

TAS TALKS #11

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School

Term 1, Week 11 – Tuesday 8 April, 2008

House on Duty is White – ah 6776 5838



TAS Headmaster – *Murray Guest*

Headmaster's Country Tour

The second week of the annual country tour was again very successful in every sense and I enjoyed meeting a good number of prospective students as well as current TAS families at functions around the countryside. I offer special thanks to the Holcombe, Carrigan, Kahl and Lynn families for their generosity in hosting parent functions and to Ian Lloyd and Pip Warrick for taking time away from family and school for what I consider to be a very important part of the TAS calendar.

Father and Son Weekend at Kunderang

Thanks go to Martin Levins for organising the second Year 9 father and son weekend at West Kunderang. This chance for fathers and sons to get away together and share experiences is a special one and I am keen to see it continue.

Coming Events

Several coming events will see TAS boys take up special opportunities both at the School and away.

Our delegation to the Junior Round Square Conference being hosted by MLC in Sydney left today and I wish them well for their work both at MLC and in adventure activities in Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Two other events will have adventure and challenge as their focus over the holidays. A group of senior students will cycle approximately 260km and trek 20km from Pambula to the summit of Mt Kosciusko in the student organised 'Sea to Summit' challenge. Others will travel with Mr Thatcher by bike, foot and canoe from the school to South West Rocks through the rugged Macleay Valley. Neither of these adventures is for the faint hearted, but both offer the prospect of real satisfaction in meeting the challenge.

Our chaplaincy team will again lead a group of TAS students to the KYCK Start Christian conference in the Blue Mountains in the final week of the holiday break. This huge gathering from around the country offers the chance for our students to join with other young Christians in a week of celebration of faith.

Back at home, Jason Lincoln will lead the fourth TAS Rugby Carnival as 30 schools and teams from NSW and Queensland begin their rugby season at TAS. This wonderful event is a showcase of all that is good about junior schoolboy rugby and it is a privilege to see it hosted at TAS.

Murray Guest on Leave in Term 2

Joanne and I will be away on leave for Term 2. During this time Mr Harris will take on the role of Acting Headmaster and Mr Jones the role of Acting Deputy Headmaster. I take this opportunity to offer best wishes to all for the term.

Chaplain – *Richard Newton* 1 Corinthians 13 – Love is the Greatest

Ali said: "I am the greatest, I said that even before I knew I was.... I'm not the greatest; I'm the double greatest. Not only do I knock 'em out, I pick the round... I'm so fast that last night I turned off the light switch in my hotel room and was in bed before the room was dark." He was gifted – no doubt, but did he understand what is truly great?

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

This is the conclusion of our school lesson, the special part of the Bible that our founding Fathers decided on as the cornerstone in the building of the TAS student. It speaks of gifts that each of us may possess, and those eternal gifts such as faith, hope and love. Where the greatest is love? What a mushy, soft bunch they must have been. Why were they so into love? Were they the sort of guys who would have said "it is better to have lost in love than to have not loved at all"? Did they get together to watch *Harry Meet Sally*, eat ice cream as they lounged around in their jimmy jams.

Why were they so into this reading? Why is love so great?

The primary reason is that love is the only one of these characteristics that God Himself demonstrates. Further, without this love we have no basis for our faith or our hope. When God demonstrated His love, he sent Jesus to die for us. Through this act of sacrifice, sin and death are defeated, it is in this we have our faith; it is this that gives us hope of eternal life. This is not a soft, romantic view of love, but a gutsy, bloody, costly love for the unlovely – hardly of the Hollywood type. Thank God that we have a regular reminder of God's love for us in our school lesson.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday 8 April

6.00am Jnr Round Square Conference depart for Sydney
7.45am TAS Singers rehearse
Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 9 April

Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Junior Round Square Conference

Thursday 10 April

7.45am TAS Singers rehearse
Middle/Senior School Athletics Champs
Junior Round Square Conference

Term Ends

Friday 11 April

from 8.00am Boarder buses depart
Staff Development Day
Have a fantastic break

Holiday Events

8-13 April Junior Round Square Conference
- MLC Sydney
11-16 April Macleay Valley Expedition
11-17 April Sea to Summit Expedition

This Week on the Web

Kindergarten

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

Year 10 Science and Engineering Challenge

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

JS Tug-O-War

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

Surf Life Saving

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/life-saving/current_lifesaving.php

