

# TAS TALKS # 10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 10 – Wednesday 22 September 2010

House on Duty is Croft – ah 0439 026 748

## Headmaster – Murray Guest



### GPS Athletics

Our athletes competed at the GPS Athletics Championships at Homebush last Saturday and their efforts were impressive, with some good places and many achieving personal bests. This is a big day for our athletes and a wonderful experience to compete at the Sydney Olympics venue in front of a crowd of well over 5,000 and it is no surprise that this energy-charged environment inspired our team, with many achieving personal bests. Most importantly though, I received compliments from parents and staff of other schools on the sportsmanship and competitiveness of the TAS team right through the day. This is what events like the GPS Championships are all about and why we value them so much.



*Joe Makeham on his way to winning the 1500m championship at GPS*

### School Survey

I offer thanks to the many families that took the time to complete our school survey. We have had the highest response rate of any school that Macquarie Marketing Group has dealt with and this is very pleasing. The responses are now being collated by MMG and they will report back to the School at the end of October. I expect that a report on the key findings will be available for the school community before the end of next term.

### Year 12 Farewell

This week we formally farewell our senior year through their final assembly, house functions, Valedictory Day and their Formal. This is an important and perhaps emotional time for them as they finish their school years and I wish each of them well for the week.

# Weekly Calendar – Wednesday 15 September - Friday 25 September

## Wednesday 22 September

- Year 11 Work Placement– Primary Industries
- 11.30am Year 12 Boarders leave for the coast  
Year 12 Day boys leave school
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer

## Thursday 24 September

- Year 11 Work Placement– Primary Industries
- 10.15am Year 12 Farewell Cake with staff
- 12.30pm Year 12 Farewell Lunch on Chapel Lawn for parents and boys
- 1.35pm Students line drive and Year 12 process
- 1.45pm Final Assembly – boys only
- 3.30pm Classes conclude for Term  
Year 12 House Dinners

## Friday 25 September

- Boarder buses depart
- Valedictory Day**
- 10.15am Morning tea on Chapel Lawn Year 12 students and their family
- 11.15am Valedictory Service in Memorial Hall
- 12.30pm Valedictory Lunch in Dining Hall and Prize Giving Ceremony  
Year 12 Formal

## Holiday Activities

- 25 Sept–4 Oct Fiji Pilgrimage
- 1–9 Oct Hichinbrook Expedition
- 1–16 Oct International RS Conf, Thailand
- 5–8 Oct 1st XI Cricket preseason – Sydney
- 8–10 Oct TAS HSC Study Camp

## Chaplain

### 1 Corinthians 13 Service

Fiji, a country synonymous with turquoise seas, resorts and friendly service, not to mention some very large human beings who love their rugby.



At the end of this week thirty plus students and staff will head to Fiji but in this case they will not go to be served pina coladas while sunbaking on a deck chair, but to serve.

Many of you students have been before; many of you will hope to go in the future. To those who have never been they go to serve the community that is St Christopher's home. They may clean, weed, build, paint, cook, read, teach, share, and play – all in the name of service.

Why do they bother? Some would say that it makes you feel good to serve others – and it does, but if that were the sole reason for partaking in this trip, the only people they would be serving would be themselves. However, we do it in the name of love. They listen hard to the school lesson and respond. We do not serve in a vacuum, with no motivating principle. As the reading says if we give all we have to the poor and even surrender our bodies to the flames, it is still an annoying, clanging noise and nothing will be gained if this is done without love.

So we imitate Christ himself and we seek the interests of others. This may mean that they end up doing underwhelming activities, but if that serves the community, if that's what they need, they have acted in love – they will have truly served. People may not even be able to tell what you did, but that's service.

This characteristic that must define our school. Not just for the few who are privileged enough to go on one of these trips, but for all of us. We can act in this same way every day and in every moment. It does not matter whether you are in class, on the sporting field, at home, in the house, on the bus or in the lunch line. To put others first is to acknowledge that Christ first loved us and gave his life for our sake.



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

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

## RazzamaTAS Fete

This years Fete on Saturday, 30 October is our final fund raiser for the year. It will be upon us very quickly once Term 4 commences. All the year group stalls have been decided and if you wish to help please get in touch with your Liaison parents.

It is always a great day so please come along and enjoy the festive atmosphere, the entertainment, the bargain stalls, the emporium and superb cuisine on offer.

