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NEGS Newsletter

Term One - Week 2, 5th February, 2019

2019 CALENDAR DATES

TERM ONE 2019

Friday 1 February	Boarding activities (closed weekend)
Thursday 14 February	Senior School Father / Daughter Dinner
Friday 15 February	Swimming Carnival Year 12 Parent / Teacher Interviews
Monday 11 March	Year 3-6 School Camp Year 7 Lake Ainsworth Camp
Tuesday 12 March	SRC Leadership Camp
Wednesday 13 March	Tildesley Tennis team departs
Wednesday 20 March	Junior School Cross Country
Friday 22 March	IGSSA Swimming
Saturday 6 April	IPSHA Cross Country
Thursday 11 April	Senior School Cross Country LAST DAY OF TERM ONE
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 April	Easter Day
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day

From the Principal



Mrs Mary Anne Evans

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019. Given it is a short week, with a full-day's lessons only occurring on Thursday, it will be brief with our next newsletter covering more detail. I would encourage our readership to consider pro-actively, what we can do to improve the School newsletter in order to meet your needs. Should you have any suggestions, please feel free to email these through to info@negs.nsw.edu.au.

Until then, I have included for your reference a wonderful article highlighting the success of girls' schools in the 2018 HSC. If any of you needed validation that single-sex education is best for academic results in senior school, this article will certainly allay any concerns you may have had.

With every blessing for the school year.

Mary Anne Evans

<https://www.smh.com.au/education/girl-power-girls-schools-trounce-boys-and-co-ed-schools-in-the-hsc-20181214-p50men.html>

GIRL POWER: GIRLS' SCHOOLS TROUNCE BOYS' AND CO-ED SCHOOLS IN THE HSC

By Jordan Baker & Nigel Gladstone

15 December 2018 — 12:00am

Girls' schools have excelled in this year's HSC results, accounting for almost half of the top 50 and generating a far higher student success rate than their all-boy or co-ed counterparts.

Public girls' schools had a particularly good year, wildly out-performing their brother schools.

This comes as parents in the Eastern suburbs and inner West campaign against public single-sex schools, saying they would prefer co-ed high schools for their children rather than the existing single-sex ones.

Of the 50 top schools in NSW, 23 were single-sex girls' schools, including five public schools. There were 10 boys' schools and 17 co-ed. And there were almost twice as many girls' as boys' schools in the top 150.

There were 12 all-girls' government schools in the top 150, compared with six boys'. They included Willoughby Girls', which cracked the top 50, and Randwick and Canterbury Girls', which both showed strong improvement.

In all public girls' schools across the state, including selective, there was a median success rate (the number of band 6s/E4s as a percentage of entries) of 11.49 per cent, which was 7.5 per cent higher than boys' schools, and almost 10 per cent higher than co-ed.

Last year, the gap between girls and boys was much narrower (less than 1 per cent). Public girls' schools have an advantage over boys' and co-ed schools because their socio-educational advantage tends to be slightly higher.

FROM THE *Principal*

At single-sex private schools, the gap was not as pronounced, but still significant. Girls' median success rate was more than 5 per cent higher than boys and more than 12 per cent higher than co-ed.

Even the lowest-ranked private girls' school still beat 11 boys' schools.

Academic research has not been able to provide a definitive answer about whether single-sex or co-ed schools provide a better academic education, as each school and student is different, so evidence-based studies are difficult.

In the Eastern suburbs, where there are few co-ed public or private choices, and in the outer suburbs of the inner West, where single-sex public schools dominate, parents are demanding more co-ed choices, saying they should have that option.

Willoughby Girls' High School principal, Elizabeth Diprose, who has worked in single-sex and co-ed public high schools, believes there is a benefit to single-sex schooling for girls.

"Here, the students are more focused than they are in a co-ed environment, it may well be the same in an all-boys' school," she said. "I think it's a much calmer environment by comparison."

But the school that has topped the HSC for 23 years, James Ruse Agricultural High School, is co-ed. "We have worked very hard on ensuring that all students have a voice, and are active participants in their own learning," said principal, Megan Connors.

Licia Heath from CLOSE East, who is campaigning for a new co-ed school in the Eastern suburbs, said she was pleased the public system was doing so well, and its success was one of the reasons the Eastern suburbs needed a new school.

"Increasingly people are saying, 'why would I pay lots of money per child to get the equivalent results for our public school?'" she said. "I am so happy public schools are doing well, whether it's single sex or not is redundant."

Phoebe Coles, a Pymble Ladies' College student, who topped the state in Agriculture and received an ATAR of 99.65, said she didn't know whether anything would have been different if she had attended a co-ed school.

