

From the Principal

Trial HSC exams have started for Year 12 and will be continuing until next Friday. We wish them all the best and I am sure they are excited to be one step closer to finishing their high school journey.

Nominations have been coming in for the 2021 leadership roles and we have decided to extend the date for applications by a week. It is great to see how many girls are putting their names forward for these roles.

I would like to welcome a number of new students who have started at NEGS in the last week. Our wonderful enrolments team have commented on the large number of enquiries that are coming through at the moment and we look forward to welcoming even more students who will be starting in the next few weeks.

Our annual photo day went very well. It was so great to see all the girls showing immense pride in wearing their formal uniforms for the photos.

It has been very exciting to see work recommencing on the NEGS Regional Sporting Complex. The girls are very excited about the prospect of the new facilities. These facilities will not only benefit NEGS students, but also will allow our wider regional community to have access to a high standard sporting complex.

COVID-19 continues to provide challenges for the school and the general community and we appreciate parent, carers and student support regarding our protocols. I am amazed and encouraged by the resilience the girls have shown.



MR MARK FLYNN
NEGS ACTING PRINCIPAL



JUNIOR SCHOOL News

Dear Junior School Families,

As we enter into week 4 of term it is clear that restrictions will not be easing anytime soon. This week we have our parent/teacher interviews. Due to the restrictions these are unable to be held face to face. We will be still using the same meeting times and the teachers will call parents. Please email your class teacher with your preferred contact number.

Next week will see the start of ICAS testing for the students who have selected to do them, beginning with Science on Monday, 17th August.

Drop off/pick up

I would also like to remind parents on the protocol for the drop off/pick up line:

K-2 will be available from 3:15. **IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN BOTH K-2 AND 3-6 DO NOT JOIN THE LINE TILL AFTER 3:20.**

3-6 will be available for pick up **AFTER 3:20**. If you arrive early there are some waiting spaces at the far end of the car park. We ask for you to stay in your cars and not mingle. **IF YOU ARE A 3-6 PARENT AND YOU ARE IN THE PICK UP AREA BEFORE 3:20 YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REJOIN THE LINE SO OTHER PARENTS CAN COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN.**

For parents who do not want to use the pick up line, you will need to collect your child from the gate. **NO CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK UNACCOMPANIED. THIS IS FOR SAFETY REASONS. WE ALSO ASK YOU TO REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR CHILD.**

We understand the frustration of not being able to pick up your child and hope that soon, things might change.

Over the last week parents received emails regarding music group starting back up if you have missed any of these you can email music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Homework centre started back this term back up in the library.

Horse riding lessons have also started back and booking can be made by contacting Amy Layton equestrian.centre@negs.nsw.edu.au

Mudclub starts back in week 5 for 5 weeks for \$50. There will be a limit of 12 students so please fill in the Google form ASAP. [Please click here for the google form.](#)

Unfortunately last Friday was a wet one and we had to cancel tennis for K-2. We have 2 more Fridays until K-2 changes to cricket and 3-6 to tennis.

Kind Regards,

ANDREW TRAVERS
HEAD OF NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Discover NEGS Kindergarten for 2021

FRIDAY 25
SEPTEMBER at 12PM

Come along and discover why so many boys and girls love NEGS Junior School



For further details, please contact the Enrolments team: enrolments@negs.nsw.edu.au or 02 6774 8700

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Art and Drama in the Junior School

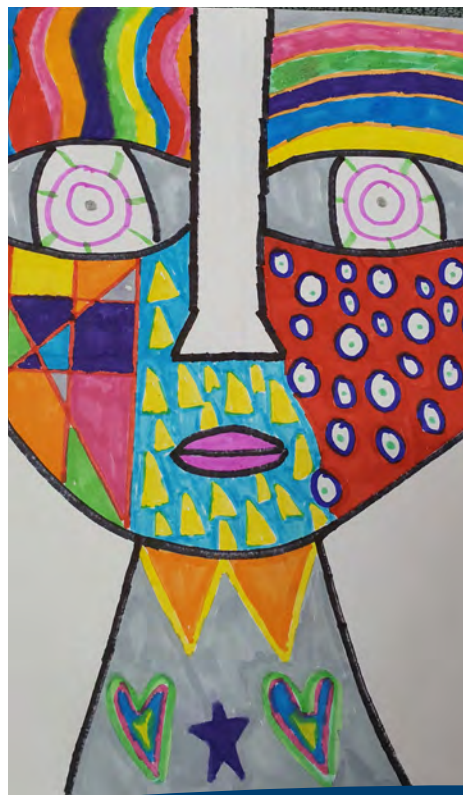
Year 6 students were so excited to hear that Juliette G had won the UNESAP Primary Section with her fabulous artwork titled 'Life and Love'.

