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# TAS TALKS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Wednesday 1 May, 2013 Term 2 Week 1

House on Duty Abbott, 0439 041 627



## HEADMASTER, MURRAY GUEST

Welcome to the new school term after what I hope has been a happy and refreshing break. The holiday period just past was a particularly full one for TAS students and families alike and I have enjoyed hearing reports from the staff involved over the past few days. Each of the events was a major undertaking in itself and it is difficult to do justice to them here. It is worth looking at them together though as, collectively, they make a statement about the breadth of school life and the quality of experience available to our students.

The activity began on the first weekend of the holidays as the 9th TAS Rugby Carnival brought over 1,000 players and more than 2,000 parents, coaches and friends to the School. With 48 teams playing in a single venue over two days, the TAS carnival is easily the biggest of its kind in the country and it now occupies an important place in the schoolboy rugby calendar nationally. It was also a time for TAS to be on show for thousands of people who had not visited the school before. Thanks to the wonderful work of our grounds and housekeeping staff, the school looked a picture and that aesthetic was complemented by the slick running of the carnival and the huge level of support from our parents, old boys and staff who catered to the masses through the weekend. Beyond the rugby, it was the involvement of the TAS community that was commented on by so many of our visitors. The carnival could not run without that support and there would be few schools that could count on it as we do. I offer congratulations to Jason Lincoln, Karen Hutton and Jamie Moore on the great success of the carnival and special thanks to the P&F, OBU and all the staff who contributed so much to it.

## CELEBRATION OF GIVING

**TAS Foundation 30th Anniversary Cocktail Party**  
**Friday 3 May at Hoskins Centre from 6.00 – 9.00 pm**

The Armidale School Foundation would like to thank all those parents, Old Boys and friends of the school who have given so much to make TAS the extraordinary place it is.

**Come and celebrate with us**

Tickets \$85 per person  
include a \$50 tax deductible donation to the Foundation

**AND FEATURING A FANTASTIC AUCTION**

Contact Veronica at TAS Reception  
02 6776 5800 or vlucas@as.edu.au



**TAS**  
FOUNDATION

As the rugby players left, the scientists arrived for the Forensic Science Camp. With over 100 talented Year 8 science students from Queensland, NSW and the ACT here, the 2013 FSC was the largest it has been in recent times. FSC is our premier academic extension activity for the year and I was particularly pleased to see such good representation from TAS students there this year. Whilst the camp itself runs for a week, the preparation for it takes the attention of staff and student leaders for much of the preceding year. I offer special congratulations to Cindy Barnsley on her leadership and thanks to Seonia Wark and Gordon McLennan for their considerable efforts to make it such a success.

Andrew O'Connell and a small contingent of Middle School boys represented TAS at the Junior Round Square Conference hosted by Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School in Western Australia. The conference focused heavily on environmental responsibility and community service at both local and global levels, giving our students the opportunity to explore issues with students from across our Round Square region. It also provided the chance to see some of the beautiful areas in the far South West of Australia and to climb the tallest climbable tree in the country!

TAS again provided a strong and sizable team for the Tour de Rocks bike ride from Armidale to South West Rocks this year. The ride is, of course, a great physical challenge and I was very pleased to see so many boys taking it on – and completing it successfully. The importance of the Tour de Rocks goes well beyond that though. It has become a very large and prominent community event for Armidale, growing substantially in each of the last three years, and it is now a big fundraiser in support of cancer sufferers and cancer research. The scourge of cancer has impacted on all of us at TAS and it is fitting that we should join the fight against it.

Whilst ANZAC Day fell during the school holidays this year, TAS was well represented in both the march and through the efforts of the TAS Guard who provided the catafalque parties at both the Dangarsleigh and Armidale services. The work of the Guard will be on show again tomorrow morning at the TAS ANZAC Service and I hope that many parents will be able to join us at 7:00am as we show our respect as a school to those who have served and sacrificed.

See images at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/104616373200001265585/ANZACTownMarch2013?authkey=Gv1sRgCNSO3eLSnc2T6QE>

Over the last week of holidays, Richard Newton led a group of over 30 TAS boys on the annual 'Service in Sydney' trip and to the huge Christian youth convention in Katoomba known as 'Kyck'. That so many of our boys would choose to spend their holiday break camped at Cranbrook School and serving food to some of the homeless of Sydney is very encouraging indeed and I compliment them on it.



*Angus Alford and Sam Hutton paying their respects at the Town Service*

Nine senior TAS boys travelled to Samoa and Fiji over the holidays with the NSW Country Schools Rugby team and I offer congratulations to all of them on their selection and success there and to Jackson Gilbey in particular who was named as player of the tour. Jim Pennington managed the tour, continuing his long commitment to supporting rugby beyond the School. The pathway to higher representation is important for rugby at TAS and we are fortunate to have talented and generous staff who support that.