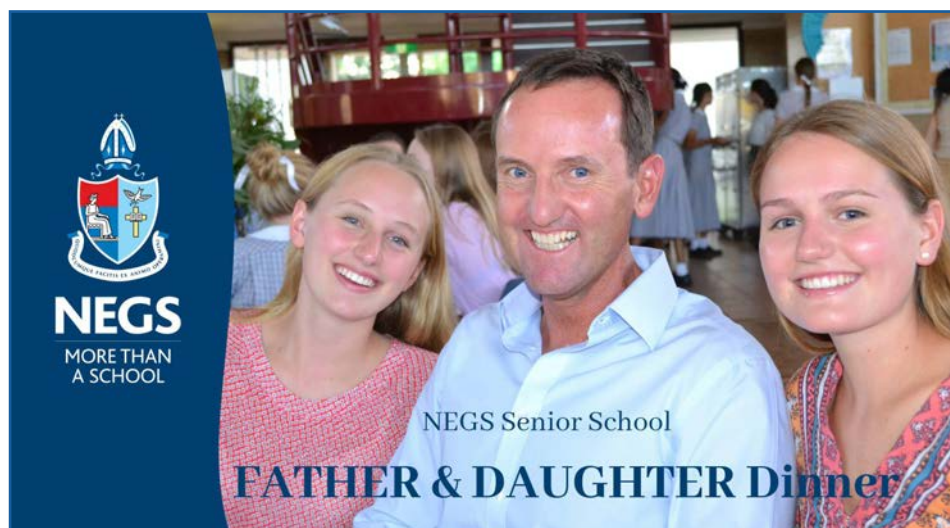
"I loved my school, and it was nice just being the girls," she said.

Her principal, Vicki Waters, believes single-sex environments free girls from gender stereotypes. "They are more empowered and more competitive in pursuing any area they choose," she said.



NEGS PARENT PORTAL "ENGAGE"

NEGS now has a new Parent Portal, "ENGAGE". This will now be our main form of communication for Junior and Senior School families and we encourage all NEGS families to have a look at it. If you have any questions or did not receive the information regarding this, please contact us on 02 67748700.



NEGS Senior School

FATHER & DAUGHTER Dinner

Please join us

for the Senior School
Father & Daughter Dinner
THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY
5.30PM - 8:00PM

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK
<https://www.trybooking.com/BAOMA>

What is coding?

Coding is essentially the instructions that you give a digital device that tell it to do what you want it to do. Learning to code is learning another language.

WHY SHOULD YOUR DAUGHTER LEARN TO CODE?

Whilst coding is commonly touted as the new literacy skill required for the future, and this argument certainly holds true, it is the problem-solving skills developed through coding that offer the highest value. If a student can problem-solve, then this translates across curricula and into the real-world. Students who code are able to fail forwards, meaning that they are not afraid to experiment and make mistakes. Their confidence improves significantly. They are more logical and creative and are more readily able to find solutions to problems as a result of this learning process.

Coding can improve a student's performance in mathematics, as it teaches them to visualise abstract concepts. Their writing skills may also improve as it teaches them to understand how to plan and organise their thoughts.

Coding not only teaches you how computers work. It is an empowering life skill. Coders can build their own websites, design apps for their smartphones or start their own technology businesses. Many students around the world are already successful entrepreneurs as a direct result of learning how to code at school.

According to Burning Glass, a job market analytics firm, coding is becoming a core skill that will significantly enhance a candidate's chances of commanding a higher salary, with jobs that require coding skills paying on average up to \$22 000 more per year. "Few other skills will open the door to as many well-paying careers in the future".

NEGS CODING CLUB

NEGS coding club meets once a week and is great fun! The girls compete in competitions and have enjoyed great success in both international and national arenas. Activities range from website and app development to learning languages like Python and experimenting with augmented and virtual reality. No previous coding experience is necessary. If you are interested in learning more about our coding club and your daughter wants to code like a Ninja, please email Miss Stone.

MISS STONE

SCIENCE / BIOLOGY / ISTEM TEACHER

belinda.stone@negs.nsw.edu.au

Save
the
Date

Special Events

FOR 2019

DATES TBC

14th February	Senior School Father and Daughter Dinner
13th September	Grandparents' Day
14th September	Old Girls' Weekend
14th September	NEGS Spring Ball
15th September	Old Girls' Weekend



Polocrosse Clinic

WITH ELLA ELKS,
ALLAN & RYLE
WAUGH

NEGS Equestrian | 16th March 2019

To register:

E: equestrian.centre@negs.nsw.edu.au

P: 6774 8717

PLACES ARE LIMITED

Holiday NEWS

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BUNDARRA SHOW

Congratulations to Junior School student Delilah on her success at the Bundarra Show at the end of January.

Delilah placed in the top 3 in her four hack classes, won Champion Led Pony with her pony 'Merlin', and came away with 3rd Girl rider 9 and U11 and 4th in U13 Dressage.



