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We hope you enjoy this edition of the Akaroa!

Akaroa is produced for the NEGS community - students, parents, staff and Old Girls. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this edition of Akaroa such a success.

Thank you!

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2020 Calendar of Events Semester Two

TERM THREE

21st July	Classes resume
31st July	Booklympics Day for Junior School
6th August	IGSSA Hockey/Netball - Trip #1 departs
7th August	Brisbane Royal Show (EKKA) commences
12th August	Trial HSC Exams commence
12th August	Junior School photos
24th August	IPSHA Athletics Carnival
26th August	Book Day
26th August	IGSSA Athletics trip departs - TBC
3rd September	IGSSA Hockey/Netball - Trip #2 departs
4th September	Grandparents’ Day - TBC
9th September	Year 11 exams commence
17th September	IGSSA Hockey/Netball trip - (if in finals) departs
21st September	Year 11 Leadership Camp (compulsory) departs
24th September	Valedictory Day activities
24th September	Last day of term

TERM FOUR

11th October	Boarders return
12th October	Classes resume
12th October	Prefect Induction Assembly
20th October	HSC commences
23rd October	Hawkesbury Canoe Classic trip departs
30th October	NEGS Colour Run - TBC
5th November	Year 7 Vaccinations
9th November	Years 9/10 exams commence
16th November	Years 7/8 exams commence
17th November	Years 9/10 Camp (compulsory) departs
27th November	Celebration of Sport Assembly - TBC
30th November	Year 10 Service Week commences
3rd December	JS Speech Day / Last day of school for JS
3rd December	Carol Service followed by P&F dinner
4th December	Years 7 - 11 Speech Day (followed by Morning Tea) / Last day of school for SS

Principal’s Welcome

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF AKAROA 2020.

This is my first Akaroa report and one that I am writing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Looking back on last year’s Akaroa magazines, in Edition One we were discussing the drought and in Edition Two the bushfires. This year we as a community are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Like all schools we have never faced this before and people are being challenged in many different ways. This is not only a huge time in history but also for our whole community.

I feel for the Year 12 students who are doing it tough, however, I am also inspired by their resilience. We still hope to hold the Year 12 Formal at the end of the year to celebrate our students.

It was amazing to see how quickly our students adapted to remote learning and I was very proud of how teachers implemented the new teaching method. Whilst this has been a difficult and challenging time I have also heard from many parents that it has been an opportunity for them to bond and spend extra time with their children.

In Term 2 we were challenged with bringing our boarding students back. We were facing tight restrictions, however, the welfare of our students will always come first. It is wonderful having students back on campus and we look forward to having them all back for Term 3.

I have always believed that the most important things you learn at school are values. These times truly test the character and our students have displayed the values of NEGS which are: Responsibility, Excellence and Integrity.

This year NEGS is celebrating 125 years as a school educating students in New England. We had a number of events planned to celebrate which unfortunately have had to be postponed. One event that did take place was the Twilight Markets held on Friday, 7th February marking the anniversary of NEGS opening as a school in 1895. It was a truly enjoyable evening despite the stormy weather; the students loved opening their school to the Armidale community. We are planning to hold a Spring Ball on the 21st November and I hope that this is the highlight of the 125 years celebrations.

I would like to leave you with a quote that my son reminded me of when all of the restrictions started because I think it is relevant in these uncertain times.

Handwritten signature of Mark Flynn

MARK FLYNN
NEGS ACTING PRINCIPAL



“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo.

“So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

J.R.R. TOLKIEN, THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING



2019 HSC Results

THERE WERE SOME OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE 2019 NEGS YEAR 12 COHORT.

Sophie Mitchell, from Armidale, achieved some outstanding results in her subjects including being represented on the Distinguished Achievers list for Mathematics 96% and Business Studies 91%. She also achieved 86% for Chemistry, 84% for Extension Mathematics, 83% for Economics and 81% for Advanced English. This is a great result for a very hard working student. These results also lead Sophie to be named Dux of NEGS for 2019.

Megan Galbraith, from Armidale, also achieved outstanding results including a Band 6 in Biology (90%) and all of her other results at Band 5 level, Mathematics 89%, Chemistry 86%, Advanced English 85% and Ancient History 83%.

Zara Blackmore, once again from Armidale, also achieved some outstanding results with a Band 6 in Community and Family Studies (93%) and excellent results in all of her other courses including 89% in Advanced English, and 86% in both Modern History and Visual Arts.

Two other students were also included in the Distinguished Achievers list, being **Alicia Ball** for Design and Technology (91%) and

Evey White for Textiles and Design (93%). Five students **Chelsea Devenish** and **Evey White** (Agriculture), **Sophie Sutherland** (Design and Technology), **Zara Blackmore** (Advanced English) and **Megan Galbraith** (Mathematics) all achieved results which were one mark off receiving a Band 6.

32 students sat for the HSC in 2019 with 6 Band 6s awarded to our students and 32 Band 5/E3s. Of all the examinations sat, 23% were a Band 6 or Band 5, and 57% of examinations sat were Band 4 or above. 69% of students gained a majority of Band 4s, or above. In all 53% of students achieved a Band 5 or above in one or more subjects.

19 subjects were sat at NEGS in 2019 with Band 6/E4s achieved in six of them - Biology, Business Studies, Community and Family Studies, Design and Technology, Mathematics and Textiles and Design. Band 5/E3s or above were achieved in 16 of the 19 subjects sat.

Overall the girls should be commended on their efforts with many students achieving their personal bests in numerous subjects.

MR TONY JONES
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING



Sophie Mitchell



Megan Galbraith



Zara Blackmore



Junior School Report

THIS HAS BEEN A TIME NONE OF US WILL FORGET, BUT WE ARE A STRONG AND VIGILANT COMMUNITY WITH STRENGTH AND FAITH TO LOOK AHEAD TO BRIGHTER TIMES. 2019 AND NOW INTO 2020 HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE WORST TIMES (IF NOT THE WORST) FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES WITH DROUGHT, BUSH FIRES THEN A WORLD-WIDE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

However, with all of this happening still more and more families are turning to NEGS Junior School as a safe, nurturing environment for their children. NEGS Junior School not only cares about the educational aspects of our students, but also caters for the nurturing and wellbeing of the child. We strive to provide a safe haven where our students feel protected and valued and are encouraged to work to their best, be adventurous, be inquisitive and be supported by a dedicated and accomplished team of educators.

