

TAS TALKS#10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 10 – Wednesday 30 September, 2009

House on Duty is Tyrrell – ah 6776 5818

Headmaster – Murray Guest



Weekend Activities

It is clear that TAS Old Boys remain a hardy lot years after they leave school as they turned up en masse to activities through the least hospitable weather that an Old Boys' Weekend has seen in many years. Despite the conditions, the weekend was a happy and successful one with generations of past students spanning more than 60 plus years enjoying everything from reunion dinners to tours of the School, shooting, tennis, football, rugby, tug-o-war and their own chapel service on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning also saw our cadet unit on show for their annual passing out parade and I pay particular tribute to the Corps for putting on a fine show on a blustery and cold morning.

The weekend also saw the end of winter sport for 2009 celebrated with functions held for our senior football and rugby teams. For a good number of boys in those teams, as well as the basketballers who held their presentations last night, the end of season functions heralded the end of their school sporting careers. I hope that every one of those boys will hold onto the habit of playing sport for many years to come and perhaps return the benefits of the sport they have enjoyed by coaching or refereeing junior teams.

HSC Study Camp

Year 12 students are now in the throws of their final days of school life and perhaps feeling the strange mixture of euphoria and melancholy that this time brings. However much those heightened emotions may be dominating the mind right now, it is also time to plan to use the final short weeks before the HSC to best effect.

The TAS HSC Study Camp – open to all TAS, NEGS and PLC students – will be held over the final 3 days of the holiday break (Friday October 16 to Sunday October 18). I strongly advise that every boy sitting HSC exams should enrol in the camp. This is more than a chance to study together right before the exams. Each day, teachers with recent HSC experience will present five sessions of 75 minutes, covering all major subjects. This is the chance to tune in to the exam with specialist support and it is excellent use of the time. I believe that the study camp offers students an edge and it should not be missed.

Parents can enrol their sons by visiting: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/study_camp/s_camp.php or by ringing Reception on: 6776 5800.

Best Wishes to Travellers

Whilst our school leavers are ensconced in their studies, others will leave on different adventures and I take this opportunity to wish them a happy and rewarding time away. This holiday break TAS boys will tackle the Kokoda Track in PNG, offer service at St Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji, meet with 70 other schools at the international Round Square conference in India and kick-off the new cricket season with a tour to Sydney.

As I look at the extent of these opportunities I am reminded how fortunate TAS students are and I look forward to hearing of their experiences when they return.

Did you know that Captain Cook had three wives and Richie Benaud served in the senate?

If you did, you were one of the many people who read these fabrications in some news publications as part of a sociological experience to see how gullible Australians are. Apparently Sydney-siders topped the list.

“Should you believe what you read in newspaper websites or hear on the radio?” So the presenter on Media Watch commenced his story on the Levitt Institutes report entitled “Deception Detection Across Australian Populations”.



Even the trendy new 7pm Project ran with the story as they sat around as a panel, nodding and agreeing that there are so few checks and balances in today’s reporting – they were exactly right as they too failed to check their sources. It turns out that the Levitt Institute was a totally made up organisation as was the research. It was all part of the publicity for the new Andrew Denton show – “Hungry Beast”. This show is based on the premise that “The media is a hungry beast – it devours everything and is never satisfied”. Well so they said on Media Watch – I didn’t check the sources.

However, it does raise an important issue. How much do you believe about Jesus?

There are some weird and crazy ideas suggested about Jesus, from Dan Brown’s borrowed idea that he fathered a child and his off-spring is present in the world somewhere; to the notion that the Romans let themselves down and failed to fully crucify Jesus, and in the cool of the tomb he was aroused and wondered away – not actually rising from the dead. The fake sociological study has revealed a sad truth – we do tend to believe many sensational reports without investigation or rigour. This is to our detriment and no more so when considering the identity and legitimacy of Jesus claims. In the passage from John we read an invitation to investigate Jesus, an invitation to scrutinize the historical data, and according to John when we do have a thorough, sincere look we will see Jesus for who He really is.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 30 September

Year 11 Primary Industries/IT – work placement

12.00 & 6.00pm **Junior School Art Show and Concert**

Thursday 1 October

6.30am RS delegates depart for India
Year 11 Primary Industries/IT – work placement

Valedictory

12.45pm Light lunch on Chapel Lawn – Year 12 and parents

1.35pm School lines the drive and Year 12 process to Hall

1.45pm Year 12 Final Assembly
Year 12 House Dinners/Drinks

Friday 2 October

Valedictory Day/Staff PD Day

8.00am Boarder buses depart
Year 11 Primary Industries/IT – work placement concludes
Year 12 Formal

