

# TAS TALKS # 10

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 1, Week 10 – Wednesday 5 April 2011

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## Grease!

The production of Grease last week was nothing short of a triumph. Whether measured by the sell-out season of four performances and a packed final rehearsal (something not seen here before) or the quality of performances which have received rave reviews from all quarters, it provided something very special and memorable. There is no doubt that producing a musical of this scale and with such high aspirations is a demanding ask for all concerned. The trepidation that comes with opening night and the performance pressure of a gruelling rehearsal schedule were transformed into what will be recorded as a highlight of TAS musical theatre.

I pay special tribute to the entire cast who shone and enjoyed great acclamation at every turn, but equally also to our dramatic and musical directors (Emma Buzo, Nik Glass and Leanne Roobol), technical crew (Luke Zanesco, Anthony Carlon, Luke Polson and Pat Bradley), stage crew (Harrison Abbey) and production manager (Sarah Watson and Ben Bible and Rhiannon Wright in support) along with musicians (Warwick Dunham, 'Woody' Woodhouse, Alistair Finco, Francesca Andreoni, Daniel Bale, Dave Brown, Matthew Nolan and Stephen Thorneycroft). The generosity and commitment of so many, especially those from outside TAS, was nothing short of inspiring.

## Senior TAS Old Boy

Last Friday, our oldest Old Boy, Lionel Cohen, turned 100 years old. This is still quite a rare achievement was made all the more special by Lionel's good health and clarity of mind. To put that in perspective, he still holds a full driver's licence, lives independently, writes a good deal on many subjects. At his birthday party on Saturday, he stood to deliver a very engaging and amusing recount of his life, from his first memories during the World War 1 to boarding at TAS in the 1920s and his career in the fledgling radio industry. On Monday, TAS was able to honour Lionel at a lunch for some of our most senior Old Boys in Sydney. At the lunch, Lionel launched the 'The Bell Tower Society', of which he is the founding patron. The Bell Tower is not only a grand architectural feature of the school, but also a symbol of adventure and mischief from the past. From the tales I have heard (and perhaps the many I haven't), it seems to encapsulate the character of TAS boys in general who manage great personal achievement whilst keeping hold of their sense of fun. The Bell Tower Society is the vehicle to honour our oldest Old Boys and to maintain the contact that will enable us to hear their tales and ensure that they become a part of the rich history of TAS.

## TAS Primary Rugby Carnival

This weekend will see 42 rugby teams from across NSW and Queensland converge on TAS for what I believe is now the largest primary rugby event in Australia.

The carnival is the vision and work of Jason Lincoln and its scale and significance for both TAS and Armidale are impressive. Bringing over 600 players and even more parents and supporters to the School is quite a challenge and I know that many of our staff, parents and students will be on hand in support. I offer thanks to all of those who have volunteered their services to make sure that TAS acquires itself well and I look forward to all the action of the weekend.

# Weekly Calendar– Wednesday 16 March - Friday 8 April

## Wednesday 6 April

JS Athletics Championship

## Thursday 7 April

MS/SS Athletics Championship  
Term Ends

## Friday 8 April

JS RS Conf departs for Alice Springs  
Boarders Buses depart  
Staff PD Day

## April Holiday Activities

9–10 April	TAS Rugby Carnival
8–16 April	Jr RS Conference; St Philips Alice Springs Pre–Conference tour to Uluru
13–16	Slow Hawkesbury
14–17	NSW Inter–Academy Games at UNE
15–17	Forensic Science Management Camp
14–27	Sydney Royal Show
17–21	1st XI Football to Newington Invitational Competition  Kyck and Service in Sydney

**Monday 25 April** Jazz vocalist and pianist Janet Seidel will give a concert in the Hoskins Centre at 3.30pm

**Friday 29 April** 3:30–7:30pm Combined Army Band/TAS Band workshop/performance – Hoskins

## Counsellor's Corner

I came across some words of Albert Schweitzer, one of the great figures of the 20th century, about the positive influences that some other people have on our lives. I'll share a few of these words with you here.

'Much that I should not have felt so clearly or done so effectively was felt or done as it was, because I stand, as it were, under the sway of these people'.

'Much that has become our own in gentleness, modesty, kindness, willingness to forgive, in veracity, loyalty, resignation under suffering, we owe to people in whom we have seen or experienced these virtues at work, sometimes in a great matter, sometimes in a small'.

'If we had before us those who have thus been a blessing to us, and could tell them how it came about, they would be amazed to learn what passed over from their life into ours'.

As I read these words I became aware of my great debt to some significant people in my life. Some were teachers, some relatives, some friends, some people I came across for a brief period of time. Most would not know how influential they have been. Some, I've never met personally, but I've read their lives, words and deeds. The possibility that our lives could have such a positive impact on others might cause us to reflect on how we live, what really matters and 'the power of one'. Gratitude towards others and responsibility to live closer to the core values of life, were the legacies of reading Schweitzer's words. We may never know what 'passes over' from our life into others.

