



JEGS Term Dates to Remember TERM 4 9 weeks NOVEMBER St John's Celebration of Thursday 27 Learning & Concert - 6pm DECEMBER Monday 1 Walk in Our Shoes Day Please wear your normal sports uniform with a house coloured t-shirt and joggers (not ballet flats or sandals). Also please bring a HAT and drink bottle as you will be outside for part of the day. Tuesday 2 Carol service at 5.00pm Year 7 - 11 Speech Day Wednesday 3 FEBRUARY Friday 22 The Idea of North in concert 5pm - NEGS Chapel MAY Saturday 2 Music Scholarship Auditions (closing date 17th April) Year 7 - 11 Speech Day Wednesday 3 **NEGS** Calendar Link http://negs.nsw.edu.au/calendar/

From The Principal Mr Clive Logan

Attitude – why it is so important!

We live in a world of words. Attached to those words are meanings that bring varied responses from each of us. Words such as *happiness*, *acceptance*, *peace* and *success* describe what each of us want out of life. What word would best describe these desired attributes? It is **attitude**. Attitude is the primary force that will determine whether we succeed or fail to reach our expectations.

For some, attitude presents a difficulty in every opportunity; for others, it presents an opportunity in every difficulty. Some climb with a positive attitude the mountain of success while others fall with a negative perspective. The very fact that it is attitude that 'makes some' while 'breaking others' is significant enough for us to explore its importance.



'breaking others' is significant enough for us to explore its importance. Surely we want to see our students at NEGS, as an acclaimed author on leadership studies, Myles Munro suggests, "integrate **attitude, attributes** and **aptitude** to produce an **altitude** of thinking." It an adjustment in my and your belief systems about myself or yourself – it is not about ability, it is about

mentality. Here are some statements that may be of benefit in looking at our attitudes:

- 1. Our attitude determines our approach to life it is impossible for us to tailor make all situations to fit our lives perfectly. But it is possible to tailor make our attitudes to fit. This is what may be called learned behaviour and does not come automatically. School gives opportunities for students to be able to try these out in a safe environment. We all help create the environment mental, emotional, physical and spiritual by the attitude we develop.
- 2. Our attitude determines our relationships with people students are frustrating at times, interesting but not always charming, not always predictable because they have minds of their own. You can't always get along with them and you can't teach without them. Yet it is essential to build proper relationships with them bridges to connect with them.

Usually a student who succeeds at school or a person who rises within an organisation has a good attitude. Success or promotions don't give that individual an outstanding attitude but an outstanding attitude resulted in promotions. In a study in the 1990s, John Maxwell observed the differences between executives defined as 'high achievers' (those who generally had a healthy attitude) and 'low achievers' (those who generally had an unhealthy attitude). The same may apply to each of us, student, teacher or parent:

- High achievers tended to care about people as well as profits; low achievers were preoccupied with their own security.
- High achievers viewed subordinates optimistically; low achievers showed a basic distrust of subordinates' abilities.
- High achievers sought advice from their subordinates; low achievers didn't.
- High achievers were listeners; low achievers avoided communication and relied on policy manuals. (Maxwell, John C. *The Winning Attitude*, p.32)

3. **Often our attitude is the only difference between success and failure** – history's greatest achievements have been made by men and women who excelled only slightly over the masses of others in their fields. Many times that slight difference was attitude.

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Certainly abilities are important to our success in life. Yet success or failure in any undertaking is caused more by mental attitude than by mere mental capabilities. There have been many times when we see students whose IQs were high yet their performance was low. There were others whose IQs were low but their performance was high. The big difference is whether it is a positive or negative attitude!

Lou Holtz, former Notre Dame Football coach, once said: "Ability is what you're capable of doing, motivation determines what you do, attitude determines how well you do it." In many cases, what you think is more important than what you do.

May I thank the NEGS community for their support for their children and for the School throughout the year. The year has flown but I firmly believe that the School is heading in the right direction thanks to the input of the Board, the Executive team, Heads of Department, Year Advisors and all staff, academic and support, and the faith of the parents. The students of this school would not flourish without the full support of all involved.

Finally, may I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe New Year spent with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2015 with classes commencing on Wednesday 28 January.



