

TAS TALKS # 8

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 1, Week 8 – Wednesday 17 March, 2010

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Headmaster – Murray Guest



ANZAC Day

This year, ANZAC Day falls during term time, giving us the rare opportunity to commemorate as a school on Sunday 25 April. Through the history of this school, 99 TAS Old Boys and Masters have given their lives in the service of this country, including Lieutenant Michael Fussell who was killed in action in Afghanistan just 15 months ago. Therefore it is fitting that we come together to honour the collective sacrifice they made. In doing so, we remind ourselves of the pain of war and join with the rest of the nation in renewing our resolve to struggle for peace rather than conflict in the future. As usual, the TAS service will commence at 7:00am on the front drive and will be followed by chapel.

Our Guard will then head to Dangarsleigh to provide the catafalque party for their service at the Dangarsleigh Memorial. At 11:00am, the full Cadet Unit from Year 8 onwards will leave TAS to join the march with the Armidale ANZAC Parade (11:45 start) and join the service at Central Park, where the TAS Guard will again provide the catafalque party. This is, of course, an important day for the Armidale community generally and I am pleased that TAS will be able to support it en masse this year.

I also draw your attention to school arrangements for the week following ANZAC Day. This is Excursion Week for TAS and whilst the Monday is gazetted as a public holiday, we will carry on as usual. The tightness of our bookings for Excursion Week across all year groups and the importance of holding Year 12 exams in that particular week make changes quite impossible. This was heralded in my Term 2 Newsletter last year, but I know that we have many new families with us who may not have noticed these arrangements in the school calendar. It is very important that all students are with us for both ANZAC Day and the following Monday and I ask for parent support in making this possible.

Headmaster's Country Tour

Each year, Pip Warrick, Ian Lloyd and I spend some time visiting centres around the North West and the North Coast. This year our travels begin at Glen Innes on Friday and are followed by visits to Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Burren Junction, Moree and Inverell from next week through to the early weeks of Term 2. This Country Tour is our major opportunity to meet families considering TAS for their sons in 2011 and being able to meet on their home turf before visiting the School is something that we value.

This is, of course, also an opportunity to gather with TAS families outside major school events and I am looking forward to seeing as many from the Glen Innes TAS family as can make it at the Lynn's home on Friday evening.

farewell for Brigitte Ward

The Headmaster extends a warm invitation to staff, parents and the wider community to attend a farewell for Brigitte Ward on Wednesday 24 March at 5.00 pm in the Hoskins Centre

Brigitte leaves TAS after 13 years of professional and dedicated service to students and families. She moves, with her husband David and son Fletcher, to the Orange area and will take up a position at Kinross Wolaroi in Term 2.

Chaplain – Richard Newton On this Day #5 Hebrews 1:1-2

The Lines of Communication are Open

Around this day in 1876 Alexander Graham Bell sent the world's first telephone message to his assistant Thomas Watson. The 'spectacularly uninspiring words' were: 'Mr Watson, come here. I want you.'

Communication lines were well and truly opened. It started a tsunami of communication that now we could scarcely imagine life without. In fact as I see some texting their digits off I am sure that life would cease without it.

Communication seems to be such an inherent part of life – not just via technological means but the simple interaction between human beings.

This makes me think of the English author Thomas Hardy who once described god as “the dreaming, dark, dumb Thing that turns the handle of this idle show”. If God made us to be so reliant on communication then surely He too would communicate – this case is made even stronger if we consider that the Bible speaks of God as a personal God.

Hardy's words are a brilliant description of the god of many of us. That there is or may be a god seems fairly clear; most people believe that. What is not clear is that god has any connection with us, that he—or she, or it—takes an interest in us, interferes with our lives, and communicates with us. In effect, god has been struck dumb.

However, this is not the testimony of scripture. In fact all throughout the Bible we see God interacting with people, speaking and revealing Himself. More than that, making the way back to himself possible – making relationship with the creator God possible through His Word.

The summary of all that God has revealed particularly in the pinnacle of his revelation in the Word – Jesus, we see echoed by Bell “come here, I want you”.

He is not distant, He is not far off, He is not dumb and silent. He has spoken, He wants us to hear and respond, He wants us – are we listening?



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



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

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The P&F Minutes for Wednesday 17 February and the Headmaster's report to the P&F are on the P&F website.

The NSW Parent's Council newsletter can be downloaded from the web at:

http://www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au/images/stories/newsletter/2010/2010finalhm_Parent_News.pdf

This edition covers a variety of important issues affecting our community.

Ball Committee

The Ball Committee will meet tonight, 17 March in the Lower Maxwell Room at 6.00pm. It is not too late to be a part of this committee and help with the final planning and organisation of our Hot August Night Ball.

Athletics Championships

The Junior and Senior/Middle School Athletics Championships are fast approaching on March 30 and 31 respectively. Once again we are seeking parental support in manning and stocking the Cake Stalls on each day. The school will again have a BBQ lunch for all parents on both days.

TAS Clothing Shop

The Clothing Shop is now open in its new site. A Clothing Advisory Group Committee is to be revamped to assist in any pertinent issues arising with the school uniform policy.

