinking cap and join us

for an evening of scientific mayhem.

Organise yourselves into teams of 8 and be prepared for 5 rounds of 10 questions. There will be games and brainteasers to do between each round.

When: Friday 22 June, 2007

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Cost: \$5 per head, includes pizza and a drink – parents are welcome to bring their own nibbles – No alcohol allowed

Where: Sandon Primary School

Bookings: ring Mee Wun on 6772 9169 (h) or email: cgo63816@bigpond.net.au – Bookings essential

Lost Property

Greg Guyer, Year 4, has lost his school jumper which is clearly labelled. Can you please check to see if you have picked up Greg's by mistake?

To ensure your child's property is returned to them quickly, please ensure their name is clearly marked on the item. If the item is second hand, please ensure you have removed the previous owners' name and have the correct name on it.

Tahlia Paull, Year 3, has also lost her school jumper which is clearly labelled with both a name tag and marker pen. Can you please check to see if you've picked up Tahlia's jumper by mistake?

Junior School Sport

Netta – Mrs Wake

All Netta players played well against the Falcons on Saturday. There has been a great improvement in throwing and catching skills and the children are all understanding the rules and techniques of the game. Well done to all players.

Soccer Reports

7 Tractors – Mrs Waters

The TAS Tractors played the best game to date in very cold conditions at Walcha on Saturday. It was not an easy game and, to the credit of our players, the final score remained at nil all. Joe Sewell and Jack Waters played extremely well in goal and prevented all attempts to score by our opponents. Kieran Dennis and Daisy Meehan were extremely focussed on the ball and made several attempts to score. Joe Gordon continued to play a high-spirited game and, was fully engaged in the game at all times. He tackled strongly. Charlotte Slack-Smith kept a keen eye on the ball and chased it well and is to be commended for her fine efforts and growth in confidence. Duncan Chalmers played an impressive game and worked well with his team members. His defensive skills were impressive as he 'marked' his opponents diligently. Our encouragement trophy was awarded to Duncan Chalmers. Thank you to Mrs Slack-Smith for the refreshments– despite the cold conditions they were welcomed by all players.

Next week we have a bye and will not play again until next term– so keep up the soccer over the break Tractors!

7 Terriers – Mr Robinson

On Saturday the TAS Terriers travelled to Walcha to play the Wizards. It was a very cold morning in quiet Walcha, leaving us all shivering. We started with an excellent game. With work, the combined efforts of Archie Stacy as goalie and Stephen Smith as full-back, we conceded no goal in the first half. But, it was the enormous effort made by the rest of the team in offence that allowed us to score first. Well done to Michael Paull and David Miller for great teamwork.

In the second half of the match Michael Paull and Hugh Fletcher again ensured that the Wizards were unable to put points on the board. Well done to Nicholas Jackson for great field work and to Callum Ferguson for effort in attempting offence. It was Callum's effort throughout the game that made him deserving of the Player of the Week Award. Congratulations to Callum, and to the whole team for a great game. Next week we are back at home and playing against the Meerkats. See you all there.

7 Tigers – Mrs Harvey

The Tigers braved the cold last weekend to play a great game against the Cavalier's. A massive kick straight into goal by Sam Wright meant a win for us this week 1-0.

All players stepped up a notch and are really showing some great skill. Their awareness of each other and ability to pass amongst players is really improving and making an impact. We are beginning to keep some positions with Dan Lethbridge and Xavier Tonkin really starting to get the hang of this. Dan's almighty clearing kick and his attack skills meant that he and Lachlan Alford kept the ball towards the front of play where Xavier, Sam and Fred Jeitani were there to push the ball towards the goal.

Dimity Tearle was in action this week and displayed her greatly improved attack skills by getting in amongst play and getting possession of the ball. Amelia Newton and Nicholas Bohlsen also demonstrated improvements in their game. Both players spreading out and passing the ball to their team mates. Nathan Van Duijnhaven had a brilliant first half in goal, saving many attempts for goal using his big kick to clear the ball up the field.

Well done to all team members for a really great game again this week.

Next week we are playing the North Quokkas at 10.30am on Rologas 5.

