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2020 *Calendar* of Events Semester One

TERM ONE

Sunday 26 January	Australia Day
Tuesday 28 January	Scholarship Morning - 8:30am Orientation Afternoon for new students with registration from 3:45pm Welcome BBQ - 5pm Boarders Return by 8pm

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

CLASSES COMMENCE

Friday 31 January	Boarding Activities (Closed Weekend)
Friday 7 February	NEGS Foundation Day
Friday 14 February	NEGS Swimming Carnival

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

Friday 10 April	Good Friday - Easter Weekend
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TERM TWO

Monday 27 April	Staff Day Boarders return by 8pm
TUESDAY 28 APRIL	CLASSES COMMENCE
Friday 8 May	NEGS Athletics Carnival
Saturday 9 May	NEGS 125 Ball
Friday 5 – Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend (School closed)

THURSDAY 25 JUNE

LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

TERM 3

Monday 20 July	Staff Day Boarders return by 8pm
TUESDAY 21 JULY	CLASSES COMMENCE
Friday 4 September	Grandparents' Day Old Girls' Weekend 125 Year Lunch for whole school community
Thursday 24 September	Valedictory Day LAST DAY OF TERM THREE

TERM 4

Sunday 11 October	Boarders return by 8pm
Monday 12 October	CLASSES COMMENCE
Friday 30 October	NEGS Colour Run
Thursday 3 December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Friday 4 December	Year 7 - 11 NEGS Speech Day LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR

NEGS *Principal*

MRS MARY ANNE EVANS



Principal's *Welcome*

As I pen my final Akaroa Report for 2019, Australia is besieged by the worst bushfires of our time and this is on top of the worst drought the New England region has ever experienced. 2019 is the year that our resilience as a community and nation has been truly tested.

These catastrophic events have much bearing on a school like NEGS because our heart and soul rests in regional Australia. Many of our families are struggling and our students carry this burden every day. As a school, we are supporting those families as much as we can and we continue to pray for rain and strength. It is in times like these we call on the character strengths of what it is to be a NEGS student and I am constantly surprised by them.

At this years Valedictory Assembly I was again reminded what a wonderful group of young women sat before me. The 2019 Year 12 cohort were special for so many reasons but most particularly for me was their innate willingness to serve their school and they had reminded me of the importance of family - both their blood family and their school family. At NEGS these young women were a special family who are all quite different yet accepting of everyone.

Marvin Lazenbury believes that "family means having someone to love you unconditionally in spite of you and your shortcomings. Family is loving and supporting one another even when it's not easy to do so. It's being the best person you could be so that you may inspire your loved ones. Family doesn't see colour, race, creed nor culture it sees heart. Family isn't always about being connected biologically, because family understands that other things and influences bind us. Family is unrelenting, it's secure and reliable. Family isn't just important, it's what is most important!"

This is the skillset that this years Year 12 have - the ability to build family wherever they are - and this is why they will thrive wherever they go, Uni, Gap Year, Work.

This depth of character was reflective of the way these young women have embraced the new leadership structure at NEGS. They believe that "leadership is about service not honour" - and they have proven that a cultural shift can be made in a positive, progressive way. Culture must be built intentionally and specifically. This is a legacy to be valued and was evidenced by the application of a Year 11 student for Head Prefect - her words "I may not become a Year 12 Prefect by the end of this application process. I may not make it past interviews, or to the speeches, but regardless of where I end up in the grand composition of my Year Twelve, I am certain of one thing - official recognition or not, I am a leader, and I wish to serve the community that has always served me. I will do so with or without the ornamentation of a badge, or title of Prefect, and I aim for all students in the school to be able to look in my direction, no matter how hard they must crane their necks to see my small stature (five foot 3 I believe) and say - "That's a NEGS girl!"

As we look to the 2020 Year 12 girls, I am already impressed as to how they are making a difference and they are ably lead by our Head Prefect, Miss Sheriden Bennett and our Deputy Head Prefect, Miss Lucinda Garbutt and I look forward to working closely with them.

At this years Old Girls' Weekend, I was thrilled to see the return of my first HSC students at NEGS who came back to celebrate their five year reunion. The 2014 cohort will always hold a special place in my heart and their vivaciousness and zest for life has not diminished - I am so proud of the women they have become and privileged to have played a small part in their educational journey, and I am privileged to work at a School that has, and continues to, produce such outstanding young women.

I commend to you another outstanding edition of Akaroa which captures other dimensions of life at NEGS, as well as many notable occasions and accomplishments.

MRS MARY ANNE EVANS, NEGS PRINCIPAL



INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD GIRLS FOR 2020

Head Prefect, Sheriden Bennett and Deputy Head Prefect, Lucinda Garbutt!

It was an extremely proud day for our 2020 student leaders when they were inducted into their positions at assembly. We are very proud of the outstanding young women of Year 12, 2020. We also thank outgoing Head Prefects Daisy and Chelsea for attending the induction ceremony, and for their tireless work throughout 2019 whilst representing NEGS.

Snippet from Sheriden's vote of thanks from the 124th NEGS Speech Day

“WOW. WE'VE MADE IT, AND WHAT A YEAR 2019 HAS BEEN! I AM SO PROUD OF OUR LITTLE SCHOOL, WHICH CONTINUES TO EXCEED EXPECTATIONS, AND PROVE THAT SIZE ISN'T SPIRIT. THIS YEAR HAS BEEN NO DIFFERENT TO OTHERS IN THAT WE HAVE EXCELLED IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR SCHOOL INCLUDING ACADEMICS, EQUESTRIAN, SPORT, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

My name is Sheriden Bennett and I have been privileged enough to be elected as the Head Prefect for 2020.

A small, regional all-girls boarding school in the North West. A passionate board supporting a driven principal, guiding a dedicated cohort of staff. A world class equestrian centre, a recently initiated Talented Athlete Program, a spirit larger than the school itself, an endless list of possibilities.

This year has been another exciting year of change and innovation for NEGS.

For me, whilst the Talented Athlete Program, the up and coming sporting complex, the equestrian centre, our musicals and our performances are exciting, it's the girls sitting on the sidelines or in the audience that make this school what it is. Our school is riddled with talent, but the thing that allows each girl to thrive is the support of the girl next to her.

I can honestly say that I am so proud of each and every girl sitting here in uniform today. I know that not everyone of you is here to receive an award, but I also know that you've all given it your best shot, and that's all we ask.

This year we're focusing on the importance of recognising our strengths, but not letting ourselves be limited by them.

Year 12 have introduced a new motto for 2020, called 'Why not?' as we hope to reiterate the importance of embracing

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school life while it lasts, as it goes too quickly; which is something that we are all beginning to realise. We know that within our year group alone, that no one can hit a tennis ball like Hannah, no one can run as fast as Grace, no one can play polocrosse like Gemma and I know for certain that not one of us is going to stand between Hayley Lennon and the rugby try line. But that's the beauty of our year group, we're all good at different things which means that together we're unstoppable. The same goes for this school. Congratulations to all the girls receiving academic awards today as I am sure they are very well deserved. For the other girls, I'd also like to congratulate you on your personal achievements throughout this year whether it was on the sporting field, on the back of a horse, on stage in the musical or anything else it may have been, because your achievements are just as worthy of celebration.

WE MAY BE SMALL BUT WE ARE MIGHTY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVE THAT SIZE ISN'T SPIRIT. WE ARE NEGS GIRLS, WHICH MEANS THE WORLD IS OUR OYSTER. NEXT YEAR WILL BE NEGS' 125TH YEAR, SO I CHALLENGE US ALL TO MAKE IT THE BEST AND MOST MEMORABLE YET. SO LET'S GET IN AND GIVE IT OUR BEST SHOT, BECAUSE 'WHY NOT?'.

HEAD OF *Junior* SCHOOL

MR ANDREW TRAVERS



THIS YEAR HAS INDEED BEEN A VERY BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

We have spent 2019 focussing on identifying priority areas, consolidating our relationships and networks with parents and the broader community, and, most importantly, responding to the needs of NEGS Junior School students. They never stop surprising me. What a wonderful group of students they are.

This year has indeed been a very busy and very successful year.

Competition and performance are essential for learning and preparation of children for the future. Competition enhances learning and improves teamwork and collaboration, social and emotional development, increases intrinsic motivation, enhances beneficial (positive) peer comparisons, strengthens academic self-concept, facilitates growth mind-sets and builds mental toughness. Whether or not you believe every one of these traits are developed through competition and performance, it is my experience that by using the framework of competition and performance positively, we offer children the chance to show what they have worked so hard to achieve and this must be of value.

