Exams and Excursion Week
I write this week whilst away from school for Excursion Week. This week sees all our students from Year 3 to Year 10 away with their peers for adventures designed to be important experiences in their school life. Some groups will be stretching themselves in adventure programs at Myuna Bay, Lake Keepit and Pindari Dam. Others are engaged in important elements of their Science, HSIE and Creative Arts courses in Sydney, Canberra and the wonderful ecology centre at Yarrahapinni. Each excursion is unique and the breadth of the whole collection of them is very wide. Those students who travel with the school and enjoy the involvement with their excursion will have a package of experiences that should reinforce learning, challenge and represent the great variety in school life at TAS.

The prospect of this week for Years 11 and 12 may be less enticing, but the week is, of course, central to their academic success. I wish each of our senior students well as they continue their mid-course exams over the next few days. I know that very many have been preparing with real purpose for them, particularly over the recent holiday break, and I look forward to seeing the results of this.

I particularly thank the many teachers who came into school over the weekend to assist Year 11 and 12 students with some final tutoring sessions. That these sessions were so well attended is testament to their significance for our students.

ANZAC Service
I was very pleased to see a good gathering of our parents, Old Boys and friends join us for the School ANZAC Service last Thursday morning. After the exception of 2012, this year we returned to the now usual pattern of ANZAC Day falling in the school holiday period. Though TAS students and staff joined the Armidale march on ANZAC Day itself and the TAS Guard provided the catafalque parties for both the Dangarsleigh and Central Park services, it was important that we had the opportunity to recognise this important national day as a school. TAS has a long history of recognising the service and sacrifice of our armed forces and I particularly commend our Cadet Guard for carrying their responsibilities so well. I also thank our special guest, Major General Paul Brereton, for linking his address to the history of the School in such an engaging way.

Just prior to the Eucharist Service that followed our ANZAC Service, we had the opportunity to dedicate new honour boards in the Memorial Hall to remember and recognise those Old Boys and staff who have served their country in theatres of war from Northern Ireland to Afghanistan since 1975 and earned the Australian Service Medal. Like the hall in which they are mounted, the honour boards are a project of the TAS Old Boys Union and I thank them on behalf of the School for their initiative and generosity. Grant Harris, Cameron Moore and Tim Hughes were especially active in the challenging job of collating the names and I thank them for their tenacity in the task.
Thirty-four Old Boys and one former staff member are recognised on these new honour boards. Amongst them is Lieutenant Michael Fussell who was tragically killed in Afghanistan on 27 November, 2008 and I was pleased that his parents Ken and Madeline were with us for the dedication.

Q & A
Those who caught the Q & A program on the ABC on Monday night may have spotted a number of TAS boys in the audience. We were fortunate to be one of only a few non-metropolitan schools invited to have eight students join the all school student audience for a special schools’ program with the Prime Minister as the sole panellist. The TAS contingent comprised all Year 8 students as they were in Sydney for their excursion and I know from speaking with a number of them yesterday that they enjoyed the experience a great deal.

GPS Athletics
For our most able athletes, their time away this week will finish at Homebush as they compete in the GPS Athletics Championships. This will be a huge event and a wonderful experience for all those who have earned their place in the team. I look forward to seeing them in action and I wish all of them well.
The Final Word Watch - 1 Corinthians 13

I am hoping you will indulge me for just one more week as we discuss yet another new word in our vocabulary that again reveals something of ourselves and our culture.

However, before I get to this week’s word I want to suggest a backdrop. You know when photographers want the subject to stand out, they set it to a contrasting backdrop. Well here is our backdrop… ANZAC day and 1 Corinthians 13.

During the service and KYCK trip to Sydney we had the privilege of witnessing the ANZAC day parade. TAS has also set aside time for that same remembering. We remember those men and women many who served us in wartime, in the attempt to keep peace around the world. On that day we are reminded of their great selflessness, their great acts of service and giving of themselves for the sake of others - for the sake of peace.

