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Thank you

We hope you enjoy the new look Akaroa!

Akaroa is produced for the NEGS community - students, parents, staff and Old Girls. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this edition of Akaroa such a success.

Kelly Smitham
Director of Marketing and Enrolments

2018 Calendar of Events Semester Two

TERM THREE		
23rd July		Staff Day Boarders return by 8pm
24th July		CLASSES COMMENCE
26th-28th July	Netball / Hockey IGSSA Round 1	
27-28th July	Narrabri Boarding Schools Expo	
27th July	Narrabri - NEGS News and drinks with the Head of Boarding and Principal	
4th August	Canberra OGU AGM and Luncheon	
9-11th August	Netball/Hockey IGSSA Round 2	
13-15th August	IPSHA Performing Arts Festival	
29th August	IPSHA Athletics Carnival	
30 August - 3rd September	New Zealand Equestrian Trip	
8-9th September	SIEC - Sydney International Equestrian Centre	
9th September	IYLP Gathering Sydney Year 9 & 10	
14th September	Grandparents' Day	
14-17th September	New Zealand Equestrian Team coming to compete	
15-16th September	Old Girl's Weekend Scone Dressage	
22 September - 6th October	Round Square International Conference Canada	
27th September	Valedictory Day Last day of Term Three	
TERM FOUR		
15th October	Staff Day Boarders return by 8pm	
16th October	CLASSES COMMENCE	
20-21st October	New England Sings	
3-4th November	NEGS Equestrian One Day Event	
26-30th November	Year 10 Service Week	
3-9th December	Year 10 Work Experience	
11th December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Last day of Term Four for Junior School	
12th December	Year 7 - 11 NEGS Speech Day Last day of Term Four for Senior School	

Principal’s Welcome

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF AKAROA 2018.

2018 marks the 51st year since the first edition of Akaroa was published in June 1967. Since that time, we have seen 83 publications. It has been a vital and vibrant publication for the extended NEGS community telling many stories of the people, events and places of significance to the School through the years.

The NEGS Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022 The Way Forward, marked our Vision as to “educate confident and passionate young women in a Christian and rural environment; empowering them to make a difference to the world around them.” There is no doubt, as NEGS continues its journey into the brave new world, we are delivering on our vision daily.

Of course we cannot deliver our vision without attracting and investing in our teaching and support staff, for whom we aspire to be an employer of choice. The NEGS staff continually work towards fostering in our students an intellectual curiosity, a strong work ethic, a love of learning and a dedication to following passions. Combined with strong parental support and communications, we are collectively and strategically, achieving our goals.

NEGS has continued to make significant progress in many dimensions of School life. The academic results for the HSC Class of 2017 were outstanding overall and a clear indication of our improved academic culture.

Eliza White - ATAR 99.1 - boarder and Senior Prefect, achieved outstanding results across all of her subjects gaining Band 6s in five of her subjects including 98/100 for Visual Arts, 97/100 for Ancient History, 96/100 for Advanced English, 91/100 for Mathematics. She also achieved an E4 for English Extension 1 (47/50),and an E3 for Mathematics Extension 1 (41/50). This is a truly exceptional achievement.

Mikaela Ball - 9th in the State for Design & Technology - day student, also achieved outstanding results including Band6/E4s in Design and Technology 97/100, Advanced English 92/100, Modern History 90/100 and English Extension 1 45/50. Another wonderful achievement.

Katrina Tomlinson-Gils, boarder and the 2017 Head Prefect, achieved Band 6s with 92/100 for Textiles and Design, 91/100 for General Mathematics and 91/100 for Community and Family Studies. She also achieved Band 5s in all of her other subjects including 89/100 for Modern History.

Emily Sole, day student, achieved a Band 6 in Advanced English with a mark of 92/100 and also achieved excellent results in Studies of Religion (89/100), English Extension 2 (44/50) and English Extension 1 (42/50).

Victoria Bennet, boarder, achieved a Band 6 in Advanced English 90/100 and Band 5s in all of her other subjects.

36 students sat for the HSC last year with 14 Band 6/E4s awarded to our students and 64 Band 5/E3s. Of all the examinations sat, 44% gained a Band 6 or Band 5, and 72% of examinations sat gained Band 4 or above. 42% of students had results with



a majority of Band 5s, or above, and 69% of students gained a majority of Band 4s, or above.

24 subjects were sat at NEGS in 2017 with Band 6/E4s achieved in 10 of them- Ancient History, Community and Family Studies, Design and Technology, English (Advanced), English (Extension 1), Mathematics (General), Mathematics, Modern History, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts. Band 5/E3s were achieved in 22 of the 24 subjects sat.

In Design and Technology - 100% achieved Band 6; English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Music, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts 100% achieved Band 5/E3 or above; Drama, Geography and Legal Studies had all students achieve a Band 4 or above.

In English (Advanced) 92% of students achieved Band 4 and above; Modern History 75% achieved Band 4 or higher; Senior Science 69% Band 4 or higher; PDHPE 67% of results were Band 4 or higher. In both Mathematics course >50% of students achieved a result of Band 4 or higher.

Of course our real success as a School lies not only in the academic achievements but the relationships our girls build here with one another. Relationships which can provide a safe environment - day and boarding students - a happy place to learn and a sense of community that lasts a lifetime. This is highlighted through the success of our Wellbeing Program where the students welfare is our first priority.

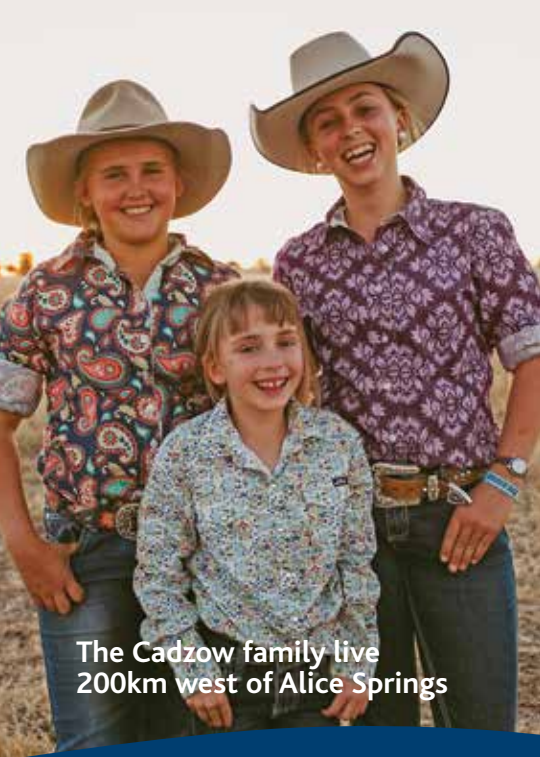
One of our most strategic changes to the School in 2018 has been our partnership with Hockey NSW. We were pleased to announce that NEGS will be partnering with Hockey NSW in a Player Pathway Program, incorporating high-performance coaching delivered exclusively to NEGS students. This historic alliance will be the first of its kind outside a major metropolitan area, and will have enormous benefits for both NEGS and potential hockey players keen to enrol in the program. Key to this is our building of a state-of-the-art synthetic hockey field. As wonderful as this is for NEGS, it is the entire New England Community that will also benefit from such a turf. Armidale will now be in a position to host state championships and training camps; inter-town competitions and the like.

In keeping with this exciting initiative, Mr Josh Cohen has been announced as our Director of Sport and will be our newest addition to the Executive Team.

As ever, I would also like to recognise the multiple groups of people who contribute to the wider wellbeing of the School. The P&F, NEGS Old Girls, Boarding & Equestrian Support Groups and year group representatives have all worked tirelessly through the Semester serving our community. I would also like to acknowledge the continuing work of the School Board and thank them for their personal investment and volunteered time. Their time, commitment and wisdom is always appreciated.

It is with some pride that I commend to you this edition of Akaroa.





The Cadzow family live 200km west of Alice Springs

Supporting Isolated Children

NEGS Armidale is committed to providing opportunities for girls in rural and remote areas to be a NEGS Girl.

We're proud to offer a 20% discount on tuition fees for students eligible for assistance through the Isolated Children's Scheme.

NEGS will also support parents with the cost of air travel to and from school up to \$4,000 per year.*

Many Pastoral and Livestock companies in remote areas of Australia support their employees with payment of boarding fees for children. To find out more, speak to your employer about what support you can receive.

* Not applicable to students receiving scholarships, bursaries or sibling discounts. Air travel support is credited to your account and claimable with the supply of tax invoices to the school.

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2018 Head Prefects

EMILY BARTON AND JESSIE ROSS

We are extremely proud to represent NEGS as the Head Prefect and Senior Prefect for 2018 and are thrilled that we have been given the opportunity.

"As I have grown up on a property in western NSW and completed my primary school years through Distance Education, my transition to NEGS was not without its challenges but NEGS has provided me with various opportunities that have allowed me to grow as a person."