This Week On the Web

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| MS Monitors | http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/middle/current_middle_school.php |
| Year 5 Parents in PE | http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_5.php |
| Year 3 Parents in PE | http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_3.php |
| Year 1 Parents in PE | http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_1.php |

Weekly Calendar– Wednesday 10 March - Wednesday 24 March

Wednesday 17 March

7.40–8.30am Junior Stage Band – Music Centre
3.45–5.00pm Middle School Drama Club – Hoskins
5.00–6.15pm TAS Jazz Ensemble – Music Centre
6.30pm Choral Communion

Thursday 18 March

7.30am Concert Band – Music Centre
7.45–8.30am Brass Ensemble – Music Centre
1.20–3.30pm MS Debating at NEGS
3.45–5.00pm Middle School Debating Club, MS1–1
4.00pm Kayakers depart for Nymboida

Friday 19 March

8.00–8.45am Junior Vocal Ensemble – Music Centre
8.00–8.45am TAS Junior Trio – Music Centre
Combined High Schools Kayaking competition – Nymboida
8.30am Years 7–9 Vaccinations
9.00am Toowoomba Tennis Exchange departs
Headmaster's Country Tour–Glen Innes
3.45–5.00pm Chapel Choir rehearsal– Chapel
4.00pm Bus departs TAS for Walcha Show
7.00–9.00pm Social for Years 6–8 at TAS
7.00–10.00pm Social for Years 9–11 at PLC
7.00–10.00pm Social for Year 12 at NEGS

Saturday 20 March

Campus City Canter
Autumn Festival Parade
Year 9 Father and Son weekend
Combined High Schools Kayaking competition – Nymboida

Sunday 21 March

Year 9 Father and Son weekend
6.00pm Kayakers return
6.30pm Toowoomba Tennis returns

Monday 22 March

3.40–5.00pm TAS Singers–Music Centre
3.50pm MS/SS Athletics Day 1 events
5.00–6.00pm Senior Debating Club in F1–4

Tuesday 23 March

Council
7.30–8.45am TAS Jazz Combo– Music Centre
1.10–1.45am Guitar Ensemble – Music Centre
Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
3.50pm MS/SS Athletics Day 2 events

Wednesday 24 March

11.00–7.00pm Summer Sport & House Photographs
7.40–8.30am Junior Stage Band – Music Centre
8.30am Year 10 Science and Engineering Challenge at UNE
5.00pm Farewell for Brigitte Ward
Hoskins Centre
5.00–6.15pm TAS Jazz Ensemble – Music Centre
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25 March

7.30am Concert Band – Music Centre
7.45–8.30am Brass Ensemble – Music Centre
Headmasters Country Tour–Tamworth
4.00pm Platoons 3 and 6 out overnight

Friday 26 March

8.00–8.45am Junior Vocal Ensemble – Music Centre
8.00–8.45am TAS Junior Trio – Music Centre
Activities Day No 3
Headmasters Country Tour–Tamworth
CIS Primary Swimming – Homebush
4.00pm 1st Football preseason tour–Sydney
3.45–5.00pm Chapel Choir rehearsal – Chapel

Saturday 27 March

8.30PM EARTH HOUR

Sunday 28 March

1.00–5.00pm Football registration and selection – Adamsfield
7.00pm Easter Carol Service
8.00pm 1st Football return from Sydney

Monday 29 March

8.00am Year 11/12 Music to Sydney
3.40–5.00pm TAS Singers–Music Centre
3.50pm MS/SS Athletics Day 3 events
5.00–6.00pm Senior Debating in F1–4

Tuesday 30 March

7.30–8.45am TAS Jazz Combo – Music Centre
1.10–1.45am Guitar Ensemble – Music Centre
JS Athletics Carnival
3.30pm Year 11/12 Music return from Sydney
6.00–10.00pm 1st XI Cricket Dinner – Cotswold

Wednesday 31 March

REMINDER

THE TAS CLOTHING SHOP IS NOW LOCATED IN THE TIMBER BUILDING BEHIND THE TAS LIBRARY.

MOST CONVENIENT PARKING WOULD BE IN BROWN STREET.

WHILE WE ARE IN THE TRANSITION STAGE STOCK MAY TAKE TIME TO LOCATE. WE ASK THAT PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE AWARE OF THIS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

COSTUME HIRE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Activities Day 3 - Friday 26 March

Cadets Activities Day 3

The following arrangements are in place for Activities Day 2:

| Platoon | Activity | Location | Time out | Time in |
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| A Coy | | | | |
| 3 Plt | Bivouac | Mt Duval | 1600 hrs Thurs 25 March | 1530 hrs Fri 26 Mar |
| 1 Plt | Canoeing | Dumaresq Dam | 0830 hrs Fri 26 March | 1700 hrs Fri 26 Mar |
| 2 Plt & 10 Plt | Abseiling & Knots, Initiative, Expedition Planning | Gara Gorge | 0830 hrs Fri 26 March | 1700 hrs Fri 26 Mar |
| B Company | | | | |
| 6 Plt | Bivouac | Peatfield's Overflow | 1600 hrs Thurs 25 March | 1530 hrs Fri 26 Mar |
| 4 & 5 Plt | Canoeing, Watermanship Navigation | Dumaresq Dam | 0830 hrs Fri 26 March | 1700 hrs Fri 26 Mar |
| C Company | | | | |
| 7, 8 & 9 Plt | Bivouac; campcraft, initiative exercises, First Aid, navigation radio | Newholme and Kirby Station | 0830 hrs Fri 26 March | 1530 hrs Fri 26 March |

Cadets and Parents are reminded that the usual Briefing will take place on the Tuesday prior to the Activities Day. This is when where cadets will have all activities and gear requirements explained to them. It is expected that cadets will take notes into their school diary.