Holiday Activities

5–12 October **Fiji Pilgrimage**

2–18 October **International Round Square Conference and Pre Conference Tour–India**

5–16 October **Kokoda Expedition**

13–16 October **1st XI Cricket pre season tour –Sydney**

16–18 October **HSC Study Camp**

— THE PLC —
HIGH TEA
Garden Party

PLC Parents & Friends presents

AN AFTERNOON
of ELEGANCE

The PLC High Tea Garden Party is an afternoon of elegant fashion, traditional High Tea in undoubtedly one of Armidale’s most beautiful private gardens. Please join us for a complimentary glass of champagne followed by an introduction to the latest looks for Summer 2009. Enjoy the chance to win wonderful prizes including a luxurious night at Armidale’s Peterson’s Guest House or a truly magical Bellingen Escape.

Sunday November 1st 2009
3 for 3.30PM start

Tickets \$35, available at Face to Face Shop 1/93 Faulkner St. and PLC Junior and Main offices.
Please note venue address provided on issued ticket.

Thanks to: Emporium Bellingen, New England Garden World, Simon Scott Photography, Forsyths and Inland Fine Foods

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN WORLD simonscottphotography Forsyths

P&F Association - Presidents: Kaye Denning and Margie Roberts



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

email: pandf@as.edu.au

Our main focus over the coming weeks is the RazzamaTAS Fete on 31st October. The fete is our major P&F event for the year and we really hope for a big crowd this year, there will be plenty of food and lots of fun events to keep you entertained. Your liaison parents and boarding houses will need your support, both with manpower on the day and with donations of items to sell. Please contact them if you need information or Margie Roberts at mg.r@bigpond.com

We thank you all for your support this term, wish you a wonderful holiday and look forward to working with you in Term 4.

Trivia Night Thanks

The TAS Trivia night was a very successful and enjoyable evening. We raised over \$1500 which will go to the bus fund. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped, donated (goods & their time) and supplied prizes and props for the evening.

Maree Puxty, Terry Bohlsen, Jo Morris, Millie Graham, Belinda Niemeyer, Michelle and Jennifer Wooldridge, Carol and Jessica Chambers, Jeremy Nash, Jason Wright, Martin Levins, Rod Eichorn, Julie, Sarah and Jane Heagney, Ross Higgins and his team, The Servies, DJ's Wholesale Fruit & Veg, Hannon's Mount View Pharmacy, Kylie and Jason Jones (Horseland), The Armidale Jockey Club, Anne White, TAS Foundation and finally our community services boys who as always did a fantastic job.

Razzamatas fete

**Spring Cleaning in the holidays!!
Don't forget the fete!!**



Recycled Clothing Stall

-especially childrens clothes The Recycled Clothing stall is looking for clean clothing, in good condition, for this very popular stall. Please leave any such items in Reception and there is a box for collection in the afterschool care room in Junior School. Please contact Carol Chambers on 6775 1221 or Sandra Grant on 6775 1939.

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 through your cupboards out!!!! Books, comics, CD's, DVD's, computer games and any old equipment can be left inside Big School. Enquiries to your Liaison parents.



WANTED-wanted-WANTED-wanted-WANTED-wanted-WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL FETE PLANT STALL

Contributions of potted plants Last year's contributions were absolutely out of this world and I'm hoping this year's will be just as good, if not better,

so PLEASE,PLEASE,PLEASE!!! just a few pots makes all the difference!

Also wanted: donations of empty pots Please ring 6778 1150 about when and where to drop off your plants!! Many thanks for your anticipated fabulous contributions!! Dominique Laurie



Clothing Shop News

The Clothing Shop will be open this Friday between 3.00 – 4.30pm for Year 12 boys. Clothing may be returned or you may bring across any pockets etc.

General Notices

La Nouvelle-Calédonie vous attend!

Bonjour!

Thank you to all those Year 9 – 12 French students, 2010, who have expressed an interest in attending the TAS/PLC study and cultural trip to New Caledonia, taking place next April holidays. Now that we have numbers, we need to finalise our deposits to secure our seats. This should be paid before the end of the term.

Along with this deposit, each student needs to bring in 3 photocopies of their passport for recording. If you need to apply for a passport, please do so as soon as possible. In the meantime, we require a copy of the student's name and date of birth, as it will appear on your passport.

Please contact Madame Kathryn Tamminga in the Languages Department with any questions. Thank you very much for supporting this educational and cultural experience.

