

# TAS TALKS # 8

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 4, Week 8 – Tuesday 8 December, 2009

House on Duty is Tyrrell – ah 6776 5818

## Headmaster – Murray Guest



### Activities Week

I am pleased to report that the past week of activities has been a particularly successful and happy one. Each student, whether joining the Kindergarten sleepover or abseiling down waterfalls with A Coy Cadets, will have their own story to tell from the past week and I hope that they have shared these with family.

I have the rare privilege of travelling around the different activities and so I see Activities Week from a different perspective; perhaps as a less intense personal experience, but with a view that allows me to see how the experiences evolve through 12 years of TAS life. This perspective highlights the tiered levels of challenge, specialised leadership training, camaraderie of groups and fresh relationships that are developed with staff in these different environments. It is a program that I am proud of and it was a great pleasure to see our students taking up their challenges so boldly and a privilege to be a part of a staff that is willing and able to create those opportunities.

### Christmas Carols

Congratulations go to all involved in the wonderful Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening. This year our Chapel Choir was joined by voices from both NEGS and PLC and I offer thanks to both of our sister schools for their support in our celebrations. Whilst Christmas is a few weeks away yet, it is important that we have the opportunity to share this joyous celebration of the coming into the world of Jesus as a school family and the service on Sunday was a special occasion. That a good number of friends of the School returned to join us made the evening an especially happy one and heralded the festive season in good style.

### Wednesday Night Performances

The next (and final for 2009) big entertainment will be the production of the 'TAS Variety of Voices'. This end of year gala performance will feature a selection of the best dramatic and musical pieces of the year and will present a window into the performing arts life of the School that is well worth looking through. It promises to be thoroughly entertaining and I encourage all to come along and enjoy either one of two performances at 5.00pm or 7.00pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Speech Day on Thursday.

## A VARIETY OF VOICES

SHOWCASING TAS MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA

Wednesday 9 December

Hoskins Centre 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Reserved seating available - contact Reception on 6776 5800

or email [reception@as.edu.au](mailto:reception@as.edu.au)

Tickets: Adults: \$10.00, School students: \$5.00, Family (2 adults 2 children): \$25.00.

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR

• phone: 6776 5800 • fax 6776 5830 • web: [www.as.edu.au](http://www.as.edu.au) • email: [reception@as.edu.au](mailto:reception@as.edu.au)

## Chaplain – Richard Newton Christmas

I reckon most people believe that when it comes to Christmas we have it sown up. We know the story and there is little to learn or gain from going over it one more time.

So I thought we could do a quick true or false game.

See how you go with the following:

1. Joseph and Mary were told to go to Bethlehem by an Angel?
2. We know that there were three wise men that visited Jesus?
3. When Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn, the innkeeper said, "There is no room left"?
4. The angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds through bursting into song?
5. The name Jesus means Christ?



I will not keep you waiting, the answers are as follows: false, all of the above statements are false. It seems to me that many of us get our information about Jesus from Christmas cards or perhaps the Simpsons, very often assumption. We ask why doesn't God make himself known? Yet many of us fail to look to the most historically sound document of the first century, The Bible. Which also happens to claim to be God's word and revelation of himself.

Allow me to pick up just the last true/false statement. Christ is not so much a synonym for Jesus or his surname, and more so a job description. Christ comes from the Hebrew word for Messiah – which means anointed. This would have applied to Israel's Kings and priests. Jesus – as the New Testament reveals, is both. As priest he connects people to God. Made only possible through God becoming man – the Christmas event.

As king Jesus is appointed by God to rule and therefore, ultimately judge the world – In the name Christ we see the fullness of the identity of Jesus, from baby in a manger to ruler and king. This Christmas let us honour Him for who he is as the Bible reveals, not some watered down little baby Jesus who requires nothing from us.

