

TAS TALKS # 1

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 1, Week 1 – Wednesday 2 February 2011

House on Duty is Abbott – ah 0439 041 627

Headmaster – Murray Guest



Welcome all to the new school year after what I hope has been a happy Christmas and holiday break. I have enjoyed hearing reports of the school activities over the holidays including the Junior School exchange to Tezukayama School in Japan, the Blue Mountains Bike Camp and the New Zealand cricket tour and cricket festival in Sydney. All were very positive and happy experiences for those involved and I look forward to seeing their presentations at our assemblies over the coming weeks.

I was also delighted to hear of the success of our kayakers at the Australian Schools Slalom and Wildwater Championships held at Nymboida. The TAS team, Chris Bohlsen, Nick Allen and Alex Crees-Meldrum was well supported by their parents through some pretty challenging weather and all did well. I particularly congratulate Nick and Alex on winning gold in the 15 Years Men's C2 event. The schools event was followed by the national championships and all at TAS will be proud to know that for the second year in a row Will Forsythe (OB 2004) is the Australian Champion in both K1 and C2 events.

We have welcomed over 100 new students to TAS this week and I particularly wish them well as they settle into their new school life. This large intake of new students has meant that we have begun the year with a new record enrolment of 626 students and this is very encouraging. Middle School has experienced considerable growth with the largest intake of Year 7 students that I have seen here and I look forward to seeing their development.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff members this week, including eight residential staff who will be introduced to their boarding communities through their housemasters. Three of the four new GAP students expected this term are now with us; Oskar Orneberg from Sweden, James Kirk who returns after completing Year 12 at TAS last year as our Chapel GAP and Bryan de Leon from the Regents School in Thailand. Our final GAP student, Patrick Kirango Gichobi from Starehe in Kenya is expected to arrive in the next month.

Four new teachers have joined our staff this term and I welcome them:

- Luke Polson and his wife Susan, joins the Junior School staff from Nemingha Public School and is teaching one of our Year 3 classes.
- Jamie Suddaby, his wife Therese and young son Desi move to Armidale from Sydney where Jamie taught Maths and Science at Fort Street High School. I welcome Jamie to the TAS Maths Department.
- Elodie Le Gal who is completing her PhD at UNE joins the languages department to teach Year 8 French.
- Chunxia Wang also joins our languages department as our new Chinese Background Speakers tutor.

We also have three new administrative staff who will have a good deal of contact with both students and families:

- Sarah Broadbent will be assisting Nik Glass in the Music Department and Reception one day per week. Sarah is mother of Morgan in Year 9.
- Natalie Ramazani replaces Jane Nash as Library Assistant and is mother of Christopher in Year 5 and Daniel in Year 3.
- Kerry Behrend, mother of Sam in Year 3, has joined the IT team and will be working alongside Dom Burke.

I am also pleased to welcome back four staff who have been on leave recently; Cindy Barnsley who has spent the last year and a half at The Australian International School in Saigon, Mark Taylor who spent 2010 on exchange at the Leys School in Cambridge and Tim Scott and Catherine Boydell who were on long service leave in Term 4 last year.

There have also been a number of other staffing changes that students and parents will want to be aware of:

- Grant Harris is taking long service leave for the first semester and I wish him well in his house building. During this time Alan Jones will take on the role of Acting Deputy Headmaster and Barney Buntine the role of Acting Dean of Students.
- Seonia Wark and Peter Hall have 'swapped' roles, meaning that Seonia is our new Director of Studies and Peter is leading the Maths Department.
- Four current staff members have moved into residence as Deputy Housemasters this year; Andrew O'Connell in Croft, Justin Davies in Tyrrell and Tim Hadfield and Neil Druce in Middle School.
- Jason Lincoln has taken over from Dick Hodgson as Sportsmaster and MIC of Rugby in addition to his role as Abbott Housemaster. Jason is assisted by Karen Hutton who has moved from the Music Department to the sports area.
- Geoff Derrin has stepped into the shoes of Wally Richards as Head of Science.

I wish all students, families and staff every happiness and success for the year ahead.

Weekly Calendar– Wednesday 2 February - Wednesday 23 February

Wednesday 2 February

Thursday 3 February

6.00–7.30pm Transition Information Night

Friday 4 February

1.30pm 1st Basketball departs for Sydney High
(GPS Round Robin)

6.00–8.00pm Junior School Welcome Barbecue

Saturday 5 February

1st Basketball plays Sydney High School
Shooting Training weekend at Wollomombi

Sunday 6 February

Shooting Training weekend at Wollomombi

Monday 7 February

6.00pm Boarders' Formal Dinner

Tuesday 8 February

8.00am Individual student ID photos

2.00pm HSC Drama excursion to Sydney departs

9.00–1.30am University Roadshow (UNE/SCU/LSU) at
O'Connor Catholic College

6.00–7.30pm "Meet the Music Tutors" concert – Hoskins

Wednesday 9 February

6.00pm Chapel Alfresco (includes BBQ)

Thursday 10 February

8.00pm HSC Drama Excursion returns

Friday 11 February

Founder's Day

4.00pm Houses depart for the coast
Glen Innes Show

Saturday 12 February

House Coast weekend
Glen Innes Show

Sunday 13 February

House Coast Weekend

Monday 14 February

6.00–7.00pm JS Parent Information Evening

8.00pm MS/SS Swimming Champs – 200m IM event

Tuesday 15 February

JS Swimming Championships
Board Meeting

Wednesday 16 February

6.00–7.00pm JS Parent Information Evening

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 17 February

5.30–7.30pm MS Parent Information evening and
Welcome Barbecue

7.30pm MS/SS Swimming Champs 200m Freestyle
War Cry competition

Friday 18 February

9.00am–4.00pm MS/SS Swimming Championships
PSSA Zone swimming Carnival (K–5)
Guyra Show

