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NEGS Newsletter

Term Three - Week 10, 24th September, 2019

2019 CALENDAR DATES

TERM THREE

Monday 22 July	Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 23 July	CLASSES COMMENCE
Thursday 1 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 1
Tuesday 6 August	Formal Assembly
Friday 9 August	CAPAD Presentation Evening
Thursday 15 August	IGSSA Netball / Hockey Rd 2
Monday 19 August	Trial HSC Examinations
Wednesday 28 August	IGSSA Athletics
Wednesday 11 September	Year 11 Yearly Examinations
Friday 13 September	Old Girls' Weekend
Saturday 14 September	NEGS Spring Ball
Thursday 19 September	IGSSA Finals
Monday 23 September	Year 11 Leadership Camp
Thursday 26 September	Valedictory Day LAST DAY TERM THREE

TERM FOUR

Monday 14 October	Boarders return
Tuesday 15 October	CLASSES COMMENCE
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 LAST DAY TERM FOUR

2020 CALENDAR DATES

PROPOSED DATES TBC

TERM ONE

Tuesday 28 January	Orientation Day - new students P&F Welcome BBQ Boarders return from 12-8pm
Wednesday 29 January	CLASSES COMMENCE
Friday 14 February	NEGS Swimming Carnival Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 8 April	LAST DAY TERM ONE
Friday 10 April	GOOD FRIDAY

TERM TWO

Monday 27 April	Boarders return from 1:30-8pm
Tuesday 28 April	CLASSES COMMENCE
Thursday 25 June	LAST DAY TERM TWO

TERM THREE

Monday 20 July	Boarders return from 1:30-8pm
Tuesday 21 July	CLASSES COMMENCE
Thursday 24 September	LAST DAY TERM THREE

From the Principal



MRS MARY ANNE EVANS

“ As we enter the final week of the term there has been a change to the rhythm of school life - with the Year 12s completing their Trials and having the festival of the never ending “last” moments; the Year 11s immersed in their Leadership Camp; the wonderful musical experience of Peter Pan and our IGSSA finals where we have seen the Hockey Juniors reign supreme winning the competition and our Hockey Seniors playing valiantly to be named runners-up. Whilst the majority of our Year 12s have been experiencing the most challenging period of the school year over the last few weeks with final assessment deadlines, the Trials, the end of Term 3 and the Valedictory process, it creates a constant pressure for many. These young women have been well supported by senior staff, as well as their parents during this time. The coming holiday break will be timely and will enable all Year 12s to recharge before Term 4 and the Higher School Certificate proper.

It is an opportune moment to reflect that as our children go through school, and life, we must keep in mind that struggling is an important part of any growth experience. In fact, it is the struggle that causes them to develop their ability to fly. It is related to the concept of resilience and how we as educators and parents have to let our students experience challenges that allow them to build character. Character is what defines us all.

Last Friday afternoon I had the absolute pleasure of attending the John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award Ceremony for 2019. Here I witnessed 25 extraordinary young people being recognised for their service to others and amongst them was our very own Zara Blackmore looking resplendent in her walking out uniform. Congratulations to Zara on this hard won honour. Of course honour was not the reason Zara has done any of her amazing things; Zara has achieved what she has by believing and modelling ‘service’. Additionally, this was a moment I felt immense relief that our world is in safe hands when I gazed upon these amazing young people who all endeavour to make the world a better place.

Interestingly as I was walking to NSW Government House for the Ceremony, I had to navigate the crowd of political protestors marching for “The Climate Strike”. Whilst much has been written on this - should school students attend or not - no one explained it better than the Headmaster of Newington, Mr Michael Parker which I attach for your interest. This too will restore everyone’s faith in our youth.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restorative break with your families.

MRS MARY ANNE EVANS
NEGS PRINCIPAL

THE CLIMATE STRIKE AND OUR STUDENTS

Damn these Year Elevens. They come into my office asking me to support the climate strike. They tell me that it is their planet too and that they should be able to protest about what is the most important issue of their lives. They ask whether the school will stand up for them.