Emily Barton

There are several responsibilities associated with Prefect roles and throughout the year both Jessie and I have been honoured to represent NEGS at various events such as the annual CWA conference. In attending this event we were presented with the opportunity to meet Mr Adam Marshall the Member for Northern Tablelands, Mr John Barilaro the Deputy Premier of NSW and the Governor of NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley.

Through our involvement in the Student Representative Council, we have attended a number of student leader afternoon teas and Prefect functions. These events allow us to build our relationship with student leaders from other New England Schools.

Following tradition, every year, NEGS nominates the Head Prefect to participate in the Lions Club Youth of the Year competition. This involved a public speaking element, an interview with the four judges and a written application, outlining your eligibility. This was a phenomenal experience as I not only met a range of new people but it also prepared me for life beyond school.

It was a great privilege to represent NEGS at the Beersheba Commemoration Service, the Remembrance Day Service and the ANZAC march, commemorating the soldiers who lost their lives in battle whilst honouring the veterans who returned.

As I continue to expand my knowledge and improve as a leader, I have been blessed with the constant guidance and support from Mrs Fittler as our Prefect Coordinator, Mrs Evans as Principal and from the many and varied role models both at school and at home.

I am hopeful that this experience will equip me with the skills I need to further my ambitions and will enable me to continue on with these leadership skills. I will make every attempt to not only demonstrate the qualities of a leader but promote those same qualities in each and every individual within the NEGS community. As the HSC looms and my days at school are coming to an end, I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to represent NEGS as the Head Girl and will look back on my time here with great fondness.

"As Senior Prefect my role is to assist Emily in any way possible, lead by example; be a voice for the student body; create conversations and friendships with younger students; and be a positive ambassador for our school."

As the Senior Prefect of 2018 I want to be remembered as a girl who embraced the school's values, was very approachable, outgoing, a familiar face, makes people laugh and has a firm hold on the balance between open mindedness and strong will. These qualities, I believe, are the making of an effective leader."

Jessie Ross



The Year 8 Service & Round Square Conference Trip

THE YEAR 8 SERVICE AND ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE TRIP HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TWO-WEEK EXCURSION TO CAMBODIA AND BEIJING, CHINA.

Lydia Farrar, Caitlin Croft, Kirrily Wickham, Tenneal Mason and Sophie Mason travelled with Mr Flynn and Miss Cambridge on the inaugural trip to volunteer with The Southport School at Feeding Dreams Cambodia.

Whilst in Siem Reap the girls had the opportunity to visit the historical temples of Angkor Wat as well as experience the many sights and sounds of the Siem Reap Province.

The girls volunteered their time to assist teachers in the classrooms of Feeding Dreams, a volunteer organisation that provides the students of the surrounding area, mostly slums, the opportunity to learn English for two hours a day as well as a free meal in the opposite time frames to their usual Khmer schooling. For some of these students this is the only schooling they receive as public schooling in Cambodia is not free and requires students to pay teachers for the privilege of attending. Unfortunately, the \$1US per day is too much for these families who have several children and live on wages well below this figure. The girls sang songs, taught English and tested their artistic skills on the boards for their eager students as well as completing a food drop to the surrounding slum areas. On the last day the girls braved the high temperatures and humidity to play a friendly Australia vs Cambodia football (soccer) match, needless to say the speed and skill of the children in bare feet was astounding.

At night the girls embraced the haggling markets and the local cuisine including some rather crunchy crickets. At the end of the first week, the girls waved goodbye to Mr Flynn and continued on their way with Miss Cambridge to the Round Square Conference held at Keystone Academy, Beijing, China.

The girls powered through the week. The conference theme was 'Dare to be a force of nature' with guest speakers speaking about areas of sustainability. The girls were treated to Keynote speakers Sharon Pincott (Elephants in Zimbabwe), Dr Caitlin O'Connell (Rhino conservation), Tracey Read (Plastic Free Seas), Terri Moore (Environmental Artist), Natalie Bennett (Live with Less) and Peggy Liu (JUCCE). During these lectures the girls were encouraged to challenge their thought processes and make little steps to assist in the overall effect of humans on the environment.

On the last full day in Beijing the girls completed their adventure day. Although dealing with sleet, rain and winter-like temperatures the girls demonstrated their Armidale resilience to horrible weather and enjoyed their time visiting the sites of Beijing which included the Forbidden City, Olympic Park, Lama Temple, Beijing Zoo, Summer Palace, 798 Arts District, Temple of Heaven and the Prince Kung Mansion.

The girls would like to extend a big thank you to The Southport School's Julie and Dee, Mrs Thomas and their parents, for making this trip possible. We look forward to seeing what fundraising efforts and initiatives the girls have planned to support the ideals of Round Square that they experienced on this trip.

Our challenge to you - can you eliminate the use of plastic straws? Miss Cambridge and some of the girls have taken up the challenge. It may be a little step but one which could make a world of difference to the creatures currently dealing with the plastic in our oceans.



Hockey NSW Partnership

In the first half of this year it was with great excitement that NEGS announced a formal partnership with Hockey NSW and the launch of an official Player Pathway Program incorporating high performance coaching delivered exclusively to NEGS students. This has created huge interest from regional players throughout the state as the program is the first of its kind outside of major metropolitan high schools.

In addition, NEGS has also committed to building a state-of-the-art synthetic hockey field to be ready in early 2019. Built to Federation of International Hockey (FIH) Standards, this world-class facility will be the envy of many hockey associations around Australia due to innovative design elements that include LED lighting (one of the first of its kind in Australia) and a cutting-edge hybrid synthetic surface.

The program will be managed by Richard Willis, Hockey NSW Player Pathway Manager. Initial trials for entry into the 2019 program were held on 14th June, with participants from across NSW and QLD.

Whilst this is fabulous news for our school hockey players, our international-standard hockey facility will also be available for local hockey players and will be used for training camps, workshops and of course hockey games that will involve the entire community.

Hockey NSW is committed to lifting the profile of hockey, and a key part of the program is identifying and assisting talented athletes reach their potential. NEGS are ideally positioned to capture this market thanks to a long history of offering competitive hockey opportunities to students. Since the announcement NEGS has had a significant increase in interest from both from existing students and new participants.

Those students that are successful in qualifying for the year-round hockey program will receive intensive, individualised coaching and skills development delivered by Hockey NSW specialists.

Principal, Mrs Mary Anne Evans, says the school's alliance with Hockey NSW marks the achievement of a key milestone in line with NEGS' Strategic Plan. "Our partnership with Hockey NSW represents NEGS' commitment to growing and diversifying as we recognise that extra-curricular activities play an integral role in the NEGS experience. The Armidale community will also benefit as our newly installed hockey field will be available for external training, sporting camps and hockey games. I look forward to seeing NEGS and Hockey NSW deliver even more success for our school, our hockey players and the New England region".



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Boarding @ NEGS

The year began with our Inaugural Carnival Boarder's and Day student weekend which was a great success. Although the previous Coast trip has been a success and enjoyed by everyone we thought we would try something different this year to avoid being overtired within the first two weeks of school. The boarders enjoyed getting to know newbies and catching up with each other in a relaxed atmosphere and over a couple of fun activities as well. Some of these included working in their groups (across each year group) on their Talent Quest performance, all of boarding visiting Down Town on the Saturday morning, some free time and then some more rehearsal time for their Talent Quest performance which all came together on Saturday night. Wow! There was a lot of talent that I did not know some of our boarders had!

On Sunday the Day students joined in on the weekend fun with fairy floss, dance-off competition, inflatable obstacle course, the orb balls on water and a snow cone machine. Although the weather was not the best the girls participated with enthusiasm and all collapsed back in the boarding houses for the rest of the afternoon. The weekend came to an end with a formal dinner in the dining hall - the girls looking very smart in the 'walking out' uniforms.

The boarders have had a number of opportunities to participate in any of the following activities which have been organised for the weekend:

- Cinema Under the Stars
- PCYC Markets in the Mall
- swimming in the NEGS pool
- Autumn Festival Parade and fair
- Dumaresq Dam bushwalking

- Dangars Falls bushwalking and picnic
- Jump Up trampoline centre in Tamworth
- O'Connor Catholic College's performance of High School Musical
- Albies College Musical - Footloose
- Movie nights, cooking and a lot more.

We celebrated National Boarding Week (14th May - 19th May) again this year. This year our boarders were asked to enter the ABSA (Australian Boarding Schools Association) competition of best photographed room and why they love boarding in 25 words or less. Unfortunately no winners from NEGS but on the evening of the 19th May the boarders celebrated being boarding students with an open fire, toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. This was after, as a group, they prepared their own tea light candle lantern and created the word NEGS out on the lawn. It was a great evening.

We welcomed Mrs Jenny Fulloon as House Mother for White House in Term 2 after the courageous and amazing Mrs Kerry Middleton stepped into assist with the House Mother position for Term 1. We are very grateful to Mrs Middleton for the care of the students during this time.

Stephanie Thomas
Director of Boarding



SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Our NEGS SRC Representatives recently enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at O'Connor Catholic College in Armidale. They had the opportunity to discuss ideas and plans for future events with SRC representatives from other local schools.