Then 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us of the great need for unconditional love, if anything that we do is to be of any worth. This love was defined by Christ’s death on the cross; he gave himself for the sake of others, even for the sake of those who despised him. Again the emphasis is on others, not what I can gain or how will I benefit.

The word that we should consider against this backdrop is – ‘selfy’ – 
……and in case you have been living in a cave here is the definition.
“Picture of yourself, taken by yourself”

Now I don’t think this is a particularly recent trend, its just that we used to have to wait a little longer to see the product.

Does the proliferation of seflies all over social media pages indicate to us that we are more concerned with ourselves than others. I would think the answer is yes, of course, and we always have been. That’s why Jesus urges people to love, as they love themselves, He knows that we are at the top of our love lists. Yet here is the challenge for our community, and a challenge that we must consider as we remember ANZAC and our school lesson. If we want to be loved, if we want our community here at TAS to be characterized by selflessness, we must take a conscious stand to be that sort of person. The New Testament teaches us that the best way, actually, the only way that can really be the case is if we understand that we first have been loved by God, when we understand that, we might start seeing the word ‘othies’ becoming commonplace.
TAS Confirmation Service, 2013

Thursday 20 June at 9.00am in the TAS Chapel.
The confirmees will be presented to the Bishop of the Armidale diocese.
Open to all students but confirmation is not compulsory.
Preparation will begin in week 3.
Interested students should contact Richard Newton through Reception
02 6776 5800 or by emailing rnewton@as.edu.au

P&F ASSOCIATION, SANDRA KAYNES - PRESIDENT

TAS P&F Meeting – Wednesday 15 May
Our next meeting will be held in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 May. We will be starting with our Extraordinary General Meeting followed at 7.30pm with our General meeting.
If you were thinking of attending a P & F meeting, this is the one to attend.
On our agenda will be discussions on funding requests from the school body, you as parents of the school have a say and vote on how these funds are spent. Last year the P&F made many donations, , it is not too late to still get your requests in; funding request forms can be found on the P&F website. A representative turn out of our parent body is important to give the many requests we receive due consideration.

***** POTS POTS POTS *****
If you have any spare pots at home please bring them in so we can begin potting for the TAS fete. All pots can be left in the main school and Adrian (our fantastic gardener) will collect them.

GENERAL NOTICES

TAS Mathematics and English/Essay Subjects Tutoring and Homework Centre

At a glance

* Operates four afternoons a week in Cash Block (Maths Block) from 3.45 to 5.30pm (Mon to Thurs) commencing in Term 2 Week 3 and finishing Week 8 (end of term)
* Two sessions each afternoon - Year 6 to 8 (3.45 to 4.30pm) and Year 9 to 11 (4.30 to 5.30pm)
* Delicious afternoon tea provided including hot Milo in winter
* Sessions operate with maximum of six students per tutor
* Diagnostic tests and graded worksheets in all basic skills with Extension opportunities for able students
* $175 a term for two sessions a week, or $100 a term for 1 session a week, or $15 a casual session
* Students can mix and match - they do a session of Maths and one of English each week
* Tuition is offered to TAS students, girls participating in combined classes (taught at TAS) and those students currently enrolled in this program.

Enquiries and bookings - Gaye Piper: gpiper1@as.edu.au or 0410 924 191
NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be conducted in Week 3 this term.
- Tuesday 14 May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 15 May - Reading
- Thursday 16 May - Numeracy
- Friday 17 May - Scheduled catch up day for any tests missed

Regina Pollard, Learning Support

International Scratch Day for Years 4-8
On Sunday, 19 May, educators from around the world will be running events involving the programming language called "Scratch" which is installed on every laptop at TAS. Scratch was developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, whilst it has an easy entry point, it allows for sophisticated programming for games, robotics and artificial intelligence. I encourage boys and girls to come with their mums and dads to be involved in this great event.

During the day, each student (assisted by older boys and girls) will build programs, developing skills in program logic, problem solving and collaborative planning.