Saturday 19 February

Guyra Show

Sunday 20 February

Monday 21 February

Tuesday 22 February

Wednesday 23 February

6.30pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm P&F Meeting

This Month On the Web

Information re MS/SS Swimming Carnival

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

Tyrrell House Welcome letter

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/tyrrell.php

Croft House Welcome letter

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/croft.php

White House Welcome

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/mschool/mschool.php

Round Square information

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/roundsquare/current_round_square.php

TAS Basketball

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

JS Orienteering

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/junior_sport.php

Year 2

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/year_2.php

Kindergarten Sleepover

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/junior/kinder.php

Hockey

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

Treading Lightly

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/sustainability/sustainability.php

Menu

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/boarding/current_boarding.php

Fiji website

http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/fiji/current_fiji.php

Chaplain – Winners and Losers 2010

Newspapers love to look back over a year and state who they think have been the winners and losers over that last months, this is who the Sydney Morning Herald decided should carry these titles.

JULIA GILLARD – winner: Became Australia's first female prime minister

MASTERCHEF – winner: became Australia's highest rating non-sporting event since records began.

AC/DC – winner: Almost 40 years they finally won a Grammy award for War Machine.

QANTAS – loser: With the volcano in Iceland, its flagship A380 fleet being grounded due to engine concerns. And the European Commission fined Qantas 8.9 million euros (\$A12.2 million) for its part in a cargo price-fixing cartel. The airline also reported a 4.3 per cent decline in annual net profit to \$112 million.

JESSICA WATSON – winner: The 16-year-old Queenslander became the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world after 210 days at sea.

ST GEORGE – winner

THE CHOOKIES – loser

MELBOURNE STORM – even bigger loser



This is a fun game. So let's play TAS winners and losers 2010.

Let's start with Mr Jones.... On second thought....

Many of us will have in our minds what constitutes a winner and a loser, and maybe in the back of your mind you do place people into those categories. The interesting thing is many of you will be wondering what this year will hold, and you will be looking ahead to determine what will make 'me' a winner? What area could I be a winner in? So you set goals for the year, and so you should, in all areas of your life – it's a good idea.

But in all this goal setting consider the massive goal set by our school lesson. It clearly states it doesn't matter what great things you achieve this year and throughout your life, if they are not done in love, if love does not underpin all that you do, you gain nothing.

Note, it's a very specific description of love. The love standard here is that set by Jesus, who gave up everything so that we might know something of the glory and everlasting nature that he risked. This is costly love. This is what our lives must demonstrate, let this characteristic dominate your life here at school and beyond, but don't assume it will just happen, put into your goal setting, plan how you might start working towards being this sort of person.

Counsellor's Corner – Rob Hadfield



'NEW YEAR, NEW BODY'!! This was the rallying cry of Jamie Moore attempting to enlist more staff in lunchtime fitness routines in the Gym. Seems like a good idea – for some. The invitation is to obtaining the benefits eventually by feeling some pain initially. It takes commitment too – commitment to a practice of life (ie turning up and doing it) that places a high value on health and well-being. It also establishes the importance of goals in everyday life, of raising the bar and giving things our best shot. It is very personal work. A commitment to our own life.

The same principles and practices apply to developing mental health and well-being. Indeed, physical and mental health and well-being are intimately connected. We are living organisms that operate in wholistic and holistic ways. Different aspects of our lives – physical, emotional, cognitive, relational, social, behavioural, and spiritual, operate in concert to establish the quality of human experience. Just as bodies can deteriorate through neglect or abuse, so too can our minds and relationships. The psychological benefits of facing the issues that undermine our lives, perhaps enduring some initial pain, is worth the effort.

No better time than now to attend to things that really matter. Please know that as the year gets underway that I am very available as a resource to enable you to live well. Perhaps my room here at TAS can be renamed, 'The Psychological Health Gym'? We start by assessing where you are up to, identifying what will improve the situation, developing ways of doing this, and setting some achievable goals for change. Interested?

Best wishes for 2011.

P&F Association - Presidents: Sandra Kaynes and David Trenerry

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

email: pandf@as.edu.au

Welcome

A special welcome to all parents new to TAS in 2011. We welcome you too as new members of The Armidale School Parents and Friends Association. We hope all new and continuing parents can help out and participate in P&F events associated with the School where time and interest allows.

Liaison Parents

Any parent wishing to serve as a Liaison Parent is urged to contact the P&F Executive. Alternatively they can speak to the year group co-ordinators Senior School – Margie Roberts; Middle School – Sandra Grant and Carol Chamber and Junior School – Jo Morris. Most positions have been filled, but there are still some vacancies. In Middle School if there was a Year 8 parent interested could they contact Carol Chambers on 0427 728 289. A luncheon will be held in the second week of school on the Wednesday 9 February for all Liaison Parents so they can get to know each other and discuss their role and plans for the year.

Swimming Carnivals

The first event for the year is the Junior School Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 15 March followed by the Middle/Senior Swimming Championships on Friday 18 March. At both these events cake stalls will be supplied and manned by parents.

P&F Meeting

The P&F meets only once a term. Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 23 February at 7.00pm in the Lower Maxwell Room. See you there.

General Notices

STANSW Young Scientist Awards 2010

Each year all Year 10 science students are expected to prepare a proposal for an individual research task involving a first-hand investigation to be undertaken in the boys' own time. (This is analogous to a professional scientist making submissions for a research grant.) If the proposal is acceptable, the student then undertakes the research and prepares a report similar to a professional, peer-reviewed research paper.

Last year, Mr Thompson asked some of his students to submit their research papers to the NSW Science Teachers Association Young Scientists Awards.

Congratulations to Aaron Buckley who received a Certificate of High Achievement for his research into the effects of chewing gum on the pH (acidity) of saliva. Well done to James Kennelly and Tom Wyatt who both received Certificates of Commendation. James tested the electromagnetic radiation from mobile phones and Tom's research compared beam and suspension bridges.