- Lucky Dips – Transition
- Tombolas – Kindergarten
- Face Painting – Year 1
- Sand Art – Year 2
- Cakes and Treats – Year 3 and 4
- Lob a Choc – Year 5
- White Elephant and Second Hand Books – Year 6/7/8
- Plant Stall – Year 9
- Long Breakfast – Year 10
- Gourmet Pizza and Country Café – Year 11
- Pre Loved Childrens Clothes – Carol Chambers/Sandra Grant
- Old Boys – BBQ
- Vintage Car Rides
- Pancakes or Waffles – Croft House
- Fresh Juices and Drinks – Tyrrell House
- Emporium – Mindy McDouall
- Chocolate Wheel – Angus McDouall

## White Elephant Stall at the Fete



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

## Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday, 17 November and is a very important date on the TAS calendar. The most important agenda item on the night will be the election of a new executive. The current executive are all standing down and not seeking re-election. If you are interested in taking on a position with the P&F you are welcome to discuss your role with any members of the current executive.

**This Friday is the Valedictory Day for Year 12. We congratulate them on their time at the school and wish them well in their HSC exams next term and their future away from TAS.**



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

Contributions of potted plants - last year's contributions were great and we hope 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 6772 6771 about when and where to drop off your plants!! Many thanks for your anticipated fabulous contributions!! Sally Spillane



## Recycled Clothing Stall

—especially children's 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 after school care room in Junior School. Please contact Carol Chambers on 6775 1221 or Sandra Grant on 6775 1939.

# Technology and Trade Training Centre

## Small Holdings Course

Do you have a small holding or are thinking of purchasing one? Then this series of courses is for you. Noted rural expert, Rick Molesworth will instruct you in the things to look for when buying or managing a rural acreage ranging from:

- Soil type
- Water catchment
- Pasture
- Crops, orchards and vines
- Grazing animal and stock rates
- Fencing
- Animal husbandry
- Care and purchase of machinery
- Financial issues



The course is particularly suited to small holdings between 5 and 100 acres .

Starting on Sunday, September 26, we visit two properties, one of 40 acres and the other just over 5 acres. Both have different soil types and water catchment and are in different stages of development. You will see a small vineyard, olive grove, poly tunnel and vegie gardens, orchard and various watering systems.

The day starts at 10.30 am with participants meeting in Brown St at TAS. A short bus ride takes us to our first location near Invergowrie where we spend some time exploring a large block and discussing possible farming enterprises. We then move on to our second property for a BBQ lunch and glass of wine. We tour the block and return to TAS by 2.30pm. The second Sunday has a similar theme with two new and different properties chosen from participants of the first day. It is planned for the first Sunday of Term 4, October 17.

For further details or to make a booking, contact Gaye Piper at: [gpiper1@as.edu.au](mailto:gpiper1@as.edu.au) or phone 0410 924 191

Payment required by the Friday before each farm day.

## General Notices



### LAST CHANCE TO BOOK FOR THE TAS HSC STUDY CAMP 8-10 OCTOBER, 2010

TAS will again host a study camp at the end of the Term 3 holidays (Friday 8 October through to and including Sunday 10 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 an RSA Course (Responsible Service of Alcohol) will be conducted on Thursday 7 October, 2010 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.

### Important Reminder for Year 8 and Year 10 Students and Parents

In order to prepare class lists for 2011, parents are asked to please return 2011 subject choices for their son.

If you are unable to resolve a clash or you need more advice, then please contact Meg Sadler for an appointment with the Director of Studies, Mr Peter Hall.

[msadler@as.edu.au](mailto:msadler@as.edu.au) or (02) 6776 5805

Signed and dated forms may be scanned/emailed, faxed to 6776 5830 or dropped in to Reception.

## 2010 Business Studies and Economics Competition

Several boys achieved excellent results in the 2010 Business Studies and Economics competition held early in Term 2. Both competitions are run by the University of New South Wales' School of Business and Economics, and TAS students have a history of doing well in both tests.

High Distinctions were awarded to students who achieved a mark higher than 95%, and Distinctions were awarded to students who achieved higher than 85%.

In Business Studies, Luke Styles (Year 12), Peter Lynn (Year 12) and Joel Monckton (Year 12) all achieved Distinctions.

In Economics, Callum Dillon (Year 11) and Ben Brunckhorst (Year 11) achieved High Distinctions. Callum came in the top 2% of the state, and earlier this term travelled to Sydney to receive a monetary prize of \$100 at an awards ceremony hosted by Price Waterhouse Coopers. Oliver Smith (Year 12), Jonathon Paul and Angus Begg all received Distinctions.

Congratulations to the above mentioned students.

## Thanks from Jonathan Paul

Thank you very much to those who completed my geography survey a few weeks ago. It was of great success (267 responses). If you are interested in receiving the detailed responses, please send me an email and I will send a group email within the next week (with the results attached).

## LOST

### Binoculars

If any one has picked up a pair of black binoculars or may know their whereabouts, that were misplaced at Malpas Dam boat shed on Sunday, 22 August (day after the election) during Hawkesbury training could they please return to or advise Mr Peter Hall or David and Angus Trenerry. Thank you.

