

TAS TALKS #9

Weekly Newsletter of The Armidale School



Term 4, Week 9 – Wednesday 7 December

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Headmaster – Murray Guest



Activities Week

Congratulations to all who enjoyed what seems to have been a thoroughly positive Activities Week. From the Kindergarten sleepover to the Junior School excursions, Mosman Prep visit and efforts of our cadets, pioneers, fire fighters and surf lifesavers, very good reports of the week have been flowing in. This week is, of course, the culmination of the outdoors program for the year and so there is great interest in the performance of our students at every level. For many, this has created the opportunity to grow personally through new experiences and this is the most important aspect of the week. It can also be a test of character and the willingness to take that on is always noticed and appreciated.



Special congratulations are also due to Piers Hayden and Chris Spencer who chose to cycle up the hill from Nymboida back to Armidale rather than catch the bus. A very impressive physical effort

Carols Services

The junior and senior Christmas carol services on Monday were very enjoyable and I thank all who contributed to them. In a change to the routine of the past, our Middle and Senior School service was held during the School day so that all of our students could be a part of this special celebration. Once again the bell ringers and choir from NEGS joined us and I thank Leanne Roobol and the NEGS girls as well as the TAS Chapel Choir, TAS Singers, musicians and readers for helping to make the service such an impressive event. This is a busy season for our choirs and it was great to hear them in such good voice.



Middle and Senior School Speech Day

Our guest speaker at Speech Day tomorrow will be Ian Kiernan. Ian is a TAS Old Boy and best known as a round-the-world yachtsman and founder of the 'Clean Up Australia' and 'Clean Up the World' campaigns that now engage over 40 million people from 120 countries around the globe in purposeful action to help our environment. Ian has been a great supporter of the School for many years and his passion for the health of the planet is sure to bring a timely and powerful message to us. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we celebrate the end of the year.

Australian Athletics Championships

Congratulations are due to Huw Knox who finished 5th in the 13 yrs 800m at the Australian Schools Athletic Championships in Brisbane over the weekend. This is an outstanding achievement at the highest level of competition in the country. I know that Huw has worked very hard in preparation for this and all credit is due to him.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday 7 December

8.00am–4.00pm OHS White Card Course –Trade Centre
 9.00–12.00 Junior School Pool Party–Aquatic Centre
 1.00–1.45pm Middle School Family Luncheon
 1.45–2.45pm Middle School Final Assembly
Junior School Closes

Thursday 8 December

9.30am **Speech Day – Sports Centre**
 (Middle & Senior students and parents)
 followed by morning tea in Junior School
 Playground area
School Closes

Holiday Activities

10–15 January TAS/Sydney Boys High Rowing Camp
 23–25 January Forensic Science Management Camp
 23–27 January Independent Schools' Cricket Festival
 at TAS
 26 January Australia Day Holiday

Monday 30 January

Staff Day
 Boarders' return

Tuesday 31 January

Classes resume



Still Seeking that Elusive
 Christmas Gift!!
 TAS Reception has the
 Answer



Christmas
 Ornaments
 are \$10 each

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Reception
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The TAS Pudding

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TAS P & F Association



Come in and Shop

Chaplain – Christmas 2011

As you would expect, this week has begun with predictable conversations concerning the disappearance of certain moustaches from a small and select group of handsome men. Yes there has been wailing and gnashing of teeth, yes there has been the cries of 'why?' since the hair removal. However, what has been the cause of this sudden blade action? You might think it has been brought on by the conclusion to the month of November. Perhaps you're more insightful, and your conclusion is that they could no longer bare that sort of attention. The truth of the matter is that with such a thing of beauty presiding so closely to one's self it is easy to become distracted from the normal activities of life. It became difficult to eat – as food became entrapped within the facial forest, it was difficult to proceed normally as the sensation of sucking and licking residual food from the upper lip became an absorbing activity in itself, rendering one unable to converse at the dinner table or even being able to take another bite. It became difficult to read, particularly publicly. As one gazed at the words on the page it became increasingly impossibly to adjust the focus beyond what was more immediate – the moustache.