Currently Year 6 students are working on their two plays 'Cinderella Outgrows the Glass Slipper' and 'Live It's Fairy Tale News'. Students have selected their costumes and are very busy and focused on putting their plays together. I am very impressed with how they're working together as a team, it's wonderful to see.

Year 3/4 students are looking at the environment through their artworks this term. They have been looking at koalas, discussing how we can look after them and have painted koalas in their habitats.

We are very fortunate that Miss Ronald in the Senior School allows us to share her art studio so we can paint with everything we need.

MRS SPILLANE



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BOARDINGUpdate

Back In Full Swing

Boarding life is back in full swing as we enter week 4 of the term. It is great to see the girls coming and going busily to their various extracurricular activities.

Last Saturday a group of girls headed to the kitchens to bake choc chip cookies, I was lucky enough to taste one and I can assure you it was delicious.

The NEGS Olympics continue each week and since the last newsletter the girls have competed in tennis and basketball. I am told that the scores are very close between all the houses, although Lyon may be sneaking ahead at this early stage.

With great anticipation the Friday afternoon town bus resumed a week ago and the girls have enjoyed two trips to town so far, with large numbers attending both weeks.

Our restrictions remain in place in boarding due to the pandemic and I would like to thank our families for supporting our requests of limiting leave to immediate family, taking the necessary precautions

when taking your daughter on leave and helping us to reduce the risk of introducing any viruses into the boarding environment. In general the girls have been very accepting of the changes we have had to make to our boarding routines and are trying their best to keep positive.

This week our Year 12 students commence their Trial HSC exams. I have sent the guidelines relating to boarding for this period to the year 12 boarders as Saumarez will remain open during the school day for the exam period. We wish all of the girls every success for the upcoming exams.

As always please do not hesitate to contact your House Mother or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

HEAD OF BOARDING
JODIE JACKSON



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2020 Important Dates

This calendar will be updated each fortnight as COVID-19 restrictions ease and we can start adding events to our school year.

TERM THREE

Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews	10-14 August
HSC Trial exams commence	12 August
Junior School photos	
Mums' Movie Night screening of 'Love Sarah' at the Belgrave Cinema 6.30pm	13 August
Yr 10 Illuminate Challenge	17-21 August
Junior School Pie Drive collection	21 August
IGSSA Athletics trip departs - TBC	26 August
IGSSA Hockey/Netball trip (Round 2) departs - TBC	3 September
Year 11 Exams commence	9 September
IGSSA Hockey/Netball trip (Finals) departs - TBC	17 September
Year 12 Valedictory Day	24 September
Last day of Term 3	24 September
Holidays commence	25 September

TERM FOUR

Boarders Return (Sunday)	11 October
Term 4 classes resume	12 October
HSC written examinations commence	20 October
Year 7 and 8 yearly exam week commences	2 November
Year 9 and 10 yearly exam week commences	9 November
HSC written examinations end	11 November
Junior School Speech Day	3 December
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	3 December
Speech Day	4 December
Last day of Term 4	4 December
Holidays Commence	5 December



**PCYC POLICE CENTRE
SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS**

THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

MODULE ONE:
A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road.
This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

MODULE TWO:
A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies.
This will involve two participants and a coach.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

Upcoming Dates

Saturdays	9am till 12pm
05/09/2020	03/10/2020
07/11/2020	05/12/2020

\$140

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:
Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence, be under 25 years of age and have completed a minimum of 50 hours of actual on-road driving hours in their Learner Logbook

Book Online at
<https://www.pcycdriveducationprograms-sdc.org.au/book-a-course>

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armidale@pcycnsw.org.au
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PCYC Safe Drivers Course

Every month, PCYC Armidale holds the Safer Drivers Course for Learner drivers under the age of 25.

