



**NEGS**  
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# NEGS Newsletter

Term Two - Week 6, 4th June, 2019

## 2019 CALENDAR DATES

### TERM TWO

Monday 29 April	Boarders return
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
	Art/D&T/Textiles Excursion
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>	<b>Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>
	<b>LAST DAY 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

<b>Monday 22 July</b>	<b>Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Thursday 1 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 1
Tuesday 6 August	Formal Assembly
Thursday 15 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 2
Friday 16 August	CAPAD Presentation Evening
Monday 19 August	Trial HSC Examinations
Wednesday 28 August	IGSSA Athletics
Wednesday 11 September	Year 11 Yearly Examinations
<b>Friday 13 September</b>	<b>Old Girls' Weekend</b>
<b>Saturday 14 September</b>	<b>NEGS Spring Ball</b>
Thursday 19 September	IGSSA Finals
Monday 23 September	Year 11 Leadership Camp
<b>Thursday 26 September</b>	<b>Valedictory Day</b>
	<b>LAST DAY TERM THREE</b>

### TERM FOUR

Monday 14 October	Boarders return
<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Thursday 17 October	HSC written examinations
Friday 22 November	Celebration of Sport
Saturday 23 November	Year 10 Semi-Formal
Monday 25 November	Year 10 Work Experience
	Year 9 camp departs
Thursday 5 December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 6 December	Year 7 - 11 Speech Day
	<b>LAST DAY TERM FOUR</b>

## From the Principal



MRS MARY ANNE EVANS

“ As winter has finally arrived in Armidale, both students and staff are being tested in regards to early morning trainings; Prep; husbandry of horses; late night games; and keeping fit and healthy. Fortunately for musicians, whilst their dedication cannot be doubted, they are in the enviable position of practicing indoors. This dedication to their craft was witnessed at the Twilight Concert, held in the NEGS Chapel on Tuesday evening. The musical talent at NEGS is being nurtured and developed by our outstanding music department, led by the enigmatic Mrs Spillane, Mr Oxley and Mr Finco. With our youngest performer in kindergarten, we are witnessing a musical program full of depth and sustainability.

Another testament to resilience is the Coonabarabran Horse Expo that NEGS continues to support wholeheartedly in these difficult times. With over 45 riders, 50 horses and 60 parents it shows the true NEGS spirit of 'whatsoever you do, do so heartily' is alive and well. There are lots of ribbons and stories to tell but above all was competing with grace.

A big congratulations must be extended to **Gemma Stuart, Hayley Constable and Abby Finlayson** on their selection in the Australian Junior Polocrosse Team to play against New Zealand in July. Watching these girls play is a sight to behold and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to support these girls at the Polocrosse Championships, to be held in Narrabri, to please do so - you will not be disappointed.

Good luck girls.

To all the Year 12 parents who are navigating an interesting time in the parenting space - I remember this time well - Mrs Smith has passed on the following advice which is worth noting: next time your Year 12 daughter is feeling a bit flat or overwhelmed or can't wait to get out of here, or equally you are at the end of your tether, hold on to the following indisputable facts:

*As of Monday 3rd June, Year 12 have 65 days of school left ; That is 14 weeks give or take a day; This represents 1.03% of their lives to date, if their average age is 17.5 years; It also represents 2.5% of their entire schooling (of approx 2550 days)!*

*Hopefully this 'light-at-the-end-of-the-tunnel' can encourage and appease all stakeholders.*

I never fail to be impressed by the outstanding things that students at NEGS do but there is no more significant feeling of achievement than listening to the Year 12 girls tell their story in the "Journey That Makes Me" speech at Assembly each week.

This week was no exception when Zara Blackmore shared her very personal story with us all. With Zara's permission, I include this speech for you now - a feat of true resilience.

# FROM THE *Principal*

Mrs Mary Anne Evans

## THIS IS HER STORY.

"I'm Zara Blackmore, and this is my story. There are many things you may know about me: I have a pet rabbit called Albert, I used to play the cello, I am a bit of a perfectionist, I am terrible at sport but I'm always willing to give it a try, I like cooking, I like learning new things, I don't have a horse, I've never done IGSSA anything, in fact I didn't even choose to come to NEGS at all.