We are mighty proud of their achievements.

Geoff Derrin, HoD, Science



Autos is looking for Vehicles to Service

If you have any vehicles that require servicing (and are out of warranty) we can service them.

We are also able to do pink slips for cars, trailers, motor bikes, horse floats etc

Give Richard Lee a call on 0421 238 481.

Over the coming months, parents and caregivers of primary and secondary school children in NSW will be invited to participate in focus group interviews for a research project entitled Parent-School Engagement in NSW. This study aims to learn more about the factors that influence parent-school engagement. The study will seek views from parents and caregivers of children in primary and secondary schools across the range of public, independent and Catholic school sectors in NSW. This research is being conducted by Dr. Sue Saltmarsh, Associate Professor of Educational Studies at the Australian Catholic University. The study is sponsored by the NSW Parents' Council, NSW & ACT Council of Catholic Schools Parents, and the NSW Federation of Parents' and Citizens' Associations, who have commissioned Dr. Saltmarsh to develop teacher professional development programs and pre-service teacher education materials that will be used to prepare educators for engaging effectively with parents, caregivers and families. If you would like to know more about this research, or would like to consider participating in a focus group interview, please contact the project Research Officer, Dr. Jenny Barr, at jenny.barr@acu.edu.au for further details.



Foundation – Cressida Mort

TAS Foundation – what is it?

Welcome to all our school families to another year of activity and excitement.

Each week in TAS Talks I am going to write about the TAS Foundation; its role and function within the school, what it does and why it is important to the ongoing development of TAS.

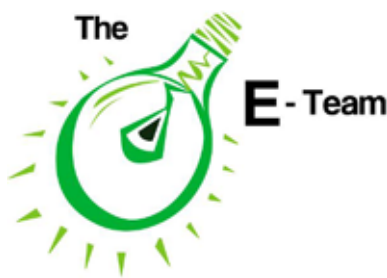
Like all other independent schools, TAS has a Foundation that raises money from tax deductible donations for the constant improvement of the school. Our Foundation was established in the 1980s from the generous donations of Old Boys and families for two specific purposes; ensuring we have money for new buildings and to allocate funds as scholarships and bursaries. You may be surprised to know that 10% of TAS students receive financial support from the Foundation, and that Middle School was built entirely from the donations. Without the support of the Foundation, this wonderful school would be a very different place.

There is an independent Board who govern the Foundation, monitor its investments and approve any expenditure. It is open for all families to join and you will be receiving information in the coming weeks on how to become a member.

Joining the TAS Foundation is a way of contributing to the development of the school for your children and those in the future. More information will be sent to families soon. Have a really great year.

Sustainability – TAS Prefects

Introducing... The E-Team!



The E-Team is a prefect run group encouraging environmental sustainability at The Armidale School and in the homes of their students. The E-Team was formed in term 4 of 2010 and is run by three prefects: Jonathan Paul, Angus Begg and Levi McKenzie-Kirkbright. Each week the E-Team will have a small submission in the TAS Talks to educate students and parents about being environmentally sustainable. The E-Team will have one main focus per term and several minor focuses as well. Term 4 saw the E-Team focus on recycling around the school. This term, electricity management will be strongly emphasised. As well as this weekly submission, environmental reminders will be stated at each of the prefect assemblies on Fridays by an E-Team member and in special cases, guest speakers will be invited to share professional knowledge on certain issues. We here at the E-Team are planning on taking a step towards a greener future.

Jono Paul, E-Team member

Community Service – Fiji Trip

Places are filling fast for this extremely worthwhile pilgrimage to St Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji. All parents have received the information and application forms for this trip however they are available from the main Reception Office if you have misplaced them or they can be downloaded from www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/fiji/current_fiji.php These forms need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions please email Chris Spencer on cspencer@as.edu.au

Musical Notes – Nik Glass

2011 Rehearsal Times for Music Ensembles

Ensemble	Day	Time	Venue
Chapel Choir	Friday	3.45 – 5pm	Chapel
TAS Singers	Tuesday	7:40–8:40am	Music Centre
Middle School Choir	Friday 10	Period 3	Music Centre
Jnr. Vocal Ensemble	Friday	8:00–8:45am	Music Centre
K–2 Choir	Friday	Period 5	Music Centre
3– 5 Choir	Friday	Period 4	Music Centre
TAS Strings	Friday	7:40–8:40am	Music Centre
Snr. Jazz Combo	Wednesday	5.00–6.00pm	Music Centre
TAS Senior Band	Thursday	7:30–8:30am	Music Centre
TAS Rock Band	Monday/Wednesday	1:20–2:00	Music Centre
Guitar Ensemble	Tuesday	1:20–2:00	Music Centre

All rehearsals will commence from the beginning of week 2.

Instrumental Tuition

Instrumental tuition will commence officially from the beginning of week 2. However, some tutors may contact you regarding an earlier commencement time.

If you would like your child to commence instrumental vocal tuition at TAS please complete the Instrumental Lesson Enrolment form sent in the January Parent's Mailout or email nglass@as.edu.au

Boarder Practice

The Music Department will be open for supervised boarders practice from week 2, at the following times:

Middle School boarders	5:00–5:45pm	Monday to Thursday
Senior School boarders	7:30–9:00pm	Monday to Thursday
All boarders	1.00–3.00pm	Saturday and Sunday

Instrumental tutors will be working out specific practice times with their students in the coming weeks. All students are encouraged to practice on a daily basis. However, as a minimum requirement, the expectation is that students will practice 45 minutes at least three times a week.

If you have any enquiries regarding boarders practice please contact me at nglass@as.edu.au

The Armidale School

meet the music tutors' concert

Tuesday 8 February Hoskins Centre 6.00- 7.00pm

If your child is considering learning an instrument at TAS this is the perfect opportunity to hear a range of instruments being performed by one of our peripatetic tutors.