More Shooting

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

P&F Association

*TAS P&F Celebrates
Mother's Day with Lunch*

A Date for your Diary

Friday 9 May

12.00-2.00pm

TAS Dining Hall

*Let's have some fun and
celebrate Mother's Day*

\$35.00

- 2 course meal*
- champagne and wine*
- Fashion Parade*
- Prizes*

*Tickets must be purchased
from Reception by
Tuesday 6 May*

General Notices

Years 6 – 12 Parent Contact Lists

The annual distribution of year group parent contact lists will be included in the end of Term 1 mailout during the upcoming holiday. The lists show parents' names, mobile phones, home phone and email addresses for your child(ren)'s year group. If you have recently upgraded your communication provider and have not yet advised the school, then please do so as soon as possible via the TAS website: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/form/p_details_form

If you have personal data of this kind that you would prefer was not included on the hard copy lists, and have not yet advised in writing previously, then please advise via email to: frontdesk@as.edu.au or fax to 6776 5830.

Excursion Week

This is Week 2 of Term 2 and arrangements are now being put in place for this week.

The Year 10 Excursion to Canberra has a full itinerary published as does Year 9 Yarrahappini.

These can be viewed at:

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/bulletins/weekly_bulletins.php

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 7 and Year 9

As mentioned in TAS Talks earlier in the year, the new tests for Literacy and Numeracy will be implemented nationally for the first time this year (2008). These tests will replace the ELLA and SNAP tests previously sat by Year 7. All students across the country in Years 7 and 9 will be taking the tests on the same days. Later in the year, parents will receive individual reports for each child which will provide feedback on their child's performance.

For sample questions in both Literacy and Numeracy parents are welcome to look at the NAPLAN website www.naplan.edu.au

The cost per child will be \$40 (in total) and will be charged to your school account.

The schedule for the Years 7 & 9 tests is printed below. It is planned for all tests to occur during the morning of each allocated day.

Tues 13 May	Wed 14 May	Thurs 15 May
<u>Year 7</u>		
Language Conventions 45 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total)
Writing 40 minutes		Non-Calculator test to be scheduled first, followed by Calculator - Allowed test
<u>Year 9</u>		
Language Conventions 45 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total)
Writing 40 minutes		Non-calculator test to be scheduled first, followed by Calculator Allowed test.

There will also be "make up" days from Friday 16 May for any student who was unable to do their tests on the nominated day.

Work Wanted

Our GAP student from Kenya, Keldin Mailit, is looking for work of any description during the holidays. Keldin is a wonderful person and would be an asset to any job going.

He can be contacted on 0402 372 288.

A Dinner with a Difference

On Monday 19 May the TAS Foundation is pleased to be hosting a dinner for parents or friends who would like to come and hear guest speaker, Old Boy and noted environmentalist, Ian Kiernan, address us on ***The Multiple Challenges of Sustainability.***

Ian Kiernan started the national campaign, ***Clean Up Australia***, which is now global ***Clean Up the World***. Clean Up the World now operates with the assistance of the UN Environment Program in 120 countries with an army of 35 million volunteers who operate in their local areas raising awareness and getting community involvement.

This is a unique opportunity to hear one of Australia's leading environmental advocates talk about the issues that face us all in the future.

Book now as numbers are limited. The cost is \$40 per head which includes a three-course meal and drinks.

If you would like to attend, please call Cressida Mort on 6776 5839 or email cmort@as.edu.au

Oxfam Trailwalker Sydney

For those of you searching for a new challenge, I have one for you. Mark the weekend 29-31 August free in your calendar for the Oxfam Trailwalker 100. That's right, a casual 100km stroll in the bush all for charity and an easy way to develop some fitness. This event is open to anyone over the age of 18 and I thank the following staff and parents who have already said, "sign me up":

Murray Guest, Geoff Derrin, Will Caldwell, Alex Smith, Simon Paul, Rita Brissett, Libby Stacey, Steve Sewell, Helen Sisson and Geoff Allen.

We will organise transport, food and training beforehand to ensure that it will be a fun packed weekend. There will be more information to follow in the coming months, but if you wish to register, please contact me here at school on 6776 5828 or email jpenning@as.edu.au.

