

# TAS TALKS #11

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School

Term 1, Week 11 – Wednesday 8 April, 2009

House on Duty is Tyrrell – ah 6776 5818

## Headmaster – Murray Guest



### Clothing Shop

At a special meeting of the TAS P&F last week it was decided that the P&F would pass management and ownership of the Clothing Shop over to the School. This transfer has been made in recognition of the fact that the growth in the size of this business operation over the years has been such that the School is now in a better position to control and develop it.

For parents and students there should be no visible change in using the Clothing Pool and Vivienne Tearle will continue as manager. Similarly, any future profits from the Clothing Pool will be transferred to the P&F.

The discussions that led to this decision gave strong emphasis to the importance of continued parent involvement in the Clothing Shop. Volunteer helpers remain essential to our ability to offer this service and I encourage parents to be involved wherever possible.

This may also be the time that parents who have Clothing Shop credits (ie: second hand clothing being held for sale at the shop) may wish to donate those credits to the P&F. This would be a considerable support to the P&F and the School and I encourage any parents who may be in that position to contact Vivienne Tearle to let her know.

### Year 9 Secret Men's Business

On behalf of the 50 or so boys, young guys and old guys who joined the trip to the Guy Fawkes National Park last week, I offer thanks to Martin Levins, Jim Pennington and Rob Hadfield for making our time away such a great success. The feedback from both the boys and 'older boys' was unanimous in labelling the weekend as a really important time. Though it may be a year away, I encourage every Year 8 family to look ahead and make sure that the time is free to join the 2010 trip. It is not to be missed.

### Holiday Activities

Once again many of our students and staff will be kept active through this holiday period in school activities of one sort or another and I take this opportunity to offer best wishes to all who are travelling and representing the School over the coming weeks.

- The TAS Cattle Team along with 2 bulls, 1 heifer and 1 cow and calf head to Sydney for a ten day stint showing their trade to the knowledgeable and otherwise, at the Royal Easter Show. Any families who are planning to visit the Show this year would be most welcome to drop in to see Mr Ball, Luke Heagney, Cambell Duff, Sam Schmidt and Luke Burton in action. Luke will compete in the state final of the junior paraders competition on Wednesday 15 April and the TAS cattle will be judged on Sunday 19 April.
- A TAS delegation of Year 8 boys, led by Peter Voysey, head to Launceston next Tuesday for the Australasian Junior Round Square Conference. The conference theme this year is 'Creating the Future' and I wish the boys well in representing their school in this great leadership opportunity.
- The TAS chaplaincy team and 18 boys will join with girls from NEGS and PLC in the Kyck Christian Convention in Katoomba which brings together around 3,000 young people to celebrate and encourage one another in their faith. They then move on to the 'Service in Sydney' program, providing meals and support for the city's homeless.
- A pelaton of enthusiastic and adventurous cyclists will tackle the Sea to Summit ride in the first week of the holidays. This huge challenge sees the boys ride from the beach to Charlotte's Pass on Mt Kosciusko and then hike on to the summit. They are a brave lot and I wish them well.
- The TAS Primary Rugby Carnival organised by Jason Lincoln will bring 34 teams or around 600 young players from NSW and Queensland to TAS on the final weekend of the holiday break. The significance of this carnival for Australian Rugby is highlighted this year by the presence of the Wallabies coach, Robbie Deans, as the guest speaker at the supporters' evening.
- Finally, our Cadet Guard will represent the School at the ANZAC Services at Dangarsleigh and Central Park on April 25th. The boys have been preparing well and have already begun their campaign by providing the catafalque party at a service at Drummond Public School yesterday. The fine manner in which they represent the School is always a source of great pride for me and I wish them well again this year.

## Weekly Calendar

### Wednesday 8 April

#### Middle and Senior School Athletics Championships

- 1.30pm Headmaster's tour of the Creative Arts Centre  
4.00pm Students are free to leave

### Thursday 9 April

Boarder buses depart  
Staff PD day  
School closed for the holidays  
Classes resume 28 April

### Holiday Activities

- 9-17 April Sea to Summit Expedition  
14-18 April Junior Round Square Conference -  
Scotch Oakburn College in Tasmania  
14-23 Poll Hereford Stud at Royal Easter  
Show  
22-27 April Kyck and Service in Sydney  
25/26 April TAS Rugby Carnival

## P&F Association

Thank you once again, to all our wonderful parents for their fantastic cooking and help on our stalls, making our Junior School and Middle/Senior School Athletics Carnivals roaring successes.

