

TAS TALKS #9

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 3, Week 8 – Wednesday 15 September 2010 House on Duty is Abbott – ah 0439 041 627

Headmaster – Murray Guest



Weekend Activities

Old Boys' Weekend is always the busiest of the year and I was delighted that the weekend just passed was such a happy and successful one for our school family. With perfect weather, big crowds were drawn for both the sporting fixtures throughout Saturday and the number of social gatherings right through the weekend. This year Old Boys' Weekend coincided with the launch of Jim Graham's new book, 'A Song to Sing O'. This well-written and very readable book reflects on Jim's 43 years leading dramatic productions at TAS and it was celebrated at the capacity dinner for the 1960, 1970 and 1980 leavers as the cast of Pirates of Penzance teamed up with previous generations for some Gilbert and Sullivan nostalgia.

Beyond their own celebrations, the 1960 leavers banded together to present the School with a painting by one of their number, artist Harry Pidgeon. The painting depicting the spirit of New England, is currently in Big School and I offer thanks and congratulations to Harry and his peers for it.

I also offer congratulations to Grant Harris and the Cadet Unit for their efforts at Passing Out Parade. This is the major ceremonial occasion of the year for our cadets and, of course, an important recognition of the service of our Year 12s through their time in the Unit. Our inspecting officer, Old Boy Lieutenant-Colonel Titcume, was particularly complimentary about the performance of the boys and this was high praise indeed.

Athletics

Yesterday, eight of our best athletes represented the NCSA at the Combined Independent Schools Secondary Athletics Championships held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Simply to be selected to represent NCSA at this level of competition is a wonderful achievement, so I am particularly pleased to report that a number of our boys performed especially well against the best of the independent schools' athletes across NSW. In particular I offer congratulations to Max Frankham, Thom Martin and Henry Nixon who were placed 2nd in their respective events and to Joe Makeham who won the U13 1500m, breaking the TAS record which had stood since 1993.

The next big challenge for our athletes is the GPS Championships this coming Saturday and I wish the team well for this great event.

GPS Headmasters at TAS

Last week TAS hosted the GPS Headmasters for their Term 3 meeting and I was delighted that all eight were able to be here. TAS joined the GPS in 1896 and whilst competition with the Sydney schools has been limited by the tyranny of distance and our relatively small size, the association has always been important to us and that continues today. The GPS schools share common values in their approaches to school sport and for that reason alone our fixtures with the Sydney schools are highly valued by our boys and coaches. It seems that there will be more opportunities for our involvement in 2011, both home and away and particularly in rugby, and that is good news.

Calling all Parents

The survey website is open until Sunday 19 September so if you haven't completed your survey, you have this weekend to do it. If you would like another URL please email Cressida on cmort@as.edu.au

Thanks to you all for contributing to this important project.

Weekly Calendar – Wednesday 15 September - Friday 25 September

Wednesday 15 September

Year 11 End-of-Course Exams
2.00–3.30pm Brainstorm Production on Cyber Bullying for Years 7 & 8 in the Gym
JS Concert – Hoskins Centre
12.00 midday **Matinee**
6.30pm **Concert**
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16 September

Year 11 End-of-Course Exams

Friday 17 September

Year 11 End-of-Course Exams
8.15am GPS Athletes depart

Saturday 18 September

GPS Athletics in Sydney
Grafton training weekend for Hawkesbury paddlers

Sunday 19 September

Grafton training weekend for Hawkesbury paddlers

Monday 20 September

Year 11 Work Placement– Primary Industries

Tuesday 21 September

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TAS Board Meeting
MTA Assessment day (TTC)
CIS Primary Athletics (Homebutsh)

Wednesday 22 September

Year 11 Work Placement– Primary Industries
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24 September

Year 11 Work Placement– Primary Industries
Year 12 Farewell Lunch followed by final Assembly
Classes conclude for Term
Year 12 House Dinners

Friday 25 September

Boarder buses depart
Valedictory Day

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

Respect for those in Power? Philippians 2:6–11

We have settled on a Prime Minister. So with ticket tape parades and fan fair we welcomed Julia as our leader. Hang on that wasn't us, we found out who it was and with a note of indifference we say thank goodness we have decided.



What a contrast this is to the Presidency of the United States. Last night I sat watching the documentary tracing the life and times of... not the President, but the President's Photographer. The Australian Prime Minister would be lucky to have a doco made about her – let alone her photographer – do we even have a Prime Ministerial Photographer, probably the closest we have is the chaser.

Watching President Obama is amazing. When he takes a trip, there are no second measures. He catches his Navy helicopter to board Air force One (his private jet) then by road to the specific location, which has no airport – how remiss. Even by road though, it is a big deal – cavalcades and agents lining the street. We Australians would almost be content to see Julia catch the bus to save some taxpayer's dollars.

In the end we just have a different relationship with authority.