We have been very pleased to welcome new families to our NEGS Junior School, and by the start of Term 3, 2020 the numbers in the Junior School will be over 101 students K-6, and combined with Transition numbers, we look forward to reaching a Junior school population of 125, a worthy celebration in the 125th year of our historic school. Our Junior school has not seen these student numbers since 2003. This is obviously a testament to our amazing teaching stage, our dedicated teachers who are prepared to go that much further and to our devoted families and students who support our school. I thank you and I am proud to be Head of this amazing Junior School.

We experienced a positive transition into our already established remote online learning unit during COVID-19. It was wonderful to be able to utilise our already proven and established excellent Distance Education program. Our usual in-school pupils and our remote students all learned together. For the children of our essential workers who needed to attend school, it was great to have Transition class joining with us and wonderful to see such an amazing link between the age groups playing, learning and helping each other.

A special heartfelt thanks must be extended to our dedicated Parents and Friends' Association, who contributed the funds to purchase our new Ninja Warrior playground. This playground has been installed and finished and is the delight of all the students.

ANDREW TRAVERS,
MED (SCHOOL LEADERSHIP), BED, BTEACH (EARLY CHILDHOOD)
HEAD OF NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL

"It was wonderful to be able to utilise our already proven and established excellent Distance Education program."





Year 3 / 4 Camp

Years 3 and 4 travelled to Coffs Coast Adventure Centre in Term 1, for their annual school camp. For Year 3 students, this is their first overnight camp, which brings a mix of excitement and trepidation (for students and parents both!) and Year 4 embraced the chance to develop their leadership skills.

The 3-day camp allows an opportunity for a large range of new challenges and experiences designed around building relationships, education and extending oneself beyond our comfort zone.

As soon as we stepped off the bus, it was time to get muddy! The commando course and canoeing encouraged students to work together and support one another. Students had to dig deep and push themselves to new levels in the giant swing and mega drop - even Mr Travers took the leap! It is so valuable for the children to have the opportunity to test their limits and experience the exhilaration that comes with achieving beyond what one thought was possible.

Night times at camp are always where the stories are made. Late night whispering and giggles are all part of the fun, and Years 3/4 were sure to experience this to its fullest.

A visit to Dolphin Marine Conservation Park, where students were given a behind the scenes tour, surfing lessons, marshmallows by the campfire and stories from a local Aboriginal elder rounded off the camp for our Stage 2 students. All fun filled activities, but the most meaningful of all was the friendships and personal growth that students are able to experience when away from the traditional classroom and home.

MRS DEANNA FORD



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

NCSS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Bridgette Cadzow (Year 10) and Albatool Alkhathami (Year 9) who both achieved a High Distinction in the 2020 NCSS Challenge, a national coding competition run through the iSTEM program with Ms Stone.

YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP

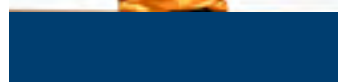
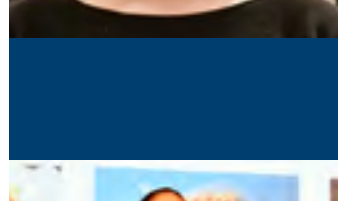
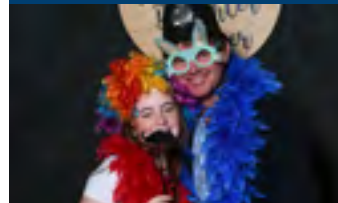
Year 12 students attended the Quota International Women's Day breakfast and the girls are motivated to be part of the change ensuring that women are represented in equal capacity in the workplace and sport. They have begun many initiatives around the school to support this and are even collaborating from home during isolation to keep the spirits of the school community uplifted and connected.

ARMIDALE SHOW ACHIEVEMENTS

NEGS was well represented at the local Armidale Show earlier this year. In Fine Arts - Year 7 student Grace Rogers came 2nd in the 'Fine Arts Year 7 & 8 Drawing', Year 8 student - Katherine Edwards came 1st in the 'Fine Arts Year 7 & 8 Painting', Year 9 student Dimity Chalmers came 1st 'Fine Arts, Drawing Year 9-10', Year 3/4 class won 2nd prize with their art works on 'Our Happy Quilt' and Year 6 won 2nd prize for their art works on 'Australian Native Animals'.

In Sewing, Year 8 student Katherine Edwards was Grand Champion and 1st in Needlework and Handicrafts Machine made dress Years 13-18, Year 11 student Ruby Loosemore came 1st in Article of Evening wear Open Section, 1st Machine Made Dress 13-18 Years and 2nd Machine made dress (skirt).

Staff also exhibited at the show with Mrs Smith and Miss Cambridge coming second in the group project - crochet article.



TRI-SCHOOLS DEBATING

NEGS hosted the final round of the 2019 Tri-Schools Debating Tournament. This round had been postponed from the previous term and proved to be a marvellous way to open debating this year! Teams from PLC and TAS travelled to NEGS to enjoy lunch together and then compete in some hotly contested and meaningful debates. The adjudicators were impressed with all students, both those who had experience debating and with those who were taking up the challenge for the first time. Each school gave an impressive showing with the results on the day split equally between the three. This close finish enabled PLC to defend its lead and retake the Tri-schools Debating Trophy for 2019.

FATHER DAUGHTER DINNER

What a night! Everyone had a fantastic time at the Father Daughter Dinner for 2020. It was a very special night for the girls to have their Dads or significant male figure here, with everyone joining in on dancing, quizzes, photo booth fun and lots of laughs throughout the night. An ongoing tradition at NEGS it provides an opportunity for the girls to thank their fathers, and to provide a quality memory that they can store for the future.

ZARA BLACKMORE

NEGS Old Girl, Zara Blackmore (Class of 2019), was the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year award in the recent Armidale Australia Day Awards for 2020. Zara is a passionate advocate of mental health and the prominence of women in society and has been a staunch supporter of volunteer organisations around Armidale and the region throughout her time at NEGS. We hope that she will continue with this passion throughout her life.

OZ HARVEST VISIT

It was fantastic having Rachel from Oz Harvest Feast team here at NEGS talking to students about food waste and what Oz Harvest are doing to help communities across the nation. It was in line with the Round Square 2020 sustainability message.



Dealing with COVID-19 one step at a time

AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC DESCENDED UPON AUSTRALIA, SCHOOLS BECAME THE FRONTLINE AND TEACHERS THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO ENSURE THAT THE ECONOMY CONTINUED TO FUNCTION AND THAT OUR STUDENTS WERE SAFE AND ABLE TO STILL EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM - ALTHOUGH THE CLASSROOM OF 2020 HAD SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED.