This is why at NEGS Junior School we invest heavily in time spent and staffing provision, to ensure the children are offered an enriched curriculum that provides so many opportunities to build these positive traits that will, in turn, provide character and confidence for their futures. This year we have been successful in Eisteddfods, sporting events and our musical performance of Peter Pan was outstanding.

EACH YEAR AT NEGS WE CONTINUE OUR STRONG COMMITMENT TO OFFERING QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING WHICH DRAWS ON PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE THAT IS DATA INFORMED AND EVIDENCED BASED AND ALIGNED WITH THE NSW BOARD OF STUDIES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM.

We have achieved great goals this year, and all our students are to be congratulated. However our aim is to continually focus on improving the educational programs and services we offer our students. Our objective is to provide the very best quality teaching and learning environment for all our students. NEGS Junior School teachers are to be congratulated for being steadfast, reliable, reflective and responsive to the needs of students.

I look forward to 2020 being a year of great success for NEGS Junior School.

MR ANDREW TRAVERS, HEAD OF NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL



ANDREW KNIGHT

Year 6 Junior School student Andrew has sadly come to the end of his time at NEGS, graduating with the Year 6 Class of 2019. This quiet young man has been in the NEGS Junior School longer than all of the Junior School students and is one of the first boys to go all the way through his primary school education after commencing in Transition in 2011 with Mrs Catherine McCann.

A very talented sports star, he has loved the amount of sport that he has been able to do. He has had the opportunity to do equestrian, athletics, soccer, cross country, swimming, basketball and the most recently, and his biggest passion to date - Hockey (both Indoor and Field Hockey). He is a little dynamo on the hockey fields with his fast hockey moves! He has also represented the school at PSSA Athletics and IPSHA Cross Country.

No stranger to girls, with two sisters who both attend NEGS, Amanda, Year 5 and Ashley, Year 8, Andrew has benefited at school with the small class sizes, individual attention when needed and learning support available. With the increase of boy numbers over the years, now approximately a quarter of the Junior School, Andrew has enjoyed playing with his younger male peers, as well as not holding back with the competitions against the girls.

Mum Natalie, also a NEGS Old Girl loves the dedication and support that the teachers have given Andrew throughout his time here, something that he may not have been given in a larger school.

We wish Andrew all the very best as he ventures onto high school.



KINDERGARTEN TEDDY BEARS PICNIC AT THALGARRAH

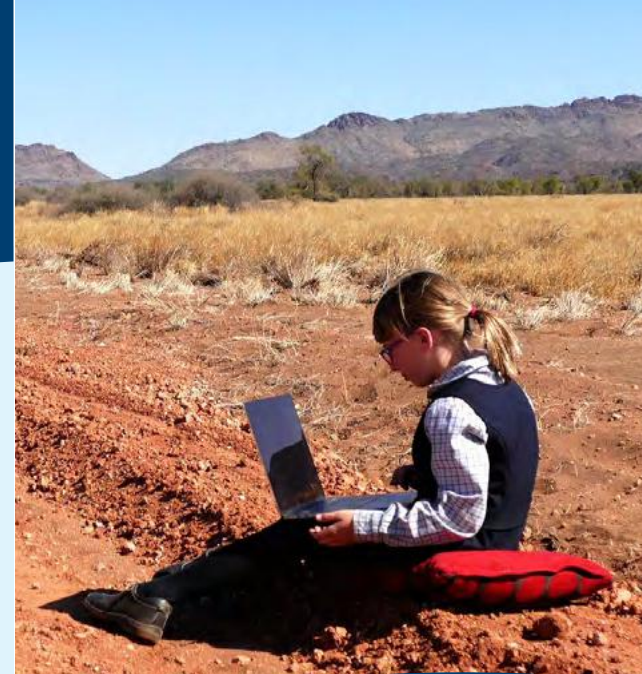
Kindergarten ventured to the Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre for a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

They were given knowledge of the basic needs of living things: P.A.W.S - Plants, Air, Water, Shelter.



TWILIGHT CONCERT

It was another wonderful evening of entertainment at the NEGS Twilight Concert with the concert being live streamed for families who could not personally attend. The performances were well prepared, polished and a credit to themselves.



NEGS ONLINE DISTANCE

Education

NEGS ONLINE - Distance is no longer a barrier to quality education. NEGS Junior School successfully launched an inaugural education program for rural and remote students. Isolated primary students can now access an end-to-end classroom experience with NEGS Junior School offering distance education.

NEGS Online allows students from any location in Australia access to full-day curriculum and activities through live video conferencing and Google classroom. Students can interact with teachers and their peers, with worksheets and information uploaded through specialised software, as well as participate in music lessons, attend library, chapel and assembly.

During the term, students can stay onsite with their parents to participate in camps, NAPLAN, swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. With 11 places available for Years 3-6, it's a chance for remote students to learn school etiquette and practice in social situations before they head off to boarding school.

As the first Independent School to offer Distance Education via this model, NEGS' Principal, Mrs Mary Anne Evans said the program ensures distance is no longer a barrier to quality education. "As a rural boarding school, we have wonderful connections with remote families and this program allows us to offer these children the opportunity to experience the quality learning programs that are available at NEGS. As technology opportunities grow for accessible remote communications, we hope to expand this program to more students, right across the country."

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ARMIDALE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Our students love netball and it was great seeing Amanda K being acknowledged at the Armidale Netball Assoc grand final weekend when she received 'Best & Fairest' for Primary Division 1.



BOOK WEEK

Visitors to NEGS may have been surprised to see "Super Heroes" everywhere! To conclude the Book Week celebrations, our fabulous super heroes donned their costumes and were treated to special super hero food and enjoyed many super hero activities.



QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS

There were hover boards, gases and experiments galore at the recent visit from The Shell Questacon Science Circus. Presenters in the Science Circus study for the Master of Science Communication Outreach at ANU. They entertained and excited our students with their science show.



FATHERS DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

How cool are NEGS Dads!!! The love was certainly evident as the students celebrated a special Father's Day BBQ Breakfast with their "Number One" Dad. With so many of our families coming from farms, the main topic of conversation was the lack of rain and the struggles of the drought, but coming together and catching up was a wonderful support to them all.



DANCE CONCERT

The NEGS Dance Concert was a fantastic evening showcasing some of our amazing and talented NEGS dancers. Congratulations to you all and to Mrs Lisa Travers who has been a phenomenal dance teacher. We wish Lisa all the best as she heads off to spend time with her growing family.





RESCUE AND WILDLIFE HOSPITALS

Our hearts go out to everyone who is experiencing the devastating bush fires throughout Australia. NEGS has answered the call from Rescue and Wildlife hospitals in regards to making mittens for our furry friends, the koalas, who have been injured. Year 7-10 have sent batches to QLD, ACT and NSW collection centres.



VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON

Our volunteers are amazing and we truly value and appreciate the time that they give to the numerous events at the school and other events afar. As part of the International Volunteers Day, we acknowledged our wonderful NEGS volunteers at an afternoon tea in the NEGS Japanese Gardens, with a special 'thanks' to Mrs Sally White who has worked tirelessly during her time as a parent here. Thank You to all!



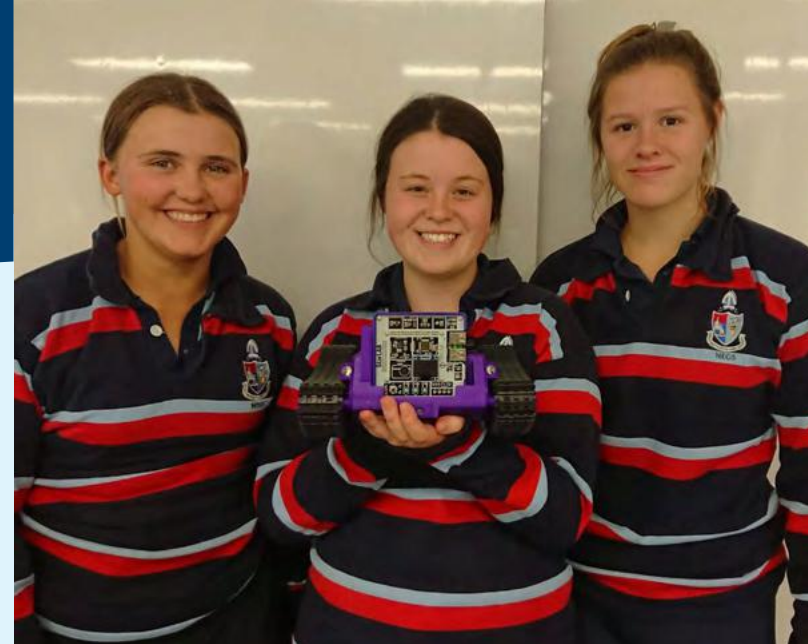
LADIES OF THE LAND NSW CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

We wish to say 'thank you' to the NEGS community for supporting the Ladies of the Land NSW Christmas Gift Appeal and helping to brighten up someone's Christmas this year. With the prolonged drought conditions, women often put themselves last. Students, parents and staff members donated pamper products which were wrapped beautifully by the Year 10 students during Service Week. These gift boxes were delivered to Richardsons Hardware Mitre 10 Armidale on the last day of school to be collected by the Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW and then distributed to women within our district.



ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL DROUGHT RELIEF

NEGS were pleased to be part of the St Peters Cathedral Drought Relief Concert with some of our musicians performing in the Cathedral.



iSTEM

iSTEM: Problem-solving skills were put to the test for Year 9/10 iSTEM class when they competed in the Mars Rover Challenge run by StarLAB in conjunction with the University of Newcastle. The program combined the challenge of coding, robotics and the use of scientific sensors. Out of the 22 schools that competed, 18 were local Hunter schools. The remaining 4 teams, including NEGS, competed via a remote livestream. The girls truly punched above their weight, competing as the smallest team in the competition. At the conclusion of the competition, we were awarded 7th place overall and 1st out of the remotely competing schools. This is a testament to the iSTEM course which, in itself, teaches the girls to sail forward with confidence, a key skill to have, not only for future innovators but for life in general.

NEGS SPRING BALL

Many families dusted off their boots, suits and dresses for the NEGS Spring Ball on Saturday 14 September.

The band Terra Firma had everyone up on the dance floor, and the night included great food and company.

It was a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community to help lift everyone's spirits during these testing times.



TEACHER'S RIDE A HORSE DAY

We love bringing our teachers out of their comfort zones of their classrooms for the much anticipated annual Teacher's Ride a Horse Day. The whole school comes to the Equestrian Centre to cheer on the teachers as they compete against each other with the aid of our experienced equestrian student riders. Congratulations to Year 12 student Anna J who raced against the very experienced and competitive horsewomen and teacher, Mrs Terri Swartz and won!

NATIONAL INTERSCHOOLS

A huge "Congratulations" to Katie H and Anna J who competed at the National Interschools this year for Equestrian. Anna was the captain of the Eventing team and Katie was named co-captain of the Combined Training team. Katie and her horse Leo Degas placed 3rd in the CT105CM class and 3rd in the CT teams award. The eventing team was crowned the overall eventing champions. Well done to both Anna and Katie.



ZARA Blackmore

NEGS ARMIDALE YEAR 12 STUDENT, ZARA BLACKMORE, HAS ACCUMULATED AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGHOUT HER 13 YEARS AT NEGS. THIS ACTIVELY COMPASSIONATE YOUNG LADY HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HER WORK AND DEDICATION IN MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

Recently, she was one of six students chosen to receive the 2019 National Council of Women NSW's Dame Marie Bashir Peace Award. Students who receive these awards are exceptional in their activities to lead others in harmonious relationships and ardently pursue social justice. She also has been selected to receive a 2019 John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award, being one of 25 students to receive this. The award is presented to NSW Senior High School students who have been acknowledged for their exemplary service (which takes many forms) to their communities, whether they be local, national, or even international.



With her ongoing pursuit of making a difference in our community, Zara is chair of the Armidale Regional Youth Advisory Committee (ARYAC) working to facilitate youth activities. This year she worked with the committee to provide a number of free youth engagement activities, including a free art workshop, a collaborative community art project as well as free henna art and food activities. She has also worked with the Yazidi refugees who have recently arrived in Armidale. Her HSC Arts and Design project reflects her character, her compassion and hope for people's futures, based on the accounts of a young Yazidi man named Waleed Khalid Al-Ali who was forced to flee his homeland in Iraq due to the persecution of his people by Islamic State. As a volunteer Youth Leader at the St Vincent de Paul Homework Club for disadvantaged children, she assists primary school-aged children with mathematics and English by presenting learning in an accessible and fun way.

In 2018 Zara joined the Headspace Tamworth Youth Reference Group to support and improve the mental health of young adolescents. The Youth Reference Group is working towards a series of workshops for young women aged between 18-25. The workshops will focus on topical issues concerning financial literacy, health and wellbeing and the effect of drought, aiming to improve community inclusion and enhance knowledge and skills. She was presented with the "Commitment and Perseverance" award at the 2018 Armidale Regional Youth Awards.

Zara participated in the Round Square exchange program to Ermitage International School, France. She believed her time on exchange helped her to become a key marker for the culmination of personal growth.

In 2017 Zara founded, with a friend, the registered not-for-profit "Female and Fierce". She observed that there was a severe decrease in youth engagement in the local area of Armidale and acted to address this problem. As co-founder and treasurer of "Female and Fierce", she has developed an organisation that aims to support women locally, nationally and internationally through facilitating service, activism and fundraising projects. In 2018 she initiated a series of guest lectures on the role of women in the healthcare industry and the arts, as well as hosting fundraising events for UN Women Australia and the Armidale Women's refuge. "Female and Fierce" partnered with the Armidale ASPIRE group to assist in packing birthing kits for developing countries.

Zara delivered a speech to the NEGS students which was both poignant and a resounding confirmation of the true spirit of NEGS:

"....I have learnt at NEGS 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 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... 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".

INTRODUCING OUR Staff

THERE IS A NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL AT NEGS! INTRODUCING, MR. MARK FLYNN....

AFTER MANY YEARS AS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, MRS TERRI SWARTZ IS TAKING A STEP BACK FROM HER POSITION AND HAS RETURNED TO FULL-TIME TEACHING. SHE HAS ALSO TAKEN ON THE ROLE OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR ENGLISH, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LANGUAGES, A POSITION THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MARK.

As part of the dynamic leadership team, Mark has been a well-respected teacher at NEGS since 2016 and with 33 years of teaching experience, he has embraced his new role as Deputy Principal with gusto and is very excited about the future of the School. Mark has a real passion for teaching and feels that it is a vocation, not a job.

Growing up in the beautiful Lismore/Ballina coastal area, Mark and his wife Teoni, also a school teacher, studied at the University of New England. After many fond years of being in the area, they decided on a tree change and have made Armidale their home.

After an extensive career teaching in the public education system Mark he never imagined that he would teach at an "all-girls" school. "I love the culture of NEGS. I find girls can be easier to teach and learn better in this environment,"

In all-girls' schools, girls feel empowered, build confidence and are able to take risks as they hold every leadership position in the classroom, the sporting field or on stage; They achieve greater academic success by bucking the trend in science, technology, engineering, and maths. "At NEGS, the students are respectful, enthusiastic, down to earth and supportive of each other. The teachers are very professional and it is wonderful to be teaching again with Mr Tony Jones and Mrs Wendy Morey who I had the pleasure of working with at a previous school," said Mark.

The love of travel has seen Mark visit some incredible countries over the years. In 2018 he accompanied Year 8 NEGS service students to Cambodia in the lead up to the Round Square conference in China and



feels that it was an eye-opening experience to see how people live in a third world country.

A keen sportsman, Mark has been a passionate coach in both Rugby Union and Rugby League for over 30 years. In 2018, Mark initiated the Women's 7's Rugby at NEGS giving girls the opportunity to be part of the rugby program in a school environment. Mark is one of the coaches and with assistance from sports teacher and Strength and Conditioning coach, Mr Fraser Ashman, the girls can participate in quality, specialised training, and weekly strength and conditioning sessions. The NEGS Under 17s rugby team proved that they were a force to be reckoned with at the New England finals winning the grand final against some very tough competition. He believes that the character building that takes place in sport can help you deal with life's many challenges, teaching you perseverance. Mark is also a black belt in karate and has represented Queensland at the Australian championships.

We look forward to working with Mark in his new position.