You may also like to look at the website for further information: <http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/sydney/>

Jim Pennington

Musical Notes – Ian Slater

The Chapel Choir is singing at a wedding of Old Boy Kristian Davies on Saturday. Please be there by 2.00pm.

The TAS Singers will be performing on the first Tuesday back so boys don't forget the rehearsal on Tuesday 29 at 7.45am.

On Wednesday 30 we have our ANZAC service. Paul Sniekers will be playing the bugle and the Big Band playing the National Anthem.

A reminder to students that they need to take their instruments and music home to practice. They need to be practicing not just their solo music but any ensemble music too as we have the eisteddfod when we get back.

Tomorrow and Wednesday we will be welcoming Ms Sofia Dodds into the Senior and Junior assemblies to demonstrate string playing and to encourage students to take up lessons on instruments.

And finally,

Entry Exam For The Sydney Symphony Orchestra-- Viola Players Questions 6 – 10 (11 – 20 will appear over the next few weeks)

6. Which of the following literary works was made the subject of a Verdi opera?

- a) First among Equals –Jeffrey Archer
- b) Macbeth –William Shakespeare
- c) Noddy and Big Ears –Enid Blyton [5 pts]

7. Domenico Scarlatti wrote 555 harpsichord sonatas for which instrument? [5 pts]

8. Arrange the following movements in order of speed, starting with the slowest first.

- a) Quickly b) Slowly c) Very Quickly_ d) At a Moderate Pace [4 pts]

9. Where would you normally expect to find the conductor during a performance? [5 pts]

10. Which of the following wrote incidental music to A Midsummer Night's Dream?

- a) Tim Scott b) Mickey Mouse c) Murray Guest
- d) Felix Bartholdy_ Mendelssohn [5 pts]

Student Services – Vickey O'Brien

End of Term Travel

Boarder buses depart from TAS on Friday 11 April from 8.00am and return to school on Monday 28 April.

Departure and arrival times are available from Mrs O'Brien. If you need to cancel or change return to school bus arrangements over the holidays please be sure to phone me at school on 6776 5806 or mobile 0412 475 339.

Students are to be reminded about the Countrylink Luggage Policy – extra luggage will be refused.

Luggage Allowed

- Only two suitcases (20kg or less each piece). Luggage must not exceed 60cm in height, 70cm in length and 50cm in width, plus one small carry on bag to be stowed under the seat. (Laptops can be included as the one small carry on bag allowed)

Luggage Not Allowed

- There is no provision made to transport extra items such as swags, musical instruments, computers, sporting goods, milk crates, boxes of books, bikes, saddles, science projects, laundry bags etc.

Photographs were taken on 7 April

An order form can be downloaded from: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/bulletins/weekly_bulletins.php

Additional forms will be sent out in the end-of-term mailing.

Orders should be returned by Wednesday 30 April.

Counsellor's Corner

From time to time it can be helpful to look back over a period of time and sift and sort through all the things that have happened. Which ones are significant? If we were to tell the story of our lives for that period of time what would we include as the events that provided the 'coat hangers' for hanging our story, the events that structure the story? What makes them so significant?

If we then stand back from the story and look at it from a distance, we can ask some other questions. What has been happening in our lives? What themes have been developing or unfolding? Has there been a transition from one way of living our lives to another one? Have we changed very much because of the things that have happened? What needs to happen next in our story? Have we been the author of the story or have other people? If we have lost control of our own authorship how can we recover it again?

The end-of-term holidays is a good time for such reflection. If we don't engage in this process at least sometimes then the stuff that happens in our lives remains just that – disorganised stuff. If we story our lives we can begin to sift and sort stuff according to its importance. Then we can see that we have a part to play in shaping stuff into a meaningful story, and giving coherence and direction to its unfolding nature. We become authors of our own story.

Best wishes, Rob

Careers – Trevor Thatcher

Surfing the Web to help build a Career
see the TAS Careers Website

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/careers/careers.php



BOND UNIVERSITY

SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION EVENING

Each year, Bond University offers a number of full-fee and part-fee scholarships to Australia's best and brightest. These scholarships are designed to reward and encourage year 12 students who excel in:

- Academics
- Community Service
- Sports
- Leadership

To learn more about how you can secure your future you are invited to attend a free information session.

