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Edition Two 2018





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*Thank you*

## 2019 Calendar of Events

### TERM ONE

Tuesday 29 January	Orientation Day for new students Boarders return
<b>Wednesday 30 January</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Thursday 31 January	Year 7 Orientation
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
Wednesday 20 March	Junior School Cross Country
Friday 22 March	IGSSA Swimming
Saturday 6 April	IPSHA Cross Country
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	Senior School Cross Country
	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM ONE</b>
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Sunday 21 April	Easter Day
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day

### TERM TWO

Monday 29 April	Boarders return
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
	Art/D&T/Textiles Excursion TBC
Tuesday 7 May	Transition Mother's Day morning tea
Wednesday 8 May	Senior School Photo Day
Tuesday 14 May	NAPLAN commences
Friday 17 May	IGSSA Cross Country
Friday 24 May	Athletics Carnival
Friday 31 May	North West Equestrian Expo
Friday 7 June	Boarders' Travel Day
Monday 10 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
	Boarders return
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM TWO</b>
Monday 1 July	New Zealand Talented Athlete Program
Sunday 14 July	Rifle Club Training Week
Saturday 20 July	Rifle Club matches

### TERM THREE

Monday 22 July	Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Friday 13 September	Old Girls' Weekend
Saturday 14 September	NEGS Spring Ball
<b>Thursday 26 September</b>	<b>LAST DAY TERM THREE</b>

### TERM FOUR

Tuesday 15 October	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Friday 6 December	<b>LAST DAY TERM FOUR</b>





## Principal's Welcome

### WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF AKAROA 2018.

We are all aware that NEGS is a school with a rich history. A history that has shaped our good name and identity. We are also a school with a continuing good story to tell in the present day. These accounts of achievement - be they collective or individual - show service, faith, innovation, resilience and commitment - all of which are featured in the pages of this edition of Akaroa.

Each story presented will instantly fill us all with a sense of pride. However, it is more than pride, it is the essence of who we are as the community of NEGS. Our shared vision and the values that we stand for. We honour our traditions in the contemporary world. As Sir William Deane said: "The past is never fully gone. It is absorbed into the present and the future. It stays to shape what we are and what we do".

This is the NEGS spirit of valuing and being valued; of having the belief that we can do anything.

Of course the next chapter in NEGS' history will be the building of our state-of-the-art Regional Sporting Complex. This Sporting Complex, which is funded through philanthropic donations to the School, will be among the best multi-sport venues in the region, providing NEGS' athletes a state-of-the-art facility for daily training and competition. This is certainly one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects at NEGS to date and it coincides with our three major player pathway programs supported by sporting bodies including NSW Rugby, Hockey NSW, Netball NSW and the UNE Lions. NEGS already holds the mantle of the best equestrian school in the country and our aim is to hold that mantle in girls' hockey, rugby and netball. We will be creating a culture of success and dedication in all facets of the School. Academics remains at

the forefront of our direction, however, this will be complemented by this excellence in sport, music, debating, drama, dance, art, technology, equestrian - whatever our students want to do. The mantra of: "Whatever you do, do it heartily" has never been more true. Our values of responsibility, excellence and integrity have never been more crucial, nor more apt than now.

We all know that the world evolves and as such we must also evolve to make the educational experience at NEGS relevant, preparing our young women for a very different world. Our focus remains on an all-round education with strong Christian values. At times, traditions adjust and as a school community we develop new traditions so we can do better and be better and to prepare our young women for the challenges they will face in the modern world. This is Florence Green's legacy.

*"Whilst we all recognise that change is not always easy, it is sometimes uncomfortable, our mission at NEGS is to make young women comfortable in the uncomfortable, to be able to deal with life's inevitable roller coaster."*

The School commends those who have embraced the new and grow from this experience; to those of us who are more challenged by this: learn from this; be open-minded; and know that all any of us can ever do is control the controllable and move on. Ultimately it will be connectedness to others and connectedness to our School that are the binds that tie us and we shall continue, and we shall prosper.

It is with a great sense of passion for NEGS and what the future holds, that I commend to you this edition of Akaroa.

MARYANNE EVANS  
NEGS Principal



The Cadzow family live  
200km north east of Alice Springs

## NEGS ONLINE DISTANCE Education

In 2019 NEGS is proud to formally launch our new NEGS Online Distance Education in Junior School.

Year 4 student Imogen Cadzow (pictured) lives 200km North East of Alice Springs.

In 2018 Imogen participated in a pilot program, live streaming into her classroom for the day, coming into the classroom for at least a week every term for NAPLAN, carnivals and to catch up with her friends and teachers (and her big sisters Bridgette and Gabrielle in boarding!) Imogen even streams into music lessons, choir and other activities with her classmates.

11 more places are available for the program in years 3-6.

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## 2019 HEAD Prefects

We are delighted to announce that the 2018/2019 Head Prefect is Daisy Meehan and our Deputy Head Prefect is Chelsea Devenish.

### DAISY MEEHAN

Daisy believes that in undertaking the role of Head Prefect it will further enhance her involvement in NEGS, as well as the local town of Armidale, in which she has grown up.

"NEGS has shaped me into a girl with great confidence, integrity and persistence to do the very best in life. NEGS has provided me with opportunities that I never thought were possible, allowing me to take pride in representing NEGS in all aspects of school life, sporting, equestrian and academically," said Daisy

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Daisy Meehan

“One of our biggest hopes for the school is to make everyone's experience here as memorable as possible and to encourage the girls to take on all the opportunities that are presented to them. Together, along with our year group, we are going to strive over the oncoming year to help all of the students in the school to reach their full potential and achieve all of their goals. 💪💪

### CHELSEA DEVENISH

Deputy Head Prefect, Chelsea grew up in Scone, NSW on a cattle property. It was there that she learnt how to ride a horse, how to manage and look after stock and also where she had the opportunity to gain some independence and look after things of her own such as horses and poddy lambs/calves. NEGS has provided Chelsea with so many once in a lifetime opportunities. "As a boarder since Year 8, NEGS has really become a home away from home for me, allowing me to board my horse and continue my love of sports, and horse and cattle showing," said Chelsea.

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Chelsea Devenish



## 2018 Head Prefects

### EMILY BARTON AND JESSIE ROSS

We thank outgoing Prefects, Emily Barton and Jessie Ross for all of their tireless work and for representing NEGS so well for the past 12 months. We wish them, and the graduating Year 12, 2018 all the very best in their futures.





## Regional Sporting Complex

**ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER NEGS STAFF AND STUDENTS HOSTED THE 'TURNING OF THE FIRST SOD' CEREMONY BY DAVID THOMPSON, CEO HOCKEY NSW. WE ALSO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE NEGS REGIONAL SPORTING COMPLEX, A NEW \$1.5 MILLION MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY THAT WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE STUDENTS BUT THE ENTIRE NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY.**

The NEGS Regional Sporting Complex, which is funded through philanthropic donations to School, will be among the best multi-sport venues in the region, providing NEGS students a state-of-the-art facility for daily training and competition.

Signalling the dawn of a new era for NEGS sport, the complex will be anchored by a synthetic hockey field built to Federation of International Hockey (FIH) Standards, a rugby field, athletics track, nine netball courts and two tennis courts resurfaced with artificial turf.

The Complex marks the most ambitious infrastructure project at NEGS to date, coinciding with three major player pathway programs supported by sporting bodies including NSW Rugby, Hockey NSW, Netball NSW and the UNE Lions.

NEGS Principal Mrs Mary Anne Evans believes it will be one of the most exciting sporting projects that the school has experienced in its history. "It is a great honour to be able to share with you today this significant moment as we turn the first sod and officially launch the NEGS Regional Sporting Complex.