RACHELLE HIRST

Passionate Dressage and Eventing Coach, Rachelle Hirst joined the NEGS Equestrian Centre team in 2015 bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the school. Rachelle holds an NCAS Equestrian Australia Level 2 Certificate in Riding and Horse Management and her friendly and warm personality puts the girls at ease in all of their lessons.

Before starting at NEGS Rachelle worked and rode for professional riders in Eventing and Dressage, and schooling her horse to Prix St Georges. In 2014 she trained overseas in Europe and returned later that year to Australia to compete at the Australian National Dressage Championships.

For Rachelle, 2019 has been an outstanding year as a trainer. Her young horse 'MS Bollinger' stepped up to win championships across NSW, qualifying and competing at NSW state championships. 'We qualified for and achieved top ten in the novice championship at the 2019 Australian Dressage Championships'. Her older horse 'Bradgate Park Reggae', after having a few years off, has been back in the Advanced level competition, winning Champion and Reserve Champion Advanced at the end of 2019.

Rachelle is passionate about creating a future of elite riding in Australia through good training foundations, nutrition and a high level of horse-management. 'I love coaching students and watching their improvements and successes. Nothing makes me prouder than my students having a great ride'. Her highlights over the years include taking teams of NEGS girls to state and national championships and travelling with the girls overseas to New Zealand and the USA.

visit the website to meet more of our staff member's

<https://negs.nsw.edu.au/media/team-negs>

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Deputy Head Prefect Lucinda has taken part in the 2019 Lions Youth of the Year Competition. The competition involves Public Speaking, both prepared and impromptu, as well as a high-pressure interview process. Lucinda impressed the audience, judges and local member Adam Marshall throughout the Public Speaking dinner with her warmth, insight, general knowledge and compassion.



CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN HSC PRESENTATION NIGHT

The NEGS Creative Arts & Design HSC Presentation Night has always been one of the highlights on the NEGS calendar. There was an extremely high calibre of works on show by the Year 12 girls and were enjoyed by the many families who attended.



REGIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Highly talented NEGS student Ella C loves competing on horses and is also an amazing musician. Ella was recently invited to be part of the Regional Youth Orchestra in Tamworth. The RYO NSW is an audition-based youth orchestra for talented students from NSW Regional Conservatoriums, providing opportunities to play and perform with other regional youth musicians, and to learn from leading conductors, orchestras and artists from Australia and the world in a range of projects each year.



EMERGE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAM

There's a very bright future ahead for Year 11 student Olivia J. Olivia was accepted into the UNE SMART Region Incubator "Emerge" Young Entrepreneurs Program for 2019! The Emerge Program is a four-week intensive startup program that will provide the topics and allow participants to take a deep dive and implement the startup frameworks and models for their own business and goals. Featuring the groundbreaking Ian Mason, who was instrumental in the creation and growth of Virgin StartUp, Sir Richard Branson's not-for-profit company for entrepreneurs, and also the SRI's own Expert in Residence, Gary Morgan, participants will be well-equipped to take off on their very own very successful journey.

VALEDICTORY DAY

It was a day of joy, tears and lots of well wishes as our graduating Year 12 girls left the gates of NEGS for their final time. NEGS continued their tradition of making a full school guard of honour from the Multi Purpose Centre up to the Assembly Hall for the Year 12 girls with Junior School students handing them paper flowers as they walked by. For some of our girls, they have been at the school for 14 years and some are 4th generation NEGS girls.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Our Grandparents are so special and it was lovely to welcome many of them to the NEGS Grandparents' Day celebrations. They were treated to a morning of incredible talent from 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.



124th Annual Speech Day

The 124th Annual Speech Day was a time to reflect and acknowledge the achievements of our girls. Head Girl, Sheriden B's comment, "We may be small, but we are mighty!" reiterates what the girls of NEGS are truly like. Thank you to Mrs Rebecca Cadzow who gave a very inspiring occasional address. It was also a day to say goodbye to much loved teacher, Mrs Stephanie Thomas as she makes a tree change to QLD after 14 years at NEGS. The girls gave her a fitting "All Praise" farewell. We are proud of all of our girls and live by the school motto, "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily."





CELEBRATION OF SPORT ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to welcome NSW Swift's player, Tayla Fraser as special guest to our Celebration of Sport assembly. She is a true inspiration to our girls. It was a day to recognise our top level athletes who have represented and excelled internationally, nationally, state or through other representation in sport, equestrian and livestock.

Congratulations to the award recipients but also well done to everyone who gave their best throughout the year.

'Whatsoever you do, do it heartily.'



Winners!! With extremely strong winds blowing and dust flying, the horrendous weather conditions didn't deter our powerful NEGS rugby girls taking out the Under 17s finals in the Armidale competition. In comprehensive wins against both Armidale Secondary College and in the final game against O'Connor Catholic College, it was an exciting and entertaining game of rugby to watch. Our NEGS Strength and Conditioning coach, (and rugby guru) Mr Fraser Ashman, did a fantastic job preparing the girls for the games and they are to be congratulated on playing such phenomenal games.

If you have ever watched Year 11 student Chelsea T in action as a goalie, you know that she is a force to be reckoned with. Her ongoing success on the hockey field has seen Chelsea selected in the NSW All Schools U16 years State team and attending the School Sport Australia Hockey Championships in Newcastle earlier this year. In a strong team display in the final the NSW girls defeated Queensland 2-1 coming home with a Gold medal.



HAWKESBURY CANOE CLASSIC

Starting on the 26th of October, six NEGS girls endeavored to complete the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, a 111km paddle up the Hawkesbury River, with both pride and the very real threat of hypothermia. Priscilla, Grace, Josie, Kate, Amelia and Francisca all completed the race in under 16 hours.

HOCKEY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hayley L continues to excel in hockey and was part of the team who played for Tamworth at the Open Women's Indoor Hockey State Championships. They won div 2, moving up to division 1 next year.



IGSSA COMPETITIONS

With a very supportive cheer squad of parents and friends on the sidelines, NEGS continued its success on the hockey fields and netball courts in Sydney at the Independent Girls' School Sporting Association (IGSSA) competitions this year.

Our Junior team played some sensational games, coming home Winners in the grand final!

In an extremely strong competition, our Senior hockey girls played their hearts out in the finals, placing runners up overall.

Congratulations to our Netball teams who also played some fantastic games throughout the competition.





ODE

The annual NEGS One Day Event (ODE) has long been established on the Eventing NSW calendar as a unique, boutique, "not to be missed" event, that gets better and better each year. This year the NEGS ODE was held on the 9th and 10th of November. This was a fantastic weekend enjoyed by all, with a fresh new cross country course catering for classes from 45cm to 2* in open and junior divisions. It is always so exciting to welcome the eventing community into the world class facilities at NEGS. The NEGS community worked hard to ensure the facilities were ready for the competitors on Friday afternoon, with nothing being an issue and any requests easily accommodated.

The dressage in the olympic-sized indoor arena on Saturday morning fostered an international atmosphere, with the lower classes competing in the natural amphitheatre on the Parents' Oval. While the grass arenas were sand arenas this year due to the drought, the beautiful old pines and trees lining the fence provided some beautiful greenery. The showjumping ran, as it usually does, like a well oiled machine. All competitors had the opportunity to jump in the indoor arena which added to the unique atmosphere.

There were exciting new jumps and challenges on the cross country course, which was a new course with interesting lines. It was fantastic

to see the water jump in action after the long dry spell. All grades completed their cross country on the Sunday, which finished in time for a 3:00pm presentation allowing competitors to travel home.

Without our amazing sponsors, this weekend simply could not function. We work with these fantastic sponsors throughout the year and we are very grateful for their ongoing support. Likewise, our event runs on the back of an army of volunteers, who are tireless and to whom no task is too small or too daunting!

Many thanks to our supporters:

Godolphin, Marcus Oldham, Earle Family, Dalmau Family, Hancock Family, Simpson Family, Towne Family, Edwards Coaches, Thunderbolt Equine Veterinary Services, Transtar Linehaul Pty Ltd, Scone Equine Group, Mt Riddock Station, Moxons Bakery Armidale, Martins Stock Haulage, Quadrant Australia, Simpson Family, Randlab Pty Ltd, Robinson Family, Oz Shotz, Ducats Earthmoving, FOGS, Merilba Estate, Hubbard Hire, Supermoto New England Regional Australia Bank, Armidale City Signs, Performa Ride, Bunnings Warehouse Australia, Richardsons Hardware Mitre 10, Stewart Family, Jacksons Quality Meats, Equissage Therapy Australia, Barastoc Horse, TuffRock Australia, Powerhouse Armidale



CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 10 STUDENT PATRICIA K WHO IS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE NEGS BARASTOC BURSARY. FOR PATRICIA WINNING THE BURSARY NOT ONLY MEANS REALLY TOP QUALITY FEED FOR HER HORSE, IT IS ALSO SOMETHING SHE IS PROUD TO HAVE ACHIEVED ON HER OWN.