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Time: 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Location: Small Business Centre
Level 1, 307 Peel Street
(Above Theatres)
TAMWORTH

Register: Online at www.bond.edu.au/events
Email events@bond.edu.au or
Phone 07-5593 1114

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We share your ambition. We bring it to life.
www.bond.edu.au/scholarships

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BRINGING AMBITION TO LIFE

Armidale Careers Expo 1 May from 8.50 – 10.15am.
See Mr Thatcher to register.

Rotary Aviation Careers Expo 25 – 27 May
See Mr Thatcher for an enrolment application.

Bond University representatives will visit TAS on Tuesday 29 April at 1.30pm. Mr Stuart Floyd from Bond University will talk to Year 12s interested in studying at Bond where you can study a degree in two years, rather than three. See Mr Thatcher to register interest.

Year 12 Parent/Student Information

Additional information on goal setting, careers information, University Admissions and Open Days along with GAP information are available for download from:

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/careers/careers.php

Sporting News

TAS Cycling Group

Saturday saw the TAS cyclists complete the term and the end of a new summer sport, with a 60km ride to Uralla. Leaving at 8:30am the crisp morning ensured that a reasonable pace was set early on to warm up the body. The group were followed in a mini bus driven by Lou Forsythe who gave plenty of support for the riders and reassurance for the staff alike.

James White and Wally Richards led the way out along Bundarra Road and were only reeled in when they stopped at the T-Junction for some well needed sustenance, 28km from Armidale. The tail group suffered two punctures before then which hopefully gave them some idea on the level of preparation needed for Sea to Summit next weekend, as they watched on as Mr Moss replaced their tubes. The Pinnacles were easily conquered though it was the long hills into Uralla that caused the most strain to the legs and minds of the cyclists. All riders learnt more about correct preparation for these type of endurance events including food, hydration and clothing and will be better equipped next time, though some swear there will be no next time! The highlight for everyone was to arrive in Uralla at noon with the Arts Festival in full swing, giving the sensation that it was all in honour of them. This was almost the case as we headed into the Top Pub, where they had prepared for our arrival with a welcome sign and water jugs. A great day had by all and thanks to the staff who supported us. Look out for another in Term 2.

Deon Moss



**Amy Taylor 5th Annual
Soccer Clinic April 21 to 23
at the Armidale Sportsground from
9.00am daily**

**Cost \$120.00 Rego forms at Armidale
Sports Power or call Steve McMillan**

0409 663 674

Athletics

Middle & Senior School Athletics Championships

These will be conducted on Thursday 10 April from 8:45am to 4:10pm.

Information relating to the Championships, including the programs, can be accessed from the TAS website at www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/athletics.php

TAS Athletics Championships is a mass participation event and all boys are strongly encouraged to participate in all events. Attendance on 10 April is compulsory.

Age groups are based on how old a boy turns this year. eg. A boy turning 15 this year is in the 15s age group.

Scoring points

Boys who are placed in the first 8 for an event will score championship points for their House as well as points towards their individual age championship.

Every boy who enters an event, and provides a fair effort in the event, will score a minimum of 2 points for his House (this is a "P" standard). The better his performance, the more points he will score for his House. A "C" standard scores 3 points, a "B" standard scores 5 points and an "A" standard scores 7 points. Note that these 'standards' points do not count towards the individual championships.

Team selections

These Championships will be used as a guide to select teams for the GPS, Oliver Shield, NCSA, and PSSA.

BBQ lunch

Lunch will be provided for all boys (including day boys) and their parents from 12:15pm.

Walter Taylor Shield team

The following boys were selected in the ADJCA Walter Taylor Shield Team for 2009 – Arthur Lloyd, Alexander Laurie, Matthew Wynkniel, Josh Taylor, Luke Webster and Mitchell Wratten.

The Walter Taylor Shield has teams from Sydney and Northern NSW compete in Armidale during January – it is the pre eminent town representative cricket tournament in country NSW. The boys will train and play lead up fixtures before the tournament. Having six players selected from a squad of twelve is a great achievement and represents the strength of this age group.



Middle School

From the Head of Middle School

As the first term draws to a conclusion, I extend my thanks to our students, parents and Middle School staff members for your contribution and support in ensuring a very successful start to the year. I encourage parents to continue to be actively involved in their sons' education and make contact with his homeroom teacher when the need arises. I congratulate our students for their willingness to become actively involved in the life of TAS. On behalf of the Middle School staff I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to the boys returning refreshed and prepared to begin the new term.