Module 1 of the course (In class session) runs on a Saturday from 9am until 12pm where the students will learn how to manage the risks on the road.

Module 2 of the course (2 hour driving lesson) runs during time slots in the week following the Saturday.

Once the students have completed both the Module 1 and Module 2 parts of the course, they will receive a total of 20 hours off in their log book.

This is a great course and students learn a lot about driver safety plus they receive 20 hours off their log book!

If you have any questions, please give us them call on 02 6772 1023.



Mountain Biking and Cross Country

A number of senior girls have shown interest in Mountain Biking and Cross Country running this term as a new sport. Mr Fisher and Mrs Watson will be running this sport on Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 - 5pm. This week Mr Fisher is digging out our school bikes and dusting them off, pumping up tyres etc. Any interested students should contact Mr Fisher or Mrs Watson.

The NEGS Hockey Field is Underway

It is so wonderful this week to see work resuming on our state of the art multi-purpose sporting complex, due to be finished by the end of November this year.



Art and Design Update

Congratulations to Juliette G in Year 6 who has won the Primary section of the UNESAP 2020 competition, what a fantastic achievement.

You can view her artwork here on the NERAM website <https://www.neram.com.au/unesap-2020-winners/>



Music Update

How wonderful it is to be back working with our music groups this term. We welcome Mr Warwick Dunham, a fabulous accompanist to work with some of our vocal ensembles whilst Miss Liz is on maternity leave. NEGS Songbirds are back singing together and have welcomed newcomers Charlotte and Sophia to the group.

Our Junior School marimba group are busy practising 'La Bamba' and 'The Flintstones' which are two of their favorite songs. They have also welcomed many new students to the group. It is lovely to see the older students work with the new students teaching them songs.

We are so fortunate to have outstanding violinist and teacher Eliza Scott working with Saumarez Strings. Miss Scott has recently returned home from London where she was in

her final year of the Masters of Performance degree at the Royal College of Music.

Mrs Selina Ryan, our voice teacher has been working with the Year 12 girls for their songs for Valedictory Speech Day and she is enjoying working with the girls in Year 7 and 8 who are in the NEGS Junior Vocal Ensemble for students in Years 7-9.

Mr Finco is busy teaching his beginner guitar group how to play the guitar and he welcomes any girls in Senior School who play an instrument to join the NEGS Performance Band which practices on a Wednesday lunchtime.

SALLY SPILLANE

Year 8 Music

Have you ever wondered how music impacts a dramatic film scene? How it adds mystery to any good Wizards' school? Or how it brings a vibrant city scene to life? Then try switching off the volume while watching a movie and see how the once exciting movie scene instantly loses its magic! What about the soundtrack to the advertising we watch, have you ever wondered how the use of music can sway our emotions, even leading us to consider buying that new (and not necessarily useful) product? These are the questions that NEGS Year 8 students will be exploring for the next few weeks in their music unit, Music in Film, TV and Multimedia.

When we consider how much access to media and advertising we have in this modern world, it is clear that the media, advertising and the entertainment industries have a powerful impact on how we see the world, the news we hear and our responses to this media.

To unravel these questions, the Year 8 Music class will be performing, listening and exploring how music is used in the media to capture, excite and influence the audience. This insight will help the students have a deeper understanding of the power of media in their own lives, how it is used to influence people.

From this understanding, the Year 8 students will explore how to create their own 'soundtracks' to media examples, in order to develop their understanding of how music is used in the marketing industry of today's media rich world. Real life insight into some of the largest industries in the world, and how music is used in contemporary business practices.



Equestrian Centre Update

Matt Ryan brought the wet weather with him again this visit but all the students had a great day of showjumping on Saturday and the weather, while it was extremely bitter, held out for some Cross Country training on Sunday. I saw students having fun giving some smaller jumps a go, on horses that have never jumped before and were soon looking like professionals under Matt's guidance. I was similarly impressed by the more seasoned eventing students hard at training on some impressive jumps ready for the upcoming Quirindi ODE next weekend.

This weekend we have highly respected Show Riding Coach *Les Friend* coming to NEGS. I believe this clinic is now full and the students are keen to have Les' expert instruction.