Year 10 Formal

Numbers are building well for the Year 10 Formal on Friday, 30 October at the Ex-Services Club. Final numbers are required by the end of term. Even if no member of your family is able to attend could you please RSVP.

Hope everyone involved with Year 10 at TAS have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Good luck to the Year 10 boys in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic on the first week end back from holidays. There are 14 participating and four Father/Son teams. Enjoy the paddle!

Good luck, too, in the exams the following week topped off by the Formal on Friday night and the RazzamaTAS Fete the next day. A busy and rewarding time for all.

David Trenerry and the Year 10 Liaison Parents.

BOOK NOW FOR THE TAS HSC STUDY CAMP 16–18 OCTOBER, 2009



Following a strong response from students, TAS will again host a study camp at the end of the Term 3 holidays (Friday 16 October through to and including Sunday 18 October) in preparation for the HSC examinations. It will use local, trained teachers with recent HSC experience and be of three days duration. Each

day will have 5 x 75 minute sessions in most subject areas.

In addition to the HSC Study Camp, an RSA Course (Responsible Service of Alcohol) is being conducted on Thursday 15 October, 2009 and will be run at TAS by the Armidale TAFE College. (NB: We need a minimum of 15 students to be able to run the RSA course).

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> and clicking on "Senior School", then HSC Study Camp.

For further information, please contact Miss Anna Ireland in the Enrolments office on: aireland@as.edu.au or phone 6776 5831.

Year 11

We are having a get-together at the Imperial Hotel from 7.00 on Thursday 1 October 2009 – everyone is welcome including students. Could you please let Lisa Sewell know on either 0413 595 183 or 6772 4579 or ljsewell@bigpond.com by Monday 28 September just with confirmation as we need to let the venue know.

Ski with us in Japan – January 2010

Spaces on the TAS family ski trip to Japan are filling quickly. This is a great opportunity for a family holiday with a fantastic cultural experience as well as great skiing at Nozawa Onsen, just 3 or so hours from Tokyo.

We have the last accommodation in Nozawa for the week of January 10–18 as this week features the famous Fire Festival on the 15th. We are staying at a traditional Ryokan which has its own volcanic bath (onsen) in an adjacent cave!

Full details are available at <http://www.as.edu.au/ski/ski-japan10>

or contact Martin Levins at the school on skiers@as.edu.au

Celestial Sounds – Saturday 10 October, 5pm Uniting Church

Music by Bach, Handel and Mozart presented by Opera in The Paddock's Peta Blyth, and friends.

Including Handel's "Where'er you walk", Bach's Double Concerto for Violin and Oboe, and Mozart's "Laudate Dominum". Only \$5 for under 18s!

Soprano – Peta Blyth, Oboe – Li Ling Chen, Violin – Sofia Debus, Cello – Camilla Tafra, Organ – Warwick Dunham

Tickets \$20 full, \$15 concession, \$5 under 18s Ph: 6772 1710

Parent Gathering – Year 12 Day Boys

All parents of Year 12 Day Boy students are invited to attend a parent gathering at the Armidale Bowling Club on Thursday 1 October, 2009 from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. Finger food and drinks provided.

RSVP by Tuesday to ajones@as.edu.au or phone Reception on 6776 5800.

All actions have consequences and not all fairy tales have happy endings

The Armidale School Foundation and The Armidale Playhouse Inc
presents *Stephen Sondheim's*

Into the Woods

and happy ever after?

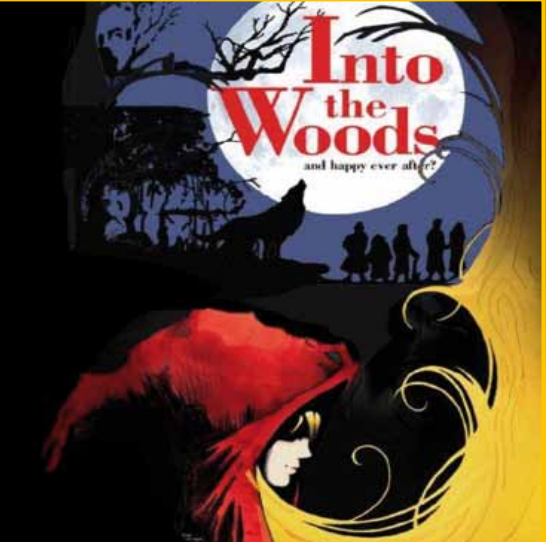
This musical intertwines the plots of several of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and follows them further to explore the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

Preview Performance on Friday 3 November
The Armidale School Hoskins Theatre
Tickets \$25

Nibbles from 6.30pm • Performance 7.30pm
Drinks available from the bar

Call TAS Reception for tickets on 6776 5800 or email reception@as.edu.au

All proceeds from this evening go towards technical equipment for the Hoskins Centre



Lost Backpack

Young Palmer, Year 9 Tyrrell is missing a blue Waratahs backpack. It disappeared last Thursday and has rugby clothes and two pairs of shoes in it. Anyone knowing its whereabouts contact Tyrrell House or Young.