You see things of worth, even great worth. Thing of importance even profound importance can distract from the more important things in life. There is the real risk that the immediate and beautiful will blur our vision of the things of paramount importance.

Christmas is a great example of that. There are so many good, even great things that we enjoy at Christmas time, not least the holidays. However, we must not find our selves so enthralled by these good gifts of God that we forget God himself and what he has done for us in Jesus. Christmas celebrates The Christ, God's promised solution to our predicament. God the Son, became God the man for our sake. Let us not lose our ability to see with clarity what we celebrate at this time of year and why it's worth celebrating.

TAS P&F Association - Sandra Kaynes, President

Happy Holidays

We wish all teachers, staff, students, parents and friends a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

The Art Show

Calling all artists –don't forget your entry forms needs to be in by the end of next week. Forms are downloadable from: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/bulletins/11term4/The%20Art%20Show.pdf

Thanks for a Great 2011

Very big thanks must go to our Liaison Parents, Co-Ordinators and all our volunteers for 2011. We had a very busy year with all our events and all involved rose to the challenge. Happy holidays to you all !

General Notices

Video Conference with Japan

Some of our Year 9 Science students recently participated in a videoconference with Chosei 'Super Science' High School in Japan (as noted by Mr Guest in last week's TAS Talks). The purpose was a "meet and greet" but next year we hope to give them an outline of the individual research each of our students is undertaking and listen to them give a presentation in English on their research projects. Their students are a little older than ours (mostly 17) but I think we can match them in the quality of research undertaken.



Music Notes – Nik Glass

Carols

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents that took part in our annual Carols service. The Chapel Choir, along with TAS Singers and Junior Vocal Ensemble sang beautifully with panache thus enhancing the spirituality of the occasion. In addition thank you to those choristers who attended the Ursuline Chapel Charity Concert last Saturday night. It was a treat to sing in such a beautiful acoustic – once again a great performance by all our students alongside performers from NEGS and PLC. I would like to thank Choir Master Phil Oxley for his energy and commitment in preparing the various choirs to sing at this year's services. In addition thank you to organist Warwick Dunham for his musicianship and support for our services.



Have you Hired a TAS Instrument?

Annual maintenance has now concluded for the year. Your child's instrument is ready for collection in the Music Centre. All instruments on hire are to be collected before summer holidays.

Extra Curricular Music 2012

As 2011 comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contribution TAS Musicians have made across our band and vocal programmes. I hope every one of the 80 plus musicians who take part in our extra curricular programme have found the experience fulfilling and rewarding. It has certainly been a busy year with many exciting musical opportunities. 2012 promises to be another year of growth in our extra curricular music programme. The programme will continue to be nourished by students striving to improve their musicianship while being driven to achieve a range of performance goals.

Instrumental Programme 2012

Our aim in 2012 is to consolidate the great ensemble structure that has been developed over the past two years. Our new Junior Band will continue to thrive in 2012 as a feeder to TAS Band. The TAS Jazz Band will be renamed as the TAS Stage Band in light of the ensembles rapid growth. TAS Stage Band will continue to offer students the opportunity to extend core performance skills gained in TAS Band. Senior Jazz Combo will also continue to offer this opportunity. Pathways in the band programme will remain unchanged. New students will enter the band programme via either Junior Band or TAS Band. Entry will be offered after an informal audition during which the students technical skills and sight-reading will be assessed. Once the appropriate standard of performance has been achieved in either band, students can opt to join one of our Jazz ensembles. Auditions, will take place early Term 1 and will continue, where required throughout the year. The ensemble conductor will ultimately determine the content of the audition. Students who took part in a band during 2011 will not be required to re-audition.