## Weekly Calendar – Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 December

### Tuesday 8 December

### Wednesday 9 December

Middle School

- 1.00pm Lunch near McConville Centre  
2.00pm **Assembly in Memorial Hall**  
3.30pm Term ends for Junior School  
5.00pm and 7.00pm  
A Variety of Voices  
– showcasing music, art and drama  
Hoskins Centre  
from 6.00pm P&F drinks and cake in the Hoskins Centre

### Thursday 10 December

9.30am Speech Day in the Sport's Centre

### December/January Holiday Activities

- 14–18 Dec Mountain Bike Camp – Blue Mountains  
17–22 Jan Independent Schools' Cricket Festival  
in Toowoomba – TAS 1st XI

## P&F Association - Presidents: Margie Roberts and David Trenerry

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

email: [pandf@as.edu.au](mailto:pandf@as.edu.au)

With heartfelt thanks to you all for a wonderful year of support. Thank you all. Have a great Christmas and we look forward to 2010 being another excellent year.

The P&F Committee



## General Notices

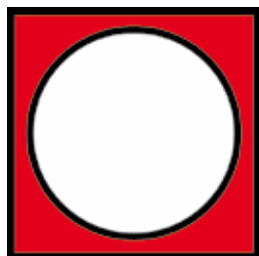
### Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy

Reminder to eligible boarder families that Semester 2 Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy diaries are due on Speech Day. Copies of the form may be downloaded from the link:

[http://www.as.edu.au/current\\_happenings/sservices/Travel\\_Diary.pdf](http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/sservices/Travel_Diary.pdf)

A hard copy will be included in the end of term mailout on request.

Enquires regarding eligibility and payments to Meg Sadler (02) 6776 5805 or email: [msadler@as.edu.au](mailto:msadler@as.edu.au)



### Year 10 Exchange Opportunity, Gordonstoun, Scotland 2010

An opportunity is available for exchange at Gordonstoun School, Scotland for a Year 10 student (2010), departing approx. 7 January and returning mid March. This is obviously very short notice but this spot has become available due to a recent withdrawal from this exchange position. Gordonstoun offer us an exchange place Term 1 each year and we are keen to fulfill this commitment. Please contact Mr Harris or Mrs Barnier if you have any interest in pursuing this.

### Photography Class

Many of the wonderful photos that you see in Binghi and other school publications have been taken by parent Simon Scott. Some of the Admin ladies are keen to have photography lessons and have asked Simon to teach them. He has some vacancies for this class starting in 2010. If you are interested please phone Simon on 0418 870 765.



## A VARIETY OF VOICES

**SHOWCASING TAS MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA**

**this Wednesday 9 December - Hoskins Centre**

**AT 4.30PM AND 6.30PM VISUAL ART TEACHERS JAMES WHITE AND MARK FULLOON WILL TALK ABOUT THE ART WORKS ON DISPLAY**

**Don't miss the concerts at 5.00pm and 7.00pm**

- **YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR ZAC COLLINS-WIDDERS SING "WHERE IS LOVE" FROM OLIVER DIRECT FROM HIS STARRING ROLE IN SYDNEY**
    - **DID YOU SEE YEAR 8 DRAMA PERFORM "LORD OF THE FLIES"?**
  - **YEAR 12 STUDENTS PERFORM THEIR MONOLOGUES: ANDREW LISTON, JASON WRIGHT AND EDWARD HODDLE**
  - **MUSIC FROM THE TAS TRIO, BEN STACY AND ANGUS TRENERRY**
- AND MUCH MORE - DON'T MISS IT**

**the P&F will be wishing you all well with champagne and cake between shows - do come**

## Final Update on the Hawkesbury Results

The results for the Hawkesbury show that the 4 top junior pairs were Will Smidt and Ryan Slater, 1st in the MJRec2 class, Joe Kozera and Tim Pearson, 1st in the MJLRec2 class, Kaity Brunsdon and Jess Gilbey (PLC) 1st in the LJRec2 class followed by Jess Cameron and Eowyn Lacey (NEGS) in the same class. All recorded times within an hour of the existing records.