### Akubra

Mitchell Green has lost his Akubra – could students please do a final check before going on holidays.

### Senior School Blazer

Lachlan Stuerzl has lost a senior school blazer – has his name it. Lost at Croft House – please return to Croft or Reception

## Clothing Shop - Vivienne Tearle

Summer Uniforms will not be available in the Clothing Shop until Monday 6 September as the new shipment has not yet arrived. Parents are reminded that the Clothing Shop hours are: Monday and Wednesdays between 1:30pm – 5:30pm, and Fridays between 1:30pm and 5:00pm.

During the upcoming school holidays, the Clothing Shop will be open on Wednesday 6 October only. Parents are free to drop into the shop, anytime between 9.00am and 5.00pm on this day.

However, we encourage you not to wait until the school holidays to finalise your child's summer uniform requirements. Please consider dropping in to the Clothing Shop sometime during the last three weeks of Term 3.

## Counsellor's Corner – Rob Hadfield



End of term!!! Of course, the idea of chunks of time, like 'terms', is a human construction. It helps us to order our lives and to build a sense of structure, sequence and progression. It also helps us punctuate our lives so that we can tell stories of our experiences, positioning them in time and place. In naturalistic terms, one day succeeds another. However, humans are meaning-making creatures and so we construct another, narrative reality within which to live our lives.

Punctuating the flow of our experience enables us to stand back and view our experiences with an eye to explanation, hypothesizing cause and effect, and developing a sense of past, present and future. This capacity enables us to reflect on our own experiences learn from them and shape them, 'moving forward' (to coin a phrase!!). In turn, this helps us integrate our lives and to develop some self-understanding.

So here we are, at the end of term. Another cohort of Year 12 leaves us to 'begin' the 'next chapter' of their stories. Year 11 'begins' its 'final' year. Year 10 moves towards the 'transition' to senior studies. And so it goes on. In summary, talking about this can help our kids construct meanings around their school experience, to see it as more than a succession of days without shape, and by talking it through, to become story-tellers. Telling our stories is to engage in meaning-making processes that in turn, assist the development of a sense of self.

## Musical Notes – Nik Glass



11.00am and 2.00pm  
Sunday 24 October, Lazenby Hall, UNE

### Concert Ticket Purchases

Tickets are now on sale for 'New England Sings!' As there are only 1100 tickets available for both concerts and 900 performers, THESE CONCERTS WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY. AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ORDER TICKETS NOW.

The booking form was attached to last week's TASTalks. Return it to the Music Department **no later than 23 September**. Ticket purchases can be charged to your TAS school account. Please direct any enquiries to Karen Hutton at TAS Music, ph. 67765890.

### Grease

I am pleased to announce that TAS, in conjunction with NEGS and PLC, will stage Grease in 2011. Performances will take place around the last weekend of Term 1. Auditions for Grease will take place on Thursday 14 October (Term 4, week 1) from 3:30pm until 5pm in the Music Centre. Students in Middle School and Senior School are invited to audition for any role (chorus or principal). Audition requirements include a performance piece from the show itself – Grease Lightning, We go Together, Summer Nights etc or a piece of your choice that shows off your range and vocal technique. Rehearsals for Grease will take place every Monday afternoon from 5.00 to 8:00pm. We look forward to welcoming students to auditions next term. For further information about the production please contact Mr Glass – [nglass@as.edu.au](mailto:nglass@as.edu.au)

### Term 4 Instrumental Tuition

If your child is discontinuing tuition in Term 4 please notify Karen Hutton ([khutton@as.edu.au](mailto:khutton@as.edu.au)) by Friday this week. In all other cases, students currently learning an instrument at TAS will be automatically scheduled into Term 4 tuition.

## Careers – Trevor Thatcher



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

### UNSW – Medicine Rural Students Entry Scheme

Closing date for the Rural Students Entry Scheme (RSES) into Medicine at UNSW is 30 September 2010. Information can be found at: <http://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/rcsweb.nsf/page/Application>

### Year 12s – University Applications

Mr Thatcher has the UAC Guide 2011 (University Admission Centre for NSW) and Queensland's QTAC

**Educational Access Scheme (EAS)** – for UAC applicants who've experienced long-term educational disadvantage as a result of circumstance beyond their control or choosing. Applications from Mr Thatcher by 30 September.

**Equity Scholarships** – UAC applicants to assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. Applications from Mr Thatcher by 30 September.

**Key NSW university application dates are as follows:**

**Thursday 30 September – applications close**

Year 12 should make their University applications now and apply for the scholarships offered. One to consider is the Hawker Scholarship – <http://www.hawkerscholarship.org>

### Uni Residential Accommodation

Students need to apply separately from their uni application for college accommodation. Please check out uni websites for their accommodation options and application procedures.