Rob Hadfield

## Chaplain – Easter Qick Quiz 10:38-42

1. At Easter we celebrate the birth of Jesus, T/F?
2. According to tradition, the thief who accepted Jesus while they hung on the cross was on Jesus' right, T/F?
3. Written above Jesus' head on the cross was; 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews', T/F
4. Lent lasts for 40 days as it represents the amount of time that Jesus spent going without chocolate, T/F?
5. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the start of the rugby league season, T/F?
6. Jesus was forced to wear a red cloak during his trial T/F?
7. After Jesus' trial the name of the criminal who was freed at the will of the crowd, instead of Jesus was, Barrabas, T/F
8. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus to the Romans by giving him a carnation, T/ F?
9. The first people to see Jesus' opened grave at his resurrection were His mother Mary and "the other Mary", T/F
10. Benjamin Franklin said "God helps those who help themselves", T/F

My guess is that the majority of us can get most of the above questions correct. However, a recent survey revealed that nearly a quarter of Australians said that Jesus was credited with the words "God helps those who help themselves". I think this is a very common notion, even if we recognize that this a Franklin quote, many of us function as if God himself said it. We act as though as long as I reach a particular standard, or as long as I contribute to society, or as long as I reach out for God he will reach down for me. Any of these ideas demote what Jesus did on the cross as something insufficient, as something not quite worthy, a sacrifice that needs topping up, even repeating. In fact a student once said to me, there have been a lot of sins since Jesus died, isn't it time he did it again – the answer in an emphatic, NO. Peter's first letter in the New Testament says in chapter 3, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

Answers: 1.F; 2.T, 3.T, 4.F (days spent in the desert), 5.F (after the full moon), 6.F (purple), 7.T, 8.F (a kiss), 9.T, 10.T.

## Athletics Carnival

Junior School Athletics carnival is on today Wednesday, 6 April, followed by Middle/Senior School on Thursday, 7 April. Lunch is provided for parents and students on both days and the Liaison Parents will be looking for volunteers to bake cakes and biscuits, and roster on the Cake Stall for each day. This will work on a roster system with each year group covering an hour. Please help where you can.

## Rugby Carnival 9 and 10 April 2011

The primary rugby carnival is fast approaching and will be held on the first weekend of the Term 1 break, 9 & 10 April. This is a fantastic weekend of not only rugby for the visiting teams from NSW and QLD but a great opportunity to show off our great school. We are looking for volunteers to cook (cakes, slices and the BBQ's at school), sell on the cake stalls, make up lunches and assist in the McConville Centre. If you could spare any time during this huge weekend please contact any of the people below;

- David Trenerry [dltrener@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dltrener@bigpond.net.au)
- Sandra Kaynes [skaynes@bigpond.com.au](mailto:skaynes@bigpond.com.au)
- Carol Chambers [m.cchambers@southernphone.com.au](mailto:m.cchambers@southernphone.com.au)
- Sandra Grant [john.sandra.grant@bigpond.com.au](mailto:john.sandra.grant@bigpond.com.au)

Any assistance you could spare over this weekend, whether it is baking or giving up your generous time, it would be greatly appreciated.

## 2011 TAS Rugby Season Launch

The TAS Rugby Season Launch is being held in the Hoskins Centre Foyer at the conclusion of the first 1st XV game of the season. Downlands vs TAS will be played on Backfield, starting at 12.15pm on Saturday 30 April. We would like to invite all parents and friends within the TAS community to join us that afternoon from 1.30pm-3.00pm at the function.

## “Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”

Celia Lashlie will be making a presentation at 7.00pm on Thursday, 28th April in the Hoskins Centre. This is the second day of school in Term 2. She is a renowned social commentator from New Zealand and her work has resulted in a significant insight into the minds and feelings of teenage boys. This is a must for all TAS parents.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased through TAS reception and can be purchased over the phone using your

# CELIA LASHLIE

international best seller & social commentator

*The Armidale School invites you to a talk by author Celia Lashlie*

**Thursday 28 April 2011**

The Armidale School - Hoskins Centre

**Time 7.00pm Cost \$10.00 pp**

**Tickets available TAS Reception**

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

phone: 6776 5800

**Hosted by TAS P&F**



**“He'll Be Ok! Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”**

## Clothing Shop - Vivienne Tearle

**Junior School Parents – Please Note – Junior School children must be accompanied when attending the Clothing Shop and are not permitted to make purchases without parental assistance.**

Remember the Uniform shop will be open on the last day of term *Thursday 7 April (Athletics Carnival) 9.00am to 5.00pm.*

This is a great time for boarding parents to pick up the winter uniform. No appointments necessary.

During the holidays the shop will be open on 18 April 9.00am to 5.00pm.

I will also be open on 26 April 9.00am to 5.00pm to help with any last minute emergencies.

# General Notices

## Photo Order Forms

Delivery of Portrait Photo orders placed in February has been delayed until Term 2.  
Apologies from Master School Portraits

**Order forms for sports photos will be included in the end-of-term mailing.**

## Parents! Learn French and/ or Japanese at TAS

Bonjour! Konnichiwa!

The Languages Department has been successful in securing the Parental Polyglots Grant again in 2011, administered through the Association of Independent Schools, NSW. These classes will begin in Term 2, after Excursion Week.

At this stage we are looking for an expression of interest from parents and friends who would like to learn French and/ or Japanese. There will be 2 classes offered in each language, one for beginners and the other for those who already have some background in the language.

The aim of these classes is to enhance the support provided by parents to their son in his language studies. There is no cost involved so please come along!

French:	Thursday evenings	6.45pm – 7.45pm	8 – 9pm
Japanese:	Tuesday evenings	6.45pm – 7.45pm	8 – 9pm

If you would like to attend either of these, please register your interest at TAS Reception or email us at [ktamming@as.edu.au](mailto:ktamming@as.edu.au) or [amoore@as.edu.au](mailto:amoore@as.edu.au), by the end of Term 1. Please feel free to contact the Languages Department for further information.