Let's backtrack a little, back to Term 4 of Transition 2006. My mum was currently working as a teacher here at NEGS, and I was broached with the daunting prospect that I would indeed eventually have to go to big school. I distinctly remember my first day at NEGS, albeit 13 years ago. I rocked up in my tiny boots, navy shorts and red shirt (the uniform at the time), clutching onto my pink Barbie backpack in one hand, and my Mum's leg in the other. I remember being left at school and being told that I'd have to stay all day here without my Mum. As you can imagine, a 5 year old Zara wasn't terribly happy about this idea, and proceeded to cry for the next hour. This was, until I was promptly disrupted with a group of friendly faces who would pat my back and assure me that everything was going to be ok. Things turned out to be undoubtedly ok, and I've managed to hang around for over a decade.



Though my first day may not have been like many of yours, I think it represents an experience that many of us have probably had. We all experience periods of change, whether that's coming to a new school, leaving your family as a boarder or being a terrified 5 year old on their first day of Transition. Change can be scary. You may think that my life hasn't been one of much change, I've lived in the same house since I was born and I've attended the same school for my whole life, but the reality is that things do change.

When I was in Year 6, my best friend of 7 years, told me that she was moving to live in New Zealand. Much like my mum leaving me for work on that first day of Transition, I was decidedly shaken. It took me quite a while to get over that change, even though my friend only ended up moving to Brisbane. But what I couldn't know at the time, was how many wonderful people would come into my life over the next 6 years. Some stayed at NEGS, and a couple didn't but I'm truly thankful for all the opportunities I've had to get to know some pretty amazing people, who I know have always got my back.

When I was 16, I was given the opportunity to go on a Round Square exchange to Ermitage, the international school of France, in Paris. I had some (and possibly more than just some) amazing French food, even though the school canteen was decidedly worse than any other school food I'd ever eaten. They even gave us chicken nuggets on pasta for lunch one day, weird I know. Anyway my time on exchange would become a key marker for the culmination of personal growth, I had been working on for the last 4 years and the person that NEGS had been helping me become. After coming home from exchange I gained a lot of confidence in my personal abilities and what my metrics for success should really look like. Next came a change, a change that would make me reconsider every single aspect of my life. I had been working really hard at school and achieving great marks in nearly

every subject. But what most people didn't know, was that behind my well constructed veneer, I found myself in a crippling cycle of anxiety and depression. I would physically shake and couldn't focus in class, sometimes having to leave the room to get myself together again. Irrational fears consumed me to the extent that some days I couldn't even get out of bed, let alone face the whole day ahead of me. What I came to realise from this, was something I could never had learnt if my whole life had been completely smooth sailing. I learnt that we are all worth so much more than the labels society gives us. We are more than just a series of numbers defining how worthy we are as individuals, we are more than the number of likes on an Instagram post and we are more than a band in NAPLAN or a rank in the HSC. What really measures who we are as people, is the ability to be compassionate, to be a caring friend and to show kindness to ourselves and others. There's a wonderful quote which says "be kind; for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle". Some people hide their battles better than others, but what really matters is that we work as hard as we can to hold each other up. I was very lucky that I had a loyal group of supportive friends, teachers and family to help me get through my battles. I'm not telling you this for pity or sympathy, but instead to let you know that it really is ok not to be ok. The NEGS Community held out their hand out to me when I was down, with compassion, care and kindness, to enable me to rise again.

What I've come to learn over my time at NEGS, is not just how to write a good analytical essay or understand Pythagoras (although those are very useful skills which I do now possess). But also the ability to form strong and lasting friendships, to know that your worth is so much more than a number you're given on a page and that with courage and perseverance we can all become the best people we can possibly be. I said at the start of my speech, I didn't have a choice in coming to NEGS at the beginning, but now I have made a choice and it definitely was the right one.

**ALTHOUGH MY TIME AT NEGS HAS NEVER REALLY INVOLVED A HORSE, OR AN IGSSA SPORT OR WHATEVER ELSE PEOPLE EXPECT, MY TIME AT NEGS HAS TAUGHT ME THE SKILLS I NEED TO FLOURISH IN THE WORLD AFTER SCHOOL, AND FOR THAT REASON, I AM TRULY PROUD TO CALL MYSELF A "NEGS GIRL".**

*Thank you.*

## School Drive Subsidy

The School Drive Subsidy is available to NSW residents in areas where there is no public transport, to drive an eligible student all or part of the way to school. The subsidy is only intended to partly offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student and is not intended to cover all costs. Transport for NSW administers the School Drive Subsidy scheme.