### Year 12 Parents – Careers Website

Parents are encouraged to use the Australian Government careers information service: <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/> when researching occupations and courses for their sons.

### ATAR Bonus Points

Check out the website: <http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/> for ATAR bonus points offered by universities.



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

### Summary of TAS Results at GPS Athletics

Congratulations to all boys on their efforts at GPS Athletics.

Especially well done to Joe Makeham, Matthew Rassmussen and Thom Martin who gained places in events. Joe set a new TAS record in the U13 1500m event. Matthew set a new TAS record in the U14 Hurdles. A full list of all results is available at the following website:

<http://portals.studentnet.edu.au/sports/uploads/DocArchive/DOCARC0002997.html>

### The boys who gained places:

# Joe Makeham: 1st 1500m, 4 mins 37.2 sec (a new TAS record)

# Matthew Rassmussen: 3rd hurdles, 13.91 sec (a new TAS record)

# Thom Martin: 2nd 800m, 2 min 04.2 sec and  
3rd 400m, 53.28 sec

## Information for TAS boys in Years 8 to 11

### Subject: Schools' Mixed TOUCH Football Competition

# There will be a Schools' Mixed Touch Football Competition starting in week 2 of term 4 14 and continuing in term 1, 2011. Mixed teams from TAS/NEGS/PLC, Duval High School and O'Connor Catholic College will play in the comp.

# It will be played on Wednesday afternoons at the Rologas Ovals with games in in two time slots, 4:00pm and 4:40pm

### Competition Structure:

# Students in Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 from TAS, NEGS and PLC will form teams in four Divisions (with 5 mixed teams from these schools in each division):

– Senior A and Senior B: with students from Years 10 & 11

– Junior A and Junior B: with students from Years 8 & 9

# Each team will comprise 3 NEGS girls, 3 PLC girls and 3 TAS boys. There will be 4 girls and 2 boys on the field at any one time

# The Sports Co-ordinators at TAS (Mr Lincoln), NEGS and PLC will rank players and determine the makeup of each team. You will not get to choose which team you are in or who you will play with. Mr Lincoln will do this. Teams will be put together in such a way that, hopefully, all teams in a division will be of similar standard

# In the Senior Division, the 15 top ranked TAS players will be in Division A. The next ranked 15 players will be in Division B. The same will be done for the Junior Division

# There is only 'room' for 30 TAS boys in the Senior Division and 30 in the Junior Division.

### If boys wish to play:

#### Things to consider:

# If you are not ranked in the top 30 players in each division then, I'm sorry, but there will not be a spot for you

# If you play Touch, this may impact on your participation in your other TAS sport(s), ie it may mean you have to delete your TAS 1(B) sport or your TAS Extra Sport if you are doing one.

# Cost will be \$40 for the season

### ACTION NEEDED FROM BOYS:

If you wish to nominate to play, send me an email (stating your name and year) preferably by the end of this term, but definitely no later than the first Thursday of Term 4 (ie 14 October).

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# ARMIDALE REGIONAL CRICKET CLINIC SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29

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



### From the Head of Middle School

With the term drawing to a conclusion I wish to thank our students' parents for their ongoing support of our middle school and involvement in their sons' education. During Term 3 we had the pleasure of meeting a number of prospective students and their families and look forward to welcoming them into the TAS family next year. On behalf of the Middle School staff we wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to our students returning with renewed energy.

### Fiji – St Christopher's Orphanage

Some of our Year 8 students will be traveling to Fiji during the holidays to provide help at St Christopher's Orphanage. They will be doing a number of service activities while they are in Fiji, which include: Doing service work around St Christopher's Home – this usually includes activities like general maintenance, painting, gardening etc. Teaching lessons in a local Primary School – the boys will be in groups to do this with children from Kindergarten up to Year 8. Spending time with children from the Home and in particular, a buddy whom they will be allocated to.

We wish the following students a safe and rewarding time whilst in Fiji:

Harry Lloyd, Will Monie, Duncan Carmichael, Will Smith, Matthew Rasmussen, Jack Simmons, Nicholas Murray, Pierce Hayden, Joel Blackwell, Jay Kennedy, Zac Collins-Widders, Hamish McPhie, Cameron Norbury, Ben Hutchison, Will Murray, John Dennis, Harrison Abey, George Berry, Jackson Shearer and Tyrell Champion. We would like to thank Rev. Newton and Mr Spencer for organizing this wonderful opportunity for the boys.

### Year 12 Valedictory

On the last day of this term, Thursday 23 September Middle School boys will be lining the drive for the procession of the Year 12s. Please ensure all boys wear their formal uniform and have their Akubras.

### Term 4 Bivouac

The Rangers will be participating in a 3-day over-night bivouac at West Kunderang in Week 5, Term 4.