ARMIDALE SHOW

Sophie Sutherland (Year 11) a keen photographer won Champion U18 Exhibitor with four of her photos receiving first place.

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Our Indigenous students had a wonderful visit to Saumarez Homestead to view the winning artworks of the 2017 Reconciliation Art Challenge. Thank you to Mr Les Davis of Saumarez Homestead who spoke to the girls about the exhibition and local history. The artwork has certainly inspired the girls with their own art designs.



QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

We are always so proud of our students and they represented the school beautifully at the Queen's Baton Relay. It was an exciting event to attend leading up to the Commonwealth Games.



NDA NO BULLYING DAY

For the National Day of Action and as part of our Wellbeing at NEGS, NEGS takes a stand against bullying.





NSW Governor, David Hurley with Head Prefect Emily Barton & Senior Prefect Jessie Ross

DINING HALL @ NEGS

NO OUTDATED, TASTELESS BOARDING MENUS FOR NEGS GIRLS AND BOYS WITH FRESH, SUSTAINABLE PRODUCE THE ORDER OF THE DAY!

The lively chatter of hundreds of hungry boys and girls spills out across the playground as they wait patiently before marching single-file into the historic NEGS dining hall. It's a happy atmosphere as both boarders and day students queue for a home-style lunch before taking their seats at communal tables. Far from sad scenes of watery mash and tasteless pot roasts these students tuck into restaurant quality offerings prepared by the school's personal chefs who turn out 135,000 meals for the students, on average, per year.

In July 2015 NEGS dispensed with the standard model of outsourcing to commercial catering companies instead enlisting trained chefs Nick Love and Craig Harris from Paddock2Table to ramp up the culinary offerings at the school. Students and staff unanimously agree that things have definitely taken a turn for the better, both from a nutritional and environmental perspective.

Sustainability and food miles are a key ingredient of the NEGS ethos, and the two believe that this fostering of a hands-on education sets NEGS apart from other schools. The chefs cite the large-scale composting operation that has been embraced with gusto by students and staff alike as they dutifully empty their post-meal scraps into specially provided bins earmarked for the school's pigs, chickens, sheep and cattle.



Part of the school's grounds are devoted to a large agricultural precinct and Nick and Craig note that most of the scraps are devoured by the school's 100 plus chooks but anything that doesn't get eaten is taken to the compost heap and mixed with a never-ending supply of horse manure collected from the school's famous on-campus equestrian centre. In turn, the senior girls then mulch the school paddocks and tend to the mini food basin that includes a myriad of ethically produced herbs, fruits and vegetables.

The pair note that whilst the students benefit from a practical understanding of the food production cycle, they also benefit with eggs supplied each week back to the dining hall. "It's a great system. We try and make everything from scratch, from muffins to mayonnaise and make it our mission to use locally sourced produce from Guyra tomatoes to the apple orchards located just out of Armidale."



CWA National Conference @ NEGS

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT, HIGH PROFILE VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL AND OUR NEW STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIP WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT GROUP IN RURAL AUSTRALIA

In April this year, more than 800 CWA members descended on Armidale for their annual state conference and NEGS was delighted to be selected as the host venue for the week long event.

The school was abuzz with activity accommodating the hundreds of delegates whose events took place in the MPC for the biggest event on the CWA NSW calendar. Drawing a range of notable speakers some of the big names included: NSW Governor, David Hurley, The Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier of NSW and 2018 winner of the NSW/ACT AgriFutures Rural Women's Award, Jillian Kilby, from Dubbo.

Members come together to debate and discuss motions proposed by branches throughout the state, relating to issues in their communities, thereby providing the opportunity to influence CWA policy and the ability to lobby for change.

Topics ranged from tighter restrictions around foreign land ownership and coal seam gas mining effects on farmers, just to mention a few.

Students and staff also got the chance to tuck into some of their famous tea and coffee served with home-baked scones, cream and jam.

The Country Women's Association of NSW is the largest women's organisation in Australia. It was established in 1922 to encourage women in rural and remote areas to have a voice and to promote friendship and support.



Year 9 and 10 Commerce (and other) students are also in on the act with their specially created coffee cart that doubles as an entrepreneurial base so girls can learn the ropes of planning, organising and running a small business. The NEGS community happily partake in the hot chocolates sold by to the students, and staff also get to satisfy their coffee cravings on-site. Principal Mary Anne Evans is a big believer that learning should be engaging and stimulating and hopes to continue to offer more entrepreneurial projects that will benefit not just the students but the entire NEGS community.

Whilst Nick and Craig may sound like they have their hands full, they both also take time out to cater for weddings, NEGS and community events and both say that they love the process of creating beautiful meals and the satisfaction that comes from happy students and customers.





Junior SCHOOL

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

In many ways It has been an exciting start to 2018 for NEGS Junior School. From a personal point of view as the new Head of NEGS Junior School I have been truly impressed by the welcome my family and I have received from the NEGS and Armidale community. It was a privilege to join with NEGS at the recent ANZAC day commemorations and Autumn festival. I am constantly in awe of the qualities and features that the NEGS school has to offer its students, and it is indeed my privilege to lead our Junior school supported by a team of truly excellent, dedicated teachers. Our congratulations to Mrs. Catherine McCann our Transition teacher on receiving the Federal award from the ASG for Excellence in Teaching.

2018 Terms 1 and 2 has seen us welcome many new students to our Junior School, and I commend our 'old' students for the welcome they have extended to our new friends. NEGS will continue to grow as an indicator of the excellent quality of our teaching and learning we offer to our students, with a total of 16 new students welcomed in terms 1, 2 and starting in Term 3.

NEGS extra-curricular activities are in full swing with many choir and ensemble groups participating at the Armidale Eisteddfod. Our hugely popular Livestock Team were able to attend a course over the June long weekend to help develop their leading and grooming techniques in Inverell. We have continued with our Mud Club pottery group and the introduction of the NEGS Dance Academy has already received much interest from our students. In addition we are eagerly looking forward to the completion of our brand-new STEM centre above the Transition room in the coming months.

NEGS will continue to go from strength to strength as we build a Junior School of excellence - it's a privilege to be part of it.

Andrew Travers
Head of Junior School

MOTHER'S DAY

It was a morning of fun, laughter and lots of love at the Transition Mothers Day Morning Tea. Our Transition Mums were invited to a special morning tea and were entertained by their special little ones. A very big "Thank You" to our Senior girls who came down to assist with coffees and made delicious milkshakes for the children. "Thank You" also to our wonderful families who could come along.

EASTER HAT PARADE

There was a definite buzz in our Junior School for the 2018 Easter hat parade. We were thrilled to have so many families join us for a morning of Easter hat making, hat parade and concluding with a wonderful morning tea. We have numerous Junior students who are from Armidale, Guyra, Walcha, Uralla and other various outlying areas of Armidale and we are always thrilled to see so many of our wonderful families take the time to join us and get into the Easter spirit.

EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY

We are so excited to announce that our wonderful NEGS Transition teacher, Catherine McCann, was one of three NSW teachers to receive national awards at the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA) in Melbourne recently. Catherine joined 9 other top educators from across Australia in receiving the top awards. Selected from around 1450 nominations in 2017, the 12 national award recipients have been honoured for their inspiring and innovative contribution to teaching. Now in its 23rd year, the ASG NEiTA awards have contributed more than \$1 million in professional development grants to outstanding teachers in Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations Catherine, we are so proud of you!



AUTUMN LODGE VISIT

Armed with their instruments and a friendly smile, Years 5 and 6 NEGS Junior School students had their first visit to Autumn Lodge to meet their "Pen Pals". As part of the NEGS Wellbeing program, the students have been writing letters to some of the residents at Autumn Lodge and both the students and the residents shared a little joy in each other's lives. They thoroughly enjoyed hearing their stories and getting to know each other. The students are to be commended for their kindness and maturity shown throughout the visit.





NEGS SIGN ACCOMPLISHED CAMPDRAFTER CODIE LAW AS 2018 SQUAD COACH

NEGS Equestrian are delighted to announce the recent signing of renowned horseman Codie Law, as the Campdraft squad coach for 2018.

With ambitions of taking campdrafting to a national level, the appointment is an exciting addition to the already top-tier equestrian offerings at NEGS.

The partnership has been equally welcomed by Codie who says he is impressed with the calibre of the students so far and is keen to step up their training. Initially, he will travel from his property Yarrowa Park (where he operates the family's long established Australian Stock Horse Stud with wife Natalie and children Riley and Hannah) to train the girls once a fortnight and hopes to make it a weekly commitment. Already on the agenda will be weekend clinics and training for events. Codie also hopes to school the girls in the process of selling horses so they will eventually be able to present a sale horse at significant events such as the Landmark Classic.

"I am excited about giving these girls the opportunities that I have had throughout my campdrafting career. Part of the curriculum will be demonstrating that campdrafting is more than just training and that whether competing or with selling horses, you are putting your name and reputation on the line. Everything from the way you



interact with other competitors to the way you care for your horse and stables is critical."