Will and Ryan also won the John Hextall Memorial trophy for the best junior boat in the event, a trophy not won by TAS in recent years. Joe Kozera also raised over \$2000 for the major charity and won the Junior Fundraiser trophy. Competing in the club section, the TAS contingent won the Commonwealth Bank Cup for the first time ahead of some notable Sydney kayak clubs.

The fastest double was that of TAS organiser, Peter Hall and his son Benjamin in 12:54 with Rob Adams achieving the fastest single in a time of 13:24. The slowest boat to finish, an honour celebrated by the 'Up the Creek' trophy was the tenacious father and son pairing of David and Angus Trenerry who finished 10 minutes inside the final cutoff time with 19 hours 15 mins. Well done to everyone involved.

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## Armidale Dumaresq Council – Media Campaign re Alcohol

Over the summer holiday period the Alcohol sub committee of the council will be running a series of television advertisements. The sub-committee is keen to measure the outcome of these ads and a survey has been developed.

It is hoped the members of the Armidale community will fill in the on-line survey prior to the ads being aired and again afterwards. This is to gauge whether television advertising is a good medium to disseminate important information to the community.

The television ads will be made locally with local actors and the Armidale TAFE Film and Television School assisting.

The online survey can be found at: <http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=91be258a-338d-419e-8418-65d6bd72339e>

## Nutrition and Health – Jim Pennington

### The Festive Season

With Christmas lunch, dinner, parties and other get-togethers we are tempted to eat and drink more than we normally would. Instead of arriving hungry to a Christmas function, try to eat something before such as a soup or salad. Proteins make you feel full longer, so a few almonds or hard boiled egg thrown in your salad will keep you feeling satisfied whilst everyone else is eating pre-dinner nibbles.

Traveling can create a number of situations in which individuals find themselves caught out. Smorgasbords of food you may not normally eat at home and eating a lot more of the food because it is readily available can represent the ultimate control challenge, but staying on track in both of these situations is not impossible.

Over the next few weeks, and as the holiday and travel season draw closer, practice taking control of your food environment by planning ahead and always having your healthy options with you. You may be surprised how easy it is to eat well once you fully prioritise it.

Its hard to maintain your regular diet and exercise regime as party after party commences. Rather than lashing out at every opportunity, keep control as much as you can and really let your hair down on the most special occasions, rather than for weeks at a time. Its will make it easier starting the new year.

Thanks to Susie Burrell <http://www.susieburrell.com.au>

Have a safe and happy holiday.



## Music Notes – from the Department

It is hard to believe that we are in the final School week of the year! The Music Centre has been such a busy place this term that the time has flown by !!

Congratulations to all students who have worked so hard in all aspects of music this term whether it be in class work, private music lessons or ensembles, your efforts, enthusiasm and levels of commitment have been outstanding.

We look forward to continued music making next year .

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone , and most importantly, don't forget to PRACTICE !!!!

# Sporting News – Sportsmaster: Dick Hodgson



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

## Cricket Draw 12.12.09

9.00–11.00	Under 9's	TAS Terriers	VS	TAS Typhoons	Dangar
- played 8 Dec		TAS Tigers	VS	North Emus	Dangar
- depending on number TBC					
1.15–6.30pm	2nd XI	City	VS	TAS	Wakefield
1.15–6.30pm	1st XI	Guyra	VS	TAS T	AS Oval

## 19.12.09

1.15–6.30pm	2nd XI	Guyra	VS	TAS	TAS Oval
1.15–6.30pm	1st XI	City	VS	TAS	Rologas 1

For draw of games over the Christmas break – check the ADCA web: [www.armidalecricket.com.au](http://www.armidalecricket.com.au)

## Surf Life Report

The week during our Surf Life activity, Sawtell Beach presented all forms of challenges for the contingent of Bronze Medallists. From calm sunny weather to strong southerly with large seas, the boys were put through a new structure of assessment this year. Skills of ocean swimming, tube and board rescue, CPR and basic aquatic first aid were tested under some very trying conditions and their fitness and determination were duly tested.