URALLA SHOW

Delilah competed at Uralla Show. Had a successful day winning District Girl Rider under 13 and also pleasure pony hack, 2nd place in Ponyclub girl rider 9 & under 11 class and 3rd place in District pony hack. Also competed in maiden, novice and intermediate pony hacks ranking 4th and 5th in 2 of them amongst some very competitive ponies.



ABCRA NATIONAL FINAL CAMPDRAFT

NEGS Armidale student and Campdrafter, Britnee Breneger continues her success in the Campdrafting world. Britnee competed in the ABCRA National Final Campdraft in Tamworth recently winning Round One in the Encouragement and also winning Round Two with her gelding, "Secret Time." She received 4th in Round One of the Juvenile Rider and 3rd in Round Three, finishing 3rd in the Aggregate with her my horse "Spud". Great work Britnee!

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AVAILABLE NOW



STAY SAFE ON

Social

WITH KIRRA PENDERGAST

Parent session to follow student sessions throughout the day covering cyber-safety, privacy cyberbullying and much more.

NEGS Assembly Hall | 11 February 2019
4pm to 5:15pm

E: wellbeing@negs.nsw.edu.au

This session will assist families with keeping up with the increasingly challenging online lives of children. Safe on Social is a certified training provider with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. For further information, please contact us on 02 6774 8700.

Holiday NEWS



MURWILLUMBAH

It is great to see passionate NEGS Equestrian rider and ASHS Scholarship recipient, Caitlin Croft continuing her Equestrian journey. Caitlin competed in Murwillumbah recently in Dressage receiving many fantastic achievements: 2nd in hack, 3rd in rider, 3rd in pleasure hack, 2nd in the handler, 5th in the Pony Club Mount, 5th in pairs, 4th in the dressage 1.3 and 8th in the dressage 2.1. She is heading to the Stock Horse Nationals to compete in the two novice dressage tests, as well as local shows that are coming up. #negsmorethanaschool #negsequestrian #playlikeanegsgirl The Australian Stock Horse Society.



ANSW POLOCROSSE IN NEW ZEALAND

WINNERS!!! Congratulations to NEGS Armidale students Abby Finlayson, Paige Fielder and Hayley Constable who represented NSW for Polocrosse in New Zealand recently in the Under 16 side. NSW won both games which were a remarkable feat as they rode their horses for the first time the afternoon before. The girls had a fantastic time and managed to fit in Zorbing, Zip lining, and sightseeing. Photo Credit: Mirren #negsmorethanaschool #negsequestrian #polocrosse Polocrosse Australia - PAA Inc

NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to NEGS Armidale student Grace Cassidy who continues to shine on the race track. Through resilience and dedication, Grace had some outstanding results at the recent 2019 NSW Country Championships winning gold and qualifying for National in the U18 2000m Steeplechase. Well done Grace! #negsmorethanaschool #playlikeanegsgirl #athletics



DRESSAGE TRAINING CLINIC

We love these great shots taken by GeoSnapShot of Year 10 NEGS Armidale student, Molly Michell-Smith. Throughout the holidays Molly has attended a Dressage training clinic with Sarah Venamore, and a Cross Country training Clinic with Judy Fasher and Gemma Tinney. We enjoy watching the girls' journey and developments in riding throughout their years at NEGS. #negsmorethanaschool #negsequestrian #equestrian #dressage #eventing #crosscountry Eventing NSW #NSWPonyClub #narrabrigirl.

Junior School

From the Head of Junior School

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I extend a very warm welcome to all returning and new families for 2019, particularly to Transition and Kindergarten families who embark on their School journey with us. I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday and the students are ready to tackle 2019 with a positive and enthusiastic outlook.

We welcome a new teacher to our team this year. Miss Archibald, who will be teaching Year 3, and also Mrs. Woods who is the NEGS learning Support specialist teacher, and who will be extending her role to include Learning Support in the Primary School. Year 6 students have settled well into their new classroom and are delighted with their new area and our Transition teachers and students are also equally pleased with their new dedicated area.

We have a busy few weeks with parent information night, school photos and NEGS Swimming carnival. Attendance at the parent information night is beneficial from an information point of view, but it is also a time for new parents to meet and mingle with other parents.

SPORT AND CO-CURRICULAR choices have been sent out and most activities have now started. If you have not yet submitted your choices please do so.



Mr Andrew Travers

Lastly a reminder that communication to and from school will now be through the School portal 'Engage'. Parents will receive a notification when information is posted in the portal. If you have not yet made an account please do so, so you don't miss any information.

ANDREW TRAVERS
Head of Junior School

Sports NEWS 2019

WELCOME TO JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT FOR 2019. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS AND SEEING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL OUR STUDENTS, NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL.