I don't want to catch the political nuclear-grade hot potato that is the climate 'debate'. I have a strategic plan on education to write and a Council retreat to prepare for. As well, I have always prided myself on being able to teach current affairs without my classes being able to work out which way I would vote in an election. I stay neutral and allow all points of view – sometimes to a fault. And, anyway, I am not a scientist.

But these kids say that they are probably going to live into the 22nd century and they are terrified about tipping points and a runaway greenhouse effect. They say that the climate science is overwhelming. They say that leaders in my generation are not doing anywhere near enough about it. Heavily I consult my own conscience about climate science.

We teach our kids in Year Seven that the scientific method, whilst not irrefutable, is the best thing we have to work out physical truths about the world. We teach them that when there is a consensus amongst almost all reliable scientists, then they are probably right.

To prepare for the meeting with these Year Elevens, I have read the beginning of the 2014 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the 'IPCC' – a pretty reliable group of scientists). Their chief point is that that human-made effects are extremely likely to have been the dominant cause of the observed global warming since the mid-20th century (SPM 1.2, p4). When they say 'very likely' they mean with 95–99% confidence. Even more strikingly, the IPCC say 'continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems.' That's severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for the kids sitting in front of me – as well as my own children.

I think that accepting the reality of climate science is different to expressing political views. It's a (pretty settled) opinion about a fact, not an opinion of evaluation. The IPCC may all be wrong in some bizarre mass hallucination or corrupt stitch-up job, but I very much doubt it. But another climate strike?

I ask what's going to happen when they want to march about immigration or abortion or any other issue. What's to stop them marching out for that? They say I am committing a 'slippery slope fallacy' (damn those critical thinking lessons we teach them) and that climate change is different in kind to any of these issues because it affects the lives of everyone. Anyway, they say, all these other issues have all been prominent since the last climate change march and there have not been any student marches.

I point out the lessons that students everywhere will be missing – that they all need to be in school to get an education. They say to me that the very vision of Newington is for boys to make an active and positive difference in the world. Going on a march for climate fits the school's vision better than one more regular day around the classrooms, they tell me. (Damn the school's vision – I should have seen that one coming).

Why not Saturday? I say. Show your commitment that way. 'It's not a strike if it's on a Saturday' they say. They get passionate now. They say they have no voice, no vote, that those in power have deserted their generation. They say all that they can do to be heard is to stop doing the thing the government expects them to do that day – going to school.

This isn't going well. What about 'slacktivism' I ask – kids who don't care and just want to skip out of class. But they are ready for this one too. One of the boys says that he went to the previous march and that everyone he met was committed. Then they say that it is a chicken and egg argument – that going to a march is what will make some kids care passionately and then do more about it. (Damn those critical thinking lessons again). They point out that they have put their own money where their mouth is. They run the school's sustainability and recycling groups.

They point out that the NSW and ACT Synod of the Uniting Church – the church with which we are affiliated – has supported the strikes. (Hmmm... damning the Uniting Church is going to be tricky). If the church can do it, why can't their own school? they say.

I'd rather they went away. I'd rather get back to the school's strategic plan and the Council retreat. But these kids are passionate, they are smart and they have thought it through. They have put their money where their mouths are and they are scared about their future. Students who have shown they care about this should be able to march about it. If their parents have allowed them to be absent to go to the strike, then the least we can do is give them the school's support too.

Damn these Year Elevens. Because they're right.

HEADMASTER: MR MICHEAL PARKER

Boarding News

Mrs Stephanie Thomas



Farewell to Boarding

AS THIS IS MY FINAL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE AS DIRECTOR OF BOARDING I THOUGHT I WOULD LEAVE YOU WITH AN EXCERPT FROM MY FAREWELL SPEECH TO THE BOARDING COMMUNITY IN WEEK 7.