Sleeping on swags in the Sawtell club house, the boys and three staff, had full days with patrols scenarios skills practice and other activities which kept them in the water for hours each day. As their fitness grew, so did their confidence and on Thursday night and Friday morning, all of them passed the assessments with distinction. This year's Lifesaver of the Year has performed meritoriously throughout year. A very strong swimmer, he was able to show excellent ocean skills with board and tube as well as performing very well in all theoretical aspects of the course. Congratulations go to Tristan Glover for his outstanding performance

The School has also been in a position to make various donations through the years. This year the school donated \$500 worth of weights equipment for the gym and this was greatly appreciated. We hop to make this an ongoing tradition as the relationship builds between the School and the Club.



## SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

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## SHERRIFF'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### Multi Standard Program

#### 1. PRE CHRISTMAS - 4 DAY TENNIS CAMP

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Time: 9am to 2pm Cost: \$121

#### 2. JANUARY 2009 - 4 DAY TENNIS CAMP

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

Time: 9am to 2pm Cost: \$121

## Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster



### From the Head of Middle School

The conclusion of 2009 marks the 10th year since first opening our Middle School doors. As I look back over the past ten years, I feel a great deal of satisfaction at the manner in which our students have successfully risen to the challenges and expectations of our Middle School program. We are delighted with the boy's academic, sporting and cultural achievements this year and the responsible manner in which they approach school life. My thanks to our boys' supportive parents, dedicated and talented teachers and a fantastic group of young men.

At the conclusion of this year we bid farewell to Ms Nicci Burraston who will be leaving the Middle School as a homeroom teacher but will remain teaching full time science at TAS. We are very pleased Ms Burraston will continue to teach Middle School Science program and we thank her for her contribution to our Middle School this year.

In 2010 we will be welcoming one new member to our Middle School team, Mr Neil Druce. Mr Druce has been appointed as a Year 7 homeroom teacher. We look forward to his contribution to our school.

On behalf of the Middle School team we wish you all a joyous Christmas, happy and peaceful New Year and rewarding family holiday.

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### Final Assembly Reminder

Our final assembly for the year will begin at 2.00pm on Wednesday 9 December. A family luncheon will be held at McConville Centre prior to the assembly beginning at 1.00pm. Please note the boys are not required to wear their formal uniform for this assembly. Please be reminded that this is not the conclusion of the school year and all boys are required to attend the School Speech Day on Thursday.

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### Speech Day

We look forward to your attendance at Thursday's Middle/Senior School Speech Day commencing at 9:30am in the gymnasium. All parents and visitors are to be seated by 9:20am. All students are to assemble in their house areas for roll call and uniform check at 8.50am. All students must be in formal uniform. A morning tea will follow Speech Day.

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### Beginning of 2010

A reminder that boarders are to report to White House from 2.00pm on Wednesday 27 January, 2010. (School uniform is not required at this time). Unpacking should be concluded by 4.30pm when Boarder parents are invited to an informal reception in White House courtyard from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

All Middle School students will commence classes on Thursday 28 January. Students should assemble at the Middle School at 8:45am (weather permitting – if raining the boys are to meet at the gymnasium) for a brief assembly. All boys are to wear formal uniform and be equipped for classes commencing on that day.

Throughout first term we will be hosting a number of occasions to which we invite all our Middle School parents. On 11 February we look forward to a large turnout to the Middle School Parent Information Session followed by the Middle School Welcome BBQ and War Cry competition. This is an opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers, hear an outline of the year's programs and enjoy an evening socialising with new and returning families. The following day, 12 February, the Middle/Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held.