In terms of the String Programme, our Junior String Ensemble will combine with TAS Strings. This will ensure the continued viability of the ensemble. A senior chamber string ensemble will be offered to students of a more advanced standard. Entry into this new ensemble will be via invitation. More info about this new ensemble will be disseminated early next year.

Rock Band will continue to thrive with both Senior and Junior components once again on offer in 2012. The TAS guitar ensemble will also continue to provide primarily Middle School guitarists exposure to a vast range of styles and performance techniques. Both Rock Band and Guitar Ensemble will rehearse during lunch times in 2012.

Vocal Programme 2012

Our extra curricular vocal programme will continue to offer outstanding singing opportunities for TAS students in 2012, spear headed by our tour to London in April. TAS Singers, Chapel Choir and Junior Vocal ensemble will continue to rehearse and perform throughout the year. In 2012, there will be continued collaboration between the Chapel Choir and Junior Vocal Ensemble. This structure was offered towards the end of 2011 as part of the Carols season. It was great to hear the trebles singing with the more advanced vocalists in Chapel Choir.

A new extra curricular vocal ensemble in the Middle School will be formed early in the year, giving students in Year 6 to 8 an opportunity to realise their singing potential and engage in enriching vocal experiences. More about this ensemble early next year.

Students across both the instrumental and vocal programmes will continue to have great performance opportunities including Twilight Concerts, the Armidale Eisteddfod, Chapel and Church Services, Night of Song, assembly performances, performances in and around Armidale as well as the inaugural Night of Instrumental Music – more about this event next year. Once again, our TAS Band students will march at the annual TAS Passing Out Parade one of the highlights of the school calendar. We will also be looking to our more experienced brass, woodwind and percussion students to liven up our home rugby matches by offering some musical entertainment to inspire the players.

In terms of rehearsal times, at this point, many ensembles will carry on with the same rehearsal times. However, due to the school timetabling there might be some changes early in the year. At this point, I can confirm the following ensemble rehearsal times and their respective conductors:

Junior Band conducted by Mr Woodhouse, Monday 7:30am

TAS Singers conducted by Mr Glass Tuesday 7:30am

Guitar Ensemble conducted by Mrs Butcher, Tuesday lunchtime

Stage Band conducted by Mr Finco, Wednesday 7:30 am

Junior Vocal Ensemble conducted by Mr Oxley, Wednesday 8:00am

Senior Jazz Combo conducted by Mr Dunham, Wednesday 5:15–6:15

TAS Band conducted by Mr Glass Thursday 7:30 am, Thursday morning

Chapel Choir conducted by Mr Oxley, Friday 3:45–5pm

Rock Band conducted by Mr Nolan, Senior – Monday lunch and Junior Friday lunch

TAS Strings – TBC

TAS Middle School Singers – TBC

TAS Percussion Ensemble – TBC

I hope with this advance notice you will be able to plan your weekly schedule. Of course if there are any changes to the schedule you will be notified as soon as possible. As you can see next year promises to offer a busy yet rewarding experience for TAS musicians. If you have any questions or feedback on next year's structure I would like to hear from you – nglass@as.edu.au Finally and most importantly, I look forward to welcoming students back into their respective ensembles in 2012 and wish you and your family an enjoyable, relaxing and of course musical holiday season.



Round Square – Anna Barnier/Grant Harris

Exchanges

We have enjoyed having an international exchange student, Raghav Agarwal, from The Scindia School, India and two young men from Ballarat Grammar for two weeks during the term.

Angus Roxborough-Batt travelled to Ballarat Grammar for two weeks exchange this term and Tom Archer (Stanstead College, Canada) and Reilly Pickering (Woodridge College, South Africa) are still enjoying their time on exchange.

Term 1, 2012 will see Jack Simmons at Stanstead College, Canada and Harrison Dezuis at Gordonstoun, Scotland.

International Conference – 26 September – 2 October 2012

Year 10/11 students may apply.

To be hosted by Penryn College, South Africa. Details to follow early next year.