The subsidy is for driving school students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point, by car, motorcycle or boat.

For more information and the application process please visit

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolDriveSubsidy>

At NEGS I require a travel diary to be completed at the end of each Semester, i.e. end Term 2 and end Term 4, and returned to me. These diaries are available from the NEGS Engage Parent Portal.

If you have any queries, please contact me at [helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au) or by phone (02) 6774 8700.

## Can you assist the Jean Newall Archive Centre?

We always appreciate any items you send us, especially if it has some details attached such as the donor, the student name and date of attendance at NEGS. Equally important is information about any teachers, events or memories that are still remembered as significant even now.

Most of the items in the Archives have been donated by people who still care about the school and its demonstration of its history.

Maybe you can assist with a gap in our uniform collection?

For most of the 1920s-1930s and half the 1940s the NEGS uniform involved the standard 3-box pleated tunic with a girdle at the waist and a white blouse underneath – but we do not have any examples.

Do you have a tunic for our collection?

Can you tell me whether the tunic was black or navy?

All items sent will be appreciated and cared for and the Uniform Room is one of the most popular displays in the Centre.

DR. HEATHER FISHER

## NEGS Spring Ball

*Join us for the NEGS Spring Ball, a fundraising initiative for 2020 Scholarships proudly supported by the NEGS Old Girls and P&F Community.*

*Enjoy live entertainment with Terra Firma and a beautiful 3 course meal by, Pronto Catering.*

*Complimentary drinks on arrival and table wines with cash bar available, thanks to Merilba Estate and The Welder's Dog Brewery.*



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# Spring Ball

Join us for a fun filled evening  
for all current families, Old Girls' & friends

Saturday 14th September, 6.30pm

NEGS Sporting Complex  
13-83 Uralla Road

Black Tie  
\$100pp

Includes champagne reception followed  
by a two course gourmet dinner  
Cash bar for wines & other beverages

# INDIGENIOUS LEADERSHIP Program

Miss Taylor Naylor-Taggart



**OUR YEAR 11 AND 12 SENIOR GIRLS WERE BEYOND EXCITED WHEN THEY HAD BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND AN OORALBA ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LEADERSHIP CAMP HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND FROM 22ND-24TH MAY.**

Over the period of the camp students develop important values and skills such as communication, leadership, mindfulness and respect. The Ooralba Girls' Senior Leadership Camp is a busy and challenging, however, rewarding three days which includes a variety of presentations, workshops and motivational speakers.

Friendships were formed with students from other schools and memories were made which will not be forgotten. Our NEGS girls have made the most of this opportunity and highly recommend this camp to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students.

## NEGS P&F NEWS

The NEGS P&F would like to thank all those who contributed to and supported the athletics carnival and those in attendance at the Merilba dinner. We are so grateful to those who support our wonderful school.



## Dear Families

Every year we have students from the Kichijo School in Japan come to NEGS to study for one year, whilst also learning more about our culture and lifestyle. This year we are delighted to welcome Shiori and Ei.

Holiday time is almost upon us and we are looking for NEGS families to host Ei and Shiori during this time. Like many overseas students, they find it difficult to return home for holidays when our boarding houses close. With the students' wellbeing always foremost, we endeavour to help them find suitable and safe accommodation for these holiday periods. Once again we appeal to our wonderful NEGS community to consider hosting the girls. We are extremely grateful for the families who have kindly hosted the overseas students in the past, welcoming them into their homes and enabling the girls to experience life in Australia. The girls' families are most grateful for the

hospitality that our NEGS community extend and feel at ease knowing that their daughters are safe and being cared for whilst being in a foreign country.

We understand that hosting a student for any period of time can be expensive, so if you are able to host one or more of our international students please contact me ([selina.croft@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:selina.croft@negs.nsw.edu.au)) as soon as possible for further information, including details relating to the remuneration offered.