Now I don't want to be unAustralian, but there could be a problem with this approach. What if there was someone truly worthy of our respect, what if there were individuals that demanded our adulation, what if we encountered someone who we should bow down before and give our due honour? What if we met Adam Gilchrist or dare I say it The Don?

What about our attitude to the One who now sits on the throne? I do not speak of Elizabeth, but God's own Son. The Philippians reading tells us that one day every knee will bow before Jesus. There will come a time when every one of us will pay due respect to the Lord. Would it not be better to live a life of bended knee, acknowledging the rightful King who deserves our adulation, living a life in service of others – in Christ likeness, rather than waiting until our knee's crumple in sheer awe of being in the presence of the One who deserves exaltation.

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



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

email: pandf@as.edu.au

The final fundraising focus for the year is the RazzamaTAZ Fete on October 30 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Following the recent Fete Meetings a number of stalls have been planned:

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.



We are looking for someone to co-ordinate a sideshow alley with Bash a bomb/dunking machine/ball toss etc This can be a really popular event at the fete so we hope there is an energetic and/or slightly mad person out there who would love this job.

We would also like to hear from anyone who has new ideas for fete activities or stalls.

For further information please contact your Liaison Parents or Margie Roberts or David Trenerry (Contact details available at reception).

One more thank you from the HOT SEPTEMBER NIGHT BALL goes to Allister Rodgers our wonderful MC for the evening – his golden tonsils kept us all in the right place at the right time and we are thankful for his efforts.

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

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.

Technology and Trade Training Centre

The Trade Training Centre is continuing to offer innovative courses open to the community. Currently Decorative Welding is running as well as Night Welding, plus the Electronics Club is meeting at weekends and now a small holdings course is being offered.

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 then 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.

The course then moves on to the practicalities of fencing, maintenance of machinery, animal care and other specific themes. These will take place at the TAS farm in Mann St.

Each Sunday is reasonably priced at \$45 per person or \$75 per couple and includes lunch and a beverage, bus ride and course notes. It is designed as both a practical and enjoyable outing with a chance to meet others with similar interests as well as seeing a range of properties and farming enterprises. You can opt in and out as you please and only pay for



Automotives are looking for Vehicles to Service

Trade Training Centre is completing log book services, registration checks (pink slips) and general mechanical repairs. If your vehicle requires a service give us a call on 0421 238 481.

LOST

James Macdonald's senior blazer has gone missing. It has the name Alex Macdonald on the collar. Seniors: thanks for checking to see if you have picked up the wrong blazer. Please return to Reception.

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.

General Notices



BOOK NOW 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.

Speed Limit is 10km

Parents, staff and visitors are reminded that the speed limit within our school grounds is 10Kph. It is important to consider the implications of your vehicle hitting a child whilst travelling too fast in one of the car parks. Please be considerate of other users of these areas and reduce speed when entering and leaving the school. Radar speed detection will continue in the future to ensure drivers are complying with the limit.

Justin Tyers, Safety & Security Manager

RACI Chemistry Quiz Results

The results of this year's RACI chemistry Quiz are to hand and they are remarkably similar to last year with our students being a whisker below State average in all except Year 12 but still managing to achieve 8 Distinctions and 9 High Distinctions. It is interesting to note that we have more High Distinctions than Distinctions!

Particular congratulations go to the Year 12 students for producing results above that State mean.

I also offer sincere congratulations to the following individuals who have gained either Distinctions or High Distinctions in what is a very challenging quiz:

Distinctions

Year 7: Duncan Quast

Year 10: Aaron Buckley, Kurt Dilweg, Tom Wyatt

Year 12: Andrew Grigg

Year 8: Bryan Morley, Patrick Williamson

Year 11: Levi McKenzie

High Distinctions

Year 7: Jake Beattie

Year 9: Jack Tearle

Year 11: Angus Begg, Callum Dillon, Timothy Williamson

Year 8: John Dennis, Jay Kennedy

Year 10: Brandon Bouchard

Year 12: Oliver Smith

Mr W D Richards, Science Co-ordinator.

Important Reminder for Yr 8 and Yr 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 or (02) 6776 5805

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

Counsellor's Corner – Rob Hadfield



What is the most important thing that has happened to you this year so far? When you have worked that out it might pay to ask some questions about it. What is it that makes it the most important thing? What does that tell me about the important values and priorities in my life at this time? If it had occurred last year would it still have been the most important thing or nearly so? What does that tell me about what matters to me? What does it show me about my personal qualities and inner resources?

This year I have experienced a significant loss and it has led to some deep soul-searching about what really matters to me. I realised how important that relationship was to me. In turn this has caused me to write (see last Counsellor's Corner) a lot, as a way of trying to understand the meanings of the relationship for my life (and for others). It has opened up some interesting questions about how I am living and the fragility of things. It has also enabled me to dig deeper into personal resources and the sources of resilience in my life.