Excursion Week

A list of students attending the Mosman excursion has been forwarded to Mr Greg McDonald, Deputy Headmaster, Mosman Preparatory School, for billeting arrangements. Parents have been notified of billeting contact details and we encourage the boys and their parents to make contact with the billeting family during the holidays. A letter detailing the excursion, permission note and medical form was sent home last week. Please ensure these are returned to Mrs McCarthy or Mr Voysey as soon as possible before the end of term.

The Year 7 boys will be enjoying a highly challenging four days at Emu Gully Outdoor Education Centre at Pindari Dam. They will remain on campus on Monday 5 May and travel to Pindari Dam Tuesday morning. A letter detailing the excursion and permission note was sent home last week. Please return the permission note by the end of term.

The Year 8 students are remaining on campus throughout excursion week and will be participating in a range of Creative Arts activities and working toward their Bronze Star Life Saving Awards.

Term 2

Term 2 dates to remember include Excursion Week from Monday 5 to Friday 9 May, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) Tests for Year 7 from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May, Year 6 Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday 15 and Friday, 16 May, Examination Week beginning Monday 19 through Friday, 23 May, Activities Day 4 on Monday 26 May, Middle School Social at NEGS on Saturday 14 June and the Eisteddfod which runs throughout the term. At the conclusion of Term 2 the first written report for the year will be sent home.

TAS Chess Report – 3 March, 2008

Last Thursday the TAS Chess team of Callum Dillon, Tim Williamson, Phillip Worthing, Kurt Dilweg, Max Frankham and myself started the 2008 season with matches against the visiting PLC girls. The unusual contest of six tables saw some quick games, some long games and everyone playing good games for this early in the season. Kurt Dilweg had to fight hard through a long, tough match with nearly everyone else finishing before either Kurt or his opponent had taken a piece.

Junior School

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 9 April

Kindergarten KB Assembly

Winter Sports Training begins for K-5

Thursday 10 April

Senior School Athletics Carnival

Term 1 ends at 3.30pm

Friday 11 April

Staff Day

Friday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 29 April

Students commence Term 2

From the Head of Junior School

What a very busy but productive start to the year we have all enjoyed! We have been thrilled by the great participation and many successes achieved at a myriad of events and activities this term, and of course the normal every day classroom activities, it is no wonder that Term 1 has gone so quickly! Children have settled into school routines and expectations remarkably well and we are proud of all their achievements, be they sporting, music, academic or social. We are delighted with our new students and with how well they have adapted, and we are thrilled with the wonderful progress they are making.

We have also been delighted with the parent input into our school – it is a great blessing to have parents involved in the classrooms, as the rewards to children are plentiful. It is only by working with parents to educate their children that the greatest benefits are achieved. We look forward to this continuing and strengthening for the remainder of the year. We hope both parents and children have a very restful and enjoyable two-week break.

Mrs Lou Forsythe

Start of Term 2 and Uniform

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

Welcome to Tristan in Transition

We were delighted to welcome Tristan Rottcher and his parents, Mark and Michelle to the TAS family last week. Tristan has settled in beautifully and already made many new friends. We hope their association with TAS continues in the wonderful way it has begun.

ANZAC Parade in the Holidays

If there are any children, or parents, interested in walking behind a TAS Junior School banner in the Armidale city ANZAC Parade on Friday 25th April, please let Mrs Forsythe know before this Thursday 20 April.

TAS came out on top at the end of the day winning 5 tables to 1. Thanks go to Mr Brown for organising the match and the food! The PLC chess game was really fun and we look forward to playing them again. Harry Guest Year 8

UNE Science & Engineering Day

On Tuesday 1 April, the Year 6 boys, Mrs McCarthy and Mr Voysey went to the first Science & Engineering Challenge Day at the UNE. There were six highly challenging activities that we enjoyed throughout the day. Students from eight different schools were grouped together to solve problems such as making an air gun out of pipe and a balloon, a Mission to Mars in which we constructed a car suitable to travel over the surface of mars and a train that was pushed by a propeller on a two metre train line.

The day was great fun and we all enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this event. By Jack and Jacob Year 6

Lost Property

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that all items of school clothing are properly labelled and belong to your son. We would appreciate your assistance in checking to see if your son has inadvertently brought home a TAS sports cap (or 3) belonging to Josh Pearson.