As this is the last note for the term the P&F would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all Parents and Friends for the wonderful assistance given to the Committee over this very busy term.

### TASRC Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 April

TAS is again hosting this successful Rugby Carnival with some 34 teams involved from NSW and QLD. The P&F will be serving food and drinks from the McConville Centre as well as running a central BBQ area serving breakfast and lunch. We are still looking for more volunteers, and we thank those who have already answered the call.

Year 10 and 11 rugby parents should have received letters about the weekend and we still need your assistance. As the Year 5 and 6 boys will be playing we also ask for help from their parents and we will work rosters around your games so even if you can only spare an hour or two it will be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help out over this weekend—either setting up on the Friday 24 or over the weekend or by baking cakes, biscuits and slices we would appreciate hearing from you ASAP. Please drop cakes, slices etc. off to Gloria in Reception on Friday 24 or bring them with you to the McConville Centre on Saturday 25.

Many thanks Kaye -

b.k.a.denning@bigpond.com

## This Week on the Web

TAS Rugby Calendar for 2009

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

Sport Training Days for Term 2

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

Junior School Autumn Festival

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

## Chaplain—Richard Newton

### *Too Far Jesus #7 1* *Corinthians 13*



It's no surprise to have found this term that Jesus was not an ordinary fellow. He taught hard things with conviction, backed by action. He was not simply the meek and mild Jesus that we might often refer to. He was the radical who pushed the boundaries in every respect. He did not want to gather a group of followers who simply joined the band wagon because they thought it was an easy option, as he was radical, he wanted his followers to be likewise. Enter the school reading. This is not the soft, give every one a hug sort of reading you might think it is at first. It is love shown in action, love even for the unlovely. It is love when it costs; it is not to advance yourself but to build others up.

This is Easter love, love that has no boundaries.

When Cameron Patrick was in Year 5, one of his classmates fell head over heels in love with him (love is blind), she (Cam can't remember her name) gave him all, not some, not a few, but all her Pokemon cards. We are not just talking Bolbasaur or Squirtle but Charizard - holographic - this is the good gear, premium Pokemon - too far nameless devotee. TS Elliot said "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

We have been asking the question all term has Jesus gone too far, today the question is; if you follow Jesus, do you go far enough in your love for others?

# General Notices

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) FOR YEAR 7 & YEAR 9

The compulsory national testing for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be implemented for the second time this year. All students across the country in Years 3, 5, 7 & 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.

The cost per child will be \$42 (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.

For sample questions in both Literacy and Numeracy parents are welcome to look at the NAPLAN website <http://www.naplan.edu.au> Students will be completing sample papers in class.

### Timetable of National Tests for 2009

The NAPLAN tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May 2009.

Year Level	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	Language Conventions* 40 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy** 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions* 40 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy** 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions* 45 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total)  Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.
Year 9	Language Conventions* 45 minutes  Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total)  Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.

\* Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

\*\* Numeracy incorporates Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data.

## Year 6 – 12 Parent Contact Lists

During the Easter vacation hard copy lists showing parents' contact details for each year group will be mailed to parents in their son's academic year.

To ensure the data in the lists is as up to date as possible, please advise TAS Reception if you have recently changed any of your contact details and have not yet notified the school.

Meg Sadler



# TASRC 09

## Supporters' Evening

Saturday 25th April, 2009  
8.00pm  
Armidale Ex-Services Club  
Dumaresq Street, Armidale

Tickets \$50  
Include canapes, beer, wine, champagne & soft drinks

### Be entertained by:

- Guest Speaker, Mr Robbie Deans
- Photo slideshow of teams and games
- TAS Senior Jazz Band, DJ



Tickets only available at the Club  
Phone bookings 02 6772 1366  
Dress: Smart Casual

All other enquiries to Karen on  
02 6776 5890/ 0419 275 667

# P & F Tennis Day

## Sunday 17 May

Armidale Tennis Club - Starting time 9.00am

Payment and reistration begins at 8.30am  
Breakfast and Lunch will be available all day  
(not included in the Ticket price)  
Cost \$30.00 per family or \$10 individually

Double Teams can consist of:

Men/Women & Senior Child  
(Yr 7 & upwards)  
Men/Women & Junior Child  
Parent & Beginners  
Student Pairs  
Mixed Adult Pairs

*Heaps of prizes, lots of fun. Novelty court, speed machine etc*

To nominate your teams please email or phone Gloria at Reception  
before Thursday 14 May on 6776 5800 or [chaydon@as.edu.au](mailto:chaydon@as.edu.au)



## Year 10 Excursion Week 2009

Year 10 are again travelling to Canberra during excursion week (Monday May 4 – Friday May 8). Excursion details are on the website at: [http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/publications/publications.php](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/publications/publications.php)

Please contact Tim Scott on 0427 277 702 or Jim Pennington on 0419 250 984 if you have any questions.

## YR 9 ECOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO YARRAHAPINNI

On Monday, 4 May, 2008 all of Year 9 will travel to the Yarrahapinni Ecology Study Centre, near Macksville, to do a field study. We will return by 3:30 pm on Friday, 8 May. Parents are welcome to visit the Centre during the day to observe their son's work.

This field trip is the culmination of a major unit of study in Ecology, completed in Term 1, and is an essential component of the unit.

Dress while travelling will be neat civvies (Nø 2). While at the study centre, dress will be casual civvies (Nø 3 T-shirts, thongs and Ugg boots are permitted) though no tattered clothing or offensive slogans will be tolerated.

The total cost of the excursion will be approximately \$270.00 per boy which includes all meals. Travel etc. This will be charged to your account. The only cash required will be approximately \$5.00 – \$10.00 to purchase nibbles on the way home. There are no tuck shop facilities at or near the study centre and boys may take chocolate, chips, lollies etc to eat during the day. In an emergency, staff can be contacted on 0429 333 642, 6569 0730, 6569 0257, or fax 6569 0278.

Day boys may travel to and from school in their civvies. School rules concerning illegal substances are strictly enforced.

Below is a list of clothing and equipment suggestions for the trip.

### Clothing and Equipment List

- Sleeping bag or dooner and pillow
- Towel/swimmers (NOTE: NO swimming is permitted in the sea at any time)
- Toiletries
- Warm clothing – it can be cold down there!
- Sandshoes/joggers/thongs
- 2 sets of clothes in addition to travelling clothes.
- Pair of old sandshoes/joggers (that can get wet or muddy – compulsory)
- HAT and sunscreen both being compulsory
- Raincoat/parka (he must be equipped to work in the rain)
- Field notebook, writing and drawing materials, A4 paper, personal computer and charger.  
Computers will not leave the recreation or accommodation areas.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY CADET GEAR BE TAKEN OR USED (except a bush hat)KNIVES, RADIOS, MATCHES/LIGHTERS, SPRAY DEODORANT AND WALKMAN/IPODS/DVD'S ARE PROHIBITED ON THE BUS AND AT CAMP.

W D Richards, Science Co-ordinator

## Calling all Year 9 Writers

Writenow! 2009, presented by Sydney Writers' Festival and The Sydney Morning Herald, needs you!! Choose one of the three 'Story Starters' provided by best selling children's authors – Isobelle Carmody, Garth Nix and Mal Peet – then continue the narrative, completing a short story. The story should no more than 1000 words in total, including the story starter. Entries must be the original work of the student, written during 2009. They should be typed, with double spacing, on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. Submit your story ELECTRONICALLY to Ms Boydell as soon as you can before the 8 April 2009. Good Luck!!! Can't wait to read your entries. For more information and to access the 'Story Starters' go to <http://www.swf.org.au/writenow-competition/>

## ANZAC Arrangements – Term 2

### TAS Guard to March

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

In addition we have been invited to present a Catafalque Party at McConville Centre at 2.00pm for the TAS Rugby Carnival.

I encourage the TAS community to come to any of these services to support the TAS Guard and of course to remember those who are serving or have served our nation.

### TAS ANZAC Service – Thursday 30 April, 7.00 am

The Armidale School will conduct it's own ANZAC Service at 7.00am on Thursday 30 April on Adamsfield. A warm invitation is extended to all parents, students and friends of the School to join us at this annual event. A written invitation will be sent out in the end of term mail out to all families.