AMY LAYTON
NEGS EC COORDINATOR

There is a lot happening at the EC, every weekend is now filled for this term and we have some exciting things planned for Term 4.

15th & 16th August: Les Friend Show Riding Clinic.

21st & 22nd August: Quirindi ODE Excursion.

29th & 30th August: Renowned Dressage Coach Peter Shaw will be at NEGS. Places still available.

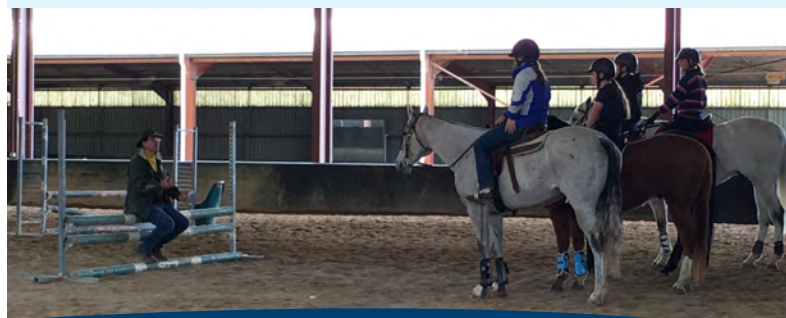
5th & 6th September: 3x Olympic Gold Medalist Matt Ryan Jumping and Cross Country lessons.

12th September: Roping Clinic with Champion Breakaway Cowgirl, Phillipa Leys - places filling fast.

19th & 20th September: End of Term NEGS Competition.

Taking bookings now for Term 4:

8th November: Scott Keogh Horsemanship Clinic at NEGS - places are filling up already!





NEGS 125 Booklympics 2020.

Year 12 hosted NEGS Junior School to a day of Booklympic fun on Friday the 31st of July. As part of their Service and 'Why Not?' initiative Year 12 welcomed NEGS Junior School to a round robin of book themed Olympic events including such activities as Noni the Pony equestrian and Robin Hood archery.

At the end of last term students designed, drew and wrote about their mascot for the event, and Year 12 chose the winning entrants from each year.

Congratulations to:

- Transition: Ellie Cooper
- Kindergarten: Nadin Alghamdi
- Year 1: Scout McDonald
- Year 2: Sophia Craig
- Year 3: Ava O'Hara
- Year 4: Eilish Morgan
- Year 5: Bella Fittler
- Year 6: Paige Patterson



On the day students (and parents) were also rewarded for their costume efforts with the winners being:

- Transition: Patrick Smith
- Kindergarten: Ruby Archer
- Year 1: Ewan Fisher
- Year 2: Angelina Smith
- Year 3: Sophie Lawlor
- Year 4: Phillippe Ruhnke
- Year 5: Liora Johnson
- Year 6: Bridie Wilkinson
- Year 12: Anna Jarvis (and her trusty steed Katie Hancock)
- Staff: Miss Bec

Congratulations to our overall team winners 'Dinotopia' who amassed the most amount of points across all of the events. A team consisting of Transition students, it just proves the younger you are the more energy you have!

Thank you to all for a great day.



COVID-19 Update : Unwell students

We request that you do not send any student to school who is exhibiting **ANY** signs of illness or states they are feeling unwell.

We also ask that if you answer 'yes' to any of the following 4 questions, that you keep your child at home and contact the Health Centre (6774 8700) to discuss.

- Has anyone in your household been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Have you been in Victoria in the last 14 Days?
- Has anyone recently returned from traveling?
- Does anyone in your household have any of the following symptoms? Fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue or shortness of breath?

In the event that a student needs to be tested please inform the school immediately. Before returning to school we require a certificate from their GP stating they have returned a negative result for COVID-19 and are fit to return to school. If your child receives a negative result, we still ask that you keep your child home until all symptoms of illness have passed.

Despite some reports from the Government about social distancing in schools, our situation is different as we are considered a residential facility. Restrictions about no adults on campus remains the same as does the restrictions for drop offs and pickups.

The situation remains fluid and all changes are made in consultation with the advice from the Australian Government Department of Health, NSW Health, Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Public Transport

We ask that if any students are travelling on public transport, particularly on planes, trains and long distance buses, that they wear a mask.



Year 9 students are coming up with creative ideas to demonstrate social distancing in their year meetings.