Finally, I offer congratulations to two individual athletes. Firstly, to Sam Finlayson who has been selected in the Junior Australian Polocrosse Squad. To compete at international level is a great honour and I wish Sam success for the competition ahead. Secondly, congratulations to Jay Kennedy who continued his long distance swimming success by placing second in the 2 km Copeton Dam Swim. I also thank Peter Hall and the TAS kayakers who supported the event by providing the safety craft in the water.

After all of this holiday activity we are now back to the business of school, with exams for Years 11 and 12 and excursions for Years 6 to 10 next week. I wish our senior students well for their final preparations and look forward to seeing others as they are out and about.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Term 1 Week 1

### Wednesday 1 May

6.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 2 May

7.00am TAS ANZAC Service on Adamsfield

### Friday 3 May

6.00-9.00pm UNE Open Day  
**TAS Foundation 30th Anniversary  
 Cocktail Party in Hoskins Centre**

### Saturday 4 May

UNE Open Day

### Sunday 5 May

### Monday 6 May

**Excursion Week**  
 Year 11 and 12 exams at TAS  
 Year 10 to Canberra  
 - link <http://wordpress.as.edu.au/canberra13>  
 Year 9 to Yarrahappinni  
 Year 8 to Sydney  
 Year 6 to Mosman Prep  
 Year 5 to Myanua Bay

### Tuesday 7 May

**Excursion Week - as above**  
 Year 4 to Lake Keepit till Friday  
 Year 7 to Pindarri till Friday

## Term 1 Week 2

### Wednesday 8 May

**Excursion Week continues**  
 Year 3 to Lake Keepit till Friday

### Thursday 9 May

**Excursion Week continues**

### Friday 10 May

**Excursion Week concludes**

### Saturday 11 May

GPS Athletics in Sydney

### Sunday 12 May

### Monday 13 May

### Tuesday 14 May

NAPLAN Testing

### Wednesday 15 May

6.30pm NAPLAN Testing  
 Evening Prayer  
 P&F Meeting



## Exchange

Welcome back Sebastian Gibson after enjoying Term 1 at Stanstead College in Canada. Sebastian reported back to Assembly today and was enthusiastic about his experience and encouraged others to explore opportunities for growth through Round Square exchange.

Welcome to our three exchange students from India who will be with us for Term 2:

- Daly College, India - Gaurav Varma (Abbott Year 10)
- Vivek High School - Harshdeep Mangat (Croft Year 11)
- The Doon School - Abhishek Pai (Tyrrell Year 11)

A very special thanks to the Laurie family (boys Ben and Max) who generously offered to host Harshdeep before school resumed yesterday. The relationships borne from and understanding between exchange - families and students - is a truly valuable and long lasting experience for all involved.

## Conferences

Thanks to Mr Andrew O'Connell who so ably accompanied the 3 Middle School students, Nic Bohlsen, Henry Perrottet and Sam Jeyakuma to Perth and also explored the south western coastline with Trinity Anglican School students and staff. We look forward to a formal presentation from these boys in a few weeks.

## CHAPLAIN, RICHARD NEWTON

### Word Watch #5

For the duration of this term, we have unmasked the joys of some new words hitting the dictionaries around the world. Today we enjoy a flurry of new words suggested in an article from the UK Guardian, words again that hold a mirror up to our society and speak of what we have become.

While there is a trend in society to Oprahcide, (To acquiesce to the theories of an expert, instead of trusting your own thoughts, opinions and personal experience), we pull up short of seeking any expert opinion regarding God. We still think that our mature years and vast experience is enough to decide whether God exists or not. We tend not to look at God's self-revelation in The Bible, and therefore listen to the ultimate expert, and have substituted this with an aOprahcidal approach.

We have succumbed to a Cidiotic method (Someone who has spent so long in a city they have lost the ability to perform tasks the rural population sees as outrageous common sense). So, rather than having a good hard look at the facts as they emerge we Digippear (verb To use computer technology as a technique to avoid unwanted or feared issues and conversations). We simply avoid some of the big questions.

Maybe this is because we Overchill (verb To use modern air-conditioning systems to excess, especially in offices), but of course I'm using the term in a metaphoric sense. We have become so relaxed that we have become apathetic, we have chilled out so much that we have become frozen in our thinking on many important issues, none more important than where we stand with our creator.