The Guest of Honour is COL Michael Mahy who commanded 2 RAR in Iraq in 2006 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for command and leadership. A & B Company and HQ of the Cadet Unit will parade on the eastern edge of Adamsfield in DPCU Ceremonial at the 7.00am Service. This means the Camouflage uniform with black belt and slouch hat. The hat and belt will be issue on the following lunch times;  
Tuesday 28April – B Company  
Wednesday 29 April – A Company  
Please be aware that the brass on the black belt needs to be removed and cleaned with Brasso or equivalent and the DPCU needs to be clean and pressed.

MAJ Grant Harris

# Gil Sullivan at TAS

Saturday May 9, 7<sup>PM</sup>

Michael Hoskins Creative Arts Theatre

\$15/ per ticket

\$10/ student concession

Tickets available from TAS Reception  
Phone 6776 5800 – reception@as.edu.au



Australia's only full-time concert pianist, Gil Sullivan tours extensively both around Australia and overseas and now is coming to TAS.

He has given recitals in New York's Carnegie Hall, Chicago's Centre for International Performance and Exhibition, the National Opera House of Vietnam, plus the National Concert Halls of Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea and has recorded concertos by Tchaikovsky and Schumann for CD with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Sullivan's performances are conspicuous for their freshness and spontaneity, challenging audiences, taking both them and the music to the edge with his rich palette of colours, immense tonal range, and innovative interpretations.

Don't miss your chance to listen to Gil Sullivan in the Michael Hoskins Creative Art Centre.

## Mothers' Day Lunch

PLEASE NOTE that the TAS Mothers' Day Lunch event listed on your school calendar for Friday 8 May will not go ahead. Instead, it has been decided that this event will be held bi-annually. We look forward to welcoming all our Mums along to this fabulous event in May 2010.

We hope you enjoy a lovely day this Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10.

## TAS Clothing Shop - Holiday Opening

The TAS Clothing Shop will be open on

\*Wednesday 22 April  
9.00am to 5.00pm

\*Monday 27 April  
9.00am to 5.00pm

\*Tuesday 28 April  
1.00pm to 5.00pm

The Armidale School Foundation  
celebrates the opening of the  
**Creative Arts Centre**



with a  
*sparkling semillon  
chardonnay 2008*  
(Hunter Valley)



There is an opportunity to purchase  
individual bottles of our Celebration  
Champagne for \$20.00 per bottle

Contact Cressida Mort on 6776 5839 email  
cmort@as.edu.au

## Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal will be held on Friday 2 October. We are seeking expressions of interest from any Year 12 parents interested in being involved in helping with the organisation of this exciting event. Due to the clash of Term time with UNE we are unable to use Duval College and have selected the Race Course as an alternate venue. This was decided on after exhausting all other options! We would like to have a committee meeting early in Term 2. Please email or phone Gaye: gayetombs@yahoo.com.au or 6772 0451 or Lucy: ladams@as.edu.au>ladams@as.edu.au 6775 1774.

## Another Blazer Lost!!

Keiran Kartikeyan has had his blazer disappear from his locker also. Could boys once again do a name check. Kieran's blazer is new and has his name in it. Please return to Reception.

## Counsellor's Corner

I've just enjoyed a great weekend away. So, this week's Counsellor's Corner is addressed primarily to the Year 9 boys and their Fathers/Significant Other, who came.

The Secret Men's Business weekend enabled me to mix with some wonderful people whose positive enthusiasm helped everything along. I am very grateful for the experience, for the authentic conversations and the sense of collegiality that developed.

I particularly enjoyed the sense of permission that was created around male-to-male talk. We certainly made it past the grunting stage. Great stuff.

It was good to encourage the process of turning life stuff into stories, and stories into life narratives. The idea of transitions being significant moments in our lives was recognised in our conversations and the importance of staying in the arena with each other for the duration. I hope the process continues for all the boys and men who came. I hope the holiday is a time for fostering relationship.

Best wishes, Rob

### TAS Secret Men's Business 2009

In its third year, our father son weekend was held at Chaelundi, near Guy Fawkes River National Park.

The main thrust of our time together was to relax and enjoy one another's company in an environment devoid of the trappings of modern life.

Jim Pennington and Rob Hadfield had some interesting activities that they do so we get to know one another better—essentially conversation starters between the “old guys” and the “young guys”.

Plain and simple: time together with an opportunity to talk.

And we did that...