Junior Round Square Conference from 10-15 April, 2012 - hosted by The Armidale School and NEGS

We are seeking applications from six students in Years 7 and 8, 2012 who would like to be our delegates to this very special conference. The theme is “Out of the Blue – Water Changes Everything” and will equip students with both local and global perspectives on water and its importance plus providing opportunities to empower students to take leadership roles in their own community. Interested students should see Mrs Barnier to collect an application form before the end of term. More information is available on our website: <http://rsc2012Junior.as.edu.au>

Trade Training Centre – Richard Lee

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Clothing Shop - Vivienne Tearle

The Clothing Shop will be open immediately after Speech Day.

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Current Sporting Events

All the information regarding the weekend's sporting fixtures can be found on the website at: http://www.as.edu.au/current_happenings/activities/sport/current_sport.php

UK Sports Tour - January 2014

In exciting news for our sporting offering at TAS, selected players amongst our current Year 8 and Year 9 Rugby and Football cohort will be headed to the United Kingdom for 19 days as a part of our Development Tour for our 1st and 2nd XV and our 1st XI Football for 2014.

This tour will involve visiting major attractions in Scotland, Wales and England including a number of fixtures against high profile British schools.

We are giving notice of this trip as we understand there will be implications for families in their planning. Our current Year 9 cohort will no longer be travelling to New Zealand next year because for boys to travel on both trips was both too expensive and unnecessary.

The UK Tour will offer our boys a unique life experience and wonderful touring opportunity. It will celebrate the 1984 TAS Rugby Tour of the UK led by Mr Ken McConville who was an inspirational teacher, housemaster and 1st XV coach during his time at the school.

Information will be forthcoming about the tour itinerary, costings and fund raising opportunities early in the new year.



Congratulations to Huw Knox on an Outstanding Achievement

Huw competed in the National All Schools Athletics carnival in Brisbane last Saturday, in the 800m.

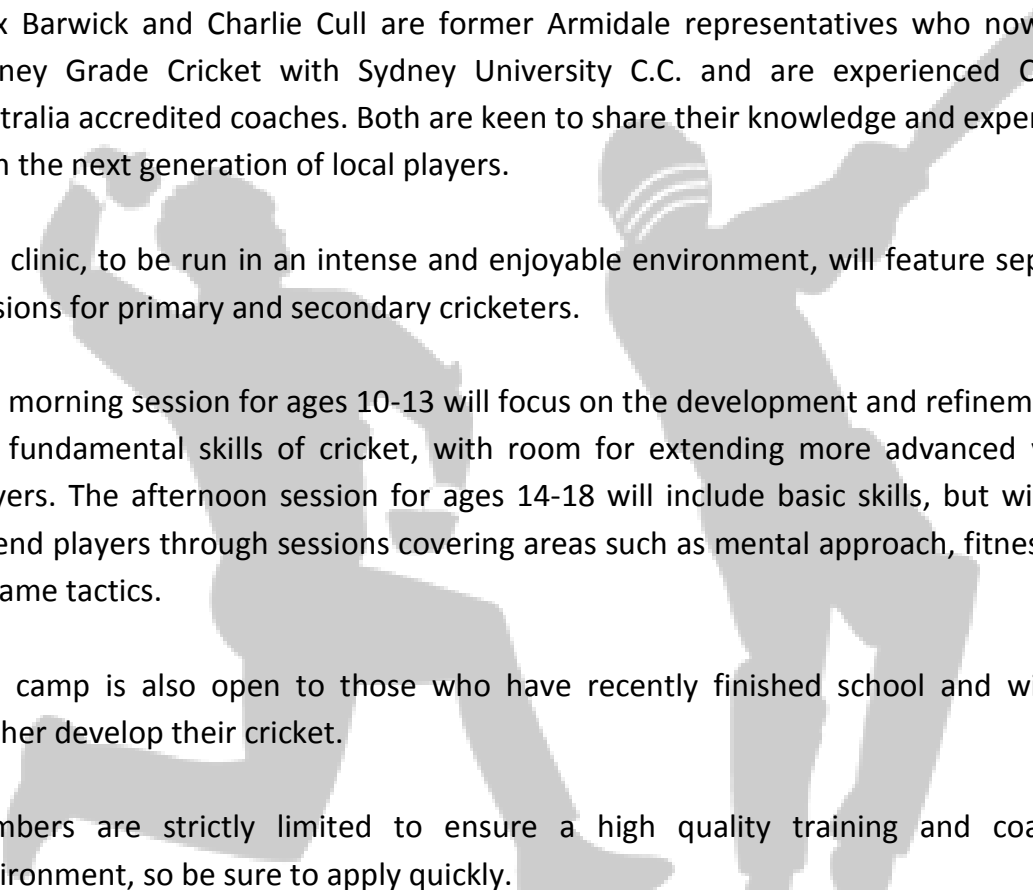
There were 12 competitors in the race – 2 from each state. The race was run as a timed final with all 12 athletes running together. Huw finished 5th and was the first NSW competitor over the line. The pace was pretty quick and Huw was disappointed he didn't run a personal best, but he is already looking forward to and talking about next year! He wants to aim to qualify for two events for Nationals 2012.