The accomplished competitor has a formidable CV that includes his current role as President of the NCCA, current ASHS board director and previous positions on the board of both the ABCRA and ACA. Aside from training the girls at NEGS, Codie is chief instructor at Glen Innes Pony Club plus his schedule includes judging at top campdrafting venues including Warwick, Paradise, Chinchilla and Condamine, the Perth Royal and ASHS Nationals.

Campdrafting is one of only three sports officially recognised as Australian-developed and – according to some estimates – it's the fastest growing. The other two are Australian Rules Football, or AFL, and polocrosse. Whilst traditionally a male dominated sport, young women are becoming increasingly involved and just as competitive.

NEGS Equestrian Head Coach, Mr Imtiaz Anees, is thrilled Codie will be collaborating with NEGS and says, "Codie has been on our radar since we kicked off campdrafting at NEGS in 2015. He's a strong competitor and knows what it takes to be at the top level. He is a fantastic role model for our girls, and living proof that it's not just talent but discipline and work ethic that makes for a strong competitor."



NEGS EQUESTRIAN USA STUDY TOUR 2018

The incorporation of the International tours into the equestrian program at NEGS continues to not only prove to be educational but ensures the girls have a well-rounded understanding of what job opportunities are available in the equine industry.

The USA Study Tour has proven to be a great success since it began last year. The trip incorporates many different facets of the equestrian industry through different professionals and disciplines. The students see first hand what it takes to be a professional in the equine world and get to witness the world's best.

The USA Study Tour began in Palm Beach and made its way from the Million Dollar Grand Prix to Kentucky, the horse capital of the world, eventually finishing in Washington DC. The girls got a behind-the-scenes view of how these competitors are so successful and learnt what it takes to become an international competitor.

Not only did they see competitors train and compete, but also learnt all about the people behind the scenes including nutritionists, farriers, sports therapists, as well as state-of-the-art veterinary services that enable the horses and riders to compete at such a high level.



One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the Kentucky Equine Research Centre where Founder and President, Joe Pagan, gave an insight into the work done and what opportunities are available in this industry.

The students were also lucky enough to attend the Horse Performance Centre in Atlanta. The centre has state-of-the-art rehabilitation facilities housing treadmills, aqua treadmills, pools, ice therapy chambers and oxygen chambers, all to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of horses in all different disciplines

The trip also allowed the girls to meet the super stars of the equine industry, including the likes of eventing champion, Bruce Davidson, carriage driving legend, Chester Webber, dressage divas Endel Ott, Susie Dutta and Debbie McDonald plus professional polo players and racehorse trainers, managers and breeders to name a few.

The aim of the trip is to ensure all the girls are exposed to connections and networks in the small, yet competitive, equine industry.

EQUESTRIAN OPPORTUNITIES AT NEGS

Head of Department, Imtiaz Anees, is always looking for ways to increase the exposure of the NEGS girls within Australia and internationally.

In the last 12 months, NEGS Equestrian students have had the opportunity to attend various excursions within the state. They have visited the studs in the neighbouring Hunter Valley, including Coolmore, Godolphin and Arrowfield.

They have also had the opportunity to be part of the team at the World Cup Polo in Sydney. The girls groomed for different countries at the polo and received an insight into the industry surrounding polo.

Imtiaz has instilled his motto to "learn from the best" by having clinicians such as Matt Ryan come and teach the students.

CONGRATULATIONS JAIMIE MCELROY!

Winner of the 2018 Melbourne International 3 Day Event CCIJ 1
This is a huge achievement Jaimie, well done



Photo: Click Capture Photography



Photo: Little More Grace Photography. Pictured: Brie Aitken, Anna Jarvis, Estella Martin, Katie Hancock, Team of Fours Winners, North West Equestrian Expo Coonabarabran, June 2018. Stay tuned for more Coona pics in the next edition of Akaroa.

COMPETITIONS HELD AT NEGS

NEGS Equestrian Centre has been running a CNC1* Eventing competition for the past 5 years and has become known for the boutique event that attracts competitors from across the country.

The event is held at the picturesque grounds of NEGS, claiming the title of a brilliant boutique event, like no other in NSW. The event attracts entries from all over NSW and QLD, housing competitors from classes EVA45 to CNC 1*. The boutique event is becoming bigger and better every year, building a brilliant reputation for itself.

NEGS has also begun running Official Dressage Competitions and has hosted two very successful shows.

The Winter and Autumn Gala days have proven to be a great success and ensure the students and local competitors have the opportunity to compete against one another in an enjoyable and welcoming atmosphere.

The Gala days are growing and are building a brilliant reputation in the dressage competition circuit.

In 2017, NEGS ran their first ever Stockman's Challenge where competitors competed in a dry pattern and then with cattle. The

event proved to be a brilliant success, showcasing the fantastic facilities and campdrafting arena located at NEGS.

The competitions held at NEGS not only allow the girls to compete on home ground, but increase the sense of community and camaraderie that is so prevalent at NEGS. The staff, students and parents work together to create the magic of these events.

2017 AUSTRALIAN INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 2017, ten NEGS students were selected to compete at the Australian Inter-School Championships in Toowoomba, QLD.

NEGS boasted the highest student representation from any school competing in all five disciplines: Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Combined Training and Show Horse Riding.

NEGS riders Lucy Ramsay, Jaimie McElroy, Sarah Wyatt, Isabella Arabejo, Matilda Hall, Matilda McCarroll, Charlotte Jacobson and Katie Hancock were chosen to represent NSW at the event whilst our two students from the Northern Territory, Olivia Ruzsicska and Brooke McKenna were chosen to represent their state.

Music

PROGRAMME

Music @ NEGS

What a wonderful start we have had with Music this year. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to their music lessons and meet all our new students.

We have welcomed new members to the music team, Mr Tom Paige, a professional singer and violinist who works with our Senior students, as well as Mr Oxley our resident walking music encyclopedia who is simply amazing.

We welcome Mr Alistair Finco who has done an amazing job working with our NEGS Senior band and working with The Stage 3 band. Students are definitely learning about playing as part of a band under his expertise.

Our music groups have tripled in numbers this term which is so pleasing for everyone. Mrs Laura Curotta, a very experienced strings teacher from the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) is running Samaurez Strings this year, and more students continue to join this group of budding violinists and cello players. It was wonderful to see them perform at this year's Eisteddfod, placing second.

Junior Vocal Ensemble enjoy singing every Wednesday morning, a lovely start to everyone's day. Mr Oxley's Junior School Handbell players fill the music block with the sound of ringing bells as they practise together, he is so very happy with the group and their developing skills with the handbells.

The Junior School Marimba group has started and they are making keen progress. They have started learning their marimba piece for their IPSHA performance where they will be travelling to Sydney to perform at the Sydney Town Hall, a wonderful experience for all the students involved.

Mr Oxley and I are enjoying working with our Vocal ensemble groups in Senior school. Both groups have been well supported by students who are having a lovely time singing together a varied repertoire. We have been very impressed with the students and their commitment to singing. It is lovely to work with so many great singers. We have the wonderful Miss Liz (Ryan) as our accompanist for all our choir groups.



During this term the Year 9/10 students participated in an excellent workshop with students from around the region. Students did African Drumming and Dance, they learnt about Gypsy Arabic music and worked with the Hawaiian Ukulele Choir.

Recently students from Years 9,10 and 11 enjoyed dinner out together before going to a Musica Viva Concert which was a combination of guitar and cello performed by the internationally renowned musicians Karin Schaupp and Umberto Clerici. Students listened to gentle Spanish lullabies to very contemporary works, from Schubert to De Falla, a performance everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

We finished the music term with our first twilight Concert for the year. NEGS band gave their first performance enchanting us all with "The Sound Of Silence". We had wonderful guitarists, excellent piano players, lovely flute players, glorious singers and an original composition performed, truly a wonderful evening of entertainment. Well done to all our students who performed in the Twilight Concert. You were all fabulous!!!



Ms Sally Spillane
Director of Music

Armidale Show Success

The success of our Agriculture Department at NEGS continues. Congratulations to our NEGS Cattle team who had some outstanding results at the Armidale Show. NEGS won the lightweight and heavyweight steer competition with our heavyweight steer sashed the Grand Champion Steer of the show and our lightweight steer winning Reserve Champion. Our remaining 3 steers also placed very well. Students performed exceptionally well with many ribbons won for both junior judging and paraders competitions with highlights being four of our students selected to represent our region at the Sydney Royal Show beef cattle paraders competition. Congratulations to Emily Barton, Katrina Campbell, Jaimie McLoughlin and Eliza Watts. Bridgette Cadzow won the local junior parader's competition with Maggie Halliday winning her age group and going on to become the Champion parader.

Well done to all the team! A big thank you to our beef producers who continue to supply us with exceptional cattle - Mr Richard and Mrs Heather Cole 'Lachlan Dale Limousins', Forbes, Mr Dennis and Mrs Christine Fisher 'Minya', Kulnura and Mr Stephen and Mrs Kerry McDonald, Manilla. Thank you also to Mrs Helen Doyle who has recently joined our team, along with her husband Mr Richard Doyle. Thank you to Lib Martin and Anne Johnston for your lovely photos of the girls. We truly appreciate them.