However, in the weeks following Easter we must stop and acknowledge that God has acted. He has overcome our ignorance and apathy, he has even acted because of our Cidiotic and Digippearances. Thus we see the great Blursing (noun When an event, gift, or circumstance presents qualities and consequences that are simultaneously positive and negative, both blessing and curse are experienced). Jesus became cursed for our sake, He suffered where we should have, so that we might receive blessing. That we might receive the inheritance that should belong to one, but this one has given us what is his. Thank God.

### Confirmation Service

On the last Thursday of Term 2, 20 June, at 9.00am the 2013 TAS Confirmation Service will be conducted in the School Chapel. The confirmees will be presented to the Bishop of the Armidale diocese, whereby they will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. We will all then pray for the confirmees and, in a sense, stand with them in demonstration of our commitment to nurture and encourage them in their walk with God.

This service is for any boy who is ready to take this step who were baptised as infants and seek now to confirm the promises made on their behalf by their parents and godparents. It is also possible for boys who have not yet been baptised to proceed with Confirmation if they too wish to make a public declaration of faith in Christ Jesus. Such students will be baptised at a suitable time prior to the Confirmation Service. Confirmation is not compulsory and should only be undertaken by students who have a clear understanding of, and faith in Jesus Christ.

The preparation will begin in week 3 and interested students should contact Richard Newton through Reception – 02 6776 5800 or by emailing [rnewton@as.edu.au](mailto:rnewton@as.edu.au)

## COUNSELLOR, ROB HADFIELD

During the holiday break I was able to visit the Archibald exhibition in Sydney. An amazing range of painting were on display. Some were highly interpretive, others more realistic. Some were large, some small, a couple even minute. All attempted to convey personal meanings, a way of seeing, personal insight. Alongside each painting was a brief statement from the artist describing their work, what it was they were attempting to convey about the subject, and sometimes some comments about the medium, style and materials used. I found the commentaries useful and a window into the artist's experience of engaging in the creative process. I enjoyed the time there and came away marvelling at people's expressive genius.

It is important to treasure our creativity in whatever form it takes. Sometimes the routines and pressures of everyday life can become so consuming that we fail to nurture our creativity enough. Perhaps our approach to the here and now of living needs to move away from ready-made scripts so that we embrace the unpredictable. Creativity is our response to the experience of being in the world. The shape and form it takes will vary because we are all different. That is what is so exciting about the creative impulse.

## P&F ASSOCIATION, SANDRA KAYNES - PRESIDENT

Thank you all for your efforts in making the TAS rugby carnival catering the success that it was. It was great to see parents from Junior, Middle and Senior schools, first time helpers, old Boys and those who have helped every year since it began, player's parents, parents whose sons finished their schooling at TAS many years earlier and the boys themselves.

The community service boys completed the jobs assigned to them with no complaints and were always eager for their next task; assisting both the P&F and the visiting schools. Our Senior boys, gave up their Sunday morning and cooked the player's BBQ; over 1300 sausages!

To the Staff of TAS the P&F will be ever grateful for your help not only for this event but for all the events that we host throughout the year. You work behind the scenes prior to the event, help put lunches together, serve on the stalls and pack and clean up when the rest of us have gone home.

We the executive can organise any event but without the help of our many volunteers which include the parents, students, staff and friends of this fantastic school it would not be possible.

Thanks again to you all,

TAS P&F Executive 2013

### TAS P&F Meeting – Wednesday 15 May

Our next meeting will be held in the Lower Maxwell Room at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th 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.

**Call for pots for the fete - if you have any spare could you please leave them inside the portico doors and Adrian will collect.**



**Log onto the e-bulletin at:** <http://parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au>

#### **This month's topics include:**

With COAG meeting next, parents with children at Non-Government need funding certainty - time to ask your local MP how much longer?

Gonski- pressure cooker politics. An opinion piece by Bill Daniels ISCA Executive Director

Nominations for our annual Awards for Excellence are now open! Please nominate your Principal or parent for their contribution to your school community. Click here for further information and nomination forms. These Awards will be presented at our AGM on Friday June 14 at Shore.

Play time...reflections on the adult's role in children's play by Robyn Munro Miller, Executive Officer, Network of Community Activities

Have you reserved your spot for our Scary Scaling Information Session on Tuesday June 18? Carol Taylor, Chief Executive Board of Studies NSW and Mr George Cooney from UAC will be enlightening parents and students in this one hour session. Click here for further information and to reserve your spot.

bstreetsmart is a road safety education initiative that hopes to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. Read here about how they are now expanding their reach into regional Australia to allow our rural and remote students and parents access to this important program.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us on (02)9955 8276 or [office@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au)

## GENERAL NOTICES



### 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](http://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/](http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/scratchday/)



### 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](mailto:gpiper1@as.edu.au) or 0410 924 191**

### 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](http://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.

## Year 11 and Year 12 Mid-Course Exams

Year 11 and Year 12 will sit Mid-Course Exams in Week 2 of this term. During this week there are no normal classes at any school. When not in exams students are able to study in the library during normal opening hours, in the boarding house for boarders (with the permission of the Housemaster and in consultation with Mr Buntine) or at home in the case of day students.