Students will also have the opportunity to try out an instrument. This will be an inspirational experience for all students and parents.



All Welcome

For Music Department enquiries please phone 6776 5890 or nglass@as.edu.au

Sporting News – Sportsmaster: Jason Lincoln



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

The 2011 sporting season is well under way with our cricketers having already returned from a successful tour of New Zealand. They were also victorious in the Independent Schools' Cricket Festival in Sydney. Congratulations must go to Andrew Patrick and his team, Mr Allan Moore and Mr Tim Hadfield for their tireless work over the summer. While the teams were away travelling Mr Steve Webster managed to 'scrape' together some formidable players to represent TAS in the local competition and we extend our thanks to him for his efforts.

Congratulations must also go to Luke Burton, James Kennelly, and Lachlan Creighton for their selection in the Junior Gold Train On Wallaby Squad which will assist their Rugby progression both now and into the future.

House Captains will be spending next week preparing all of their members for the upcoming School Swimming Championships. We look forward to seeing many of you at the hotly contested War Cry Competition on the Thursday 17 February, as well as the Junior school carnival on Tuesday 15 February, and the MS/SS carnival continuing on Friday 18 February. Attached to TAS Talks is the Program of Events.

In 2011 Karen Hutton will be taking on the role of the Sports Administrative Assistant and she can be contacted via email khutton@as.edu.au (phone coming) and as always please use the TAS website to assist you with any information you require.

We welcome a large number of new boys to the school this year and it will be great to see new and familiar faces on the sidelines at sporting events. Can I also thank all of the coaches and students in advance for what will no doubt be a busy term of sport at TAS.

MS/SS Swimming Championships General Information

The Swimming Championships will count towards the Hickson Cup (House sport trophy).

Boys may compete in any number of events but these must be within their own age group and division.

There are no false starts, ie the 'one start rule' applies.

The scoring system will be as follows:

House Points

For individual events:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	59th	= 60th
Points	60	59	58	57	2	1

Plus Championship and Division points will be added to the House points for competitors who come in the first 8 places of an event.

For relays

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Points	120	100	80	60	40	20

Age Championship points

The first eight in each event will score age championship points as follows

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

Where two or more competitors finish the age championships on equal points the following 'count-back' system will be used: the swimmer with the highest 'division' (ie sub-junior, junior or senior) total will be declared the champion. If points are still equal then the competitor with the most 1st places in all events will be declared the champion. If points are still equal then the person with the most 2nd places will be declared the winner. This process will continue right down to 8th place. If competitors are still equal then they will be declared joint age champions.

Division Championship points

The first eight in each event will score division championship points as follows

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Points	12	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

Where two or more competitors finish the division championships on equal points the following 'count-back' system will be used: the competitor with the most points in division events will be declared the division champion. If points are still equal then the person with the most 1st places in all events will be declared the winner. If points are still equal then the

person with the most 2nd places in all events will be declared the winner. This process will continue right down to 8th place. If competitors are still equal then they will be declared joint division champions.

Only age events count towards age championship awards. Age events and division events count towards division championship awards.

The first race in each event should contain the best competitors. In the 100m freestyle events there will be two competitors per lane except for the first race in each age group where there will be one competitor per lane.

The 'Tooth & Nail' trophy will not count towards the aggregate House points score and will be awarded to the House winning the final relay event (ie. 7 x 50m, one boy from each age group).

Except for water, no food or drink may be consumed in the pool area.

Students may not leave The Sports Centre area without permission from their respective Housemasters.

Times swum in these Championships will be used to determine which boys will be selected in TAS teams to compete at The Monckton Shield and NCSA carnivals.

A list of the events to be run at the carnival with times is attached to this email

The TAS P & F invites all parents for a BBQ lunch from 12:30pm outside the Sports Centre.

Tea and coffee is available all day in the Gym as well as a cake stall.

Cricket

NZ Cricket Tour Report

The 1st Cricket team went on a tour of New Zealand during the summer holidays, leaving Armidale on 10 December and returned on the 21 December. The trip was a very successful tour on and off the field. The boys performed well especially with bowling and fielding and we ended up with three victories out of the five games played.

The first game was against Christchurch Boys High School who have Richard Hadlee as an Old Boy. We batted fairly well against a very good bowling attack and ended up with 150 after our 50 overs with the top score of 46 by Harry Guest and 29 by Tom Walsh. It was pleasing to bat out the 50 overs but we batted very cautiously and we knew it wouldn't be enough unless we bowled well. The pitch started to keep low so our pace attack, who are used to our bouncier pitches, were unable to make an impact. The spinners bowled well but we were unable to take many wickets with Christchurch Boys passing the score in the 39th over with 3 wickets down.

The second game was against a combined Kiakorai Valley and Bayfield Schools. Unfortunately we batted poorly against a fairly average bowling attack and were all out for 95. Luke Webster was the highest scorer with 21. The boys were determined to make up for this by bowling well and came out fired up to eventually win the game by bowling them out for 77 with Andrew Patrick taking 5 wickets.

The third game was against Kavanagh College. Kavanagh batted first and wickets fell regularly with Kavanagh being all out for 77. AJ Murray taking an incredible 6 wickets for 5 runs off 7 overs.. Our batters came out with a positive attitude and passed the score in the 15th over. We lost 6 wickets before passing their score but this was mainly due to good bowling and a very talented wicket keeper who made two lightening fast stumpings off wides.

The fourth game was against a very talented Southland Boys High. They batted first and made a competitive 155. The pick of the bowlers were Andrew Patrick with 5 for 19, Tom Walsh 3 for 8 and Sam Skelton who took 2 wickets in his first over. Although their bowling attack was very strong, our batting was very disappointing. We were all out for 76 and this was only because of some big hitting from Toby Crothers at the end of the innings.