MAJ Grant Harris

Pioneers – Activities Day 3

Information about the Pioneers program can be found at: <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/pioneers>

Pioneers and Pioneers Support will head off to Dumaresq Dam and its environs for a day of rogaining practice for Year 10, and radio setup, monitoring and handover for year 11.

Rogaining involves navigation with quick decisions and this day is practice for Day 4 where teams will attempt to gain as many points as possible, with control points having more points the harder they are to gain. Prizes are awarded for the best team on the day.

Students will need a hat, running shoes, sunscreen, wet weather gear and a water bottle. Lunch is provided.

We meet at the Pioneers shed on Wakefield at 8.45am and should return to TAS by 4.30pm

Martin Levins, MIC



RFS Activity Day 3

All meet at the buses in Brown Street by 8–30. Bring pen, paper, cap, long sleeved shirt. Shorts are okay.

We will go to the Fire Control Centre on Mann Street to begin Basic Firefighter training and will return by 3–30pm.

TAS Surf Lifesaving Activities Day 3– Friday 26 March 2010

Travel – Depart Friday 26 March

- 6:30am Brown Street
- Boarders early breakfast at 6.00am

Return

- Depart Sawtell Beach 1:00pm
- Arrive Brown Street at 4:00pm

Staff – Mr J Pennington 0419250984; Mr I Lloyd

Organisation

Arrive Sawtell approximately 9:00am and unpack bus

- 9.30 am – 10.30 am Beach Session 1
- 10:30am – 12:00pm Beach Session 2
- 12.00pm–1:00pm Beach Session
- 2.00 pm Depart Sawtell
- 5:00pm Arrive Armidale

Requirements – Swimmers, goggles, pens, manual and workbook, casual clothes including covered shoes, sunscreen; Insect repellent; toiletries

Dress – to travel – Full School sports uniform – School tracksuit if weather requires, white shirt, blue shorts, white socks, sports shoes, hat, water bottle (to be carried onto beach), swimmers (board shorts are not allowed for lifesaving activities; rashies and caps provided), towel

Meals

Breakfast: cereal/toast spreads at TAS

Lunches: rolls, salad filling, sliced meat, fruit

General Notices

Autumn Festival this Saturday 20 March

This year the theme of the Festival is **Healthy Living** and we have decided to enter the TAS Outdoor Education program as our “Float”. The entry will endeavour to portray the whole program and volunteers will walk along with a variety of vehicles and trailers dressed in ways to reflect the program.

Socials

This Friday 19 March is socials night!

Years 6–8 will host a social at TAS in the Memorial Hall from 7.00–9.00pm. Students may be dropped off at the hall at 6.45pm and picked up at 9.00pm.

Years 9–11 have been invited to a social at PLC. Buses will depart TAS Big School at 6.45pm and return to TAS at 10.15pm.

Year 12 have been invited to a Pizza and Movie night at NEGS. A TAS School bus will depart from the Brown Street car park at 6.45pm and return at 10.00pm.

All boys attending either the PLC or NEGS socials are to travel by bus from TAS – alternate travel arrangements must be made to Mr Harris or Ms Boydell by Thursday 18/3/2010.

The dress code is smart casual. Please be aware that students who are dressed inappropriately may be refused entry. There are no themes at any socials and glow sticks are also not permitted. (There is a charge of \$5 per student for all socials. This will be deducted from attending students' school accounts.)

Sounds like a lot of rules, but let that not deter you from having a lot of FUN!

Thank you. Catherine Boydell cboydell@as.edu.au



TAS Family Ski Trip to Falls Creek in July Holidays

The TAS family ski trip is on again in the third week of the July break at the Falls Creek Country Club.

Full details at <http://www.as.edu.au/ski/fallscreek/>

Please book early to avoid disappointment by emailing skiers@as.edu.au in the first instance

Martin Levins

Macleay Valley Expedition

6–9 April, 2010

General

In 2010, TAS is to conduct a 4 day expedition in the Macleay Valley and Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. The expedition will depart on Tuesday 6 April and return to Armidale on Friday 9 April 2010. In outline, the expedition involves mountain bike riding, trekking and canoeing from Armidale down into the Oxley Wild Rivers and back to Wollomombi. Some of Australia's most spectacular wilderness is covered in the expedition.

Objectives

- Promote development of boys' character and personal qualities by challenging them in demanding cycle, trek and canoeing legs.
- Provide an avenue for boys' to fulfil Duke of Edinburgh's expedition requirements.