Students received their exam timetable at the end of last term though it can also be found on the TAS website at:

Year 11: <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/year11/>

Year 12: <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/year12/>

It is important that students arrive to the exams at least 15 minutes prior to the start. Students should remind themselves of the procedures for an appeal in the case of illness or misadventure and have read the Instructions to Candidates document that will have been emailed to them during this week.

If students study subjects at either PLC or NEGS then they will sit their exam at that school. NEGS do not hold Year 11 exams at this point of the year. Buses will depart from TAS 30 minutes prior to the start of exams at PLC or NEGS and return afterwards.

Further instructions regarding our expectations of students during the week can be found on the webpages listed above.

Seonia Wark, Director of Studies

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## 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



## Thanks to the TAS Housekeeping and Ground Staff

This photo was taken to recognise the great work being constantly done behind the scenes by the TAS grounds and housekeeping staff. What they commit to behind the scenes is amazing - generally but in this instance particularly for the TASRC.

## Cadets

### TAS Guard on Anzac Day

Congratulations to the cadet ceremonial guard who performed admirably on Anzac Day. Starting at the Dangarsleigh War Memorial at 8.45am, the guard mounted an eight man Catafalque Party for the service. Subsequently, the guard led the Armidale parade at 10.45am and mounted the Catafalque Party during the service at 11.00am. We will next see the guard at the school's Anzac Memorial Service on Thursday. The following boys are serving in the guard this year:

CUO Matt Maunder - Commander, CUO Jack Tearle, CUO Harrison Abeyasekera, CUO Jack Simmons, CUO Morgan Broadbent-Wicks, CUO Sam Doyle, CUO Nick Murray, SGT Nick Finney, SGT Matt Rasmussen, SGT Greg Guyer, CPL Ethan Monk, CDT Jacob Hunt, CDT Liam Kennedy - Drummer

### TAS Anzac Memorial Service

This will be held on Thursday 2 May commencing at 7.00am. We are pleased to announce that Major General Paul Brereton, Head Cadet, Reserve & Employer Support Division is our guest of honour this year. All cadets in Year 8 and above are to attend, dressed in camouflage uniform with sleeves rolled-up and shirt tucked-in, brown issue boots, black belt (with polished brass) and slouch hat. The black belt and slouch hat will be issued from the Q Store on Tuesday lunchtime and after school.

Major Trevor Thatcher, Commanding Officer

## STUDENT SERVICES, MEG SADLER

### Walcha Bus

Due to excursions and senior exams, the Walcha late bus will NOT run on Tuesday, Wed or Thursday in Week 2...

Re: possible run on Friday 10 May, please email [msadler@as.edu.au](mailto:msadler@as.edu.au) with an expression of interest, and you will be notified mid-week if a bus and driver are available.

### 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](mailto: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.

Many thanks, Mrs Meg Sadler

## LOST ITEMS

Duncan Chalmers in Year 6 has been missing his blazer since the latter part of Term 1. If you have seen it or perhaps have picked it up by mistake, please return it to him or drop it off at Middle School.

## CAREERS, TREVOR THATCHER

### UNE Open Day - 3 and 4 May

Students interested in university study are encouraged to attend the UNE Open Day on Friday 3 May or Saturday 4 May. Check-out their website: <http://www.une.edu.au/for/future-students/landing/openday.php>

As Year 11 and 12 exams commence on Monday 6 May, TAS is not planning on having an organised school visit to the UNE Open Day. Parents/students will need to seek leave for the Friday and make their own way to the Open Day. Otherwise Saturday is recommended for individual visits to UNE.

### Medicine Entry Requirements - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)

In 2013, UMAT will be held at various locations across Australia on Wednesday 31 July 2013. Registrations for UMAT open in April and close on Friday 7 June 2013. Late registrations close on Friday 21 June 2013. Fees apply.

Registration must be completed online at [www.umat.acer.edu.au](http://www.umat.acer.edu.au)

All enquiries concerning UMAT should be directed to the UMAT Office, ACER, Private Bag 55, Camberwell VIC 3124

Phone: (03) 8508 7643 Email: [umat@acer.edu.au](mailto:umat@acer.edu.au)

Website: [www.umat.acer.edu.au](http://www.umat.acer.edu.au)

# FOUNDATION, CRESSIDA MORT

**Term 2 is off with a bang and the first event of the term is the Foundation's 30th Anniversary Cocktail Party - this Friday night from 6.00-9.00pm in the Hoskins Foyer.**

As you all know the benefits to the school (and all of us) from having a Foundation that can offer bursaries and scholarships to boys willing to make a difference to TAS life in the class and out are enormous. The facilities we have need to be updated and new ones built.