**Please note that the holidays are:  
28th June - 22nd July.**



The Office of the eSafety Commissioner in conjunction with Centacare NENW will be delivering a free 2-hour presentation for parents and carers about online safety in Armidale. This presentation will be on Tuesday the 10th of September from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The presentation will provide an overview of how young people use technology and the risks they may be exposed to. Participants will be given practical information to support conversations and safety measures for today's young people. To attend, please contact Centacare NENW on 6762 9200.

Website: [www.centacarenenw.com.au](http://www.centacarenenw.com.au)

# BOARDING News

Mrs Stephanie Thomas - Director of Boarding



**THE LONG WEEKEND IS SO CLOSE, SNOW IS FORECAST FOR ARMIDALE THIS WEEK AS I SIT IN THE WARMTH OF MY HOUSE AND THE GIRLS ARE TIRED. THEY ARE BUSY, BUSY, BUSY AND AS I WRITE I AM ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THE EC GIRLS ARE COMPETING SO CONFIDENTLY AND WELL AT THE NORTH WEST COONA EXPO.**

Enjoy your time with your daughters and ask them how they are travelling at the moment. If there are concerns I strongly suggest you let someone at school know - it maybe her tutor, classroom teacher, year advisor or house mother. We are here to help in this journey for your daughter.

We really appreciate the trust you place in the boarding staff to take care of your daughter. Our recruitment of staff is second to none and there is always a lot of interest to work in boarding at NEGS. Over the last two terms we have had new staff join our team.



**MISS BRITTANY ONIONS** is currently studying a Bachelor of Animal Science at UNE majoring in Livestock Management. She grew up in Sydney's Upper North Shore and attended Barker College for her final three years of school. Along with working at NEGS she volunteers for the local Army Cadet Unit and hopes to get her officer rank soon, as well as playing and being the secretary for ESC Hockey Club. This is what Brittany has to say about working at NEGS:

'I wanted to work for NEGS Boarding as I had heard many good things through friends who worked there about the school's ethos and community. It reminded me of my time at Barker and being able to be a part of something like that again was an opportunity too good to resist. Both the staff and students are wonderful, and every shift starts and ends in a smile. It is a privilege to be part of NEGS Boarding and I look forward to the many wonderful memories I am sure will be created during my time here.'



**MISS HEIDI BEVAN** is currently studying medicine at the University of New England. Heidi says the following about being a boarding staff member at NEGS:

'I started as a Duty Mistress at the beginning of this year, and I have loved every second of it! I have previously worked in other boarding houses, however none of them have had such an overwhelming feeling of home. I love working with the girls during evening prep sessions, helping them out with their homework and organisation techniques. Although, my favourite moment so far this year was going roller skating with some of the girls on a Sunday afternoon. It was so much fun watching them do different challenges and falling over numerous times, we just had such a laugh!



## Actively involved

Boarding offers many opportunities to get involved in a number of activities. Over the past fortnight this has included the Salvation Army Door Knock Appeal, cooking with our 'Gappies' and just hanging out in the boarding house. Evidence can be found in the photos.

## June Long Weekend Travel

Bookings are now closed for SSTS travel. If you have not submitted your travel form with information about your daughter's travel arrangements please do so as soon as possible.

This can be sent to Miss Naylor in Kirkwood House ([kirkwood.house@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kirkwood.house@negs.nsw.edu.au)).

The boarding houses will be closed by 8.30am on Friday 7th June and will re-open on Monday 10th June at 3pm. This is a public holiday and therefore there will be no staff on campus until this time.



# NEGS NEWS



## ARMIDALE AUSKICK

Year 3 Junior School student, Hunter McDonald received Auskicker of the week at Armidale Auskick. Well done Hunter!

## WINGHAM BEEF WEEK

Agriculture is becoming more and more popular every year at NEGS. The NEGS Livestock Team had a great week competing at the Wingham Beef Week with a number of new Livestock team members joining them this year. The Wingham Beef Week has become even bigger with 30 schools, over 500 students and 200 plus steers competing, students were involved in live cattle assessment, cattle handling competitions, meat judging, socialising at the disco and of course the classing of our cattle. A highlight for students was to be able to see our end product in the meat works and then relate production back on our school farm to features of quantity and quality. This year, our students did very well in the cattle handling section with Carissa C and Tiffany T placing 4th, Caitlin C and Emma S placing 3rd, Eliza W placing 2nd and Tayla C and Jess M placing 1st. Congratulations to Jess who went on to become the Reserve Champion parader in her age group. All our students put in a great effort! NEGS cattle were very well presented with plenty of muscle and perfect fat cover which was an achievement for pure Limousin steers. Our best cattle result was for our middle heavyweight steer winning the class and becoming the overall Reserve Champion unled steer out of 68 steers.