Anne Johnston Photography

WALCHA SHOW SUCCESS

Our NEGS Livestock team have done it again! Well done to all of the girls who participated at the Walcha Show with more outstanding results. NEGS received Champion Pure Bred Steer and Champion Cross Bred Steer. Year 11 student, Chelsea Devenish, was Champion Parader out of 80 competitors - what an outstanding effort! Maggie Halliday came away with the Reserve Champion parader. Other amazing paraders on the day were Bridgette Cadzow (1st), Laura Finlay (1st)



PRELIM AG FARM STUDY - WOOD'S FARM

Our Year 11 Agriculture students had a fantastic day for their farm case study, visiting one of our past NEGS families, Andrew and Lou Wood's sheep and cattle property, "Woodville". A huge "Thank You" to Mr Wood for his time and sharing his knowledge with our students. Students wrote a comprehensive report covering what is done on the farm and more importantly why decisions are made. Major areas include the farm as a production unit, farm management, marketing, farm technology and the agricultural workplace including WHS and legislative requirements.

WINGHAM BEEF WEEK

NEGS continues to shine in the Agricultural sector. Recently our Cattle Team competed at the Wingham Beef Week and achieved some fantastic results up against 410 competitors. Congratulations to our 13 Years Paraders, Bridgette Cadzow who was awarded 2nd and Eliza Watts who received 6th place. Abbey McLoughlin received 1st place in the 15 Years Paraders. Katrina Campbell has again impressed the judges, receiving 1st in the 16 Years Paraders and then awarded Champion Parader of the show. Chelsea Devenish also did extremely well, placing 2nd in the 16 Years and was then awarded Reserve Champion. Laura Finlay received 1st place in the 17 Years Paraders. Well done girls!



MATHS CLASSES OUTSIDE IN THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

There was cuteness overload in the Agriculture Department as our students met some of the new baby animals at NEGS. As part of our Sustainability at NEGS Program, we have happily added NEGS Agriculture Yuletide Ducks to our menagerie of animals and programs. The gorgeous little bundles of fluff were a huge hit with all of the students.



LITTLE PIGLETS

To the delight of the students, the long-awaited Berkshire I.C piglets have been born. Mummy pig and 11 babies are all doing well. Year 6 started their morning off with a visit to the Agriculture Department and Piggie maternity ward, all agreeing that they are just gorgeous. What a way to start the morning! Both Junior and Senior students are fortunate to have so many different farm animals on campus to interact with, as well as spacious grounds to enjoy. NEGS offers such amazing and diverse opportunities within the Agricultural sector.

Sport

COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL

1st Green 869

2nd Dumolo 849

3rd Murray 772

4th Lyon 695

Overall House Cup points including St John's

Age Champions

CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
JUNIOR BOYS Tom Lorimer	Bailey Harvey-Lynn
JUNIOR GIRL Lily Lorimer	Sienna Alldis
SENIOR BOYS	Andrew Knight
SENIOR GIRLS Holly Jacobson	Polly Skipper
12 YEARS Holly Clarke	Makenzie Van Gosliga
13 YEARS Grace Boughton	Fleur Potter
14 YEARS Paige Anderson	Molly Michell-Smith
15 YEARS Amity Coxon	Abby Finlayson
16 YEARS Grace Cassidy	Georgia Hiscox
17 YEARS Daisy Meehan	Penny Haynes
18+ YEARS Lucy Redden & Claudia Meehan	Sarah Wyatt



TRIVETT CUP

MOST OUTSTANDING SWIMMER
OF THE CARNIVAL

Amity Coxon &
Paige Anderson

CHEERING CUP

1st Place
Green

NEGS CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

12 years	Savanah Brown
13 years	Polly Watkins
14 years	Matilda Hall
15 years	Isabella Reardon
16 years	Grace Cassidy
17 years	Matilda McCarroll
18 years	Sarah Wyatt



NEGS ROWING

The Junior and Senior Coxed Quads competed in the School Girl Head of the River at the Sydney International Regatta Centre on the 3rd of March. Both crews made the final with Junior Coxed Quad coming 6th in the 1500m with a time of 7:14.00. The Senior Coxed Quad came 8th in the 2000m with a time of 8:57.27. Both crews improved on their relative times by over 40 seconds from MLC School Regatta.

The Junior Coxed Quad set a new NEGS record for the 1500m with a time of 7:14.00. The team included Amity Coxon, Isabella Reardon, Francisca Dugdale, Anna Jarvis and was coxed by Charley Hackett.

The Senior Coxed Quad set a new NEGS record for the 2000m with a time of 8:57.27. The team included Penny Haynes, Evey White, Cilla McCamley, Josie Bartel and was coxed by Charley Hackett.

Overall, NEGS came 16th out of 30 schools which is an outstanding result for the school's first rowing season in over 20 years.



IGSSA SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following students who represented NEGS at the IGSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Thursday, 9th March: Holly Clarke, Heidi Holland, Emma Pearce, Fleur Potter, Paige Anderson, Chloe Moore, Amity Coxon, Abby Finlayson, Grace Cassidy, Zoe Strelitz, Ruby Loosemore, Molly Michell-Smith and Lucy Redden.

All students performed extremely well. A special mention to Ruby Loosemore for her results at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships: Silver Medal 50m Freestyle Relay, 4th 50m Butterfly, 6th 50m Freestyle.



IGSSA COMMONWEALTH GAMES EXCURSION

The Senior IGSSA Netball and Hockey Teams travelled to the Gold Coast to watch the Netball and Hockey competitions at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The aim of the trip was to allow the girls to watch their sport at the highest level. It was also used as a preseason trip including fitness and team bonding activities to Bounce Inc and Aqua Splash.



TILDESLEY TENNIS

The team consisting of Evey White, Heidi Powell, Hannah Stewart, Phoebe Uren, Charlotte Chapman and Charlotte Claridge travelled to Sydney to compete in the Tildesley Tennis Competition against the other IGSSA schools. Heidi Powell made it to the second round of the singles and Charlotte Chapman and Charlotte Claridge made it to the second round of the Doubles.

Director of Sport

AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF SPORT JOSH COHEN

What does it mean for you to be appointed to the Executive Team?

My appointment onto the NEGS executive team was actually a very proud and career defining moment. I am truly passionate about the role of sport in education, and that NEGS has also placed such an emphasis on the future strategic direction of the School regarding NEGS sport in the next five years is also extremely validating.

Josh, you represented Australia in basketball. How have your achievements from grassroots through to elite level helped you in your role at NEGS?

I started playing basketball when I was 10 years old in Middelmount, Central Queensland on an outside basketball court. I was not a naturally gifted player but I was willing to put in the extra work to be the best I could be. When my family and I moved to Mudgee, I progressed through the NSW state program and in Year 12 I captained the NSW All Schools basketball team to a Gold medal. It was at this tournament that I was also selected onto the Australian team to travel to New Zealand. Between high school and university I spent twelve months as a development player for a professional basketball team training on court every day and in the gym three to five times per week.

Growing up playing and competing for country teams, has given me a great insight into the additional obstacles that are faced by regional athletes and the sacrifices needed to achieve your sporting dreams. My experiences have definitely helped shape the programs and opportunities that we offer at NEGS to ensure all girls are given the resources to reach their goals.

You are a huge advocate for women in sport and actively encourage female participation. What is your vision for sport at NEGS?

Sport is associated with many physical and psychological health benefits and being involved in regular sport during adolescence is also vital for optimal growth and development. Girls who are active show greater resilience and increased social-emotional wellbeing. Yet, more than 80% of adolescent girls do not meet government physical activity recommendations and this is one of the reasons I have implemented so many new programs and sports since commencing at NEGS.

"I have long been an advocate for girls in sport but even more so since the birth of my daughter, Grace. I am determined to create an environment where girls believe they can do anything they put their minds to."

Josh Cohen

My vision for NEGS?

To be recognised as a regional hub and destination for excellence in female sport. We are well on the way to achieving this as NEGS' continues to invest in the scope and scale of sports available. Furthermore, programs such as the NSW Hockey Pathway Program are creating a strong culture across all of our sporting teams that seeks to inspire our girls to play hard and play for each other.



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Part of NEGS strategic vision is a greater investment in sporting opportunities for our students, are there any recent initiatives that you can tell us about? i.e. rowing / women's rugby etc.

In the past two years since I took over my role at NEGS, the School has been able to introduce some exciting initiatives for the girls.

It was with great excitement that last year we re-established the NEGS rowing team after approximately 20 years in hiatus. In the first year of the program the girls ended up competing at the School Girl Head of the River competition which was a hugely exciting moment for us all. As such, we will continue to grow our rowing program and are expanding the number of crews that compete and thanks to P&F fundraising efforts we have managed to purchase two technical stationary rowers.

We are also in our second year of the NEGS Women's Rugby Program and we have recently entered teams into the Armidale School Girls' competition and will be taking our teams to Sydney for trials matches. Currently, the girls are training twice a week and we are delighted to see that it has been our fastest growing sport this year.