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Two former TAS 1st XI and Armidale cricketers are offering an exciting opportunity for local youngsters to grow their game this summer at a clinic to be run at TAS in December.

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- Alex Barwick and Charlie Cull are former Armidale representatives who now play Sydney Grade Cricket with Sydney University C.C. and are experienced Cricket Australia accredited coaches. Both are keen to share their knowledge and experience with the next generation of local players.
 - The clinic, to be run in an intense and enjoyable environment, will feature separate sessions for primary and secondary cricketers.
 - The morning session for ages 10-13 will focus on the development and refinement of the fundamental skills of cricket, with room for extending more advanced young players. The afternoon session for ages 14-18 will include basic skills, but will also extend players through sessions covering areas such as mental approach, fitness and in game tactics.
 - The camp is also open to those who have recently finished school and wish to further develop their cricket.
 - Numbers are strictly limited to ensure a high quality training and coaching environment, so be sure to apply quickly.

Details

Date: 20th, 21st, 22nd of December 2011

Time: 9:30-11.30 am ages 10-13, 1-4pm for ages 14 and up

Costs: \$60 for ages 10-13, \$120 for ages 14 and up

Location: The Armidale School

For inquiries, more information, or an application form, contact Charlie Cull:

Email: accricketcoaching@gmail.com

Phone: 0427255696

Middle School – Head of Middle School: Dennis Dempster

From the Head of Middle School

As the school year draws to a conclusion, I look back at what has proven to be a successful year for our Middle School. We are delighted with the boy's academic, sporting and cultural achievements and the responsible manner in which they approach school life. My thanks to our supportive body of parents, dedicated teachers and an enthusiastic group of students.



Throughout first term we will be hosting a number of occasions to which we invite all our Middle School parents. On Thursday, 16th February we look forward to a large turnout to the Middle School Parent Information Session followed by the Middle School Welcome BBQ and War Cries Competition. This is an opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers, hear an outline of the year's programs and enjoy an evening socialising with new and returning families. The following day, Friday, 17th February, the Middle/Senior School Swimming Carnival will be held.

At the conclusion of this year, we sadly bid farewell to a highly valued member of our Middle School team, Mrs Robyn McCarthy. Mrs Mac is a truly gifted teacher who not only demonstrates the art of teaching but also the heart of teaching. She will be greatly missed by the boys, their parents and our staff and we wish Robyn and Andrew and their children happiness and success in their new home in Hervey Bay.

At the end of this year Ms Boydell will be leaving her role as a Year 8 homeroom teacher but will remain an integral part of our Middle School teaching team in her role as Head of Learning Support and Extension and Enrichment at TAS. On behalf of the Middle School team and her students we thank Catherine for her valuable contribution to our Middle School as a homeroom teacher since 2002.