What is International Scratch Day?
It's all about - creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and celebration! Be part of a special day when people all over the world come together to meet other Scratchers, learn about programming, and share projects and experiences. Check out the international site at day.scratch.mit.edu (note that the 19 here is the 18 in the USA)

How will this work?
Parents, your children start in the IT centre at 10:00 so they can learn new skills to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art projects.
You have the opportunity of learning more about the process from an educational perspective, when Martin Levins (Head of IT at TAS) will take you through a seminar outlining the way this program can contribute to Maths, Science and Communication. At 11:30, rejoin the kids who will show you what they have achieved so far.
Lunch is at 12:30 (bring your own, or drop downtown), with a return to the IT centre at 1:00pm when you and your children will work collaboratively to produce a program in Scratch. (Your role here is largely as observer and advisor; no programming skills are needed or assumed) Advance registration is required and registration is limited!
Full details (Including registration) are on the TAS ScratchDay website at: teams.as.edu.au/groups/scratchday/

TAS Ski Trip to Japan in January 2014
I know it’s a long way off, but it’s a great time to book for a family ski trip with good airfares and a great exchange rate with the Yen. Now is the time to book.
Martin Levins has led six TAS trips to Japan previously (every 2 years) and we’re back in Niseko for 2014. Great snow, great accommodation, easy transfers and great people. Full details at: teams.as.edu.au/groups/skijapan
Love to see you there; there’s a link to book on the site, or you can email or phone Martin at the School.

STUDENT SERVICES, MEG SADLER

Term 2 Minibus
This term’s minibus to Moree via Tamworth and Narrabri will run at the end of Week 3, Friday 17 and Sunday 19 May, due to week 4 and 5 being rugby weekends - see your calendar.
Names to be emailed to msadler@as.edu.au
Boarders who have not used this service before are advised that there is a charge to cover the cost of fuel and driver -$40 return. This will be charged to your school account. Numbers are limited - 20 only with hand luggage.

Queen’s Birthday Weekend 8-10 June
Term 2 brings with it another public holiday break. Students are asked to make their plans early for the Queen’s Birthday, especially if you intend to take home a friend or two. Plans should be ‘set in concrete’ by Friday 3 May, and passed onto me via email prior.

LOST ITEMS
Sam Carmichael is missing a bag containing sport clothing (labelled) and a brand new pair of blue Nike joggers. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this gear could they please return it Reception.
The TAS Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary in style on Friday night. Many thanks to all those who were able to make it to the TAS Foundation’s inaugural fundraising cocktail party.

The Hoskins Centre was awash in glorious blue lighting, the very talented TAS senior Jazz band entertained everyone, the food was simply incredible and the atmosphere electric.

Thanks in particular to the very generous donors below who gave the following items to the Foundation for the silent auction:

Di Johnston
John Hadfield
Robert and Margaret Heath
Helen Mitchell
James White
Rob Busby
Stephen Cooper
NERAM
KOOGA

This amazing night raised about $10,000 for the Foundation, which is a wonderful boost and will enable us to purchase much needed resources for the school.

Thanks to all who could make it and for their support for the Foundation. Be prepared for 2014 when we do it again!! … it really was lots of fun …

Welcome to the new Foundation Building Trust, “Facilities Development Fund”

One of the most important fund raising vehicles for many independent schools is found on the bottom of fee statements asking for a set donation to their Foundation’s Building Trust.

This request made each term that allows for a steady level of tax-deductible donations to build the resources of the Building Trust which in turn allows the school to improve its facilities, consider new buildings and has funds available should needs arise.

You may have noticed in the last fee statement that TAS has now begun to include such a request on ours. This has been absent from our fund raising for the past three years and we hope many families are able to consider it now.

I thank you all in advance for considering this gift to our Foundation.

Cheers Cressida
Next weekend (18 May) TAS heads to Coonabarabran for our first rugby fixture for 2013 against Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange. We also play Coonabarabran JRUFC in the U12s.

We had a fantastic experience at Coona last year and we were obviously delighted that so many families joined us on the day.

This year holds special meaning as our Prefect body have been busily fundraising for the victims of the Coonabarabran Bushfires and our Head Prefect, Darcy James will present a cheque to the Coonabarabran community on the day.