In Week 9 of Term 1, the boarding houses were closed and students were sent home. The school became a shadow of itself with empty classrooms and echoing corridors. However, if you dared to enter the school and peek behind the closed doors of the classrooms and offices you would have seen a very different world. Teachers were given the task to set up their remote learning platforms. Lessons that were usually taught in classrooms were now being changed to the online environment. Students were completing practical PE lessons mirroring their teacher's movements which were live streamed. Mathematics lessons were filmed on whiteboards, Language lessons were happening in Google Meets and Art and English designed their own interactive websites for students. Science teachers conducted experiments talking to their students through their computers! It is definitely a strange time indeed.

But students, teachers and families at NEGS are resilient and adaptable. New skills were learnt (both by students and teachers) and ways to encourage interaction and community were developed, ably led by the Year 12 cohort from home. It is times like this when the true grit of a NEGS girl (and boy!) were shown. We banded together as a community, and we continue to do so to ensure the safety and education for all.

As Social Distancing regulations were put in place towards the end of the term the school was unable to gather together in the Chapel of St Michael and All Angels and so we moved to partake in Chapel digitally. Mr Timothy Forgeard began recording his messages and uploading them to the school's Chapel Google classroom and in this way we were able to keep the perspective of God and his gospel in their minds as we go forward into the COVID-19 crisis. It has been encouraging to remember that God is in control of all things and that he works powerfully in any situation to bring his purposes to pass. We have been encouraged by passages such as Psalm 57 which calls for us to 'take refuge in the shadow of his wings, until the disaster has passed'.

In these times of hardship, we wish our community well, and let them know - they are not alone, we are with you, and we are doing everything we can to support and provide a comprehensive education at this time. Let this crisis soon come to an end.



Photo: Above: Chapel Online



Senior School Online



NEGS Welcomes New Director of Enrolments

MUFFIE SPROAT

In Term 1 this year we welcomed NEGS Old Girl Muffie Sproat (1997) who joined us as Head of Enrolments. This is an excerpt from the speech Muffie gave to the girls during an assembly in Term 1.

'I started as a boarder at NEGS in January 1991. At that point, year 7's went into Forster House. My main memory from then is the fire drills in Winter. We dreaded them! Whenever someone would hear that we might be having one, we would all wear our school shoes to bed and every woollen sweater we had. Most times we would wake up in the morning having not had the drill and a couple of girls would be rolling around laughing at their prank.

After Forster I was mostly in Saumarez House which I loved. It was older than the other boarding houses, but we always thought it had the most soul.

I finished in 1997 and went to Brisbane to go to University. From there I decided to head straight to London for the usual time abroad travelling. I ended up staying for 10 years. If ever there was a right place/right time story it is mine. I was living in a flat in South Kensington and my next door neighbour got me a job at Tatler magazine as a Picture Desk assistant. Tatler's offices are in Vogue House, which also houses GQ, House & Garden, Vanity Fair and of course, Vogue. Everyone was impossibly glamorous and I have never felt every bit of a New England farm girl. I had no idea what I was doing so I just put my head down and learned as much as I could.

From Tatler I went to British Vogue. It was my dream job and I was there for 6 years. It was a wonderful time, filled with hard work and a lot of fun. There were amazing parties, beautiful couture gowns to look at and a constant supply of beauty products.

In my six years at British Vogue I produced photo shoots, commissioned portraits and compiled research projects. I spent hours, and sometimes entire weekends, in the Vogue archive. The archive had every issue of Vogue – American, Australian, French and British, as well as all the prints and negatives from all the photoshoots. I would go through them, negative by negative, and find amazing shots

that hadn't made the original cut. To be able to bring to life an image that the world would otherwise not see was such a joy to me.

From British Vogue I moved to Sydney and was the Picture Director at Vogue Australia, Miss Vogue and Vogue Brides. I was also the Editor of the Interiors section of the magazine. My main challenge at Vogue Australia was how do you make Vogue Australia look Australian without putting kangaroos or the Sydney harbour bridge in it. Together with the editor and Creative Director, we set to work on using Australian photographers when we could, celebrating local artists and models and where possible, heading to the Australian bush, coastline and outback.

"I think growing up in a rural setting gives you grounding, resilience and strength."

One highlight was shooting portraits of artist John Olsen, photographing him in his home and studio felt surreal. We watched him paint, chatted and wandered with him in his garden.

In 1969 American Vogue came to Australia and photographed model Marissa Berenson at Haddon Rig sheep station, which was, at the time, a famous merino stud. I had the idea of Vogue Australia returning to Haddon Rig to do our own fashion shoot, using the original one as inspiration. The editor loved the idea and the owners couldn't have been more welcoming. The fashion director asked for my help with props. Along with all the designer runway looks, there was my father's battered old Akubra, driza bone and saddle bag. It made me so happy being able to combine my country upbringing that I was so proud of with the shiny world of magazines.

"I'm also thrilled to return to NEGS. It was an incredibly formative part of my life and I know will be just as important in my next chapter"

I headed back to London in 2014 and have spent the last 5 years freelancing for different titles like Tatler, House & Garden, The Times and Elle Magazine. I have also worked on books and advertising campaigns.

As with all jobs there were disasters. One day I was on a fashion shoot and instead of putting water in a clothes steamer, the fashion assistant accidentally put petrol. I thought I was going to be blamed for an explosion on a Vogue photoshoot. Another time we had a shoot in Paris where all the couture dresses were stolen on the Eurostar. Our fashion director was left styling actress Emma Watson in clothes people were wearing on set.

When I worked at Vogue I loved that I was surrounded by strong women. Brilliant writers and creatives who were at the top of their game. That's very unique for the publishing industry, as it's a traditionally male sector. These women loved fashion and were so knowledgeable about it in a historical sense.

I think growing up in a rural setting gives you grounding, resilience and strength. My

CV was vastly different from my colleagues at Vogue – their first jobs were being sales assistants at Topshop, whereas mine was at Armidale Mitre 10 and cotton chipping in Goondiwindi! I learned to celebrate these differences and realised that I was so lucky growing up on a farm and being educated at NEGS.

After 15 years away from home I have decided to return to Armidale. London is an incredible city but I was missing the sense of community that this town has. I'm also thrilled to return to NEGS. It was an incredibly formative part of my life and I know will be just as important in my next chapter.