Depart: 1:15pm Sunday 14th November mini bus depart TAS

Return: 3:30pm Tuesday, 16th November mini bus

- Equipment:      1.      Standard Rangers dress and equipment.
- Required:        2.      Sleeping bag; Light weight cup, plate and kfs set; Tea towel;  
Swimmers and towel; Collared short sleeve shirt; Spare socks;  
Torch; Toiletries; Sunscreen; Insect repellent; Old joggers for water activities.
3.      Personal medication.

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

Food:      TAS Ration Pack and fruit.

Staff:      P Voysey, R McCarthy, R Pollard, B Monley, N Druce,  
                 S Robinson.

If you do not wish your son to attend the Ranger's Bivouac to West Kunderang, please notify either Mrs McCarthy, Mr Voysey or Mr Dempster by the 1st November.

The Year 7 and 8 cadets will be participating in a two day bivouac on Monday 15th November and Tuesday 16 November.

### Student Contributions

Topic: Students should/n't use computers before school, at recess and at lunch.

Affirmative exposition by Will Brissett Year 6

#### My Exposition

I think students should be able to use their laptops before school, during recess and at lunch because it would prevent injuries, you would be able to finish your homework, watch educational videos and students would be given more choices of things to do in their spare time.

Students should be able to use their laptops before school, during recess and at lunch because it would prevent injuries. For example, if you were playing a game of touch rugby at lunch time and you slipped and injured your knee or even worse broke your knee you would not be able to play sport on the weekend.

Also you would be able to finish your homework which will prevent you from getting detentions for not finishing your homework. If you do not have internet at home and you do not get enough time in class you may not have enough time to finish your homework and you could get a detention. Also your homework will be finished before you go home which gives you all the time to play games, go on Facebook or play outside.

Using your laptops before school, during recess and at lunch means you would be able to watch educational videos to build your confidence with school work and increase your learning. The benefits of this are for example, to be able to practise for a maths or spelling test, or even improve your typing by playing Typing Tournament.

Finally students would be able to choose to do all of the above before school, during recess or lunch and this would help students to make the right choices about what they should do in their spare time.

In conclusion students should be able to use their laptop before school, during recess and at lunch time because it means better and more use of the computers while increasing their learning, prevents injuries and gives students another choice of something to do in their spare time.

Negative exposition by Robbie Puller Year 6

### **My Exposition**

I think students shouldn't be able to use their laptops before school and during recess and lunch at school.

Students shouldn't be able to use their laptops at lunch, recess and before school because they will often use illegal websites and download games, movies and songs illegally. That means the makers of the games and songs and movies are not getting paid for their works.

Students can get lots of fresh air and exercise for their body if they are running around outside playing with each other. They will get very lazy and unhealthy if they stay inside most of the time which can lead to many diseases and unhappy lives.

If students are on their laptops they do not talk to other people and socialize. They don't learn useful skills if they don't socialize with other people like their friends, their peers, teachers and their family.

Finally students are on their laptops a lot in normal class time so when they go on at lunch, recess or before school they will get tired and their eyes may feel painful and they also might get blurry.

### **Football Grand Final**

#### **U12s Div 2, TAS Tomahawks vs Norths**

As the game started with our touch we were speeding this game up. We only just missed our shots and crosses by Harry Mackenzie and myself. The crowd was going wild as many parents, school friends and teachers were all watching.

Unfortunately our missing by the tiniest bit lost some spirit into some of our players, until Alex Bouulus suddenly saw the ball, went up, got it and scored the first goal!

At half time Mr Bouulus (the coach) gave us a very important talk, which indeed changed the score. Ross Monie scored the first goal of the second half, and then Alex scored two more! We still tried our hardest to get more goals, but it was just too hard for the opportunities we got at the end.

Today was the best game I've seen our backs play. Lachlan Apps, Jack Parker and Adam Jenkyn were awesome, but I reckon the best player of the game was Fraser Smith for his perfect timing for jockeying. Robbie Pullar has improved a lot on controlling the ball and has shown it in the game. If you had a look at Jack Kaynes at the start of the season and now you would have seen a big improvement in his soccer skills. Matt Cox is excellent with his footwork and has also shown his skill with everyone else, but his strong footwork is the more obvious. Andrew Spokes is a very good player and has improved a lot on his skills of soccer like footwork and more. Will Brisset is a fantastic goalkeeper! He's only let a few in this year. It must be hard being a goalkeeper protecting the goal when a player on the other team gets through everyone. I think I have improved on my speed, control, scoring goals and definitely height of kicking the ball. My little brother Luke, or as the team calls him little Evo, has played for our team 3 times this season starting off as a sub at the games. At the grand final Luke almost had the chance too score. He only had one player to get past, but just couldn't do it. I don't know everything that our team has improved at, but I know it's way more than I've listed on our players.