This leads onto the ways in which we tell the story of our life as an overarching narrative. It raises questions about continuity and change in our life story. Year 12 students are coming to the end of a chapter in their life story and it is a good time for a little reflection on the past and the transition to a post-school identity. What really matters from the past that you can draw upon for the next step? What have been the key events that will provide the 'coat-hangers' for a narrative of the school years? What has changed, what continues?

Medical Matters – Sister Jenny Murray

With Bivouac and Activities Week coming up quickly, we are asking parents of day students with asthma to take the time during the holidays to have their sons asthma reviewed with their Doctor. We will be supplying the Middle School/ Senior School students identified by us as having asthma with a new Action Management Plan which we request is completed by your Doctor and returned to the Medical Centre before Bivouac.

Also there have been Middle School Senior School students signing out as "sick" at the General Office and going home. We ask that students who are sick report to the Medical Centre first for assessment and then arrangements can be made for them to go home if necessary.

Thanks, Sister Jenny Murray

Round Square – Anna Barnier/Grant Harris

Round Square International Conference 1-16 October 2011 – Thailand

The theme for this year's international conference is "We Walk Together" and has long been part of The Regent's School service program. The Regent's school prides itself on their links with community partners where students work with locals who need their help.

The TAS delegation is: Max Frankham, Kye Hardingham, Angus Laird, Jordon Wiggins, Jacques van der Merwe, Levi McKenzie Kirkbright, Zac Bridgman and Mrs Barnier and Mr Harris. Best wishes to all for a safe journey and rich experience.

These seven TAS students will not only continue our commitment to the Baan Laem Tong International Community Resource Centre tsunami project on Phi Phi Island by working alongside students from seven other international Round Square school delegations – but will have the opportunity to be involved in meaningful and life changing service and activities during the conference at Pattaya. The other schools working together on nearing completion of this project are: Bunbury School, Southport School (all Australia), Louisenlund School, Salem School (both Germany), Lakefield College (Canada) and Regent's Pattaya.

The Logo

The square and circle obviously symbolises 'Round Square' and the two people pictured holding hands in the logo represents teamwork, friendship and the willingness to help others. Therefore this symbolises our IDEALS pillar– Service within the Round Square. The white figures and its black shadow contrast with each other to make the logo stand out, and also, the two opposite colours indicates equality, that colour doesn't matter and that everyone in this world is equal.





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.

Please return the booking form attached to this TAS Talks 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.

Junior Vocal Ensemble – Permanent change of rehearsal time

Please note Junior Vocal ensemble rehearsal will now take place on Thursday mornings at 8.00am).

Instrument Recall

All TAS instruments currently on hire are to be returned to the Music Centre for annual servicing and maintenance on Monday 20 September. The instrument recall will take place during the Term 3 holidays so students can practise over the Christmas break. Instruments will be ready for collection at the commencement of Term 4. If your child urgently requires his/her instrument over the holidays please notify the Music Centre as soon as possible so individual arrangements can be made – khutton@as.edu.au

Charisma

Last week our Year 11 Elective Music students and Middle School students were treated to a performance and workshop by nationally renowned ensemble, Charisma. The ensemble consisting of Ros Dunlop (clarinet), Julia Ryder (cello) and David Miller (piano) performed a range of repertoire including works by Nina Rota, Alfred Hill and Franz Schubert. Discussion points during the Middle School performance included the importance and worth of classical music vs popular music, how to achieve musical excellence, the musical devices used in film soundtracks and details about the ensemble's musical achievements. The students were very focused and impressed with the performance.

Year 11 Elective Music students were also treated to a composition workshop in collaboration with Charisma. As part of their assessment framework, the students composed classical works specifically for the ensemble. The students' compositions were then performed and examined in great detail. This was an exciting opportunity for the students to enjoy their music in the 'real world' as opposed to the computer world. It also allowed them to consider that a composition is a work of art that is written to be performed by a musician and as such human qualities as well as expressive and technical considerations need to be taken into account.

We look forward to hosting Charisma again in the not too distant future.

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Careers – Trevor Thatcher



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 on the Rural Clinical School website: <http://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/rcsweb.nsf/page/Application>

Year 12s – University Applications

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.

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

Key NSW university application dates are as follows:

Early August – application open (done on-line)

Thursday 30 September – applications close

Wednesday 15 December – HSC results e-released by BOS

Thursday 16 December – ATARs released by UAC

Year 12 should make their University applications now and apply for college accommodation. They should consider the scholarships most universities and colleges offer.

One to consider is the Hawker Scholarship – <http://www.hawkerscholarship.org>

Scholarship Info

Please check out university websites for scholarship info. Also the website <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Funding/Awards%20and%20Scholarships.aspx>

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.