Have a look at <http://www.as.edu.au/secret/post.html>



## Careers – Trevor Thatcher

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

### Aviation Careers Expo

The annual aviation careers expo is to be conducted at Tamworth Airport from Sunday 24 to Tuesday 26 May. Students will be exposed to a range of aviation careers over the three days. Accommodation is at BAE Systems and the cost is \$99.00. Applications are due by Week 11 (6 April). For application forms see Mr Thatcher.

### Armidale Careers Expo

The Armidale Careers Expo has been scheduled for Thursday 30 April at Sport UNE. The expo will feature representatives from most NSW and QLD universities as well as displays from many major industries and government department.

### GAP Year?

Defence Force Recruiting is taking Year 12 leavers for a one year experience in the Navy, Army or Airforce. Only limited positions available and filling quickly for 2010. Cutoff for this scheme is May. Check out the website: <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear> or contact Defence Recruiting on Ph: 13 19 01.

Mr Thatcher is can also provide advice.

## 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)

### Toowoomba Tennis 2009

On Friday 20 of March our TAS tennis team embarked on a tennis tour of Toowoomba and Brisbane. The tennis team consisted of 20 players, our coach Mr Sherriff and our MIC Mr Caldwell. Our team has trained from 6:30 to 7:15pm every Thursday in term 1 and also participated in local competitions and tournaments to prepare for this event.

The firsts, seconds, 15s, 14s and 13s were playing some of their best tennis. But Toowoomba Grammar had a strong team as always. We played many close matches that were narrowly won and lost.

The firsts, second's, 15s and 14s all narrowly lost 5 matches to 3, and the 13s had a very close encounter drawing 4 matches each. Resulting in Toowoomba winning 4 to 1. Toowoomba generously supplied pizza for dinner and we departed for our accommodation in Brisbane.

On Saturday we had an early wake up and moved of to Churchies for another round of tough matches. Yet again everyone was playing great tennis with some of the best tennis ever seen on the tour throughout all age groups. The young guns played some amazing tennis with the 13s and 14s both picking up a win 8 matches to nil.

The 15s played some solid matches winning 6 matches to 2, the seconds with some very impressive tennis drew 4 matches all and unfortunately the firsts lost 2 matches to 6.

As a result of this TAS won 4 to 1. This was the first time since playing Churchies that TAS has won.

That afternoon we departed for a warm down with coach and Mr Caldwell to Wet'n'Wild.

The next day we found out that Ipswich Grammar had to pull out of playing us due to unexpected circumstances. But the boys are always looking for a positive, so when the opportunity came for a sleep in and going to Byron Bay for another warm down with coach swimming at Lighthouse beach we soon forgot about the tennis match.

With most the boys sleeping on the way back we arrived home about 6pm.

I would like to commend on all the boys for their commitment and achievement on the weekend. You all played awesome tennis and I look forward to seeing you all trying out next year. It has proved to be a great weekend again and I would like to sincerely thank Mr Caldwell for all his time spent organising TAS tennis and the tour and also our Coach for making the time available to train the team and coming on tour with us, your support has meant a lot to all of the boys. Thank you Brock Sherriff.

## **MJDS Tournament Results**

Armidale – in the under 12s Will Waterson made it to the quarters. In the under 14s – Michael Taylor and Sam Sewell made it to the round of 16, Chris Scott made it to the quarters and Josh made it to the semis. In the under 16s – Joseph Kozera made it to the quarters. Brock Sherriff was runner up in the under 21s.

The main results appeared in an article in the Armidale Independent on 11 March ( <http://www.armidaleindependent.com.au/pages/2009031118.pdf> ).

## **Gunnedah Tennis**

Will Waterson made it to the quarters in the under 12s, Harry Guest made the quarters in the under 16s and Josh made the semis in the under 14s.

## **GPS Results**

Brock Sherriff was part of the victorious GPS Seconds. Brock one his match 6–3 6–4. His conduct prompted the following comments from the GPS Coach, Chris Hannan: “Just a short note to say how pleased we were to have Brock on the team. He is an impressive young man and his attitude and demeanour were exceptional. He is to be complimented for his performance on Wednesday. I look forward to having him be part of next year’s team.”

## **TAS First Football “Pre-season tour”**

*pre:* – beforehand, prior to, before adequate training and mid way through selections.

*season:* – designated time frame for climatic norms, flavour additive to improve the taste of food, the weather wasn't too crash hot.