The coaches, Francis and Mr Bouulus have made us work really hard. Even though people found it hard to train on Tuesday (fitness with Francis as the team calls it) we got past it and won the grand final 4-0! Without Mr Bouulus and Francis our team wouldn't be as skilful. I hope everyone in this team will keep playing soccer.

Thank you to everyone who came and watched us this season.

Jack Evans



# Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



## Looking Ahead

Wednesday 22 September

Year 5 excursion to Uralla

Year 5 Assembly

Thursday 23 September

Last day of Term 3

Simon Kennedy Year 5 prac teacher finishes

Year 4 to Saumarez Homestead 9–11.30am

12.45pm Early Lunch for Junior School

Year 3,4,5 students to wear formals –lining the drive for Year 12

Sunday 3 October

Day Light Saving starts

Monday 11 October

Staff Day

Tuesday 12 October

Term 4 classes commence

Transition class Tuesday to Friday this week

Sport Training begins

## From the Head of Junior School

Term 3 is about to finish and we wish all our families a wonderfully healthy and happy break from school routine. Thank you for the support you have given us in our work with your children – the children are the ultimate beneficiaries and a strong partnership between parents and teachers aids their success.

Letters were sent home with all children last week containing information about end-of-year excursions. They are such a wonderful way to finish the year and a great highlight for both teachers and children.

Kindergarten will be enjoying an overnight camp at the school, Year 1 and 2 are off to Coffs Harbour, Year 3, 4 to Lake Keepit and Year 5 go to Myuna Bay.

We will look forward to welcoming your children back for Term 4 on Tuesday 12 October.

Mrs Lou Forsythe

## Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to Sinclair Moore, Oscar McBean and Lily Graham who celebrate their birthday this week

We also wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday during the holidays: Cotter Litchfield, Kathleen McPhie, James Hutchison, Harry Mackenzie, Brayden Hadfield, Rachael Kenrick and Daniel Ramazani.

## Formals on Thursday 23 September

Years 3,4 & 5 will join all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Could all Year 3, 4 and 5 students please wear their formal uniforms on this day please?

## Uniform for Term 4

As the weather is so variable at the change of season, children may wear either their summer or winter uniform for the first two weeks of term. From Monday 25 October, all children will wear their summer uniform.

## 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.

## ICAS Science Competition Results

This year our children achieved the best results we have had with 51% of children receiving a Credit certificate or higher. Our congratulations are extended to the following students on their wonderful ICAS Science results:

High Distinction – Kieran Dennis, Nick Bohlsen.

Distinction – Duncan Chalmers, Henry Claridge, Tom Costello, Jasper Leoni, Daisy Meehan, Stephen Smith, Archie Stacy, Brayden Hadfield, Nick Moar, Hannah van Roy, Jessica Chambers, Tristan Dilweg, Sinclair Moore and Samuel Thatcher.

Credit – Michael Harrell, Phebe Hunt, Henry O'Neill, Lachlan Alford, Harry Graham, Amelia Newton, Alexander Smith, Amber Strelitz, Xavier Tonkin, Nathan van Duijnhoven, Sam Wright, Olivia Fenwicke, Charles Henzell, James Murphy, Sean Niemeyer, Henry Perrottet, Sebastian Scott, Phoebe Slack-Smith, Emily Sole, Tildy Waterson, Thomas Wright and David Wu.

And to all the children who participated, well done, these are some of the best results we have ever achieved.

## ICAS English Competition Results

English results were also impressive with 48% of our children receiving a Credit or higher. Congratulations to the following children on their wonderful achievements:

High Distinction – Kieran Dennis

Distinction – Phebe Hunt, Nathan van Duijnhoven, Jessica Chambers, Tristan Dilweg, Sinclair Moore and Emily Sole.

Credit – Henry Claridge, Callum Ferguson, Brayden Hadfield, Daisy Meehan, Henry O’Neil, Stephen Smith, Archie Stacy, Lachlan Alford, Nick Bohlsen, James Hutchison, Sam Jeyakumar, Dan Lethbridge, Nick Moar, Amelia Newton, Alexander Smith, Dimity Tearle, Xavier Tonkin, Hannah van Roy, Olivia Fenwicke, Ziggy Harris, Charles Henzell, Sebastian Scott, Phoebe Slack-Smith, Sam Thatcher, and David Wu.

## **The Waterhole**

The Hoskins Theatre was alive with animals on Wednesday as the Junior School students recognised The Year of Biodiversity in a concert inspired by Graeme Base’s fascinating picture book, “The Waterhole”. A cleverly written script by Mr Alex Portell seamlessly linked each item. As the audience followed the journey of seven adventurous frogs around the globe, they were treated to a spectacular array of music and dance from each class. Our most precious resource, water, dwindled away as the frogs hopped their way around the continents. As the rain fell at the end, the waterways filled, a happy bunch of frogs called the children back to sing a beautiful finale – Evergreen, Everblue.