The last game of the tour was against Wakitipu High School in Queenstown. With two wins and two losses on the tour so far, it was important to end the tour with a winning record. We played at a ground with an incredible view of the mountain range as a backdrop. Wakitipu High batted first and were all out for 94 with good bowling from Nic Boulus with 2 for 8, Andrew Patrick 3 for 9 and Iain McLean who only bowled one ball which was a wicket. We passed the score with 2 wickets down to ensure we ended the tour with three wins and two losses.

All games were played in the right spirit and all teams mixed well. I have only heard compliments about our team. Everyone enjoyed the tour especially the activities outside the games. The rafting and Jet boat was great fun and we all enjoyed the experience. The squad all got on well together and it's great to see them all working together on and off the field.

The team for the tour was Andrew Patrick (c), Luke Webster (vc), Andrew Murray, Angus Sutherland, Angus Trenerry, Harry Guest, Iain McLean, Jock Armstrong, Josh Taylor, Matthew Wykniel, Nick Boulus, Sam Skelton, Toby Crothers and Tom Walsh

Allan Moore, MIC Cricket

The Sydney Cricket Festival

Our 1st XI left for Sydney on the 16 January to compete in the Cricket Festival along with St. Ignatius College, Downlands College and Canberra Grammar. This was a competition that TAS had not won for some time and the boys had previously stated that one of their goals for the season was to win the Festival.

The first game was against St. Ignatius. On a pitch that lacked any pace and bounce, TAS made a conservative start with Josh Taylor and Tom Walsh laying a good foundation. A partnership of 48 between Walsh (42) and Luke Webster (35) increased the run rate. Matt Wykniet played very well to be not out on 50, while Harry Guest remained unbeaten on 28. These two put together a partnership of 75 to help the team finish with a good total of 192. Some fantastic bowling from Luke Webster, who finished with 5 for 15 off ten overs, had them under pressure early. Three wickets from Harry Guest and one each from Cal James, Daniel McDouall and Jack Scifleet completed a wonderful win that gave the team a lot of confidence heading into the next match against Downlands College.

Bowling first, early wickets were important. While we took two in the first four overs, it was very tight fielding and a run out that triggered a huge collapse from Downlands. They moved from 2 for 37 to 8 for 45, and eventually bowled all out for 90. Andrew Patrick was the best of the bowlers, finishing with four wickets. This was a fantastic effort in a game TAS had to win if they were to fulfil their goal of taking out the Festival. Luke Webster (53) helped the team to a great win.

Approaching the last game, the boys knew that a win here would mean taking the trophy home, but this was the third game in as many days, so a few boys were starting to feel some aches and pains. Although not bowling or fielding at our best, we still had Canberra Grammar in all sorts of trouble at 6 for 39, and eventually all out for 102. Andrew Patrick again picking up four wickets, with Josh Taylor and Cal James picking up two each. Andrew Murray, Daniel McDouall and Luke Webster all took one. Although losing four wickets, Josh Taylor (24), Matt Wykniet (29 not out) and Toby Crothers (20 not out) helped ensure TAS would come out on top once again.

This was a great achievement for the boys and well deserved. Part of the Festival is the selection of the team of the Festival. Luke Webster, Andrew Patrick and Matt Wykniet were all selected based on some very impressive performances. Luke Webster also picked up the 'Bowler' of the Festival. Congratulations to these two boys and the whole team for an excellent week of cricket.

Tim Hadfield, Coach



Cricket Draw

Sat 5 February	1:00pm	1st XI	TAS v Ex-Servies	TAS Back Oval
		2nd XI	TASv Easts	Wakefield
Monday 7 Feb	4.00pm	1st XI	TAS v Armidale High (TOAD Cup)	TAS Back Oval
		U16	TAS Terminators v TAS Taipans	Wakefield
Wednesday 9 Feb	4.00pm	U14	TAS Tomahawks v TAS Transformers	Wakefield
Thursday 10 Feb	4.00pm	U16	TAS Tigers v Norths	Wakefield

Basketball

Armidale Basketball cordially invites local junior players to participate in the Northern Junior League Competition.

A Representative basketball registration and trials session will be held on Sunday 6 February at 10.00am at The Den. All interested junior players, coaches, referees and parents are asked to attend.

We are seeking interested players who turn between 9 and 17 in 2011. If you fit this category and are interested in playing for Armidale, come along and register your interest. We are looking for reliable players, both girls and boys, who are keen to improve their game skills.

For further information, contact Peter Monaghan on 6772 7771 after hours or send an email to arball@bigpond.com Our Basketball Preseason Competition for 2011 will begin February 14th. Nomination forms are available from Struddy's Sports and Armidale Sportspower and are due on Wednesday 9th February. Individual players in all grades can contact Judy on 6772 7771 to be put on the 'Lost Souls' list.

Grades on offer include Men's & Women's A Grade, B Grade and C Grade while the juniors will be participating in years 7 and 8 or years 9 and 10 for both boys and girls. If a team has not been organised at your school, contact Judy. Uniforms can be supplied for Tuesday teams only.

There will be two registration and rules night on 8 and 9 February from 6.00pm at The Den. Up to date information on the rule changes and line markings will be presented. It is important for all players to attend one of the sessions.

Basketball is a great way to keep fit with all games being played indoors.

For further enquiries, contact Judy on 6772 7771 or at arball@bigpond.com

Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster



From the Head of Middle School

On behalf of the Middle School team I extend a warm welcome to new and returning students and their families as we commence a new school year. We look forward to our students enjoying a happy and successful year in and out of the classroom and encourage students to ask any of the Middle School staff for assistance or clarification if they are unsure of any of the new routines.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Cindy Barnsley, Mr Tim Hadfield and Mr Andrew O'Connell to our Middle School teaching team.

Mr Hadfield, who has also been appointed as Middle School Deputy Housemaster, will join Mrs McCarthy as a Year 6 homeroom teacher.