## Literacy Tutoring and Homework Centre

### At a Glance:

- Operates four afternoons a week in Cash Block from 3.45 to 5.15 pm (Mon to Thurs)
- Trained teaching staff with limited numbers per staff member
- Diagnostic tests and graded worksheets in all basic skills
- Open to all schools and students from Years 7 to 11
- \$250 per term for two sessions a week or \$160 for one session a week, \$20 per single session.
- Enquiries through TAS Reception and Peter Hall.

This is a specialist centre operating four afternoons a week during term time to provide targeted assistance in Literacy. The centre has trained teaching staff who can provide remedial and extension opportunities for students with an interest in improving their Literacy skill base.

The remedial program is structured and students learning needs are assessed through diagnostic testing. Students then progress through graded worksheets after receiving assistance. Typical skill areas are grammar and punctuation, sentence structure, paragraphing and essay structure.

Students may also like regular assistance with their Literacy homework and the current topic that their class is studying. Some may wish to work ahead of their class or do extension questions on that topic.

Students can attend two nominated sessions per week from 3.45 to 5.15pm. They can choose from four sessions each week, Monday through to Thursday. The Centre is only open in term time and sessions start in Week 2 of each term.

There are a maximum of 8 students per staff member and bookings are essential. Parents may book for a term at a cost of \$250 per term or individual sessions (if room is available) for \$20 per 1.5 hour session.

Afternoon tea is provided at each session.

Enquiries and bookings can be made through TAS Reception on 6776 5800 or by email to [reception@as.edu.au](mailto:reception@as.edu.au). Alternately, contact Peter Hall by email at [phall@as.edu.au](mailto:phall@as.edu.au). This service is operated by TrainingArm, in conjunction with The Armidale School, and is open to students from all schools in Armidale.

**Maths Tutoring will continue in Term 2 and any new participants should contact Peter Hall as above.**



## Indigenous Literacy Project

The TAS Library has books that have been deleted from the library catalogue that are on sale for a nominal fee. Proceeds will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Project. Please support this worthwhile cause by purchasing a book or three. Pay at the desk. Parents and family are welcome to browse.

## HSC Tutorials (Evening Classes) 2011

Please contact me should you have further inquiries and comments about the tutorial system: mharriso@as.edu.au

### Tutorial times Term 1, Week 10

#### Monday:

Economics 5:00 – 6:00 pm (D Toakley) Fisher F22  
Visual Arts 7:00 – 8:00 pm (J White) Hoskins Centre  
Modern History 7:00 – 8:00 pm (I Jones) Fisher F21  
Ancient History 8:00 – 9:00 pm (I Jones) Fisher F21

#### Tuesday:

Mathematics (2 Unit) 7:00 – 8:00 pm (M Schmude) – Cash Building  
Mathematics (General) 8:00 – 9:00 pm (M Schmude) – Cash Building  
Mathematics (Extension 1) 8:00 – 9:00 pm (T Jones) – Cash Building  
PDHPE 7:00 – 8:00 pm (M Taylor) Venue – Gymnasium teaching rooms  
English as a Second Language: 7:00 – 8:00 pm (L Ashley) F13

#### Wednesday:

Physics 7:00 – 8:00 pm (W Moor) Fisher F21  
Biology 7:00 – 8:00 pm (K Hardingham) Science Block  
Chemistry 8:00 – 9:00 pm (K Hardingham) Science Block  
Metals and Engineering 7:30 – 8:30 pm (M Hill Year 11 Accelerants) Cash Block Ground Floor  
Metals and Engineering 8:30 – 9:30 pm (M Hill Year 12 students) Cash Block

Mark Harrison, Year 12 Academic Activities

## Excursion Week 2011

This is Week 2 of Term 2 and all parents should be aware of where or what their child is involved in.

The information relating to the Canberra Excursion for Year 10 is on the web site at:

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

### Hurray - Book Now for the TAS Family Ski Trip

The TAS family ski trip is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to enjoy a fantastic family holiday on snow at Falls Creek in Victoria—one that receives rave reviews from all participants each year.

We have several top class reserved rooms which I will have to forfeit soon, so make your booking now with Martin Levins at the school (mlevins@as.edu.au)

Details at:

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



## Student Services - Vickey O'Brien

### Travel

Please note: Countrylink services for boarders returning to school is on Tuesday 26 April. Classes resume on Wednesday 27 April.

Have a great holiday.

## Sustainability – TAS Prefects



Considering that the holidays have quickly approached, a few general environmental tips for you and your family to consider:

1. If you are not going to use your computer(s), turn them off to save power.
2. If you are travelling away from home, consider turning off all electrical equipment (TV's – Clocks) at the wall – this will eliminate the power used by standby mode.
3. When travelling as a family, avoid taking more than one car away with you. This will help the planet (a reduction in CO2) and your wallet (especially with petrol prices set to rise).
4. Be smart with your energy uses. If going on holidays to a warm or cold area and you decide to use an air conditioner or heater respectively, be sure to keep doors and windows closed. This will help reduce energy consumption and will lower the price of you energy bill.
5. Be sure to recycle as much a possible.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Remember... Being green is not hard!

## What's Hot at Hoskins – Emma Buzo - Centre Manager

### 'Grease – The Musical' production report by director Emma Buzo

With 4 sold out shows, 48 beaming young people on stage, a wonderful band and many happy parents and friends in the audience, the 'Grease' team have many reasons to celebrate a highly successful combined musical.

Our sincere thanks to all those who worked on and supported the production including the teaching staff at TAS, NEGS and PLC and the families of those involved. We have been inundated with enthusiastic students wanting to know how they can get involved in next year's musical and we are already planning for 2012 so stay tuned. In my first production since taking up a position at TAS I feel very lucky to be surrounded by such skilled students and staff.