We would like to express a huge thank you to Ms Wendy Hill who took on Mr Lloyd's Year 7 homeroom teaching responsibilities for term 3 and 4. Ms Hill is a talented and dedicated teacher who has given a great deal to her students and we thank her for her contribution to our Middle School.

Next year we will be welcoming three new members to our Middle School team, Mr Mark Harrison, Mr Bill Doherty and Mr Chris Spencer. Mr Harrison has been appointed as a Year 8 homeroom teacher and will join Ms Taber and Mr O'Connell whilst Mr Doherty and Mr Spencer will join Ms Barnsley as Year 7 homeroom teachers. We look forward to their contribution to our school. Mr Hadfield and Mr Druce will be working closely together to ensure a challenging and rewarding Year 6 programme.

On behalf of the Middle School team we wish you all a joyous Christmas, happy and peaceful New Year and a wonderful family holiday.

Activities Week

Our Middle School students enjoyed a fantastic and varied week of outdoor adventure and challenge. Our thanks to the teachers who organised and supervised this very worthwhile component of our Middle School programme.

Speech Day

We look forward to your attendance at Thursday's Middle/ Senior School Speech Day commencing at 9:30am in the gymnasium. All parents and visitors are to be seated by 9:20am. All students are to assemble in their house areas for roll call and uniform check at 8.30am. All students must be in formal uniform. A morning tea will follow Speech Day.

Round Square Exchange

On the 7th of November, Ethan Loken and myself set off to Ballarat Grammar School on exchange. It was one of our most life changing experiences. As soon as we got to Ballarat we were straight into it, by playing so called "rugby" with AFL players. The co-ed at Ballarat was different to what we were used to, but we could handle it. The rest of the time we were there just flew by. It was one of the best experiences of our lives. We strongly recommend the year 8's of next year to go on an exchange. Angus Roxborough-Batt

Congratulations Huw

We extend our congratulations to Year 7 student Huw Knox for his outstanding performance at the National Athletics Championship. Huw place 5th in the Under 13's 800m race. An incredible effort. Well done Huw!

Junior School – Head of Junior School: Ian Lloyd



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 7 December

3.30pm Term 4 ends for Junior School

2012

Monday 30 January 2012

Tuesday 31 January

Staff Day

Students return – learn to swim lessons commence

Welcome Assembly – Memorial Hall 9 – 9.30am

Morning Tea in Junior School 9.30–10am

Normal classes start 10am

Transition Information night

Junior School Welcome BBQ – McConville

Thursday 2 February

Friday 3 February

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very happy birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays this week and also during the Christmas holidays: Oliver Fletcher, Alexander Gibson, Hudson Eichorn, Casey Smith, Toby Niemeyer, Chloe Lincoln, Charlotte Portell, Flynn Jones, Lachlan Hunt, Frank Perrottet, Alexander Zuber, Zac Finlayson and Ben Rowe.



*Best Wishes for a happy holiday
From the Staff of the Junior School*

Book Club Co-ordinator

Due to other commitments next year, Natalie Ramazani will be unable to continue as Book Club Co-ordinator next year. This is a role which requires about eight hours per term, and is very easy to run in your own time. If you are interested in taking on this role, could you please contact Natalie on 0422 844 564 or contact Ms Chappell at the Junior School Office, as soon as possible.

Junior School Excursions during Activity Week

Bonny Hills 2011

Year 1 & 2 were fortunate enough to go on a wonderful journey to Bonny Hills, Port Macquarie. The first day we were taken back to the old civilisation of Timbertown. Here we enjoyed a steam train ride, watched a bullock team pull large logs, explored the many interesting shops and houses of the days gone by. Holy Cow! Even Mr Guest came to visit!