This will be a truly remarkable facility and will positively impact every single student, current and future, when we deliver one of the best training and competition venues in the region. Our aim is to develop players into top-level athletes and ensure our players have the same opportunities as those living in metropolitan areas", Mrs Evans concluded.

The Armidale community will also benefit as NEGS Regional Sporting Complex will be available for external training, sporting camps and competitions.

### Key stakeholders in attendance:

NEGS Chairman, Mr John Cassidy AO

NEGS Principal, Mrs Mary Anne Evans

Mr David Thompson CEO of Hockey NSW

Mr Richard Willis, Hockey NSW Player Pathway Program Manager

Mr Greg Doolan, Hockey NSW Regional Coaching Coordinator

Ms Susan Law, CEO Armidale Regional Council

Councillor Simon Murray, Mayor Armidale Regional Council

Mr Gary Walsh, NSW Rugby Development Manager

Mr Matt Pine, UNE Lions





# Sport

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**1st** Murray

**2nd** Lyon

**3rd** Green

**4th** Dumolo



Overall House Cup points including NEGS Junior School

## MARCHING CUP WINNER

Lyon



## ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

12 years	Savanah Brown
13 years	Polly Watkins
14 years	Paige Anderson
15 years	Charlotte Chapman
16 years	Grace Cassidy
17 years	Matilda McCarroll
18 years	Sarah Wyatt



## Barwick Trophy

*for Highest Field Point Score of the Carnival*

**Paige Anderson**



## Thompson Trophy

*for Highest Point Score of the Carnival*

**Sarah Wyatt**







**JOSH COHEN**  
DIRECTOR OF NEGS SPORT

### GRACE CASSIDY

Congratulations to Grace Cassidy who continues to shine on the race track. Through resilience and dedication, Grace had some outstanding results at the 2019 NSW Country Championships winning gold and qualifying for Nationals in the U18 2000m Steeplechase.

### HAYLEY LENNON

Competing and winning a gold medal internationally is a huge achievement and, for Year 10 NEGS Armidale student, Hayley Lennon, it was a dream come true. Hayley was named Vice Captain and was also part of the management Women's group for the NSW Bushrangers whilst competing in the South East Asian Indoor Hockey Challenge (SIHC) in Malang, Indonesia. She continues to go from strength to strength with Hockey, being awarded the SIHC Female MVP - Player of the tournament by the SIHC Committee. Her team met with the Australian Consulate Officials in Indonesia and had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Indonesian National Hockey Squad. Hayley is to be congratulated on her amazing achievement.

### SARAH WYATT

Sarah Wyatt competed at the Australian National Cross Country Championships in Maleny, Sunshine Coast, in the U20 6km event. She placed 33rd overall in her individual event with what can only be described as a tough course. She then went on to compete in the Australian National Relay Championships, which consisted of a 5x 2000m event. Her 18/19yrs girls NSW team was fortunate enough to come away with a gold medal in this event.

### MAIBLE CHALMERS

Congratulations to Year 12, 2019 NEGS Talented Athlete Program student Maible Chalmers who recently competed in the Under 21 Tasmanian Hockey team winning 4-3 against Queensland.

### CHELSEA THORNTON

We are thrilled to welcome our latest Hockey NSW Player Pathway Program student to NEGS Armidale, Chelsea Thornton. Chelsea has experienced many high-level hockey successes to date in both State and National levels and is currently in the 2018 Hockey NSW AAP Squad for NSW. She has also represented Hockey NSW in U13 Field Australian Championships in Perth, U13 Indoor Australian Championships in Wollongong, U15 Field Australian Championships in Moorebank, U15 Indoor Australian Championships in Goulburn, U15 Field Australian Championships in Wollongong. Chelsea's main position played is Goal Keeper, however whilst in Perth she also played on the field as a Striker. Selected for the U15 NSW Australian Indoor Hockey Championships were held in Goulburn, NSW.

### NETBALL

Congratulations to the NEGS students who received awards and acknowledgments at the ADNA Netball Presentation.

Olivia Joyce was the Winner of the Junior Coach of the Year. Janine Widders-Lockwood and Saskia Thomas were nominated for Junior Coach of the Year. Janine, Saskia and Amity all were nominated for Netballer of the Year. Ebony Thomas won best and fairest for Division 1. Polly Watkins won best and fairest for Division 5.



Grace Cassidy



Hayley Lennon



Sarah Wyatt



Maible Chalmers



Chelsea Thornton with U15 NSW Australian Indoor Hockey Team





*I play like a*  
**NEGS**  
*girl*



## NEGS HOCKEY AMBASSADOR

NEGS is proud to announce our new Hockey Program Ambassador, Kate Hanna - Hockeyroo and member of the 2018 AHL Gold Medalists the NSW Arrows.

Kate joined us at our annual Celebration of Sport, and took time to join Hockey NSW Coaches to run a clinic with our 2019 Player Pathway Program Athletes.



## NEGS NETBALL AMBASSADOR

NEGS welcomes Susan Pettitt as the new NEGS Netball Ambassador. One of Netball Australia's most experienced squad members, Susan is a versatile shooter who is no stranger to the international stage. Having first made her debut at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, she is one of four squad members to have surpassed the 50 test milestone.

Susan's versatility proves difficult for her opponents to manage, with the ability to shoot at varying distances and positions in the circle.

The sharp-shooter experienced a multitude of positions in the inaugural Suncorp Super Netball season, proving her adaptability in goal attack, goal shooter and wing attack.

NEGS welcomes this exciting opportunity for our NEGS girls.



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## Head of Junior School

It has been an inspiring and gratifying journey in my first year as Head of NEGS Junior School. I have met, and been involved with, a wonderful group of inspiring girls and boys who have exhibited a dedication to learning and have displayed a rich joy of living, and it is also a pleasure to have such a dedicated, inspiring group of experienced educators in the Junior School.

It has also been a pleasure to have had association with the Junior School parents. Our Junior School encourages open communication between parents and teachers, as establishing a strong and cooperative link between home and school is important and contributes to each student's outlook and motivation.

We have thrived and grown in number as NEGS becomes the choice of many for the education of their child. We offer outstanding facilities and specialist dedicated educators, and our bespoke programs plus a shared philosophy based on viewpoint and attitude offer the best academic and intellectual opportunities available.

This year we introduced many new initiatives such as Livestock Team, Dance and attendance at the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival in Sydney.

One of the highlights of the year was our performance at the 2018 IPSHA Performing Arts Festival at the Sydney Town Hall and the performance by our Marimba Ensemble, the NEGS Junior School Wacky Instruments, culminating in our joining in the combined Junior Schools' choir had everyone enthralled.

Our new Technology Centre and Support Learning area in the upper area of Horbury Hunt building will be completed by the beginning of 2019 and we look forward to the possibilities it will provide. This will house our new STEM / ICT room with new codable Drones, Robots and Sphero balls.

**OUR TRANSITION CLASS WILL BE RELOCATING TO A NEW LARGE AREA NOT FAR FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND WILL HAVE BOTH AN EXCELLENT FREE-PLAY INDOOR AREA PLUS A COVERED PURPOSE BUILT OUTDOOR AREA, AND THE VACATED TRANSITION ROOMS WILL BE USED AS ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS FOR OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL.**

Our unique On-Line Distance Learning has been fully approved and endorsed by NESA and we look forward to introducing this to our rural isolated families.

Our students are interested and eager to try new initiatives. Some of the children have enjoyed taking part in nurturing the vegetable garden and we look forward to a rich harvest. Other children have enjoyed helping in Transition and visiting the Agriculture plot and animals. It is a caring environment where each child is respectful of the others.

We will be farewelling our Year 6 students at our Speech Day and we wish them all the best for their journey to senior school.

We look forward to 2019 with enthusiasm for creating an innovative learning environment for our students and the teachers.