Sequence of Events

- Day 1 (Tue) – Bike ride to Winterbourne State Forest – east of Walcha (approx 85km)
- Day 2 (Wed)– Trek down Oven Camp ridge to Macleay River – Oxley Wild Rivers NP (approx 26 km)
- Day 3 (Thu) – Canoe/Kayak Macleay from West-Kunderang to Georges Junction (approx 28km)
- Day 4 (Fri) – Bike ride Old Kempsey Rd up Big Hill to Wollomombi and return to TAS (approx 45km)

Participants

- There are up to 15 positions available for students from Year 9 to Year 12

Staff Support

- Mr Trevor Thatcher will lead the expedition. He has experience in expeditioning, having served 15 years as an officer in the Australian Regular Army and recently led two Kokoda Track expeditions.
- Mr Brett Monley will provide logistic and safety support throughout the expedition.
- Mr Harris and other qualified canoe instructors will support the canoe/kayak phase.

Equipment

- Boys will need to provide their own mountain or cross bike.
- Canoes and bike transport trailers will be provided by TAS.
- Boys can bring their own backpacks and specialist clothing or use that of the TAS Cadet Units

Community Service – Catherine Boydell

Uralla's Lantern Parade and Earth Hour Celebration are being held on Saturday 27 March.

Volunteers are needed to help: direct the public at Alma Park, collect donations and to help out at the lantern decorating workshop between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Saturday at Uralla Central School.

If any students are interested please email Ms Boydell – cboydell@as.edu.au. For more information on the parade please visit www.uralla-arts.com/lanterns2010.html

Student Services - Vickey O'Brien

Travel – Walcha Show Bus

A TAS bus will operate on Friday 19 March for students going to the Walcha Show and staying for the weekend. The bus will depart from the Q Store at 4.00pm and will cost \$5.00.

Please see Mrs O'Brien to book your seat. Normal House procedures regarding leave applies.

End of Term Travel

Buses will depart at the end of term around 8.00am. Please be sure bookings have been made by the end of this week.

A reminder about the Countrylink Luggage Policy –

- Students are allowed to take two pieces of luggage (20kg or less each piece) per ticketed passenger plus one piece of hand luggage on board the coach. Hand luggage must be stowed under the seat.
- Luggage must not exceed 60cm in height, 70cm in length and 50cm in width, or 38cm in height, 35cm in length and 23cm in width for hand luggage.
- There is no provision made to transport extra items such as musical instruments, computers, sporting goods, milk crates, boxes of books, bikes, saddles, science projects, art projects, swags, laundry bags etc.
- Any excess luggage can and will be refused to be loaded by CountryLink School Chartered Services. This is a result of CountryLink's obligation to provide a safe working and travelling environment for both CountryLink customers, staff and Coach Contractors.

Musical Notes – Director of Music, Nik Glass



Twilight Concert (formally known as In-House Concert)

This Thursday 18 March 6.00pm Hoskin's Centre
Come and support TAS' Instrumental and Vocal student

Music at TAS Marches On

We continue to celebrate many student achievements in the Music Department.

On Wednesday evening the Chapel Choir will sing at their first Choral Communion for the year. We hope the presence of the Chapel Choir under the baton of Mr Phil Oxley will provide the boys with a heightened spiritual awareness. The Music Department congratulates the Chapel Choir for their first public engagement of 2010. Please contact Mr Glass in the Music Department if you would like to sing in this ensemble which is open to girls and boys of all ages. nglass@as.edu.au



This week about 20 students will perform at our second Twilight Concert for 2010. We congratulate every participant for stepping into the limelight and sharing their developing musical talents with the community.

The most notable achievement in the Music Department this week was undoubtedly the TAS Band's performance for Professor Jim Barber, the new UNE Vice Chancellor. The students paraded through Armidale leading an academic procession. Their performance was tight, well coordinated and was well endowed with pomp and ceremony. The students should be very proud of their performance. Rehearsals for TAS Band continue every Thursday morning at 7:30am. We are already looking forward to our next performance at Anzac Day.

NECOM Workshops

NECOM recently hosted a number of Music days attended by our Year 9, 11 and 12 Music students. Year 9 Elective Music students took part in composition and movement workshops which reinforced their understanding of a range of concepts. Furthermore students took part in Taiko Drumming, Eastern European Acapella Singing, African Drumming & Dance, Latin American Percussion and Didjerido workshops.

TAS' Year 11 and 12 HSC students took part in a range of workshops delivered by Kim Walkdock and Brad Merrick. Kim is currently the education manager for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Dr Brad Merrick is currently the Director of Research in Learning at Barker College. The students were privileged to work with such highly regarded music educators. A huge thank you to NECOM for providing our students with this valuable opportunity.

Important Calendar Changes to note:

TAS Jazz Ensemble – Wednesday 5pm to 6:15pm (replaces TAS Big Band Tuesday morning 7:30–8:45)

TAS Jazz Combo – Tuesday morning 7:30–8:45 am (replace TAS Senior Jazz Ensemble Wednesday 5:00–6:00)

Nutrition and Health – Jim Pennington

Chocolate and Easter No not yet!

For those of you who have already bought some Easter Eggs as part of your weekly shop, now is not the time to open them! Easter is not here yet and 3–4 weeks of extra chocolate is not what your body needs (although your mind may suggest something else). Have a look at the table below and consider the cost of that extra chocolate.

| Eggs | Kilojules | Running Time |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 10 small Easter Eggs | 1480kj | 45m |
| 2 Cadbury Crème Eggs | 1500kj | 45m |
| 1 Lindt Bunny | 2270kj | 1hr 15m |
| 1 200g Cadbury bunny | 4500kj | 3hrs |



For those of us (I include myself) who find chocolate just too nice, try this; for every egg, double the run time. You'll get fitter and be eating chocolate guilt free all Easter.