The next day was wet, wet, wet! However, we were brave enough to put on our raincoats and explore the Sea Acres rainforest in its true glory. The children really enjoyed seeing first hand the many facets of the forest studied this year. We then ventured out on the Port River Cruise adventures watching dolphins and sea turtles in their natural habitat. However, after this relaxing experience our itinerary changed due to the bad weather conditions. We decided to liven up the pace with a competitive game of ten pin bowling at the Wave Bowl. Although the bad weather continued, the children were keen to finish off an amazing day with a quick dip in the pool.

We were delighted to find that our on our final day the wet weather had passed. The children were delighted to visit the "Billabong Wildlife Park" and get a chance to get up close with a Koala, feed kangaroos and meet some creepy reptiles. We finally said goodbye to beautiful Port Macquarie and began the windy road home.

This journey would not have been a success without the fantastic support of the many energetic parents who kindly supported and encouraged the students throughout this trip.



Myuna Bay 2011

At 7am on Monday 28th November, 24 Year 5 students with Mrs Brunson and Miss Hartley headed off to Myuna Bay Sport and Rec camp, south of Newcastle. After a recess stop at Scone we were on the road again and arrived at 12:45pm. This gave us just enough time for a quick bite of lunch and dropping of the bags to the cabins. Sticking with the motto – “Keep kids busy” we took to BMX bikes for an off-road ride to check out where everything was located at the site. The boys delighted in the fact that the area had had decent rain during the week before and the track was very muddy and, in sections, covered in water! It was a good thing that we had changed to our old shoes but we forgot about the new Year 5 shirts and the impact of mud on the back of them – so the first night was spent putting the shirts through the washing machine to try and clean them! After the bike ride our free activity was the pool so we headed for the enjoyment of a cool-off before dinner. After the meal we had outdoor games with the other school there, Edgeworth Public.

Tuesday dawned with beautiful sunshine and after breakfast we headed onto the water in canoes. After doing some very challenging activities, that required the children to move from canoe to canoe depending on their birthday month, we headed for a longer paddle and enjoyed the chance to have a swim at a scheduled stop. In the afternoon we took to the rock climbing wall which saw the majority of the class reach the top and ring the bell. The wall was quite challenging and 11m high so many children were thrilled to reach the heights. That night saw several children learn how to play volleyball in their free time and more indoor games were the nighttime activity with another school having arrived during the day.

Wednesday was a terrific day where the children participated in kayaking in the morning and the giant swing in the afternoon. The kayaking took us out into the lake and several children saw blue crabs in the water, which was exciting. The giant swing was a highlight for many children who conquered their fear of heights – an amazing thing to see someone who couldn't get 2 metres off the ground on the rock wall for fear, then get taken to the top of the swing rope which is 11 metres and let themselves go into the giant freefall that happens and still come up smiling! That night Mr and Mrs Lloyd visited which was terrific and allowed them to see the wonderful facilities at Myuna Bay. Indoor tabloid sports were the order of the night entertainment.

Thursday dawned with many children finding the need for more sleep! The morning was fantastic and was certainly one of the highlights as we took to the skies and did the high ropes. Again it was fantastic to see everyone take the activity seriously and follow orders not to move until told. After lunch we went on a bushwalk and saw a wonderful paperbark forest, some green turtles swimming and cooked some damper on the bbq. That night children thoroughly enjoyed doing the county fair with the other schools. It was terrific to see the students make new friendships over the past few days with the students from other schools.

Friday was our only wet day and this was not an issue as we were doing archery. Several children managed to get their arrows into the middle yellow circle, which was wonderful. After a quick recess break we said our goodbyes and got back onto the bus for the long return trip.

It was a pleasure to take these children away and to see them conquer their various fears and see them develop both socially and physically. They are a terrific group of children.

Mrs Brunson and Miss Hartley



Years 3 and 4 Excursion

We departed TAS at 8.30am on Wednesday, to go to Coffs Harbour for our exciting excursion.

We stopped at Ebor Falls and went for a walk and saw the waterfalls. The waterfall was huge and it was obvious there had been a lot of rain. Then we left for Dorrigo National Park where we went on a bushwalk. We saw a bush turkey and their nests. Some children got a leech on them. Our rangers were very informative.