The Principal, Mr Clive Logan, warmly invites you to attend the

119th NEGS Speech Day

on

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

9.30am in the NEGS Multi Purpose Centre

with Special Guest Speaker

Prof Alexandra Bune

AM FRACP DSc (Hon) (NEGS Old Girl '60)

followed by Morning Tea at 11.45am in the Assembly Hall

You are also welcome to join us on

Tuesday 2nd December 2014

5pm at the Chapel of Michael And All Angels for the **Festival of Carols and Readings**

> RSVP: Monday 24th November 2014 P: 02 6774 8700 or E: reception@negs.nsw.edu.au

Multi ARIA-Award winning vocal group THE IDEA OF NORTH Live in Concert



"One of Australia's brightest cultural treasures." Sydney Morning Herald

NEGS Chapel - Uralla Road, Armidale 5pm, Sunday 22 February 2015 Drinks on the lawn from 3:45pm Tickets: \$45

VIP \$110 includes an exclusive after-show supper with The Idea of North

Bookings: trybooking.com/111736 Enquires: 6774 8744

Year 10 will Shine!

This week Year 10 are participating in a week of various opportunities including a First Aid Course, Careers advice and completing "All mY Own Work". The girls are also participating in the 'ShineGIRL' program. ShineGIRL is about equipping girls with the knowledge and skills to discover who they are and the person they want to become. It also hopes to offer girls new, proactive positions to co-construct stories of identity in which they discover a new language to

speak about what they value and treasure in their lives, and to state their hopes and preferences.



This program encourages participants to find the strength and courage within themselves to make healthy choices and live life to their full potential. The program is not aimed at stereotyping what girls should be like or how they should behave, but using a holistic approach, it reinforces that every girl is different and has different strengths, qualities and skills.

ShineGIRL takes a strengths based approach inspiring the girls to grow and change by using their strengths as a personal resource. It applies experiential learning to purposefully engage participants through direct experience and focused reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop problem solving skills and clarify concepts. The program also focuses on developing emotional intelligence- to understand yourself and to understand others, including their feelings.

The program will run between recess and lunch each time, culminating in a special High Tea for the girls on Friday. The sessions will be facilitated by Gaylia Logan, Jake Compton and Angela Sole.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students as they prepare for an exciting new stage in their education as Secondary School students in 2014. Farewell to the boys as they head off to other schools. The Secondary teachers enjoyed engaging with the girls and are looking forward to teaching them in 2015.

Wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas and holidays.



Mrs Rosemary Campbell

Uniform Shop Open

The Uniform Shop will be open on the 21st / 22nd / 27 / 28 & 29 January 2015

Consignment Clothing

All clothing is to be left at the Uniform Shop. Usual days Wednesday and Thursday 8.30-4.30.

Please fill in a Consignment Uniform Booking Form available at the Akaroa Reception or the Uniform Shop.

Articles must be clean and mended if necessary. Where practical, please hang dresses and blouses on hangers.

Kilts, tartan ties and blazers must be dry cleaned and left in the dry cleaning bag on the hanger please. If clothes are not laundered they will be laundered here and the owner will not receive payment.

The clothing is tagged when it is received and the date is noted. If the clothing or articles are not sold within 18 months from the date they are received, these clothes become the property of the School.

Any clothing that is unsuitable for sale in the Uniform Shop, is given to the Salvation Army to be sent overseas.

Please leave the original name tapes on the articles.

Many parents take advantage of the second hand clothing and if the articles are presented well, they sell very quickly.

Second hand clothes are sold to the next family for half the original price. The original owner will receive the second hand price less 30% commission.

If buying clothing from another family it is a good idea to check with us that the clothing is current.

It is the responsibility of the owner of the clothes to contact us with any change of address or bank details. We are unable to return clothing and articles that we cannot sell.

Please do not place clothing in plastic bags

Thank you very much for your co-operation.



WHERE: Lake Ainsworth + 'Wet and Wild' at the Gold Coast WHO: All Boarders and Day Girls are welcome

Please Note: Permission and medical notes have been emailed to students and parents. These are due December 2nd, 2014.

Private Vehicle Conveyancing (PVC)

Private Vehicle Conveyancing (PVC) travel diaries

A reminder that all travel diaries (for boarders' travel) should be returned to the me at NEGS by the **end of Term 4** detailing trips made in Terms 3 and 4, otherwise the minimum will be claimed i.e. 1 return trip for each term.

Please note: for families who are not registered, to be subsidised for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) the cut off date for applications is the **end of November**. Once again, if your application is successful, could you please forward a copy of the original form to NEGS so we can ensure that you will be paid your subsidy? Thank you for your assistance.