The production's musical directors Nik Glass and Leanne Roobol and I couldn't have asked for a better team. The last performance was a particularly wonderful evening as we welcomed Mr Michael Hoskins and legendary TAS thespian Mr Jim Graham into the audience.

Congratulations to our young cast – we will miss you! But just remember 'we go together, like rama lama lama ka dingity ding de dong...'



## What's Coming to Hoskins – Emma Buzo - Centre Manager

### JANET SEIDEL TRIO

Janet has been performing jazz oriented material and the Great American Songbook in particular since her High School and University days in South Australia in the 1970s.

Janet's likes to tour with her jazz quintet, but more often now she travels with just her Trio with excellent guitarist Chuck Morgan and her brother David on double bass.

It was with this trio that her first forays into the Cabaret world were launched in 2000 with a kind of personal tribute show and CD "Doris and Me" which has played successfully in many theatres and venues around Australia.



### BURNT

Set in the fictitious town of Gilpendry, *Burnt* dramatises one family's battle to survive and sustain their property during a ceaselessly punishing drought.

Taking both a panoramic view of a community stoically battling hard times and a focused gaze at the consequences of economic stress for individuals, this is an honest, humorous and sometimes heart-breaking piece of theatre.

*Burnt* was originally commissioned by Sydney Theatre Company through the support of The Girgensohn Foundation. Premiering in 2009, STC Ed is proud to remount this brilliantly exuberant yet deeply moving production for both metropolitan and regional audiences.

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# Musical Notes – Nik Glass

## Includes

- Performances at St Pauls Cathedral, Southwark Cathedral and Salzburg
- The world premiere of new choral works
- Singing with other students from around Australia and New Zealand conducted by the nationally renowned Paul Holley
- An exchange program with London choirs
- A visit to world famous tourist attractions - including Olympic Stadium, London Eye, Stonehenge, Big Ben, London Bridge

For more information about this fantastic opportunity please contact:

**Nik Glass**  
TAS Director of Music

Tel: 02 6776 5800  
Mob: 0410 873 464  
Email: [nklass@as.edu.au](mailto:nklass@as.edu.au)



## London International CHORAL Festival 2012



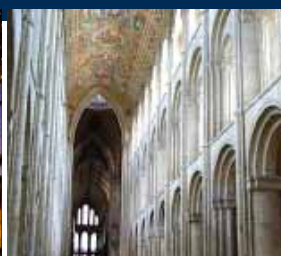
St Paul's Cathedral and London Skyline



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Contact the Music Department for an Expression of Interest pack

4 April 2012 to 14 April 2012



### International Choral Festival

In honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and as a part of the Olympic Arts Festival, TAS Singers has been invited to perform at the London International Choral Festival. The invitation has been extended by Mr Paul Holley, one of Australia's leading choral conductors. Mr Holley is aiming to tour a range of choirs from across Australia and New Zealand to perform works especially composed for the festival. Each school will also have the opportunity to perform individually providing exceptional exposure on the world stage.

The festival will centre on the Easter break in 2012 involving several massed choral rehearsals in the lead up to the Gala performance at Southwark Cathedral.

In conjunction with the festival, TAS Singers will also have the opportunity to perform in two individual concerts, one of which is scheduled to take place at Convent Garden!

### London 2012

The approximate cost of the full tour is \$5,000 per student. The exact cost will be confirmed once final numbers are in. (We are considering a shorter tour which would cost around \$4,000) The cost includes return airfares, accommodation, all breakfasts and dinners, day tours and sightseeing.

A full itinerary of events and activities is available from Mr Glass. At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest from vocalists in Middle and Senior School.

If you would like your child to take part in the festival please contact the Music Department for an Expression of Interest form. This is an unparalleled opportunity for your son to be recognised on the international stage alongside many of the greatest choirs in the world. London 2012 will provide students at TAS with the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, develop their passion for music and hone their skills to a standard of excellence.

### Itinerary (Subject to Change)

Wednesday 4 April	Depart Sydney
Thursday 5 April	Arrive London
Friday 6 April	City Tour
including Covent Gardens	
Performance opportunity	
Saturday 7 April	Travel to Windsor
Castle	
Rehearsal	
Sunday 8 April	Easter Church
service	
Free time in London	Rehearsal
Monday 9 April	Dress Rehearsal
Gala Concert at Southwark Cathedral	
Tuesday 10 April	
Exchange Program	
Performance with London Choirs	
Wednesday 11 April	Visit to Bath and Stonehenge
Thursday 12 April	Visit Olympic
Park - site of 2012 Olympics	
	West End Show
Friday 13 April	Airport - return
to Australia	

We are also considering an additional side trip to Salzburg which will include a performance



# Technology and Trade Training Centre

## TrainingArm Course Proposal Short Fabrication Course

A Short fabrication course will be offered at TrainingArm starting from 28 April and running for 9 weeks encompassing 3 hours a night on Thursdays. TrainingArm has an extensive workshop with most jobs being able to be catered for. The course is designed for people who have completed a short course in welding ( IE: Electric arc or M.I.G ) or people who have previous skills in welding and wish to fabricate some sort of metal project, or a number of small projects that they have an idea for. The teaching style is flexible so as to allow for students to have their own design with input from the instructor. Students will “learn as they go” as the project evolves whilst using other students projects as examples of learning. The first night of the course would be dedicated to researching and developing the project and getting a material list organised as well as a short skills assessment of the student. Materials for projects would be sourced by the student ready to start fabrication on week 2.

Cost: \$360.00 Inc GST with a maximum of 10 students (Course would require a minimum of five students to run. ). All consumables, except for project materials, would be supplied ( electricity, welding gear, fabrication gear).