Another great event that has been gaining momentum is our participation in the City to Surf in Sydney. Building on the success of the excursion in 2017 we are again offering students the option to walk, jog or run this amazing race.

The Netball and Hockey IGSSA programs have also seen changes this year with the girls working with a Level 1 Strength and Conditioning Coach. We have introduced educational sessions by bringing in a certified nutritionist and sports psychologist who will be educating the girls on how to recognise and deal with issues such as anxiety. And finally, I recently took our Senior IGSSA Girls to attend the Commonwealth Games and both the netball and hockey teams attended two sessions of the Games and during the day had the chance to participate in types of fitness not available in Armidale.



SUTHERLAND FAMILY

For many generations NEGS has educated and been a "home away from home" for many students and their families. One of those families who have continued this tradition and supported NEGS is the Sutherland family.

Cathie and Hugh own the property "Deeargee", set in the beautiful area of Gostwyck, Uralla, and is best known for its historic octagonal woolshed and fine merino wool. They have four children Anna, Angus, Charlie and Sophie. Cathie is an Old Girl (Class '83). Their youngest daughter Sophie is currently a day girl in Year 11 and their eldest daughter Anna finished NEGS in 2009.

Cathie has fond memories of the friends she made at NEGS and still catches up with them when possible. Recounting memories of the white summer 'going out' uniform called the Sack, marching practice, socials, lunch being a tray with one slice of devon, tomato, lettuce and two slices of bread each, Jan Milburn knowing everyone by name and what all students got up to, Maths with Don Hitchcock, playing in the Year 12 rugby match against the TAS boys, Year 12 formal at Saumarez Woolshed and somehow ending up singing in the choir at the end of year chapel service, are just a few memories.

Sophie has certainly made the most of all the opportunities at NEGS where she has been involved in, and succeeded in, many different facets of the school. These have included Agriculture, where she participated in the 2016 Northern Tablelands Planning Competition and was awarded Champion Property Planners of both New England and North West Regions with fellow student, Megan Galbraith. She has been an active member of the NEGS shooting team and the Livestock Team. In 2017, Sophie had an experience of a lifetime where she travelled to South Africa as a NEGS Round Square student followed by an 8 week exchange to the Herlufsholm School in Denmark which she absolutely loved.

A keen photographer, Sophie has impressed judges at many shows and competitions with her incredible photography over the years. She experienced great success at the Armidale Show this year with her beautiful images, receiving four first places and was the Under 18 Age Champion. She also entered the MS Photography competition - Snap Red, and was selected from 145 others to be in the final. Sophie is choosing to do photography for her Year 11 Artwork which features the blending of NEGS both old and new. We can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

Anna enjoyed her time at NEGS predominantly as a day girl but in her final years she spent the winter months boarding due to early and late IGSSA hockey trainings. Anna was also a keen Round Square representative participating in conferences to New Zealand and India. She was Dumulo House Captain in 2009. Anna is currently a print and textile designer having completed her Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) majoring in Textiles at the ANU

School of Art, Canberra 2013. Since then she has been busy running her own business 'Anna Sutherland' where she creates beautiful designs for soft furnishings and upholstery fabrics. You will see Anna and her creations at numerous markets in NSW and interstate. www.annasutherland.com.au. Anna is also designing rugs for the UK rug company 'Rug Couture' where you will find her first rug collection at www.rugcouture.com.

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"The opportunities that NEGS offer have been wonderful for our two girls especially the participation in the Round Square Conferences in Australia and overseas. They have been exposed to some of the best and worst in people and can see the good that strangers can do for those less fortunate. They have formed lasting friendships, have a love for travel and increased confidence.

NEGS has so much to offer in other areas too. Both of our girls have participated in varying sports such as hockey, indoor hockey, tennis and the Livestock Team as well as being involved in many community activities. Sophie loves target shooting and looks forward each year to competing in the AAGPS Competition in Sydney. I've been a camp mum a couple of times and thoroughly enjoy the experience. The girls are a delight and certainly 'hold their own' against the boys in the competition. As a parent I really enjoy the NEGS spirit and we are very proud of the young women both our girls have become. We believe that NEGS has provided them with a solid, well-grounded education with outstanding teachers to guide them along the way.

We are proud to say we are NEGS parents and although a small school NEGS has an abundance to offer."

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Cathie Sutherland



Meet the PULKKINENS

PULKKINEN FAMILY

Another of our incredibly supportive NEGS families who have had a long association with NEGS and continued the tradition of sending their daughters to NEGS is the Pulkkinen family.

Deb and Lauri have three daughters and live on a farm near Uralla. Their daughters all attend NEGS as day students. Miranda is in Year 8, Lucy is in Year 7 and Finn is in Year 3. Deb is an Old Girl (Class '92) and her sister Donna also attended NEGS (Class '94).

What initially started as an experience day in the Junior School for their eldest daughter, Miranda in 2016 to give her a head start before entering Year 7, became a quick decision to enrol all three girls immediately. They quickly fell in love with the school and were thrilled with what NEGS had to offer their family. They believed that the NEGS Junior School not only lived up to their expectations, but exceeded them. They called it, "the best accidental parenting decision that they ever made."

Miranda is an up and coming kayaking sensation and may be the next Jessica Fox in the Canoeing world. She has recently represented NEGS at the National and Regional All Schools Championships, coming home with some outstanding results. She is currently ranked as the number 1 Under 14's Female Downriver and Sprints Competitor in Australia. In the recent regional finals of k1 slalom, Miranda also had the fastest time in all age groups including Open Womens, which is an amazing result for someone just barely 14 years of age.

Lucy has enjoyed being involved in the NEGS Livestock Cattle Team this year. She loves music and the highlight of her week at school is always vocal ensemble with Mrs Spillane on Tuesdays. Lucy dreams of one day being an Airline Captain for Qantas and travelling the world.

Finn loves NEGS Junior School! She is a creative little soul who is very artistic and is jam-packed full of imagination. Finn has loved how NEGS Junior School has fostered and encouraged her creative nature and especially enjoys 'Mud Club' on Monday afternoons. She loves her teachers and never has a bad day thanks to all of them. Finn also adores music and thinks Mr Oxley, in particular, is probably the greatest teacher in the entire world.

Deb is flat out with her amazing business, "Wayward Trails" . She is a passionate local who is constantly searching for the best local produce and beverage experiences to showcase regional Australia. Her business operates out of Armidale, Tamworth, Walcha, Uralla, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and even boasts high-end Helicopter trails. Deb describes her trails as basically "a wine tour....on steroids".

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One of the things that Deb loved most about her time at NEGS was having friends from diverse backgrounds, which still stands for her today. One of her closest friends was from Irian Jaya (West Papua) and another was from a cotton farm at Narrabri. Everyone brought something unique to the table and it couldn't hurt as a teenager to expand your horizons. The friendships she made at NEGS continue to this day and some of these girls Deb still counts as her closest friends. Rochelle Bynon (also class '92) and Deb, have both got daughters in Year 7 this year.

"One thing that I did not appreciate at the time when I was a student at NEGS

was there was no slipping under the radar. If you did start to slip academically or "slack off", as we use to call it, there was someone always to pick you up. Now as a parent, I absolutely love that. The individual focus means that someone is always looking out for you", says Deb Pulkinnen.

Deb also loves the flexibility that comes with NEGS being a 24hr school. Even though they are day parents, they often utilise the boarding facilities and after school care facilities. "There have been times when I have been caught on a trail, running late and rung the school at the last second and known that the children are safe, being fed and homework is being done. The children often board on the weekends, just for the experience of it. In fact, Miranda chose for her birthday to board for the weekend with all her friends. There are often lots of fun activities organised for weekends which day girls are invited to participate in, and these are always a hit in our family."

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Meet the CADZOWS

CADZOW FAMILY

For many years NEGS has educated and been a "home away from home" for many students. Due to the wonderful and unique opportunities here at NEGS, some of our students come from far away places. One of these families is the Cadzow family from the Northern Territory.

Bec, Steve and their 3 daughters, Gabrielle in Year 10, Bridgette in Year 8 and Imogen in Year 3 live at Mt Riddock Station, 200km north west of Alice Springs. It may seem a long way from NEGS but the girls have embraced everything offered by NEGS.

Growing up on a cattle station in the Australian outback, the girls had been educated via "Alice Springs School of the Air" prior to coming to NEGS, with help from Bec, who is a qualified teacher, and governesses along the way. Going from a home classroom, where clothes and footwear were optional and doing regular lessons outside under the trees, to a boarding school, was definitely a big learning curve for the girls. Gabrielle and Bridgette were only able to see their friends four times a year, and social contact with other children was very rare.

Once starting at NEGS, the girls had to learn to become more social and interact with children their own age. This was perhaps one of the biggest challenges as each of the girls had very little experience with peers, but a lot of experience with adults. Once routines in boarding were established, the girls both believe that it is one of the most positive experiences of their lives to date. For Bridgette in particular, she rated boarding her favourite part of NEGS. This is mainly due to the constant interaction with others, the highly engaging weekend activities with the other girls and being able to make great friends.