Growing up in Sydney Patricia started riding when she was 5 years old and her mother took her to Moore Park for her first riding lesson. She loved it and from then on every Sunday was riding day.

Patricia always wanted the chance to live with her horse and be able to look after him every day. Coming to NEGS has been a dream come true as it is the opportunity to mix equestrian with education, and finally live with her horse. "Having my horse with me everyday straight away makes me a better rider and helps me follow my dreams".

As an eventer and a member of the NEGS High Performance Squad, for Patricia the best thing about being part of the NEGS Equestrian Program is all the opportunities that are available for the students. In particular the chance to work with the high level coaches and also as a team as part of the squads. "Having the squads brings us all together, we work together and we learn from each others' mistakes"

Patricia's horse Gambler is a 17 year old warmblood who rode near 2* with his previous owner. "He is a once in a lifetime horse who makes you work very hard, he doesn't do everything for you but it's worth it".

This year Patricia won the NEGS One Day Event 1* and her goal for 2020 is to reach 2*. With aspirations to get to the Melbourne International 3 day event by year 12 and eventually competing in the Olympics, Patricia has the skills and determination to achieve her dreams.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 7 STUDENT HOLLY J WHO IS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BARASTOC BURSARY. HOLLY IS VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THIS AT ONLY 13 YEARS OF AGE.

Growing up in Forbes, NSW, Holly has been riding since she was born. She started at NEGS as a boarder in Year 6, choosing NEGS because of the chance to have both a great academic education and receive high level equestrian coaching. Being able to ride every day after school and have lessons at school is a dream come true.

Holly's enthusiasm for the NEGS Equestrian Program is contagious. Her favourite thing about NEGS is having her horse with her at school. However, this is very closely followed by the fantastic facilities, the friendly staff, the high level coaches, the school horses that are available for students to use and all the excursions.

Stoney Creek is an 18 year old stock horse cross warm blood and has been with Holly since she was 11. He is an all-rounder, which is the perfect match for Holly who does eventing, showjumping, dressage and show riding. Recently, Holly and Stoney Creek qualified for the Southern Cross Horse Show Spectacular in 2020 at the Sydney Equestrian Centre.

Holly's aspirations for 2020 are to get in the top 10 in the Southern Cross Horse Show Spectacular and to qualify for Grand Nationals. She credits her coaches for helping her to set and achieve her goals. "The coaches at NEGS have a lot of knowledge about your horses and the type of riding that you do".

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Winner of the Dalmau Two Star was Finn Patrick Mcoy from Queensland
- Winner of the Marcus Oldham One Star was NEGS Year 10 student Patricia K and a very close second was Priscilla C, with third going to Anna J, making it a clean sweep by NEGS.
- Patricia also won the prize for The Hancock Family Highest Place Junior Rider in the One Star.
- Thunderbolt EVA 95cm was won by Amanda Newton and NEGS girl Nicole K finished 3rd.
- Pheobe Oates won the prize of the Martin Stock Haulage Highest Place Junior Rider.
- Edwards Coaches EVA 80 was won by Melody Webber.
- NEGS Old Girls Tara Moxham Jarvis finished second and Shara Menzies finished 4th.
- Transtar Linehaul EVA 80 Jnr was won by Stephanie Skewes.
- Mt Riddock Station EVA 60 was won by Jodie Toft.
- Moxons Bakery Armidale EVA 60 Jnr was won by Charlize Haling.
- Quadrant Australia EVA 45 was won by Sally McLachlan.
- Scone Equine Group EVA 45 Jnr was won by Sarah Clark and NEGS Savannah B finished second and Molly MS finished 3rd.
- Godolphin prize to the highest place Thoroughbred went to Finn Patrick Mcoy riding Sexy Legs who also won the Two Star.



Equestrian

Meeting Gai Waterhouse

Rubbing shoulders with legendary racing royalty Gai Waterhouse has left our Head of the Equestrian Centre, Imti Anees so pumped and excited.

With a 5.30am start, the Randwick Racecourse was a hive of activity as the girls watched horses thundering past them before having the privilege to meet Gai. Passionate about working with the younger generation, Gai was generous with her time and certainly inspired the girls with some great empowering ideas.

Some of the important things Gai spoke about were: "Attention to detail makes you a winner", "Be strong - take a hit but stand up and try again", "Presentation is important", "Smile and always greet people", "Bounce back when you are down, and most importantly, "Articulate and have a good attitude".

After receiving a letter of 'thanks' from one of our students Kitty K, who Gai certainly inspired, Gai wrote a lovely note on her website about the girls visit.



INTERSCHOOL Competition

In March 2020, NEGS will run an interschool competition encompassing the Olympics disciplines of Dressage, Eventing and Showjumping. Modelled on the same format as the Olympic games, which are held later in 2020 in Tokyo, there will be formal trot ups, events and medal ceremonies.

With a primary focus on raising the standard of interschools across Australia, the education and development of Australian young riders is at the forefront of this initiative, with some fantastic prizes for medal winners, going behind the scenes, riding and training with national and international industry professionals.

The NEGS Interschool competition is an education driven initiative in order to give young riders the access to programs enabling them to increase their knowledge and experience, riding and managing

horses at an elite level. It is an exciting opportunity for passionate young riders to train and compete in international facilities in a competitive, supportive atmosphere in order to develop their skills in training, horse management and competition at a high level across the disciplines.

You are invited to be apart of this exciting new venture, raising the standard and taking Interschool competition to the next level. Each school can enter individuals and also enter a team of four in each discipline, making it a very exciting Teams competition. Teams can be nominated before the start of the event. Teams can be made up of all levels in ODE, any heights in Showjumping and any divisions in Dressage. Points will be awarded to the level in which they are competing, with the higher the level, the more points being awarded.

Please email equestrian.centre@negs.nsw.edu.au to register your interest, more information and for the event program. Entries will be open on Nominat.com.au in January 2020.

We hope to see you there.



Congratulations to Year 9 student Kitty K who is the recipient of the 2020 Marcus Oldham Bursary. Marcus Oldham College is where many young riders like Kitty aspire to go once they finish their HSC, because you can study a Diploma in Equine Management and bring your horse with you!

Kitty came to NEGS as a boarder in 2018 from Noosa in Queensland. She happily swapped the Queensland beaches for a chance to attend a school where she could board with her horse.

As a valued member of the NEGS Equestrian Team Kitty trains and competes in Eventing. She enjoys and appreciates all the opportunities that come from being part of the NEGS equestrian program, from the coaches to competitions, to the world-class facilities at NEGS.

Kitty's horse 'Pablo' is an Old School Master who she purchased last year. 'Pablo' is 18 years old and previously competed to 2*. Kitty is currently competing at 95cm and is determined to reach her 2020 goal of competing at 1* under the guidance of both her coaches. Receiving the Marcus Oldham Bursary will support Kitty achieving all her aspirations and dreams.



MARCUS OLDHAM
We mean business.



Winners!! NEGS continues its winning streak at equestrian events throughout the country! After our big win as Champion School at Liverpool Plains Interschool last month, NEGS has pulled off another Champion School win with only four girls in the team at the Scone Stockman's Challenge Interschools event run by Scone Grammar School.

Congratulations to Northern Territory student Bridgette C, on being awarded the Reserve Champion for 13-15 years. Western Australian riders Annabelle T and Shae F had a great time competing, along with Northern Rivers student Tayla C. All girls are part of the NEGS Campdrafting Squad, and all girls placed on the day, bringing home many ribbons and the highly coveted shield

SIEC

With strong windy conditions NEGS girls rose to the occasion to compete at the Sydney International Eventing (SIEC). Sydney rider Patricia K placed 2nd in the Junior 1 star, jumping double clear in a big class. Charlotte J from Forbes had a fantastic run winning the 80cm. Hailing from Noosa, Kitty K had a great time competing in her first 95, whilst another one of our Sydney girls, Ellie LS finished her first eventing.



