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NEGS Newsletter

Term 2 , Week 9 - Friday 24th June 2016

COONA REPORT

Showjumping:

In the Showjumping, a very exciting Grand Prix was held on Monday afternoon, with five NEGS riders competing, jumping fences in excess of 1.20 metres. This exciting event was held over three rounds, with Sarah Hamparsum and Buzz taking away the title of Grand Prix champion, and Jessica Towns riding Snip to a very close second. It was an exciting event to watch, as the crowd was huge and all the team barrel racers were lining up for their events, meaning hundreds of sets of eyes were watching them. The girls held their cool admirably, and competed like professionals.

Eventing:

NEGS had a hugely successful Coona in the Eventing, taking home the Salmonidae eventing trophy. NEGS were the only school to have riders competing in the 1* class. The three girls were all very close throughout the competition, with the lead changing as the event wore on. The final placing were Jaimie McElroy 1st, Matilda McCarroll 2nd and Sarah Hamparsum 3rd. We also had winners in many other divisions. Sarah Wyatt, Abbey Jackson, Laura Strelitz, Daisy Meehan and Matilda Hall all winning their class. India Johnson, Holly Coulthard and Emily Peddle all placed in the top 3 for their divisions. Well done to all girls who competed so well in what were very trying conditions.

Dressage:

Isabella Arabejo and Holly Coulthard had a hugely successful Coona during the Monday's dressage events placing 1st and 2nd in their two novice tests, ending up with Overall Novice Champion and Reserve respectively. Many of our riders also placed very highly with Isabella Ritter winning one of her Elementary tests, and Priscilla Clonan, Matilda Hall and Molly Michell-Smith all placing in the top five for their Preliminary tests. Holly Coulthard placed in nearly every event she competed in, all on one horse which the family bred themselves as well as educating the horse from a breaker all by herself. Holly was 2nd in the D grade ODE, Reserve champion novice dressage horse, as well as 2nd in the working horse challenge.

Polocrosse:

Our polocrosse players - led by their ever-inspiring coach Hayden Turnbull - were on fire at Coona. Our A Grade girls - Olivia Adams, Josie Wilson and Sophie Wells - put on an amazing display of skill and sportsmanship in the final match against TAS. The teams wowed the crowd during this exciting game that came down to Golden Point - our girls taking home a very hard fought victory.

Not to be overshadowed, our rising stars in the world of polocrosse - Division B players Abby Finlayson, Gemma Stuart and Laura Frear - took out third place in division B showing some great skill and horsemanship.

Our Division C girls - Heather Adams, Emily Peddle and Madison Teague - also had a very well deserved win. We would like to thank all the sponsors for the teams great prizes and lovely rugs, the organisers of the event and of course our amazing coach Hayden and team manager Jo Finlayson who do such an amazing job organising and supporting our polocrosse girls.

Ring events:

The ring events were a huge success, with all students being either called in or placing in at least one event.

All of the girls rode brilliantly and displayed immaculate ring etiquette.

Molly Evans was awarded reserve champion heavy weight large hack, and Laura Strelitz rode to reserve champion light weight Galloway; as well as champion girl rider 17 years and over, and went on to claim supreme champion rider.

The teams of four were awarded a fifth, a third, and a first.

All of the girls should be exceedingly proud of their efforts both in the ring, and also in the presentation of themselves and their horses.

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Horseball:

On the final day of competition at the Equestrian Expo at Coonabarabran, the NEGS Horseball girls took to the field for their tournament. The two teams consisted of some of NEGS' most agile young horsewomen in Madison Teague, Gemma Stuart, Abby Finlayson, Ellen Archer, Estella Martin, Hannah Weston and Ally Weston. The girls were extremely competitive in their games with some impressive goal scoring and pickups which made for some exciting play for the spectators. After a convincing win in their first game against PLC the NEGS 1 girls were unfortunately knocked out of the division 1 competition after their 2nd game, drawing with a very strong mixed composite team and unluckily going down on a count back. Our second division team won 3 games and lost 1 to finish 4th overall which was a fantastic achievement. Throughout the competition the girls had lots of fun and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship which did not go unnoticed by their competitors and event officials.

Congratulations Girls. Photo (left to right): Hannah Weston, Ally Weston, Estella Martin, Tara Jane (coach), Gemma Stuart, Abby Finlayson, Madison Teague and Ellen Archer.