**ANDREW TRAVERS**  
Head of Junior School





## YEAR SIX, 2018

Primary School days are done and dusted for our amazing Year 6 2018 girls who are graduating from NEGS Junior School. Congratulations to the wonderful group of caring, young women who have had a fantastic year in the Junior School and will commence their high school journey at the start of 2019 here at NEGS in the Senior School.

Year 6 2018

Back: Esabela Woods, Sophia Croft, Josie Harris, Arabella Dagg, Holly Jacobson | Front: Katherine Edwards, Rebecca Reid, Annabelle Chua, Chelsea Bilsborough



### RIDING LESSONS

Where else can students have riding lessons whilst at school?

With our amazing Equestrian facilities and qualified coaches, students have the opportunity to have riding lessons throughout lunch times.

### YEAR 6 CARWASH FUNDRAISER

There were many shiny and clean cars getting around Armidale thanks to the Year 6 Carwash Fundraiser. The girls had a ball and ended up very wet but happy as it was a successful morning for them all. Thank you to everyone who came along and had their cars cleaned and were able to enjoy a cup of coffee and piece of cake from NEGSpresso Cafe.

Thank you to Years 10 and 11 who also helped out making coffees on the day.



### JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to NEGS 2019 Junior School Head Prefect Scarlet Martin and Prefect Felicity Chapman, who were presented with their badges at the NEGS Junior School Celebration of Learning.





# Pirate Day

"BOOK WEEK 2018"





# Congratulations

Year 12, 2018



## 2018 HSC Analysis

**GIRLS FROM NEGS HAVE ONCE AGAIN ACHIEVED SOME EXCELLENT RESULTS THIS YEAR WITH SOME OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES BY A NUMBER OF GIRLS.**

Jaimie McElroy, from Gunnedah, achieved outstanding results across all of her subjects including Band 6s in four of her subjects. The highlight was 95/100 for Agriculture which includes Jaimie in the Top Achievers list for this subject and Top 10 in the state. She also achieved 92/100 for Biology, 92/100 for Mathematics and 90/100 for Advanced English. Jaimie achieved an E3 for Mathematics Extension 1 (44/50) and a Band 5 for Chemistry 88/100.

Sarah Wyatt, from Warren, also achieved outstanding results including four Band 6/E4s. She achieved 92/100 in Mathematics, 91/100 in Advanced English and 91/100 in Economics and also 46/50 in English Extension 1. Sarah also achieved Band 5/E3s in her other subjects including 84/100 in Chemistry, 42/50 in English Extension 2 and 39/50 in Mathematics Extension 1.

Gemma Mihill, from Moree, also achieved three Band 6s with 94/100 for Visual Arts, 91/100 for Modern History and 90/100 for Community and Family Studies. She also achieved Band 5/E3s in all of her other subjects including 89/100 for Ancient History, 88/100 for Advanced English, 44/50 in English Extension 1 and 41/50 in History Extension.

Anna Campbell from Armidale was another student whose results were all in the top two Bands of her courses. Anna achieved a Band 6 in Visual Arts attaining 94/100 and a Band E4 in English Extension 1 with a result of 45/50. She also achieved 89/100 for Modern History, 87/100 for Ancient History, 85/100 for Advanced English and 39/50 for History Extension.

Jenna Goodfellow, from Port Macquarie, also achieved a Band 6 of 90/100 in Design and Technology.

41 students sat for the HSC this year with 14 Band 6/E4s awarded to our students and 47 Band 5/E3s. Of all the examinations sat, 28% were a Band 6 or Band 5, and 65% of examinations were Band 4 or above. 24% of students had results with a majority of Band 5s or above, and 70% of students gained a majority of Band 4s or above. In all 51% of students achieved a Band 5 or above in one or more subjects.

23 subjects were sat at NEGS in 2018 with Band 6/E4s achieved in 10 of them - Agriculture, Biology, Community and Family Studies, Design and Technology, Economics, English (Advanced), English (Extension 1), Mathematics, Modern History and Visual Arts. Band 5/E3s or above were achieved in 20 of the 23 subjects sat.

In Design and Technology the only result was a Band 6. In English Extension 1, English Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1 and Visual Arts all students achieved Band 5/E3 or above. Chemistry and History Extension had 75% of students achieve a Band 5/E3. Advanced English and Modern History had all students achieve a Band 4 or above. In Agriculture, Ancient History, Legal Studies and Textiles and Design over 75% of students achieved Band 4 and above. In Community and Family Studies, Economics, Standard English, Geography, Mathematics General and Senior Science over 50% of students achieved a result of Band 4 or higher.

30% of courses were more than 5% above the state average and all four English courses achieved above the state average.

These results recognise the dedication and hard work put in by the girls and to the staff who supported the girls during their HSC. Whilst it is easy to recognise and celebrate the high achievers we must also congratulate all those girls who improved their performances to lift above what may have been expected of them, reach their potential and ignite their passion and purpose for the future.

It is believed that the majority of girls (over 80%) will be eligible for a course of their choice to enter university on these figures.



MARY ANNE EVANS  
Principal



NEGS Student Gemma Stuart  
Photo: Shannon Gilson

#### WORLD STAGE POLOCROSSE IN SOUTH AFRICA

We are very proud of Gemma Stuart who represented Australia on the world stage in South Africa. She was also selected as the Best Lady Player - this is an amazing achievement. The polocrosse program is also happy to announce the arrival of new coach, Ella Elks, who has been a wonderful addition to the team.



#### MALAYSIA NATIONAL HORSE DAY

It has been a busy few terms with NEGS Equestrian going International for the very first time. It was exciting to take a team to Malaysia to compete at their National Horse Show. The girls performed extremely well winning many classes on borrowed horses they were given a day before. To extend the International exchange program, NGA TAWA, an equestrian school from NZ, were invited to compete at NEGS. We had a very successful event with NEGS students winning the event and they reciprocated by inviting us to New Zealand. This gave a younger team international exposure and we also won on their turf, making it a wonderful experience for the girls.



#### POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PERTH

A huge "congratulations" to NEGS Armidale students Gemma Stuart and Abby Finlayson who competed at the National Polocrosse Championships in Perth. The girls team won the Junior Girls competition and Gemma also won Best Number 3 Player, Best ASH, Best Junior Girl Horse and Rider Combination and Best Overall Junior.





## CAMPDRAFT SQUAD

Campdraft squad is growing slowly and steadily and we have Codie Law to thank for this. He has invested a lot of time in the girls and is always looking at ways to grow the program, run clinics and challenges at the school.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2019 with the NSW Nationals, the Annual USA trip and the Dressage Day at NEGS!

## INTERSCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEGS Armidale was well represented at the 2018 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships. A special mention and huge "Congratulations" to Year 6 student Holly Jacobson who was awarded Reserve Champion for the Primary 60cm combined training and 2nd Primary Combined Training Team NSW. Katie Hancock riding 'Any Thyme' competed in the dressage, placing 4th with a great dressage score of 68.5 and 5th in the secondary combined training 95cm. Molly Michell-Smith placed 9th in secondary combined training 60cm. Anna Jarvis placed 21st 80cm Secondary ODE and Amy Fisher placed 15th 105cm secondary combined training. Well done to all of the NEGS girls who have represented NSW and NT at the Nationals.



Holly Jacobson, Molly Michell-Smith, Anna Jarvis, Katie Hancock



## ONE DAY EVENT @ NEGS

NEGS held a very successful One Day Event with over 160 competitors attending. We were very fortunate to have many local Armidale companies and NEGS families support the event. In an effort to incorporate the other facets of the school we had the School band play while the Guest of Honour and Founder of NEGS Equestrian, Zita Denholm, was taken around in a horse driven carriage. We were blessed with amazing weather and the course looked spectacular with many new additions making it very challenging.



