

# TAS TALKS #10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School

Term 3, Week 10 – Wednesday 24 September, 2008

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## Headmaster – Murray Guest



### Old Boys Weekend

The past weekend has been an exciting one for the School as Old Boys', cadet and end of season sporting celebrations collided to make it the busiest few days in the school calendar.

Eight separate Old Boy reunions (and one past parent reunion!) brought hundreds to the School and made the competition for the Croft Cup great fun. The Old Boys won the tug-o-war (predictably) and the shooting (congratulations to Mr Spencer as King of the Range) and the School won the tennis and football, so the Cup was retained by the School as the previous year's winner.

Seeing our Old Boys return to the School means much more to us than a chance to play sport. The living link that past students provide to the School gives our school family a richness of experience and understanding of tradition that would be difficult to replace. This year, that link was particularly strong as our oldest living Old Boy, Lionel Cohen, joined us for all weekend. Lionel, now 97, left TAS in 1927 and he was able to recount some of his vivid memories of the School at that time in a wonderfully entertaining after dinner speech on Saturday night. TAS was clearly a colourful place in the 1920s and Lionel's recollections reinforced that school memories can last a lifetime.

### Sport Season Concludes

Our senior sporting teams have celebrated the 2008 season with functions and presentations over recent days and weeks. This is a special time for the many Year 12 boys in those teams as it signals the finish of school sport and their time representing TAS. At each of those functions, coaches and the Sportsmaster have encouraged the departing players to play on after school and carry on what are great life habits and I hope that they will take this good advice. There is something special about school sport though and I know that those boys will miss the camaraderie and spirit that comes with representing TAS. As they leave, I offer thanks to them for their contributions to this side of school life and hope that they will carry the memories of it fondly.

### Passing Out Parade

I finish by again congratulating Mr Harris and all in the Cadet Unit for their performance at Passing Out Parade. Our cadet activities at TAS are based around adventure and leadership training, rather than parading, but it is right and proper that we farewell the senior boys who have contributed to the Unit through the years in fitting ceremonial fashion. I was very proud to hear our reviewing officer, Lieutenant Colonel Squire, say that the any ADFA or operational unit would have been pleased to put on a display of the quality our boys achieved on Sunday.

## Chaplain – Richard Newton 1 Corinthians 13

There have been many literary attempts at describing love not least in song; "Can't you see what love has done?"; "Can you feel the love tonight?"; "I wanna know what love is"; "Have I told you lately that I love you?"; "I knew I loved you before I met you"; "Goodbye my lover"; "Love is a many splendid thing"; "love lifts us up where we belong"; "All you need is love"; "I was made for lovn' you baby you were made for lovn' me"; And the quintessential "I love my dog as much as I love you".

Let's face it some people want to fill the world with silly love songs.

The thing is we love love. We love the school reading about love. It is 'THE' love chapter in the Bible. It would be hard to find a greater monument to love elsewhere in society. It is a genuine feel good passage. The idea of loving others is such an attractive notion. We hold love up as a most desirable attribute, one that is to be encouraged in all who walk these hallowed corridors.

The importance and priority of love should not surprise us. Love is not just commended it is commanded.

We must love in every facet of our lives. KISS were right when they said I was made for lovn' you..baby and you were made for lovn' me, but we don't. The reality is that while we hold up the attributes of pure love we all fail in our attempts to put it into practice. We could be who Bon Jovi sing about when they say "you give love a bad name".

Our failure to love perfectly whether it is to love God or to love one another is not just a function of our inability to respond to the command to love; it exposes our inherent imperfection and desperate need to rely on the love of God for us. While we should pray that the love described in this beautiful passage of scripture would characterise us, it is a reminder that we fail and are in great need of the grace of God and his forgiveness won for us. Won at the point when He demonstrated love most perfectly when Jesus died for our failure to love.

## Weekly Calendar

### Wednesday 24 September

Year 11 Primary Industries and Info Tech work placement

5.30pm **Junior School Art Show and Concert**  
6.00–7.00pm Big Band rehearsal  
7.00–7.30pm Senior Band rehearsal

### Thursday 25 September

7.45am TAS Singers rehearsal  
12.30pm **Farewell Luncheon for Year 12 and their Parents on Chapel Lawn**  
1.35pm School lines the drive for Year 12 procession  
1.45pm Year 12's Final Assembly– students only  
3.30pm School concludes for the holidays  
**Year 12 Parent Dinner**

### Friday 12 September

8.00am Boarder's buses depart  
8.30am Staff PD day  
**Valedictory Day**  
10.15am Morning Tea  
11.30am Valedictory Service  
12.30pm Lunch and Prizegiving  
Year 12 Formal

### Holiday Activities

25 Sept–6 Oct Service trip to St Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji  
24 Sept–11 Oct International Round Square Conference in Canada with pre conference service in Thailand  
29 Sept–7 Oct Australasian Round Square Conference in Bunbury, WA  
3–11 Oct Hinchinbrook Kayak Expedition  
8–10 Oct 1st XI cricket to Sydney  
9 Oct RSA Course at TAS  
10–12 Oct HSC Study Camp at TAS  
11 Oct Armidale Senior Cricket Comp starts

## P&F Association

Just a few reminders for the holidays – plants needed for the plant stall, white elephants needed for the elephant stall and if anyone feels inspired to bake cakes for the Fete, cake boxes can be picked up in the Junior School office.

