

From the Principal

This will be my last report for what has been a truly dynamic and challenging term. A big thank you to the entire school community for your efforts. The girls have shown remarkable resilience this term and I wish them a great and well deserved break. It has been wonderful to see our girls participating in numerous events e.g. sporting, this term, and doing so with such great spirit. Good luck to our amazing Year 12 cohort who will be studying hard for the upcoming HSC. A special shout out to Year 12 parents / carers who have shared the rewarding but often stressful journey with the students. I know the girls appreciate your support and they have been very lucky to have you in their corner. I look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed for what will be a short but busy last term.



MR MARK FLYNN
NEGS ACTING PRINCIPAL



BOARDINGUpdate

News from Boarding

The last week of term 3 has arrived and our boarders are all bursting with excitement to spend some much cherished time with their families in the holidays. From all of the NEGS Boarding staff we wish you a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday with your daughters.

This week for the first time this term our boarding family shared dinner together as we celebrated the annual Yr 12 Boarders' Formal Farewell Dinner. Our year 11 boarders with the help of Mrs Garrad organised and coordinated a fantastic evening.

Our graduating 2020 boarders are an outstanding group of young ladies and they should be proud of their leadership and the positive example they have set for all of the students during this challenging year. We wish them every success and happiness for the HSC exams and whatever adventures they choose next.



BOARDINGUpdate

During the formal dinner year 12 boarder and Head Prefect, Sheriden Bennett with our Deputy Prefect and boarder Lucinda Garbutt, delivered a wonderful and insightful speech to our boarders, with Sheriden's permission I would like to share some of this with you.

Good Evening Mr Flynn, Mr Cohen, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Garrad, Staff and Girls,

First of all, thank you to Year 11 for organising tonight. We understand how much work you have all put in to ensure that this night runs smoothly and on behalf of Year 12 I'd like to thank you, we're all extremely grateful.

When Mrs Garrad asked me to write this speech she said, 'impart my words of wisdom', so buckle in. Tonight I'd like to talk about what this school means to me and what I hope it means to you. Let's start with something really basic - what do you think a school is?

Some of you are probably thinking it's a place, which wouldn't be wrong, but I want you to think further than that. Whilst the definition would suggest so, a school isn't a place. It's much more than that. Think of it this way, you could go out, find a big empty space, build a few classrooms, stand back, dust your hands and admire what you've made. But, I guarantee you, what you're looking at isn't a school. It has potential to be, but it isn't yet. A school is made by the people in it. That's you, and for a short time longer that's me too. Yes, I understand that the buildings, the uniforms and the conventions play a small part, but largely, it's up to you. This school or this place I should say, is an empty skeleton. It's got the structure, the buildings and the potential, but it's nothing without you, without us.

So, if you are this school, then what's stopping you from making it what you want? I'm not saying that you have the power to change rules, or build new buildings or anything like that. What I'm trying to say is this school is what you make of it. You are only going to get out of it what you put in and that doesn't just go for school, that goes for life. Your

experience is dictated by your decisions and your attitude. Make the most of every single opportunity, and cherish the small moments. Support each other and be kind. Envision what you want this school to be and embody that. The responsibility goes to every one of you from year 5 right through to year 12 to make of this school what you will. Together, you define the culture of boarding at NEGS.

When you get to where we are standing now as our graduation draws to a near, I guarantee that you won't look back on your time here and say 'My time at NEGS would have been so much better if I didn't have to hand in my phone at night' or 'My time at NEGS would have been so much better if I could wear my seconds to school'. I promise you'll look back at all the opportunities you took and experiences you shared with your friends. So I urge you, make an investment in your future self and promise yourself that you'll make the most of what this magnificent school has to offer and the unique experience that is being a boarder, because they are memories that will last a lifetime.

Finally, thank you from me, to the graduating boarding cohort of 2020. It's been a wild ride with you girls, but we've made it! Thanks for all of the dance parties, board games and corridor hangs. You guys have honestly become more like family than friends, and I'm so grateful for each and every one of you.

Well, that's it from us girls. Remember to make the most of your time here, because it goes much quicker than you realise! Best of luck to all of you in your future, we know you'll all achieve great things.

BOARDING Update



This week we have also seen the completion of the NEGS Olympics.

Congratulations to the winning house Lyon!! And congratulations to all of our Yr 11 boarders for your enthusiastic leadership at the Olympics.

On Tuesday night the Lyon House girls came together to enjoy their prize of a picnic dinner consisting of pizzas and ice creams. A rarity since the pandemic, it was lovely to see girls from all year groups share a casual and relaxed meal together. Our Junior boarders thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with their 'older sisters' eagerly listening to their many amusing stories about school life and driving lessons!

After dinner a small group remained chatting into the evening.

I wish all of our boarders a restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all back next term for a great finish to 2020.

JODIE JACKSON
HEAD OF BOARDING



Finals in Rugby 7s

Well done on a fantastic season this year, NEGS Rugby 7s squad.

We were fortunate enough this year to finish in the top two of the Armidale hub competition and travelled to Tamworth on Friday the 18th September. The girls faced Pirates in the first game and although battled well, went down against a well-trained team. They then continued on to their second game of the day playing Coonabarabran. The girls did notch up their first try of the day in this game and were extremely proud of their efforts. Unfortunately the 14 minutes was just not enough time to come back from the initial deficit and they went down to finish fourth in the Cup Finals.