Arabella Blanchard

## JUNIOR SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN NEWS

NEGS Junior School students excel with riding at NEGS. A couple of up and coming riders to keep an eye on are Arabella Blanchard and Delilah Layton. Last year Arabella competed with her pony, 'B2' for her very first time for NEGS at the Tamworth ISHE coming away with a 3rd in Dressage, Prep A, Level 1 (9 and under) and a 4th in the (9 and under) Working Hunter Handler Class. She also competed at the Uralla Pony Club Interclub winning Champion for highest point scores in the 9 and under 11 girls age group and Delilah receiving Reserve Champion. Well done to both girls on achieving such fantastic results. Delilah continues to shine competing with her horse 'Merlin' receiving a swag of ribbons throughout last year and in January. Delilah has set herself many personal goals including cantering bareback, improving her sporting times and finally conquering a fear of jumping. Like many students, Delilah has really benefited from NEGS Show riding squad.



Delilah Layton



# Ella Elks

POLOCROSSE COACH



We are extremely excited to announce that Ella Elks will be joining our team as Polocrosse Coach beginning in Term 3. Ella is a passionate polocrosse player who was born and bred in Warwick, Qld. For the past four years, Ella has made Armidale her home with husband Duncan and young daughter Kirby.

Ella's father, Allan Waugh has represented Australia and her sister Ryle is in the current Australian Team. The Waugh family often hold coaching clinics for the polocrosse community. Ella has represented Queensland on numerous occasions at a national level and is keen to develop the skills of all young players. Women in sport is Ella's priority and she is a dedicated advocate for lady players. We welcome Ella with much excitement to our EC Team.



## Polocrosse Clinic

**WITH ELLA ELKS,  
ALLAN & RYLE  
WAUGH**

NEGS Equestrian | 16th March 2019

**To register:**

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**PLACES ARE LIMITED**





JUNIOR SCHOOL  
*Ribbon*  
DAY





## UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA 2018



### UPPER HUNTER SCONE BEEF BONANZA

The much anticipated Upper Hunter Scone Beef Bonanza was on again with 14 NEGS Livestock students, including 3 Junior School students all being incredible ambassadors for the School.

Competing against 890 students from schools across the state and 460 head of cattle, NEGS had some incredible achievements in a number of fields. Year 9 student, Emma Steele, won 1st place in both the 15 Years Junior Judging and was overall Reserve Champion. She had the highest overall pre-oral presentation point score out of 890 students!! An unbelievable and well deserved result! Congratulations Emma!

NEGS were in the top lineup from our 7 steer exhibits which was a great overall result considering the number of cattle in each class and won 5 ribbons and also achieved some great results in the Paraders.

Well done to Tiffany Thomas and Eliza Watts who both placed 2nd in their paraders classes. Jaimie McLoughlin, Emma Steele, Bridgette Cadzow, Tayla Coggan - all placed 3rd in their paraders classes and it was Tayla's first show! Abbey McLoughlin placed 4th in the Paraders and Ella Crowley competed in her first show placing 5th place in Paraders.

Continued "thanks" to the Cassidy family, "Merilba" for running our school commercial Charolais herd enabling us to breed our own quality exhibition steers for our keen students to work with and exhibit!

Also to Mr and Mrs Cole 'Lachlan Dale Limousins' - Forbes for their continued support with quality cattle. A very big "Thanks" to camp Mums and Dad, Mrs Amy Layton, Mrs Stacey McKenna and Mrs Prudie and Mr Jonathon Woods, for all their assistance at Scone this year! It could not have been done without their hard work! To our enthusiastic Livestock Leader, Mr Mark Fisher, a special "Thank You".



Emma Steele





### BRISBANE ROYAL SHOW

The NEGS Armidale Livestock Team had a great time at the EKKA with some outstanding results once again this year.

Katrina Campbell and Emma Steele both made the Junior Judging finals yesterday with Katrina achieving a third place in the senior competition and Emma a highly commended in 14/15 age group.

Our team judging students Laura Finlay, Chelsea Devenish and Katrina Campbell also achieved a highly commended. Another great effort!

### NORTHERN SCHOOL PRIME LAMB COMPETITION

Year 10 Ag students attended the Northern School's Prime Lamb Competition in Tamworth with 10 of our school bred Dohne and Dohne Cross White Suffolk Cross Poll Dorset lambs as part of their sheep production unit of work. Our lambs this year have been exceptional! We entered 3 pens of 3 heavyweight lambs and entered a led lamb also. This lamb was presented by Tiffany Thomas. NEGS won 2nd and 3rd prize with two of our pens and a highly commended for our led lamb. Students also attended two presentations - one on show sheep presentation and the other from 'Jemalong' wool. It was a great day!



### LITTLE PIGLETS & CHICKENS

Year 8 Ag girls had a very hands on lesson in pig and chicken wrangling. We offer food scraps from the dining hall daily to the animals and the scraps that are not consumed that day will be collected up and composted. Our school compost system also includes the Equestrian Centre waste and garden green waste. Chickens will be grown to point of lay pullets and sold into our community. A portion of pullets will be kept and grown into laying hens to supply our dining hall with eggs. Compost will be used on site as a soil improver at our school farm, Equestrian Centre and gardens.





## NEW ENGLAND SINGS

NEGS students participated in the biannual New England Sings! which is an acclaimed, national award-winning choral showcase that brings together over 800 K-Year 12 choristers and an 80+ orchestra from 25 New England regional schools to present two sensational concerts. The students worked with renowned Australian composers Dan Walker and Felix Riebl learning their original songs. It was so fantastic to see so many NEGS students participating in this spectacular event.

## MUSICA VIVA

This year the Music Department took a number of Senior school music students to Musica Viva concert excursions. Students got to experience three very different yet wonderful concerts. The first was Karin Schaupp and Umberto Clerici playing guitar and cello, the second was particularly special as it was the Sydney Chamber Choir conducted by the late Richard Gill, and finally students went to see The Goldnars, Australia's premier String Quartet. We are so lucky to be able to experience these world standard music performances in Armadale.

## Music@ NEGS

Music at NEGS continues to grow with many more students from both Junior and Senior School taking up instruments to play and joining one of our musical ensembles. The music block continues to improve with a fabulous new dance studio that has been created under the leadership of the very talented Lisa Travers who runs brilliant dance classes. Rooms in the music block have been enlarged creating wonderful learning spaces for students to play music in. Currently we are renovating a room for Senior students which will be fabulous when it is finished. Plans are underway to create more learning areas upstairs for students to use which will be excellent.

## EISTEDDFOD

This year NEGS students from Junior and Senior school participated at the Armadale Eisteddfod. All the performances were wonderful and it was so great to see how much effort the students put in. Of note the NEGS Year 7/8 Choir took 1st place for their wonderful singing and K-2 placed first with their great marimba playing. NEGS Junior Vocal Ensemble, Saumarez Strings, Year 4 and Year 5-6 all placed 2nd in their divisions with fine performances. NEGS Junior School Choir and Year 3 placed 3rd with their lovely performances. This was a great effort from all the students.

## NIGHT OF MUSIC

We held our annual "Night Of Music" at the end of Term 2. The night began with an amazing performance by the Equestrian students, a truly wonderful sight to see. The night showcased our very talented NEGS musicians who were outstanding, the beautiful choirs, our fantastic bands, the class groups, and the fabulous musical ensembles throughout the school. The students absolutely loved our big glitter finale.

## IPSHA

This year students from Years 3-6 went down to Sydney to perform at Sydney IPSHA Performing Arts Festival held at the Sydney Town Hall. What an amazing concert to be part of and what a fabulous individual item the students from NEGS performed. Using a combination of Wacky Instruments and marimbas students took to the stage and performed beautifully. All the teachers were so proud of the students and it was wonderful to see how many parents came to Sydney to support their children.