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| 5 years | Girls crying |
| Approximately 1000 days | Girls yelling |
| 645 daughters | Girls needing a hug |
| 6 coast trips | At least 60 boarding staff |
| Over 100 weekend activities organised | Parent phone calls |
| Many, many term and weekend rosters | Parent interviews |
| Behaviour management issues | |

These are just some of the elements of boarding which can be documented in black and white.

The moments which I am the most fortunate to have experienced whilst in boarding have been:

- the squeals (ok maybe not my favorite noise) of you returning to the boarding house of an afternoon, especially on a Friday
- Teeth brushing time, whilst singing 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'
- Acrobatic performances in pyjamas, with doonas
- Lip Sync sessions in pyjamas
- Make up and hair style sessions
- Hour long chats about your home life, your horse's life, actually any part of your life

But the best part has been (especially as a mum of two sons), GIRL TIME!

The former Australian Foreign Minister and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, Julie Bishop is one of a small group of women who I look to as a role model. Her farewell speech to Parliament earlier this year, included statements such as immense honour, very proud, made a difference. She talked about being concerned about the matters that matter and that being in the position she was in was the highest calling which enabled her to make a difference. She was in this role for 5 years!

Similarly to when Julie Bishop was in her position in Parliament, I believe working in boarding has been a fairly high calling for me and one in which I hope I have made a difference. (even if it was only removing coriander from the menu). Thank you girls, you have made a difference in my life.

Mrs Stephanie Thomas
Director of Boarding



2020 Round Square News

Mrs Stephanie Thomas



2020 Round Square Opportunities

NEGS is very fortunate to belong to the Round Square international network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries. It provides our students and staff with the opportunity to collaborate and connect with others and develop global competence, character and confidence.

Below is a list of opportunities in which the students at NEGS may participate in through the Round Square program. If you and/or your daughter/s are interested in any of these opportunities please contact me via email (stephanie.thomas@negs.nsw.edu.au) to be provided with additional information.

I look forward to your responses.

Mrs Stephanie Thomas

Round Square Representative

OPPORTUNITY	WHO?	DATES	STAFF MEMBER
International Exchange Program	Year 10 2020	Applications close Week 8, Term 3	
National Exchange Program - Week 2	Year 8 2020	When suitable for both schools	Mrs Stephanie Thomas
Australia & SE Asia regional conference Cheong Sim, South Korea	14-15 year olds in 2020	9th - 14th March 2020	TBC
Australia & SE Asia regional conference Prem Tinsulanonda, Thailand	10-12 year olds in 2020		
RSIC 2020 International Conference - Australia	16-18 year olds in 2020	September / October 2020	Mrs Stephanie Thomas

NOTE:

For most conferences there can be up to a week of travelling before or after the conference to participate in a service project and tourism components for that particular country/area. Families are responsible for payment of flights, registration fees, travel insurance, immunisations and visas, if required. The registration fee for the conference includes all meals, activities and accommodation. Further information including approximate costs will be provided once expressions of interest and numbers are established.



Dance Concert



Join us for a night of ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary dance as NEGS Dance showcases its very best on stage.

Come along on 25 September, 2019 at the NEGS Assembly Hall at 5.30pm

Our Grandparents are so special and it was lovely to welcome many of them to the NEGS Grandparents' Day celebration on Friday. They were treated to a morning of incredible talents by our students with musical and equestrian performances, school tours of our sporting complex and agriculture plot, and ended the morning with some delicious morning tea. Thank you to everyone that could come along and share the day.



NEGS Spring Ball





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GiRL

SINCE 2012, OCTOBER 11TH HAS MARKED INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL.

THE UNITED NATIONS PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL TO RECOGNISE GIRLS' RIGHTS AND THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES GIRLS FACE ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT AIMS TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHT TO SAFETY AND CHOICE FOR GIRLS GLOBALLY, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CRISES.