NEGS Welcomes New Staff Member

ELLIE RYAN

WHAT ARE YOUR ROLES HERE AT NEGS AND WHEN DID YOU START?

I teach Year 11 Business Studies, Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies, Year 6 History, and I supervise Prep for Years 5 to 8. I started in Term 1 2020.

WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM?

Inverell – the gem of the New England.

WHERE DID YOU STUDY AND WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU LEFT SCHOOL?

Straight after school I was a gappie in a boarding school in England for a year. After that I came back to study a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law at Newcastle University, with a stint studying in Mexico and a stint studying in Sweden as well.

WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE NEGS?

Before NEGS, I worked as a solicitor for a community legal centre in Newcastle, and as a legislative drafter for the Northern Territory Government in Darwin.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT YOU LOOK UP TO?

I look up to people who are kind: people who engage with new ideas and navigate difficult situations with empathy, humour, and grace. In public life, that includes people like Tayla Harris, Leigh Sales, and Stan Grant, but there are kind people everywhere. I find new people to look up to every day.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

Partly because I wanted to get out from behind a computer (remote learning put paid to that!), partly because teaching is such a varied job, and because I think it is worthwhile.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF WORK HOURS?

I am still working that out in COVID-19 era Armidale! I have been going on lots of bush walks and reading lots of books, and I've even dusted off my trumpet, much to the delight of my neighbours. Once the COVID-19 restrictions ease I'll be looking for an WAFL team to join, and maybe making some sneaky trips to the coast on the weekends.

WHY DID YOU TAKE UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO NEGS?

Because Mrs Evans told me how wonderful it is.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT NEGS SO FAR?

The enthusiasm. The students are keen, and the staff are keener!

MUSIC @ NEGS

Music at NEGS continues to thrive with more students joining one of the many musical ensembles on offer, working individually with their music teacher learning their instruments or working with their voice teachers.

Term 1 was busy setting up the music groups which will be running for the year. In Junior School Saumarez Strings continues for all our budding violinists and cello players. Our wonderful Junior Vocal Ensemble which runs every Wednesday morning is filled with fabulous students who enjoy singing together. We have our Junior school captain Bridie Wilkinson who is happily teaching the other students some dance steps to accompany some of their songs. They are really looking forward to their first Twilight Concert which will be held as soon as we are allowed. Our Junior School Marimba group have been busily learning new songs to add to their repertoire; 'La Bamba' has been one of their favourite ones. Mr Oxley's Handbell group filled the Music block with the lovely sounds of bells ringing out, a delight to listen to.

In Senior School Mr Finco has had great success with his new beginner guitar group held at Thursday lunchtime. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to play the guitar and the students have been really enjoying themselves.

I have been working with a lovely group of students from Years 7 and 8 who form the Junior Vocal Ensemble. They are also looking forward to their first performance with some of the songs they have been learning. Mr Finco's NEGS band continues to thrive with new members joining and learning about the joys of playing band music together.

Going into Term 2 the students have adapted to learning music online. Students from both Junior and Senior school have been learning to create music from home and perform to each other via Google Meet. Using whatever instruments they have at home including the pots and pans, students have realised they can create music wherever they are. In Junior School we even have the animals join in. Family pets have been used to tap out the rhythms as the students play with them. It has been lovely to see. The most important thing is we are all working together and as we continue forward we will continue with developing our love of music.

The music team at NEGS is always keen to assist you, if you would like more information about getting your child to play an instrument or to be part of one of the music groups at school. We welcome you all.

Yours In Music
SALLY SPILLANE

This semester has seen the girls engage in a number of musical events, both on campus and in the community. They have showcased their qualities, courage and skills to great effect.

Our HSC students have been putting their hands up to extend themselves with their studies and performances at every opportunity. The Twilight Markets crowd were entertained by the girls and their vocal skills. They performed for all the music students in town at the special NECOM performance classes and to top it off and extend their musician skills, the girls engaged in composition workshops to understand the skills of writing the music they perform. This positive approach has flowed into the students' successful navigation of online learning challenges, re-adjusting their usual manner of practicing their pieces with new and creative strategies to continue their learning.

The year 9/10 music class have not been far from this high bar set by the senior students. They have adjusted to changes in learning modes to great effect, using the time to test out new sounds with found objects in the home, writing melodies using ethnic scales and even recording themselves performing their compositions and songs. These homemade instruments and their new sounds have made for some very interesting online classes. Hopefully with not too much disruption back at home!

The band program, guided by our excellent support tutors, has also adjusted well to the changes in situations. The students are guided by practice videos to keep them engaged in their practice. These videos, tailored to each of the instrument groups, have been a great resource to assist the students to continue developing their skills.

MR FINCO



SPORTS REPORT



NEGS HAD A STRONG START TO THE YEAR IN SPORT AND SOME OF THE STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED:

Chelsea Thornton was selected in the 2020 Hockey NSW U18 Women State Field Team. Chelsea was also selected to attend the 2020 National Futures Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in March with 60 of Australia's leading U18 hockey players.

Olivia Clarke and Lydia Farrar were selected in the NSW IGSSA 16 and Under Hockey side

Brielle Ball, Olivia Clarke, Hayley Lennon were selected in the Northern Inland Academy of Sport Hockey squad.

Ruby Loosemore brought home 2 silver medals and a bronze medal from the IGSSA swimming championships. She also qualified for the CIS swimming championships.

Jorja Curry, Lauren Wilczak and Ella Russell were selected in the Northern Inland Academy of Sport Netball squad.



NEGS Combined Swimming Carnival

1st Green 1273	2nd Dumolo 944
3rd Murray 857	4th Lyon 668

Overall House Cup points including NEGS Junior School

Age Champions

CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
JUNIOR BOYS Tom Lorimer	Clancy Munsie
JUNIOR GIRL Tilly Patterson	Hunter McDonald
SENIOR BOYS Alexander Scanlon-Dawson	Jack Campbell
SENIOR GIRLS Lily Lorimer	Paige Patterson
11 YEARS Jessica Flynn & Sarah Duarte	
12 YEARS Ellie Gough	Lillie Kentwell
13 YEARS Regan Simpson	Grace Rogers
14 YEARS Cottee Harwood	Emily Wamsley
15 YEARS Grace Boughton	Olivia Rogers
16 YEARS Paige Anderson	Molly Michell-Smith
17 YEARS Amity Coxon	Ruby Loosemore
18+ YEARS Grace Cassidy	Georgia Hiscox

TRIVETT CUP

MOST OUTSTANDING SWIMMER
OF THE CARNIVAL
COTTEE HARWOOD

CHEERING CUP

1st Place
MURRAY



PHOTO STORY

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

14 FEBRUARY 2020



NEGS TALENTED ATHLETES PROGRAM

The NEGS Talented Athlete Program is supported by our State sporting organisations – Hockey NSW, NSW Rugby and Netball NSW. The Program aims to nurture the growth of elite athletes through a holistic and individualised approach while embracing the school values of excellence, responsibility and integrity.