A very big thank you to Mr Guy and Mrs Wendy Croft (NEGS parents) who very generously donated time, assistance and their cattle truck to our team for the week! Also thanks to Lauryn our friendly Gappy who was our camp mum for the week. Thank you to Mr Gary and Mrs Sally Devenish (NEGS parents) for supporting our team with their outstanding pure Limousin steer and to Mr Richard and Mrs Heather Cole (Lachlan Dale Limousins) for their continued strong support.



# NEGS NEWS



## COONA HORSE EXPO

In a nail biting finish, NEGS Polocrosse team showed true team spirit and fought hard to win Polocrosse 4-3 in Coonabarabran at the North West Horse Expo. Well done girls!

## MORE COONA RESULTS

NEGS has had an amazing few days at the North West Horse Expo at Coonabarabran with lots of wins and placings but for Year 11 NEGS student, Anna J, there is no stopping her with her Equestrian achievements! Playing like a true NEGS girl, she has proven her versatility as a rider winning both the showjumping championships for 80, and the working horse challenge, she placed 4th in the 2 star eventing, was reserve champion for sporting, 4th in polocrosse and 3rd in team barrel racing. For this Armidale girl, the love of riding is a family affair as Anna follows in her mother's footsteps (NEGS Old Girl - Tara Moxham-Jarvis) with her success as an equestrian rider. She gives everything a go, from eventing, to dressage, to barrel racing, to polocrosse - there is nothing that this girl won't try! "Congratulations Anna!



## JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ART LESSON

Our Junior School students are extremely fortunate to be able to utilise the Senior School classrooms, amenities and Senior Staff for some of their lessons. Students got very creative a messy doing Art with the Head of CAPAD, Ms Sarah Ronald this week whilst creating an under the sea painting. There are so many opportunities for our students at NEGS!

## ARMIDALE CITY GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

NEGS girls have many different talents and interests all of which contribute to create the well rounded NEGS girl. Congratulations to Alex B who competed in the Armidale City Gymnastics competition at Level 5 receiving 3rd in bars with a score of 9.3 and 3rd overall.



# FROM THE HEAD OF *Junior School*

Mr Andrew Travers

## What a fantastic couple of weeks the Junior School have had!

It started with some great performances at the Armidale Eisteddfod by our Infants and Primary Choirs, and also the NEGS Songbirds. Mrs Spillane and Mr Oxley do a fantastic job preparing everyone for these performances.

We also had our annual whole school Athletics Carnival. It was great to see the students put into practice all the skills that they have been learning in PE, as well as with Mr Stone on Fridays at sport. Well done to all the students in the Junior School who put up their hands to do events they may of not have tried before and also to our younger K-2 students with their novelty events.

Last weekend was the annual SSHH weekend, which aims to encourage responsible sideline behaviours by spectators and to raise money for The Shepherd Centre. This is a great initiative and idea. After many years of coaching and managing state and Rep U12 Rugby I believe there is a large amount of pressure put on children from the sideline. This has prompted many coaching organisations to change the way they educate coaches. One study done on children aged 8-12 years found that children became confused and did not like games due to the increased pressure from the sideline and also not knowing what to do, when parents yell out conflicting information, which is different from the game plan. Also in another survey it was found that the students just want the opportunity to play the game and be allowed to make mistakes and learn from them. In many sporting codes you will now find coaches encouraging the team, however the coaching is given during timeouts and break sessions. This is to give the child a chance to make their own decisions and when to use the skills they are learning because when it comes down to it 'We are not playing for a sheep station!'