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

Athletics

Middle & Senior School Athletics Championships

Full details are available on the TAS website at:

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

Athletics events will be conducted, prior to the main day, after school on Monday 22 March, Tuesday 23 March and Monday 29 March (with Summer Photos on Wednesday 24 March). A full day of events will be conducted on Wednesday 31 March from 8:45am to 4:10pm. Information relating to the Championships, including the programs, can be accessed from the TAS website at www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/athletics.php

There will be no after-school sports trainings, for MS/SS summer sports, from Monday 22 March to the end of Term 1. During this time, athletics will be the sport for every boy. The TAS Athletics Championships is a mass-participation 'event' just like the Swimming Championships, and all boys are strongly encouraged to participate in all events on all days.

Note that while Athletics will be the sport for every boy during this period of time, boys involved in basketball and cricket competition games will still need to meet their commitments to these sports by playing in these games.

Boys are strongly encouraged to compete on all afternoons prior to the main day on March 31. Attendance on March 31 is compulsory. Participation in a minimum of the 100m and two field events is compulsory on the day, March 31. On the three afternoons prior to that, boys must compete in a minimum of two field events.

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

Scoring Points

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

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

Team Selections

These Championships will be used as a guide to select our athletics teams for the GPS (16 September), NCSA (17 August), and PSSA carnivals.

Dress

On the main day of events, and the days prior to the main day, boys are to wear their House polo shirt, or House athletics singlet, and navy TAS shorts. If socks are worn they must be white. If tracksuits are needed they must be TAS tracksuits. When not competing boys should wear a TAS cap, TAS bucket hat, TAS Akubra hat or Chappell-style cricket hat.

BBQ Lunch

On March 31, lunch will be provided for all boys (including day boys) and their parents from 12:15pm.

Soccer Clinic

The annual Amy Taylor soccer clinic will be held in Armidale from 12 to 14 April, for boys and girls of any ability aged 7 to 14 Years. Special guest coach for the 2010 clinic is Danielle Brogan, current Australian Women's player, and a member of the Sydney FC women's team that won the women's title late last year. Cost is \$95 per child, application forms are available from Armidale Sportspower, discounts apply for more than one family member, and scholarships are available for Indigenous or those children from non-english background. All inquiries to Steve McMillan 0409 663 674

Shooting Report – Spring Ridge

14 boys and 2 girls from NEGS attended the New England District Rifle Association prize shoot at Spring Ridge on Sunday 14th March. In warm and clear conditions all shooters found the fluky wind and mirage hard to judge keeping scores down. 6 of the 14 TAS shooters were new to competition shooting, acquitting themselves well on the day. 3 ranges were shot over the day. At 300 yds Hamish Turnbull was our best shooter with a 47 (possible 50) with 3 centre bulls-eyes. At 500 yds Jock Barnett shot 49-4, and at 600 yds Archie Munro shot 49-5. Overall, Archie Munro scored TAS' highest aggregate 143-10, followed by Hamish Turnbull 141-7 and Jock Barnett 139-9. It was pleasing to see the NEGS shooters perform well with Rowan McNaught winning C Grade and Tyro 144-11 and Casey James shooting well. Jock Barnett and Rowan McNaught also won the C Grade pairs competition.

A summary of the results from NCSA Swimming

The following Middle/Senior boys represented TAS at the NCSA swimming carnival at Ballina on Tuesday 2 March:

18 yrs: Tristan Glover (Captain), Nick Jones, Cooper Scoles

17 yrs: Timothy Pearson, Jonathan Paul, William Maunder

16 yrs: Harrison Grant, Harry Guest, Alexander Finney

15 yrs: Angus Brunsdon, Troy Rees

14 yrs: Jay Kennedy, Harry Lloyd, Matthew Haydon

13 yrs: Nicholas Finnet, William Raleigh, Daniel Allen, John Dennis

12 yrs (Secondary): Harry Wright, David Williams, Lachlan Apps, Michael Klepzig

12 yrs (Primary): Jack Parker, Michael Harris, Ben Moffatt

11 yrs (Primary): Harry Wright

Individual Championship Results

12 yrs (Secondary): Harry Wright, Runner-up

14 yrs: Jay Kennedy, Runner-up

17 yrs: Timothy Pearson, Champion; Jonathan Paul, Runner-up

13 yrs: William Raleigh, Runner-up

16 yrs: Harrison Grant, Equal Runner-up

18 yrs: Tristan Glover, Runner-up

Secondary School Pointscore

1st LAS 911 pts, 2nd BDC 748 pts, 3rd TAS 610 pts, 4th EAC 348 pts

This was a good result because this result was based on total points earned for both boys and girls events, so for TAS to come 3rd (without any girls) was evidence of a good team event.