## TWILIGHT CONCERTS

This year we've had three Twilight Concerts which have provided opportunities for the students to perform in front of the lovely supportive community of NEGS. The audiences have been treated to wonderful nights of entertainment from the students enjoying stunning individual performances, duets, ensemble playing and the NEGS band. In our final Twilight Concert the audience were also entertained by the fabulous dancers in our school. It is so pleasing to see the wide range of talented musicians we have at NEGS.

## SENIOR SCHOOL MUSICAL

Senior School students performed, 'How The West Was Warped' under the direction of drama teacher, Miss Turner. The Music Department provided musical support with Mrs Spillane and Mr Oxley directing the music numbers and Mr Finco conducting the band with Miss Sarah Ronald painting numerous props. It was such a privilege to work with all the girls in the Senior School Musical, they were truly fabulous. The leads in the play were outstanding with their commitment and helping out. The spirit of teamwork amongst the girls was what made this musical so great. The girls sang, danced and acted, they owned the stage and they were the characters from the Wild West. They gave it their all and if you were one of the lucky people who were able to get to the show you know how much they enjoyed themselves.

Next year it will be Junior School's time to shine on the stage, they are already excited about which play they're going to put on.

## FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

As always we finish our year in music with the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This evening is a wonderful tradition where the whole NEGS community comes together.

**MRS SALLY SPILLANE**  
Music Teacher





# Round Square

PROGRAMME

## Round Square @ NEGS

Round Square is an internationally diverse network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents that connect and collaborate to offer world-class programmes and experiences, developing global competence, character and confidence in our students. We are like-minded in our shared understanding of the hardwired link between character education and academic success. We also believe that in order to equip our students for positive, active and engaged global citizenship we must offer them more than academic knowledge and qualifications.

This semester has seen the students at NEGS immerse themselves in the IDEALS that underpin Round Square and its philosophy.

Our International exchange program allowed students to travel and immerse themselves in the culture in a number of countries - Gabrielle Cadzow and Georgia Hiscox in South Africa (Woodridge College), Alexandra Rose in the UK (Windermere School) and Josie Orr in South Africa (St Cyprian's School). Their experiences develop their confidence and their independence which we love about NEGS girls.

We were delighted to host Amy Lindstrom (Woodridge College, South Africa) into Year 10 for Term 3 and Sarah Andrikis from MLC School in Sydney joined Year 8 for two weeks in Term 3. Both girls seamlessly fitted into the NEGS way of life and established wonderful friendships whilst they were here.

The RSIC 2018 conference was hosted by Appleby College, Toronto, Canada. A pre-conference trip to San Francisco provided a wonderful experience for the girls where they took part in service for others, as well as experiencing many tourist highlights such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Muir Woods, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown and Alcatraz. The homeless community in San Francisco is made up of 20,000 people, ranging from young families through to the elderly. Two of the days in San Francisco were spent volunteering at St Anthony's and Glide Homeless Centres. At the centres we either prepared meals, assisted with clothing for the homeless, reading and socialising

with elderly and had the privilege of sharing a meal with residents of the centres. Josie Bartel, Sophie Sutherland, Tobiana Glasson and Sophie Boughton were admirable ambassadors for NEGS and I was proud to experience a wonderful two weeks with them. The RSIC 2018 at Appleby College enabled the girls the opportunity to meet many new friends from the countries represented. Physical and emotional challenges were provided for them at Muskoka Woods campsite and stories of resilience and leadership unfolded throughout by Guest Speakers - Wade Davis, Candy Palmater and Adrienne Clarkson.

The IDEALS of Round Square include Service which at NEGS continues in many areas of the school - from the Junior School through to Senior School. Students have participated in the Red Shield Door Knock Appeal, Meals on Wheels program, reading to the elderly, donations of food for the homeless and Year 12 hosted the Lyp Sync competition to raise awareness and funds for research into childhood cancer. These are just some of the wonderful ways in which NEGS students give back to the community.

THERE ARE MANY

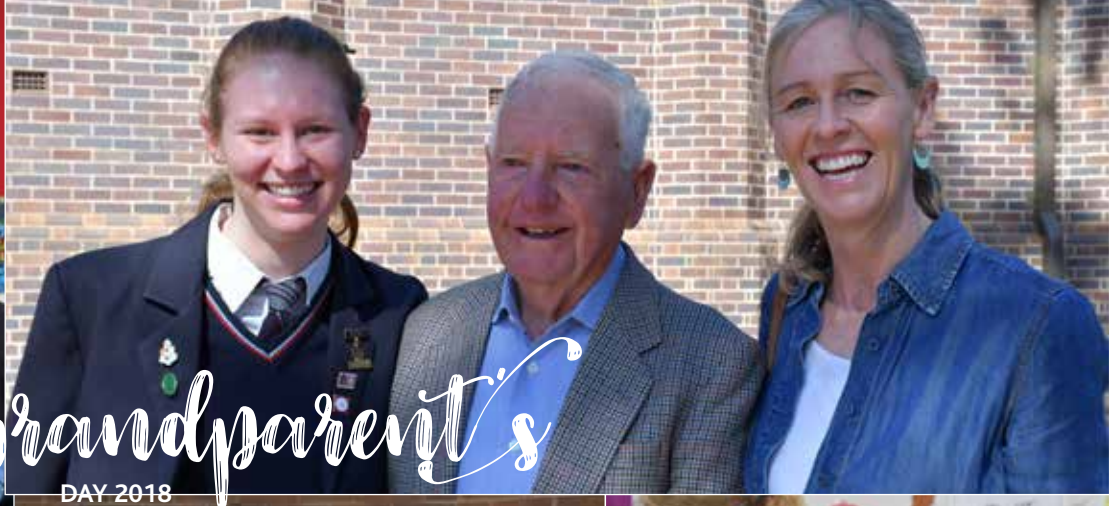
*exciting opportunities* in 2019

for the girls which have been published in the end of year newsletters. If you would like more information about how to become involved in these opportunities please feel free to contact me:

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Mrs Stephanie Thomas  
Round Square REP









NEGS P&F

## FROM THE *President*

2018 has been a productive year for the NEGS P&F. Earlier in the year we donated just over \$40k as part of the NEGS 'Wish List'. These funds went towards many different departments and aspects of the school. The school 'Wish List' is one of our most important tasks as a P&F body with the funds going directly back into the school and into areas and facilities for which the school is unable to budget. This annual contribution helps to ensure the ongoing improvement as well as developing a sense of community of parents and friends within our wonderful school.

We had the pleasure of donating funds for the following:

- Junior School STEM program which includes state of the art bots, drones and coding equipment,
- Wellbeing Kits and resources to assist teachers with managing our children's emotional development and building of resilience,
- High-end sporting and training equipment that will benefit many different sports and sporting teams,
- A new speaker system in the Equestrian arena,
- Various tech devices to support the Maths, Science, Visual Arts and Textile departments.

The P&F worked alongside the NEGS Executive Committee and the Old Girls' Union to arrange the wonderful collaborative fundraiser that was the NEGS Winter Ball. This event brought the entire school together and was a fantastic success from both a fundraising and social perspective.

We are looking forward to 2019 as we have some great fundraising ideas and events organized to bring our school community together as a whole.

Mrs Kate Blanchard  
NEGS P&F President



## Special Events

FOR 2019

13th September

Grandparents' Weekend

14th September

Old Girls' Weekend  
NEGS Spring Ball





Meet

ERICA HALLIDAY

*Meet Erica Halliday, NEGS Mum, Board Member and proud Old Girl.*

#### ERICA HALLIDAY (STEEL '89)

##### CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF FROM A CAREER PERSPECTIVE?

I worked and studied in Agriculture including in the US until my husband and I started our own beef business leasing gorge country and running cattle. We now own and run a beef seed stock business and I run the genetics and marketing component of that business. I have also been involved with business coaching and facilitation.