Nutrition and Health – Jim Pennington

Sports Drinks, are they are healthy alternative young people?

There has been much discussion in recent years, owing to the overwhelming increase in sales of a variety of sports drinks. For young children they are not appropriate, nor necessary. A healthy diet will provide them with all essential nutrients and vitamins they require and for those who are undertaking rigorous training (eg swimming 4 plus sessions a week of at least 1.5 hrs each in duration) an extra healthy snack each day, is a better alternative. Studies show that when fluid is low, the body stimulates the thirst centers in the brain, and if water is available, kids will drink. And unless a child exercises for more than two hours, no extra calories are needed.

According to the US Institute of Medicine a 12-ounce bottle of Gatorade contains 75 calories, 21 grams of sugar and 165 milligrams of sodium, compared with 150 calories, 40.5 grams of sugar and 52 milligrams of sodium in a can of Coke. If a student consumes a 20-ounce bottle of Gatorade, he/she ingests approximately 275 milligrams of sodium, almost 12 percent of the recommended daily allowance for people ages 14 to 18. Already, more than 75 percent of children consume more than the recommended 2,300 milligrams of sodium each day (www.healthinmotion.com).

Sports drinks may also damage your teeth. From a study at the New York University Department of Dentistry, sports drinks may boost your energy, but they can also weaken your teeth. The popular energy drinks sipped by many athletes to increase stamina contain levels of acid that can cause tooth erosion, hypersensitivity, and staining. These beverages also can cause excessive tooth wear and may damage underlying bone-like material, causing teeth to soften and weaken (www.webmd.com).

A better alternative? A piece of fruit 5–10 minutes before training, keep a water bottle handy and sip regularly (every 10 minutes) and fresh fruit salad 30 minutes after exercise.

Enjoy the break, Jim Pennington

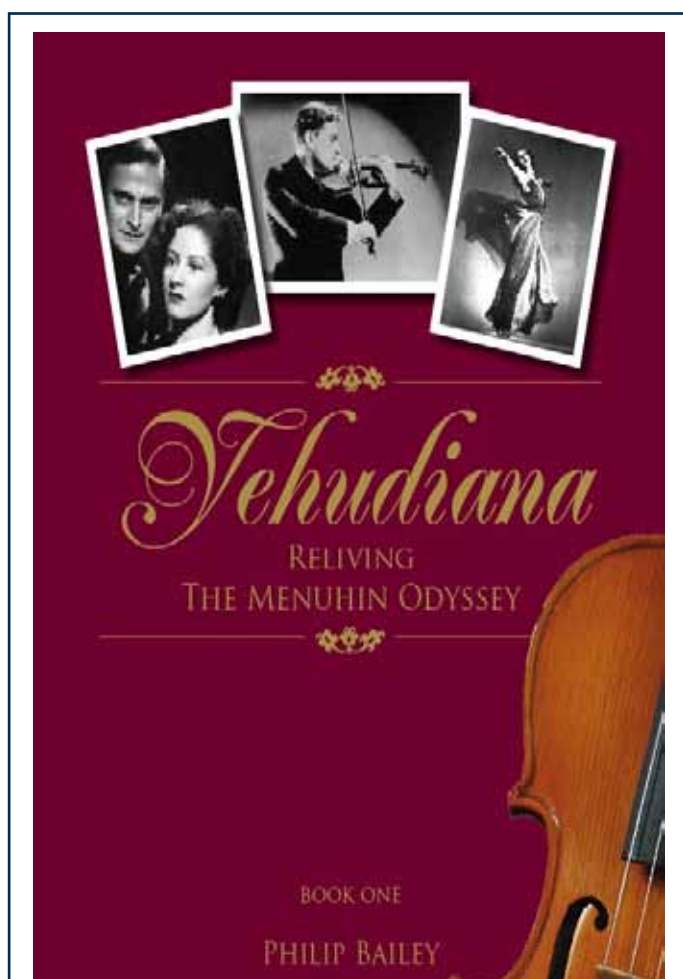
Musical Notes – from the Music Department