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

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Sporting News – Sportsmaster: Dick Hodgson



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

Hockey

The U13 Blue team played in the Preliminary Final of the U13 competition against the Servies last Thursday evening. It turned out to be a very exciting final indeed, on a fairly cold and wet evening, such that have been typical of this term's training sessions on Thursdays.

We conceded a goal fairly early, but soon equalized, having missed a couple of well created chances in front of goal, and a little later took the lead 2-1. Unfortunately, the boys then seemed to think the game was won, let down their guard, and within four minutes, one of the strong Rep players from the Servies had struck two back to regain the lead. The run of play was fairly even, but we allowed Servies too much time in front of goal, and found ourselves 6-2 down with about 10 minutes left. Then we saw some superb teamwork from the TAS boys, where they demonstrated just how much their passing and dribbling skills have improved over the season. Michael Harris set David Williams up for a goal, and Ben Moffatt was able to beat his man on the right wing, putting in a lightning cross for Henry Ausling to clatter the ball into the goal on his reverse stick. Suddenly we were back in the game, with Servies on the back foot, but were unable to score again in the last few minutes, finishing 4-6 down. It had been a very exciting game and a highly commendable finish to a very enjoyable season for the boys.

Summary of TAS Results at CIS Secondary Athletics

Yesterday (Tuesday 14 September 2010), the following eight TAS boys represented the NCSA at the CIS Secondary Athletics Championships held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre: Wayne Mumbulla and Joe Makeham (U13); Thomas Sanson, Max Frankham and Daniel Sole (U15); Thom Martin and Harrison Grant (U16); and Henry Nixon (U17).

The boys who gained places:

Joe Makeham (U13): 1st 1500m, 4 mins 43.23 sec (a new TAS record beating the old one of 4 mins 43.6 sec set in 1993); 2nd 800m, 2 mins 20.74 sec.

Max Frankham (U15): 2nd high jump, 1.65m

Thom Martin (U16): 2nd 800m, 2 min 4.26 sec

Henry Nixon (U17): 2nd high jump, 1.78m



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

For all enquiries contact Rick McCarthy on 0408 670 812 or email rick_mccarthy26@hotmail.com

Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster



Cyber Bullying Workshop

This afternoon Year 7 and 8 students will be attending a workshop that examines the effects of cyber bullying and peer pressure. This is the second visit of Brainstorm Productions to TAS and we look forward to their performance and the associated workshop activities. Student's accounts will be debited \$6.00 for this activity.

Maths Mentals Challenge

To all Maths Mentals competitors – stay tuned – the Maths Mentals Challenge has been postponed until Term 4. Keep practising – can you do it in your head!!!
Ms Catherine Boydell

Tournament of Minds State Final

Last weekend seven Middle School students travelled to Sydney to compete in the State final of Tournament of Minds representing the New England North West in the Applied Technology; Archeology 'Lost City' challenge. The team, after winning at the regional final, had two weeks to improve their performance which surrounded the film they had made. With an enormous amount of confidence in their performance choices the boys happily took to the stage competing against ten other regional finalists. TOM is a competition for teams comprised of students from Years 7 to 10, so even the physical size of the other teams was a little intimidating. Our team's interpretation of the challenge involved native American animal spirits; showing their importance to the people and through verse explained the reason behind the 'lost city'. Other schools used the search for the lost city as an opportunity to search for the twelfth 'secret KFC' herb/spice, or a chance for Australia to hold the 'ultimate school's challenge' and 'race around the world'. Smith's Hill Selective High School from Wollongong with their 'Farmer wants a Super Model Wife' spin on the challenge won the section. The creativeness of all performances was certainly something to behold. Congratulations to Riley Baile, Bryan Morley, Cal Hunter, Harry Wright, Felix Gifford, Charlton Grant and Lachlan Tonkin for their fantastic performance and their commitment to their challenge over the last eight weeks. Thank you to Lachlan's father, Ian Tonkin, for giving up his weekend to drive the team to Sydney and to the parents who sent cakes and biscuits along to help feed the brains ready for the hard thinking work needed.
Ms Boydell

Passing Out Parade

Thank you to Mr Harris and all the cadet staff for the time and effort they gave in preparing our Middle School boys to be a part of the Passing Out Parade on the weekend. The Year 8 boys presented very well on the day and should be very pleased with their efforts.

Lost Property

Jacob Hunt, Jay Kennedy and Liam Cooper have all lost their Akubras which are clearly labelled. Liam has also lost his ipod touch. If any of these items are found could you please return them to the Middle School Office.

We ask parents if they could please check to make sure that all of their son's school items are clearly labelled. Boy's who have lost items should first check lost property boxes before any notification will be placed into TAS Talks. Places to look are the laundry, the swimming centre, the music centre, any other classroom or department they have been to and do not visit every day and of course the Middle School.