Ask Your Son

If your son is in Year 6 McCarthy ask him:

How much weight did their bridge hold before breaking

To tell you about other contract tasks made submitted their classmates

To convert some Roman Numerals for you

How their end of term French feast tasted

To show you their web pages for Term 1

To tell you about the best thing they learned in Term 1.

Middle School Basketball

The squad made a clean sweep of their games last week collecting very few fouls along the way.

TAS Terrell played an outstanding game against the previously unbeaten AHS Ice, to be ahead by two points at half time. The pressure was on, with a score of 25 – 22, and a huge effort saw them close the game by winning 32 – 27. The win was richly deserved by team Terrell, who made minimal use of two team Malit players off the bench.

TAS Malit were scheduled to play Duval Strikers, but as Duval were on excursion, team Malit instead played against a handpicked Armidale Basketball Association team. This team really tested team Malit, and halftime saw them behind by five points. To their credit, the team pushed on with quick offence and strong defense and the game was even in the final minutes. Team Malit remained cool and were rewarded with a very close 27 – 29 victory.

TAS Finco played a strong game against AHS Heat at the TAS stadium, winning by a clear 40 – 23 margin. This week's results illustrate the benefit of team play, training, and sportsmanship, and confirms the TAS teams positions at the top of the local Year 7/8 competition. With only one week left, my congratulations and thanks go to all the boys, their parents and helpers for a great season.

Mr Buckley

On Thursday a decision will be made as to whether this goes ahead and those families who have indicated an interest will be informed.



Happy Birthday

This week we wish a very happy birthday to Holly Tearle, David and Harry Williams, Cooper Gerdes, Calliden Hunter.

We also wish the following children a very happy birthday as they will be celebrating during the holidays: Joshua Beattie, Michael Paull, Jacob Smith, Alice Collins, Harry and Jack Ackling, Ashleigh Slater, Charlotte Caldwell, Luke Evans, Dougie Close and Isabella Kennedy.

Staff Changes for Term 2

There are a number of staff changes occurring in Term 2. Firstly we extend a wonderfully warm welcome to Mrs Janine Ranck as she commences her new position as Transition Classroom Assistant. Mrs Ranck is very familiar with the daily workings of the School, and more importantly knows the majority of children already. We look forward to her involvement with the Junior School for the remainder of this year.

Mrs Lucy Adams will be replacing Mrs Dominique Burke, as the IT Assistant for Terms 2-4 inclusive. Mrs Burke will be taking maternity leave and our best wishes go with her for this exciting time in their family.

Ms Lana Bromwich will be returning from a term's long service leave and will pick up the reins from Mrs Theresa Grills in Kindergarten KB. We thank Mrs Grills for the fine start that KB have enjoyed.

Mrs Veronica Waters, Year 1, will be taking Long Service Leave during Term 2 and will be replaced by Mrs Theresa Grills. Both these teachers have already planned the term's program so that the transition will be as seamless as possible.

Tezukayama Trip – Years 4 and 5

Please note that we require definite numbers for our trip to Tezukayama in December, by this week as plane tickets need to be booked. Would you please confirm your child's attendance, as well as any interested parents who will be accompanying the group? Please see Mrs Wright or Mr Hadfield.