Once again, many thanks for all your fabulous support this term and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday – enjoy!!!!  
Dotty & Janine

### Clothing Shop Notice

During the last day of Term 3, Friday 26 September, the Clothing Shop will be open between 3.00–4.00pm only for boys who require having their honours pockets put on their blazers.

## TAS Puddings

TAS puddings are back!! Assistance is urgently needed to make these yummy puddings and a "making day" will be held on Saturday, 28 October 2008 from 8.00am. If you are able to help could you please contact me by email: [lipearson@bigpond.com](mailto:lipearson@bigpond.com) or by phone on 6779 2458.

We are also in need of donations of brandy for the puddings. These donations may be left at TAS Reception. Your support of this P & F project would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Pearson

## This Week on the Web

We now have the beginnings of a Sustainability Page  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/sustainability/sustainability.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/sustainability/sustainability.php)

Extension – Info re Mind Circus and Explorama workshops  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/extension/e2.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/extension/e2.php)

Year 8 – Treading Lightly (Issues 1 and 2) and Sophie Masson's visit  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/middle/year\\_8.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/middle/year_8.php)

Year 6 delve into the eyes – see all the exclusive pictures at:  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/middle/year\\_6.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/middle/year_6.php)

Music – Year 12, Formal, MS In-House  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/senior/music/current\\_music.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/senior/music/current_music.php)

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

Sporting allocations – MS / Seniors  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/current\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/current_sport.php)

Sporting Allocations – Junior School  
[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/junior\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/junior_sport.php)

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

# RazzamataFete 2008 Saturday 25 October



## White Elephant Stall

The Middle School are running the traditional White Elephant stall. If you think you might have things tucked away that you don't need any more, we'd love them for the stall. A great time to start sorting your cupboards out!!!! Books, comics, CD's, DVD's, Computer Games, equipment and books can be left inside Big School. Any enquiries to Dee Lawson 6772 9090/Kerryn Reeves 6771 1761/Tracy Browning 6772 5864.



## Recycled Children's Clothing

Recycled Children's Clothing stall is looking for clean children's clothing, in good condition for this very popular stall. Please leave any such items in Reception and there will be a box for collection in the afterschool care room in Junior School.

Contact Kath Harris or Jen Cook for more information on 6772 0601

## WANTED-wanted-WANTED-wanted- WANTED-wanted-WANTED

Once again!  
**FOR THE SCHOOL  
FETE PLANT STALL**  
Contributions of potted  
plants

Also wanted:  
donations of empty pots.



## Pizzas

Year 11 will be selling Pizzas and quiches at fete. We will have a preparation day on the Friday before. If you can help on either day please let Gaye know – gayetombs@yahoo.com.au



## Year 10 - Home Made Cakes & Sweets Stall



Year 1 and 2 will be running the Home Made Sweets and Cake Stall for the TAS Fete. There was such a run on things last year, that they sold out quickly. Any assistance with baked goods would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off on the morning of the Fete at the stall.

Just wanted to give the bakers among us ample notice!

## General Notices

### TAS HSC Study Camp

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 October 2008  
and RSA course

Time is running out

**Bookings for both the Study Camp and the RSA course should be made on line via the TAS Website at:**

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/study\\_camp/s\\_camp](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/study_camp/s_camp)

For further information about the Study Camp please contact:

Julie Dunstan at TAS English Faculty on 6776 5803 or via email on [jdunstan@as.edu.au](mailto:jdunstan@as.edu.au)

Registrations close Friday 26 September 2008

## Music Scholarships for 2009

Applications are invited for music students who wish to apply for Music Scholarships at TAS in 2009.

Information including Terms and Conditions and a Music Scholarship application form can be found at:

[http://www.as.edu.au/admissions/fees\\_assistant.php](http://www.as.edu.au/admissions/fees_assistant.php)

The closing date for applications is  
31 October, 2008

All applications should be sent to Mrs Pip Warrick in the Enrolments Office.

Applicants will be contacted individually to set up an audition at a mutually agreeable time. Interviews will be conducted during the week commencing 3 November, 2008.