*tour:* – travelling to new locations to take part in relevant activities, a journey for pleasure, it took such a long time to get there.

Last Friday eighteen young gun footballers ventured to Sydney under the watchful eyes of Rev Newton and Mr Hadfield for the first annual pre season tour.

Even with Chris Munday's “bicep” on the bus, everyone survived and we arrived in Sydney.

Upon arrival at Cranbrook School's Dangar sports fields on Saturday, we saw that the Cranbrook boys were out in force, bringing more goalkeepers than there are goals on the field.

The well-drilled Cranbrook team scored early against a rusty TAS side playing their first game of the season. Despite gallant defending, two more goals were in the net before the break. The dying minutes of the half saw Ben Brunckhorst slot one at the opposite end, putting TAS on the board.

After a swap of players and positions we were back on the pitch for the second half. TAS play improved enormously, putting pressure on the Cranbrook defence. Unfortunately, neither Tommy Kwok's foot, or Rob Kim's head could guide the ball into the goal. No other heads or feet could either.

After a trip into town for haircuts and kebabs we returned to the fields for an afternoon training session with Vic Florey, a former professional footballer and coach at Leeds United in England. Everyone found the session very valuable – there's nothing quite like being coached by an English accent.

After dinner we set off to the rugby union. The mere mention of “Jason Lincoln” procured 20 tickets and a quick trip back to the bus procured the collared first football shirts to allow us into the member's area.

A stiff, sore 18 boys woke on Sunday morning for our game against Scots College. We decided to play the game in 30 minute thirds to allow all players to have a run. The first third was tight, with both teams producing opportunities and scoring, Jake Gardiner finishing a good cross from Tommy Kwok with a classy header for TAS. We dominated the second third, putting Vic's training into practice, producing many scoring opportunities (even Clive had a shot). Unfortunately, we were unable to convert our dominance into goals, while Scot's capitalised late in the third to score.

The previous big day we had been through caught up with the TAS boys in the final third, as we faded and conceded some soft goals. However, it was encouraging to see that we were competitive with another GPS first XI when tired.

Thanks to Mr Newton and Mr Hadfield for organising the tour and accompanying us to Sydney.

# Middle School

## From the Head of Middle School

As the first term of 2009 draws to a conclusion, I wish to thank our parents for their positive involvement in their sons' education and to our Middle School team for their commitment to our students. I commend the boys for their achievements and contributions to our School during the term and wish them continuing success for next term. On behalf of the Middle School staff I wish to extend our best wishes for a safe, happy and joyous Easter. We look forward to all students returning refreshed and prepared to begin the new term.

## Year 6 Mosman Excursion

The billet contact list was sent home last week. We encourage parents to make contact with your son's Mosman family during the holiday in order to begin communication before our visit takes place during Week 2 of Term 2.

## Athletics Carnival

We wish to thank Mr Hodgson and his team of organisers and helpers for such a successful Athletics Carnival held today. Congratulations to all the Middle School boys for their fine performances and the House spirit in which they participated.

## UNE Science Day

On 31 March 2009 we went to the UNE Science Day at Lazenby Hall and there were fun activities (Most I wish I could have done) like Mission Mars, Bridge Building, Hover Frenzy and many more....

Our group (Orange) did Airships which was basically building a model aircraft that could fly. The pretend scenario was that our airship had crashed in a valley isolated from the rest of the world by huge mountains so the only way out was to repair the airship (I have always loved scenarios like that!) and so our group's job was to use the three mini motors provided, helium balloons and spare materials (duck tape, wood, paper etc.)

To create an airship that would manoeuvre an obstacle course (we had a remote to steer it and it was only small and not a real airship!) which was the most fun thing I have done at UNE.

We did not win because our airship was not manoeuvrable enough but it went quite high and fast!

After presentations of the other group's activities we went back to school and finished the day normally and I admit I really enjoyed it!

By Frazer Moore

The tour was an ideal start to the football season, providing the team with some valuable match practice and training. All the boys are looking forward to the start of the season next term.

Everyone is welcome to come and support us at home games on Saturday afternoons.