THE NEGS TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM COMPRISES OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE COMPONENTS:

Specialist Coaching | Athletic Development | Holistic Growth | Individual Athlete Plans | High-performance Excursions

FIND OUT MORE

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RUGBY NETBALL HOCKEY

TAKE IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL

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WELLBEING



Girls Supporting Girls

Throughout the first semester the NEGS Wellbeing Program was in the process of implementing a new program Girls Supporting Girls. The program involved our Year 12 students developing lessons and teaching our Year 7 and 8 students one period a week. Not only would the girls from the younger years learn from the older girls but it would also allow them to develop a connection with the older students and give them someone to talk to. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 the implementation of the program has been postponed, however, we look forward to implementing the program in the near future.

With the change to online learning the Wellbeing program shifted its focus to how to support students with this change. Year Advisors and Tutors have been engaging in weekly Google Meets with their tutor groups. Some of the great ideas from our Tutors included:

- Physical activity challenges
- Mindfulness sessions
- Goal setting
- Providing an opportunity for students to discuss the challenges they may be facing while learning from home.

We believe it has been crucial to student wellbeing to maintain that connection with school, teachers and their peers.

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5 WAYS TO STUDENT WELLBEING AT HOME

adapted from NEF

- 1 Connect**
Connect with family and friends around you both on and offline. Invest in these important relationships now and for the future.
- 2 Take Notice**
Be present online and offline. Notice what is happening around you and how you are feeling. Reflect, pray or practice mindfulness to help appreciate what matters most to you.
- 3 Be Active**
Step outside, play a game, dance, do yoga or a fitness workout (individual or in pairs with a physical distancing of 1.5m). Discover a new activity to suit your space and fitness level. Variety is the key.
- 4 Keep Learning**
Try something new, fix a bike, do a puzzle, read a book, create, learn a song or play a musical instrument. Set a goal and work towards it. Learning develops confidence.
- 5 Give**
Do something nice for a family member or friend, or talk to your neighbour. Thank someone or smile. Being kind helps us feel better and creates connections – real and virtual.

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Celebrating 125 years of NEGS tradition through uniforms.

Our hardworking Archivist, Dr Heather Fisher, and our IT specialist and long-standing member of the NEGS staff, Mr David Rose, put on a display for the 125th Founder's Day Celebration held at NEGS earlier this year.

Students from Years 7-12 eagerly volunteered to be a part of the NEGS Fashion Parade. A showcase displaying the passage of time through the many and varied uniforms which have been lovingly researched, sourced and displayed in the NEGS Archives by our previous Archivist, Jean Newall, as well as our current Archivist.

Many current students were impressed and somewhat jealous of the previous outfits and were amazed that NEGS had their own Fire Brigade. Gathered together on this page is a collection of the uniforms and their specific requirements.

1895



1. 1895
Black long skirt
Long Sleeved ruffled white blouse
Black tights
Black boots
White gloves
Straw hat
Long hair loose with black ribbon



2. 1901-1905 "AMAZON FIRE BRIGADE" AT NEGS
Summer dress uniform
Braid decorated long skirt
High necked blouse
Jacket with braid
Black stockings
Boots
Hair tied back at neck
Hat or helmet



3. 1907-1913
Long navy or black skirt
Black stockings
Plain white long sleeved blouse
School tie
Straw "boater" hat
Hair tied back at neck



4. 1925 GIRL GUIDE UNIFORM
Navy dress or skirt with over-blouse
Leather belt
Black stockings
Black shoes
Navy felt hat – hair tied back
Light blue hand folded tie



5. 1925 MISS JULIET LYON (PRINCIPAL)
Uniform became compulsory and worn until 1939.
Navy serge box pleated tunic (worn short)
Long sleeved white blouse
Blazer
Black stockings
Navy felt hat
Bloomers



6. MISS COLEBROOK'S SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORM 1939 – 1947
a) Summer- Light cotton shirt
Twisted girdle at waist
Short sleeved white blouse
Straw hat
White short socks
Black shoes
b) Winter- Heavy serge shift
Twisted girdle at waist
Long sleeved white blouse
Black stockings
Sweater or blazer (double breasted style)
Navy felt hat



7. 1946-7 SENIOR STUDENTS' FORMAL UNIFORM WAS A SUIT OF HEAVY WORSTED FABRIC
Navy long-line, double breasted jacket
Mid-calf length straight skirt to match
Long sleeved blouse with tie
Flesh coloured stockings
Black shoes



8. 1950
Cape (with red lining)
Navy serge tunic, long sleeved blouse
Tie
Black tights
Black shoes



9. 1965 A) FORMAL SUMMER UNIFORM
White uniform dress
Twisted girdle
White stockings
Black shoes
White gloves



10. EXPANSION OF FORMAL SUMMER WEAR
a) Loose white dress (commonly called 'the sack')
White stockings
Black shoes
b) "Visitng Dresses" in choice of 4 colours -green, yellow, blue or pink -required if a student was acceptinng an afternoon tea invitaton off-campus



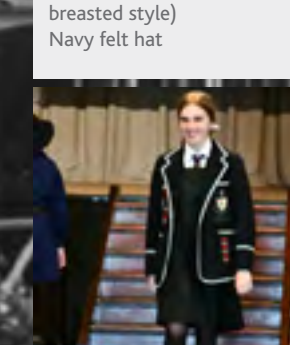
13. BEFORE 1974
Field sports played in the Summer uniform, black stockings and white sports shoes. Tennis was a compulsory sport for many years and a modest white tennis uniform was required.



14. 1974
Several versions of swimwear, track suit wear, netball and hockey had several versions and a more modern tennis uniform was designed.