I would like to thank our Head of Rugby Mr Bill Doherty for all his efforts in updating the rugby page of the TAS website and I encourage you to take a look as we commence a new season. I would also like to thank our many coaches in advance for all their efforts in 2013.

14A Football
The under 14 As had a difficult first match against Norths who have a history of success at this level and fielded at least 3 representative players. However, the team played well considering the lack of preparation time and came away with a creditable 5-5 draw. Lachie Knowles, Jim Orr and James Doyle combined well up front, Jim scoring 4 goals and James 1. Obviously the coach needs to work on defence a bit, but 3 of Norths goals came when key central defender Hunter Hine was incapacitated due to some rather vigorous tackling by Norths. So maybe not as worrying as it seems. Tom Hyatt also had a good first game in defence.

Barry Knowles

Shooting
Please see listed the fullbore shooting calendar for Term 2.
This is also on our webpage: http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/rifleshooting/

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TAS Hockey

Firsts (A Grade)
Following our first game prior to the holidays, in which TAS were thumped 5-0 by powerhouse United, the A Graders were keen to get back on the field after a few training runs and a greater unity and understanding of each other on the field. Friday night saw us heading up against UNE, who looked ominous in preparation, but soon showed cracks of inexperience once the game began to roll.

Led by half and team captain Michael Young, the back and half line moved the ball fluidly from side to side to expose the fitness of the UNE team, which eventually opened them up, allowing us to win the game 3-1.

Sunday saw us backing up against City in what was hoped to be a tougher test of our strength as a team, despite having a number of key players out for the match due to U17s State Championships and other commitments. Unfortunately, the City side were obviously also understrength, relying on a number of veteran players to combine with some younger players who definitely looked out of their league. I would imagine City to be much tougher next time we meet, however, it was still a positive session on field for TAS with some more great ball movement and an excellent opportunity to practise a shorter passing game in an around our opposition. At half time we were up 4-0 and finished the game 6-1 following some brief resistance.

TAS Firsts play next on Sunday 12th at 11.30am against United, with another night game on Friday 17th at 7.30pm against ESC.

Alex Portell, MIC Hockey

U11 White Hockey Report
The Whites opener for the season began last Friday afternoon with a few tired souls following the JS Cross Country. Playing Servies Red, our boys did themselves proud, working together really well as a team and showing some excellent decision making to try and find holes in the Servies defence.

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Please note that Mr Dempster is in Sydney with Year 6 and Year 8 so there is no Middle School information this week.

TAS Junior School will once again be hosting this terrific event on Friday 31 May at 10.15am. Parents, staff and students all welcome.
From Ian Lloyd

Excursion Week

As I sit and watch those ably scaling the climbing wall at Myuna Bay, it is easy to reflect on why such experiences are so important. As the evidence grows highlighting the negative impact of our increasingly challenge-less lifestyle, it highlights the importance of such activities for our students. I admire those who race to the top and salute the crowd as they abseil down, but my hat is raised highest goes to those who struggle to overcome the challenges presented, both physical and psychological, and outdo themselves. The look of pride and satisfaction on the kids faces says it all. In front of their peers and teachers they know they have given a solid account of themselves and, as the week progresses, will take on more such challenges, be it contributing to the team to get another to the top of the giant swing or the more personal goal of staying better organised and not losing the last remaining sock. It is all progress and as Years 3 and 4 venture forth to Lake Keepit, we hope they also have a fantastic time.

NAPLAN

Speaking of assessment, NAPLAN will be held throughout Australia next week and our classes are no exception. As a school, we make it well known that our approach is to use the results of these assessments as they were originally intended, as a diagnostic tool. Our students have already completed class assessments, and this is simply another for which they are well prepared. It has merit as such, outlining strengths and weaknesses of an individual’s performance and growth and allows us to moderate or teaching and learning programs to more adequately cater for all out students’ needs. Much has been said about NAPLAN’s inadequacies, and as I sit here with another group of our students combining (some more cohesively than others) to paddle their canoe up the creek, I can't but help feel that our children and their development is far more complex than can be assessed, reported upon and ranked in a single week of schooling.