When we got to Coffs Conference Centre at Bonville we were put into our cabins and set our rooms up. Then we went to the pool across the road and swam for a bit. That night we all had a great deal of difficulty getting to sleep. Poor Mr Portell, Mr Polson, Mrs Waters and Ms Buzo!

The next day we were up bright and early! We started to do some of the activities, which were canoeing, giant swing, leap of faith and archery. Mr Polson got extremely wet whilst canoeing and Mr Portell achieved the leap of faith. The only problem being it started to rain. When it rained we went to the Pet Porpoise Pool and got kissed by seals, feed the sharks and watched a dolphin show. We also went Ten Pin Bowling, which was a heap of fun. Mr Guest came to visit us at bowling.

On Thursday night we had a trivia night and were joined by Mr and Mrs Lloyd.

On Friday we went to Mutton Bird Island and were taken on a guided tour. We saw many burrows and learnt about the history of the island. We stopped at Dorrigo to have lunch and run around.

We all had a wonderful time!

Kieran Dennis and Year 4



Lost Property

Lost Property found off school grounds is generally returned to main Reception, as people unfamiliar with the school do not know the School well. We do our utmost to have Junior School lost property returned/located in the Junior School however sometimes this does not happen. Please check with the main reception on 6776 5800 for lost property if we in the Junior School have been unable to locate it for you.

Junior School Sport - Kirsty Brunson, Co-ordinator

A reminder that sport starts next year in the 2nd week back for Junior School

Thanks all, Mrs Kirsty Brunson, JS Sports Co-ordinator

TAS Trebuchets Indoor Hockey

The mighty Trebuchets have had a couple of fantastic results over the past two weeks.

Prior to excursion week, we faced up against Ben Venue Red after a close loss to another Ben Venue team the week before. From the start it was a blistering display of attack and defence with a number of our players showing a greater commitment and focus on the task at hand. Amelia Newton was doing a fine job marking her players and setting the tone for others to follow. The forward line was working as a unit to block the ball getting through, and in attack, short passing and some excellent skills saw a number of stunning goals being scored. Meanwhile, defenders Josiah Alcorn and Cassidy and Stewart Williams were playing strong to keep a number of strikes out of the goals. In the end, TAS were victors 11/2 against an inexperienced Ben Venue side. Liam Matherson was a standout player with 8 goals.

In round seven, following an exhausting excursion week, the Trebuchets lined up against Ben Venue Pink. With eight players, the Trebuchets were tired but keen, and the game started with a see-sawing scoreline. As the game went on, however, TAS began to dominate and some excellent work in the first half by Aiden Rogers-Ellis and Jack Sewell had Ben Venue scrambling. Zac Matherson scored a couple of well-deserved goals off the end of some speedy lead-up work and Ollie Fletcher showed some great development and was never too far from the action in both attack and defence. In the end, despite being weary after a busy week, TAS won the game 6/2. It was not only great to see the players enjoying their hockey and working so well together, but after the game, a number of players stayed back voluntarily to help pack up the courts, which shows excellent community spirit. Many thanks to Heather Williams and Paul Matherson for doing Tech Bench duties. There will be no games for TAS for the remainder of the year. The scheduled Round 8 and 9 games will be combined with 2012 games, to be played as double points rounds.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to hitting the boards again early next year. Mr Portell



SHERRIFF'S TENNIS ACADEMY

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Wednesday 21st December to Friday 23rd December 2011

Time: 9am to 3pm

Cost: \$120

OR

CAMP TWO

Monday 23rd January to Wednesday 25th January 2012

Beginners/Intermediate Players - 9am to 3pm

Advanced (Squad) - 8am to 2pm

Cost: \$120

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 1st day of Camp.*

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 Sherriff BSB: 062-5011 Comm Bank Account No. 2501 7038 7391

(Please include full name of student with your direct payment)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____