The theme for 2019 is GIRL FORCE: Unscripted and Unstoppable!

This powerful message is one we embrace at NEGS and will celebrate with our girls in term 4, Week 2.

NEGS has been educating girls since 1895, emphasising the importance of female education for 124 years whilst constantly encouraging our girls to be an unstoppable force in whatever arena they choose. Through the NEGS Wellbeing program, the delivery of the following topics across the year groups is designed to promote not only the girls' well being but also to equip them with the skills they need to be a force in their futures.

These topics include:

- Cyber Safety
- Managing Failure
- Growth Mindset
- Teamwork/Team Building
- Diversity
- Empathy
- Gratitude
- Ethics - Do I, Don't I?
- Resilience
- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Mindfulness



This also includes the delivery of The Love Bites Program in year 10, a powerful domestic and family violence and sexual assault prevention program for the girls helping them identify and manage unhealthy relationships.

NEGS' commitment to the Round Square Movement and its IDEALS - International knowledge, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service offers further opportunity for our girls to have a voice - scripted or unscripted at an international level.

The 11th October is a great day to reflect with your daughter on how she will be an Unscripted and Unstoppable Girl Force in her world.



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Year 12, 2019

Valedictory

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

*The Board of Directors and
Principal, Mrs Mary Anne Evans, cordially invite you
to attend the Year 12, 2019 Valedictory*

- 9:00am Valedictory Chapel Service
- 10:00am Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony at the
NEGS Sporting Complex
- 11:00am Morning Tea for Year 12 Students and their
families in the NEGS Assembly Hall

The Occasional Address will be given by

Lucy Mackenzie

Director, U Goose | NEGS Old Girl '98

*RSVP: Tuesday 24th September to NEGS Reception
on 02 6774 8700 or reception@negs.nsw.edu.au*

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NEGS UNIFORM SHOP

will be open
Monday 14th October
from 9am - 3pm

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the increasing events at NEGS and to improve the way of keeping families updated on a regular basis, NEGS Marketing will now be emailing all families an A4 printable calendar with a list of all upcoming events. Outstanding achievements and special event stories will still be available on the NEGS Armidale Facebook, NEGS Equestrian Facebook pages, as well as the [negs_armidale](#) Instagram page.

Organ Recital at St Paul's by Heather Moen-Boyd



The congregation of St Paul's is delighted that its organ, installed in 1929, has now been fully refurbished. To celebrate the occasion, renowned organist, Heather Moen-Boyd has accepted an invitation to visit Armidale again to give an Organ Recital.

*St Paul's Presbyterian Church
Faulkner St, Armidale
at 2 pm on Sunday, October 13
Do come and join us!*

Donation \$15 to help with the ongoing maintenance of the organ

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HITTING THE SNOW SLOPES

Year 10 NEGS Armidale girls have exchanged dry and dusty views for gorgeous snow covered hills as they joined Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School on their trip to the Blue Cow Resort Perisher. The girls had a great time!

NEGS HAS GOT TALENT CONTEST

The talent of NEGS students is phenomenal and diverse. From equestrian performances, to dancers, to pianists and singers, NEGS showcased some of its most amazing talented students yesterday in the NEGS Has Got Talent contest. Congratulations to our winners for the day. Shiori won the concert with her incredible and dramatic piano piece. The crowds were wowed by our equestrian trick rider star Allie P as she flew passed everyone on the side of the horse. It was amazing to watch! Our beautiful dancer Megan G gave a spectacular performance and everyone loved the incredible piano performance by Dimity C. Congratulations to each and everyone of the performers as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show. A big shout out also to Mrs Sally Spillane for organising this event. Money raised will go to the Armidale Womens' Refuge.