Presentation of Our Students

From time to time, it is necessary to reaffirm our position on the standards of presentation for all our students. For both boys and girls, the codes are well advertised and published in handbooks and by our Clothing Shop. Our school community has indicated in may surveys that this is an important component of our offering and consequently, our expectations are high. Please speak with your children about their presentation. Pride in our appearance is important and we ask for support from home to ensure that our respective PE, sporting and school uniforms are worn correctly. As trends change, it is also timely to reinforce the school’s policy on haircuts. Hair should remain clean and tidy and the cut should be of a conservative nature, not in such a manner to make any particular statement. It should not be unnaturally coloured, cover the face and for the boys, be of an uneven length from the sides to the rest of the cut. Usually it is a clear give away when hair becomes a distraction in class and if this occurs, we will discuss it with you. If you have questions concerning your child’s hair, please contact me at the school.

ICAS Competitions and Assessments

As outlined in last week’s TAS Talks, an indication from all our families is required to accurately register and order the ICAS competition papers in the subjects of Science, Maths, English and Spelling. Please contact the school as soon as possible, if you would prefer for your child NOT to participate.
**Winter Sport**
With the start of our winter season’s sporting endeavours, I was heartened to see the sportsmanship and team spirit that was evident from our students. There is no doubt that there are many lessons to be learned from the sporting arena, and we encourage a positive attitude towards competition at all times. A balanced approach from all our spectators and supporters both in what we do and say is important as our children will often do as we do, say what we say. This winter, I wish all teams a safe and very productive time, but very success in terms of enjoying the ride along the way. Thank you to all our volunteer coaches and I look forward to joining you on the sidelines.

**Looking Ahead**

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**Happy Birthday** - We would like to Sophia Grant and Lochlan Gerdes.

**Uniform**
School uniform is flexible for this week in the Junior School as the weather can be so variable. Families can choose whether their child comes to School in either their winter or summer uniform depending on the weather. From week 3 though, all children are expected to wear winter uniform. Please keep in mind that full formal uniform is required to be worn by all children for any Eisteddfod performance.

**Martial Arts**
Unfortunately due to lack of staff Anthony Kelly is unable to hold Martial Arts in Term 2, 2013. Anthony will stay in contact with the School and is hopeful Martial Arts will be able to be held in Term 3.

**Jump Rope For Heart**
Make sure you get those sponsorships forms filled out! We have had several children join the online fundraising so I look forward to watching the tally start to rise. All the Teacher Dares have been set so make sure you fundraise to make as much money as possible. Remember to return the form to Mrs Brunsdon if you don’t wish to do the fundraising as they need to be returned.

**Dance Club**
Dance Club will start on Wednesday 15 May and will commence on 19 June with a performance at Assembly. Please collect a Dance Club note from Junior School reception and return the permission slip and note prior to Dance Club commencing.

**Cross Country 2013**
Last Friday the annual cross country was held on the TAS grounds, beginning on Backfield, running across the TAS oval and completing a lap of Wakefield before heading back up to Backfield. It was a lovely afternoon to be running around the school grounds and it was wonderful to see everyone having a go at completing the course. I would like to thank the other staff members who helped to make this a successful afternoon and helped out with ribbon writing, course markers and monitors and looking after the children between the events. Also thanks to the many parents and grandparents who supported the children.