Each week as the Music report is written for TAS Talks it seems as though there are always comments of 'congratulations' to some one or to an ensemble. This week is no different as in the past three days, we have had the TAS Trio of Nigel Bell, Tim Williamson, and Sam Bullen with their Director, Mrs Sue Metcalfe entertain guests at the Hoskins Centre on Friday night. The next day saw the Middle School Combo and Senior Jazz Band, ably led by Mr Warwick Dunham, play sensational jazz for the Old Boys on the verandah of the McConville Centre in appalling conditions, while on Sunday the Chapel Choir under the Direction of Mr Phil Oxley and accompaniment of Mr Dunham sang beautifully at the Old Boys Chapel Service followed later in the morning by our Cadet Band performing in an outstanding manner at the Passing Out Parade.

So, as can be seen, congratulations is definitely in order once again to all involved. It also reminds us (in case you need reminding), what a busy place our school is and what wonderful opportunities our students have. All of the music staff are incredibly proud of our students' efforts and achievements – these students are a joy to work with!

Thank you to you the parents for the support you show us and your children in their musical endeavours – we see it as a great team effort. It has been a very rewarding and positive term for us all.

May everyone enjoy a well earned rest over the next two weeks. We look forward to welcoming all of our musicians back after the holidays for a fun filled, busy, exciting Term 4 !!



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Student Services - Vickey O'Brien

End of Term Travel

Tickets will be available for students to collect from Wednesday. If you need to cancel or make a booking during the holidays please call me on 0412 475 339. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

From Keanes Bus Service

It is with regret we advise that our New England Holiday Coast Service will cease from 30th September 2009. Due to medical reasons we have had to make this decision, we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We have worked towards another company taking over this service but regrettably this has not occurred.

We thank everyone for your support and wish you all the best.

Staff and Management Keane's Travel

Winter Photo Orders

The Winter photos order form will be sent home in the end of term mail out. It is also available as an attachment to this TAS Talks and also on the TAS website.

Vickey O'Brien, Student Services

Sporting News – Sportsmaster: Dick Hodgson



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

CIS Secondary Athletics Results Summary 2009

Five TAS boys competed at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Tuesday 22 September in the CIS Secondary Athletics Championships, representing the NCSA. The boys who competed and their results are summarised below:

12yrs – Jack Campbell: 4th 800m, 2 min 35.18 sec

14 yrs – Daniel Sole: 7th discus, 26.71m

15 yrs – Tom Martin: 2nd 400m, 54.35sec; 9th 100m, 12.41sec

Luke Burton: 6th shot put, 11.91m; 6th javelin, 27.93m; 7th discus, 30.77m

16yrs – Nick Boulus: 2nd shot put, 11.90m (new TAS Record)

All Schools

Tom Martin (400m) and Nick Boulus (shot put) will now represent the CIS team at the NSW All Schools Athletics in early November.

Shooting TAS vs Old Boys Report

In very tough shooting conditions, the annual TAS vs Old Boys competition was staged at Wollomombi. This year it was decided to stage it as a fullbore competition so that the Old Boys could have the opportunity to shoot the recently donated Barnard rifles. In very blustery and dusty conditions a 7 shot match was staged at 300yds. The top 8 shooters were chosen from each team for a tally of the scores. The TAS boys won the shoot with a total score of 251–8, ahead of the old boys 242–9. The boys were very pleased to see Mr Guest representing the Old Boys.

Individual scores were (possible 35):

<u>Old Boys</u>		<u>TAS</u>	
D. Rose	31–1	T. Holcombe	31–2
R. Bondfield	35–3	J. Rose	30–0
D. Willis	34–1	A. Munro	35–2
H. Cameron	31–1	J. Barnett	30–1
T. Thatcher	34–2	M. Maguire	30–1
R. Doyle	33–1	S. Adams	32–1
J. Robinson	24–0	T. Crothers	33–0
M. Guest	20–0	L. Styles	30–1

1st XI Football

The first XI football team has had an up and down season, however we ended with the best performance since 2006, reaching the preliminary final of the local ADFA first grade.

The season started with a positive, enthusiastic vibe with the pre-season tour to Sydney as many players vied for a position in the starting eleven.

The start of term two was the beginning of our 'normal' competition – a game every Saturday afternoon during terms two and three – a total of 17 games. For the second half of the season our division was split, meaning we only played against the top three teams – George Frost's defensive Ex-Services, the rough, aggressive Guyra and a strong Glen Innes team, who incorporated an Irishman and a Dutchman into their most talented side in many years.