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### Year 6 "Night of the Stars"

The red carpet was rolled out and a term's worth of hard work was showcased in the Hoskins Centre last Friday night, at the Year 6 "Night of the Stars". An audience of 160 proud family members and special guests enjoyed watching the premiere showing of 41 short movies, written and produced by the students of Year 6. Each movie was focussed on someone or something that had been significant in the students' lives.

Movies generally fell into the categories of Action, Animal, Destination or Family films. There were many laughs and also a few tears from the audience during the two hour show. Awards were presented to the winners and runners-up of each category, following student voting.

As well as showcasing the students' movies, the night was also the culmination of weeks of planning, by the boys, to organise the event itself. Each student was a member of a committee – finance, event management, catering, decorating, communications, awards, and tech. support. Within these committees, the boys had jobs to do and things to organise to ensure that the show ran smoothly.

The boys were very grateful to Ms Cressida Mort, Director of Development for the School and Foundation, who spent some time explaining how to organise events such as these in the lead-up to the night.

So, from the Front of House and lighting to the plastic cups and fairy lights, the boys of Year 6 demonstrated that not only are they budding film directors but also entrepreneurs of the future.

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## Mosman Report

During Activities Week, Year 6 welcomed 48 students from Mosman Prep School. The boys had been looking forward to this opportunity to reciprocate the billeting experience they had enjoyed whilst staying with Mosman families during excursion week.

The week was full of exciting activities which showcased the lifestyle and beauty of Armidale and New England. Some of these activities included a full day of activities at Echidna Gully, a bush walk around Blue Hole and a pool party.

Both school groups visited the Berry's farm (George and Sam's family). Here the boys were treated to a snap shot of what life on a working property was like. The boys discovered the history of farming through a tour of a machinery museum, a tour through the steps and equipment used during the shearing process and finally a display of how calves are branded, vaccinated and marked. As well as the work of Mark and Angie Berry many thanks must go to Bob Gill (George and Sam's Grandfather), Angus and Kirsty Gall (Thomas' Parents) and Libby Makeham (Joe's Mother) who all made this wonderful day possible.

On departure, it was pleasing to see how many boys who made new friends throughout this experience. A huge thank you must go to Mrs McCarthy, Mr Dempster, Mr Robinson and all our Year 6 families who made this week possible through their hard work and open houses to accommodate the billets.

Peter Voysey, Year 6 Teacher

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## C Coy Annual Camp

C Company has returned from a very successful Annual Camp. I want to congratulate every cadet for their hard work, helpfulness and cooperation. I hope it was a positive and enjoyable experience for all the boys and know that it made a significant and positive impact on their personal development.

There were plenty of hardships – hot weather, sleeping on hard ground, challenging tasks and many orders to be obeyed. There were new things to learn about radio, navigation and fieldcraft. There were also fun experiences– abseiling, canoeing, rapid safety, initiative games, trekking and bush camping that contributed to boys' growth.

My thanks to the older boys who were C Coy leaders. You all did a great job. Thanks also to the staff who supervised the activities and contributed to the success of the camp and the welfare and learning of the cadets.

2Lt G Derrin

## B Coy – Mr W Caldwell

The Australian Army Cadets is not a breeding ground for soldiers it is a "Youth Development Program". Over the past 12 months I have seen the evidence of this, culminating in a very successful Annual Camp last week. The strength of character, teamwork, courage and discipline displayed is a credit to both the boys and their leaders. Over the 6 days the boys far exceeded staff expectations as they pushed themselves to complete a 17km trek through thick lantana scrub (rescuing a certain staff member and his vehicle from a muddy grave); developing their skills of fieldcraft and campcraft; overcoming their fear of heights down a 25 metre cliff and navigating white water down a 16km canoe expedition. Many boys will say they detested the hardship, however, I am sure that they will reflect on their week as a valuable experience and will take with them some great memories.

There is a clear structure of leadership within the unit. Last week was an example of how effective it is when you have such a committed and talented group of leaders, all doing their jobs. My sincere thanks to all the Staff and Cadet Leaders for their efforts this year.



## Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



### Looking Ahead

Wednesday 3 December

Pool Party 9.00am – 12.00noon

Term 4 ends for Junior School

2010

Tuesday 26 January

Public Holiday

Wednesday 27 January

Staff Day

Thursday 28 January

Students return – sports training and learn to swim lessons begin

Transition Information evening 6–7pm

Friday 29 January

JS Welcome BBQ 6–8pm

### Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday

The Junior School children and staff have enjoyed a year of good friendships, fun activities, great sport and musical opportunities, and some hard work to top it all off. Our Final Assembly and Speech Day allows us to look back over a year and marvel at all that we have been fortunate to be able to do and to congratulate the children on their many wonderful achievements. The teachers are very proud of the children in their class, and those special individuals that we have seen succeed beyond the classroom. Each and every child can hold their head high, knowing that they have done the best that they possibly can.

A hectic week last week saw all classes involved in excursions to challenge and extend them further. From Kindergarten who enjoyed a sleepover in the classrooms, to Year 5 who enjoyed a week away at Coffs Harbour, the challenges are set appropriately for each age group. From all reports, each class had a wonderful time and much was accomplished. These excursions would not be possible for our younger children without the support of parents, and I thank those involved wholeheartedly on the School's behalf, for their willing involvement, patience and sense of good fun. To our teachers who organise these wonderful opportunities, a huge thank you from the children and the School, as they always ensure that everything goes so smoothly and is so well organised. I am always especially thankful to the teachers as they give up their time away from their families in order for the year to finish on such a high.

We encourage parents to help their children during this holiday break to maintain their reading and spelling skills, (seven weeks holiday is the equivalent of nearly all of term 4 – without reading!!) by providing them with lots of opportunities to read – either to a parent, or by themselves. Please take advantage of Mrs Lou Allen's generous offer with TAS Library books so that your child has a variety of books to read. The Town Library is also an excellent source of reading material for the children, so if you are not already a member, it would be very worthwhile becoming one.

I am delighted to have such a professional team of teachers to work with, and equally delighted that they will be working with, and caring for your children.

Year 4 and 5 will commence the year in classrooms in the Moyes building – Year 4 upstairs and Year 5 downstairs – and will move across once the new classrooms are finished.

We wish our families a wonderful holiday – one filled with special family time and lots of relaxation – and loads opportunities to read!!

We look forward to welcoming you, and new families to the School, on Thursday 28 January, 2010.

Mrs Lou Forsythe, Head of Junior School



*Best Wishes for a  
happy holiday  
From the Staff of  
the Junior School*

### Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays this week and also during the Christmas holidays: Oliver Fletcher, Lachlan Wood, Anna Jarvis, Jessica Chambers, Toby Niemeyer, Nicholas Burke, Georgia Hutton, Chloe Lincoln, Samuel Berry, Hannah van Roy, Flynn Jones, Frank Perrottet, and Alexander Zuber.

### Liaison Parents

Calling for any parents with children presently in Year 2 who may be interested in the Liaison parent role for 2010.

Thank you to our wonderful Junior School parents, every other year group has been filled. Many many thanks, Jo Morris, Liaison Parent Co-ordinator Junior School.

## Excursion Reports

### Year 5 Camp at Coffs Harbour

Monday: Bags in the bus, kids on the seats, safety first, click the belts AND OFF WE GO!!!! YAY 10 road kills down now lets watch the movie. Three hours later...we are at camp. Innerlimits was first up. Mad fun!!!! Capture the flag was great too. The game continued the whole week.

Tuesday: I bet we all wish we could live this day again, it was so much fun!!! Surfing was great. Most of us had never been surfing before, but we were still able to get up on the surf board. Beach games was next. In the first game Will and Nick Rogers had a massive collision, so for the rest of the week Will had a black eye. After the beach we went to kegel bowling and Mr Guest tried to fool us all by saying that he was the world champion at 9 pin bowling.

