

# Equestrian Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 - Wednesday 3rd February 2016

## EQUESTRIAN MANAGER

Mrs Wendy Fitzgerald

Thank you to all of the families who attended the equestrian induction workshop last Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the second year that we have run the induction and once again the feedback was excellent, girls and families felt they benefited from the opportunity to settle themselves and horses in before commencing the school year.

### \*\* PARENTS WE NEED YOU!

- Help is needed to set up the cattle panels for the cattle work section of the Karl & Flic Burton Clinic on Feb 13-14. Setup will be on Friday 12 and Sat 13 of February. Please call the EC if you are able to help.
- NEGS will be running the Show Horse Rings at the Armidale Show in 26 and 27 February and are calling on parents to assist on the day with Marshaling, penciling, ticket sales etc. Please contact the EC if you are able to assist.

The horse program for the Armidale Show is now online (with the most recent updates) at [www.armidaleshow.org.au](http://www.armidaleshow.org.au)

Our first clinic of the year is the Karl and Felicity Burton Horsemanship clinic, this clinic is suitable for all riders who wish to improve their horsemanship and those wishing to increase their competitive edge in Campdrafting and Challenge Events.

Bookings <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6114&eventlist=9>

Congratulations to **Holly Coulthard** winning the first round with an 88 and fifth in the third round to come second overall in the aggregate at National Finals! Holly then followed up at Armidale with an 87 in the novice which gave her a place in the final, where she scored an 83. Holly took home the coveted Luke Brown memorial trophy for the highest scoring juvenile in an open age event across the weekend.

New year 7 student **Ally Weston** started the year with a bang, taking out the NEGS Equestrian Junior Campdraft. Well done Ally on winning this event for the second consecutive year. Ally pictured here received prize money and an Angus Barrett bridle.

Congratulations go to **Ashley Randle**, who won the Australian National Title for Partbred Performance Pony Under Saddle. The combination also achieved enough points for their Silver Award for which they received the garland and medallion. Congratulations Ashley & Highlands Mr Henrysee, it has been an amazing year!



**Lessons for the Paul Austin Clinic** being held at NEGS on the 16th and 17th of February are now available to book online at [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au) - Don't delay they are already filling up quickly. Stables available for anyone who needs them.

We have over 80 horses at NEGS this term, so it seems we have another very busy year ahead. We have added chaff to the supplied feed ration to assist with storage and asked students to bring a manure rake so that they have no excuses for unclean paddocks.

We have had a few **changes to our staff team**, Felicity Hill has moved home to Port Macquarie, Camilla Dawson is taking a break during term 1, we will be saying goodbye to our Equestrian Manager and welcoming a new full time coach, Imtiaz Anees.

Equestrian Manager, Wendy Fitzgerald will be leaving at the end of February to join her husband who has taken up an opportunity to manage the Mulloon Creek Natural Farms at Bungendore, outside Canberra. Michael will be working closely with Peter Andrews on land hydration projects facilitated by the Mulloon Institute along with several other initiative university and independent scientific trials on this 5,000ac working property. Whilst very sad to be leaving the girls and the NEGS team, Wendy is excited by the prospect of working with her husband and the Mulloon Institute team to develop and expand the training and events enterprise.

Imtiaz Anees has been negotiating the maze of immigration paperwork since November 2014 and has finally been given the green light and booked flights that will see him arrive in Armidale on 10 February. Imtiaz is a dual Olympian who trained and coached in Australia in the lead up to the Sydney Olympics after completing his degree at Marcus Oldham College. Imtiaz has been coaching across the USA and teaching at the University of Atlanta for the past 15 years. Imtiaz's experience in coaching and management within an educational environment and having run his own training complex will ensure that he is an asset to the NEGS team.

2016 sees the creation of two **Equiskills classes** due to the popularity of this year 9/10 elective. Students are working towards completion of the Equestrian Australia Introductory Horse Management and Horse Riding Modules. Several girls will begin their level one modules this year.

#### **LAMENESS CLINIC AND SCANNING**

The Scone Equine Team will be holding a lameness clinic at NEGS, offering scans and treatment on Monday 8th February. Bookings should be made on Vet Service request forms(available in the EC office) no later than Friday, 5th February. For more information please contact Annyka Overton.

#### **HANDBOOK AND FORMS**

Equestrian Forms and Publications including the updated equestrian Handbook are available to download from the Equestrian Forms and Publications page on the NEGS website.

<http://neps.nsw.edu.au/neps-equestrian/forms-publications>

#### **Schedule of events for February**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
5-6 Feb	Ag Show (Jumping and Hacking)	Uralla Show Grounds
5-7 Feb	Equi-skills Excursion	Tamworth – Landmark Sale
13-14 Feb	Karl & Felicity Burton Challenge and Horsemanship Clinic <a href="https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6114&amp;eventlist=9">https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6114&amp;eventlist=9</a>	NEGS Equestrian Centre
16-17 Feb	Paul Austin Clinic (TBC)	NEGS small indoor
19-20 Feb	Cutting Show	Toowoomba
19-20 Feb	Ag Show(Jumping and Hacking)	Guyra Show Grounds
26-17 Feb	Ag Show(Jumping and Hacking)	Armidale Show Grounds

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### TRAINING AREA SCHEDULE

DAY	LARGE INDOOR ARENA	SMALL INDOOR ARENA	CROSS COUNTRY COURSE	POLOCROSSE FIELD /PARENTS OVAL
MONDAY AM	FREE RIDING/LESSONS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
MONDAY PM	CUTTING & CAMPDRAFTING	EQUI-SPORT FREE RIDING WHEN NO EQUI-SPORT	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
TUESDAY AM	DEVELOPMENT SQUAD	LESSONS FREE RIDING	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
TUESDAY PM	3-4.30 ST JOHNS RST 4.30 – TWILIGHT JUMPING	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
WEDNESDAY AM	HIGH PERFORMANCE SHOW JUMPING TEAM	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
WEDNESDAY PM	CUTTING EVENTING HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM EVERY 3 <sup>RD</sup> WEEK	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	EVENTING HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM MOST WEEKS	CAMPDRAFTING/ FREE RIDING
THURSDAY AM	LESSONS FREE RIDING	HIGH PERFORMANCE DRESSAGE TEAM	LESSONS/FITNESS	POLOCROSSE
THURSDAY PM	POLOCROSSE NO FREE RIDING	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS
FRIDAY AM	FREE RIDING/LESSONS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	LESSONS/FITNESS	POLOCROSSE
FRIDAY PM	FREE RIDING/LESSONS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS	LESSONS/FITNESS	FREE RIDING/ LESSONS

**\*\* LESSONS TAKE PRIORITY – IF MORE THAN ONE LESSON IS TAKING PLACE IN ARENA, NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO FREE RIDE IN ARENA.**