ANDREW TRAVERS - Head of Junior School



TERM TWO:

THURSDAY 27 JUNE  
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

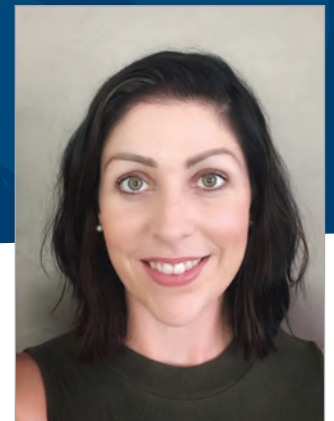


## YEAR 3 CLASSROOM *News*

Miss Claire Archibald

Year 3 students have been up to some wonderful things this term! They are taking great care of their brand new Chromebooks and are confidently completing many activities on their fabulous new learning tools.

Year 3 have also been involved in lots of hands-on learning during our Science unit about changing states of matter. The students thoroughly enjoyed our latest experiment involving melting (and eating) chocolate.





# JUNIOR Sport @ NEGS

Mrs Liane Nixon

## Junior School Sport Report

### HOCKEY

#### U9s

##### Week 4

On Saturday 25th of May we played against TAS Navy. We all had a good game. Great job Abigail and Tess for their great attacking and defence. The score was 1 - 0 to TAS. We all had lots of fun.

**Prue Chapman**

##### Week 5

On Saturday 1st of June the under 9s hockey team played against the Breakaways. It was a draw 0-0. Bella and I scored a goal just after the whistle went that was not counted. It was a good game. Everyone played really good. Congratulations to my team mates.

**Georgina Pillar**

#### U11s

##### Week 4

Tom did some great attempts of the goal and so did Connor. Georgia did some great tackles and so did Tilly. Isabel did some great passing and did a few good tackles as well. Amanda did some great hits against the other team. The score was 3-0 and we lost to Guyra, but I think we had a great game and we had a heap of fun. Thank you to Ms Pracy and Chelsea our coach and thank you to the supporters for cheering us on.

**Sarah Duarte**

##### Week 5

Last Saturday, we played against the Breakaways and won our first game of the season. The first goal attempt was narrowly missed by Tilly with Connor getting it in on the rebound scoring our first goal in the 1st quarter.

Connor took a second shot that bounced off the goalies shin then head, scoring our second goal.

I was goalie and lost my shoe at one point which helped the Breakaways score their first goal making it 2 - 1 by half time. During the second half, breakaways got past me with a 2nd goal. Then a great attempt from Tom helped set up Connor to take a shot that made us win with 3-2.

Thanks to the whole team for playing the game and being great sports.

**Isabel Onapa**

### SOCCER

#### U6s

##### Week 4

On Saturday 25 May, NEGS played soccer against Norths. We won the game. It was great fun because the other team was great and nice even though they lost. We all had so much fun that we didn't want to stop the game. While Josh and Immy scored most of the goals, I also scored one. I am proud of myself because it was my first score ever! I can't wait for our next game.

**Sophia Craig**

##### Week 5

We had a really great soccer game against Uralla on the weekend in Uralla. Sophia C and Immy were good at soccer and all three of us scored. Uralla were good soccer friends and they got one goal. We had six goals and we shook their hands after our game finished. We won't play next weekend because of the long weekend, but I look forward to our next game.

**Joshua Gent**

### NETBALL

#### Week 4

On Saturday 25th May we played netball against PLC. We played a lot better than the week before but we were beaten by a score of 29 to 3. It was a tricky game because we played with one player short. But we still had a lot of fun.

**Amanda Knight**

#### Week 5

This week we played ACSC. We played really well and are working more as a team. The score was 24 to 3. ACSC won. Lily and Amanda scoured our goals. Lily worked very hard and was a great sport.

**Claire McAlary**



### UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS:

#### Term 3

Friday 2 August - PSSA Athletics

Monday 26 August - IPSHA Athletics

# HOCKEY U9s



# HOCKEY U11s



# HOCKEY U13s



# NEGS Music

Mrs Sally Spillane



**MR OXLEY AND I ARE VERY HAPPY WITH HOW HARD THE STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON THEIR EISTEDDFOD ITEMS. THE STUDENTS ARE WORKING WELL TOGETHER AND FOCUSING ON THEIR PARTS. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PERFORMING THEIR SONGS THIS WEEK. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THEM IF YOU ARE ABLE TO. THEY LOVE SEEING YOU THERE.**

More fabulous results from NEGS students. Annabelle S placed first in her two brass solo sections on the trombone. Charlotte S placed second in her vocal solo section. Dimity C placed first in her organ solo section and 2nd in the 20th-21st Century 5th and 6th Grade piano section winning a highly commended for piano solo 13 years and under with more results still to come.