HOCKEY NEW ENGLAND

NEGS student Olivia C was acknowledged for her hockey success and dedication to the support at the recent Hockey New England presentation awards where she received 2 major awards. She was awarded Junior Umpire of the Year and the Junior Who Most Exemplifies the Ideals of Hockey. Congratulations Olivia!

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R U OK?

R U OK? national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to ask, "Are you OK?" and to remember every day of the year to support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs. NEGS Armidale students wore stickers to acknowledge the day and show their support.

SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was a great day of riding for NEGS, Priscilla C at the North Star Showjumping Championships. Priscilla placed 2nd and 3rd in extremely big classes.



POLOCROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to NEGS students Emily W and Gemma S who have recently been selected into the NSW squad for the Polocrosse National Championships next year. NEGS Polocrosse coach, Ella Elks has also been named in the squad. Well done to you all!



DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR BOARDING FEES AND EXCURSIONS

Variety's Education Supplies Grant provides kids living with financial hardship access to education supplies, items, and resources that they need to focus on their school work. Parents who would like further information regarding the grant, please see the following link:

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/education-supplies/>

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HOCKEY AUSTRALIA

Congratulations Hayley, on being selected by Hockey Australia to umpire at the Australian Masters Women's Hockey Championships at the Gold Coast from 24/9/19 to 8/10/19.

Hayley has also been selected to travel to Indonesia to compete at the South East Asian Indoor Hockey Championships in December with NSW Bushrangers.

IGSSA HOCKEY GRAND FINALS

Winners!!!! Our hockey girls continued their winning streak in Sydney with our Juniors taking out the IGSSA grand finals!

Our Senior girls had a fantastic game and placed runners-up.

Congratulations to both of our amazing hockey teams who have shown grit, determination and dedication throughout the IGSSA competition.



NEGS NETBALL STARS - WINNERS

What a fantastic weekend in sport for NEGS! Congratulations to the NEGS netball stars who won the Div 3.

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RIDE LIKE A GIRL - BELGRAVE TWIN CINEMA

Don't miss the upcoming movie, "Ride Like A Girl! NEGS Armidale are partnering with Belgrave Twin Cinema for this beautiful and inspirational movie. Like most NEGS girls, the movie shows grit and determination of a girl in a male dominated world. As a special treat, NEGS had a pre-screening of the movie on Monday night at the Belgrave Twin Cinema and loved it. For anyone heading to watch the movie, don't miss out on the opportunity to win a FREE riding lesson at the NEGS Equestrian Centre. All you have to do is pop your "Ride Like A Girl" movie stub with your details into the NEGS box provided for your chance of having a free horse riding lesson. Girls can do anything! Even win the Melbourne Cup!



EQUESTRIAN SHOWS

Lottie J, Holly J along with Shoshone took a trip to compete in 4 shows in 7 days Grenfell, Woodstock, West Wyalong and Forbes.

Following are some of their results;

Shoshone D	Lottie H
<i>Forbes</i>	<i>West Wyalong</i>
Champion led Galloway	Champion Rider
Champion show hunter Galloway	<i>Woodstock</i>
<i>West Wyalong</i>	Reserve Champion Rider
Champion show hunter Galloway	Holly H
<i>Woodstock</i>	<i>West Wyalong</i>
Reserve champion show hunter Galloway	Champion Junior Rider
	<i>Forbes</i>
	Supreme Rider



NEGS OLD GIRLS WEEKEND

It was fantastic to welcome back the NEGS Old Girls on the weekend, with many joining us for the NEGS Spring Ball

EQUESTRIAN News

Mr Imitiaz Anees



CAMPDRAFT CLINIC

NEGS had a fantastic two days of the Campdraft Clinic over the 20th-21st of September. With access to high quality coaches participants had a fabulous opportunity to train dry work, utilities, on the mechanical cow and on the school's resident bison.

Sunday the 22nd saw the annual NEGS Challenge with some talented horses and riders battling it out to win each of the three areas of working, utility and the time trial. Well done to all the competitors, with our NEGS girls taking out some classes with some impressive scores.