RESULTS

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

THE HIRST FAMILY TROPHY

for the winning team in the A grade final

Josie Wilson
Olivia Adams
Sophie Wells

SALMONIDAE TEAM EVENTING TROPHY

for HIGHEST SCORING TEAM OF 3 STUDENTS from the SAME SCHOOL

Jaimie McElroy
Matilda McCarroll
Sarah Hamparsum

CLARK & CUNNINGHAM TEAM DRESSAGE TROPHY

Best performed 3 students from the same school

Isabella Arabejo
Holly Coulthard
Isabella Ritter

AGE CHAMPIONS

Sarah Wyatt - CHAMPION GIRL 16 YEARS

SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Estella Martin - 12 years RESERVE CHAMPION

ASTRONOMICAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPION

Sarah Hamparsum
RESERVE ASTRONOMICAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPION

AGE SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONS

Sarah Wyatt
16 years RESERVE SHOW JUMPING CHAMPION

RING CHAMPIONS

Laura Strelitz - Girl rider 17 years & over Champion
Isabella Ritter - Reserve Champion

HACK CHAMPIONS

Laura Strelitz - Res Champion Lightweight Galloway
Molly Evans - Res Champion Heavyweight Hack over 15hh

MONDAY DRESSAGE CHAMPIONS

Holly Coulthard - Reserve Champion Novice Div 1
Isabella Arabejo - Champion Novice Div

PARENTS COMMENTS from Coona:

The EC staff would like to extend a huge thanks to all the parents involved with Coona. There was a copious amount of organising involved to get the girls sorted for the competition and we would like to thank all parents for being so cooperative and tolerant. Not to mention all of their cooking donations and help at the event!

Thank you also to Gabe and Dave Adams for their tireless work in catering for the whole NEGS crew. It was much appreciated by all.

We are glad to have received many messages of positive feedback about the Expo! Here are a few comments from parents:

"Congratulations to all of the wonderful staff at the EC you did a fantastic job over the weekend and I hope you were able to rest well last night!!"

"Just a note to thank all the staff and people involved in Coona expo for NEGS girls- we were only there for the last day but can't say enough about how supportive the NEGS staff and families are. Laura had a great day."

"Just wanted to put in writing what an amazing team we have at the NEGS Equestrian Centre. Our girls were the envy of so many other schools because of our amazing coaches, chefs and admin team. Our coaches were brilliant, Imti, Annyka & Rachele, they worked together tirelessly to give every girl the opportunity to succeed. They showed endless patience with nervous riders and parents and gave us all so much confidence. Every time you needed them they would just appear!!! They were so organised, Henry was just a gem, helping lots and lots of riders get their horses show ready for Hacking."

Gabe and Dave Adams did a flawless job in the catering. Everyone was looking forward to dinner!!! Jo Finlayson was such a great support, unflappable and always there to help. They all need a big pat on the back and a big thank you from us."

"Congratulations to the girls of NEGS. Every girl at the Expo should be very proud of their team spirit. No matter what age, they are all great mates. This was the best team we have ever been a part of, the most friendly & courteous girls. Jess & I along with Jess' grandparents had a great 6 days. The NEGS staff did an amazing job. Well done to everyone involved. Looking forward to our next outing as a team."

"Matilda and I are ever so grateful for all the hard work that you and the NEGS team have done. I'm so humble to be involved with an awesome school like NEGS. How lucky Matilda is. The food was awesome. Thank you Adams family. Bring on 2017."

"Fantastic event massive hard work from the team who do this every year plus the hidden heroes they know who they are. Even though it's Logan's last year I might come back just for the banter making breakfast."



Annyka and Imti,

"Thank you so much for all your hard work and support. Such a memorable last Coona for Sarah Hampo. We will really miss not being a part of it next year. The NEGS EC staff and team are truly a wonderful representation of NEGS. Thank you."

"Thank you to everyone for a great first Coona Expo... Molly and I loved it!"

"Thanks again for a great Coona. We always love being part of the NEGS team, and are a very proud NEGS equestrian family. It is such a warm, fun, encouraging and supportive team, and that infectious and professional atmosphere is always set by the staff and coaches and filters down to the girls and parents. You do an awesome job all year round, and it is great to see it on public display at all the events our girls go to during the year and especially when we are together in such a large group as Coona. Looking forward to the next event!"

Events we are taking a team to next term:

Eventing - Coonabarabran 30/31st July

Dressage - 30/31st July AELEC

Show Jumping - North Star SJ 20/21st August

Eventing - SIEC midweek and weekend. 1 - 4th of September

Due to the distance we need a minimum of 6 girls to make the trip worthwhile.