A huge "Congratulations" to Year 7 student Allie P who was recently awarded the Winner of the Australian Stock Horse Bursary. This acknowledgment is well deserving as Allie is a very versatile rider who competes in Dressage, Showjumping, Stock Horse classes, Showing, and is also a trick rider. Her dedication to equestrian is to be commended and we wish her all the very best in her competitions. We would like to thank the Australian Stock Horse Society for their ongoing support and partnership with NEGS Equestrian.



Australian Stock Horse



13-15 March 2020

INTERSCHOOL

Equestrian Championships



NEGS Agriculture

MR MARK FISHER



SCONE BEEF BONANZA

Our Livestock Team returned from a big couple of days of competition at this year's Scone Beef Bonanza which saw eight hundred students and over four hundred steers and heifers compete! Our team had a wonderful time and achieved some very pleasing results with a highlight being one of our meat judging teams consisting of Emma, Maddie, Eliza and Jorja winning the Reserve Champion prize.

An outstanding effort as the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition is very difficult. A big thank you to Miss Demi Lollback (MLA) for the past support of our teams. Our students did exceptionally well in the cattle paraders competition with Jessica and Emma winning their classes, Eliza coming second, Tayla achieving a third and both Ella and Tenneal achieving a fourth. Alex also did a fine job, achieving second place in his class.

Our school cattle were also very competitive with a 'Martin' unled steer coming second and a 'Martin' led steer achieving a third place. A great result! We also achieved a fifth and a highly commended with our other cattle.

A very big thank you to Mrs Michelle Constable for her role as camp mum and for Mr Garry Steele and Mr Rob Newsome's assistance as our team would not run without the help of these fantastic people. A huge thank you also to our beef producer supporters - Mr Gordon Martin and family - 'Murrunjai Pastoral Company' Merriwa, Mr Richard and Mrs Heather Cole - 'Lachlan Dale Limousins' Forbes and Mr Stephen and Mrs Kerry McDonald - 'Vindex' Manilla.



GREENHILL ORCHARDS FIELD TRIP

NEGS Year 9-10 Agriculture girls had a fantastic trip to the Greenhill Orchards at Arding. The diversified family orchard is still going strong after 150 years in operation! The excursion complimented the girls fruit/orchard assessment task. They learnt the aspects of apple and pear production with calendar of operations, factors affecting production, marketing etc. A big "thank you" to Mr Warren Yeoman for giving up his valuable time for NEGS to visit his farm business.



EKKA

NEGS have taken the EKKA by storm again this year with some fantastic results on Day 1. Caitlin C won the intermediate age group Paraders competition and overall Reserve Champion, only being beaten by the senior first place getter. Jess M placed 7th and Emma S placed 8th, both winning ribbons in the senior comp. With 256 competitors in total, the NEGS Livestock girls are being noticed by the judges. On Day 2 Emma S won the senior judging competition with Caitlin C, Jorja M and Maddie W making it into the finals and winning ribbons. The team judging made up of Tiffany T, Jess M and Emma S saw NEGS place 9th out of 27 schools. Our Limo steer 'Nighthawk' placed 6th out of 20. These results are incredible for our girls who are competing against 256 students and 27 schools. It was also wonderful to see NEGS 2018 Head Girl, and cattle enthusiast, Emily Barton come along to support the girls.



LOCAL LAND SERVICES SCHOOLS PROPERTY PLANNING

Our Agriculture students participated at the annual Local Land Services Schools Property Planning Competition Field Day at Bald Blair, Guyra. They will now prepare a property plan for Bald Blair with a focus on production, profitability and sustainability.



NATIONAL AG DAY

NEGS Agriculture girls were part of the National Ag Day celebrations at the University of New England. It was a fantastic day with the girls attending sessions on Agronomy, sheep genetics, agricultural technologies, beef carcass and yield technology, and live cattle assessments.



Music at NEGS

MRS SALLY SPILLANE

WE HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL SECOND SEMESTER WITH MUSIC. STUDENTS FROM BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PERFORMANCES BOTH AT SCHOOL AND IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY OF ARMIDALE SUPPORTING VARIOUS GROUPS.



KEEPING THE Tradition



Peter Pan Musical

Junior school students worked on their musical Peter Pan during Term 3 resulting in a fabulous show for all. Students put on a free show for all the Pre-Schoolers in Armidale which was a lovely experience. The little ones loved the magical cast of gorgeous mermaids, colourful pirates, Indian drummers and dancers, the fabulous lost children and the fantastic main characters which made up the cast of Peter Pan, including our tricky crocodile who slid down the stage steps to visit the Pre-Schoolers. They left with their NEGS balloons flying in the air and the NEGS students feeling very happy with themselves. They then wowed the audiences on Thursday and Friday with their excellent performances full of enthusiasm.



NEGS Has Got Talent'

Senior School Students put on 'NEGS Has Got Talent' to support the Women's Refuge in Armidale. First round took place in Year Groups where students were the judges. They learnt how to judge diverse Acts from Equestrian trick riding to gymnastic routines to musical soloists. Three acts were chosen from each group to go through to the Finals where a panel of teachers were the Finalist judges. It was an amazing afternoon of looking at the many talents of our Senior school students.



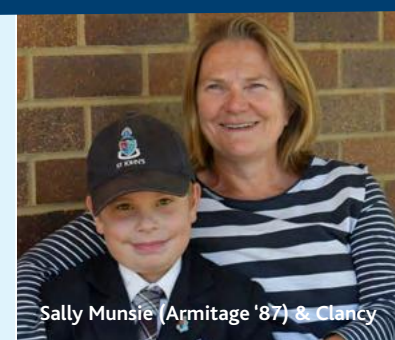
Grandparent's Day

This year on Grandparent's Day we held our musical performances in the Chapel. Dimity in Year 8 welcomed everyone with a stunning organ performance followed by the K-6 choir who performed a medley of their songs from their musical Peter Pan. The Junior handbell players, the Piano Trio, the Senior Vocal Ensemble and the Year 7/8 choir put on wonderful performances in the chapel for the Grandparents.

Following on from the Chapel, Grandparents were entertained by a stunning Equestrian display with the NEGS Sister band accompanying the horses and their riders as they went through their paces. Our Stage 3 and 4 band students also accompanied the equestrian display with all students and Grandparents enjoying this unique performance.

Following on from Grandparent's Day was Old Girl's Weekend where the Junior School Marimba group entertained the returning NEGS alumni whilst they enjoyed morning tea. Following morning tea they were entertained by the fabulous equestrian riders accompanied once again by the NEGS Sister band.

Yours in Music Sally Spillane and Alastair Finco



Sally Munsie (Armitage '87) & Clancy



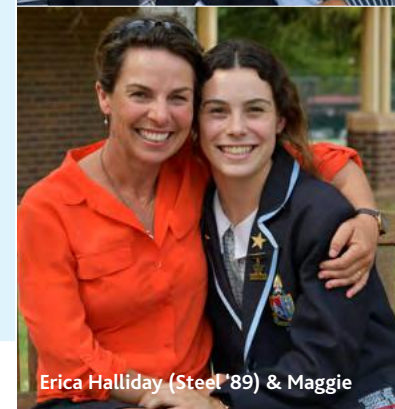
Kassandra Cassidy (Behrend '88) & Grace



Cindy Clonan (McLean '84) & Priscilla



Tina Eichorn (Smith '89) with Margaret Smith (Moffatt '58) & Chelsea



Erica Halliday (Steel '89) & Maggie



Kate Lisle (Walshe '98) & Harriet



Lucy Mackenzie ('98) & George



Kate McCamley (Corbett '89) & Cilla



Tara Moxon-Jarvis (Moxon '86) & Anna



Mukti (Melissa Graham) & Aysha



Jordie (Blomfield '90) Muller & Jane



Mel O'Gorman ('94) with Estella and Scarlet Martin



Simone Pearce (Germon '91) & Emma



Natalie Scanlon with Alexander and Adelaide



Cathie Sutherland (Reed '83) & Sophie



Natalie Swan (Busby '77) with Ashley, Andrew & Amanda



Jennifer Thomas (Woodley '86) & Sophia (Absent Saskia)



Cath Farrar (Alcorn '83) with Emily and Lydia



Alison Lockwood (Jennifer Coldham '87)

The proud family tradition of sending their children to NEGS still remains today. We are pleased to see so many families continue the tradition of being part of the NEGS Community.