Coaches: Tim Hadfield, Richard Newton

### Tour Squad

Hayden Kim, Robert Kim, Tommy Kwok, James Shin, Alex Crabb, Ben Brunckhorst, Toby Brunckhorst, Nick Boulus, Alex Swan, Zahran Anwar, Sam Bullen, Sam Webster, Clive O'Connor, Angus Newey, Chris Munday, Jake Gardiner, James Kirk, Tristan Glover



### SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

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www.sherriffstennis.com



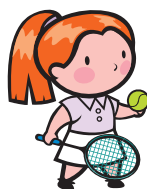
### APRIL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

#### Multi Standard Program

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Time: 9am to 2pm

Cost: \$110



#### Program

9.00am - 9.20am	Warm up exercises, games & dynamic stretching
9.20am - 10.20am	Technical correction, drills & games
10.20am - 10.40am	Drink & snack break
10.40am - 11.40am	Tactical & technical correction & point play
11.40am - 1.50pm	Match play
1.50pm - 2.00pm	"Beat the coach" and "fun & games" session

#### VENUE -

TAS tennis courts - Chapel St entrance (All wet sessions will be held in the TAS gym)  
*\* No part payments or daily deductions, all fees to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Camp.*

STUDENTS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOB(student) \_\_\_\_\_ MOB(parent) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH/CHEQUE

#### Direct Payment Option

Direct Debit Payment Details - J & K Sherriff New England Credit Union BSB 932 000  
Account No: 622995 (Please include full name of student with your direct payment)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Football

Amy Taylor Soccer Clinic will be held at the Armidale Sports Ground April 15 to 17 during the first week of the school holidays.

Special guest coach this year is Lisa Gilbert, who is the captain of the Sydney FC womens A League soccer team.

Cost to attend the three days is \$95, family discounts will apply. Queries to Steve McMillan 0409 663 674

Registration forms available from Armidale Sportspower Dangar Street



# Junior School

## Looking Ahead

### Wednesday 8 April

Senior School Athletics Carnival

### Transition Assembly

Term 1 ends at 3.30pm

### Thursday 9 April

Staff Inservice Day

### Saturday 25 April

ANZAC Day

### Monday 27 April

Term 2 Staff Day

### Tuesday 28 April

Students return

Winter Sports commences

## From the Acting Head of Junior School

### - Mrs Christine Wright

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Junior School for such a smooth start to our school year. We are indeed very fortunate to have a team who work so well together for the purpose of providing a safe and happy environment in which to educate your children. I am extremely grateful for their support this term and for their professionalism in helping me to fulfil this role during Term 1.

The children have had an extremely busy, yet rewarding term also. We have been excited by the great amount of participation we have seen in the range of activities we have had this term, from the sporting field to the classroom, along with community events, excursions and performances in assemblies this term. We have witnessed some wonderfully successful occasions along with some great learning opportunities.

I would like to thank our parents for their continued support and wish all our families a safe, happy and restful holiday.

## Term 2 Staffing

We will welcome Mrs Lou Forsythe back in her role as Head of the Junior School at the start of Term 2 after her term of Long Service Leave and look forward to hearing of her adventures.

Mrs Christine Wright will move back to teaching Year 4 full time.

Mrs Hilary Harvey will move to Year 3 taking up the team-teaching position with Mr Alex Portell. Mr Portell will teach Year 3 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings, while Mrs Harvey completes the remainder of the week.

## Term 2 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. Please take the holiday opportunity to ensure all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled ready for the start of next term.

## Happy Birthday



Happy birthday to the children who will celebrate their birthdays during the holidays: Holly Tearle, Jack van Roy, Cooper Gerdes, Joshua Beattie, Michael Paull, Jacob Smith, Harry & Jack Ackling, Ashleigh Slater, Charlotte Caldwell and Luke Evans.

## Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received their Bronze Award at the assembly last week: Anna Jarvis, Isabella Kennedy, Hudson Morris, Harry Ashton-Nies, Kieran Dennis, Daisy Meehan, Callum Ferguson and Christopher Ramazani.

## Art Club

Mr Mark Fulloon will be unable to continue with Art Club next term due to his work commitments- Mr Fulloon is covering Mr White, who is on long service leave. Mr Fulloon has been holding Art Club for the past three years and the children have enjoyed these afternoons immensely using their imaginations to create some wonderful works of art! Art Club will resume in Term 3.

## Premiers Reading Challenge

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

## Holiday Borrowing

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow six books from the Library for the holidays.

## 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.

## Walking School Bus

If any parents are interested in helping to organize the Walking School Bus for next term, please contact Georgie Wellwood on 0427 772643.