## Car Maintenance Workshop for Women Monday nights 6.00-8.00pm



Have you always wondered what goes on under your bonnet (car)??  
Richard Lee is the man for you! He is a qualified mechanic with vast experience.  
Can you check oil, change a tyre, decipher warning lights, know what the 710 cap means? If you or your daughter answered NO to any of these questions then this is the course for you. We supply the place and the equipment.

**5 weeks - \$100 - Starts 9 May - Ring Gaye Piper for more information 0410 924 191**

## TTC Night Welding Course Term 2 2011

Training Arm will be holding an evening Welding Courses over a 8 week period, commencing Term 2 Tuesday, 3rd May (Week 2) from 6–9.00pm. The course will cater for beginners and progressive levels. It will be held on a Tuesday night and will be run by a certified Trainer. If you wish to obtain a Certificate of Attainment, which can be recognised accreditation towards further qualifications, an administrative fee of \$85 for enrolment and certificate issuance is required.

Units covered are: Stick welding, MIG welding, TIG, Oxy–Acetylene

Limited spaces available. Cost \$360 inclusive of materials. To be held at Trade Training Centre, 201 Canambe St

For enquiries and enrolment form please call or email: Gaye Piper– 0410 924 191 gpiper1@as.edu.au

**Payment must be made on or before 14th January.**

It is a safety requirement that overalls or cotton, drill shirt and pants and leather shoes are worn. Entry to workshop will not be permitted without stipulated clothing being worn.

Transport can be arranged for boarders. First night attendance is essential for Induction to course.

## Lost Items

Ben Laurie has lost his school blazer. It has the name of Maxwell Laurie sewn in the blazer.

With the end of term looming this would be a good time for all boys to check the name in their blazer and jumper.



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

### TAS Athletics Championships 2011 – Middle & Senior School General Information

- The athletics championships is a 'mass participation' event.  
Boys are encouraged to enter as many events as possible. All boys will enter a minimum of five events.
- On the Championships day, all boys must compete in at least the 100m and two field events.
- Prior to the main day, all boys must compete in at least two field events.
- At the end of the day on April 7, all students should remain at Wakefield until presentations are completed.
- If a competitor is in a track event and a field event at the same time, he must register his name in the field event before competing in his track race. Failure to do this may result in disqualification.
- When competing, boys are to wear their House polo shirts or House athletics singlet and navy shorts. If socks are worn they must be white. Navy 'GPS' athletics shorts may be worn.
- When not competing, boys are to wear their House polo shirt and may wear their TAS tracksuit.
- The TAS cap, TAS bucket hat, Akubra hat or 'Chappell-style' hat should be worn when not competing.
- Boys may only compete in their own age group.
- For individual age championships, a boy's best eight events will count.
- Those boys who make the final of the 100m event will automatically be in the final of the 200m event. All races in the 200m are 'timed finals', so boys who are not in the final may still finish in the top eight, depending on their time.

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### Hockey – TAS 1sts

Sunday saw the opening round in the Hockey New England Mens competition for 2011. After a drought of many years, it was a great feeling to finally be able to field a TAS team in the Mens, with the TAS 1sts in the B Grade division. The TAS team has been really well received by Hockey New England and every effort has been made to accommodate us within the competition to increase the depth of teams as well as allowing a great bunch of young players the opportunity to play together for the school they love.

This week's game was against Guyra, the powerhouse of the 2010 B Grade competition, and whilst they got away to a strong 4-1 lead in the first half, the game was never beyond our boys, but simply a sign of our inexperience as a unit. With a good number of hockey debutantes, and two key players out this week, our hockey regulars really stood up and proved dogmatic in defence and dangerous with a number of speedy breaks during attacking plays. The scorers were not troubled in the second half, which was an exceptional effort on behalf of our backs, halves and goalie, Angus Begg. All players agreed that the game was played in great spirits and comments from the Guyra players, umpires and spectators were all extremely positive and optimistic about our development and competitiveness throughout the remainder of the season. Our next game is scheduled for Tuesday 3 May at 7.10pm.

Alex Portell, MIC Hockey

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### Physiotherapy at TAS

As of the beginning of Term 2 New England Spinal Sports Physiotherapy will offer physiotherapy services to TAS students from the TAS Medical Centre.

The clinic will operate from the TAS Medical Centre on Mondays from 1.00-3.00pm.

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# SUPPORTERS' EVENING

**Saturday 9 April, 2011**

**8.00pm**

**Armidale Ex-Services Club**

**Dumaresq Street, Armidale**

**Be entertained by  
Guest Speaker,  
John O'Neill AO  
Managing Director & CEO,  
Australian Rugby Union**



**Tickets \$22.00 – only available at the Club  
(includes champagne, beer and wine on arrival and cheese platters)  
Photo Slideshow – teams and games, plus DJ and dancing**

**Phone Bookings 02 6772 1366  
All other enquiries to Karen on 02 6776 5820 or 0419 275 667**

**Dress: Smart Casual**

## TAS Rugby Carnival

This coming weekend sees the seventh TAS Rugby Carnival. Held here at school on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April, we will welcome 42 teams from as far away as the Southern Highlands in the south and the Sunshine Coast of Qld in the north.

We will have over 1000 players and managers on campus for the weekend. Supporting the boys will be large numbers of parents and friends meaning the school and town will be at capacity.