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NEGS OLD *Girls*
MS NATALIE SCANLON
President's Report

THIS YEAR IN CONSIDERATION OF THE DROUGHT AND HARD CONDITIONS AFFECTING A LARGE NUMBER OF OLD GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES THE MAIN EVENT FOR OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND 2019 WAS A LUNCHEON HELD IN THE SCHOOL DINING ROOM. THIS EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 80 OLD GIRLS FROM 5 YEAR TO 50 YEAR REUNION GROUPS AND IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP. MANY YOUNGER OLD GIRLS ALSO ENJOYED A FUN NIGHT AT THE NEGS SPRING BALL THAT EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE WHOLE COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AS THE WEEKEND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JO CAMPBELL, LIBBY PARRY, SHARA MENZIES, CATH FARRAR, GABRIELLE NORBURY, POPPY ABBOTT AND CONNIE TWYFORD FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS IN PREPARING AND RUNNING THESE EVENTS.

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 Libby Parry in her new role as Old Girl Co-Ordinator 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 and Libby's work in getting these details up to date will ensure the smooth running of the OGU in years to come. I encourage all Old Girls to ensure their details are up to date so that they can follow events of our school. We are hoping that the Old Girl Section of the website will be functioning in the new year.

This year OGU functions and informal get togethers have taken place in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Board Mr John Cassidy and his wife, Annette, for their continued support of the school and the guidance they provide in achieving the best possible outcomes for NEGS.

Thank you also to Mrs Mary Anne Evans and the senior leadership team for the dedication they show to our school and the students within it. The Junior School under the guidance of Mr Andrew Travers continues to go from strength to strength which helps to grow our already strong school community. The school has seen some wonderful results in all areas of school life which all members of the school community should be proud of.

EACH BRANCH OF THE OGU ARE NOW PREPARING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NEGS NEXT YEAR. OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND 2020 WILL BE HELD AT NEGS ON 4-6TH SEPTEMBER. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR A WONDERFUL 125 YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON IN THE GROUNDS FOR THE WHOLE NEGS COMMUNITY, AND IN PARTICULAR OUR AMAZING OLD GIRLS.

I would like to thank all of the Old Girls' Committee for their support as I embrace this new role, particularly Libby Parry, Jo Campbell and Shara Menzies whose guidance I find invaluable. I am enjoying getting to meet so many girls who just like myself are extremely passionate about NEGS and encourage other girls of all years to become involved with the OGU to assist in the continued success and growth of our school.

Ms Natalie Scanlon '97

NEGS has strong traditions and with that comes strength, integrity and a sense of belonging for all of us. NEGS' motto of

'Whatever you do, do it heartily'
is ingrained in us all.

*This milestone of 125 years is worth celebrating
so keep an eye out for what is planned in 2020.*

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Past & Future Working Together Professional Network

The NEGS Old Girls' Union are establishing a network of Professional NEGS Women to foster and cultivate relationships between the remarkable women within our NEGS Old Girl community. This network will enable past and future women of NEGS to work together.

The Network of Professional NEGS women will host morning coffee events in Sydney, Brisbane and Armidale. These sessions will give you the opportunity to meet one-on-one and help you to develop relationships, expand your professional network within our NEGS community and provide an established network for future NEGS Women who are embarking on their careers.

If you are the owner of a business could you please contact the NEGS Old Girls' Union and let us know about your business so we can add it to the Network of Professional NEGS Women. We have started this in Armidale and would like to grow it to other areas within Australia to enable us to continue supporting each other.

Please email Libby Parry libby.parry@negs.nsw.edu.au with your business name and a photo of yourself.

OLD GIRLS' Reunions

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2020 OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND 4th - 5th SEPTEMBER, 2020

Fri 4th September 2020

- 5pm-6.30pm - Cocktail Function and AGM

Sat 5th September 2020

- 10am-12.00pm - School Tours, Archives, School Exhibitions and Sport
- 12.30pm - 125 Year Anniversary Lunch for the whole school community
- 5.00pm-6.00pm - Old Girls' Chapel Service
- 6.30pm - Individual Reunion Group Dinners organised by Old Girl coordinators



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125 YEARS
1895-2020

Proposed dates for our 125 year celebrations

- February 7 - NEGS Foundation Day Celebration (school activities during the day, followed by Twilight markets)
- May 9 - NEGS Ball
- August 21 - Trivia Night
- September 5 - Champagne Lunch on the Lawn
- October 30 - Colour Run

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us to celebrate this milestone



War YEARS & NEGS Boarders (1939-1945)

NEGS Archives would welcome any stories and photos from these years when NEGS numbers doubled with the threat of war reaching Australia.

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60 years

OLD GIRLS' REUNION



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ann Bucknell (White), Margie Blocksidge (McKay), Sally Adams (Sweet), Carolyn Clark (Seivers), Lee McGregor (Moffat), Chris Munro (Back), Helen Brown, Fleur Thorpe (Rothero), Kaye Molloy (Adnam), Jenny Davidson (Bassett), Penny Cooper (Parkinson), Susie Donkin, Margie MacArthur (Johnstone), Liz McIver (Atherton)

THE 60 YEAR REUNION WAS HELD AT THE SUNSHINE COAST ON 4-5 JULY.

The hardest task was tracking names and email addresses but finally all were contacted with twenty wanting to be part of the celebration at the Novotel Resort at Twin Waters, assuring all those coming up from the south warm sunny weather! Of course it rained and was quite cold!

For varying reasons a few were unable to come but we finally had fifteen coming from Tumbarumba Sally Adams (Sweet) Elizabeth McIver (Atherton) Helen Brown, Fleur Thorpe (Rothero) from Sydney, Leora McGregor (Moffat) and her charming husband Gordon, Geelong, Margaret McArthur (Johnstone) Canberra, Caroline Seivers (Clark) Mudgee, Margie Blocksidge (McKay) Brisbane, Susie Donkin Sunshine Beach, Chris Munro (Back) Kilroy, Ann Bucknell (White) Inverell, Kaye Molloy (Adnam), Jenny Davidson (Bassett) Wendy Raleigh (Hodgson) Penny Cooper (Parkinson) all from Buderim.

On checking the Novotel the day before to make sure all was in readiness for such an important occasion we found they had started major renovations and the place was pulled apart! So much for my planning but no one seemed to mind too much.

I had planned a tour of the Maroochydore Botanic Gardens with a wonderful guide but of course it never stopped raining! Instead we went to a wonderful organic centre and had coffee etc. then onto Jenny Davidson's lovely home for a sumptuous open sandwich lunch.

Each night we met at one of the apartments for drinks and nibbles and went to dinner at the resort. The second night was a seafood banquet which was enjoyed by all, and of course beforehand we had all decided we couldn't eat another thing!

All in all it was a fun few days we catching up and carrying on as if there had been no interruption from our school days, all fit and wrinkle free!

PENNY COOPER (PARKINSON)

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50 years



Standing at the back - Anne Bailey (Toppin), Margie te Velde (Lynn), Barby Page (Wright) Standing on the left - Wendy Tombs (Tully), Jennie Pounder (Lawless), Karen Baldwin (Hemmett), Jan Glasser Seated and Standing on the right - Penny Turner (McGee), Susy West (Crichton), Rosie Jeffree (Boyle), Anthea Lamb (Wright) Seated in Middle - Meg Early, Jillian James (Kelly), Sue Webb (St Vincent Welch) Seated at Front - Helen Lew (Tongue), Sue Ransom (Croaker), Ann Gibbs (Dutton), Sue Nixon (Bailey)

Our Old Girls' Reunion 50 year celebrations have involved quite a few gathering in different places during the month of September.

Eighteen girls were able to be in Armidale to participate with Old Girl's Weekend from 13 - 15 September. This was a wonderful gathering over 3 days, involving much talk and much eating. NEGS put on a great weekend for us in spite of the drought and it was wonderful to wander around the school and recall lots of memories of school days so long ago and so different to now. We did manage to take time out on Saturday afternoon to visit Saumarez House on an organised tour. The original owners had a relative in our year, so some of our year had been out there while we were at school.

Six hardy souls then made their way to Sydney for a lovely lunch organised at the Royal Sydney Golf Club at Rose Bay on Tuesday, 17th September for another reunion. They were joined by 5 others who had been unable to come to Armidale.