TAS came in fourth on goal difference behind Ex-Services, but did not allow the away semi-final to put us off, dispatching our opponents 1-0 after a curling free kick from Nick Boulus was put into the net by the captain.

To our dismay, the preliminary final was to be held in Guyra. Parents, and other faithful supporters, including Ms Flanagan and Miss Robins, were undaunted, turning up in force.

Jock Gledhill produced a classy finish to put TAS into the lead early. Shortly after, a do or die decision from the goalkeeper Alex Swan meant a red card, but looked to have saved the match as TAS continued to dominate with 10 men. However, two late goals from Guyra pierced our Grand Final aspirations.

A side consisting almost exclusively of Year 10 and 11 boys, an increasing number of schoolboy matches (including one against Sydney High) and some impressive football played in the latter part of the season are strong signs for the future of TAS football.

On behalf of the team, thanks to Mr Newton and Mr Hadfield for coaching us throughout the season and the large number of boys who have filled in as substitutes throughout the year.

Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster



From the Head of Middle School

As a highly rewarding term draws to a conclusion we commend our students for being such fine representatives of our School in a wide range of activities. We wish you all a happy family time together and look forward to your sons returning with renewed energy in preparation for the final term of this year.

Passing Out Parade

We wish to extend our thanks to Mr Harris and his staff for the time and effort they have given in preparing the Year 8 boys for this year's Passing Out Parade. Mr Harris is to be commended for his commitment in providing an outstanding cadet program at TAS.

TAS Prepares for Mosman Prep Visit

We are continuing preparations for the annual Year 6 visit of Mosman Preparatory School. Mosman Prep students will be arriving on the Monday of Week 7, Term 4 and we would appreciate your support in reciprocating billeting the child your son stayed with whilst on the TAS Sydney trip. Your support of this annual exchange visit is greatly appreciated.

St Christopher's Orphanage Fiji

We wish all the students travelling to Fiji a very safe and rewarding trip and congratulate them for their commitment in providing service for others. A special thanks to Reverend Newton for the time and effort he has given in organising and supervising this highly worthwhile annual event.

TOM State Finals–Sydney

3 TAS teams went to Sydney for the Tournament of Minds State Finals. The Junior School Team and one of the Middle School Teams did Applied Technology where they had to answer the question "Did Video Kill The Radio Star" where they had to explain the comeback of radio plays with a Documentary inside a drama performance. The Math's Engineering team had to go into lock down and make a new machine in 3 hours– thereby showing their teamwork and skill.

Everyone faced tough competition and didn't make it to the nationals. Still a great achievement by all of the competitors.

Tom Henderson

Congratulations

We congratulate Year 7 student Zac Collins Widders for his outstanding achievement in being selected to play the leading role of Oliver in the Sydney production of 'Oliver' the musical.

Japanese Excursion – report by Waseem Sajeev, Alex Wojno and Michael Wojno

On 25 September the eager Japanese classes of Year 6, 7 and 8, embarked on what was to be a fun-filled and exciting excursion to Tamworth to watch the highly acclaimed performance of "Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes". It was good to finally get off the bus and stretch our legs. In an orderly fashion we were chaperoned to the Capitol Theatre, where we gathered, waiting for the performance to start. After several minutes of chitter-chatter the lights dimmed and a hush sounded over the audience. The play started with the four actors explaining briefly, the history of the play.

The play is about a young girl Sadako Sasaki and how she contracted Leukaemia, becoming very sick and tired. She had her best friend come over to hospital one day, brandishing a brilliant golden paper crane. Cranes and the number 1000 symbolise great luck. Her friend suggested making 1000 cranes and pray to the gods for one wish, which would be granted. Many different people brought her paper but she couldn't finish them. After she passed away, her classmates finished the one thousand paper cranes for her. To this day, there is a statue of her holding a paper crane in Peace Park in Hiroshima.

The play was very entertaining combining dramatic moments with humour. It was also very interesting how the four actors played many different roles including the narrator. Another interesting part about the play was how the backdrop was changed from different scenes in a matter of a few moments. The play was amazing and afterwards we got to meet the actors for a few photos.

After the play, we walked the busy streets of Tamworth to Bicentennial Park where we sat down for lunch and a break. At around 1:30 pm, we got back on the bus ready for the trip back to TAS where we had half an hour of our last period left. Overall the trip was a success. It was interesting, fun and most of all it was a very helpful experience.