## Lost at Old Boys Weekend on Backfield

If anyone found a Gunnedah Devils no 10 Rugby jumper on Backfield after Saturdays game could they please return it to Mr or Mrs White. Many thanks

## Australian National Chemistry Quiz

The results of this demanding competition have arrived and our top students have done very well indeed.

In comparison to the State we are just below the mean in Years 7 – 10 and above it in Years 11 and 12.

The outstanding set of results came from Year 11 where the nine students involved have gained 5 High Distinctions, and 2 Distinctions and are 4 points above State mean.

My congratulations go to the following who have achieved Distinctions and High Distinctions:

### **DISTINCTIONS:**

YEAR 7: Sam Colbran

YEAR 8: Max Frankham, Tom Wauch, Thomas Wyatt

YEAR 9: Angus Begg, Christopher Bohlsen

YEAR 10: Jake Gardiner

YEAR 11: Matt Baker, Andrew Bell

YEAR 12: Joseph May, Robbie Oppenheimer

### **HIGH DISTINCTIONS:**

YEAR 7: Jack Tearle

YEAR 9: Timothy Williamson

YEAR 11: Toby Brunckhorst, Elliot Diebold, Ethan Fry, Paul Sniekers, Alexander Swan,

YEAR 12: Hamish Barnet, Stephen Dewhurst

Mr W D Richards, Science Co-ordinator

## Mind Circus

Looking for something to do during the first Sunday and Monday of the school holidays?

Something to keep your little grey cells active and what's more will be loads of fun!

A holiday enrichment program for Gifted and Talented students from Kindergarten to Year 10 will be held.

**Drummond Memorial Public School**  
**Sunday 28 and Monday 29 September**  
Workshop Choices include: Philosophy, Science and Technology, Creative Arts, Literacy, Numeracy, Archeology, Podcasting, Languages.

**Go for one day or go for both.**  
**Cost is \$30.00 per student for one day,**  
**\$50.00 for two days or \$100.00 per**  
**family for two days.**

If you would like some more information, please go to the extension and Enrichment website to see the flyer and registration form or speak to Ms Whitland or Ms Boydell

## Lost

Marco Pang has misplaced his glasses.

They are black. If anyone has seen them could they return them to Reception. Thanks

## Extension and Enrichment Information for Parents

The University of New South Wales Gifted Education, Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) is holding a weekend course for parents of gifted and talented students on 18 and 19 October this year.

The course will be led by GERRIC staff and associates who have expertise in gifted education (including Prof Miraca Gross – guru of G & T education) and will equip parents with both theoretical and practical knowledge about their gifted child.

Details of the course and how to register, information about the presenters and an application form can be found on the GERRIC website [http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/GERRIC\\_ParentCourseBrochure.pdf](http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/GERRIC_ParentCourseBrochure.pdf) or

You may wish to contact GERRIC directly by phoning their office on 9385 1972 or 1800 626 824.

Applications are processed in order of receipt so register as soon as possible and take advantage of the "early bird" registration discount.

Catherine Boydell: [cboydell@as.edu.au](mailto:cboydell@as.edu.au)

## Helpers Needed

Helpers from Year 11 parents are needed to assist with Valdictory Day serving of morning tea on the Chapel Lawn at 10.15am this Friday. Aprons will be supplied. Contact Gaye Piper on 6772 0451

Cheers, Gaye





## Protect Your Child

The press is full of stories about risk taking behaviours in adolescents. Alcohol and drugs at parties, bullying on the net, violence in the street and lunacy in cars are graphically reported on an almost daily basis. No wonder parents of teenagers are frightened!

When you throw in mental health and body image issues and add the stress of study; safety and success for our kids can appear to be mountains too high to climb.

The standard response to these dangers is to provide information about them. While that knowledge is important it is usually not the source of safe behaviours and resilience.

Studies overwhelming show that kids who live in families that provide security, have open communication and have parents who are positively involved in their lives are much less likely to involve themselves in behaviours that could cause them harm.

It is the day to day experience at home that generally has the greatest influence on a teen's self view and moral compass.

The "Living With Your Teenager" seminar at PLC is designed to provide relevant and useful information about those day to day experiences. It offers ideas about building better relationships, dealing with conflict, talking about sex, drugs and alcohol, setting and following through with consequences, building your child's self esteem and much more.

The seminar will be presented by Graham Hyman, a 35 year veteran of working with teens and a highly gifted and entertaining speaker.

**Don't miss this one**  
**Living With Your  
Teenager Seminar**

**by Graham Hyman  
at**

**PLC Dorothy Knox Centre  
from 7.00-9.00pm**

**Thursday 16 October, 2008**

**Graham Hyman will also address all Year 11 students on Wednesday 15 October from 8.30-3.30pm then Year 11 volunteer leaders on Thursday 16 October Pds 1-3.**

## Counsellor's Corner

There seems to be an abruptness in the transition from school to post-school experience. Here, at TAS one week, all over the next. One week perceived as a school student, the next week or month, perceived as an adult!!