All this takes support and the purpose of the evening is to thank those who have given and those who feel they are able to make a \$50 donation as part of the ticket on the night.

Thank you all for considering, and many thanks indeed for those who can make it on the night.

Check out <http://www.as.edu.au//community/Foundation/Foundation.php>

## MUSIC, NIK GLASS - DIRECTOR

### Welcome back to TAS Music for Term 2

This term will be a particularly busy one for our ensemble members and also individual TAS musicians with the 2013 Eisteddfod happening in just a couple of weeks. Information about TAS ensembles in the Eisteddfod will be provided in the coming weeks.

Week 4 will see us hold another **Twilight concert on Tuesday 21 May**, which will feature many of our Eisteddfod soloists. Please contact your child's tutor or Mrs Broadbent in the Music Office on sbroadbe@as.edu.au if you would like your child to perform in this term's concert.

**Instrumental and vocal lessons** have already recommenced this week so we expect to see all students attending their normal lesson times. Please contact tutors immediately should you require any changes to tuition times this term.

**TAS Ensembles** have started again this week but please note that there will be NO rehearsals in Week 2 due to Excursion week throughout the School. Ensemble rehearsal times for the remainder of the term are listed below:

<div>  <b>TAS Music Ensemble Rehearsals 2013</b> </div>				
	ENSEMBLE	TIME	CONDUCTOR	VENUE
<b>Monday</b>	TAS Trebles	1.10 – 2.00pm	Butcher/Finco	Music Centre
	TAS Big Band	3.45 – 5.00pm	Mr Finco	Music Centre
	TAS Senior Jazz Combo	5.00 – 6.00pm	Mr Danks	Music Centre
	TAS Drum Line	5.00 – 6.00pm	Mr Glass	Music Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	TAS Singers	7.40 – 8.40am	Mr Glass	Music Centre
	TAS Guitar Band	1.20 – 2.00pm	Mrs Butcher	Music Centre
<b>Wednesday</b>				
<b>Thursday</b>	TAS Wind Ensemble	7.40 – 8.40am	Mr Woodhouse	Music Centre
	Years 3-5 Choir	11.40 – 12.25pm	Mr Odey	Music Centre
	Years K-2 Choir	12.25 – 1.00pm	Mr Odey	Music Centre
<b>Friday</b>	Chapel Choir	3.45 – 5.00pm	Mr Odey	TAS Chapel

## DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR, JASON LINCOLN



Welcome back to what will be a short yet action packed term.

There has been a change in structure to our winter sports offering to enable our boys to gain some positive experiences from *Strength and Conditioning* across the board. This involves all sporting teams training together for the first 20 minutes of every Tuesday afternoon. This training will commence at 3.45pm in Week 1. Following this 20 minute session teams will break up and attend their normal team training.

Locations are as follows for these sessions: 13s Wakefield North, 14s Wakefield South, 15s Cricket Oval, 16s Backfield.

All winter sports pages on the website have now been updated. Go to <http://teams.as.edu.au/> and check out your sport.

We look forward to encouraging our boys to discover their potential through the challenges that will be set during this time and ask that, as always, they are on time and dressed appropriately for training.

Congratulations to our boys who gained success during the holidays including Will Brissett, Hamish Coupland, Matt Kaukiainen and our Captain of Hockey, Michael Young, on their selection in the NE Hockey U17s.

At the inaugural Copeton Dam 2km swim on Saturday Jay Kennedy, in only his second open water swim, came second of the 87 competitors in a time of 27minutes 23 seconds, 11 seconds behind the eventual winner who was a 15 year old lad from Ballina. Peter Hall assembled a group of TAS boys with kayaks to act as the swimmers' support craft and their community service was acknowledged by the organisers.

Also, congratulations to Sam Finlayson in year 9 who has been selected in the Junior Australian Polocrosse squad - an amazing achievement and one which reflects Sam's true dedication and commitment to his sport.

The TAS Speakers will be kicking into full gear this term and more information on our guest speakers, events and competitions will be given following excursion (and exam) week.

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### 2013 Football Season

The primary source of information for this season will be the TAS Football website, located at:

<http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/football/>

Please check this website regularly, as it will be the central point of information.

Training has commenced this week and most teams have games this coming weekend. The TAS website is linked to the local association's draws so they can be easily accessed. Please use the below link to click on your team and access your season draw.