The entire event was run by our two Campdrafting coaches Codie Law and Rob Newsome - a big thank you to them.

A very big thank you to Mt Riddock Station for sponsoring the event.

Campdraft Results:

U18

WORKING	
ALLIE PALMER	1ST
CHLOE TOWNE	2ND
ANNABELLE TOWNE	3RD

UTILTY	
ANNABELLE TOWNE	1ST
MADDIE SHAW	2ND
ALLIE PALMER	3RD

TIME	
CHLOE TOWNE	58.32
ANNABELLE TOWNE	1:08:36
ALLIE PALMER	1:26:87

OVERALL	
ANNABELLE TOWNE	95.14
CHLOE TOWNE	88.18
ALLIE PALMER	33.13

Campdraft Results:

15 -18yrs

WORKING	
JORDAN MURRAY	1ST
TAYLA COGGAN	2ND

UTILTY	
TAYLA COGGAN	1ST
JORDAN MURRY	2ND

TIME	
JORDAN MURRAY	1ST
TAYLA COGGAN	2ND

OVERALL	
JORDAN MURRAY	1ST
TAYLA COGGAN	2ND

RIFLE CLUB *News*

Mr David Rose



AMELIA CROFT



LEXIE ROSE



SOPHIE SUTHERLAND



RUBY LOOSEMORE



Four members of the NEGS Rifle Club -

SOPHIE SUTHERLAND, AMELIA CROFT, RUBY LOOSEMORE AND LEXIE ROSE, HEADED TO THE WINGHAM RIFLE RANGE FOR FOUR DAYS OF TRAINING AND THEN ON TO SYDNEY FOR THE ANNUAL ROUND OF COMPETITIONS WITH THE GPS SCHOOLS.

Training consisted of refining the skill of firing a 9 kilogram .308" target rifle without disturbing carefully taken aim, and practising the contrary skill of firing at a target that appears for only 5 seconds.

The Fiona Reynolds Memorial All Schools Match, a competition in memory of the late NEGS Old Girl and 2003 Senior Prefect, was the team's first competition, held at ANZAC Range Malabar. NEGS shot against 15 other teams, drawn from the GPS schools Shore, TAS, Sydney High, Scot's and Newington.

The match comprised three ranges over a day's shooting with NEGS managing 13th place, while Ruby top scored for the team to place her 39th from 80 shooters .

The team then shot alongside at the GPS Rifle Shooting Premiership at Hornsby Range. As a GPS team comprises eight shooters, the girls' "identical twins", joined the team for the next two days.

Past NEGS Rifle Club Captain/former Queen Of The Range, Australian Under 25 Team member, Issy Cameron also joined the team as wind coach. In the first match the team actually beat Grammar and were only 3 points behind TAS. After lunch with Shore, the team faded somewhat in the Rifle Association Shield.

The following morning in the Seconds Match, our twins "slept in" so boys from King's, TAS, Shore and High, who had missed selection in their own teams, were invited to become temporary team members and take the opportunity for revenge. This was justified by the result - the NEGS 2nds Team beat Scot's, Grammar and TAS!

Sydney High won the Premiership with Shore's Patrick Jacombs winning King Of The Range as best out of 80 competitors. NEGS were separately thanked for participating and actually beating some of the boys schools. Celebrations followed with High, TAS and Shore.



NEGS 2NDS TEAM



NEGS TEAM

FROM THE HEAD OF *Junior School*

Mr Andrew Travers

Dear Junior School Families,

It has indeed been a very busy couple of weeks in our Junior School, and I would like to congratulate all our students and our dedicated teachers for their enthusiasm and vigour in helping us accomplish firstly a very enjoyable Grandparents' Day, and secondly our fine presentation of "Peter Pan the Musical".