11. 1980
Overcoats replaced capes for outdoor Winter wear.
Winter tunic could be worn with knee
Long sleeved white blouse with tie length fawn socks
Black shoes



12. 1986 COMPLETE CHANGE OF ALL UNIFORMS
a) Summer: Checked dress
White tights
Black shoes
Straw hat
b) Winter: The kilt had been uniform since 1970 and for formal uniform it was kept, but was considerably longer.
Blazer – new design with raglan sleeves and shoulder epaulets
New navy uniform tunic was designed
White long sleeved blouse,
Black stockings
Black shoes



15. 2003
Blazer was redesigned with a much better feminine shape. It kept the epaulets for 2 or 3 years and then they were abandoned.
Coloured braid was used to signify Prefect and Captain status.



16. 2018
The outdoor jacket became optional casual wear

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AGRICULTURE

NEWS



Walcha Show Success

It was great to compete again at the Walcha Show, one of the best local shows in the district. A very successful show once again with students gaining success through both the cattle paraders' and junior judging competitions. Bridie Palmer from our Junior School won her very competitive age group's paraders' competition. A great result for her second outing in the show ring! Other highlights were Eliza Watts and Tayla Coggan qualifying to represent our region at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in cattle parading. Tayla also won her age group's class. An outstanding effort! Both Esabela Woods and Alana Nenadic were chosen to verbally deliver their reasonings in the Junior Judging Competition. This was the girls' first time and they made the most of the opportunity. Once again, our big steer 'Samboa' was awarded the Champion prize. Another great result for our team!



ARMIDALE SHOW SUCCESS

Once again, we had a wonderful time at the Armidale Show. Our students worked exceptionally well as a team and were immaculately presented. For many of our younger students, it was their first livestock competition experience. Our main focus for the day was the beef cattle section but to gain experience, and further develop their skills and knowledge, students also competed in a whole range of other Agricultural Junior Judging competitions such as meat and wool sheep, fleeces, stock horses, fruits and grain. A number of students were successful in winning minor ribbons in a whole range of judging competitions as with the beef cattle paraders' competition.

On the Friday evening in the main ring for the grand opening of the show, we were awarded both the Grand Champion Steer of show and one of our Limousin X Simmental carcase heifers was awarded the Reserve Champion. An outstanding effort and a result that was only gained through our team's sheer hard work back at school to get our cattle broken in to lead and beautifully presented. Well done to Eliza Watts who worked so hard with 'Samboa' our Grand Champion Charolais X Speckle Park school bred steer from 'Merilba'. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Cassidy and staff at 'Merilba', Kingstown for running our Charolais breeding cows for a number of years on their property and particularly for holding onto them through last year's historical devastating drought. A very generous contribution to our Livestock Team for which our keen students have been very grateful.



YEAR 11 AGRICULTURE FARM CASE STUDY EXCURSION

Our Year 11 Agriculture class spent the day at the Kelly's farm situated between Guyra and Ebor. Rob and Fiona Kelly (NEGS family) very generously shared every detail of their farming business with our Agriculture class. They created and presented a slide show specifically for us before we had a tour of the farm. It was a great opportunity for students to experience a fantastic New England fine wool and beef operation. The Kellys run a Techno grazing system which was very interesting for us to see in action. This system and its benefits will assist our students greatly through their senior years as it can be discussed in detail in a number of HSC examination responses, ensuring maximum marks.

Our students had a wonderful day experiencing a number of farm production features including livestock, pastures, fencing and infrastructure, native vegetation and technologies. It was also nice to relax in the shade of eucalypts on a large granite bolder in the middle of a paddock with a BBQ lunch.

Students now have a challenging task of writing up their Farm Case Study report where they will document gained information under the headings of farm production, farm management, marketing, technologies and work health safety. Throughout their report, students also need to research why farm management decisions are made.





PHOTO STORY

125 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

7 FEBRUARY 2020



PHOTO STORY

TWILIGHT MARKETS

7 FEBRUARY 2020





PHOTO STORY

FATHER & DAUGHTER DINNER

13 FEBRUARY 2020



YEAR 12'S RULES FOR ISOLATION

Over the holidays I have been engaging in reading for enjoyment! (Who would have thought, a librarian would get a chance to read a book just for fun). I have heard great things about Kitty Flanagan's book '488 Rules for Life' and was inspired, as a Year Advisor, to find out what Year 12's rules would be for isolation.

Make sure that you schedule breaks and make them regular to keep you focused.

CHARLOTTE

Make sure Netflix payments are up to date.

HAYLEY

Be careful when thinking about cutting bangs.

EVA

Bulk buy chocolate.

GRACE C

Find a quality TV show to binge.

PRISCILLA

Keep in touch with friends.

MAGGIE

Limit online shopping. It's lethal.

LEXIE

See the sky... frequently.

FRANCISCA

Live your best life... in iso.

GRACE B

Drink almond milk and play with hair colours.

BRIE

Dog buying is essential.

KATE

Get a fish — it changes your life.

KATIE

Stay fit and healthy.

ANNA

Learn a new skill.

BRITNEE

Move in with a friend so you can return to school!

CHARLOTTE C



As always, the NEGS Equestrian Centre has been busy with its many and varied pursuits. Although the Centre has currently shut down during Term 2 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the staff and students of NEGS were treated to some outstanding equestrian competitions in the early half of Term 1.

NEGS was fortunate enough to host the first Equestrian Interschool Championships as well as a Dressage Day and a clinic with Matt Ryan. The students also volunteered their time at the Armidale Show to run all of the equestrian competitions on the day; not only do the girls compete, but they also organise, manage and conduct themselves with pride within our community.



NEGS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



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OGU PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year marks 125 Years of education at NEGS and is a particularly exciting year for the NEGS community including the Old Girls. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions have caused cancellations of a number of 125 celebrations.

For Old Girls Weekend this year, we were planning to host a special 125 Luncheon in the school Multi-Purpose Centre as part of the Weekend. This event was aimed at celebrating the 125 Years of NEGS and all Old Girls, Past and Current Parents, Teachers and Staff would have been invited to attend what we hope to be an exciting event. Unfortunately given the uncertainty with COVID-19 restrictions the difficult decision has been made to postpone this event until Old Girls Weekend 2021 with no formal Old Girls Weekend being held in 2020.

A special 125 Year celebration event is being planned by the School Community to be held on 21 November 2020 and Speech Day and will include the whole school community. Further details will be provided by the school as soon as possible.

To celebrate 125 years the OGU has also held functions and informal get togethers in Brisbane with further events planned throughout the year in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne.