CIS Swimming

Based on results at the NCSA carnival, (ie gaining 1st or 2nd in a Secondary event, including relays) the following Middle and Senior School boys were selected to compete in Sydney in the CIS Championships as part of the NCSA team (28 and 29 April)

12 yrs: Harry Wright, Michael Klepzig

14 yrs: Jay Kennedy

16 yrs: Harrison Grant, Harry Guest

18 yrs: Tristan Glover, Nick Jones

13 yrs: Nicholas Finney, William Raleigh

15 yrs: Angus Brunsdon

17 yrs: Timothy Pearson, Jonathan Paul, William Maunder

Summary of results from the Monckton Shield Swimming

The following Middle and Senior School boys represented TAS at The Combined Armidale Secondary Schools' Swimming Carnival which was held at the Monckton Aquatic Centre in Armidale on Thursday 4 March. The boys competed for The Monckton Shield.

17 yrs & over: Tristan Glover (Captain), Timothy Pearson, Jonathan Paul, William Maunder

16 yrs: Harrison Grant, Alexander Finney, Harry Guest

15 yrs: Angus Brunsdon, Alex Crees-Meldrum, Troy Rees

14 yrs: Jay Kennedy, Matthew Haydon

13 yrs: Nicholas Finney, William Raleigh, John Dennis, Daniel Allen

12 yrs (Secondary): David Williams, Harry Wright, Michael Klepzig

*Angus Brunsdon,
15 yrs Champion*



Results summary

Championships:

12 yrs: Champion, Harry Wright; Runner-up, Michael Klepzig

15 yrs: Champion, Angus Brunsdon

17 yrs & over: Champion, Timothy Pearson; Runner-up, Jonathan Paul

14 yrs: Champion, Jay Kennedy

16 yrs: Runner-up, Harrison Grant

Lewis Cup (for the senior boy swimmer, 16 yrs & over, who scores the most points): Timothy Pearson

Records broken:

Sub-junior 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay, William Raleigh, Daniel Allen, John Dennis, Nicholas Finney, 2.13.53 (Old record 2.17.28, 2006)

Overall:

Boys Hannah Shield for Relays: 1st TAS 48 pts 2nd; OCC 20pts 3rd; AHS 16pts 4th DHS 13pts

Monkton Shield:

1st TAS 332 pts

=2nd OCC 124 pts

=2nd DHS 124 pts

4th AHS 56 pts

PHOTOGRAPHS: Summer 2009/2010 Wednesday 24 March

| TIME | NAME OF PHOTO (comments) | VENUE |
|--------|---|------------|
| 1:15pm | Junior School Gymnastics | McConville |
| 1:22pm | Tennis: Yrs 5 & 6 | McConville |
| 1:28pm | Junior School Ball Skills | McConville |
| 1:34pm | Kanga Cricket | McConville |
| 1:40pm | Cricket U9 Tigers | McConville |
| 1:45pm | Cricket U9 Terriers | McConville |
| 1:50pm | Cricket U9 Typhoons | McConville |
| 1:55pm | Swimming: JS After School Squad | McConville |
| 2:01pm | Junior School Swimming Champions | McConville |
| 2:07pm | Primary Sch Swimming:NCSA/PSSA Team | McConville |
| 2:14pm | Swimming: NCSA Reps selected for CIS | McConville |
| 2:19pm | Basketball Yr 3/4 teams | McConville |
| 2:25pm | Basketball Yr 5 | McConville |
| 2:30pm | Touch Football: Primary | McConville |
| 3:00pm | Cricket U12s | McConville |
| 3:06pm | Basketball: Middle School Blue | McConville |
| 3:11pm | Basketball: Middle School Gold | McConville |
| 3:16pm | Basketball: Middle School Green | McConville |
| 3:23pm | Cricket U14s | McConville |
| 3:29pm | Cricket U13 Titans | McConville |
| 3:34pm | Cricket U13s Tucans | McConville |
| 3:40pm | Cricket U16 Terminators | McConville |
| 3:45pm | Cricket U16 Tigers | McConville |
| 3:50pm | Cricket U 16 Taipans | McConville |
| 3:56pm | Broughton House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 4:01pm | Ross House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 4:06pm | Green House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 4:12pm | Tennis 1st IV | McConville |
| 4:18pm | Tennis: Toowoomba/ Brisbane Tour | McConville |
| 4:24pm | Prefects | McConville |
| 4:30pm | Captains of Sport | McConville |
| 4:35pm | Cricket 2nd XI | McConville |
| 4:41pm | Cricket 1st XI | McConville |
| 4:47pm | Basketball 1st VIII | McConville |
| 4:52pm | Basketball 2nd VIII | McConville |
| 4:57pm | Basketball 3rd VIII (Buntine) | McConville |
| 5:02pm | Basketball Yr 9/10 Browne | McConville |
| 5:07pm | Basketball Yr 9/10 Taber | McConville |
| 5:12pm | Basketball Yr 9/10 Stayner | McConville |
| 5:18pm | Canoeing: Australian Championships Team | McConville |
| 5:23pm | Canoeing squad | McConville |
| 5:29pm | Swimming: NCSA Secondary & Monckton Shield Team | McConville |
| 5:35pm | Swimming: Middle & Senior School Age Champions | McConville |
| 5:40pm | Croft House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 5:45pm | Tyrrell House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 5:50pm | Abbott House Yr 12 | McConville |
| 5:55pm | GAPS | McConville |

TAS Family Ski Trip to Falls Creek in July Holidays

The TAS family ski trip is on again in the third week of the July break at the Falls Creek Country Club.