Thanks and praise should be extended to Mr Moore for organising and to all the other teachers for accompanying the students, making it a very successful trip.

Sustainable Living Expo, 2009

This year, boys from the Middle School were once again a part of SLEX. Their role was to teach a sustainability concept to several groups of visiting primary school students. The idea taught by the boys was designed to help the students comprehend just how much carbon dioxide is emitted by our car travel. Using balloons and lots of hot air, they taught the concept effectively and were great ambassadors for TAS. Congratulations to Matt Maunder, Jack Simmons, Nick Taber, Lachlan Brazier and Tom Simmons.

In Their Own Write

Strands of moonlight seep through the mountain

A perplexing sight, like a watering fountain

A zephyr creeps slowly, a chill to the bone

You marvel at the emotion, displayed by the stone

A perspicuous outcry, would be heard by all

This bountiful land is in no way small

Bears charge from the woods, birds flock from the sky

The puzzle of humanity, to understand you may try

The blood of the gods screams down to bring life

All creatures of Eden stand straight without strife

Knowledge and wisdom, the attributes of lords

Could be captured and won at these mountainous fjords

La Nouvelle-Calédonie vous attend!

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Please contact Madame Kathryn Tamminga in the Languages Department with any questions. Merci beaucoup. Mme Tamminga

Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 30 September

NO Assembly today

Art Show from 11.30am in Hoskins Centre

Matinee Concert to commence at 12 midday

Art Show from 5.30pm Concert to commence at 6pm

Thursday 1 October

Last day of Term 3

Year 4 prac teacher finishes

12.45pm Early Lunch for Junior School

Year 4 & 5 students to wear formals to line the drive

Sunday 4 October

Day Light Saving starts

Tuesday 20 October

Term 4 commences

From the Head of Junior School

As the term draws to a close, the Junior School staff wish all families a wonderful holiday filled with family fun and relaxing activities and also thank you for your involvement in our School. The time and assistance that parents 'give' is invaluable to the class teacher and especially to the children.

We are all looking forward to our "Tell Me A Story" concert today and tonight as the children have been working hard to make this a highlight of the term, with every child involved from Transition to Year 5. Our thanks are extended to Ms Lana Bromwich and Mrs Kirsty Brunsdon who have coordinated the performance and ensured that the classes have pulled together and both staff have done a superb job. We look forward to seeing you at either of the performances in the Hoskins Centre so that you too can appreciate the talent of your children and also the wonderful seating arrangement of the Hoskins Centre that allows everyone to see the performance unimpeded.

Last week all families of K-5 children should have received information about their child's end of year excursion. 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 Port Macquarie, and Year 3, 4 and 5 go to Coffs Harbour for varying lengths of time.

We will look forward to welcoming your children back for Term 4 on Tuesday 20 October.

Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to Maddie Taylor who celebrates her birthday this week.

We also wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday during the holidays: James Hutchison, Harry Mackenzie, Rachael Kenrick, Daniel Ramazani, Sebastian Scott, Nicholas Rogers and Yvette Harrison

Silver Awards

We congratulate the following children who received their Silver Award at the last assembly:

Aiden Rogers-Ellis, Kathleen McPhie, Lucy Fenwicke and Sarah Evans

Gold Awards

We congratulate the following children who received their Gold Award at the last assembly:

Henry O'Neil, Daisy Meehan, Callum Ferguson, Tom Wright, Sebastian Scott and Sean Niemeyer

New Junior School Administration Assistant

We look forward to welcoming Ms Fiona Chappell to our school as the Junior School Administration Assistant. She will commence this Thursday receiving expert tuition from Mrs Janine Ranck before the term finishes, whilst also having some inservice during the holidays in preparation for Term 4. Please pop in and say hello to welcome Fiona to her new role.

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Janine Ranck who happily filled this role in the interim. Her light-hearted helpfulness is appreciated by staff, children and parents and her willingness to do all that she could to ensure the smooth running of the Junior School was appreciated.

Uniform

With the present hot weather children are able to choose either to wear their winter or summer uniform for the remainder of this term. This same arrangement will continue for the first two weeks of Term 4 as well.

Year 4/5 to wear formals on Thursday 1 October

Years 4 & 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? They can bring their khakis if they wish to change after the event.

Calendar Fundraiser

Thank you to the many families who supported this fundraiser once again this year. We look forward to seeing the end product next term.

Junior School Creative Arts Concerts – on today!

The Art Show commences at 11.30am and the matinee performance begins at 12 midday today.