I would like to make the Old Girls network aware of how well our school has fared during the COVID-19 changes and thank the school's senior leadership team for the dedication they show to our school and the students within it during these difficult times. As a parent to two children in Junior School, I can personally attest to the quality of the distance education provided to our NEGS students during the COVID-19 period. The NEGS response has been exceptional in every way and it has been pleasing to watch my children as well as their classmates and I am sure all of the students in our school continue to learn across all subject areas in a 'digital' face-to-face manner during these times. When I speak to parents of students at other schools, I am acutely aware of how lucky our students are to have this level of quality teaching during this time and am thankful for the expertise the staff show in delivering these programs. They have ensured that 'home schooling' has been a fulfilling and stress-free time for all involved. The quality of education we have always and continue to experience at NEGS is a testament to our schools' leadership and I know it will help see the school continue to grow in these difficult times.

NATALIE SCANLON
NEGS OGU PRESIDENT



Ms Natalie Scanlon '79



NEGS OLD GIRLS' MISSIONARY UNION REPORT 2020

Our Missionary Union began when our school foundress, Miss Florence Green, began writing a letter each Lent to the girls who had completed their education at her school. That was in 1898, and she invited her Old Girls to send a donation so NEGS could continue to support The New Guinea Mission as they had done while at NEGS. The Lenten Letter is still sent to members every year.

This year the Missions that we support have all been focussed on the COVID-19 pandemic. Missions office staff have been working from home. The Anglican Board of Mission, ABM, asked us to continue our support for the Literacy, Language and Numeracy Skills Project in Papua New Guinea for over 2,500 men and women. Recently, ABM has been assembling hand washing and hygiene kits for distribution there too.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns trains Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Theology and Community Development. On 19 March the Principal, Rev'd Victor Joseph, advised all staff at WBB that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college would cease face to face training in Cairns until further notice. Rev'd Victor asks us "to pray not only for the College but for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia as they prepare with limited resources within their communities."

In August The Rev'd Greg Harris was commissioned Bush Church Aid's 12th National Director. Rev'd Greg was Vicar of Guyra in 2006. In some parishes, BCA missionaries are delivering church services online during this time of social distancing and self isolation to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our Old Girl Missionary Jessica (Assef 2005), husband Simon Cowell and children Lydia, Emma and Timothy returned to Australia from Italy last November for a six month Home Assignment. They were to visit supporting parishes, Gerringong, Molong, Pearce, Clovelly and Moree, from February to May but the COVID-19 lockdown changed those plans. The family were able to spend Easter with Jessica's mother in Moree. With the European Union closed at present, they now hope to return to Italy in August to continue their mission work with university students who do not yet know Jesus, and are communicating and working from Australia with the church groups in Italy.

Mrs Juliet Cameron

HON SECRETARY
NEGS OLD GIRLS' MISSIONARY UNION

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NEGS Archives

Attention ex-staff. NEGS would like to collect and update all ex-staff contact details for our database to include you in future events and milestones at the school as a special part of our past community. Please contact **Heather Fisher**, NEGS Archivist by email at marketing@negs.nsw.edu.au.

NEGS Memorabilia or uniforms. NEGS has a wonderful archive building containing 'all things NEGS' that has been collated and documented by the late Mrs Joan Newall AM for many years and now Mrs Heather Fisher. Any contributions will be treasured and appreciated by all the NEGS community.



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Class of 2009
Anna Sutherland



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(BEHREND) Class of 1988
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Past & Future Working Together

NEGS Business Directory

To support our community, NEGS and the NEGS Old Girls' Union are establishing a NEGS Business Directory. This professional network connects our current families, Old Girls and the wider NEGS community to their businesses and services. The Directory will be updated regularly and shared on our social media platforms and our website. To advertise in this Directory will be free of charge to our NEGS Community and if you are interested please email selina.croft@negs.nsw.edu.au.

The NEGS Old Girls' Union would like to grow this Business Directory to foster and cultivate relationships between the remarkable women within our Old Girl community. Morning coffee or drinks after work may be organised in Armidale, Sydney and Brisbane to develop relationships one-on-one and enable past and future women of NEGS to support each other. A further benefit to support current students could be to set up mentoring opportunities for them as they embark on decisions for their future careers. For further information please email the Old Girls' Coordinator, Libby Parry on libby.parry@negs.nsw.edu.au.



BRISBANE OLD GIRLS' COCKTAIL FUNCTION

On the 12th March, 2020, the Brisbane Old Girls hosted an informal cocktail event to gather NEGS Old Girls of all ages together as you can see in the happy photos attached. It was a lovely evening held at the fabulous art gallery of Old Girl Edwina Corlette (1981). The function was attended by Mary Anne Evans, NEGS Principal, and Libby Parry, Old Girls' Coordinator who spoke about the new Business Directory for our whole NEGS Community and mentoring opportunities for students. Thank you so much to all those involved for such a lovely evening and those who travelled for the event. It was so lucky to have this function as the coronavirus hit just afterwards.

OGU Events

BRANCH EVENTS:

All Events and 'TBC' are dependent upon the Government restrictions being lifted. The Events are listed below to give you a guide of what committees are planning.

SYDNEY EVENTS:

Annual Bridge Day	POSTPONED
AGM and Lunch at The Queens Club, Sydney CBD	11th August, 2020

125 Year Anniversary Cocktail Function	TBC
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BRISBANE EVENTS:

AGM and Lunch	August, 2020 TBC
125 Year Anniversary Function	TBC

ACT EVENTS:

Annual Luncheon	TBC
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ARMIDALE EVENTS:

AGM & Cocktail Function at NEGS	Friday 4th September, 2020
125 Year Anniversary Luncheon	Saturday 5th September 2020 at NEGS, postponed to 2021

Whole NEGS Community Ball to celebrate 125 Anniversary (hosted by NEGS and the OGU)	21 November, 2020
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OLD GIRL 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 embodies the 'spirit of a NEGS girl'.

To support a student to enjoy a NEGS education please contact the Director of Enrolments, Muffie Sproat, muffie.sproat@negs.nsw.edu.au.

NEW ENGLAND TRAVEL are pleased to donate 2.5%* from all bookings made through New England Travel to the NEGS Education Trust, supporting scholarships for NEGS Students.

Just mention NEGS when you make your booking.

*Excluding airfares

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OG Events and Reunions

NEGS COHORT REUNIONS 2020

60 Year Reunion ('60)
12pm, Sat 12 December 2020
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5 Year Reunion (2015)
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or

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50 Year Reunion ('71)
TBC

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and

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OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND ARMIDALE 2020:

We have made the sad decision that we cannot plan for an Old Girls' Weekend this September as Government social distancing requirements for schools in Term 3 will be very strict. Planning a weekend of activities where people come into the school grounds and buildings in Term 4 will also not be realistic at this point. Therefore we have postponed Old Girls' Weekend 2020 to join the reunion groups of Old Girls' Weekend 2021. We will now also plan to hold our Old Girls' Celebration Lunch in 2021 which will include all Old Girls.