2011 sees a continuation of the involvement of our major sponsor KOOGA supporting the carnival. KOOGA is the supplier of all team and Wallaby wear and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

The major highlight this year will be the attendance of our very special guest Mr John O'Neill AO, Managing Director & CEO, Australian Rugby Union. Mr O'Neill will be attending games over the weekend, and speaking with the players. He will also be present at the Supporter's Function on Saturday Evening at the Armidale Ex-Services Club from 8pm. We would love to see as many members of our TAS Community at this great event. Tickets are still available from the club.

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Mrs Kirsty Brunson, JS Sports Co-ordinator

## Middle School – Head of Middle School (Acting): Ian Lloyd

### From the Acting Head of Middle School

As the term draws to a conclusion, I extend my thanks to our students, parents and Middle School staff members for your contributions and efforts in ensuring a highly successful start to the year.

It has been an excellent term with our students distinguishing themselves in a wide variety of artistic, sporting, cultural and academic endeavours. Congratulations to all of our fine young men for their willingness to become actively involved in the life of TAS.

Please be reminded that Excursion Week activities begin on Monday 2 May.

On behalf of the Middle School team, I wish you a very happy and joyous Easter.

### Reminder to all Middle School students

Could all Middle School students please remember to replenish their pencil case contents over the holidays!

### Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow we look forward to a large turn out of Middle School parents at this year's Middle/Senior Athletics Carnival. We thank Mr Lincoln and Mrs Hutton for their efforts in organising this event and look forward to a great day. There will also be a BBQ lunch provided for all boys and their parents from 12.15pm.

### Parent Teacher

Parent/Teacher Interviews Year 6 parent/teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, 12 May and Friday, 13 May, in the McConville Centre. Interview forms have now been sent out and should be returned by Friday, 29 April. Year 7 parent/teacher interviews will be held on the 15 and 16 June in the Memorial Hall. Year 8 parent/teacher interviews will be held on the 18 and 19 August. We believe that an open line of communication between parents and teachers is essential and we encourage all parents to talk with their son's homeroom teacher whenever the need arises.

### Year 6 Bridge Breaking Day

All Year 6 parents are invited to attend the Year 6 Bridge Breaking Day. This exciting event will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 11:45am in the McConville Centre.

#### Year 6 students building their bridges ...



### Ask your Son

**If your son is in Year 6 ask him:**

To predict how many kg's his bridge will hold before breaking.

How the Chumash and Australian Aboriginal people are similar.

What Spelling Quota he has ended the term on.

Who his Mosman billet is going to be.

What Athletics events he is going to compete in.

To name all the types of clouds.

What he thinks his animal totem is.

To name the six different types of angles.

### Ask your son in Year 7:

What they created for their Visual Arts Major Work.

### Ask your son in Year 8 Geography:

Ask your son what he has discovered about global inequalities this term, especially as regards the floods in Pakistan last year and the recent floods in Queensland. Year 8 have been studying the effects of these two flooding events, the impacts they had on food and water availability, on shelter and the demands made on healthcare.

Pictured below are Campbell and Cameron working hard to create their topographic model of the Toowoomba area.



## Year 8 Get-together

Year 8 are having dinner at The Wicklow Hotel tonight, Wednesday 6th April at 6.30pm  
RSVP by Monday 4th to Karen Radcliffe, Lee Roxborough or Sue Cushway

## Parents! Learn French and/ or Japanese at TAS

Bonjour! Konnichiwa!

The Languages Department has been successful in securing the Parental Polyglots Grant again in 2011, administered through the Association of Independent Schools, NSW. These classes will begin in Term 2, after Excursion Week.

At this stage we are looking for an expression of interest from parents and friends who would like to learn French and/ or Japanese. There will be 2 classes offered in each language, one for beginners and the other for those who already have some background in the language.

The aim of these classes is to enhance the support provided by parents to their son in his language studies. There is no cost involved so please come along!

French:	Thursday evenings	6.45pm – 7.45pm	8 – 9pm
Japanese:	Tuesday evenings	6.45pm – 7.45pm	8 – 9pm

If you would like to attend either of these, please register your interest at TAS Reception or email us at [ktamming@as.edu.au](mailto:ktamming@as.edu.au) or [amoore@as.edu.au](mailto:amoore@as.edu.au), by the end of Term 1. Please feel free to contact the Languages Department for further information.

## Junior Round Square Conference

In preparation for this year's Junior Regional Conference (April 11–16), the TAS delegation of Frazer Moore, Tom Mailler, Felix Gifford, KB Fergusson, Angus Roxborough-Batt (Year 8), Ross Monie, Tom Cunningham and Nicholas Burke (Year 7) had to identify two significant leaders from their region, list their achievements and describe what makes them outstanding. The students chose Richard Torbay MP and the late Pat Dixon and will have to present their information at the conference in front of over one hundred other delegates. They were thrilled that Mr Torbay found time in his busy schedule to attend their last delegation meeting before the conference, to ask him questions about leadership and his passion for representing the people of the New England region.



While in Alice Springs, the delegation will enjoy a three-day Pre-Conference Tour of Alice Springs, Uluru, Yulara, the Olgas and Kings Canyon. Whilst at the conference itself, they will be broken into small groups (called Barazzas) and participate in a variety of activities including attending workshops, listening to inspiring Keynote Speakers, participating in Chapel meditation, cleaning up the local riverbed, discussing global issues, participating in Simulation Games, attending a Dance-a-thon to raise money for flood victims, tree-planting and working in an Indigenous community for dance and sporting workshops where they will donate a number of sporting goods to the children of the community.