Wednesday: First up we had low ropes. No one made it on the last rope obstacle, it was so hard to get across. Next was archery. The bow was very hard to pull back but I guess you would expect that from an archery bow. Mr. Hadfield needed to get Charlton a drink because he hit the bullseye. Last but not least Outerlimits. Every time we dropped the rope we had to do 10 push-ups. We had to do about 50 or more. The brain teasers were no challenges for the Year 5 class.

Thursday: On Thursday we didn't do much because we had done all the activities. So it was pretty much a 'lay back' day for packing and playing.

Friday: We had breakfast and off we went. At Dorrigo the day was hot, but the walk was great. FINALLY.... We are home. Most of our parents were there and I'm sure they heard lots of stories about our journey.

By Holly Tearle, Madison Taylor and Katie Gordon



### Year 1 and 2 Excursion to Bonny Hills (Kindly recounted by Matthew Wark)

On Tuesday we went to Bonny Hills on a big coach. First of all we went to Timbertown. We had lunch at the restaurant in the village. Then we went to an olden day house. We enjoyed going on a carriage ride and watching a bullock team demonstration.

After that we went to Bonny Hills. We sorted out our cabins. Then I played netball. When we had finished playing we had dinner. I ate all of my dinner and for dessert I had whipped cream and chocolate moose. Then I had a shower and went to bed. It was chaotic in my cabin.

On Wednesday we went to the beach really early and played in the water and sand. After that we went to Sea Acres Rain-forest and saw many animals and buttress roots. My group heard a catbird. Then we went to the beach for lunch. After that we went on a river cruise. We even got to go on a Chinese vessel. It was so cool because I got a coke. Then we got to swap boats. I got to go on the top deck of the boat.

After that we went back to Bonny Hills. Then we went swimming. I managed to cross the swimming pool without breathing! Then I had a shower and went to dinner. It was spaghetti bolognese. We then watched a movie- it was funny. Then I went to bed.

On Thursday morning we got up early, packed up the cabin and had breakfast. I had pancakes. Then we went to Billabong Wildlife Park. I got to pat a crocodile, a blue-tongued lizard and a black-headed python. Then we went to pat a kangaroo and wallaby. Our group patted a koala and got a picture with a koala. Then we had morning tea. We went to Reptopia to see many more snakes. Then we went to see wombats. I went to the gift shop and bought an alligator for my sister.

Then we went back to Armidale. I felt happy to be back in Armidale. I had a great time.



## Kindergarten Sleepover 4 December 2009

Twenty-one very keyed up Kindergarten children attended our end of year "excursion", the Kindergarten Sleepover. The occasion began with a swimming session, very capably supervised by our willing band of parent helpers. Relays, races, "crocodile and shark" wrestling and dives and bombs from the deep end, were just some of the fun things we did.

Afternoon tea followed and gave us time to refresh and recharge our already excited "batteries", ready for the next exhilarating session. Vigorous games including Caterpillar Cricket, Pirate's Treasure, Tails and Parachute games kept us entertained. Preparing our beds for the evening sleep followed, and it kept us busy until the eagerly awaited arrival of our dinner.

The Eagle of Eagle Boys surprised us with a visit, flying in to deliver our delicious pizzas. Scrumptious stripy icy poles completed our meal. After this we danced and played in our playground. The game Sardines was introduced and what fun everyone had, finding the hiding place and keeping very quiet! A little bit of wind down time with a shower, a change into our pyjamas and some stories prepared us for bed. Slumber was a little slow to sweep some Kindergarteners away to dreamland, but eventually everyone succumbed! Bright and early the next morning, just after sunrise, the first eager eyes opened.

The tattoo parlour opened and pirate tattoos adorned many arms! A scrumptious breakfast in the dining hall, prepared by Kel and his crew, was very much appreciated by us all. Feeling satiated and ready to go home, we strolled back down to the Junior School to find our mums and dads eagerly waiting.