The transition from school to post-school is a sudden dismantling of many things – the structure of everyday life, social networking as it has been, certain aspects of identity, and for some, of long-standing friendships.

This can be very confusing for some, while for others it is a welcome development. For some there is a sense of significant loss and grief; for others it is just relief and joy.

The meaning of the school years will vary from person to person and so we need to be aware of these personal meanings if the experience of emptiness or uncertainty, brittleness of identity or significant mood changes, occurs. Sometimes the meaning of the transition is temporarily masked by the proximity of the HSC and the pressures this can create. But, either now or soon, a person can suddenly feel completely 'on their own' when previously, a sense of camaraderie helped them avoid the reality of where they are up to. The realisation that 'this is it' and life is 'now', can be daunting. We might have looked for safety in numbers, now we are exposed to the full force of our accountability for who we become and how we live, the choices we make and the values we try to live by.

This is the week in which various rites of passage begin. Formal and informal occasions mark the moment. But when all these are over, there can be a strange sense of isolation and shapelessness, a vague emptiness, perhaps even some agitation and insecurity. Let's be aware of what it is about – life is just not the same any more.

Best wishes and take care, Rob Hadfield

## Round Square



### Round Square Conferences

Best wishes and safe travel to our two Round Square Conference delegations who leave us this week.

National Round Square Conference – Bunbury, Cathedral Grammar School, WA – 27/9/08 – 7/10/08

Staff: Mr Jason Lincoln and Mr Jim Pennington

Delegation: Ryan Slater, Andrew Grigg, Andrew Denning, Thomas Armitage, Andrew Liston, Edward Hoddle

The post conference tour concludes with a four day adventure in the south west.

International Round Square Conference – Thailand Service Project and Conference in Vancouver, Canada (Collingwood School) – 24/9/08 – 11/10/08

Staff: Mr Deon Moss, Mr Grant Harris, Mr Murray Guest

Delegation: Elliot Diebold, Ethan Fry, Jason Wright, Callum Mackerras, Jock Barnett, James Heagney-Perrott.

The TAS delegation (and NEGS) will participate in service work on Koh Phi Phi Island from 24 September until 2 October building a community centre for a village destroyed by the tsunami in 2004. TAS has fundraised toward the tsunami devastation since 2004 and are keen to give some 'hands on' help. They will then travel on to Canada and the Round Square Conference hosted by Collingwood School in Vancouver.

Farewell to Michael Lilford from Woodridge College in South Africa who leaves TAS after a fully involved term on exchange

Anna Barnier and Grant Harris, Round Square Reps

## Sporting News

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

### SWAC Summer Sport

The list of choices under the banner SWAC is now available on the web [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/current\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/current_sport.php) and another copy is on the sports notice board.

Students are required to choose three sessions per week and these can be across any of the four lines.

Choices will be made this Friday after Prefect's Assembly.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Pennington, on 67765828 or email [jpenning@as.edu.au](mailto:jpenning@as.edu.au).

### Cricket Coaching Clinic

Don Nash (Former Speed Blitz Blue State Player and Australia A Player) will be running the clinic along with two other Sydney 1st Graders. All of whom have Level 2 Coaching qualifications.

Cost is \$20 per child. Payable on the day to the ADJCA.

**Venue:** TAS Wakefield Nets (Most probably)

**Timetable:**

Wednesday 1 October

2.00–4.00pm Armidale U15 and U16 Rep Teams

4.00–6.00pm Armidale Snr Rep squad (Venue Sportsground)

Thursday 2 October

9.00am–12noon Open to all junior cricketers U11's to U13's

1.00–4.00pm Open to all junior cricketers U14's to U16's

### Holiday Tennis Camps

Sherriff's Tennis Academy will be running tennis camps in the first and second week of the upcoming school holidays, from 9.00am to 2.00pm

(Mon – Thur 1st week, Tue – Fri 2nd week)

The camp is a fun way for kids to get into tennis, or develop their game – all levels are catered for.

Both camps will be held at The Armidale School tennis courts.

Contact Heather Apps or Justin Sherriff on 0423915 850.

Application form attached with TAS Talks.

### CIS Secondary Athletics Results

Twelve TAS boys competed at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Friday 19 September in the CIS Secondary Athletics Championships, representing the NCSA.