Mrs Barnsley will join Mr Ian Lloyd and Mr Neil Druce as Year 7 homeroom teachers whilst Mr O'Connell will join Ms Catherine Boydell and Miss Fiona Taber as Year 8 homeroom teachers.

Mrs Regina Pollard provides year 6 to 8 Learning Support and my teaching responsibilities will include Year 7 Philosophy and Learning Extension.

Mrs Alison Evans very capably attends to the day-to-day administration of our Middle School. We also look forward to the role our Year 8 monitors will play in providing leadership and peer support, and to the continuing support and assistance from our senior boys and prefects.

We look forward to your support and involvement with your son's education and wish the boys a happy and rewarding year.

Homeroom Placements

In order to provide an appropriate educational program, all years 6 to 8 students will be tested in literacy and numeracy during week 1 and 2. Based on the results of these diagnostic tests, classroom work and previous school reports it may be necessary to allocate students to a different Year 7 or 8 homeroom.

Uniforms

We request that all uniforms, which include hats and shoes, need to be clearly and correctly labelled with your son's name. Please ensure that name labels are used, not just written on with a pen.

Gift from Year 8

We would like to thank last year's Year 8 class and their parents for their most appreciated farewell gift of a very fine wooden bench. The boys, staff and visitors will enjoy the bench.

Family BBQ and Parent Information Evening

This year we will be combining our Middle School Welcoming Family Barbeque and Parent Information Evening to help lessen the number of functions parents are invited to attend. We appreciate that many of our families live some distance from Armidale and we greatly appreciate their attendance at school events.

These functions will be held on Thursday 17 February, which is the day prior to the swimming carnival.

The Information Session will begin at 5:30pm in the Middle School and will be followed by the barbeque at McConville Centre.

At 7:30pm families are invited to attend the War Cries Competition at the Sports Centre.

Contacting the Middle School

Throughout the year concerns regarding your son's educational programme should be directed to either their homeroom teacher or Mr Dempster on 6776 5819.

Parents may wish to leave a message on the Middle School answering machine by phoning 02-6776 5819.

Junior School – Head of Junior School: Lou Forsythe



Looking Ahead

Thursday 3 February

Friday 4 February

Tuesday 8 February

Wednesday 9 February

Monday 14 February

Tuesday 15 February

Wednesday 16 February

Transition Information Evening 6.00–7.00pm

Junior School Welcome BBQ 6.00 – 8.00pm

ID Photo's – formals to be worn during the photo session

Year 2 Assembly – Hoskins Centre

Junior School Parent Information evening

Swimming Carnival

Kindergarten Assembly – Hoskins Centre

Junior School Parent Information evening

Welcome back to everyone. We are delighted to see you all again, and to see how refreshed everyone is after enjoying a summer break. We hope your holidays were all that you wished them to be.

Just a few Reminders for you:

- Junior School contact booklet – letters were handed out to children on Tuesday and parents are asked to return these by this Friday if they wish to receive, and be a part of, the Junior School Contact booklet.
- The Junior School BBQ is on this Friday night and we look forward to welcoming everyone there. For new and old families, this is a wonderful way to meet other families with children in the Junior School, and many of these friendships will last all the way through their schooling.
- The Transition Information night is on this Thursday night and it is important for all families to have a representative there, as details of procedures and expectations are discussed. Information nights for other classes are held in week 3.
- If you are new to the School, please don't hesitate in contacting your class teacher about any concern you may have. We like to solve problems early on. Your Liaison parents will also be a source of practical ideas.
- The first two weeks of term will involve testing for all children in K–Yr 5 in Reading, Spelling and Mathematics. This information gives the teacher an idea of each child's ability and allows them to group accordingly in the classroom. Kindergarten will also complete the PiPS testing (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) individually with Mrs Lesley Brown in the first week.
- Learning Support and Extension and Enrichment classes will commence in Week 2.

We hope you all have a glorious term. We welcome parents working with us to educate their children and look forward to your ongoing support. Again, if you have any concern, please come in and talk with us.

Mrs Lou Forsythe, Head of TAS Junior School

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mr Luke Polsen to the Junior School team. Luke has been teaching at Nemingha and Narrabri Primary Schools with his talents being in general classroom teaching, IT and Music. He is well known in the Armidale theatre circles for his impressive stage production work. Luke will be teaching Year 3LP this year.

Mrs Libby Richards will be on Leave for the majority of this term and Mrs Ingar Rowlings will be replacing her in the Homework Centre whilst she is away. Abby Partridge will be her Assistant on Mondays to Thursdays. Miss Mia Moloney (TAS Junior School Old Girl) will also be helping in the Homework Centre on Monday afternoons as part of the service component to her Duke Of Edinburgh award.

Junior School Contact Booklet

All children were given a form today asking parents to let us know if they wish their details to be included in the Junior School Contact Booklet. This booklet is invaluable in making contact with other parents in your child's class and is generally a very treasured booklet of information most parents subscribe to. Family information will only be included in this booklet upon return of the letter handed out today, and only the information given on this form by parents, will be included in the booklet. This booklet is only done once a year.

Please return this form to the Junior School Office by this coming Friday, 4 February.

Happy Birthday

Many children celebrated their birthday during the holidays and we trust you all had a wonderful day. This week we wish a very happy birthday to Claudia Meehan, Jack Waters, Tristan Rottcher, Lachlan Thornton, Catherine Alcorn and Jasper O'Neil.

Transition Information Evening

This Thursday 3 February from 6.00–8.00pm, Mrs Tania Ball and Mrs Lucy Adams will be meeting with Transition parents in the Transition classroom to outline school procedures and expectations to all our new families so that any questions can be answered early in term. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet the parents of the other children in your child's class so an event not to miss! We look forward to seeing all Transition parents attending.