Full details at <http://www.as.edu.au/ski/fallscreek/>

DRESS for photos on Wednesday 24 March

Cricket: # U12s and above: white shirt, white trousers, white socks plus BLAZER

U9s and under to wear white shirt, white trousers or shorts, white socks
Note: 1st XI to include 1st XI caps

Prefects, Captains of Sport, and House Year 12s: No. 1 uniform, ie white shirt, grey trousers, grey socks, tie, blazer

Tennis: "TAS" polo tour shirt, blue shorts, white socks, joggers. 1st IV to wear '1st IV' shirts and bring your racquet.

Year 5 & 6 Touch: Yr 6: "TAS" sports polo shirt, navy shorts, white socks, joggers; Yr 5: Junior School PE uniform

Year 5 & 6 Tennis: Yr 6: "TAS" sports polo shirt, navy shorts, white socks, joggers; Yr 5: Junior School PE uniform

Junior School sports photos: Junior School PE uniform

Secondary School Swimming: Monckton & NCSA teams: TAS sports polo shirt, TAS tracksuit bottom, white socks, joggers

Middle/Senior School Age Swimming Champions: House polo shirt, TAS tracksuit bottom, white socks, joggers (this does not include runners-up)

Canoeing: "TAS" sports polo shirt, TAS tracksuit bottom, white socks, joggers

Basketball: navy basketball shorts or navy football/PE shorts, white socks, joggers, (basketball tops will be provided)

NOTE: Appropriate footwear must be worn with all photos.

Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster



Middle School Official Opening Celebration

Last Thursday, we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the official opening of Middle School. Mr Nash read to the boys some of the items from the time capsule and the boys thoroughly enjoyed listening to the predictions made 10 years ago. The boys will be writing their predictions for 10 years in the future which will be buried in a new time capsule which will be opened in the year 2020.

Middle School Scholarship Exams

It was pleasing to see such a large number of our current and visiting students and their families at the Middle School Scholarship examination day. We would like to express our thanks to the boys who sat for these exams and wish them well with their test results. We look forward to welcoming a large number of these boys and their families to our Middle School next year. Our thanks to Mrs Pip Warrick and Miss Anna Ireland for their time in organising this event.

Middle School Social

The first Middle School social of the year will be hosted by TAS on Friday, 19 March at the Memorial Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. There will be a charge of \$5 per student, which will be debited to your school account.

Excursion Week

The program for the Year 6 week at Mosman Prep (Sydney), the Year 7 excursion to Emu Gully Outdoor Educational Centre at Pindarri Dam and the Year 8 Creative Arts/Culture in Sydney are nearing completion. Details of these excursions occurring during Week 2 of term 2, will be sent to parents as soon as all travel plans and cost have been finalised.

Rangers Activities Day 3 – Thursday 25 & Friday 26 March

Note:

1. Rangers are to wear their Ranger clothes to school on Thursday.
2. Rangers are to put all equipment/clothing not being worn into their Rangers bag and carry their sleeping bag.

Dress: Rangers shirt, Rangers hat, Blue jeans, Belt, Joggers and socks

To Bring:

Rangers backpack, Rangers water-bottle, (full) Warm jumper, Raincoat, Note book and pen, Personal medication, Torch, Cup (suitable for soup). Knife, fork & spoon Thermal Singlet (or T-shirt), Beanie, Sleeping bag in stuff-sack, Swimmers, Towel, Spare socks, undies, Toiletries bag, Handkerchief

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| Timings | | |
| Thursday | 3:30/1530 hrs – Roll Call, Gear Check 4:00/1600 hrs – Embus for immediate departure. | |
| Friday | 3:00/500 hrs – Return to TAS, Roll Call, Debrief 3:30/1530 hrs – Dismissal | |
| Meals | Provided * Do not supply extra food | |
| Activities | Overnight Bivouac at Mr Harris's property Field hygiene | Cooking with 24 hr Ration Packs. Night vision and night movement. Trekking – Mt Yarrowych Bathing at Yarrowych Crossing picnic site |

Ask Your Son

If your son is in Year 8 Boydell;

Last week Year 8B handed in their Geography research on the recent disasters in Haiti or Chile. Ask your son what they had to research and what they discovered. The second part to the assignment asked them imagine how Sydney would cope with a similar natural disaster. Ask your son what suggestions they have for making Australians prepared.

Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 17 March

Saturday 20 March

Monday 22 March

Wednesday 24 March

Friday 26 March

Tuesday 30 March

Wednesday 31 March

Monday 19 April

Tuesday 20 April

Year 4 Assembly

Athletics Field Events

St Patrick's Day

Hoskins Centre 1st Birthday

Transition and Kindergarten Learn to Swim only

Kindergarten Assembly

Summer Sports Photos 2010

NSW CIS Swimming in Sydney

Activities Day 3 – Languages

Junior School Athletics Carnival

Transition Easter Assembly

Term ends 3.30pm

Staff Return

Classes Resume

Happy Birthday

This week we wish a very happy birthday to Isabella and Sophia Rutledge.

Activities Day 2

Last Friday 12 March Junior School students participated in two field events that would count toward the athletics carnival to be held in the last week of term. Depending on the age group, the students were involved in long jump, discus and shot put. Although the weather was not at its best, the students still enjoyed the day with some great performances. We are looking forward to the athletics carnival and if this activities day is any indication, the students will have a great day.