The following boys gained a 5th place or better:

**14 yrs**

# Thom Martin: 1st 800m, 2 min 10.12 sec (new TAS record, previous record set in 1983 by Luke Bookallilil 2 min 12.4 sec); 5th 400m, 57.66 sec

# Relay, Alex Laurie, Bevan Walker, Joe Henderson and Thom Martin: 2nd 49.02 sec

# Alex Laurie: 4th shot put, 11.11m (new TAS record, previous record set in by Alex earlier this year of 10.43 kg)

# Rowan McGowan: 5th discus, 20.88m

# Joe Henderson: 5th long jump, 5.39m

**16 yrs**

# William Warner: 3rd 100m, 11.57 sec; 3rd 200m, 23.11 sec; 5th long jump, 5.63m

# Mitchell Maguire: 5th shot put 10.62 m

Congratulations to all on a great performance



TAS U14 relay team" who came 2nd at the CIS Secondary Athletics championships, including Thom Martin who won the 800m

Left to right: Alex Laurie, Bevan Walker, Joseph Henderson, Thomas Martin

### Hockey Clinic

Nikki Hudson – Member of the Olympic Hockeyroo team will be holding her hockey clinic in Armidale at UNE Campus on October 10 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. These clinics are conducted with Olympic players from 2004 and 2008 teams and are open to players under 18 years of age. The cost is \$85 per person. Registration is online at [www.sport-slinkaustralia.com.au](http://www.sport-slinkaustralia.com.au)

More information is available at: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/activities/sport/hockey.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/hockey.php)



## Fitness Boxing at TAS

Join an 8 week dynamic course

Learn boxing skills such as:

- punching
- evasive techniques
- pad work
- foot work

Day: Thursdays  
 Time: 5:15pm  
 Location: Green Room, TAS Sports Centre  
 Start date: 16 October  
 Duration: 8 Weeks  
 Price: \$50.00

No experience necessary and all welcome

for more information and bookings contact  
Chris Doherty on 6771 1158 or 0414 984 378

## General Circuit Classes

Weights Based Class  
60 minute duration

Monday 6:45pm  
 Tuesday 5:15pm  
 Thursday 6:45pm  
 Saturday 4:15pm

Location: TAS Weights room

Cost: \$6.00 (\$5.00 current TAS staff & students)

## Reduced Mobility Classes

60 minute duration

less difficult than the General Circuit  
class

Tuesday 10:15pm  
 Thursday 10:15pm

Location: TAS Weights room

Cost: \$6.00 (\$5.00 current TAS staff & students)

## Basketball

ABA Mens B Grade Grand Final, 21 September

TAS A 38 defeated Voodoo 25

TAS A went into Sunday night's Grand Final at The Den knowing they would be in for a hard game, despite having beaten their opponents by 9 points in the qualifying semi-final. Voodoo's skills and experience deserve great respect, and TAS' ability to handle a big game was going to be tested. Voodoo scored first, but TAS were soon in the lead through good shooting by Ben Middleton and a great fast break basket by Michael Ma.

The omens were good when Middleton drained a couple of 3-point shots to establish a comfortable buffer, while strong rebounding by Koa Dowsett, Lewis Crothers and Harry Vivers denied Voodoo second chances from their offence. Dan Schroder's finger-roll lay-up in the key was a classy end the first half's scoring, with TAS ahead 21-13.

But Voodoo were far from beaten, and came back through both tenacious scoring and physical pressure, making it a typically spirited Grand Final. Voodoo's defence mostly shut down the TAS fast break, which had been a factor in our semi-final win. But TAS adapted well, with baskets from Vivers and Dowsett taking some defensive attention away from Middleton, who capped a hot night with two more three pointers. The strength of our bench players was also a factor, with all players making a great contribution to the well-deserved win. Scorers: Ben Middleton (21), Harry Vivers (7), Koa Dowsett (5), Michael Ma, Dan Schroder (2), Lewis Crothers (1). Other members of THE CHAMPION TEAM: Ed Fenwicke, James Perrett, and Luke Taylor (who was unavailable for the Grand Final).

The support of TAS students, staff and parents made for a great occasion that I was delighted to enjoy with the team. Well done, boys, and thanks for making it a memorable season!

Richard Stayner, Coach

## Young Endeavour 2009

A voyage on the Young Endeavour

NEW BALLOT OPEN FOR JANUARY-JUNE 2009 VOYAGES

The new ballot is open as of 1 July 2008 and will remain open until 31 August 2008.

Are you up for a challenge?

Aged 16 - 23?

Applications for our first Ballot for 2009 will be accepted from 1 July 2008 until 31 Aug 2008. These will be for voyages January to June 2009. Voyages run along the east coast of Australia.

Tell your friends and family to come check us out and we hope to see you onboard.