Junior School Barbecue

This is a wonderful opportunity for new and returning TAS families and staff to get together and have a most enjoyable evening. We welcome and encourage all families to attend. The barbecue will be held at the McConville Centre (enter via Brown Street) on Friday, 4 February from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The much loved jumping castle has been booked and will provide easy entertainment for the masses of children. We are most grateful to the Senior School Prefects who will be preparing and serving the barbecue dinner. Do take this opportunity to introduce yourself to these fine young gentlemen. In the case of inclement weather the barbecue will be postponed to a later date.

Formal Uniform – Tuesday 8 February

A reminder that children are required to wear formal uniform on this date as individual and family school photographs will be taken. Please ensure that your photo order is returned to the Junior School Office by that day. The photo order form was sent to families during the school break, please notify main Reception if you require a new form.

Parent Information Evenings 6.00–7.00pm

Parents are warmly invited to attend these evenings in Week 3, Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 February. They will begin in the undercover area with drinks and nibbles. Groups then move off to their child's classroom. These sessions are informative and also an excellent opportunity to get to know other parents of children in your child's class. They are also very enjoyable! Teachers will explain their expectations and procedures operating within the classroom.

Contacting the Junior School Ph: 6776 5817

Parents may wish to leave a message on the Junior School answering machine by phoning 02–6776 5817. These messages are noted prior to school, during the recess and lunch breaks and after 3.30pm. A message left on the Junior School answering machine will enable staff to return your call at a suitable time.

Liaison Parents

The Junior School Liaison Parents are volunteers from each class who assist families and staff by providing an important link between the school and parents. The Liaison Parents welcome new families to the school, organise social activities and are a contact point for anyone unfamiliar with procedures in the Junior School. The staff of the Junior School is most appreciative of these parents for their time and commitment to this valued service. The 2011 Liaison Parents are listed below so that our new parents may know whom to contact. The Head of Junior School, Mrs Lou Forsythe, is always available to meet and discuss matters with parents.

Transition	Mrs Cath Gerdes	Ph: 0407 007 055
	Mrs Shona Eichorn	Ph: 0414 987 371
Kindergarten	Mrs Anthea Chalmers	Ph: 6772 5795
	Mrs Jacqui Buntine	Ph: 6775 5271
Year 1	Mrs Anna Caldwell	Ph: 0412 165 419
Year 2	Mrs Natalie Evitt	Ph: 6775 5584
	Mrs Libby Jackson	Ph: 6772 3446
Year 3	Mrs Sam Ackling	Ph: 0429 777 161
Year 4	Mrs Meg Fletcher	Ph: 6772 2802
	Mrs Cressida Mort	Ph: 6772 9293
Year 5	Mrs Sally Strelitz	Ph: 6775 1918
	Mrs Pia McBean	Ph: 6771 5552

Drama Club

This term, Drama Club will be taken by TAS teacher Andrew O'Connell who is a terrific young graduate of UNE the school has been lucky enough to recently snap up. The first class will be Monday 7 February and will run every Monday in the Hoskins Centre. All junior school students are welcome to come and enjoy an hour of exercising their imaginations to create exciting theatrical performances. Those who would like to enrol for the term should simply turn up to the first lesson and they will be given the necessary enrolment form then. Students are to meet under the shade area at the Junior School straight after school where they will be collected.

Scholastic Book Club

During 2010 TAS, in partnership with Scholastic, earned \$163 in Book Club bonus awards. Well done to all those at TAS who participated, this is a wonderful result!!

Naming Belongings

Parents are encouraged to name all their children's belongings. Whilst we endeavour to return all lost property it becomes incredibly difficult if items are not named. A blue lost property box is in the Junior School Homework Centre room and parents are encouraged to check here in the first instance if items are lost. Items returned to the school are often left at the main TAS Reception, please do not forget to check here for any items. Please ensure all second hand clothing is marked with the correct name.

Absences from School

Parents are asked to advise the School if their child is absent by 9.00am on the day and a note from the parent explaining the absence is required to be sent to the teacher upon the child's return to school. We suggest that if your child has been ill during the night or in the morning, the best place for them is at home where they will receive the constant care necessary. Parents of students who are ill at school, will be contacted so the parents can decide what is best for their child. If the School has not had notification of a child's absence by 9.30am on the day, the School will contact the family to check on the child's whereabouts.

After School Pottery Classes with reknown potter, Rick Hatch

These will commence in Week 2 (Monday 14 February) of this term and will continue for successive Mondays for six weeks. These classes are open to all students and are held in the lower Art Room in the Hoskins Centre from 4.00-5.00pm. The cost is \$135 for the six weeks not including materials. Contact Rick on 6772 5371 if you are interested.

Rick is also running night classes in ceramics for senior students and parents on Monday evenings from 6.30-8.30pm commencing on Monday 21 February - contact Rick on 6772 5371.

Junior School Sport - Kirsty Brunson, Co-ordinator

Please note that all sports training commenced on Tuesday 1 February from 3.45pm to 4.45pm. Sports that train on a Thursday will continue this week. The basketball miniball competition will commence on Monday 14th February. Cricket games will commence on Saturday 12th February. See the draw for the first games. For the new children who are keen to become involved in summer sport, please see Mrs Kirsty Brunson or email her on kbrunsdo@as.edu.au this week. If you are already involved in a town team competition for summer, you may continue with that team for the remainder of the term. Please note that sport is compulsory for Years 3, 4 & 5.

Sports Training

Please note that sports' training is always on regardless of weather conditions for both summer and winter sports. Should the weather be inclement, or scheduled games cancelled, the coaches will still be using this time to coach the children, and the children's attendance remains compulsory.

No JS Sport on Tuesday 15 February

Sport is cancelled on Tuesday 15th February, which follows our Junior School swimming carnival - Mrs Kirsty Brunson

JS Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 15 February - Please note that carnival nominations for races will be sent home this week - please read the back of the sheet and ensure the age to be entered on the sheet is the age your child will be on 31/12/11. Any Kindergarten children, who wish to enter the 25m freestyle may use a kickboard if needed.