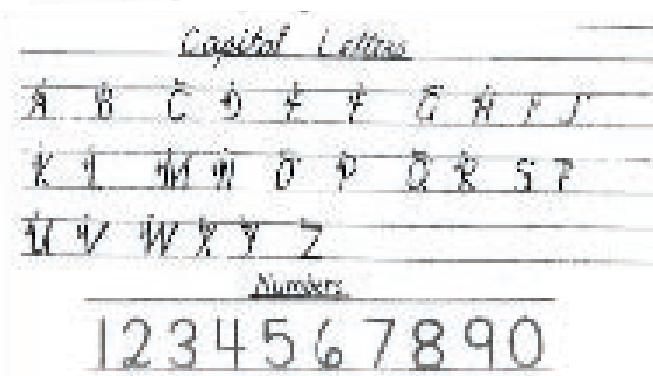
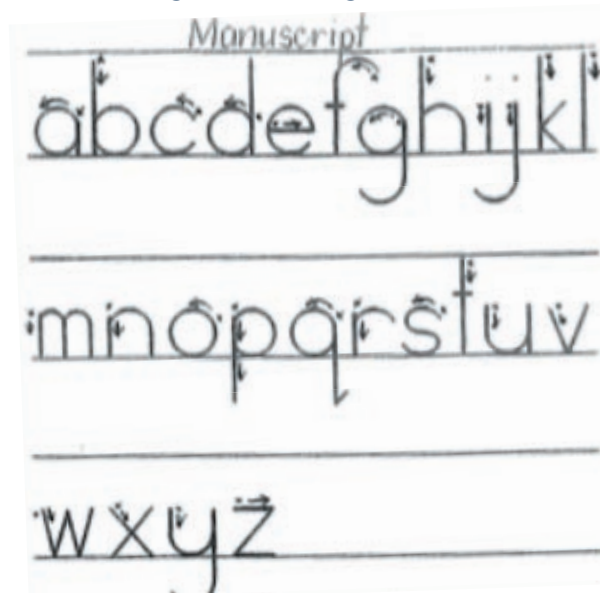
Premiers Reading Challenge

Children are asked to return their booklets to Mrs Forsythe each Wednesday so she can record the books read by the children.

Holiday Borrowing for the Premier's Reading Challenge

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow 2 books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow more books, parents need to sign the permission note which is attached to this newsletter.

Handwriting Style taught in the JS



Library Books

Please ensure your child returns all borrowed library books by tomorrow.

Family Reading

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

Read on the go. On car trips, make it a game to read interesting billboards, road signs, shop names and so on.

Be prepared. Take a few favourite books in a book bag when you are going somewhere you may have to sit and wait for a while, e.g. on the bus or train, or at a doctor's surgery, train station or airport.

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

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

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

Book Covering – Thank you

We would like to thank Mr Badaui Jeitani, Mrs Lisa Rogers-Ellis, Mr Warren Gilson, Kerry and Rebecca Behrend, and Mrs Lesley Brown for all the book covering they have done this term.

It has been wonderful to get these books into the classrooms so quickly for the children and teachers to enjoy.

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” Performance

The Junior School children from K-5 were treated to a wonderful afternoon’s entertainment with Magic Mic last Thursday. ARIA award winning Mic Conway presented a fun filled performance, incorporating magic, music and humour to get across the message that “recycling, reducing waste and reusing rubbish” is the way to save the planet. Audience participation was a highlight, with some lucky children getting the opportunity to play one of Mic’s amazing recycled musical instruments. This was an outstanding show, with a very important message for us all – “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Rubbish!”

Mrs Trenergy

Raising Children Network

This Network has been set up as a national ‘one stop shop’ for parenting information. It focuses on children aged 0 to 8, and provides research-based information on an extensive range of topics to do with children’s health and development. Our latest favourites are a new range of video clips about parenting that can be viewed online at http://raisingchildren.net.au/view_clips/view_clips.html and a section for parents and carers of children with a disability http://raisingchildren.net.au/children_with_disabilities/raising_children_with_disabilities.html

Lost Property

Jack Cregan has lost two navy blue school jumpers – both of them named. Both went missing last week. Could parents please check their child’s jumper and return Jack’s to the Junior School Office or to the Year 2 classroom if you find it.

Found

1 pair of Slazenger joggers with the initials F.S. on them
Navy Jacket Size 10
Black Clark Shoes
3 Singlets
Anipro Cap
Zoggs goggles and container
Apex-I Stop Watch
Please enquire at the Junior School Office

Junior School Sport

Athletics Carnival

After re checking some events and outcomes we would like to announce the following results with pleasure–
Junior Boy Champion – Michael Paull – tied with Dan Lethbridge

9 Year Girl Runner Up Age Champion – Emily Sole

8 Year Girl Runner Up Age Champion – Claudia Meehan tied with Dimity Tearle

We apologise for not acknowledging these on the day but sometimes computers can have problems!