Keen campdrafters, all girls ride and are fortunate to utilise the amazing facilities and be guided by the experienced and qualified coaches that are all on hand at NEGS. It is wonderful for the girls to be able to keep their horses on campus as well. This makes missing home more tolerable as they are kept busy and are responsible for looking after their own horses. Gabrielle has also taken on Eventing, and this new found equestrian sport has her even more enthusiastic about being at school than ever before! The calibre of coaches at the Equestrian Centre are world class, and some of the top professionals in their fields. As the girls had very rarely competed at any high standard in any equestrian sports before arriving at NEGS, we have been extremely surprised at how well they have gone in their respective areas - all credit goes to their passionate coaches and equestrian centre staff.

By growing up on a cattle station, the girls have the love of cattle in their blood and Bridgette has certainly taken a keen interest in cattle by being heavily involved with the NEGS Livestock team, successfully representing the school in many shows and events. Prior to NEGS Bridgette had only competed at the Alice Springs Show with a poddy calf. The Livestock Team coach, Mr Fisher, has taught Bridgette everything he knows about showing cattle. Again, this level of professional understanding of the cattle showing and

his passion for the cattle at NEGS has really excited Bridgette on this journey. So far, she has won 5 junior handler classes, often showing against up to 50 other children at a time.

Gabrielle has taken to music and plays the flute beautifully. Regular lessons by her flute instructor has seen Gabrielle compete at the Armidale eisteddfod and complete successfully her first AMEB exam. NEGS has always been very supportive of Gabrielle's music lessons, accommodating extra-curricular music times. NEGS also hosts, with the music department, regular recital evenings. These have now become "live" so we can watch and appreciate Gabrielle performing in real time, and be active parents from a distance, and see how much progress she is making with her music.

Imogen has been studying through Distance Education but can't wait to be a boarder at NEGS. The Junior School allows Imogen to have experience days whilst we are visiting her sisters. This has allowed her to establish regular school behaviours such as wearing a uniform, being in a real classroom, participating in team sport and learning correct social behaviours. Having access to this has broken down the barriers that Gabrielle and Bridgette had to overcome when they first commenced boarding in Year 7, Imogen already has a head start, and hopefully this will assist in an easy, stressless transition to boarding.

Although being many kilometres from home, the girls are very fortunate to have the support of some of their family in NSW. Their cousin Jessica, Year 10, from Ramornie has recently started at NEGS. Jessica's mother Melissa (Bec's sister) believes that she should have sent Jessica years ago because she is so thrilled with the school.

The Cadzows are great advocates of NEGS and are very passionate about the school because of the many opportunities afforded to the girls. The girls are encouraged to embrace every moment. Whether it is academic, equestrian, sporting or social, each of the girls know that the opportunities given at NEGS are not available everywhere. Gabby has said, "the best thing about NEGS is that NEGS is 'like a family'."

"As parents we feel very content knowing that each of the girls have found their 'niche' and are cared for. Each of the girls are nurtured both academically and socially, and for long distance parents, this is very, very important", says Bec.

"The main reasons for sending our daughters to NEGS, were because of family support in and around Armidale, and all of the opportunities at NEGS. Specifically we wanted a school that was located in a rural area and had an agricultural focus, as that is where the girls felt comfortable. We are extremely happy with our choice of schools, as it has offered and accommodated the girls in so many more ways than we could have expected. Academically, the girls have settled into a routine, with Gabby particularly excelling in all areas of learning. We would recommend NEGS to families all over Australia as the school is passionate, caring and is suited to girls from all walks of life. We often tell people that they are living 'our dream', when we are asked how the girls are doing at NEGS. We couldn't ask for anything more!"



OGU PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to have taken on the leadership role at the Armidale Branch of the NEGS Old Girls' Union. I attended NEGS from 1994 – 1999 and am eternally grateful that I was fortunate to belong to such an inclusive fraternity. The sense of belonging and kinship that NEGS gave me has been defining. The experience has shaped me and now as President I hope to return in some small part the great favours that were paid to me by those who gave so generously in the past. The reason my two children, Ruby and Bailey are students in Year 3 in the NEGS Junior School, is testament to the fact that I believe there is something special that this School has to offer our children.

This year the Old Girls' Weekend will be held on the 14th, 15th, and 16th of September, 2018. This year the Old Girls' Committee has decided to change from holding the Annual Art Exhibition and will host a Jazz event on the Saturday afternoon, 15th September instead. This event will include an On-Line Auction which includes some interesting holiday destinations as well as artworks, riding lessons and other exciting experiences. Drinks and refreshments will also be provided. This function will be a wonderful chance to catch up with friends and Old Girls as well as enjoy the entertainment and festivity.

The Old Girls versus School sporting matches will be held during the weekend and various reunion group dinners will be hosted throughout Armidale on the Saturday night. This year, the 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 year groups have reunions planned.

The whole weekend is a great meeting point for the reunion groups and on behalf of the Old Girls I welcome you to the event.

It is rewarding to be a member of such a supportive and inclusive Committee and I can honestly say we enjoy the opportunity to give back to NEGS as it has meant so much to us in our formative years.

Georgie Lynn
Armidale Old Girl Union President

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QLD OLD GIRLS' COMMITTEE

A special note to Althea and Shona who were given a special thank you by resolution and hearty applause for all they have done to keep our Branch going over quite a few years -- thanks were extended to Past Treasurer Fiona Campbell Wright for her contribution to the Branch over many years too. Our meeting was well attended by a number of Old Girls from 1970's and earlier years.

Please visit our new FB Page....



Students gather from all across Australia to participate in intensive teaching blocks.
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NEGS OLD GIRLS' MISSIONARY UNION 2018

Miss Florence Green opened her school for girls in New England in 1895, and in 1898 she started our Old Girls' Union so the girls she had taught could keep in contact with her, with each other, and continue to contribute to "The New Guinea Mission" as they had done while at NEGS. Miss Green wrote the appeal letter every Lent, a tradition that has continued for 120 years.

NEGSOGMU supports mission work in PNG through the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM), remote and regional Australia through Bush Church Aid (BCA), the indigenous theology college in Cairns, Wontulp-Bi-Buya (WBB) and our own Old Girl missionary, Jessica (Assef) Cowell, through the Church Missionary Society.

Again this year, ABM asked for donations towards the Anglican Church of PNG's Adult Literacy Program which has over 80 schools and 2,500 learners enrolled across eight provinces in PNG. ABM partners with Anglicare PNG which works closely with the Anglican dioceses around the country to co-ordinate the program and oversee the syllabus. The syllabus incorporates literacy and numeracy as well as social issues such as violence, HIV, child protection, alcohol abuse, and law and justice.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders courses in the areas of theology, addictions management, community development and mental health. The College is committed to empowering and equipping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with understanding of the gospel through their own cultures, empowering them to be leaders with faith, vision and skills, and to be effective in building up their people, their church and their communities. Students can access government funding towards travel and accommodation but the college depends on contributions from churches and private donors like us for its core expenses such as staff salaries, office rent, insurance, electricity and telephone.

Bush Church Aid has been reaching Australia for Christ since 1919. BCA "missioners" live in remote and regional parishes in every state, supporting people living in harsh and changing environments. The BCA Prayer Diary has 31 days, each day dedicated to a Missioner including email address for supporters to send messages to them. Each year a different missioner comes from a remote place to Sydney to be guest speaker at the annual meeting. They tell us about the joy of opening their computer Inbox on their allocated day and finding it filled with messages of encouragement.

Last year our own Old Girl, Jessica Assef (2005), went to serve in Italy through the Church Missionary Society, CMS. In Italy Christianity is seen as irrelevant and outdated by many people. Italy's Christian student movement - the Gruppi Biblici Universitari (GBU) aims to share Jesus from student to student. One of the GBU student leaders, Lucia, spent time working with Jess on learning the Italian language in November and December last year. Jess and Simon have been in Italy for a year and now have to pass exams for an Italian driver's licence. Italy does not transfer Australian licences so this was an intense language learning project. In February, they will investigate a location in another Italian region for possible future ministry. Simon and Jessica ask us to pray for them.

Our Missionary Union appeal is always open. Membership is by donation.

Mrs Juliet Cameron
Hon Treasurer
NEGS Old Girls' Missionary Union
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OGU Events

ARMIDALE

OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND

OGU Function at the 'Newie'

14th September
Time: 8:30pm 'till late | Venue: New England Hotel,
Dangar Street, Armidale 2350
\$10 cover charge

NEGS Principal's Welcome followed by OGU AGM

15th September
Time: 10:30am | Jan Milburn Room, Library, NEGS.