Ask Your Son

If your son is in Year 8 Nash check how he is going with two assessment tasks, the one in English, and the other a History assessment. The first involves the making of a short film, and your son is mightily tempted to use short cuts in the making of this film, and it is when he forgets who his audience is. His audience is in fact his peer group, the year 8 teachers, and the year 8 parent body. So when you question him about his film ideas, make sure he can convince you that his team are on the right track. When he is tempted to be dismissive about your opinion, remind him that you are a sophisticated filmgoer, who sets a pretty high expectation at the movies.

The history assessment relies on a detailed compare and contrast exercise where your son can convince me he understands about the similarities and the differences between the British landing in Australia in 1788, and the Spanish conquest of the Incas in the 1530s. Together with his understanding, he is also learning to present evidence from sources, and to reference those sources correctly. If you do question your son about this last aspect of his task, expect to hear a fair bit of whingeing, because I certainly do. But what will make some persistent enquiries interesting, is asking them why a small amount of discipline in their composition is treated with such resentment. Be sure to let me know the answer.

Lastly, please remind your lovely fellow that it is not the end of term yet, and he is still expected to achieve, so that the holiday means something when it finally comes!

Parenting Strategies for Creating Resilient Young People

The following excerpt has been taken from a paper written by Andrew Fuller, renowned clinical psychologist. Why is it all so different? The world has changed dramatically and so the skills that are needed for success have changed. Consider these points: it is estimated that 70% of the jobs that will exist in 2020 do not exist today; knowledge now doubles every three years, by 2020 it will double every 76 days. It is the skills of negotiation, problem solving, lateral thinking and emotional intelligence that predict young people's ability to be successful in the workplace.

The golden rules for parenting young people: keep them as busy as you possibly can; never believe anything they tell you during an argument; never forget that any child has more energy to put into any argument than any adult does. Choose your battle grounds carefully!

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.

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Middle School Boarding & Year 6 Join Relay for Life

The boys of Middle School Boarding and the Year Six homerooms are excited to join this years Relay for Life, in-fact a total of eight teams have been entered into the event.

Middle School Boarding entered the 2008 relay with great success and raised over \$1400 and we hope to raise even more in 2010, to be held at the Armidale Show Ground, October 16 and 17 (First weekend of term 4).

Students from all teams will participate for several hours at a time throughout the day and into the evening of the 24 hour event. Team captains of the boarding teams will stay on over the course of the night with the Year 6 homeroom teams captains of Mrs Mac, Mr Voysey, Mrs Evans and Mrs O'Brien. Parents are particularly encouraged to join the teachers and boarding staff to relay into the night.

Students will soon be given raffle tickets to fundraise for the event over the course of the holidays. Tickets cost \$2 each, with a number of great prizes on offer including a holiday at a Hunter Valley Winery. We welcome all offers to buy tickets, or alternatively direct donations can be made via links within the Relay for Life website below.

http://relay.cancerCouncil.com.au/2010/armidale_new_england_2010

Please contact:

Mr Robinson
srobinso@as.edu.au or
Mrs McCarthy
rmccarth@as.edu.au
for more details.



Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 15 September

No Assembly

Junior School Art Show Hoskins Centre

Junior School Concert – 12noon and 6.30pm

Prac teacher, Ruth Foster finishes on Yr 2H

Friday 17 September

St Judes Trivia Night

Saturday 18 September

Christmas Catalogue orders due

Monday 20 September

CIS Athletics Carnival in Sydney

Tuesday 21 September

Year 5 excursion to Uralla and Year 5 Assembly

Wednesday 22 September

Year 4 excursion to Saumarez Homestead 9.00–11.30am

Thursday 23 September

Year 4 & 5 wear formal uniform, including blazer for Valedictory procession lining of the Drive

Prac teacher Simon Kennedy finishes from Year 5

Last day of term

Sunday 3 October

Daylight Saving starts

Term 4

Monday 11 October

Staff Day

Tuesday 12 October

Classes resume

Happy Birthday

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday's this week: Charley Game–Lopata, Noah Piper, Riley Eichorn, Henry Perrottet, Archie Chick and Tom Faint.

Awards

Silver Awards

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

Tom Carlon, Henry Douglas–Menzies, Alexander Zuber, Kieran Dennis, Dan Lethbridge, Nick Moar, Christopher Ramazani, Sam Wright, Jack Cregan, Josh Beattie, Charles Henzell, and Jack Kaynes.

Gold Award

We congratulate Cooper Johnson on receiving his Gold Award at last week's assembly. Well done Cooper!

Hats off to Junior School staff

I offer my sincere thanks to the Junior School staff for all the work they have done in my absence. Term 3 had many highlights and it is a true credit to them that they did not miss a beat and that all went ahead with such great success across all areas. I commend Mrs Veronica Waters, as Acting Head of Junior School, for her leadership and the fine organisation of all she undertook and to Mrs Fiona Chappell who readily assisted everyone in need and kept everything running smoothly. I am most appreciative of the efforts of all staff and thank them sincerely.