[http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/football/wiki/2f278/Season\\_Draws.html](http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/football/wiki/2f278/Season_Draws.html)

Please use the TAS Football website for all training information, team lists and draws.

### Referee Course

There will be a football (soccer) referee course for 14 year olds and older or Year 8 and older starting Monday May 6th at 6.00pm at Rologas building soccer fields Taylor St. Cost is \$30 which includes a law book.

Werner Schwarz woshes@bigpond.com

## TAS Hockey

Welcome to the 2013 winter season!

Already, the TAS 1sts and 2nds have begun their campaign in the HNE Mens competition, with the Junior Boys and Girls matches to begin this Friday and Saturday 3 and 4 May.

### Friday 3 May

TAS have control duty for the evening so a couple of volunteer parents are needed for scoring.

U11s TAS White 4.15pm vs Servies White

U11s TAS Blue 4.40pm vs Servies Red

U13s TAS 5pm vs City Bees

U16s Deferred due to U17s State Championships

A Grade 7.10pm vs UNE

\*Please note, game times are shorter until Turf 1 has been completed (end May). Also, a bus will leave TAS at 3.45pm for transportation out to the game, however parents will need to collect students from UNE at the conclusion of their games.

### Saturday 4 May

U11s Girls TAS 12.30pm vs Duval Red

U9s - Games begin 11th May

### Sunday 5 May

C Grade 8.30am vs United

A Grade 2pm vs City

Due to holiday catchups and only one turf being in operation, please note many Mens A and C Grade games will be made up on Friday evenings, so please keep these free if at all possible. Please get to games at least 20 minutes prior to start times.

Remember, if you need information regarding team lists, hockey links or wish to keep abreast with the latest hockey information, please visit the TAS Hockey webpage at <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/hockey/> or for updated draws and general Hockey New England news see their website at [https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/site/index.cfm?fuseaction=display\\_main&OrgID=10974](https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/site/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&OrgID=10974)

## Training

Please note that hockey training days are not as hoped at this stage, due to unavailability of turf time whilst Turf 1 is being refurbished. **At present, until further notice, 13s, 16s, C and A Grade will train at UNE on THURSDAY afternoons from 5-6pm (bus to leave TAS at 4.30pm with a 6pm return). For the next few weeks, Junior School teams will train on Wednesday afternoons at school (Green Room or Fields) from 3.45 to 4.45pm, with usual sport pick up arrangements.**

## Uniforms

Please contact the TAS Clothing Shop ([clothing@as.edu.au](mailto:clothing@as.edu.au)) for any uniform requirements, such as the A and C Grade socks and shorts, which will need to be purchased by individuals. Grade shirts will be provided by team coaches. Please ensure all players have correctly fitting shin pads and mouth guard or they will not be permitted to play.

Alex Portell, MIC Hockey

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## Shooting

Please see listed the fullbore shooting calendar for Term 2.

This is also on our webpage: <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/rifleshooting/>

5 May	Wallamumbi Range 300 yds deliberate and snap
12 May	Mothers Day no shooting
19 May	Spring Ridge Prize Shoot
24 May	TAS vs SBHS in Smallbore
2 June	Wallamumbi Range 300yds deliberate and snap/DRA Champions at Spring Ridge (nominated boys in U18, U25 and Open)
7-10 June	Wingham Prize Shoot
16 June	Wallamumbi Range 300 yds deliberate and snap
6-7 July	NSWRA DRA Weekend (Champion of Champions and City vs Country Matches)
9 -18 July	GPS Camp

Information for GPS will be sent out in the next few weeks. I am assuming all boys are available unless notified otherwise.

## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, DENNIS DEMPSTER



We welcome back the boys for the commencement of a very busy term of work and activities outside of the classroom. It is hard to believe that this will be my final term as Head of TAS Middle School but I am very pleased that I will be leaving it in the capable hands of an inspiring and caring school leader Mr Mark Harrison. The term begins with our boys participating in a broad range of activities during Excursion Week beginning next Monday with the Year 6 and 8 students departing for Sydney. On Tuesday the Year 7s depart for four days of challenging outdoor adventure at Emu Gully Adventure Centre at Pindari Dam. We thank the teachers for giving so much time and energy towards the planning and supervision of these trips, and look forward to hearing their reports on their return.