## NEGS JUNIOR School Eisteddfod Times

TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Wednesday 5th June from 9.30am	NEGS Year 1-2 EN03 NEGS Year 4 EN04 NEGS Year 5 EN05	NECOM Auditorium
Wednesday 5th June from 12.30am	NEGS Kindergarten EN09 NEGS Year 3 EN10 NEGS Year 6 EN10 NEGS Marimba Magic EN17	NECOM Auditorium

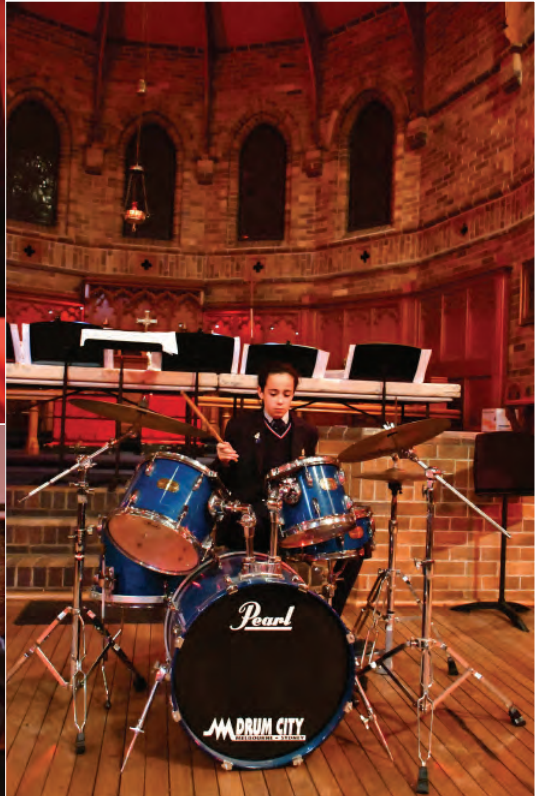
## TWILIGHT CONCERT

We had a fabulous evening of entertainment at our Twilight Concert. We held the concert in the chapel which was so lovely, the acoustics were wonderful for the musical performances. We began the concert with our very clever Handbell Players from Junior School and finished the concert with our fantastic Senior School NEGS Sister Band. In between these acts we were privileged to hear Charlotte Stone, Priscilla Clonan and Katherine Edwards sing. We were treated to an outstanding performance by Dimity Chalmers on the organ, wonderful performances by Ella Crowley on the viola, Laura Smitham on the cello and Annabelle Simpson on the trombone. Great performances on the violin by Imogen Cadzow and Liora Johnson and a lovely performance by our youngest performer of the evening, Elijah Williams on his guitar. A big thank you to Liz Smidt for accompanying all the students and a big thank you to all the music teachers who prepared the students for their performances.

*Don't forget our Night Of Music coming up on Wednesday evening, June 26th - a concert not to be missed.*



# NEGS TWILIGHT *concert*



# NEGS Library News

Miss Laura Cambridge



## Invasion of the Magboggle...

Year 1 and 2 have been tackling the curious case of the Magboggle who has become an epidemic in the library this term. In close association with the Society of the Mystery Keepers and the Chief Custodian, Alberta Black, students are taking on the challenge of ridding the library of this Magboggle pest and returning the items that it has taken.

They have taken evidence, they have reported their ideas, they are reading newspaper reports and creating spells to rid the library of this creature. We hope Year 1 and 2 are successful and get our items returned.

You never know - they may even become lifetime members of the society of mystery keepers themselves.

Good luck Year 1/2!

## THE MAGBOGGLE

The Magboggle is a thief and a troublemaker. Magboggles steal things in order to cause arguments and upset. They thrive on people's unhappiness. Sadness, anger and arguments are like sunshine to a Magboggle.



ISSUED BY  
THE SOCIETY OF  
MYSTERY KEEPERS

Has a dry, raspy laugh.

Suction pads for stealthy stealing.