Junior School Art Show

Many Junior School artworks have been framed and look stunning displayed in the Hoskins Centre. Framed artworks are for sale for \$20 and interested parents are asked to make contact with Ms Lizi Hartley to secure the sale. Her energy and enthusiasm is evident in this exhibition and we thank her for the hours of work she has given.

Junior School Concert

The curtains go up today for the long awaited annual Junior School Concert – “The Waterhole”. We are thankful for the creativity of Mr Alex Portell in forming the central theme of the concert and writing the script, and to Mrs Anne Trenerry and Mrs Kirsty Brunson in their organisation and leadership, and all will be evident in the two performances. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 4/5 to wear formals on Thursday 1 October

Thursday 1 October is the Year 12 Valedictory Day. This is a very important day for all Year 12 students as it marks their final day as the leaders in our School, and is equally special for the Year 11 students as it marks the beginning of their new leadership role. Part of this day includes students lining the drive at the front of School as a sign of respect to the Year 12 students and the contributions they have made to the School for up to the past 13 years. Years 4 & 5 will join with all students from Years 6 to 11 to line the driveway for the Valedictory procession. Could all Year 4 and 5 students please wear their formal uniforms on this day please?

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

Parents are NOT permitted to park near the Transition room at any time. Parents are not to park there before school , after school, during school, or pick up from after school care. We do not need a little child or a White House boy hit by a car... Thank you – Transition Staff

Speed Limit is 10km

Parents, staff and visitors are reminded that the speed limit within our school grounds is 10Kph. It is important to consider the implications of your vehicle hitting a child whilst travelling too fast in one of the car parks. Please be considerate of other users of these areas and reduce speed when entering and leaving the school. Radar speed detection will continue in the future to ensure drivers are complying with the limit. Justin Tyers, Safety & Security Manager

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End of Year Excursions

A letter was sent home with each child this week with preliminary details about their end of year excursion. It included an overview of costing, venue and planned activities. If you did not receive one, please see your child's class teacher.

Commonwealth Games day for Kinder to Year 5

St John's Junior School will be holding a Commonwealth Games day on Friday, 15th October (Term 4, Week 1) commencing at 10.00am.

Below is a list of the countries in which the students will be placed. Students are to come in appropriate casual clothing in the colours of their country. Please ensure all students have joggers, broad brimmed hats, sunscreen, morning tea and bottles of water.

Lunch will be a sausage sizzle, popper and a packet of chips for the cost of \$7.00. There will be a canteen available with cold drinks, slices, biscuits etc., so extra money may be brought for buying these items.

AUSTRALIA (Red, White, Blue)	BAHAMAS (Black, Light Blue, Yellow)	GREAT BRITAIN (Red, Blue, White)
CANADA (Red, White)	FIJI (Light Blue, Red, White)	INDIA (Yellow, Green, White, Blue)
TONGA (Red, White)	JAMAICA (Black, Green, Yellow)	KENYA (Black, Red, Green)
MALAYSIA (Red, White, Yellow, Blue)	NAMIBIA (Red, White, Yellow, Green, Blue)	NEW ZEALAND (Red, White, Blue, Black)
PAKISTAN (Green, White)	SOUTH AFRICA (Black, Yellow, Green, Red, Blue)	SRI LANKA (Red, Yellow, Orange, Green)
ZIMBABWE (Red, Yellow, Orange, Green)		

Catalogue orders

Please remember all catalogue orders are due back to school by 20 September 2010. We will need to send off the orders on 21 September, to have the goods returned in time for the end of Term 4.

Coles Sports for Schools

The Junior School is collecting vouchers earned from Coles while you shop. For every \$10 you spend you will receive a voucher which the school can redeem at the end of the promotion for new sports equipment.

Please ask for the vouchers each time you shop and have your child drop the vouchers into the box in the Junior School Reception area. The promotion runs until 31st October.

Transition in Term 4

Transition goes to 4 days per week in Term 4.

So week 1 will be Tuesday to Friday, then reverting back to Monday to Thursday in following weeks

Dance Club

Dance Club will be held on Thursday for the last 2 weeks of Term 3. (16 and 23 September). Dance Club in Term 4 will return to Wednesday as normal.

Lost Property

Henry Perrottet is missing his school blazer, if anyone knows the whereabouts or your child used this blazer for school photo's and forgot to bring it back to Reception, please return the blazer to Junior School Reception.

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.

Asthma

Asthma has become such a common problem amongst our children. Please take the time to log onto this site and take the time to read this Asthma Garden Special.

http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/uploadedFiles/Content/About_Asthma/Resources/AsthmaFriendlyGarden_brochure_lowres.pdf

Junior School Sport - Kirsty Brunson, Co-ordinator

Sport for the Remainder of Term 3

This is our last week of sports training – there will be no sports training in Week 10.