7 Taipans – Mr McEnroe

The Taipans played their banner game of the season on Saturday against a very evenly matched Thunderbolts team. On fire this week were Harry Graham (who received special recognition for his effort), Nic Moar and Maeve McEnroe sharing duty in goal, and Lucy Fenwicke and Kate Collins who established our offensive presence. Once again our fans saw each player with improved skill, but the most exciting aspect of the game was how team Taipan sustained our effort and focus throughout the game. Can we top this effort? We'll give it a go on Saturday!

8 Tanks – Mr Moore

Another improved performance from the Tanks saw the team's best scoring opportunities yet. The DK Destroyers won 2-0 but Sam Thatcher had a high shot at goal that bounced off the cross bar a fraction the wrong side of the line. For this and all his other attacking efforts and great attitude, Sam earned player of the week. It was hard to choose though. Aidan McEnroe had a great game in goal with determined saves and excellent returns. Aidan earned the best effort award for this and a particularly tough save with his head! Georgia Hutton also took a blow to the head and played determinedly in the mid-field to get the ball to the strikers. Jacqueline Hill threatened the goal a number of times and looked great in attack. Phoebe Slack Smith was the backbone of the team again turning many DK raids into great Tanks counter attacks. Sebastian Scott was as solid as a rock with his very dependable big kicks. Charles Henzell continued his great form with solid kicks and great counter attacks. Sinclair Moore was a highly effective mid fielder pressing attacks right up to the goal. Josh Beattie was a canny corner kicker and gained the Tanks a lot of ground with his throw in's.

It was very pleasing to see the Tanks playing a much more open game and getting stronger as the game went on. There was much less play in front of our goal and much more attention to positions. We will focus now on kicking and chasing, and spreading out the attack to create more opportunities to score. Thank you very much to Mr Slack-Smith for refereeing. The coach found it much better than doing it himself!

8 Transformers – Mrs Hine & Mrs Ranck

The Transformers braved the horrid conditions on Saturday and played a great game. Injuries on our team played a part in the cold weather and left us short a player on a couple of occasions. We defended well in the first half and went to the break nil all, however the North Kolas were able to turn it around in the second half. They were lucky to get a number of goals, but we never gave up – hopefully the halves won't be that long next time. Many thanks to Mr Murphy who umpired for us.

10 Typhoons – Mr Nash

As I left the house for a 9.30am game in Uralla, I went back in for a few extra clothes, and atherine Boydell and I are very happy that I did. She borrowed the extra scarf and gloves, and I wore untold layers of clothing, while watching a game that looked a bit like a slow motion film with two dozen frozen chooks in it trying to play soccer.

The first goal against us was scored by Uralla from a penalty shot for accidental hand ball. The goal was full adult size or bigger, and Fraser Smith could not even get his fingertips to the high ball. At the other side of the field, his sister, Chelsea was helping us out on the wing, playing good strategic soccer up the sidelines. While the final score was four nil against us, the score gives no indication of how even the teams were, and of how well we

played. Adam Jenkyn and Will Brissett decided that playing back was no longer for them, and the lure of the glory of scoring goals dragged them forward. This dislocation to the established order was hard to recover from. We spent a long time hammering their backs, with Jacob David, Umur Gultekin and Fraser Smith all looking dangerous at times, then despite our numbers in the centre, if Uralla cleared the ball towards our line, our new defence strategies were not up to it. Lachlan Tonkin was never far from the action, Sebastian Gibson and Frazer Moore were seriously involved in the centre, and Marc Lindberg did not even notice it was cold until he was thawing out in my car on the drive home. The whole team played hard and bravely, while their parents spent a good while moaning about the weather, and dreaming of delicious hot frothing mugs of coffee. What can I say, a fantastic morning out, well done all.