To mark the occasion of the 125 Year Anniversary of NEGS this year, the School and the Old Girls' Union are endeavouring to plan an event towards the end of term 4 (in line with Government restrictions) for the whole school community, past and present. Fingers crossed. We anticipate this will showcase the history of the school and be a fun evening out to reconnect after these isolation times and we hope that many Old Girls will be able to support and enjoy this event. Further information will be posted on the website and via email in due course, or please contact:

Libby Parry (Dight 1982) libby.parry@negs.nsw.edu.au



NEGS POSTPONED OLD GIRLS' WEEKEND

All Old Girls' of any age are warmly invited to attend and encouraged to organise tables of class mates or family and friends for the 125 Year Anniversary Lunch.

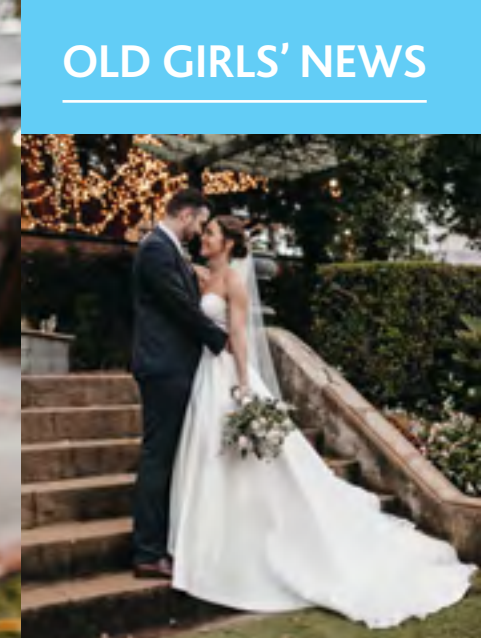
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER		DATE 4th - 6th September, 2020
5pm – 6.30pm	Cocktail Function and AGM at NEGS	WHERE NEGS BOOKINGS FOR THE 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH A booking site will be placed on the Old Girls' website early August. Tables of 8-10 can be allocated to groups.
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER		
9am-10am	Old Girls' Chapel Service	
10am-12pm	School Tours, Archives, School Exhibitions & Sport	
12.30pm	125 Year Anniversary Champagne Lunch at NEGS (we would love to celebrate with all age groups, husbands, grandparents, past parents and friends)	
6.30pm	Individual Reunion Group Dinners (organised by each year)	
SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER		
Leisurely breakfasts organised by each year group		

Any changes due to coronavirus will be emailed to Year Group Coordinators and posted on the Old Girls' Website, however, I am sure we will all be ready to socialise and celebrate by then!

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WEDDINGS



SHERIDAN CONNOR AND DANIEL BLAKE

The wedding of Sheridan Connor (2009) and Daniel Blake and of course the NEGS girls who attended. Left to right, Ali Hosgood, Polly Barron (Witts), Lily Purkiss, Kate Miles, Rachel Bell (Assef), Courtney Waugh. Lily made my beautiful veil.

I'm living in Brisbane working in Banking and Finance, with a PT business on the side.



LUCINDA NASH AND TIM FLYNN

Lucinda Nash (2009) married Tim Flynn on the 29th October 2020 in Armidale and had a beautiful reception in her parents' garden. They will be living and working in Dubbo. Two of her bridesmaids were Old Girls; her sister Claudia Nash (2015 -second from the left) and school friend Lily Purkiss (2009 - far left). Lily is an extremely talented seamstress and dress designer and made Lucinda's beautiful wedding dress.



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OLD GIRLS' NEWS

ANNABELLE WYATT AND WILL CANT

The wedding of Annie Cant (nee Wyatt) who left NEGS in 2013. Annie married Will Cant on his family property near Warren where they plan to enjoy a country life together.

Left to right: NEGS friends who attended the wedding – Nichola Elliott, Claire Wanford, Kate Ramsay, Harriet Raleigh, Sophie Wood, and Georgie Wanford.



ALUMNI STORY

KIRSTY ASSEF AND CALEB TORRANCE

This beautiful wedding photo below is of Kirsty Assef (2011) with her husband Caleb Torrance. The happy couple are living in Moree.



Eliza White (Class of 2017)

Eliza White formerly of Guyra, Class of 2017 and Senior Prefect continues to strive in her chosen field.

Eliza was the Dux of her year group and was well renowned for her beautifully detailed art works, extensive work ethic and the ability to organise and plan to the nth degree.

She has since moved on to The Women's College at the Queensland University of Technology where she is studying a double degree, Bachelor of Business and Creative Industries majoring in Graphic Design.

We were recently contacted by her college to acknowledge that Eliza has continued her high achievements and had received an Academic Excellence Prize, the Lisbeth Hopkins Prize at The Women's College Academic Dinner in March this year.

This prize is an acknowledgement of Mary Elizabeth (Lisbeth) Hopkins who attended the College in 1939 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours majoring in English and History. Recipients of this award have demonstrated their academic success, and are encouraged to follow Lisbeth's example of a full life, devoted to family, community, generosity and leadership. The resident who receives this award has also achieved outstanding academic results in English, Arts or Creative Arts.

It is wonderful to see a NEGS Alumni striving towards her goals and carrying through, not only Lisbeth's ideals but those we strongly advocate at NEGS as well.

Congratulations Eliza!

POLLY WITTS AND JOSH BARRON

Polly (2008) got married on the 26th of October 2019 at her parents' farm near Gunnedah. It was perhaps the worst weather day of the year! Gale force winds, huge dust storm and then a thunderstorm right on 3pm when the reception was beginning! Reception was to be outside so there were lots of last minute changes. But looking back she wouldn't change it!

After getting married she and her husband (Josh Barron) have relocated to his family farm near Cooma, Snowy Mountains NSW. She is currently working as a General Practice Pharmacist and Diabetes Educator in Canberra a few days a week.

Pictured above is a photo of Polly with her fabulous and life long NEGS friends. Left to right, Courtney Waugh, Sheridan Blake (Connor), Kate Miles, me – now Polly Barron, Rachel Bell (Assef), Ali Hosgood and Emily Brookes.



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