On 27th Sept Meg Early's exhibition opened at NERAM in Armidale and six girls and several husbands managed to hear Meg speak and view her amazing exhibition. While the exhibition was on another group of five met us at NERAM to view the exhibition followed by lunch, and others came to Armidale to see the exhibition.

Our 50 year reunion has seen us having renewed contact with girls not seen very often since we left in 1969. It has been a very interesting time, catching up on people's lives and renewing contacts.

PENNY TURNER (MCGEE)



Standing left to right: Meg Early, Anthea Lamb (Wright), Margie te Veldt (Lynn), Jillian James (Kelly), Rosie Jeffree (Boyle), Sue Ransom (Croaker) Seated left to right: Ann Gibbs (Dutton), Sue Nixon (Bailey), Susy West (Crichton), Wendy Tombs (Tully), Penny Turner (McGee), Karen Baldwin (Hemmett), Helen Lew (Tongue), Jan Glasser, Jennie Pounder (Lawless)



Photo of 50 year reunion held in Sydney (some couldn't make it to Armidale)

Left to right: Meg Early, Jan Glasser, Sue Webb (St Vincent Welch), Alison Flanagan (Carter), Margie te Velde (Lynn), Sue Nixon (Bailey), Lil Westmacott (Murray), Fi Hilliar (Wiltshire), Penny Irving (Louden), Susie Shaw (Richards), Anthea Lamb (Wright)

35 years

Saturday 7 September in Sydney.
A small group of 11 girls ('79-'84) celebrating 35 years.

L-R - Georgie Bailey, Sandy McCudden, Jenny Hindmarsh (Marshall),
Cecile Hankin, Lindsay Winter, Sarah Hamilton, Deirdre Cush (Ballhausen),
Rosemary Cameron, Tamara Lehman (Law), Tina Bolger, Helen Trenerry.



10 years

Back Row: Emily Brookes, Claire Godman (Fenwicke), Polly Barron (Witts), Annabelle Spillane,
Mark Harrison (2009 Yr 12 Principal), Louise Godwin,
Anna Sutherland, Jennifer McFarlane (Latham)

Front Row: Sheridan Blake (Connor), Kate Miles, Karly Douglas, Brioney Bishop, Alison Hosgood.

OLD GIRLS' Events

ACT and Region

Old Girls met for their Annual lunch at Belluci's Restaurant in Manuka on Saturday 26th November 2019.



Clockwise from left Marg McArthur (Johnston '58), Lee Kirwin ('57),
Prue Neidorf (Phippard '54), Gillian Graham (Bailey '60), Sue Robertson (Marjason '67),
Lil Westmacott (Murray '68), Tina Merriman (Paull '67), Gail Allen (Hickey '54),
Christine Page (Bickell '57), Lindy Armstrong (Masters '77, Convenor).

Brisbane Old Girls' AGM

Mrs Mary Anne Evans, NEGS Principal, Mr Imtiaz Anees, Director of Communications and Mrs Libby Parry (Dight '82) NEGS Alumni Coordinator, had a lovely time catching up with the QLD Old Girls.

Pictured below - Caroline Tomkins (Blackwell '83) Secretary, Kerry Benham (Smith '87) President, Miranda Dunning (Ferguson '87) Treasurer



5 years



Lucy Moffatt, Brigitte Michel, Kayla Wicks, Annabel Campbell, Mary Anne Evans, Holly McDonald, Marie Ramplin, Hannah Parker, Brigitte Low, Shaina Berry, Catriona Graham, Natasha Fulton-Kennedy

Front: Phoebe Parry, Shannon Neeson, Rebecca Waters, Alison Korn



OGU Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to the daughter, granddaughter or a relative of an Old Girl or a student at the discretion of the committee who is otherwise unable to attend NEGS due to financial circumstances.

The successful applicant will be someone who is committed to continuing a proud NEGS tradition and contributing to the School community.

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OLD GIRLS' Events

Sydney Cocktail Function	TBC
Brisbane Function	Thursday 12 March 2020 at 6pm Function at Edwina Corlette Art Gallery, New Farm.
Canberra Lunch	TBC
Old Girls' Weekend	NEGS, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 September 2020

SYDNEY OLD GIRLS Art Exhibition



Sydney Old Girls'

NEGS Principal, Mary Anne Evans, Director of Communications, Imtiaz Anees and NEGS Alumni Coordinator, Libby Parry had a wonderful time at the NEGS Old Girls' Union Annual Art Exhibition and Cocktail Party at the Mosman Art Gallery, catching up with many Sydney Old Girls.



Sally Grimble - Vice President, Alice Wish, Sue Burnet - Secretary, Kirsten Mallam & Ginny Spear



Wendy Scott, Jenny Cobcroft & Libby Parry (Dight '82) - NEGS Alumni Coordinator



Mandy Willings, Tine Bolger, Jenny Cobcroft & Wendy Scott



Imtiaz Anees - NEGS Director of Communications & Alice Wish



RECHELLE LEAHY

This year, NEGS Old Girl Rechelle Leahy (Class of 92), was listed on the Australian Financial Review 100 Women of Influence 2019 for the Local and Regional category, and was nominated for a Pro Bono Australia IMPACT25 Award recognising her work creating a positive impact for women and girls in rural, regional and remote Australia.

Rechelle is a co-founder of RegionalCollab and a representative on many Boards and Committees including being the Vice President of the National Rural Women's Coalition. Through her work she provides technical expertise and specialist advice to government, and other institutions on policy, strategy, research and advocacy in key areas of social policy. 'My passion lies with gender equality, equity and improving policy through advocacy, specifically related to the specialised issues of rural, regional and remote (RRR) women and girls in Australia'.

Rechelle started at NEGS aged 13 when her family moved to the New England. Initially she was a day student and then she boarded in White House. 'I changed between being a day student and border depending on the season. Because we lived in Walcha it was much easier to stay at school in the Winter months than travel. Sometimes I would get snowed in!'

When she was at school Rechelle loved English and Debating. This love of language and writing has been the foundation of her career. 'I have spent my whole life immersed in words, writing government policy and legislation and helping people to understand the complexities of government language. My co-founder and I still do this through our business RegionalCollab writing grants, developing funding strategies and assisting with project development and management to small and medium enterprises. I just can't quit the words!'

After school Rechelle studied Commerce and Law. She moved to Canberra and worked with the Migration Review Tribunal for a number of years and then the Department of Finance and Administration. 'I became a principal sector specialist in governance, contract management, procurement and social policy issues'.

Her favourite memory of NEGS is of the friendships she formed whilst there. 'Those girls, now women, have been the village that supported my boys and I when my husband passed away, they rallied around us and lifted me up, it is on their shoulders that I am the person I am today. I cannot be more grateful for the friendships I forged at NEGS, they have always remained with me and I hope they always will'.

*to read more
about these
Old Girls,
visit our website*



MAGGIE VIVERS (2010) WEDDING PARTY.

Maggie recently married Ed Cordingly and they will live at Walcha. Her sister Annie Vivers (2012) was a bridesmaid.

Joan McDouall (McDonald '55)

Joan was born and raised in North West NSW, just outside Wyallda, and became a NEGS girl in 1950, at the young age of 10. Joan loved her new "family" and her time at NEGS and developed many lifelong friends. She was an avid hockey player, and one of the highlights of her NEGS days was representing the school in the Hockey 1st.

In 1955 Joan left NEGS to move to Sydney and train and graduate as a Karitane Nurse, working passionately, if briefly, in this field.

In 1962 she married David McDouall and moved back to North West NSW, to "Dunbeacon", Upper Horton, and became a grazier's wife and mother to three children, Angus, Helen and Ian. During these years Joan was a strong supporter of the local community and school, played tennis and golf and was an enthusiastic sewer and crafter.

David, Joan and their youngest son Ian established the "Dunbeacon Poll Shorthorn" stud and business and she played a crucial role in running the bull sales for the next 20 years. She loved her cattle and her involvement in all things cattle, and would often be found on a quad bike mustering even in her later years. Through the stud she fulfilled her dreams broadening her horizons and travelling the world.

Joan was a great supporter of NEGS all her life and was proud to have seen 4 generations of her family attend the school, her mother Mary Northcott, herself, her daughter Helen McDouall and granddaughter Polly McDouall.



We also say a sad farewell to these lovely ladies

Mrs Pixie Woodward
(Scott '36)

Mrs Dinah Brockett
(Withy '51)

Miss Deidre Brown '44

Jane Henderson (Geddes)

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