Helen Smith (helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au)

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UNE is hosting the

ConocoPhillips

Science Experience 13-15 January 2015

for all year 9 and 10 students who are looking for a hands-on science experience

Register at: scienceexperience.com.au

Contact: Richard Willis p: 02 6773 2615 or e: rwillis@une.edu.au



Ever thought of becoming a foster carer?

supported and also the opportunity to ask questions will be held:

More than 60 children and young people are entering care every week across NSW. Foundations Care, your local Foster Care Agency is seeking more carers in the New England area to open their hearts and homes to some of the States most vulnerable children. All types of carers are needed from all walks of life and from all cultural and social backgrounds- working, full or part time, retired, single, in a relationship, no children, children still living at home and empty nesters! An information session covering the different types of care, the steps to becoming a carer, how carers are

> Wednesday 10th December 2014 6.15pm-7.30pm Armidale City Bowling Club Light refreshments will be provided.



For more information and to register your interest please call 6707 1000 or email kgiles@foundcare.org.au

Sport News Miss Laura Cambridge

Orienteering

In the past fortnight the Year 9/10 PASS class participated in the 2014 Armidale Schools Orienteering Championships. All girls competed in pairs and undertook the Green Course. This course saw the girls complete a set number of checkpoints in a specific order, racing to be the quickest home. All girls finished the course without getting lost and all under an hour on a very hot day. The class should be proud of their results.

The pairing of Victoria Bennet and Charlotte Raleigh were awarded fastest in the Year 9-12 age bracket in the Green Course with a time of 27.09 minutes.



Team Challenge Triathlon Mrs Stephanie Thomas

2014 Hutchinson & Harlow Schools Team Challenge Triathlon

At 7.30am Sunday 16th November registration began for the Hutchinson & Harlow Schools Team Challenge. St John's and NEGS were out in force with two teams from each school.

The Primary Teams consisted of:

Alexandra Reed - Year 4 (swim) Lydia Farrar - Year 4 (bike) Charlotte Claridge - Year 4 (run)

Isabella Collison - Year 5 (swim) Nichola Clarkson - Year 5 (bike) Keeley O'Connor - Year 5 (run)

The course for the Primary teams included: 100m swim, 5km bike ride and 1.2km run.

The Senior Teams consisted of:

The ATMs Mikaela Ball - Year 9 (swim) Alicia Ball - Year 7 (bike) Tahlia Paull - Year 10 (run)

The GEKs Kate Ryan - Year 11/12 (swim) Georgia Hook - Year 11/12 (bike) Ellie Rowlings - Year 11/12 (run)

The course for the Senior teams included: 200m swim, 10km bike ride and 2.2km run.

All teams competed with enthusiasm and of course, competitiveness. With a cool breeze (which I don't think was appreciated on the bike leg) all teams completed the course. Congratulations to all of the team members. I was very proud of them.

Our Senior Team - The ATMS were rewarded with coming 3rd overall in the Senior Secondary Team section (1st and 2nd were all boys teams), but a great success in being the first Girls Team in. Well Done!

Thank you to the parents for coming and supporting their daughters as well, It was an early start for a Sunday morning.

It looks like Triathlons are going to be a big thing in the future for girls @ NEGS.



New England Sings!

The New England Sings! weekend was a great success; the combined sound of the best and brightest singers and instrumentalists from the region created an awe-inspiring concert of all-Australian music.

The event was a great experience for the NEGS and St John's students in attendance, working with some of Australia's most renowned composers and working with poems from talented local New England artists.

To all parents and staff who attended, a big thank you for helping to make this event such a great success.



The Idea of North

NEGS is very excited to be hosting multi-ARIA award winning, internationally acclaimed, a cappella vocal quartet The Idea of North for our 120th anniversary celebrations next year.

The group will be performing an intimate concert in the NEGS Chapel, along with workshops with students from the school. A limited number of VIP places are available that secure a supper with the performers post-concert, but booking these tickets promptly is advised as they won't last long.

The Idea of North perform at NEGS Chapel at 5pm on Friday, February 22. Drinks on the lawn will be served from 3:45pm. Tickets are available from trybooking.com.au/111736 and inquiries may be directed to the NEGS Music Department on 6774 8744.

Narnia - The Musical

Rehearsals are already underway for this exciting production. This task requires a lot of dedication and effort, and students in the cast are asked to check the call times regularly.

NSW Parents Council

The latest newsletter has information on the following:

- NSW Parents Council welcomes its new Chief Executive Officer, Noel Hadjimichael
- Advice for rural parents who may be experiencing financial stress from drought
- The latest update for Working with Children Check
- Transitions and resources for children with additional needs: starting primary school and moving to secondary school
- Year 13: great ideas and help for school leavers



Full newsletter at http://www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au/Newsletters.htm

End of Year Trip to Coffs Harbour

On the weekend of the 14th of November, a mixture of Boarders and Day Girls departed Armidale for a trip to Coffs Harbour for the weekend. We arrived at 7pm and had pizza by the sea at the Jetty and danced along to live music at the markets, before heading to our accommodation at Darlington Park.