Well done to all students who participated in this competition and are listed below. Thank you to Mr Flynn and Brodie, our patient and passionate coaches, Emma Steele as a student manager and to the parents and supporters who turned up to cheer us on throughout the season. Special thanks to the Warbys - the ice cream really assisted the journey home!

Good luck to **Isabella Reardon** who will be playing in her own final this weekend as part of the Glen Innes Elkettes taking on the Tamworth Pirates. Good Luck!

NEGS U14S TEAM

Alana Nenadic, Zahlie Cabot, Emily Wamsley, Felicity Chapman, Heidi Holland, Rebecca Reid, Emilee Stevenson, Savannah Brown, Regan Simpson, Eliza Warby, Allie Palmer, Scarlet Martin.



Science Update

YEAR 10

Year 10 have been learning about blood splatter analysis as a component of their studies in forensic science and created a little Hollywood horror along the way! They also had to put together human skeletons whilst blindfolded, with only their partner's instructions for help.

YEAR 8

Year 8 have started to learn the chemical symbols for the first ten elements on the Periodic Table and got all tied up with a few rounds of Element Twister!

YEAR 12

Year 12 Chemistry finished off their studies this week with a practical designed to investigate the combustion of glucose and qualitative analysis of the reaction between cacao and wheat - AKA S'mores!



SENIOR SCHOOLNews



NEGS Year 12 2020

To celebrate their last week at school, Year 12 enjoyed gifts from our Year 10 students and a relaxing barbecue lunch on the front lawn. The sun was shining and there was much laughter, tears, smiles and photographs!





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Junior School Fundraiser

We are very excited about this raffle item with tickets proving popular already on our Facebook Group - **NEGS Junior School Major Fundraiser 2020**, please check feel free to join for more information.

Students will be bringing home a book of 5 tickets for each family in week 1 of Term 4, so please keep an eye out.

NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL LIAISON PARENT COMMITTEE

Staffing Changes for Term 4

Our Head of CAPAD and Art Teacher Miss Sarah Ronald will be going on long service leave for Term 4 and will be replaced for Term 4 by Julie Hodges. We wish Miss Ronald a wonderful holiday and look forward to her return in 2021.

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 (02 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 or a hotspot 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.

News from NEGS Equestrian Centre

What a busy end to the term! On 12th & 13th September, many students donned their jeans and boots to try their hand at roping! It was such a fun weekend, lots of laughter at their near misses and big smiles when they roped their catch. All students were catching the dummy off the horses by the end of their session, with a feeling of great accomplishment. Of 26 would-be ropers, exactly half of the students became quite addicted enough to buy themselves a rope and have been seen roping everything in sight, ever since! We can't wait to have the Crooked Creek Ranch team come back in Term 4 for another roping and barrel racing clinic.

On Sunday 13th September, we took a small team of girls to *Armida Riding Club Dressage Day* which was a great success with all 5 students placing in all their events.

RESULTS IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION:

- Unofficial Preliminary 1B - 1st M Bell, 4th D Layton, 5th C Gerigk
- Unofficial Preliminary 1C - 1st D Layton, 2nd M Bell, 5th C Gerigk
- Unofficial Preparatory C - 3rd I Stebbins
- Official Preliminary 1B - 2nd S Robinson
- Official Preliminary 1C - 3rd S Robinson
- Unofficial Novice 2B - 2nd S Robinson

There were other boarders and day students present with parents at the event and we would love to share their photos and results if they can send them in.

We have finished the term in very high spirits after our End of Term Extravaganza on the weekend. 26 students participated in several events including Dressage, Cross Country, Showjumping, Stockman's Challenge, Barrel Race, Polocrosse games and Show Ring events. It was a huge success with everyone having so much fun and we are now looking forward to doing it all again towards the end of Term 4.

We are expecting at least a dozen extra horses in Term 4 so please get your booking forms in now so that we can allocate requested paddocks. Have a lovely relaxing break, we look forward to seeing all the smiling faces back in the EC in 2 weeks.

AMY LAYTON
NEGS EC COORDINATOR



EQUESTRIAN News



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LANGUAGES Update



Above: Paige O'Hara, disguised as 'eine kleine Hexe', in the Kindergarten German classroom



Above: Kenzie and Jo Watson assisting in the Year 1/2 German classroom



Above: Georgia Constable and Rosie Ross won the activity 'La Chasse au Trésor' (Treasure Hunt) organised by Madame Nadolny.

Fun in Language Class

Below: Airlie McAlary (Claudia) and Lily Lorimer (Lepidina) won an Olympic activity and were presented with wreaths by Ruby Boughton (Luna), in her role as the goddess Athena.



Below: Kaliha Smith (Patricia) and Amanda Knight (Hypatia) won an Olympic activity and were presented with a wreath by Alexander (the Great) Scanlon-Dawson. This Year 6 Latin activity was organised by Madame Nadolny.



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

Year 12 Chapel and Farewell Assembly	24 September
Last day of Term 3	24 September
Junior School Open Day	25 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
Year 12 Valedictory Day	12 November
Junior School Speech Day	3 December
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - TBC	3 December
Speech Day	4 December
Last day of Term 4	4 December
Holidays Commence	5 December



Reusable masks are now available at the Uniform Shop.

NEGS ON THE ROAD 2020

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WEE WAA 2 October

NARRABRI 2 October

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GUNNEDAH 9 October

QUIRINDI 8 October

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