Followed by a light luncheon and welcome hosted by NEGS Principal

11:00am
Time: 12:00pm | Venue: Jan Milburn Room
Followed by Moffatt Shield Tennis Match between OGS
and students

School Tour

Time: 12:45pm

Jazz @ NEGS with 'The Ash Hall Trio'

Canapes, Champagne
2:00pm - 4:30pm
NEGS MPC
\$25 tickets must be paid for before arrival
Pay via Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/VVLD>

NEGS OGU On-Line Auction

Sunday 16th September
Year Group Reunion Dinners
From 6:00pm

Holy Communion for Old Girls in the Chapel of St Michael and All Angels with Year 12 students

Time: 9:00am | Venue: Old Girls in the Chapel of
St Michael and All Angels

Brunch for Old Girls and Guests

Time: 10:15am
\$15 pp pay via Try booking
<https://www.trybooking.com/VXXE>
NEGS Dining Hall after Chapel Service

Tours of the School

Time: 11:30 am

SYDNEY

Sydney Old Girls' AGM and Luncheon

Tuesday 14th August
Time: 11:30am | Venue: Intercontinental Hotel Sydney,
117 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000
Contact Mary O'Toole
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Mosman Art Galley Cocktail Party

5th October
Contact Sally Grimble
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*You are cordially invited to join
NEGS Director of Enrolments and Marketing, Mrs Kelly Smitham &
ACT/Region NEGS OG Convenor, Mrs Lindy Armstrong (Masters) for
our Annual Luncheon and Meeting*

ACT and Region NEGS Old Girls' Branch



At: Little Brother, 50 Red Hill Drive, Red Hill, ACT
Date: Saturday 4th August, 2018
Time: 12noon for a brief meeting | 12:30pm Luncheon
Cost: a la carte Lunch please pay cash on the day
RSVP: Tues 31st July, for catering purposes please contact
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60 Year Reunion ('58)
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50 Year Reunion ('68)
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40 Year Reunion ('78)
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30 Year Reunion ('88)
Marianne Potter (Miller)
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20 Year Reunion ('98)
Jo Wood
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10 Year Reunion ('08)
Anna Hudson
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'Yarranabee' Baan Baa 2383

5 Year Reunion 2013
Molly McNeill
'Waratah' Warialda Road, Inverell, NSW, 2360
P: 02 6722 3995

NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2019

60 Year Reunion ('59)
Sally Adams (Sweet)
PO Box 198, Tumbarumba, NSW, 2653
P: 02 6948 2843

50 Year Reunion (1969)
Ruth McMullin (Boydell)
61/1 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000
P: 03 9663 7514

40 Year Reunion ('79)
Jane Chamberlain (Sedgwick)
29 Napier Street, Tamworth, NSW, 2340
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30 Year Reunion ('89)
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20 Year Reunion ('99)
Edwina Waters
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10 Year Reunion ('09)
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5 Year Reunion ('14)
Emily Rogers
'Aberbaldie' Walcha, NSW, 2354
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NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2020

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50 Year Reunion ('70)
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40 Year Reunion ('80)
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30 Year Reunion ('90)
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20 Year Reunion ('99)
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10 Year Reunion ('10)
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5 Year Reunion ('15)
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50TH YEAR REUNION '69 COHORT

Calling all Old Girl's celebrating their 50th Reunion 2019

Pencil in Old Girls' Weekend now for 2019

For more information or contact Penny Turner
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Goodbyes

LADY SALLY PATRICIA CROFT (MANSFIELD '51)

After leaving school Sally was Private Secretary to the Chief Librarian at Brisbane University Library, until she married Owen. Then she was full time Librarian at NEGS.

When Sally's father-in-law, Sir Bernard, died in 1984 Sally and Owen moved into the homestead at 'Salisbury Court' Uralla, where she started gardening from scratch and now the garden is one of the most significant historic gardens in New South Wales.

Sally and Owen joined the Australian Garden History Society in late 1980s and were great advocates of New England, attending many conferences over the years. Despite ill health, she was very supportive of the Society. Sally was pleased to see how the Heritage Rose Garden had developed at Saumarez Homestead a week before she passed away.

Sally was a member of the New England branch of Open Gardens for many years. She would go around and inspect the gardens to see if they were up to standard to be shown to the public. Sally also had open garden at Salisbury Court to raise money for charities.

A great supporter of the Uralla District Show Sally was Head Steward of Preservers, Jams etc. Section from 1973 – 2015.

Sally did Meals on wheels in Uralla with Ann Croft for a great number of years, then with her husband, Owen. She was also a member of the CWA in Uralla for 33 years and was awarded life membership. She held many positions at the branch, also group Representative, Vice President and Agricultural and Environment Officer.

Sally was also President of the Old Girls Union from 1971 – 1974. She was librarian at NEGS. She was assistant with Mrs Newell.

They had 2 daughters who went to NEGS Patricia Rasmussen 1972-1978 and Gina Croft 1976 - 1982 and her son Thomas Croft was at TAS.

JUDITH MARY GILES (SUTTON '44)

Sadly passed away early 2018. She nearly made it to 90!

She spoke fondly of her time at the school (despite the frosty winters they endured) and the friends she made at school remained so throughout her lifetime.

MARGARET HUNT (EAST '52)

Sadly passed away 6 February 2017

MYRA 'JOAN' JAMES (PERROTTET '46) 14/2/1929-2/12/2017

Joan was raised on Tongy and Clifton stations, and boarded at NEGS during and immediately after World War II, where she remembered trench drills and knitting for the troops. The girls put notes in the socks, and were thrilled when a serviceman wrote a letter of thanks.

Joan then trained to be an obstetrics nurse at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, nursing around NSW before becoming theatre nurse to obstetrician Meg Mulvey.

Joan married in 1965, had two sons, and settled in South Turramurra in Sydney. In the early 1970s Joan became a well-loved kindergarten teaching assistant, at first under Director Elizabeth Mair, who was a good friend from NEGS.

Joan then became a disability carer to a local family, before retiring with her husband Reg, enjoying time with her two grandchildren.

For the past decade Joan has been a trustee of The Croaker Memorial Church, at Caroon, which was built to honour her maternal grandfather, who was a property manager. Joan helped arrange, and enjoyed attending, the church's Christmas services, and organised and raised funds for the ongoing maintenance of this nearly one-hundred-year-old church.

ELIZABETH MAIR ('47) 24/11/1930 — 12/4/2018

Elizabeth was raised on her parents' Prairie Vale property at Attunga, and boarded at NEGS after leaving TCEGS (now called Calrossy) at the same time as her friend Joan Perrottet.

Elizabeth and her friends looked forward to their mid-term breaks, when they walked the two miles to Armidale to treat themselves at cafés, bringing a tin of condensed milk back to school to make caramel sauce over a fire in the horse paddock.

After obtaining her Leaving Certificate, Elizabeth enrolled at Sydney Kindergarten Teachers College, where she completed an Early Childhood course. Elizabeth then worked at several early childhood centres, before moving to England with some girlfriends to travel and work, including hitchhiking around Europe and North Africa.

Elizabeth returned to Australia in 1956, and began working for the Kindergarten Union as a Director, eventually at South Turramurra Kindergarten, where she worked with her school friend Joan. Elizabeth left to study Child Development at London University.

Elizabeth loved her cats, reading, gardening, regularly travelling the world, and catching up with her friend Joan, who lived close by.



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FESTIVAL 2018



Mothers Day
AFTERNOON TEA

Father & Daughter
DINNER 2018

Annual Giving 2018



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am extremely proud to say that there is a renewed school spirit and momentum underway at NEGS.

This is a particularly exciting stage for NEGS as we transform the School for future generations and build on the superb legacy of our 123-year history.

We're taking a big step into the future of academic and co-curricular excellence thanks to several recent key partnerships and investments in capital projects that are the culmination of the NEGS five-year strategic plan.

Supported by our valued NEGS Community in 2018, we'll continue with our ambitious development plans to improve the programs, learning opportunities and facilities for which NEGS is renowned.

Whether it's investing in scholarships or supporting specialist facilities such as our new state-of-the-art hockey pitch and performing arts centre, your tax-deductible donation, no matter how large or small is an investment in our students and our future.

Mary Anne Evans | Principal

2018 Annual Giving Initiatives

NEGS FOUNDATION BUILDING TRUST

The Building Trust supports the maintenance and upgrade of our beautiful NEGS Buildings, many of which are over a century old. Your gift to the Building Trust in 2018 will support the refurbishment of our Forster Performing Arts Centre - incorporating our Music Department and new Dance studio.

NEGS FOUNDATION EDUCATION TRUST - SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships provided through the Education Trust currently provide support towards tuition and boarding expenses for many NEGS students. With unique, specialist programs such as Equestrian, Agriculture and Hockey NSW Player Pathway Program available at NEGS, your gift will ensure that our commitment to creating opportunities for access to a NEGS education will continue.

INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Indigenous Scholarship Program was established in 2012 following a generous donation to the Foundation. The program promotes accessibility to a high-quality NEGS education for young Indigenous students, giving them the opportunity to build a solid foundation supported by specialist teachers, Indigenous mentors and our inclusive NEGS Community. Your financial support will ensure the ongoing success of this program.

NEGS OLD GIRL'S UNION SCHOLARSHIP

This means-tested scholarship is awarded to a daughter or granddaughter of a NEGS Old Girl who is committed to continuing a proud NEGS tradition and contributing to the School community. Your gift to this scholarship will go directly toward scholarships for descendants of Old Girls commencing in 2019.

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