For applications checkout their website:

<http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au>

## Snow Sports

### Interschools Nationals in Perisher

Teams of skiers and snowboarder from NSW, VIC, TAS and SA gathered at Perisher Blue between 10 and 13 September for the Interschools Snowsports National Championships.

TAS snowboarder Ben Miles competed as individual in Snowboard G S. On a steep and icy course Ben performed creditably to gain 14th individual place. The competition was fierce with most of the Victorians riding race boards and plastic boots – much more exact than normal snowboards and boots.

Next July 2009 we will again be entering Interschool teams so could anyone who is interested in being in a team please get in touch with me.

Joan MacDougall, Interschools Co-ordinator  
ph 6657 6175 or email [marengo1@bigpond.com](mailto:marengo1@bigpond.com)

## Middle School

### From the Head of Middle School

With the term drawing to a conclusion I wish to thank our students, parents and staff for their many contributions to our Middle School. I encourage parents to continue to be actively involved in their sons' education and make contact with his homeroom teacher when the need arises.

During Term 3 we had the pleasure of meeting a number of prospective students and their families and we now look forward to welcoming them into the TAS family next year.

For the first three weeks of Term 4, my wife Theresa and I will be enjoying a much-anticipated visit with family and friends in Canada. During my absence the running of the Middle School will be left in the capable hands of Mr Ian Lloyd. On behalf of the Middle School staff we wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to our students returning with renewed energy.

### Leaving School Grounds

This is a reminder to all boys about the correct procedure to follow when they leave the grounds during school hours (8.45am to 3.30pm). Students 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.

### Leaving Messages

The Middle School Office is often unattended in the afternoons and therefore messages for students cannot always be passed on. If you need to leave a message for your child please either phone the Middle School Office in the morning or please phone Reception.

### Year 12 Valedictory

On the last official day of this term, Thursday 25 September, our Middle School boys will be lining the drive for the procession of the Year 12's. Please ensure all boys wear their formal uniform and have their Akubras.

## Term 4 Bivouac

The Rangers will be participating in a three day over-night bivouac at West Kunderang in Week 2, Term 4.

Depart: 1:15pm Sunday, 26 October Edwards bus

Return: 3:30pm Tuesday, 28 October Edwards bus

Equipment: standard Rangers dress and equipment.

Required: sleeping bag; light weight cup, plate and kfs set; tea towel; swimmers and towel; collared short sleeve shirt; spare socks; torch; toiletries; sunscreen; insect repellent; old joggers for water activities.

### Personal medication

Activities: trekking; navigation; rafting; river crossing; camp craft; cooking.

Food: TAS Ration Pack and fruit.

Staff: R Pollard, R McCarthy, M Hill, P Voysey, B Monley, K Malit

If you do not wish your son to attend the Ranger's Bivouac to West Kunderang, please notify either Mrs McCarthy, Mr Voysey or Mr Lloyd by 22 October.

The Year 7 and 8 cadets will be participating in a two day bivouac on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October.

## Junior School

### Looking Ahead

#### Wednesday 24 September

No Assembly

Junior School Art Show 5.30pm

Olympicana Concert 6.00pm

#### Thursday 25 September

Last day of Term 3

Year 4 & 5 students to line the drive  
- formals to be worn

#### Sunday 5 October

Day Light Saving starts

#### Tuesday 14 October

Term 4 commences

### From the Head of Junior School

Wow! Doesn't a term just fly past quickly! We have enjoyed a term full of opportunities for the children both in, and beyond the classroom walls. The staff and children have been very busy and the two-week break will be welcomed to refresh everyone before the final term of the year. We have welcomed the enthusiastic involvement of so many of our parents this term as it ensues the success of the opportunities we envisage for the children.

We are all looking forward to our "Olympicana" concert tonight that the children have been practising for, and it promises to be a great highlight, with every child involved from Transition to Year 5. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to Ms Lana Bromwich who has tackled the enormous task of coordinating this performance and pulling together a wonderful variety of performances and she has done a superb job. We encourage you to come along and appreciate the talent of your children.

By now all families of K-5 children will have received information about their child's end of year excursion and this is an activity that everyone looks forward to as a fitting finish to the school year. Kindergarten will be enjoying an overnight camp at the school, Year 1 and 2 are off to Coffs Harbour, Year 3 and 4 go to Lake Keepit and Year 5 enjoys the challenges of Coffs Harbour.

At the end of a term, it is timely to thank you for your involvement in our School. We have enjoyed masses of parent involvement this term and we are thankful for your time and assistance. It continues to ring true, that working together provides the best outcome for all.

The staff and I wish all families a wonderful holiday filled with family fun and relaxing activities. We look forward to welcoming our/your children back on Tuesday 14 October.