You should have now received a notice including the summer sports options. Please ensure that you complete this form by Thursday 7 February so teams can be registered before the following week. Basketball will commence Monday 11 February and Touch Football will commence Thursday 14 February. Touch Football training will commence Week 3 on Wednesday morning at 8:10am and Basketball training is yet to be confirmed for Wednesday afternoon.

In the School handbook you will find the Junior School Sporting Code of Conduct. Please take the time to make yourself familiar with these rules so that all players and spectators are respectfully representing our school at all times at the sporting fields.

Mr Cohen has also sent out nominations for the swimming carnival which will be held on Friday 15 February. These nominations are for those students who turn 8 and older this year and are competent at swimming 50m. For those students who are unable to independently swim 50m, there will be a 25m swim and novelty activities for them to participate in.

Term 1 Friday sport will be swimming. Further details regarding this will follow soon.

If you have any questions regarding sport please contact:

Liane Nixon - juniorschool.sport@negs.nsw.edu.au (Junior School Sport Coordinator- Junior sporting queries)

Mr Josh Cohen - negs.sport@negs.nsw.edu.au (NEGS Director of Sport - Senior sporting teams or whole school carnival queries)

Your sporting team managing teacher for a specific sporting team query.

MRS LIANE NIXON

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS:

15 February	Swimming Carnival
21 February	PSSA Swimming Carnival
5 March	IPSHA Swimming Carnival
20 March	JS Cross Country Carnival/CIS Swimming Carnival
6 April	IPSHA Cross Country Carnival

Kindergarten @ NEGS

Mrs Liane Nixon



Welcome to Kindergarten! What an amazing start we have had. The students have enjoyed reading new stories about starting school and made a Kinder Hat in response to the story, 'The Kinder Hat' by Morag Loh. This story is about a student starting Kindergarten and making something special for her mum to wear. I do hope all of our parents enjoyed wearing their child's hat all the way home.

Kindergarten have also enjoyed singing, reading, writing, art and playing games with their new friends, especially their Year 6 buddy. I look forward to all the exciting learning and adventures we will have together this year!



Mrs Liane Nixon



NEGS Equestrian Centre

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IMPORTANT

**PENTOSAN INJECTIONS WILL BE GIVEN ON THURSDAYS ONLY BY ROB
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE BOTTLES LABELLED**

Please order your electrolytes too we are experiencing very hot weather.

Please let us know if you need Barastoc Feed.

To All Equestrian Families

Here at NEGS we have been lucky enough to pioneer relationships with leading safety, nutrition and produce brands in the equestrian industry not only in Australia but also internationally. It is imperative that we use quality products and services in our day to day horse management and riding in order to keep our horses in peak condition both mentally and physically. This enables them to perform at their absolute best as we strive to reach new levels both in training and competition.

We would like to introduce you to our partners.

1. KENTUCKY EQUINE RESEARCH: With a huge range of products that have been extensively researched and proven, KER provides electrolytes, joint supplements, hoof and coat supplements and digestive support to name a few. Please ensure you order your electrolytes for term 1 as it is very hot and humid and every horse irrelevant of discipline need electrolytes. It is essential and KER make one of the best electrolytes on the market, RESTORE. You can order other products online and use the NEGS code NEGS15 to get a 10% discount and fixed price for shipping.



2. BARASTOC: We are very fortunate to be supported by Barastoc Feeds. High quality feed with a huge range of fantastic products providing nutritionally balanced and complete feeds and diet support. If you need any further information please Imti. You can call Desley in the Office and order your feed.



3. TAMWORTH EQUINE VET: This is very exciting for NEGS to be partnered with, with a quality range of equine medical products you can check out online.



To order contact Mikaela Carter - mikaela.carter@tamworthequine.com.au

The shop site is www.sconeequinegroup.com.au/shopcall

They offer NEGS a 15% percent discount all products. Free Shipping but all orders will be shipped only once a week.



4. RM WILLIAMS: Quality products that really last the test of time. Our local R M Williams store in Tamworth will give a 10% discount to anyone with a NEGS ID, great for personal clothing for the family or gifts.



5. TUFF ROCK: The best poultice on the market which is a fantastic product to incorporate into your day to day routine and management. Especially after a big lesson! Tuff rock is sold at a discount at the EC office, please contact Desley.



6. HORSELAND: Largest retail outlet in Australia, Armidale Horseland offers NEGS girls 10% off all products and 15% to 20% off their brands. Free Delivery to NEGS too.

NEGS Equestrian Centre



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Dressage

**AUTUMN
GALA DAY**

**PRELIMINARY | NOVICE
ELEMENTARY | MEDIUM**

2 MARCH 2019 | From 8AM
NEGS Equestrian | PH: 67748717

Entries close 14 February 2019
Please enter on nominate