10 Tornadoes – Mr Brown

After a two week break the TAS U10 Tornadoes resumed their winning streak with a hard-fought win over a strong North Armidale team. The game was evenly matched and the ball went from end to end in the opening spell. Norths almost took the lead when their centre forward beat the TAS defence and looked certain to score. Will Waterson, in goal, managed to make a great save to keep the score at 0-0. The save proved very useful. In their next attack the TAS boys found themselves in front of the Norths goal and with quick thinking Finlay let loose one of his trademark low volleys that caught the goalie flatfooted. 1-0 to TAS. Norths came back very strongly though and two minutes later managed to equalise. Will was able to get a hand to the ball but it trickled over the line. The rest of the first half was very even. Just as it looked like a 1-1 half time score Finley fired in another long-range shot. This hit one of the defenders and was deflected into the goal to put TAS 2-1 up just as the whistle blew.

The second half was almost a repeat of the first with Harry Wright in the TAS goal being called upon to make some good saves. Fortunately the boys discovered the importance of keeping the ball in your opponents half and after a while the pressure told. Mitchell Green had made so many attacking runs it seemed as if the ball was attracted to him. Finally he made a strong run straight at the goal and used his strength to brush off the defenders and unleash a shot that the goalie was powerless to stop. 3-1 to TAS and that was the final score. A good win against a good opposition and with the bit of luck that winning teams always seem to create for themselves. Keep it up in Guyra boys.

10 Totems – Mrs Wright

Our Totems played a determined East Echidna's team on Saturday resulting in a 1 nil win to the Echidnas. The game could have gone either way at any stage of the game, with many chances by both teams. Our determined goalies this week, Nicholas Burke and Jason Brennan had excellent games, with Jason pulling off at least two extraordinary saves to keep us in the game. The only goal of the game was scored within the final 10 minutes. A few last minute chances could have seen the game levelled, but not to be this week. Special mention this week must go to both Madeline Murphy and Ruby Campbell who are showing increased confidence with every match. Well done girls!

12 Tridents – Mr Finco

This week saw a much needed moral boosting win for the Tridents. The last few weeks of fierce competition and very strong teams have pushed the Tridents to a new level of determination that came through this week. The team showed that their commitment and hard work has payed off despite any previous setbacks and have followed the soccer philosophy of continual training with the goals of improvement and development individually and most importantly as a team unit. Their excellent team-work and skills lead them to victory against the DEM Raiders 10 – 0. As this was truly a great team effort, it is difficult to nominate individual outstanding efforts. Nick Allen on the wings played a pivotal role however, helping to feed the forward line and attack the goals himself. Hugh Morgan also played well this week, placing himself into good positions to make good use of the ball while John Dennis showed training pays off with a marked improvement with his game. Congratulations on a great team win.

Under 8 TASSIE Devils – Mrs Moore

The following Year 2 children played in the Norths football carnival last Sunday: Sinclair Moore, Emily Sole, Ziggy Harris, Scott Good, Phoebe Slack-Smith, Emma Ranck, Jack Kaynes, James Murphy, Harry McKenzie, Sam Thatcher, Aidan McEnroe and Jacqueline Hill. Congratulations to all of these TASSIE Devils – they worked well as a team throughout the day and their football skills improved with each match. It was wonderful to see them win 1 and draw 2 matches. Well done also to the parents who braved the cold, especially to those who were recovering from a little overindulgence the evening before! Thanks very much to Ian Sole for his assistance in running the team. Well done TASSIE Devils!

Draw for Round 8 – 23 June

11:00	12/3	Norths United Bandicoots v TAS Trucks
		Rologas 12
09:00	10/Gold	TAS Typhoons v Walcha Falcons
		TAS Dangar
09:30	10/Gold	Guyra Ghostsv TAS Tornadoes
		Guyra 4
10:00	10/Green	TAS Totems v Demon Knights
		Black-Knight TAS Dangar
11:15	8/Cats2	TAS Transformers v Demon Knights
		Sabres North Field 3
09:45	8/Cats	Norths United Sharks v TAS Tanks
		North Field 2
09:45	7/7B2	Norths United Possums v TAS Taipans
		Rologas 6
10:30	7/7BC	Norths United Quokkas v TAS Tigers
		Rologas 5
09:45	7/7C1	TAS Terriers v Ex-Services West Meerkats
		Rologas 3
09:00	7/7C2	Demon Knights Demonsv TAS Tractors
		Rologas 4