The Waterhole production was a huge team effort and we thank everyone who helped from our supportive music staff, to our dependable stage and lighting crew, the efficient administration staff, our hard working Junior School Staff and most importantly our wonderful children.

Kirsty Brunsdon, Alex Portell and Anne Trenerry

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our fundraiser this term. Years 2W and 4 will complete this fund raiser this week, finalising all boxes, labelling and packing them so they can be sent over the holiday period. We are very proud to know that we will be giving joy to 36 young children this Christmas.

Well done everyone.

Mrs Christine Wright and Mrs Veronica Waters

## **Parent Help Please**

We are looking for kind parents to donate their time, to help cover readers that were bought recently.

If you have time would you please contact the Junior School Reception.

## **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.

## **Lost Property**

Lucy Fenwicke is missing her school jumper, the jumper is labelled. If located please return to the Junior School.

Please be diligent over the holidays and check labelling on your children’s clothing. If the name has come off or the item is second hand, please re-place with the correct name.

Also, please check all school jumpers to ensure your child has picked up the correct article belonging to them.

## **RazzamaTAS Fete – 30 October**

As the fete is fast approaching, a bit of Spring Cleaning in the holidays may help to find things suitable for the White Elephant Stall and the Recycled Clothing Stall. Potting plants for the Plant Stall is another great holiday activity. Contact your liaison parents to see how you can assist to make this year's fete a great success.

## **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.

## **Learn French/Japanese: Parental Polyglots Grant**

The Languages Department would like to thank all those parents who braved either French or Japanese (or both!) language lessons this term. These classes were made possible through a Grant from the AIS (Association of Independent Schools) NSW and we are very grateful for their support.

The Japanese class will be making sushi during Tuesday’s lesson and the final lesson for the term will be next week. Please come along if you have an interest in Japanese as the lessons are enjoyable and fun.

This Thursday at 7.15pm the French class would like to celebrate the final lesson of the term with a film *Bienvenu chez les T’Chtis*, along with some apéritifs. Whether you came along to one or several lessons during the term, or are simply interested in learning more about the class for Term 4, please come along!

For further information, please contact Kathryn Tamminga or Allan Moore in the Languages Department.

A jeudi! Sayonara.

## Premiers Reading Challenge 2011

We will be running the PRC in 2011. Even though the Challenge officially runs from 1st February to 1st September, 2011, books read from 2 September 2010 can count towards the 2011 Challenge.

Please remember if you are going from Year 2 this year to Year 3 next year, you will need to read books in the 3-4 challenge and if you are going from Year 4 this year to Year 5 next year, you will need to read books in the 5-6. Please see the table below so you know how many books to read in each Challenge.

2011 Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2 , 3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4 , 5-6 , 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6 , 7-9

You should follow the 2010 PRC book lists which are available on their website: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

One very important rule to remember is about the series books – In an approved series, any two books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to five other books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.

I will be writing to the people running the PRC to see if this rule can be overturned – so stay tuned!

All the information, rules & book lists can be obtained on the above website.

If you would like to have a go at the 2011 PRC please come and see myself, Mrs Allan or Mrs Nash in the Library to get your Reading Log.

I won't be able to register you for the 2011 PRC until March, 2011 so you will need to keep your Reading Log in a safe place.

Happy reading everyone!, Janine Ranck, PRC Coordinator

## Junior School Sport - Kirsty Brunson, Co-ordinator

### 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.

### Bike Day/Triathlon

Children are starting to be put into teams for the Triathlon next term which will be held on Monday 18 October. Kindergarten and Year 1 children will be put into teams for the team event where one child will swim, another bike and the last one will run a set course. Year 2 and up can choose either the Individual or the team events – not both. Please check your bikes over the holidays to ensure the brakes, chain and tyres are in good condition.

### For a Report on the U12s Grand Final Game see page 9 of this TAS Talks

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, 2010.

Should the books not be returned, or are returned damaged, I agree to the purchase cost of the replacement books being charged to my child's school account.

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

# Community Events



## SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

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 Ph/Fax 02 6771 1624 Mobile 0423 915 850  
 Email: justinsherriff@bigpond.com  
 www.sherriffstennis.com



### SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

#### Multi Standard Program



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
 9am to 2pm Cost: \$120

#### Program

9.00am - 9.30am	Warm up exercises, games & dynamic stretching
9.30am - 10.30am	coaching and tennis related games
10.30am - 11.00am	break for recess
11.00am - 12.30pm	coaching and tennis related games
12.30am - 2.00pm	lunch and match play

Students are required to bring a packed recess and much with a small carteen in the TAS pool available for their use as well. Students must also bring a drink bottle, hat and sunscreen.