**Congratulations to all the children for the fantastic running on the day and the place getters are listed below.**

- **5 years boys**: 1st Ben Steinhardt
- **6 year girls**: 1st Annabelle Pennington, 2nd Mia Lincoln, 3rd Millie Coupland
- **6 year boys**: 1st Banjo Lawrence, 2nd Lachlan Litchfield, 3rd Evan Kwan
- **7 year girls**: 1st Erinn Alford, 2nd Catherine Alcorn
- **7 year boys**: 1st Jasper O’Neil, 2nd Tom Ball, 3rd Blair Eichorn
- **8 year girls**: 1st Emily Buntine, 2nd Poppy Broun, 3rd Beatrice Henzell
- **8 year boys**: 1st Sam Meehan, 2nd Jonathan Harris, 3rd Harrison Price
- **9 year girls**: 1st Sophia Rutledge, 2nd Isabel Newton, 3rd Zoe Strelitz
- **9 year boys**: 1st Asher Game-Lopata, 2nd Archi Lawrence, 3rd Harry Litchfield
- **10 year girls**: 1st Olivia Strelitz, 2nd Isabel McBean, 3rd Sophia Grant
- **10 year boys**: 1st Flynn Jones, 2nd Nicky O’Neil, 3rd Alexander Gibson
11 years girl - 1st – Nicola Simmons
11 year boys – 1st Liam Matherson, 2nd Harry Ashton, 3rd Joe Gordon
12 years boys – 1st Dillon Hill, 2nd Stuart Epworth

**PSSA Cross Country**

This year the PSSA cross country will be held at UNE on the Bellvue Oval. More information will come out in the next few weeks, along with permission notes, but the following children have been chosen to represent the school. The date is still to be decided as it was changed due to a clash with the Eisteddfod but will be later in May. Therefore it would be a great idea to start doing some running around home and at school for fitness.

8/9 year girls – Emily Buntine, Poppy Broun, Beatrice Henzell, Isabel Newton, Zoe Strelitz, Sophia Rutledge
8/9 year boys – Sam Meehan, Jonathan Harris, Harrison Price, Asher Game-Lopata, Archi Lawrence, Harry Litchfield
10 year girls – Olivia Strelitz, Isabel McBean, Sophia Grant, Casey Smith
10 year boys – Flynn Jones, Nicky O’Neil, Alexander Gibson, Joseph Anderson, Eli Evitt, Jack van Roy
11 year girl - Nicola Simmons
11 year boys – Liam Matherson, Harry Ashton, Joe Gordon, Will Young, Albie Woodhouse, Alastair le Surf
12 year boys – Joe Carlon, Henry Claridge, Kieran Dennis, Dillon Hill, Hamish Moore, Stuart Epworth

**Sport Reports**


The U11s girls hockey team started the season in a very positive fashion last Saturday. Isabel McBean began the season in goals and proved admirable in defence, pulling off some sensational saves. Olivia Strelitz scored the first goal of the season, after some terrific ball skills out on the left wing. Nikki Simmons was never far away from the action showing her skills in both attack and defence. Sophia Grant and Isabella Rutledge were strong in defence, even with Isabella having a short rest after a copping a ball on the ankle in the first half. Sophia Rutledge, Chloe Moore and Zoe Strelitz all worked hard in the midfield, helping out in defence as well as trying to create space and options for our attacking play. Well done girls, a fantastic effort. Our next game is Saturday 10.40am.

**U11 White Hockey Report - Alex Portell**

The Whites opener for the season began last Friday afternoon with a few tired souls following the JS Cross Country. Playing Servies Red, our boys did themselves proud, working together really well as a team and showing some excellent decision making to try and find holes in the Servies defence.

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**Netball PLC/TAS Topaz vs Sunbeams 4/5/13 - Mrs Trenerry**

Topaz played their second game of the season on Saturday when they met an evenly matched Sunbeams outfit. It was all smiles and enthusiasm in abundance as the girls took to the court. It was wonderful to see how every player contributed and encouraged each other. We have work to do on making spaces and staying in our positions but the start we’ve made is very impressive. With some great team work, Isabel Newton scored a goal in the second quarter, followed by a successful long shot in the third quarter to experienced player, Rachael Kenrick and a final goal to top it off in the final quarter perfectly shot by Casey Smith. Novice players Grace Pennington, Grace Smith and Charlotte Portell were ready for anything that came their way. It was great to have Lucy Young back for her first game of the season demonstrating skill and determination as she showed she had forgotten nothing from last year. Stephanie Evitt was a great support to her team especially as Goal Shooter and Ruby Straker played a solid game showing excellent concentration. The girls enjoyed a half time break with a lovely selection of fruit kindly provided by Casey’s family. Well done, Topaz on a great game. Next week we meet Red Rubies on Court 18.