On Saturday, we had breakfast, loaded ourselves on the buses and headed for the Park Beach Plaza where we enjoyed two hours of shopping. After that we headed to the Jetty where we had lunch and then went to the beach for a swim. We headed back to our accommodation, had showers, some people went swimming in the pool and got ready for a BBQ dinner. After we had eaten dinner, we headed back in towards Coffs Harbour to go to the movies to see the movie 'The best of me'. Many tears were shed throughout the film as it was very heart wrenching.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, the girls had free time to play tennis, swim in the pool and other activities at the park. We then boarded the bus as we were on our return to Armidale. A lunch break was included as we stopped at Bellingen, but soon after boarded the bus once again for the final stretch on our way back to Armidale.

Thank you Mrs Middleton, Miss Johnston, Marie (the German gap student), Sister Jackson, Miss Cambridge, Mrs Evans and Miss Thompson for giving up their weekend and making it such a wonderful trip. Below are are few comments from the girls.

Rebecca Mulligan - 2015 Boarding Prefect

Coffs was the best trip because we got to go to the beach and played cricket on the beach. I mostly enjoyed relaxing at the resort and shopping and most of all hanging with my friends.

Zoe Stuart - Year 7

I liked spending time with other girls and making a few more friends. I liked shopping and going to buy really cool things at the shops. Going to the beach was really fun and I enjoyed spending time taking pictures with others.

Hilary Mackay - Year 9

I really enjoyed the Coffs Harbour trip! My favourite part was going shopping and visiting the beach, I really liked getting to communicate with other years more in our selected cabins.

Erin Gaff - Year 9



Camp Sew & So Retreat

New England Girls School Campus, Armidale - January 11 - 16, 2015

Do you love all things sewing?

Then join Rita Showell, local teacher, dressmaker and fabric retailer, and a team of experts for the week long sewing experience of a lifetime. Join other sewing enthusiasts for this week where tutors share their wealth of knowledge and skills with you. It is an action packed week: classes are from 9am to 4pm with the centre open from 8am to 10pm giving you plenty of independent sewing time or the opportunity to participate in further learning in the various night courses on offer.

If you can't make the whole week, then there are a number of short courses on offer.

Classes will be limited to 10,12 or 14 participants per tutor to ensure plenty of personal attention from these gifted and generous teachers.



Camp Sew & So

Courses: Junior Teen Master Classes Short Courses Evening Courses

Dates: January 11th - 16th 2015

Venue: New England Girls' School (NEGS). Uralla Road, Armidale

Hours: Sunday 11th: 2pm - 5pm Monday 12th - Friday 16th 9am - 4pm

Sponsored by **BERNINA**²⁹ NEGS Centre of Excellence and Fabric Fair

P&F News

The P&F would like to thank all the wonderful parent volunteers and bakers who helped make the ODE canteen such a success. As many hands make light work, we truly appreciated all the baking and help in the stall. It was a rather hot, windy, exhausting weekend but the jokes and laughter made the days so much better! We are still waiting on the final numbers but we are optimistic that we have made a significant profit which will go towards the school wish list next year.

Your P&F committee

Summer Reading Club



Summer Reading Club

Research has shown that as little as 10 minutes a day of reading has a significant impact on the maintenance and growth of reading competency and literacy development in young children.

Please try to have some "downtime" in each day of the holidays when your son or daughter lies in a comfortable, quiet space and reads something engaging. This daily routine might be enhanced by participation in the holiday reading program being conducted by Armidale City Library. There is a starter pack of gifts, activity books and a reading log if you register at the Library or you can easily register online <www.summerreadingclub.org.au>. There are online writing activities as well, which can attract national prizes.

Club activities start 1st December and finish 30 January. There could be lots of literary adventures in this program and I would urge all our students to participate.

Round Square News

I am having a fantastic time over here in the UK!

I featured in the Bligh House newsletter this month and thought I would share it with you. Kate Bailey

Round Square Exchange at Cobham

by Kate

My name is Kate and I attend New England Girls' School in the small country town of Armidale, Northern New South Wales, Australia.

When I signed up for international exchange to England I didn't know what to expect. It seemed so far away and so different to everything I knew... I was right, but in a good way.