##### WHERE DOES YOUR PASSION FOR NEGS STEM FROM?

Oh yes, I am a NEGS tragic. It started after school when I was in a university college rowing competition. Usually the girls' races are run first but one particular year they ran the men's races first and after that they all got up and walked away, even the men from the co-ed colleges. The women's events were not considered important at all for them even, out of respect.

Although incensed by this it made me realise how wonderful NEGS had been for me. I didn't know chauvinism existed until then, but now I am so glad that at NEGS I was taught to be proud and strong, and I felt that I mattered and that I could do anything. That's what I wanted for my daughter, to be championed by her mates and supported by the wonderful staff and that is why I love NEGS today because our girls matter.

##### AS A COLLECTIVE, WHAT DOES THE BOARD HOPE TO ACHIEVE FOR NEGS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

To continue to provide an inspirational and safe place for girls to grow into confident and strong young women who are independent and follow their dreams whatever they may be. One of the best things about NEGS is that it champions girls no matter what path they take - and that it teaches them that you don't have to be a champion hockey player to play hockey, you can still play.

##### WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE YOUR STRENGTHS AS A NEGS BOARD MEMBER?

Compassion for the girls who try so hard, respect for the teachers and staff who work so hard to help them and respect also for the parents who want to give their daughters a better start. By understanding the needs of all these groups I hope it makes me a better Board Member.

##### WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT OR MOMENT THAT HAS STOOD OUT FOR YOU IN THE YEARS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH NEGS?

The "All Praise" from the school to the leaving Year 12 - it gets me every time. It represents the strength and power of the girls and the bond they share.

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## OGU PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Old Girls' Weekend, welcomed the 60,50,40,30,20,10 and 5 year reunion groups. It really is a testament to this amazing school to see so many past students return to renew old friendships and support the school.

This year we decided to try something a little different from our previous 'Framed Exhibition' and hold a Jazz afternoon. I would like to thank the whole committee for all their hard work in putting it all together, it was a great success. A special thank you to Jo Campbell, Poppy Abbott, Libby Parry, Sara Schmude, Shara Menzies, Cath Farrar, Gabrielle Norbury, Natalie Scanlon, Connie Twyford and Deb O'Brien for all their efforts with preparing and running the Jazz event. Also Sara Schmude for organising such a fun night with all the different year groups from NEGS and TAS Friday night at the Newie.

I would also like express my appreciation to the NEGS staff for co-ordinating the functions and activities that make our Old Girls' Weekend and AGM a successful and enjoyable experience. Thank you to Tanya Graham and Kelly Smitham who provide an amazing support to our Committee and all the Old Girls not only for this weekend but the entire year.

As a Union one of our main objectives is to unite members and keep them in touch. This year OGU functions and informal get-togethers have taken place in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. The success of our functions relies on the school being able to communicate with the Old Girls via mail, Akaroa, email and for those of you who are on Facebook. We can only do this if your details are up to date on the database. I encourage you all to follow the school via the website and Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming events.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Chairman of the board Mr John Cassidy for his continued financial support of the school and the guidance he provides in achieving the best possible outcomes for NEGS.

Also thank you to Mrs Mary Ann Evans for the dedication she shows to the school and the students. The growth in enrolments across the School speaks for itself. Also in the Junior School with Mr Andrew Travers. Together they have worked with Hockey NSW and NSW Rugby to develop a partnership with each.

As this is my first year in the President's role I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially Jo Campbell who goes above and beyond to help me. I am really enjoying the experience and getting to meet so many ladies who just like myself are extremely passionate about our school.

GEORGIE LYNN

Armidale Old Girls' Union President

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*NEGS Old Girl, Rosemary Jennings and her Father taken in the 1970's at the NEGS Sports Carnival.*

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# OG Events and Reunions

## NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2019

### 60 Year Reunion ('59)

Penny Cooper (Parkinson)  
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### 50 Year Reunion ('69)

Penny Turner  
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Sue Webb (Bailey)  
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### 40 Year Reunion ('79)

Jane Chamberlain (Sedgwick)  
29 Napier Street  
Tamworth, NSW, 2340  
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E: jane.chamberlain2@tafensw.edu.au

### 30 Year Reunion ('89)

Kate McCamley (Corbet)  
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### 20 Year Reunion ('99)

TBC

### 10 Year Reunion (2009)

Kate Miles  
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### 5 Year Reunion (2014)

Emily Rogers  
'Aberbaldie'  
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## NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2020

### 60 Year Reunion ('60)

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E: virginia.lydiard@bigpond.com  
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### 50 Year Reunion ('70)

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E: libby.jack@education.tas.gov.au  
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### 40 Year Reunion ('80)

Joanne Campbell (Studdy)  
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### 30 Year Reunion ('90)

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### 20 Year Reunion (2000)

Emma Davidson (McAlister)  
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### 10 Year Reunion (2010)

Clare Stibbard  
E: sstibbard@hotmail.com

### 5 Year Reunion (2015)

Nicola Orr TBC  
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13th - 15th  
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## ACT & REGION *Old Girls*

ACT and Region NEGS Old Girls met at Coffee N Beans Restaurant at the top of Red Hill on Saturday 4th August 2018. We were honoured to have Kelly Smitham, NEGS Director of Enrolment and Marketing and Stephanie Thomas, NEGS Director of Boarding at our lunch.

It was once again a wonderful opportunity for Old Girls to catch up and we all loved chatting to Kelly and Stephanie and hearing about and seeing what is happening and what has changed at NEGS.

Our database is currently being updated as we try to stay in contact with all the Old Girls in the ACT Region and we hope to see many more of you at our lunch next year.

**LINDY ARMSTRONG (MASTERS '77)**  
ACT and Region Convenor

## SYDNEY OLD GIRLS' UNION AGM 2018

Sydney OGU had another successful year with two fundraisers and our annual AGM and lunch. Caroline Grundy, our past President, again very generously opened her home in May for our annual Bridge Day. It has become more and more successful over the years, with people clamouring to come back and we raised just under \$3,500.

We also held our annual Art Show Cocktail Party at Mosman Art Gallery in October. It wasn't as big as last year but we still made over \$1,100. So, we've been able to increase our annual scholarship by \$2,000 a year. A big thank you to everyone for all their help over the year and here's to next year!

**MARY O'TOOLE (TOMPSON '64)**



Front view of Akaroa building, established 1895



# Reunion Reports



## 60 YEAR Reunion

The 60 year reunion was a meeting of warmth and respect with 16 of our cohort attending. The dinner felt like a grand dinner party of like-minded people, not so much reminiscing but discussing current concerns, travels of our lives. The school seemed to have shrunk, but of course this is silly as really there is just rearrangement, demolition and additions. What had I expected!

The golf course and the dairy are now the realm of horses. We sat under a magnolia tree near the old colonnade where the library used to be for Saturday brunch. It seemed to me that the 60 year cohort was the dominant group under the magnolia tree so we had a splendid range of sandwiches. There was no evidence whatsoever of anyone remotely resembling Youngie, Bairdie or Smuts (Miss Colebrook). The staff were sweet, respectful, slim and young. The sandwiches were made by smart kitchen subcontractors. It was great to meet up with our friends of old here even if we did say bluntly things like, "where are your curls", or "wasn't your hair red"? or "I do recognise your nose".

Liz Kitto and I sat gossiping while the more agile and physically competent went on a school tour thus they were able to get a good stickybeak at the rearranged things, i.e. buildings.

At the jazz and fundraiser Brom and her husband appeared from a Sydney flight to everyone's pleasure.