Mrs Lou Forsythe

## Happy Birthday Wishes



We wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week: Sinclair Moore, Alexander Chambers, Liam Kennedy, Oscar McBean, Lily Graham, Jake Beattie, Cotter Litchfield, Kathleen McPhie and Will Waterson.

## Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their Bronze Award at the last assembly: Greg Guyer and James Hutchison.

Also to these students who received their Silver Award at the last assembly: Angus Alford, Stuart Epworth, Cooper Gerdes, Jack Sewell, Riley Eichorn, Jacob Smith, Damien Tyers, Hudson Morris, Henry O'Neil, Stephen Smith, Ashleigh Slater, Amelia Newton, Jack Cregan, Oscar McBean, Will Brissett, Jack Evans, Jacob Faint and Madeline Murphy.

And a special congratulations to Holly Tearle who received her Gold Award. Well done.

## Australian Maths Competition 2008

Our congratulations to the following children who gained Distinctions and Credits in the Australian Maths Competition.

### Distinction:

Year 3 – Samuel Thatcher, Sebastian Scott; Year 4 – Holly Tearle; Year 5 – Max Cushway.

### Credits:

Year 3 – Daniel Jackson, David Wu, Jessica Chambers, Sean Niemeyer, Emily Sole, Ziggy Harris, Jack Kaynes, Henry Perrottet, Olivia Fenwicke, Phoebe Slack-Smith and Sinclair Moore.

Year 4 – Jacob Hunt, Ben Collins, Lachlan Tonkin, Madeline Murphy, Jacob Faint, Will Brissett and Finley McCarthy; Year 5 – James Gilson Jake Beattie, Dane Townsend, Liam Cooper and Will Waterson.

## ICAS English Competition 2008

Our congratulations to the following children who gained Distinctions and Credits in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English Competition.

Distinction: Year 3 – Sinclair Moore and Samuel Thatcher; Year 4 – Will Brissett, Ben Collins and Jacob Hunt; Year 5 – Sebastian Gibson, Calliden Hunter.

Credits: Year 3 – Jessica Chambers, Olivia Fenwicke, Phoebe Slack-Smith, Emily Sole and David Wu;

Year 4 – Gus Engler, Finley McCarthy and Lachlan Tonkin;

Year 5 – Jesse Arnott, Jake Beattie, James Gilson, Michael Klepzig and Frazer Moore

## NAPLAN Results

We are delighted with our results for both Year 3 and Year 5 in Literacy and Numeracy in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) with our results being well above national average. Teachers are very heartened by these, and I congratulate them on the work they have done with the children to attain such fine outcomes. This is the first time that the same testing has been applied to all children across Australia, and the results provide us with detail on which we can better assess, monitor and build on the strengths highlighted in the school report.

## Year 12 Final Days

Thursday 25 September is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School. Part of this day includes students lining the front drive as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School. Years 4 and 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Could all Year 4 and 5 students please wear their formal uniforms on this day please?

## Assembly

Please note that there will be no assembly this week because of rehearsals for our "Olympicana" concert that will be held this evening.

## JS Art Show & Olympicana Concert

This evening at 5.30pm we are holding our Junior School Art Show, followed by our Olympicana concert beginning at 6.00pm. This Concert promises to enthrall the audience as all children will be participating. We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents and friends of the Junior School children tonight. At the Art Show (from 5.30pm to 6pm) refreshments and nibbles will be provided and this is an excellent opportunity to socialise. Framed art works may be purchased for \$60 which covers the cost of replacing the frame for the Junior School collection. No artwork is to be removed from the display that evening, but should you wish to purchase your child's framed artwork please see Mrs Nies or Mrs Forsythe, and you will be able to collect the artwork the following day.

Please ensure all children are at their classrooms at 5.30pm sharp with foundation already applied to their faces, if possible. The performance will commence at 6.00pm and will conclude at approximately 7.30pm. Children can be collected from their classrooms after the performance.

A gold coin donation is always appreciated at the door.

## Junior School Sport

### Walking School Bus Day Update

On International Walk to School day, 22 October 2008 – Edwards Coaches have very kindly offered to drop students at 'bus stops' around town for children to meet and walk together with volunteers and teachers! Parents need to give their children permission to hop off the bus at the following points on 22 October ONLY.

We hope that many children will walk on International Walk to School Day even if they do not plan to walk weekly. We hope that teachers will join in as well. People are welcome to ride scooters and bikes from any of the connection points. Walk to School Day will be on Wednesdays and we will have set routes for each school on these days.

The scheduled drop off point for TAS is Armidale High: (then the volunteers will lead a walk from those points)

There are great prizes to give to the school with the greatest percentage of students walking on 22 October..... so please join us for this event ..... the first in NSW!

### Holiday Reading

If any children would like to borrow books from the Library during the holidays, please fill out the permission note (which is attached to this newsletter) and forward it to the Junior School Office.