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon JS Sports Co-ordinator

CIS Swimming

A small group of swimmers went to Sydney last week for CIS Swimming after successfully competing at NCSA. To achieve this level is fantastic and all swimmers should be very proud of their results which are as follows:

Holly Tearle came 21st in her Junior 50m breaststroke

Jack Parker came 11th in his Junior 50m breaststroke

Jack Campbell came 11th in his 11 Years 50m breaststroke

Harry Lloyd came 18th in his 12 Years 50m freestyle

Jay came 20th in his Open 200m IM, 20th in his 12 Years 50m freestyle, 13th in his Senior 50m backstroke, and 18th in his Open 100m freestyle

Well done to all swimmers and thanks to Mr Kennedy for emailing me the results. Special congratulations to Jack Parker and Jack Campbell for being only one place off making the final! Fantastic effort.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon JS Sports Co-ordinator

Starting Date for 2008 Netball season

All games commenced on Saturday 5 April. Round one will be played prior to the school holidays and Round 2 will be after the holidays. Please check the website for game times and umpiring duties. To do this, Google Armidale District Netball Association and go to the Sporting Pulse Homepage. You may also email adna1@optusnet.com.au.

Sports Training for Term 2

All winter sports teams will train on Tuesdays for Terms 2 and 3. Trainings go from 3:45 to 4:45pm and children need to bring relevant equipment to each training – shin pads, mouth guards etc.

Minkey hockey will not train on Tuesdays, only play on Saturdays.

All soccer games will be on Saturday mornings,

Netta is Saturday at noon,

Minkey hockey is Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am and

Under 11’s hockey is Sunday mornings with the odd Friday night game.

Please make sure you have the correct uniform for your sport before the commencement of term 2.

Looking forward to some great competition and fun.

Basketball

Our Year 4 basketballers once again performed well last Thursday during their match against Gold Nuggets. It was a slower start to the game this week with plenty of good teamwork but no one finding the net until mid way through the first half. With only 6 points on the board after the first half the team began to work a little harder during the second half to find the basket a number of times. Jacob Faint, Finn McCarthy and Umur Gultekin had plenty of shots scoring several baskets, while Madison Taylor, Jock Campbell and Andrew Spokes supported well with many defensive moves and great teamwork. Fraser Smith, Jason Brennan and Gus Engler displayed their ever improving skills as they maneuvered up the court with some fine dribbling, passing and shooting. The final score was TAS 17 Gold Nuggets 6.

Mrs Christine Wright

TAS Titans – Netta 5/4/08

TAS Titans first game on Saturday certainly augurs well for the season. The team of experienced and new players combined well to defeat PLC convincingly. The girls passed the ball accurately, maintained their positions well and had a number of successes in goal. Some great team play was evident, with Katie Gordon, Sophia Bohlsen, Jessica Chambers and Holly Tearle as standouts. Georgia Hutton and Tildy Waterson combined well and will be players to watch as the season progresses. With not enough players, we were fortunate to have the experience of former TAS Titan, Sophia Thatcher, and her friend to assist. Netta will continue after the holidays.

Mrs Trenerry

Soccer Registration in Junior School

On Wednesday the Junior School will have soccer registration for all junior players.

Mr Hodgson will be in the gym between 3:45pm and 5.00pm with the players forms. All forms need a parent's signature. Forms for students who played last year just need a parent's signature, parents of new players need to fill in a complete form.

Christian Nexo, Soccer MIC

Auskick Registration Day, Saturday 15 March 2008

In 2007, about 31 girls and boys from the TAS Junior School enjoyed playing Auskick – a program tailored towards introducing 5 to 12 year old children to the skills and excitement of Australian Rules football.

A registration day for the 2008 season will be held on Saturday, 15 March at Bellevue Oval, UNE, from 12noon to 1.00pm.

An Auskick exhibition match will also be played from 12.55–1.25pm – during the lunchtime break in the Tablelands Cup AFL competition for senior regional clubs, which will be running at Bellevue Oval throughout the day.

New recruits are welcome to see how an Auskick match runs and to join in if they wish.

Registration costs \$60 per child and includes an Auskick benefits pack (including backpack, Sherrin football, hat, water bottle, DVD, lunch box, membership card and insurance).

New Auskickers will also receive a New England Nomads footy jumper at no extra cost.

Weekly clinics are held on Saturdays at 12noon to 1.15pm at Bellevue Oval during terms 2 and 3, commencing on Saturday, 3 May 2008.

For further details contact Craig or Marion Collins – parents of Ben (Year 4), Katie (Year 2) and Alice (Transition) – on 6772 4872 or at cwcmjs@aapt.net.au.

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my childin Year

to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 2, 2008.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my Child's school account.

Signed Date.....