Football Reports

TAS Trucks

Well it was the end to a big season for the U6 TAS Trucks at the weekend. The last three weeks have in-fact been big games for us. In that game several of our players were successful in scoring, including a great goal by Zaiden Kennedy and continued effort by Joey Jones to put as many into the net as possible. The boys were fortunate to walk away with a win, boosting the spirits of all in the final weeks. In our second last game we versed the Demon Knight Cavaliers, a team we played twice before without success. But this was a different game, with our players switching sides to help a short DK team list. Well done to Hudson Eichorn and Harrison Ditchfield for this great game spirit. The game ended with a tie. In this last weekends grand finale, all enjoyed a fun filled game. All players played at once with Joshua Mirron sharing the position of defender with Lewis Graham amongst others. Sam Ball played a fantastic game and although it did end in a loss the entire team has enjoyed a fun first season of football. All certainly enjoyed receiving a trophy, allowing all to walk of the field as winners. Well done to all.

Stephen Robinson

TAS Taipans 9 Guyra Dragons 2

The boys played the best football this year in an exciting game which saw the Taipans beat the Guyra team 9 –2. TAS played a very competitive match with end to end action. The Taipans took the lead with an early goal and then succumbed to an onslaught from the Guyra team. TAS then scored 3 goals in quick succession to make the half time lead 4 –1. The first half goals scored by Hamish Chalmers, Jack Van Roy, Nicky O'Neil and Eli Evitt. In the second half TAS pushed forward on the counter attack and all the boys scored another goal plus a good solo effort from Archie Chick. The Taipans marking and strong centre back Nicky O'Neil helped keep the Guyra team at bay. Jack Van Roy exploited space on the right and left wing to continually push the ball forward. Archie Chick and Hamish Chalmers stamped their mark in the midfield area and Eli Evitt just got stuck in and used his pace up front.

The second half the boys really stepped up a gear and exploited the Guyra teams tactics to play the long ball by marking their players closely. This victory followed last weeks win against Walcha 5 –2 which took the Taipans to 6 wins in a row. The boys enjoyed this game and made it an exciting finish for the parents that have continued to support them this year. Fletcher Jackson was on holiday. Well done boys!

Simon Scott

TAS Tanks

The Soccer season concluded on Saturday with a match against the DK Saints. Thanks to Sam Behrend who filled in for a couple of very lucky boys who were in Sydney to watch the Bledisloe Cup match. Sam was kept very busy in goal in the first half as the Saints peppered the goal despite the best efforts of Mathew Wark, Damian Tyers and Lily Graham to counter the Saints attack. Aiden Rogers – Ellis combined with Jacob Smith to score a great goal after a constructive passage of play from Isabella Kennedy and Lucy Ball who scored a fantastic goal of her own last week against the South Armidale Skeetas. Our player of the week was in fact the whole team for their enthusiasm both at practice and on game days and for their general improvement in skills and confidence across the whole team during the course of the season. Well done Tanks !

Mr David Fenwicke

TAS Tigers

Our determined little Tigers had one of their best games of the season. Playing DK in the final game proved to be entertaining and enjoyable. Harry Litchfield continued his lightning pace to be solid in attack and defence this week, while Henry Moore had one of his best games in defence. Tristan Rottcher and Dom Ferguson continued to impress us with their fine ball control, strong passing and attacking skills. Ben Rowe was determined as ever being solid in the mid field and enjoying attacking the DK goal area. The final score of 3 all was a fitting result for a well played and entertaining end to our season. We would like to thank Mr Hodgson for providing us with our super trophies. Christine Wright

TAS Terminators

It is a very proud coach writing his last report for the TAS Terminators. Despite events going against them on the pitch the Terminators finished there last game like they started their first, with bucket loads of enthusiasm, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Hamish has began to more incursions up-field and is beginning to add attacking skills to his resolute defending. It was great to have Hudson Morris back after a few weeks absence and he must have been kicking a ball around on the ski slopes as he slipped back into the groove smoothly, winning the 'Coach E Trophy' for his tireless work around the pitch. Charlie Rutlege has become an accomplished soccer player this year and he is part of the engine room of the Terminators. Daniel had a great defensive game in the weekend, tackling everything with skill and vigour. Sam and Riley were positive and encouraging throughout the match and both made fantastic saves in goals.

Our newest player, Charlie, has improved remarkably since joining the team, he played on bravely despite copping a couple of heavy knocks. Flynn and Stuart have become key attacking players for this team and they continued with the goal scoring teamwork on the weekend. Well done Boys, thank you for a great season.

TAS Transformers

When I turned up to the Rologas field last Saturday, I was filled with great joy and pride. The TAS Transformers were brimming with enthusiasm, anxious to play their last game against East Armidale. This team has repeatedly sung the theme song –“Transformers– more than meet the eye” at every training this year and today this was true.