### Mind Circus Workshop

A holiday enrichment program for Kindergarten to Year 10 will be held on Sunday 28 September and Monday 29 September 2008. The cost is \$30.00 per student for one day or \$50.00 for 2 days or \$100.00 per family for two days. The venue is Drummond Memorial Public School.

Workshop choices include: Philosophy, Science and Technology, Creative Arts, Literacy, Numeracy, Archeology, Podcasting, Languages.

For further information please contact: Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Jennifer Andrews on 0438 466 748 or email her on [Jennifer.a.andrews@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jennifer.a.andrews@det.nsw.edu.au). Please register by Monday 22 September.

### Project AWARE

20 September 2008 is International Cleanup Day. Why not have your children participate in the International Year of the Reef (IYOR) Art Contest on the theme – Celebrate the Reef! Every Act Counts. Children can draw or paint their entry on A4 paper and submit to Project AWARE. Great prizes can be won and closing date is 30 September. For more information please see art contest details on the website under Global Initiatives – AWARE Kids. [www.projectaware.org](http://www.projectaware.org)

### This week's infants Maths Game

Roll a dice and write down the number that comes before and the number that comes after.

Have fun!

### Lost Property

Duncan Chalmers from Year 1 has lost his jumper. It is a new jumper, size 8 and clearly labeled with his name on it. If anyone locates Duncan's jumper, would you kindly contact the Junior School Office.

### Summer Sports

Please note that Sport will commence on the second day back of Term 4 (Wednesday 15 October) for all children who are doing summer sport.

Please see the attachment for your child's sport allocation or go to the TAS website

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/junior/junior\\_sport.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/junior_sport.php)

### Dance/gym Choice

Costs have been finalised for the dance section of the sport. Gym will be \$5 per week and the dance component will be \$18 per week. If the child already does Thursdays Dance Club or dance after school on Tuesdays, the rate will be \$15 per week. Mrs Colette Brazier has requested a term payment please.

Thank you, Mrs Kirsty Brunson

### Indoor hockey 6-a-side

HNE will be running an indoor hockey competition over Term 4 2008 and Term 1 2009 commencing Thursday 23 October 2008. The Den at AHS has offered us the use of their basketball stadium. This should prove to be a great venue providing two courts.

Divisions offered will be primary, under 13, under 16 and opens, numbers permitting. Teams can be mixed and will need at least six players. The U13s, U16 and opens will require a goalkeeper.

Cost: \$30 team registration. Closing October 17th.

Match fees are \$3 primary player per game, \$5 for the U13s and above.

A reminder if you are interested in this you need to organise your own team or ring Paul Eichorn to be included in a town team.

### Futsal Competition 5-a-side

Futsal will be held in Term 4 and Term 1 at The Den at AHS. Registration is on 20 Sept – The Den 9:30 – 11am, 21 Sept – UNE Sport Union 12pm – 1:30pm, 27 Sept – Centro Shopping Complex 9:30 – 12 noon

There will be a Juniors Competition catering for 5 to 17 year olds. The competition will commence in week 2 of Term 4.

Costs: Registration \$40 per player, \$45 per team per game Contact Graham Parsons on 0458 447310 for more information. Players will need to organise their own teams or join a town team.

### Winter Sport Trophies

The Junior School Staff and coaches would like to thank Mr Dick Hodgson, TAS Sportsmaster, for providing all children who participated in a hockey or soccer team, with a wonderful trophy. This was very generous of him and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting them. The looks on the younger children's faces, in particular, as they received their trophies, was priceless.

For many, it was their very first trophy! I'm sure this will take pride of place on many windowsills or book cases. Well done children and thank you again to Mr Hodgson.

## Hockey

### TAS Under 11's

The TAS under 11's were the favourites for the semi-final game against the Wasps on Sunday the 7th of September. The TAS team came out hard and got an early goal against the Wasps, which clearly worried the Wasps and caught them off guard. The Wasps came back to equal the score and then sneak in another goal before half time. The TAS team were hungry for a win at half time and they went onto the field ready to give it their all. The team pulled out some of their best performances in the second half, with likes of David Williams and Harry Wright in defence, and Cal Hunter, Jess Wright and Michael Klepzig in attack. The whole team made an amazing effort to try to level the score before the buzzer went, winning a short corner in the last 3 minutes.

It was thrilling for me as a coach to see just how much the team has improved since the beginning of the season. You all deserve congratulations. Thanks must go to my assistant coach, student Jonathan Paul, for his commitment to helping the team improve. I hope to see you all playing hockey at TAS in the future, building upon the skills you have already learned.

GO TAS!!!

Miss Yates, Coach



defend againts the Wasps

## Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child ..... in 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 4, 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 .....



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