#### VENUE -

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

**\*\*BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - CONTACT JUSTIN 0423 915 850\*\***

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### Direct Payment Option

Direct Debit Payment Details - J & K Sherriff New England Credit Union BSB 932 000  
 Account No: 622993 (Please include full name of student with your direct payment)

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

*'Come and Try' tennis day a great success!*

Over 60 juniors participated in Sherriff's Tennis Academy "Come and try tennis day" on Saturday at The Armidale School.

Children aged from 5 - 8 years tried out the new nationally recognised MLC Hot Shots tennis program using modified balls and courts. They were kept busy with ball drills and hitting balls with great enthusiasm.

The program offers a unique stepping stone into tennis and skill development pathway, allowing every player to obtain maximum enjoyment!

Kylie Hunt, Tennis NSW's Community Tennis Officer for the North West Region was on hand to assist with the day and discuss the national Hot Shots program with parents.

Justin Sherriff was very pleased with the day and will be running the MLC Hot Shots program during term 4 for the younger players.

A four day tennis camp will be held from Tuesday 5th October to Friday 8th October 2010 from 9am to 3pm catering for all standards, including the Hot Shots program.

For further information on the Hot Shots program or tennis camp contact Justin Sherriff on 0423 915 850.





New England Regional Art Museum

Galleries

Tues to Fri 10am-5pm  
Sat to Sun 10am-4pm

Museum of Printing

Thurs to Fri  
10.30am-3.30pm  
or by appointment

Eight Gallery Spaces

The Museum Shop  
The Museum of Printing  
The Cafe

## ArtPlay with Jonathon Larson in the School Holidays

If you're looking for something to do in the upcoming school holidays with your children, there are three great workshops on offer. Mural Mural on the Wall and Cardboard Creations have both been inspired by current exhibitions at NERAM and will definitely encourage budding artists to create their own masterpiece. All workshops are \$15 each (including materials). Book early to avoid disappointment and don't forget to wear suitable clothing.

Mural Mural on the Wall Tuesday 28 Sept & 5 Oct 10am -12pm & 1pm - 3pm (all ages)

Cardboard Creations Wednesday 29 Sept & 6 Oct 10am -12pm & 1pm - 3pm (8 & up)

Crazy Clay Critters Thursday 30 Sept & Oct 10am -12pm & 1pm - 3pm (all ages)



# VACATION CARE

**27 SEPTEMBER - 8 OCTOBER**

- ✓ **Fun**
- ✓ **Healthy**
- ✓ **Friendly qualified staff**
- ✓ **Safe environment**
- ✓ **Great facilities**
- ✓ **Approved Childcare provider**
- ✓ **Open to all school children 5 - 12yrs old**

## **NEW sporting skills program**

**including: tennis, cricket, netball and rugby**

- ✓ **pool inflatable**
- ✓ **climbing wall**
- ✓ **games & craft**
- ✓ **indoor sports**
- ✓ **kiddies boot camp**

**Phone 6773 5186 during business hours**

**or**

**email [sportune@une.edu.au](mailto:sportune@une.edu.au)**

# ARMIDALE REGIONAL CRICKET CLINIC SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29

THE BRADMAN FOUNDATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTING REGULAR COACHING CAMPS SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THE PROGRAM IN 1990.

Led by the Bradman name and ideals, these annual camps have enjoyed enormous success and popularity, with the students attending from all over Australia and some even making the journey overseas.

Each clinic is coordinated by the Bradman Foundation's Director of Coaching, assisted by a coaching panel with experience and qualifications. Special guest coaches are also available from the current NSW State Squad.

National Accredited Level 1, 2 & 3 Coaches  
Lunch Provided  
Equipment Available  
Bradman Museum Free Pass  
Free membership to Bradman Junior club  
Free t-shirt, drink bottle & cap\*  
Free Bradman Stump & Golf Ball training kit\*

**Bring with you:** cricket kit, sunscreen 30+  
**Booking Essential by 13 September 2010**  
Girls and Boys 11 – 17 Years  
Cost \$270 Full Program or \$110 per day  
Armidale Sports Ground, Douglas St, Armidale  
9.30am till 3pm  
\*Full Program Participants Only

**Wet Weather Option:** The Den, Armidale High School, Butler St, Armidale  
Notification will be prior to days play or ring Rick on 0408 670 812,  
Amanda on 0408 821 910 or Keith on 0403 685 154

#### Payment Details

Cheques made payable to Bradman Foundation  
PO Box 9994  
Bowral, NSW 2576

#### Direct Transfer

Account name: Bradman Foundation  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank Bowral  
BSB: 062 511  
Account #: 2801 2162  
Description: Participants Name

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