Hockey Skills sessions

Hockey New England is running hockey skills sessions for any interested players. The sessions start on Sunday 6th Feb and will run each Sunday until the season commences. Each session goes from 2.00 - 4.00pm. The sessions are open to any interested players but are specifically targeted to any player wanting to be selected into 2011 representative teams.

Nikki Hudson, Hockeyroo, coming to Armidale

Nikki will be helping out at two clinics which will run on Feb 28 and March 1 between 5:30 and 6pm. Cost is \$2 per player which is going to local charities. Players with any skill level are invited to attend. Nikki will also be involved in four games that will run after each skills session (two on each night) consisting of 2 x 20 min halves. The first game on night one is for Ladies and Girls aged 13 yrs and up to veterans. The second game on Night 1 will be for mens and boys wishing to play. Game one on Night two will also be for Ladies and Girls. A feature match will be help as Game 2 on Night two where invited players will be selected to play.

Any player who wishes to be considered for these games on Night one or two must nominate through their club - please let Mr Alex Portell, (aportell@s.edu.au) know of your interest - you must also state whether you wish to play on Nikki's team or against her.

Teams will be drawn out of a hat from all nominated players on Feb 18th and can be heard on 2AD Radio Sin bin.

There will be a raffle held over the two nights, Nikki will have a signed body suit, a signed stick and another prize, so three prizes, drawn on night two. Tickets will be one dollar each or six for \$5

On each night there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks which will be run by Hockey New England.

Nikki will sign items on both nights, you can have photos taken, talk with her and she will be there as long as there are people wanting to talk to her.

Community Events

Music Classes for Kindi - Yr 2 Children



A fun music class designed for children at the pre-instrumental stage. Activities include: singing, movement, music games, improvisation and performance on tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Towards the end of the course, children are introduced to various instruments by music specialists and will have the opportunity to try them out. The Year 1-2 Class is a natural progression from the Kindergarten class although new members are very welcome. An ideal introduction to learning an instrument.

Classes Begin Term 1, 2011~ \$112 per term
Kindergarten ~ Tues 4-5pm
Yr 1 & 2 ~ Thurs 4-5pm
Please call NECOM on 6772 7203 to enrol.

Plenty of Junior Tennis coming!

There is plenty of junior tennis planned for the weekend of 11 - 13 February in Armidale.

Tennis NSW will be holding a training day for all junior players at the Armidale Tennis Club from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 12 February.

All junior players at tournament level are welcome to attend the training day, which has a cost of \$45 per player.

Armidale will then be hosting the first Medibank Junior Development Series tennis tournament for the North West region on Sunday 13 February 2011.

The series consists of round robin tournaments for 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under and 16 & under boys and girls. This is a great introduction to tournament play for juniors who are developing their tennis.

If you would like further information about the tennis weekend please contact Justin Sherriff on 0423 915 850 or Heather Apps on 0427 080567 or email nwtennis@bigpond.com

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM of MUSIC

Choral Program 2011

Minisingers (Years K-2)
Wednesday 4:00 - 4:45pm

Cantilena Singers (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00pm

Cantilena Chorale (Years 5/6 by audition)
Wednesday 5:00 - 5:30pm

New England Singers (Year 7-12)
Monday 4:00 - 5:15pm



Enrolling Now
Enquiries: 6772 7203



New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) Choral Bursaries 2011for those who want to sing!

As a result of the New England Sings initiative last year, the New England Conservatorium of Music is pleased to offer bursaries for students wishing to join the Choral Program in 2011. The bursaries will provide 100% of tuition costs (\$300) for the 2011 calendar year.

To apply for a bursary, enrol in a choir and complete the Choral Bursary application form.

Brochures are available from your school's front office or from NECOM, or contact NECOM on 6772 7203, email admin@necom.org.au or visit our website <http://necom.une.edu.au> and follow the link - training - programs - choral training.

Reduced Mobility Circuit

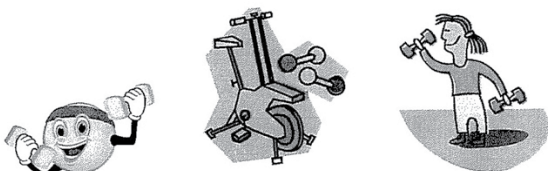
Come and join in with the happy crowd who have been coming to this class for up to 5 years.

Work out on exercise equipment in a safe environment under the supervision of a qualified and experienced (9 years) Personal Trainer.

This class has been proven to increase bone density and muscular strength so important to maintaining independence in aging bodies.

No getting up and down off the floor!!

All stations are adjustable for all levels of ability. Combine this class with other exercise to reduce body fat proportion



When: Tuesday and Thursday at 10:15 am

Where: TAS Weights room

Cost: 1st class FREE then \$7.00 per session.

Please bring a towel and bottle of water.

For more info. call Chris Doherty on 6771 1158.



General Circuit Classes

These classes are an excellent way to build strength as well as endurance. Come and work out in the recently refurbished TAS weights room

Cost of classes is \$7.00 each
(\$6.00 for current TAS staff & students)

Classes go for one hour and run at the following times:

Monday: 6:15pm
Tuesday: 5:15pm
Thursday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 4:15pm

For more information contact Chris Doherty on 6771 1158 or 0414 984 378 or go to www.cdpt.net.au/classes



For a great workout, try Fitness Boxing.



Rounds of intense punching/pad work interspersed with gentle aerobic activity.

Course will run for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings

Start date:	10 February 2011
Time:	5:15pm (60 min)
What to bring:	Towel, water
Cost:	\$60 (\$50 for TAS staff & students)
Contact:	Chris Doherty 6771 1158 or 0414 984 378