At the end of this term a written report will be sent home to parents detailing the outcome of their son's progress. We look forward to your continuing support and involvement with your son's education throughout this term. Dennis Dempster

### **Middle School Social**

This term the Middle School social will be hosted by NEGS on Friday 3 May from 7pm to 9pm. There will be a cover charge of \$5 per boy attending which will be charged to your school account. All boys are required to catch the bus to and from the social. They will need to meet at the front of the TAS Memorial Hall at 6.45pm and are to be collected promptly at 9.00pm from the same place. Please note it is a school requirement that all day and boarding students travel to and from school socials on the bus unless notification is given in writing to Mr Dempster.

### **Uniforms**

We request that all uniforms, which includes hats, shoes, school bags and laptop bags need to be clearly and correctly labelled with your son's name.

### **NAPLAN**

During week 3 the Year 7 students are sitting for the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. A report on the results will be sent home during term 3. We thank Mrs Regina Pollard for all her hard work in organising these tests.

### **Year 6 Visit to Mosman Prep**

Year 6 are becoming excited about their upcoming trip to Mosman. We will be leaving at 8am next Monday and ask that students arrive at the front of the school no later than 7.45am to ensure that we can leave on time. Our return on Friday will be at approximately 4pm. I am assuming that all students have contacted their host families in Mosman. If this is not the case then they should do so as soon as possible. This ensures that any important medical and dietary information is passed on, but also greatly eases the nerves and awkwardness when your son is introduced to their billet when we arrive. Please contact Mr Hadfield or Mr Druce if you have any last minute questions.

### **Year 7 Emu Gully Excursion**

Year 7 head to Pindari Dam next week on Tuesday 7 May at 8:30am and will be returning on Friday 10 May before 3:30pm. If you have any concerns about the camp please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bill Doherty, Camp Leader.

### **Year 8 to Sydney**

On Monday 6 May at 8:25am all students are to meet their teachers at the Armidale railway station. Day boys, please remember to bring a packed lunch. Return on Friday 10 May at 6:00pm. Day boys to be picked up from the station please. Boarders will bus back to TAS. All boys have received a list of what to pack. Your teacher will bring your excursion booklet on Monday. A small backpack will be useful for booklet, water bottle, pens etc. Wear neat casuals for the train on Monday and Friday, clean PE uniform for the other days. No house shirts please and joggers not slip ons. Please contact the Middle School office or Fiona Taber on [ftaber@as.edu.au](mailto:ftaber@as.edu.au) if you have any other queries.

## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL, IAN LLOYD



### From Ian Lloyd

#### Tezukayama visit to TAS – August 19 to 24

The Tezukayama School would like to bring a large number of students this year to experience Armidale and TAS and we are excited that the relationship between our two schools has developed so well over time. I would like to thank those parents who are hosting a billet or two, but we do need further assistance with this task. We have half the number of students covered, which is fantastic, but we do need more offers to accommodate all who would like to travel to Armidale. Hosting a billet/s is a wonderful experience for your child and for the visitor. We do encourage families to be apart of this exchange program. Please contact us at School for further information or email us on [junior@as.edu.au](mailto:junior@as.edu.au) if you are able to assist.



#### Excursion Week

Next week, all classes will be participating in our annual excursion week program. Yrs 3 – 5 will be travelling to various Sport & Rec Centres and our junior classes are organising outings and activities closer to home and I thank all the staff for the preparation for and participation in this important part of our educational program. All parents are reminded that the permission forms should now be at School and I wish them well for a safe and exciting week ahead.

#### Jump Rope For Heart

We are very excited to be participating in the 30th birthday program for Jump Rope For Heart, on Monday May 20. Last year we raised \$5385 which was an outstanding achievement. As an added incentive to raise more money this year the staff are "enthusiastically" joining in the JRFH Dares Program which operates along the following lines.....

##### If junior School raises:

**\$4000 (Mild dares)** – Junior School students get to wear casuals for a day and there will be a kids vs teachers skip off. The top fundraiser in each class will get a special privilege and receive an exclusive JRFH birthday certificate. The top fundraising class will get an extra 10 minutes at lunchtime and get bonus house points.

**\$4500 (Spicy Dares)** - Teachers will sing a rock song at assembly or perform a skipping routine. The top fundraiser in each class will get to be a teacher for a lesson and receive a special award in assembly. The top fundraising class will get to have their teacher dress up for the day.

**\$5400 (Hot Dares)** - Mr Lloyd will wear a special outfit for the day. The top fundraiser for each class will get to (appropriately) dress up their class teacher. The top fundraising class will get a teacher to do a dance or musical item at assembly and receive a special presentation



## ICAS - UNSW Competitions and Assessments

You will have received a letter explaining our approach to the upcoming ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments) in the areas of English Mathematics and Science. If not, please contact us at the school to ensure your email details are current. The School enters these competitions, as they are useful indicators for us as a point of reference and, over time, a diagnostic tool for our programming. If you would not like your child to

## Anzac Day

I was pleased to be part of a small contingent of TAS students and staff from Junior School who attended the Armidale ANZAC Day march and service. I thank the staff for assisting on the day, and congratulate Angus Alford for the role he played in assisting with the laying of the TAS wreath during the service. I welcome all Junior School families to the TAS Anzac Service on Thursday May 2, beginning at 7.00 am outside the Memorial Hall and wish Albie Woodhouse well, as he reads the Ode during the service. It is an impressive event on the TAS calendar and I encourage you to attend.