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



### Looking Ahead

Wednesday 6 April

Thursday 7 April

Wednesday 27 April

Thursday 28 April

Wednesday 4 May

Junior School Athletics Carnival

L2S for Transition and Kinder only

Term 1 ends 3.30pm

Classes resume

Winter Sport Commences

Times tables challenge at Assembly

Founders Day

Transition in Class

Kinder Assembly

### Happy Birthday

For the last week of term and the holidays we wish a very happy birthday to: Jack van Roy, Cooper Gerdes, Michael Paull, Jacob Smith, Emily Buntine, Annabel Kaberry, Harry Ackling, Jack Ackling, Josiah Alcorn, Beatrice Henzell, Thomas Costello, Stephanie Evitt, Charlotte Caldwell, Luke Evans, Sam Meehan, Sambavan Jeyakumar, Calin Simmonds, Dan Lethbridge.

### From the Head of Junior School

#### Thank you for Languages Grant

Our thanks are extended to Mr Allan Moore, (TAS Japanese teacher), Mrs Seonia Wark (Director of Studies 2011) and Mr Peter Hall (Director of Studies 2010) for their efforts and initiative in securing a Grant from the Asia Education Foundation to support our exchange programme with Tezukayama Gakuin Elementary School in Japan. This money was used to subsidise the children who visited Tezukayama last December and those families concerned were delighted by this initiative.

#### New Sunshirt Available at our Clothing Shop

Mrs Viv Tearle has been able to source a reasonably priced, very good quality, long sleeved sunshirt (rashie), navy blue in colour. Looking at our yearly Junior School calendar, the opportunity to wear this for TAS events is very limited – end of year excursion and pool party – so it will not be a compulsory piece of TAS uniform, but parents may be interested in buying one for general sun-safe use. We will not put a TAS emblem or wording on it, as children may then be reluctant to wear it at events outside school. Cost of the children's sized shirt is \$30.50 and is available in children's sizes 8–14. There is one available in Junior School Reception if you wish to have a look at it, but these will not be in stock in the Clothing Shop until summer is nearly upon us.

#### JS Athletics Carnival

As this newsletter goes to press, we will all be out on the TAS oval enjoying a brilliant day for our Athletics Carnival, and delighting in having Minimbah join us for the day. Our thanks go to Mrs Jennie Waters from Minimbah and Mrs Brunsdon for all their organisation and planning to get this day underway. Of course the children will be treated to many culinary delights at the Cake stall and we thank our parents for their generosity in baking these treats so we can all enjoy them. The children are the stars of this day and it is marvellous to see so many parents popping in, or if they are lucky enough, staying the entire day to encourage and support their children.

#### New House Flags for the Athletics Carnival

We are delighted to have new House flags for both Ross and Green House that will match the heavy duty plastic coated flag that Broughton has had for some time and thank Ms Fiona Chappell for her efforts in sourcing these. We know the children will love using them in the Marchpast at the beginning of our Athletics Carnival. *Right: Year 5 Athletics House Captains - Toby Niemeyer, Amber Strelitz, Amelia Newton and Sam Jeyakumar holding the new flags for Ross and Green House.*



#### Congratulations to my Early Birders

I was delighted that so many of my early birders will not return to me next term, having scored less than 10 mistakes on the phonogram test given to them recently. A wonderful effort from the following and worthy of praise: Harry Tombs, Angus Mazzei, Albie Woodhouse, Will Young, Ben Simmonds, Charley Game-Lopata, Daniel Ramazani, Cooper Mills, Cooper Gerdes, Jack Sewell, Flynn Jones, Jacob Smith, Jude Piper, Archie Chick, Josiah Alcorn, Stewart Williams, Max Barnsley, Hamish Chalmers, Harry Litchfield and Fletcher Jackson.

## Team Spirit Summed Up!

The photo below is of the stars of the local Under 10's/11's cricket competition enjoying their end of season. Again our congratulations to them and to their Coach, Mr Michael Dennis.

Above: Stephen Smith, Luke Evans, Nicholas Bohlsen, Archie Stacy, Harry Tombs, Brayden Hadfield, Henry Claridge, Ben Hamilton, Jasper Leoni, Joe Gordon, Tom Costello, Jack Waters, Callum Ferguson and Kieran Dennis.

## Horse Sports Champion

Michael Paull (below) had a successful day at the Gilgai Public Schools Horse Sports Day held last week. Congratulations to him on these results: 3 Mug Race – 5th, Barrel Race – 5th, Keyhole Race – 3rd Point to Point Race – 4th, Boy Rider – 4th, Bareback Boy Rider – 5th and Pair of Riders – 5th.



## Holiday Wishes to all our Families

The Junior School staff and I would like to wish all our families a wonderful holiday together and precious time to relax, unwind and refresh before the beginning of Term 2. Term 2 starts on Wednesday 27th April and we will look forward to seeing everyone again then.

## Times Tables Challenge

In the first week of any term, we do not hold a regular Assembly. Next term though, we have decided to use this time to hold our second Times Tables Challenge for this year. So, on Wednesday 27th April we will make our way to

the Hoskins Centre at 2.45pm to find out those clever children in Years 2-5 who know their times tables so well. Our Champions from this term, Dimity Tearle and Jack van Roy will eagerly defend their titles and we encourage all children to practise their tables during the holiday break.