**MARGARET MOFFATT SMITH HAD ORGANISED OUR EVENING DINNER AND WHAT A SPLENDID EVENT. WE MET IN THE BAR WHICH HAD A LARGE COMFORTABLE SITTING ROOM ARRANGEMENT. LEO CARTER'S DAUGHTER, JO STUDDY, (CAMPBELL), WHO HAD HELPED US WITH NAMES AND ENCOURAGEMENT JOINED US TO SAY HELLO.**

Virginia Nicholls (Winley) had brought her school photos and I had the plastic book of everyone's letters from this reunion. At seven we met in the dining room and the table had been set up as one long arrangement and although we had been quite clear about not booking out the whole restaurant, we in fact had the room to ourselves. The warmth and respect was palpable. Warwick, Yvonne's husband took on the role of wine steward and it was all very civilised. I noticed that we all called each other by our school names despite Liz Kitto's splendid name tags. We had become doctors, nurses, classical scholars, teachers, conservators farmers, advocates, cleaners, refugee supporters, bed and breakfast operators, social workers, artists, homemakers, mothers, grandmothers, wives, the still wed, the divorced, the widowed and the single. Some of us were able to report on friends who had not been able to join us this time. We remembered and passed on good wishes.

After dinner we moved back into the sitting room and people who wanted coffee and to keep chatting were able to do this.

*I hate to report this but I think it was about 10:30 when we started to leave. Margaret remarked wisely about the suitability of times, that our age group probably likes lunchtime now. I can't tell you what people wore other than smiles. I can't tell you what people do in their retirement other than came together this weekend with goodwill.*

The next morning a couple who had good knees went to chapel and some of the rest of us went to school dining room for brunch. The tables are now round and seat eight girls. The girls sang Benedictus grace about three octaves lower than in our time. A group of fifty year olds in the room then sang their version with the soprano harmonics more familiar to us. They were amazing. It was a help - yourself brunch. There is no high table and there appeared to be no formal end of meal. I was kindly escorted to a toilet block behind where the library had been and I must tell you that I think these two girls who escorted me would make perfect brides for my two grandsons. There is no such punishment as meals in silence. Both girls were horrified.

So there you go. And we did too after this, all home after such a happy gathering.

LOVE FROM JOCI, KINDLY EDITED BY LIZ KITTO.



# 50 Year Reunion

The class of 1968 had their 50th Reunion over the Old Girls' Weekend.

We began with a "girls only" dinner at the Powerhouse restaurant and had 32 attend. A night full of chat, laughs and memories. To get people to the tables was like herding cats, as one person described it!! Great fun and the Powerhouse staff were very patient.

On the Saturday night we met in the W. H. Lee Room at NEGS for drinks and a superb dinner with 6 brave partners attending as well! The chef, Nick & staff of P2T Catering were fantastic, and put together a wonderful menu.

The dinner ran smoothly thanks to Year 12 girls who helped serve (and took tours of the school during the weekend).

Our special thanks also to Kelly and Kristen from the admin staff who helped set up the room, and made Miche & my job organising so much easier.

It was very nostalgic walking around NEGS and also admiring the fabulous facilities the girls have now. It was agreed we all feel the same, were recognisable, and remembered many good times from our days at NEGS. Looking forward to the next Reunion.

DIANA GORDON (PALMER '66)







## 40 Year Reunion

What a great weekend was had by 15 NEGS 'girls' returning to Armidale for their 40 year reunion. We met for lunch at the Wicklow pub, followed by the Jazz afternoon at the NEGS MPC building, then drinks at the White Bull with some of the TAS boys from our cohort. The highlight was a dinner at Petersons winery that night with much reminiscing, chatter and catching up. Sunday morning was filled with a breakfast out, or a lovely chapel service at NEGS, before sad farewells.... And some shopping at Turners!

I'd like to encourage anyone who is considering attending their reunions to do it!

**JULIA ANDERSON (ROBERTSON '78)**



*Jodie Smith, Holly Attwood and Josie McIlveen*



*Abby Croft and Mebbly McClelland*



## 10 Year Reunion

It was great to travel back to NEGS on 15th September 2018 - almost exactly 10 years since we had left the place many of us had called home for so long. The 10 year reunion was an opportunity for a number of us who now live in many different places, to get together, reminisce and catch-up on what is happening in everyone's busy lives. On Saturday we walked around the grounds, toured the archives and attended the (very well organised!) Jazz & Canapes event in the MPC.

Saturday night took us back to the seemingly never-changing Wicklow Hotel where we enjoyed dinner (perhaps more civilised than 10 years ago!). Whilst there were a few people missing, it was great to catch up with those that could make it and see that everyone is happy and well. Hope to see you all in another 5 years!

**ANNA HUDSON ('08)**



*Valedictory Dinner 1998*



*Waiting for dinner*





*Kate Keene , Catherine Sherwin, Corenne Earl (Robinson), Joanne Wood, Lucy Coulson (Fairfax), Felicity Gill, Lucie Street (Leake), Kate Guest, Harriet McCardle, Georgie Scott, Shelley Johnstone (Bullard), Holly Attwood, Emily Peden (Strang), Felicity Davis (Abbott), Joanna Basnett (Mackenzie), Tennille Mares, Lucy Mackenzie.*

*Also present: Kate Lisle (Walsh), Abby Croft, Gabby Marsh, Jodie Smith, Mebby McClelland (Walker), Josie McIlveen (McCormack).*

## 20 Year Reunion

The class of '98 gathered for the Old Girls' Weekend in September to enjoy a bit of the New England at its spring time best. Georgie Scott and Joanna Basnett (Mackenzie) both of Sydney convened a fabulous long lunch at Saumarez Homestead catered by the wonderful volunteers of the New England Regional Art Museum. While those who could not make it were missed they were all remembered and after an afternoon of reminiscing it felt very much like they were there with us too. We spent the day filling each other in on the details of each others' lives- children (the most recent held up her Mum, a special welcome to Shannon McIntyre's -nee Ashley- newest bundle Eliza), parents, partners, unions, renovations and adventures. Since our Valedictory in 98 the team have been doing its best to prove Quentin Bryce' adage "you can have it all, but not all at the same time". Families are being raised, friendships nurtured, businesses built from scratch, careers built abroad or creatively redirected, museums curated, charities created, cities planned, farms run, products marketed, generations educated, STEM industries represented, health care delivered, music made, beautiful things planned and built, glass ceilings recognised and challenged. Such an wonderfully diverse group- a nod to all, your hardwork, hardship and hard won success is inspiring.

Needless to say the afternoon and weekend flew by, despite the fact twenty years had passed, it felt very much like yesterday since we were all milling around the vanilla slice tray at recess. Another belated thanks to Lucie Street (nee Leake) for her excellent but undercelebrated advocacy work on the 90's food front. No doubt the next ten years will fly by equally fast but hopefully it will be peppered by much contact with this wonderful collection of humans.

**JO WOOD ('98)**

## Where are they now?

**HOLLY ATTWOOD** lives in Dayboro with Adam and daughters Flo and Hattie, awaiting number 3. Studying registered nursing and working part time.

**ERIKA TAYLOR (DICKER)** living by the beach with Ben and 3 yo Frankie. Working as a museum curator.

**EMILY PEDEN (STRANG)** living in Newcastle with husband Ryan, 2 yo Amy and baby Kate. Working in product development.

**KATE LISLE (WALSH).** Living in Walcha with husband and four children. Working as a child and health nurse and RN at the local hospital.

**CATHERINE SHERWIN.** Town planner in Melbourne, globe trotter and recent home owner.

**TENNILLE MARES.** Geoscientist working for an oil and gas company in Adelaide. She is also an honorary university research fellow.

**KATE GUEST** living in Oberon NSW with her husband Pat and two boys Paddy and Hugo, working as teacher locally.

**JO BASNETT (Mackenzie)** living in Sydney, moving to Gunning NSW with her husband and three girls in Jan 2019. PDHPE Teacher and University tutor.