First half of the game saw Zac Matherson play a sensational goalie. He cleverly saved many goals, displaying improved diving skills. Forwards were Cooper Johnson, Cotter Litchfield and Jack Sewell, who have thrived on the opportunity to score goals this season. Ollie Fletcher, Charlotte Caldwell and Angus Alford played our backs. Brilliant defending skills by all members, especially the big boot that Charlotte Caldwell now has as a centre back. Ollie Fletcher and Angus Angus really have improved their positional play and have become strong backs for our team. Liam Matherson played a good all round game, demonstrating improved tackling skills.

The first half of the game we were down 2 nil. That only spurred the team on in the second half to bring out their best and they did. The final score was 2 all. I have enjoyed a brilliant season with this team. They have made great improvements in all areas. I particularly love their enthusiasm for the game and their great sportsmanship.

Although Harry Ashton Nies was unable to attend the last remaining games of this season, we would like to acknowledge the strong tackling skills that he had and the valuable contributions that he made to this team.

Well done to all members.

Ms Bromwich

TAS Tomahawks

The season is close to an end but the boys are not done with their wining spree on Saturday morning they won yet another game and 6–1 was the final score now as we edge closer to the finals there is only one thing in mind, winning. I am personally very proud of the boys for their endurance and vigilance during the season and their urge to learn which has inspired me to give my all to make them better players. We are proud to be your coaches boys and well done. Next stop, winning the finals!!!! Good luck!

Francis Mutugi

TAS Titans vs St Johns

In the Preliminary Final of the Primary Two Division Netball competition on Saturday, the TAS Titans were defeated by St. Johns, 18–10. This brought to the end a very successful season for the Titans. The team has improved immensely over the season and has been a pleasure to coach. Coming third over all was something of which the girls should be proud. We sadly farewell our ever reliable and strong Year 5 players, Jessica Chambers, Olivia Fenwicke, Emily Sole and Tildy Waterson. These girls have been playing with the Titans for various periods of time and all have left their mark. We hope our up and coming Year 4 and Year 3 girls will continue to play next year and encourage some others to try the great game of netball. Our games have been well supported by wonderful parents and I thank all of them for their assistance and sideline encouragement. We have also been fortunate this season to have some extra coaching guidance from Mrs Slack–Smith and Mrs Eichorn, and we really have appreciated their input. The Grand Final of the netball competition will be played on Saturday.

Francis Mutugi

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Emily Sole who has been announced as a player in the 11's Netball Development Squad.

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

I give permission for my child in Year to borrow six books from the TAS Library during the holiday period, and will return these books in good condition in the first week of Term 4, 2009.

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

Signed Date

Community Events



Come along and welcome the lifecyclists riders as they complete their ride from sydney!

Armidale Bowling Club carpark

Friday 1st October
4:30pm

Bring the family!

- sausage sizzle
- balloons
- face painting

special guest Richard Torbay

then join us for a welcome party and fundraiser

Armidale Bowling Club
6pm
auction by Victor Moar
entertainment by Tex Message

silent auction, raffle, lucky door prizes
entry by donation

Thank you to all the local businesses and individuals that have been overwhelmingly generous with their donations. There are far too many to list but we will endeavour to thank you all personally
Dame & Bec Wood

The Head and Members of Robb College have pleasure in inviting you to attend the

Robb College 50th Anniversary Weekend

to be held at Robb College, University of New England on the long weekend of 2-3 October 2010

Saturday 2 October

From 9:00am: Netball and Hockey
12:30pm: BBQ Lunch
1:30-5:00pm: Robb Rugby
6:00pm till late: Black Tie Cocktail Party and Fork Buffet

Sunday 3 October

9:00-11:00am: Brunch and College Tours
11:00am: Opening of 25th Anniversary Time Capsule
11:30am: Commemorative Ceremony
12:00-2:00pm: BBQ Lunch and University Tours
2:00-4:30pm: Afternoon Tea at 'Trevenna', home of the Vice-Chancellor

RSVP

13 September 2010

For further details and to register online go to <http://www.conferencecompany.com.au/robbcollege50th/> or complete and return the enclosed registration form with payment

Enquiries

Telephone: 02 6773 1700



Sherriff's Tennis Academy
will be hosting a

FREE COME AND TRY TENNIS DAY FOR 5 - 8 YEAR OLDS

10am - 12pm Saturday 18th September
The Armidale School Tennis Courts
Chapel St, Armidale

Drop in and try the new nationally recognised MLC Hot Shots tennis program for 5-12 year olds using modified balls and courts, offering a unique stepping stone into tennis and skill development pathway, allowing every player to obtain maximum enjoyment!

**** FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ****

For further information and to register
Please ring Justin Sherriff on 0423 915 850

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