Unfortunately due to an emergency appendectomy for myself 2 days before Grandparents' Day, I was extremely disappointed not to be able to chat with our grandparents, see our wonderful choir perform for the grandparents in the Chapel, or hear our Junior School Band perform in the Equestrian arena, but I am reliably told by our teachers, and many of our parents and grandparents that they were to be highly commended on their performances and welcoming approach to our visitors.

Our next important event last week was our very successful production of 'Peter Pan the Musical'. How gratifying it was to see our last dress rehearsal performed to some 212 children and their teachers from local pre-schools in our community, who received our performance with much enthusiasm with plenty of clapping and cheering. 'Peter Pan the Musical' was performed again at a matinee performance and lastly an evening performance in front of a packed hall. This was an inclusive all school production where every child from Transition to Year 6 performed. We must thank the mothers and friends who helped with the costumes; the costumes are a very important part of any production, and all the children were dressed to perfection and looked fantastic. I also wish to sincerely thank Mrs Spillane and Mr Oxley, and all the classroom teachers who were involved in this production, for their dedication and excellent efforts. All NEGS students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and cooperative hard work. An example of where working together equals perfection.

Our best wishes also go to Ms Pracy and her husband on the safe arrival of their daughter, Molly, last week (I did say it was a busy week). I look forward to teaching Year 5 for the remainder of the term and next term I will also teach Year 5 three days a week and will be supported by Ms Waters who has done an amazing job with Year 4 this term. I look forward to working with Year 5.

It has been a busy productive term at NEGS Junior School, and I am sure the students are looking forward to their well-earned holidays and I wish them and their families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to a happy and successful Term 4.

With kind regards,



Andrew Travers

Head of NEGS Junior School



JUNIOR SCHOOL *News*

Mrs Ford



Touch Football Gala Day

Last week, NEGS Junior School took four touch football teams, consisting of students from years 3-6 to Armidale's Primary School Gala Day run by NSW Touch Football.

Whilst some students have a season or two of touch football under their belts; for many this was their first experience of the game. And what a lot of fun was had! The students played a number of 15 minute games throughout the day, developing skills for teamwork, passing and catching.

The students showed wonderful school spirit and gamesmanship, and were wonderful representatives for NEGS Junior School.



YEAR 5 WITH THEIR TRANSITION BUDDY



NEGS *Library News*

Miss Laura Cambridge

Hint for next term's theme

What could possibly be the theme of next term's library?
Here are some hints. Can you figure it out?



CASE

SPACE SCHOOL

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actura.com.au/NSWalliance

INFORMATION EVENING

Monday, 21st October 2019

Junior Space School: 6 - 7pm

*For parents and students in years 7, 8
and 9 in 2020*

Senior Space School: 7:30 - 8:30pm

*For parents and students in years 10,
11 and 12 in 2020*

Venue: Actura, The Gordon Centre

*Suite 2C Level 2, 802 Pacific Hwy,
Gordon, NSW 2072*

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The Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia is partnering with the California Association for STEAM Education (CASE) and Actura to offer its students a world-class STEAM enrichment program designed to light the fire of inspiration in your child.

For more information visit actura.com.au/NSWalliance

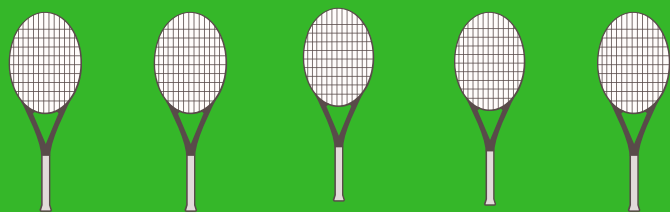
ARMIDALE TENNIS ACADEMY SPRING HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

TUES 1 OCT - THURS 3 OCT 2019

HALF DAY CAMP: 9.00AM TO 12PM

\$50.00 PER DAY
AGES 5+

BEGINNERS and kids NEW to tennis welcome!
Racquets provided if you don't have one.



For more info & to enrol -



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