**JO WOOD.** Living in Newcastle with Husband and four children. General Practitioner working part time.

*Holly Attwood and Erika Taylor (Dicker) then and now!*







# OG News



## GO CREATE

Vicki Taylor (NEGS OG) and her daughter Katherine Caddy (NEGS OG) are creating in the New England district. Go Create!

Some things are just meant to be. Go Create! New England, the textile and art retreat situated in beautiful pastoral country in the New England Tablelands, is one of them. Vicki Taylor has been a contemporary lace maker for thirty years and is internationally known for her trademark Larrikin Lace. Vicki has exhibited nationally and in Europe and taught her skills widely. Ten years ago Vicki had a spectacular studio designed and built by Michael Taylor on her sheep and cattle property that would draw like minded people into a community of creativity. Over the years Vicki has taught contemporary lace making and brought tutors to The Studio from Europe, the US and from within Australia.

Apart from the weekly meetings of the lace makers the workshops had been occasional. Now, with the addition of Vicki's daughter, Kath, doing the technical magic, and Jan Clark as artist-in residence, The Studio can realise its full potential as a creative retreat. Vicki Taylor and her husband Jon live on an extensive sheep and cattle property well known for its Landcare value, that has been in Jon's family for generations.

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# Family TRADITION PHOTO

## NEGS FAMILY TRADITION PHOTO

The proud family tradition of sending daughters and sons (in Junior School) to NEGS still remains today and we are pleased to see so many families continue the tradition of being part of the NEGS Community.

We are also thrilled to see so many new families who have had connections to NEGS join us since this photo was taken earlier this year.



BACK: Francisca Dugdale, Anna Campbell, Ebony Thomas, Sophie Mitchell, Priscilla Clonan, Evey White, Sophia Thomas, Grace Cassidy, Anna Jarvis, Cilla McCamley.

3RD ROW: Ashley Knight, Maggie Halliday, Eleanor Fulloon, Claudia Neate, Emily Barton, Chelsea Eichorn, Megan Galbraith, Atlanta Bynon, Saskia Thomas, Chloe Moore.

2ND ROW: Esabela Woods, Emma Pearce, Lyndia Farrar, Miranda Pulkkinen, Caitlin Croft, Constanza Dugdale, Mackenzie Bynon, Lucy Pulkkinen, Sophia Croft, Scarlet Martin.

FRONT: Amelia (Rosie) Woods, Ruby Harvey-Lynn, Bailey Harvey-Lynn, Andrew Knight, Polly Skipper, Georgiana Blanchard, Harriett Lisle, Amanda Knight, Finlay Pulkkinen, Arabella Blanchard.



# Goodbyes

## **JULIE ANNE LINDSAY (L'ESTRANGE '60)**

Julie went to board at NEGS when she was 10 years old. She was a prefect in her final year. After leaving school in 1960 Julie attended Queensland University and graduated at the end of 1963 with a BA, majoring in Psychology and English. Julie was married to John Lindsay and they have two sons Nicholas and Andrew and five grandchildren. After working in England for some years, Julie and John returned to Brisbane and Julie became a counsellor and worked for Centacare for nearly thirty years. Julie and John with a small group of others founded a co-ed secondary school in Brisbane, "Hillbrook" and John became one of the two founding co-principals. The school is thriving still. In about 2004 they retired to Stanthorpe where Julie felt she had returned to her roots in the country where she developed a passion for growing vegetables and fruit biodynamically. Julie and John had wonderful years at Stanthorpe which she has described as the happiest time of her life. Julie died peacefully on 30 December 2017.

## **HELEN MEIKLE (MADGWICK '60)**

Helen was the youngest of the three Madgwick sisters (Margaret, Mary and Helen) who all boarded at NEGS and who were all called "Madge". Helen was Senior Captain and Dux of NEGS in 1960. On leaving school she went to NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art) where she studied stage management. She met and married Richard Meikle in 1968 and they had 5 children: Richard (Helen's step-son), then, Emily, Sam, Jane and Kate, all in 5 years. She and Richard moved to the Central Coast where they ran a business "Lights of Home". Whilst there, Helen studied for an Advanced Diploma in Hypnotherapy and from 1986 to 1992 she ran the Academy of Applied Hypnosis and the Sydney Natural Therapies Centre. Richard died in 1991 and Helen was left to bring up the children. In 1994 she went to work for Hema Maps, running their shops and researching the products. In 2002 Helen founded her own company – "Written Word Solutions" – and fulfilled her life long dream of moving to South West Rocks and writing. Helen died peacefully in February 2018.

## **SANDY CULLEN-WARD (MOTT '60)**

Sandy started her schooling at NEGS in Junior School, with five other girls. Sandy was a prefect in her final year. She left school in 1960 and the sixties were taken up with study at the University of Queensland and international travel. In the seventies Sandy married Malcolm Cullen-Ward and moved to "Mani" in the Central West of New South Wales. She and Malcolm had two children, Emma and Fiona, and at the end of the seventies they moved back to Brisbane. In the eighties Sandy did a post-graduate course and entered a new career in the financial world. In the nineties she changed direction again and moved into Property Management and Garden Restoration with the emphasis on gardening. In the twenties Sandy and Malcolm moved to the Sunshine Coast, where Sandy peacefully died on 1 May 2018. On her passing, her family wrote..."An exceptional and deeply loved wife, mother, best friend and proud Australian whose quiet strength and innate ability to know right from wrong always centred and reassured those around her. Sandy's warmth, dignity and good sense were out of this world. Her vibrant optimism and love of knowledge will continue to be a source of inspiration for years to come".

## **MARY MADGWICK**

Mary Madgwick was the middle sister of the three Madgwick girls (Margaret, Mary and Helen), who all boarded at NEGS and who were all called "Madge". Mary started as a boarder at NEGS in 1953 and in 1958 she was the Senior Prefect. She went on to graduate from the University of New England in 1962, attaining a Bachelor of Arts with Honours. She completed her Diploma of Education from UNE in 1964.

Mary's first job was teaching English at Meriden Anglican School at Strathfield, and then in 1964 she joined the ABC Education Department, where she stayed for most of her working life, producing and directing programs in radio and TV. She eventually specialised in educational radio broadcasting.

Between 1980 and 1987 Mary lived on the Central Coast and owned and operated a toyshop called "The Little Blue Engine". She had previously written a children's book which was published, titled "Let's Have a Pet Show". She however was lured back to Sydney in 1987 to run a Bicentennial project called the Older Australian Radio Training Program, which was a gateway back into radio production. With the ABC, Mary masterminded one of the most successful English as a Second Language educational programs in history. Mary went on to create English lessons for adult listeners in China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Kuala Lumpur and Fiji. Mary spent six months in Johannesburg helping to set up Educational Radio for the South African Broadcasting Corporation, then returned to work for Radio Australia in Melbourne before she was contracted by Deacon University which sent her to teach high school English in a remote village in China. In semi-retirement Mary exercised her considerable talents on a number of fronts, with her focus on education and making a contribution. Mary was a very devoted aunt to Margaret and Helen's children and great aunt to Helen's grandchildren. She died peacefully on 13 May 2018.

## **DOROTHY JANE HUNT (CARTER)**

1929 – 2018

Dorothy left NEGS in 1946 and was an active participant within her Old Girls' year group.

Dorothy (Jane) won the Helen Winston Kerr Memorial Award for Best Allrounder in her leaving year. Her father was especially proud of her for this award.

She passed away peacefully at Ballina where she had lived for the past 35 years or so.

She was an active member of the local Bridge and Golf Clubs, and her passion was for Landcare especially Dune Care at Lighthouse Beach in Ballina.

She will be greatly missed by her siblings - Old Girl - Susan Lyne (nee Carter) her brother Brian Carter and all her nieces and nephews. Other family members to attend NEGS included nieces Tamara Carter (1979), Kirsten Biddle (nee Carter, 1983) and great nieces, Alice, Kate and Mary Carter.



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