## Vocal Ensemble

Mr Phil Oxley is our new conductor for our Vocal

Ensemble. The Vocal Ensemble rehearses on Thursday mornings at 8.15am. Mr Oxley's conducting and direction of the students is outstanding as shown by the positive results he is achieving. If any students would like to join this group they need to see Mr Oxley during their choir lessons.

### Lost Property Box

The following items are in our lost property box – please call in and see if any of these clothes belong to your children: Hot Chilli thongs – large, Maui black shorts – size 10, Zoggs swimming bag with swimmers and goggles 3 Khaki shirts, 1shorts, small beach towel, purple skip-ping rope, several water bottles, School tie, Billabong pink thongs, sock

### Victorian Bushfires Emergency Appeal Snapshot – Update from School Aid

Australia-wide, primary and secondary schools have excelled in their support for the Victorian school communities that have been so tragically affected by the recent bushfires. Almost 500 schools have participated in the SchoolAid emergency appeal to date, united in their compassion, care and commitment to the cause. The response has been nothing short of astounding. In just seven short weeks, our SchoolAid schools have raised over half a million dollars and sent hundreds of 'Messages of Hope' – and the support just keeps on coming.

Predominantly, the funds raised will be targeted to support the affected schools during the 're-build-ing' phase. Already, 66 schools have been identified as needing support, with three primary and three pre-schools having been completely destroyed.

It's not too late to send your 'Messages of Hope'. For details go to <http://www.schoolaid.org.au/>

Total Raised: AUD\$589,059

Messages of Hope: 300

Participating Schools: 494

## Junior School Sport

and 3. There will be training on Day 1 of Term 2. Also there will be a football (soccer) registration in the Sports Foyer starting at 3:30pm on this Tuesday – please make sure you sign the form with Mr Hodgson on this day.

Trainings go from 3:45 to 4:45pm and children need to bring relevant equipment to each training – shin pads, mouth guards etc.

Under 9's hockey will train on Tuesdays with games on Saturday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30am

All football (soccer) games will be on Saturday mornings – please check the draw.

Netball is Saturday after 12 noon – please check the draw

Under 11's hockey will train on Monday afternoons at 4pm at UNE fields and games will be Saturday morning – check draw.

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.

Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon JS Sports Co-ordinator

### TAS Titans

On Saturday the TAS Titans played their first game of the season against PLC. A Netball Association mix up with the starting times, meant some frantic calls had to be made to all the parents! Thank you all so much for literally "dropping everything" to get your daughter there on time, particularly as we only had just seven players!

And what a season debut it was for all the girls, but particularly our new players: Olivia Fenwicke, Emily Sole and Dimity Tearle. These girls played like champions, never giving up and displaying a good understanding of the game already. Every player did their best! Holly Tearle was tireless in attack, shooting an impressive number of goals and encouraging and helping all her teammates. Her little sister Dimity was on the go all game. Olivia Fenwicke ably assisted Holly in the goals, Emily Sole, Sophia Bohlsen and Tildy Waterson were persistent in defence, while Katie Gordon and Sophia Bohlsen energetically covered the court as centres. The girls are now playing in the Primary Division which is competitive. The game ended in an 11 all draw. Well done, terrific TAS Titans!

Mrs Anne Trenerry

### Minibasketball – The TAS Town Trotters

Our last game for the season proved to be a corker. The team played against "Bluefin" and although we lost 22/11 we had a great challenging game. Sarah Evans displayed excellent positioning skills and was a strong forward along with Phoebe Slack-Smith, who had some brilliant maneuvering herself! Ziggy Harris showed some interesting ball passes whilst Champ Lee kept the pressure on his opponents throughout the game. Jock Campbell was still working on his "cherry picking" skills and continued to attempt to get as many jump balls as he could. It was evident that each member over the season gravitated to positioning themselves to the areas described above. We have had a wonderful season and it has been incredibly enjoyable working with each and every one of my team members. I look forward to seeing you all next basketball season.

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 2 2009.

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: .....

## Junior School Athletics Carnival

A huge thank you to Mrs Brunsdon for another very well organised carnival yesterday. The weather was very kind to us providing us with a beautiful Autumn day.

Broughton was the house winner on the day with all Junior School students participating in events throughout the day. Age champions and runners up will be in TAS Talks early next term.