This evening's Art Show commences at 5.30pm and the performance begins at 6pm.

This morning and this evening we are holding our Junior School Art Show, followed by our "Tell Me A Story" concert beginning at 6pm. 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 at both performances.

At the Art Show (from 11.30am and 5.30pm) refreshments will be provided and this is an excellent opportunity to socialise. Framed art works may be purchased for \$50 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 Forsythe, and you will be able to collect the artwork before the end of term.

The performances will commence at 12 midday and 6pm and will conclude approximately 1 hour later. For the evening performance, please ensure all children are at their classrooms at 5.30pm sharp with foundation already applied to their faces, if possible. Children can be collected from their classrooms after the performance.

Drama Club – Term 4

Please note from next term, due to summer sports training, Drama club will be changed to Monday after school. This will commence in Week 2 of Term 4.

Book Club has a new Coordinator

Thank you to Mrs Michelle Champion, mother of Noah in Kindergarten, who has kindly offered to assist Mrs Sandra Kaynes in the lead up to a smooth change over of this important contribution to our school. Again we thank Mrs Kaynes for the much valued contribution she has made to developing this as a wonderful opportunity for our children to receive good quality books at very reasonable prices. We also warmly welcome Mrs Champion to her new role.

Please note that all book club orders placed last week will arrive next term.

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.

Grandparents Day Monday 26 October

Early next term the Junior school will celebrate Grandparents Day. On this wonderful day it is the great pleasure of P&F to help with the serving of Lunch to the children and their Guests. If you are able to help us with this event please contact Sandra Kaynes or Kaye Denning.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER . . .

Junior School Grandparents' Day is fast approaching. On Monday 26 October (which is in Week 2, Term 4) we will welcome our Junior School Grandparents at TAS from 11am – 3pm.

To assist our staff and volunteers in organising this special occasion, we would appreciate if you could please complete and return your JS Grandparents' Day RSVP form to TAS Reception (or email Shona Eichorn on seichorn@as.edu.au by Monday 19 October (that is only if you haven't already done so).

For further information, please contact Shona Eichorn, TAS Community Relations on 6776 5800 or email: seichorn@as.edu.au

Junior School Sport

Summer Sport for Term 4

All summer sports will commence at the beginning of Term 4 and trainings will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that the first training of the season will commence the first day back at school in Term 4 so please ensure you bring your training gear with you on this day.

Following is a breakdown of when sports will train and when their games will commence. Please read this carefully as Basketball has had some changes to days of training and competition.

Swimming – Train on Tuesday and Thursday. Alligators at 6pm on Fridays– begins first week back

Ball Skills – Train on Tuesday

Touch – Train on Tuesday, game on Thursday afternoon – games commence first week back(4:30–5pm in the Yr 5/6 comp)

Kanga – Train on Tuesday, Skills (Term 4) and games (Term 1 2010) at 10am on Saturday – skills sessions commence first week back

Under 9's cricket – Train on Tuesday, game on Saturday morning – games commence first week back

Under 12's cricket – Train on Tuesday and Thursday – game on Saturday morning – games commence first week back

Tennis – Train on Tuesday, competition on Friday or Saturday with Mr Sherriff

Gymnastics – Train on Tuesday and Thursday

Basketball – Train on Thursday, Miniball games on Monday – start in week 2

Attached to the newsletter is the teams lists.

Hockey Under 9's

Mrs Jacqui Perrottet

From day one the NEGS Orange team was a force to contend with on the hockey field. Even though the majority of the players were playing hockey for the first time, their keen attitude made up for the lack of skill. By the end of the season all players were playing their positions confidently and attacked or defended with great enthusiasm, which was reflected in the team being minor premiers and undefeated except for one draw. Tahlia racked and stacked the goals and was a stand out player in the whole competition, no-one would have guessed that this



was Phoebe and Sarah's first hockey season and Henry was ever reliable in defense constantly returning the ball to the attacking end of the field if it ever strayed down the wrong end. All up – what a great season and well done to the players for their keen and positive attitude and a big thank-you to Kylie Varcoe of NEGS for organising the team and Arthur for his incisive coaching.

Players from TAS were Tahlia Paull, Sarah Evans, Phoebe Slack-Smith and Henry Perrottet.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to Holly Tearle who swam 5 personal best times from 5 events at the Muswellbrook Spring Short Course swimming Meet last weekend. Holly made her biggest improvement in the 11 years girls 50m butterfly, shaving off 2.4 seconds to take third placing in this event.

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, 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.