Mr Tim Hadfield



Aiden Rogers-Ellis attempting the shot put

Armidale Show

We have been informed of more children who received awards at the Armidale Show, Congratulations to everyone on such a successful Show a fabulous effort and to those students who put in an entry, well done on taking part.

Ruby Straker

Most Outstanding Exhibit– Junior 8 yrs & Under– Artwork

Jack Waters

1st prize for his Anzac Biscuits and overall Best Exhibit for his section

Lucy Ball

pastel camera – 2nd prize

Sara Evans

1st 9 –11 yrs – Drawing

Olivia Strelitz

1st place in age division Pottery

Jess Chambers

1st Junior drawing, 2nd Junior painting

Tristan Dilweg

3rd place – miniatures – 10 – 15 yrs

Daniel Jackson

1st Diorama – 10 – 15 yrs

Georgia Hutton

3rd Scrapbooking and Highly Commended Scrapbooking – 9 – 11 yrs

Sebastian Scott

Highly commended Origami – Junior

Phoebe SlackSmith

Reserve Champion and 2nd place 9 – 11 yrs drawing

Amber Strelitz

2nd place in age division Pottery

Sean Niemeyer

2nd place for his whip cracking in the 12 years and under section. Well done.

Michael Paull competed at the Armidale Show on the Friday only and did remarkably well. We would like to congratulate Michael on his outstanding success. Results are as follows:

7 & Under 9 Years Bending Race – 1st Place with a time of 12.91s – 2nd fastest time over all age groups including the Open category

7 & Under 9 Years Barrel Race – 1st Place

7 & Under 9 Years Boy Rider – 2nd Place

Pair of Ponies – 2nd Place

Hack 12h and not exceeding 13h – 2nd Place

7 & Under 9 Years Flag Race – 3rd Place riding

7 & Under 9 Years Pony Club Mount – 3rd Place

Summer Sport Photos

These will be taken Wednesday 24 March at the McConville Centre. Please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform to wear for the sport they were involved with.

Junior School PE uniform

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Junior School Sport – Mrs Kirsty Brunson

CIS Swimming

A late notification that the Junior girls relay team were also successful in getting through to CIS Swimming by placing 3rd at Ballina. The team consisted of Georgia Hutton, Daisy and Claudia Meehan and Lucy Fenwicke. We wish Lucy all the best when she goes to CIS for her five individual events and look forward to hearing of her successes down there.

Netball

The Netball competition begins this Saturday. All those students who nominated Netball in their winter sports form are included in the team. All were given registration notes yesterday – Monday – to return to school as soon as possible. This Saturday, as it is Autumn Festival, the games have been moved back an hour. TAS Titans are in the Primary Two division and are playing at 1:20pm against the Sapphires. Please let Mrs Trenerry know if you are unavailable for this Saturday's game. The draw can be found on the Armidale District Netball Association website under Draw and then Primary Two. You need to have your blue culottes, not shorts, and white TAS Shirt for this weekend. Later in the term if you could purchase the white shirt used by Middle School, with the blue collar, from the clothing pool that would be great. Mrs Trenerry will be continuing to coach the team this year.

Sports Training (for the remainder of term)

Week 8 and 9

On Tuesdays we will be doing rotational athletic field events again for training. All are welcome to attend and all current students enrolled in a sport will attend unless they have a note to excuse them. Gymnastics and Tennis will continue to operate these weeks. Sport will be as normal on Thursdays as Basketball still needs to train for their competition and Touch still have scheduled games.

Week 10 No sport due to Athletics carnival being on Tuesday 30th March

TAS White/TAS Blue– Mini Basketball

Last week at training the children were chomping at the bit to prepare their team for this week's game. Yes, TAS Blue and TAS White played against each other last night.

It was a nail biting game until the end. With 5 minutes to go, both teams were 30 all. TAS Blue unfortunately got a foul, giving Dan Lethbridge the opportunity to shoot a basket and put his team in the lead. Sam Wright, Lucy Fenwicke, Sam Jeyakumar, James Hutchinson, Jack Cregan and Dan Lethbridge contributed to baskets. While Nicholas Bohlsen, Chris Ramazani, Lachlan Alford, and Lachlan Wood worked tirelessly intercepting and achieving many jump balls.

This game truly demonstrated the improved ability of both teams. We saw some excellent intercepting, short, sharp passes, long distance passes and the ability to work the floor as a team. From improved communication and floor work, it gave the players an opportunity to find the best position for shooting baskets, resulting in improved accuracy. The level of game has improved and it is exciting to watch the significant growth in all players.

Ms Bromwich

Touch Report

Despite being down several of our regular players the TAS Touch team played a highly skilled game. It was nice to see the ball being passed evenly amongst our Year 5 and Year 6 boys. Daniel Jackson is to be commended for playing with consistency– he made several wonderful attempts at scoring a try and did not give up. A special thank you to Tom Peters who filled in for the boys who were unable to attend, he played a great game and scored 3 tries. Tom Cunningham, Matthew Cox and Sean Neimeyer also played extremely well and were able to effectively pass the ball out to the wings. I was impressed with how well Tristan Dilweg attempted to 'touch' the opposition and with his increased determination when doing so. Well done on a great game boys!

Mrs Waters

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