Makes its nest out of leaves, twigs, mud and stones.

Cold-blooded amphibian (dragon family).

Lives in trees and high places.



Also known as:  
Maggie Boggart, Thieving Tom,  
Dinky Dragon, Kleptos Horribilis.

KLEPTOS  
means  
Magboggle  
in Latin  
HORRIBILIS

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP



THE SOCIETY OF  
MYSTERY KEEPERS

Spring  
Ball

NEGS  
Spring  
Ball

NEGS Families, NEGS Old Girls and friends are all invited to join us for the NEGS Spring Ball

14th September, 2019

NEGS Sporting Complex

NEGS Armidale | Uralla Road

6:30pm | Live Entertainment

\$100 pp | Black Tie

Organise your table for an evening full entertainment, fine dining, and great prizes.

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCUUZ>

Proceeds support the 2020 Scholarship Foundation

# COMMUNITY News

**MAD** ALLIANCE OF GIRLS SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA presents

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
Aspiring Student Leadership Summit

Designed for students who dream of stepping into student leadership roles, this two-day programme will give girls the skills and confidence needed to pursue their aspirations and lead their classmates and school community.

ARMIDALE: 18-19 JULY  
8.30-4.00pm each day

Focusing on leadership and life skills that aren't taught in schools, the Summit will prepare girls to apply for and take on leadership roles with confidence and purpose.

Through in-depth workshops and powerful speakers the **Making a Difference: Aspiring Student Leadership Summit** will give girls the opportunity to find their inner leader.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**  
Years 9, 10 & 11 girls from Alliance member schools and non-member schools who have an interest in furthering their leadership opportunities.

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

MEMBERS: AUD per student \$329\*  
NON-MEMBERS: AUD per student \$399\*

VENUE: Presbyterian Ladies College, Armidale  
Corner of Crest Rd & Duval St  
Armidale NSW

RESIDENTIAL OPTION: \$170\* For two nights and meals at PLC Armidale.  
Cost is in addition to the registration price.

NEED INFO? (T) +61 416 812 417  
(E) agsa@agsa.org.au

\* Including GST  
REGISTRATION CLOSES: 1 July 2019

**SUMMIT SESSIONS**

**AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP:** Determining your leadership values & strengths and understanding leadership styles.

**INFLUENCING OTHERS:** Understanding others and how to gain their support

**THE POWER OF NETWORKING:** Building connections with leaders and mentors

**SPEAKING UP & SPEAKING OUT:** Getting your ideas and opinions heard

**THINK TANK:** Using your leadership skills to help you succeed

WWW.AGSA.ORG.AU/EVENTS  
Student booking code: MAD2019

**Armidale Junior Rugby Union**  
(6yrs to 18yrs junior teams)

## FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday 29th June 2019**  
at Armidale Servies Club from 7pm





### Great Prizes


**\$25 a head, max \$250 a table**  
includes a platter of hot nibbles - can pre order more food etc

Book your table with Millie Graham at [milliegraham24@gmail.com](mailto:milliegraham24@gmail.com)  
(you will be sent details where to deposit your table fee)

**10 rounds of questions**  
Fund raiser for new club gear: tackle pads, hit shields, tackle suits etc



FUN Night for Everyone




KEEP THE KIDS ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH:

## HOLIDAY CLINICS

PRESENTED BY JINGA FUTSAL

ARMIDALE FUTSAL - THE DEN, BUTLER STREET ARMIDALE  
19TH JULY 2019 | 9AM - 3PM | COST \$55

REGISTER: [AUSFUTSAL.COM/HOLIDAYCLINICS](http://AUSFUTSAL.COM/HOLIDAYCLINICS)  
MOBILE: 0448 157 049 EMAIL: [RENEE@AUSTRALIANFUTSAL.COM](mailto:RENEE@AUSTRALIANFUTSAL.COM)

**pp positive partnerships**  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

### 1 day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

**Armidale, NSW**  
**Tuesday 18 June 2019**  
**9.15am - 3.00pm**  
Registrations open 18 March 2019

Location:  
Quality Hotel Powerhouse  
31 Marsh Street  
Armidale NSW 2350  
(Morning tea and light lunch provided)

 Interpreters available

To register, visit: [positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)

For help, call: 1300 881 971

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