**TAS Typhoons (Under 9s) - Sebastian Hempel**

A full squad of 10 lined up to play against the Demon Knights Cavaliers. Although DK had a fair breeze behind them, a good first half goalie performance by Harrison Price helped keep the opposition goalless. Solid performances from Chloe Lincoln and Henry Douglas-Menzies helped the Typhoons build a solid lead, with good support from Joshua Miron and Harrison Ditchfield, and Isaac Gerdes as second half goalie. Zaiden Kennedy scored our second goal, and a pair of goals by Marcus Hempel enabled the Typhoons to come away with a very satisfying 3-nil win.
TAS Terriers - Anthony Chick
The U6 Terriers leapt to a barking start in leafy and windy conditions on Saturday morning. The South Armidale Sea Squirts proved slippery opponents with the game moving end to end in the initial stages. Some magnificent play from Lachlan Litchfield down the side line with excellent support from Lance Latham and Andrew Knight saw the goal score open up. Evan Kwan was next with some magic footwork seeing him bound from the group, duck and weave and score majestically in the Sea Squirts own goal, an easy loss of direction given the extreme conditions. Our late arrival Sam Strelitz coming of the bench saw a blast of late first half inspiration, combining the base line kick from Nicholas Thomas, follow up from Lance, dribbling through Andrew, Evan and then to Sam bolting up the side line and on to Lach, who scored in a frenzy just on half time.

Half time passed without incident, only half the oranges consumed by the players as they were eager to re-enter the fray. After a brief rundown on navigation the second half started in a whirlwind of confusion, both teams appearing unsure of their intended target, not helped by the 1000’s of leaves roaring across the balmy Rologas fields. The margin widened in the second half with all our players contributing really well, Sam even commenting he had some sweat appearing. The vast crowd on the sideline appeared proud and satisfied, and the coaching staff could not of been happier with how the team held itself. A great start by all.

TAS Tornadoes - Mrs Wright
What a tremendous start to the season we had on Saturday. The mighty Tornadoes had a terrific game against DK. Ben Rowe and Joseph Anderson were strong in goals this week while Eli Evitt and Finn Daugherty were determined and strong in attack throughout the game. Dominic Ferguson was determined in attacking, scoring a hat trick for the first game of the season. Archi Lawrence, Fletcher Jackson and Alexander Zuber were consistent throughout the game and were supportive in both attack and defence. Hudson Eichorn displayed a determined attitude throughout the game, while Cameron Le Surf remained a strong force in the mids. A big thank you to Cameron Le Surf and Finn Daugherty for volunteering to play with DK this week. A terrific start to the season boys. Keep it up!

12B TAS White - Mr Burke
TAS White’s had our first game on Saturday. We had a good turnout with 4 substitutes making the bench. We came up against Ex-Services West Bobcats. The boys went out and played extremely well for a first time outing as a team. All the boys played very well and I was very impressed. We managed an 8-0 victory which was a great start to the season. A thank you to Mr Ackling for providing the team oranges at half time. Our next game is Saturday at 10:10am on Rologas 1 again with our opponents being the Guyra Titans. Hiram and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Under 12 TAS Blue - Mr Moore
A great start to the season for the team. It ended a close victory at 2-1, but we were unlucky not to score on at least five other occasions. Individually there were some impressive performances. Chad Kliendienst was strong in attack, Stuart Epworth made some good runs and Flynn Charley-Briggs was very solid at the back. The boys took a while to get used to the extra space by playing on a full-length field. Considering we haven’t had a training session together, there were some good passing and teamwork. As the season progresses we will work on passing and positional play which will improve our performance.

TAS Taipans - Tim Lawrence
Last Saturday The TAS Taipans (U7) clashed with the Demon Knights. It was a great start to the season, the Taipans Kicked about 10 goals to the Demons 1. Enthusiasm and energy is our main strength, team work and discipline is something that we will work on. Jack, Alec, Banjo, Will and Angus are a fun team to coach and it will be a great season. See you next Saturday.
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