Mrs Lou Forsythe

## Year 4 Bloom's Taxonomy: "British Colonisation of Australia"

Year 4 have just completed a unit of work "British Colonisation of Australia." This unit involved each student completing a Bloom's Taxonomy grid as part of homework this term. Bloom was an educational theorist who came up with the concept that we all learn and think in different ways. The grid students completed contained a range of activities that involved using six different thinking skills. The tasks incorporated low to high-level thinking activities. On Friday Year 4 had a wonderful afternoon of sharing plays, stories, models and movies created as part of the final 'Create' task. *Right: Duncan Chalmers with his model ship*

## Transition

With the First Tuesday of next Term being a public holiday, Transition will only be held on Wednesday and Thursday that Week. The following week will go back to Transition being held on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

## Head Lice

Please check your child's head carefully for head lice, we have had 4 confirmed cases in the Junior School and to help keep these little nasties at bay we all need to be diligent in checking our children.

## Holiday Borrowing

The coming holidays are the ideal time for children to catch up on reading time. Please note that children are able to borrow 2 books from the Library for the holidays without a permission note but if they would like to borrow more books, parents need to sign the permission note, which is attached to this newsletter.

## Lost Property

Hamish Chalmers a school shirt and one school shoe. Both items are labelled.

Josh Pongrass, Erinn Alford and Beatrice Henzell have all lost jumpers in the past week. These items are labelled.

Jack Waters-jumper clearly named (new)

Michael Harrell- hat clearly named

Please look through your child's belonging and ensure the correct item has been collected at the end of the day. Any items that have ended up in your care that should not be with you, please return to the Junior School reception.



# Junior School Sport - Kirsty Brunson, Co-ordinator

## Host to Minimbah School for Athletics Carnival

TAS Junior School are delighted to be able to host Minimbah Primary School at our Athletics Carnival in week 10. Having been approached by Minimbah to see if this would be possible, we are delighted to include them so they can have an athletics carnival in which to participate. Their 35 students and accompanying staff will join our children for the full range of athletics events, both on Friday 25 March and then again on Carnival day - Wed 6th April. We have been working closely with Mrs Jennie Waters and her enthusiasm for making this work for everyone is commendable.

## Representative Football (Soccer)

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Mrs Kirsty Brunson

## Athletics Captains for 2011

Ross House - Sambavan Jeyakumar, Amber Strelitz  
Broughton House- Oscar McBean, Kathleen McPhie  
Green House - Toby Niemeyer, Amelia Newton

## Sport for the Remainder of Term 1

Week 10 NO SPORT Athletics carnival on Wednesday 6th April

## Gymnastics

The gymnastics team had their final lesson last Thursday. The final session included reinforcing backward rolls, swings on the parallel bars, hoop tricks, aerial trampoline and beam routines. To the children's delight they have been finishing their lesson with tricky manoeuvres using the large hanging ceiling ribbons and double bounce pit challenges. I would like to personally thank the fantastic staff at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre. They have provided a challenging and exciting programme. I am sure that any parent who has witnessed this programme would agree that their child has developed many amazing skills over the season.  
Ms Bromwich

## Late News

### Natural Disaster Fund Raising Sponsorship

The students in the Junior School have been working extra hard over the past 2 weeks to earn sponsorship money. The money raised will support the School Aid's Disaster Appeal. The students completed a range of chores from taking rubbish bins out to cooking dinner. We are extremely pleased to report that our students raised a total of \$1093.75. This has been a very worthwhile fundraiser, as students have had to give of themselves to support others more needy. We are very proud of the efforts they have made and thank them.  
Mrs Wright and Mrs Waters

-----Please return signed note to Junior School Office -----

Permission to borrow Library books during the holidays

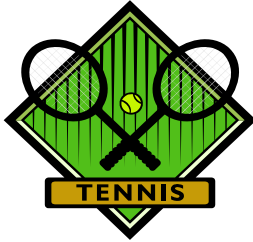
I give permission for my child .....in Year .....

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 2, 2011.

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

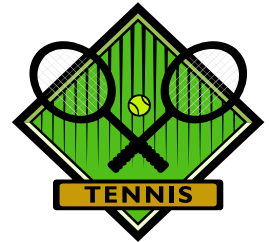
Signed ..... Date.....

# Community Events



## SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

PO Box 287 ARMIDALE NSW 2350  
Ph/Fax 02 6771 1624 Mobile 0423 915 850  
Email: justinsherriff@bigpond.com



### EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

#### Multi Standard Program



#### CAMP ONE

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011

or

#### CAMP TWO

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011

Time: 9am to 2pm

Cost: \$120

#### Program

9.00am - 9.30am

Warm up exercises, games & dynamic stretching

9.30am - 10.30am

coaching and tennis related games

10.30am - 11.00am

break for recess

11.00am - 12.30pm

coaching and tennis related games

12.30am - 2.00pm

lunch and match play

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

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

VENUE -

TAS tennis courts - Chapel St entrance (All wet sessions will be held in the TAS gym)

*\* No part payments or daily deductions, all fees to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Camp.*

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### Direct Payment Option

Direct Debit Payment Details - JCR & KJ Sherriff New England Credit Union BSB 932 000

Account No: 62299559 (Please include full name of student with your direct payment)

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

# **JUNIOR GOLF HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

## **Armidale Golf Club**

### **Week 1**

Monday 11 April—Wednesday 13 April

1.30pm-3.30pm each day

\$60 per person including a drink each day and BBQ lunch  
on Wednesday

### **Week 2**

Monday 18 April - Long Game

Tuesday 19 April - Chipping

Wednesday 20 April - Putting

Thursday 21 April - On Course Play

1.30pm-3.30pm each day

\$70 per person, or \$20 per session, including daily drink  
and BBQ lunch on Thursday

**Equipment Provided if required.**

**Beginners and experienced golfers welcome.**

**Places are limited.**

**Please contact the Armidale Golf Shop on  
02 6772 6892 or email [armidale@stubbsgolf.com.au](mailto:armidale@stubbsgolf.com.au)**