Our parent helpers were a wonderfully supportive group who ensured the children had a really great time. I am very grateful to them for their assistance.



We were very excited when the Eagle flew in to deliver our pizzas!



Mrs Trenergy

The tattoo parlour



The early risers

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## Kids ALIVE – Do the Five show

FREE show at the Armidale Ex-Services Club.

On average one preschool child drowns each week in Australia. Drowning is the greatest cause of accidental death in the 0-5 age group. Hundreds suffer from brain damage accidental immersion.

This FREE interactive session has been designed to educate young children on water safety, around swimming pools, dams, creeks, rivers, ponds and bathtubs.

The show is for children between the ages of 3 years – 10 years and will run for approximately 50 min. The show is FREE however bookings are essential. Contact: 07 5525 6820

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## Lost Property

Lost Property found off school grounds is generally returned to main Reception, as people unfamiliar with the school do not know the School well. We do our utmost to have Junior School lost property returned/located in the Junior School however sometimes this does not happen. Please check with the main reception on 6776 5800 for lost property if we in the Junior School have been unable to locate it for you.

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## Class Movies

The ClassMovies are able to be ordered during the holidays, just order on line ([www.classmovies.com](http://www.classmovies.com) ) and supply your address for delivery direct to your home.

This year our school participated in the ClassMovies Program. This exciting program offers a movie record of a week in the life of your child with their classmates. Filmed by the class teacher using the Class/Movies filming kit, these movies are professionally edited and produced by ClassMovies. It is a unique insight into class life and a permanent memory of the class for the children and their families. To order, either pick up the Order Form from your class teacher, phone 1300 881 369 or order online at [www.classmovies.com](http://www.classmovies.com). They cost \$39 including a 10% school donation. You will need to quote your Class Code listed below:

Class Code	Class	Class Code	Class
S8973-017	Transition	S8973- 021	Yr 2
S8973- 018	Kinder	S8973-022	Yr 3
S8973- 019	Yr 1B	S8973-023	Yr 4
S8973-020	Yr 1W	S8973- 024	Yr 5

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## Junior School Sport – Kirsty Brunson

### Cricket

#### TAS Terriers – Miss Anna Owen

The TAS Terriers had yet another great morning of cricket on Saturday. They played well in the heat and again exhibited excellent sportsmanship when they provided extra fielders for the opposition. Well done to Sam Behrend in particular, for being so willing in this regard. Stuart Epworth, Cotter Litchfield, Michael Paull and Luke Evans did well to get numerous wickets whilst bowling, and Jasper Leoni and Archie Stacy batted well.

Well done to all!

#### TAS Typhoons vs Norths Emus – Mrs Helen Dennis

Saturday 5 December and the Typhoons had a home game at Dangar. We were unlucky to lose the toss but Norths decided to bat first which suited us because we didn't have to field in the heat.

Our fielding just gets better and better. Duncan Chalmers is a champion fieldsman but today he was joined by Jacob Smith who stopped everything that came near him and also threw the ball back to the stumps. Another good play was when Callum Ferguson threw the ball to Matthew Wark who demolished the wicket for a run out. With some good bowling we restricted Norths to 42 runs. Congratulations to Jacob Smith for his first wicket. Kieran Dennis, Duncan Chalmers and Charlie Rutledge also got wickets.

Our batting also came together with another good start from Matthew Wark and Charlie Rutledge. A couple of boundaries in the first over from Matthew meant the team never looked back. There was some impressive batting from Kieran Dennis and the game was finished off in fine style by Yvette Harrison and Callum Ferguson. We almost felt sorry for Norths as Callum hit seven boundaries in the last four overs. A good team effort gave us a total of 84 runs and our first win of the season.

The last game for the year will be on Tuesday afternoon on 8 December against the TAS Terriers which should be a good grudge match.

### Permission to borrow Library books during the summer holiday

I give permission for my child ..... in Year .....

to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the summer holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 1 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 account.

.Signed ..... Date .....