Upon arrival at Cobham Hall after a 21 hour plane trip I was accepted welcomingly into Bligh House and was pleased to become a part of the broad friendship network which flourishes within the house. I am a day girl at NEGS, so it is quite unusual for me to be sharing accommodation with 30 other girls, yet there's something very enjoyable about the whole experience which comes with the friendliness and supportive framework which the students and housemistresses employ. Watching TV in the common room, doing Zumba on Saturday mornings and cooking in the kitchen - all of these simple group activities make me feel at home. I have nearly reached the halfway mark of my English journey and have already had the privilege of visiting various shopping destinations including Bluewater and Morrison's (which we don't have in



Australia), touring to London to visit BBC Studios, Oxford Street and the Wicked musical and a trip to Canterbury to see an opera. It was also great to participate in the Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night as this event is not celebrated in my country.

It is only through exchange that I can see things through fresh eyes and I hope that you all realise how lucky you are to go to this school and take up as many opportunities as you can. If you should ever get a chance to go on an international exchange, I highly recommend this - you won't regret it. And English food is amazing.



Round Square News

Madeline Murphy went on exchange in Term 1 this year.

Gordonstoun, Scotland

Where do I start with trying to sum up the best experience of my life? I suppose at the beginning. I departed Australia on the 1st of January to arrive in England where I was greeted my lovely exchange family, the Walkers. I stayed with them on their farm for a week in the freezing British winter and then moved on to the even colder Scotland, where Gordonstoun is located. Walking to school everyday was amazing. The main building looked like a castle which was awesome. The school was similar to NEGS in many ways, however there were boys and everyone had different accents because it was such an international school. The amount of German I have now heard is ridiculous!

Gordonstoun is where the round square programme was set up so the whole school community lives and breathes exchange students. So many people go on exchange and they all wanted to get to know me. All the exchange students go to Gordonstoun in the same term from all over the world. There were students from Denmark, South Africa, Germany and even those a little closer to home, from New Zealand. Gordonstoun organised many exchange trips where the exchange students visited historic places like the famous Loch Ness and the magnificent Edinburgh city. I was over there for three months. It was tough at the beginning but by the end I didn't ever want to leave. I now have friends from all over the world. I only wish I could do the whole exchange thing over again. Everyone should consider exchange. It was honestly life changing and will never forget the memories I have made from my exchange at Gordonstoun in Scotland.

Madeline Murphy







<u>Boarders</u>



Weekend Outline

Friday 28th November - Sunday 30th November

Friday 28th November *Rooms are to be packed up this weekend

- 5.45pm Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7.00pm 7:00pm -9.00pm Year 11 Dinner Leave (optional) 7:00pm -10.00pm Year 12 Dinner Leave (optional)

7.00pm OPTIONAL ACTIVITY - YOUTH SURGE BBQ and Music (Please see attached flyer)

Saturday 29th November *Rooms are to be packed up this weekend

8:00am -9:00am Breakfast in the House

10:00am -BUS to Town - Meet at the Turning Circle.12:00pmPick up to Return to NEGS @ Bus Stop on cnr Faulkner St and the Mall @ 12:00pm

12:30pm Lunch in the Dining Room

5:45pm – 6:30pm Dinner in the Dining Room

7.00pmYear 11 Dinner Leave (optional)-9.00pmYear 12 Dinner Leave (optional)

-10.00pm

Sunday 30th November *Rooms are to be packed up this weekend

11:00am	Brunch in Dining Room
11:30am - 12.30pm	Hour without Power MPC open OR Free Time outside. Both Kirkwood and Saumarez will be locked for this hour. The pool will be opened later at 2.00pm when adequate supervision is available.
2.00pm- 3.00pm	POOL open for swimming – Mrs Thomas to supervise
1.00pm- 3.00pm	SPAR: (1.5 hour limit) Year 9 are able to walk to SPAR in groups of 4 or more Year 10 are able to walk to SPAR in groups of 3 or more Year 11 and 12 are able to walk to SPAR in pairs
5:45pm – 6:30pm	Dinner in the Dining Room
6.30- 8.00pm	PREP is optional In Kirkwood and Saumarez House Girls can CHOOSE to quietly pack their rooms in the house

Career News



Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

Dear Principal

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at <u>ato.gov.au</u> by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at <u>ato.gov.au</u> by searching for 'QC22604'

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at <u>taxsuperandyou.gov.au</u>

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone **1300 130 282** between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

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Beware of tax related scams

The ATO will never send you an email requesting you to confirm, update or disclose confidential details via a non secure channel such as email.

You should always independently verify the source before taking any action. If you receive a communication of this nature, do not respond to it. Forward it to <u>ReportEmailFraud@ato.gov.au</u>

This email contains hyperlinks. To protect your security we recommended you copy and paste them into the address bar on your browser. For more information about ensuring your online security and to confirm that this email is from the ATO visit ato.gov.au/onlinesecurity

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