## Martial Arts

Unfortunately, due to lack of staff Anthony Kelly is unable to hold Martial Arts in Term 2, 2013. Anthony has requested those still interested in these classes to contact him via his website and he will make arrangements with the classes being held at other venues. He is hopeful Martial Arts will be able to recommence again at TAS in Term 3.

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## Looking Ahead

Wednesday 1 May	No Assembly
Thursday 2 May	ANZAC Service – Memorial Hall 7.00 am
Friday 3 May	Cross Country at TAS – 1.30 pm (Walk the Course)
Monday 6 May	Winter Sports Training Commences this week
	Year 5 Excursion to Myuna Bay
Tuesday 7 May	Year 4 Excursion to Lake Keepit
Wednesday 8 May	Year 3 Excursion to Lake Keepit
Friday 10 May	All Junior School Excursions return
Tuesday 14 May	Years 3/5 NAPLAN
Wednesday 15 May	Year K/1 Assembly
	Years 3/5 NAPLAN
Thursday 16 May	Years 3/5 NAPLAN

## Uniform

School uniform is flexible for the next two weeks 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, 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.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

TAS Junior School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. You can collect Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths-one sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card (which will be sent home as soon as TAS receive them) and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the Junior School Reception. Mr Polson has spare copies of sticker charts should you fill your first one.

## Fire and Rescue NSW

This year Fire and Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 18 May, 10am – 2pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn all about fire safety in the home. Armidale Fire Station is located at 66 Barney Street and will be opening its doors to celebrate Open Day with all sorts of fun activities planned for the kids, including fire demonstrations, being able to hop aboard a real working fire truck and hold a fire hose, and get a show bag full of goodies while chatting with real firefighters about what they do. With the onset of winter just around the corner, learning as much as you can about home fire safety is really important – winter is the worst time of the year for house fires. So make sure you reserve the date and head down to Armidale Fire Station on Saturday 18 May!

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT, KIRSTY BRUNSDON

### Cross Country

The annual cross country will take place at TAS this Friday 3 May. The students will walk the course at 1:30pm and the first race will commence at 2pm. Below is the order of events. All children are to wear their house coloured shirts, blue shorts and track-suits to school. Bring a drink bottle, sunscreen and Chappell hat to school. The course will commence on Backfield oval and students will run a course through the TAS oval, down around Wakefield and the tennis courts and back to Backfield. The children will run a varied distance from 1km to 3 kms.

2:00pm - 5 yrs boys	2:05pm - 5 yrs girls	2:10pm - 6 yrs boys	2:15pm - 6 yrs girls
2:20pm - 7 yrs boys	2:25pm - 7 yrs girls	2:30pm - 8 yrs boys	2:35pm - 8 yrs girls
2:40pm - 9 yrs boys	2:45pm - 9 yrs girls	2:50pm - 10 yrs boys/girls	3:00pm - 11/12 yrs boys
3:15pm - ribbon presentation			

### Representative Cricket for 2013/14 season

Congratulations to Cotter Litchfield and Charlie Rutledge for being selected into the Armidale U12's rep cricket side which will play in the 2013/14 season. Joe Gordon has been selected for the u14's side as well which means he is playing up an age level. Joe has also made the Northern Tablelands u13's team also. Well done to all the cricketers.

### Football

All games commence this Saturday. Please check the website and make sure you know when your team is playing. The teams, names and coaches are listed on the JS Sport website. Please note the website address for the Armidale Football Association - [www.adfafootball.sportingpulse.net](http://www.adfafootball.sportingpulse.net)

### Hockey

Please refer to the TAS Hockey section of the general sport pages. <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/sport/>  
Hockey games commence this week also. Please refer to the TAS Hockey section of the general sport pages. <http://teams.as.edu.au/groups/sport/>

### Rugby

Training commences on Wednesday May 1 and continues each Monday and Wednesday on the Cricket Oval (eastern side).

### Netball

Netball continues this Saturday.



**Friday 10th May**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**at the**

**Armidale Bowling Club**

**Tickets on sale at the  
Armidale Police Station &  
Armidale Bowling Club**

**Tickets \$5**

**Ages 5 - 12 years**



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