

From the Principal

I would like to congratulate the girls who completed the Paddling Challenge last weekend at Grafton. I would like to thank Penny Lehman and her husband for all their efforts in preparing the girls. This "COVID Classic" was held as the yearly Hawkesbury event could not be run. Mrs Lehman commented on the determination and grit shown by the girls.

On Friday night a number of NEGS staff members attended the ACE and ACEL Awards that recognise excellence in teaching. Terri Swartz and Tony Jones both received the *JA Sutherland Memorial Award* for a significant contribution to education, and the Junior School NEGS Online Program, led by Andrew Travers, Deanna Ford, Liane Nixon and Heidi Dent, received the *HTB Harris Memorial Award* for a significant program leading to the fulfilment of an educational need of an education program. It is great to see these professional and inspiring teachers being recognised as well as our innovative *Junior School NEGS Online Program*. I am extremely proud of the efforts of these teachers who received these awards.

Year 12 finish their exams next week and appear to be coping quite well with the demands of the HSC. We look forward to being able to celebrate with them and their families next Thursday at the Year 12 Valedictory Assembly. We are still waiting on the directives from NSW Health to know whether we can hold Speech Day at the end of the year.

Years 7-10 should be studying very hard for their upcoming exams. I wish them all the very best.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Flynn'.

MR MARK FLYNN
NEGS ACTING PRINCIPAL



JUNIOR SCHOOL *Update*

From the Head of Junior School

As we hit half way through Term 4 it means only 4 weeks left of the school year. While we are still not certain on how the end of year celebrations will look due to COVID-19 restrictions it is important that we continue to be positive and thankful that Armidale has made it through relatively unharmed. As teachers we reflect on the year and during the COVID-19 lockdown teachers streamed a rough total of 40,000 minutes of live online learning. A staggering feat to say the least.

This week is the last week of 3-6 gymnastics. As part of the program Year 6 students have to create their own routine which needs to include: 2 x jump movements, 2 x roll movements, 1 x balance movement and piece it all together.

From week 5 Years 3-6 will be heading to the pool for their Friday sport where they will be learning swim and survival skills run by Harwood swim school.

On Friday 30th Oct - the Junior School staff were awarded the HTB Harris Memorial Award for a significant program. This was for NEGS online (our Distance Education program). This was a great honour to receive this award from the Australian College of Educators. Well done to all the Junior School teachers who have been a part of this program and to get it to where it is today.

Lastly if you have sold any raffle tickets please start sending them back in. Also if you would like any more, email the Junior School reception and more will be put in your child's bag.

Regards,

ANDREW TRAVERS
HEAD OF NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL



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News from Boarding

Over the past two weekends our boarders have participated in group tennis lessons on the school's new tennis courts. We are hopeful they have picked up a few skills and are ready for the start of the tennis competition this weekend. The girls will play in a weekly competition representing their sporting houses, this competition will continue into next year with the winning house announced at the end of Term 1.



BOARDING Update



WHITE HOUSE

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT ON THE LAWN



White House boarders have been kept busy over the weekend by the boarding staff. They have taken advantage of the extra daylight and spent the evenings celebrating Halloween and playing games with Miss Finch.



I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell Mrs Kerry Middleton who has resigned from her position in boarding at NEGS. Mrs Middleton has worked at NEGS for many years and will be missed very much. Kerry lives in Northern NSW and will be looking forward to spending more time with her family. We wish Kerry all the best for the future and thank her for her many years of caring for our NEGS boarders.

BOARDING Update



WHITE HOUSE
CAPTAIN BALL
ENJOYING THE WEEKEND SUNSET
AS WELL!



31/10/2020
READY, SET, GO!
White House after-dinner Ball Games



School Drive Subsidy - Travel Diaries due by end of term

Dear Parents,

If you are a recipient of the School Drive Subsidy, this is a reminder that the travel diaries are due at the end of the term - this will cover journeys made (with your daughter/s in the car) for Terms 3 & 4.

If you are interested in receiving the School Drive Subsidy please read more at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Kind regards

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[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEGS SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY DIARY](#)



NEGS Tea Towels

Our 125 Year NEGS Celebration Tea Towels have arrived in the Uniform Shop. These Tea Towels have been created using the hometowns of our current students and are \$15. If you would like to purchase 1, or 10, they can be ordered from the Uniform Shop and the cost added to your school accounts. They make excellent Christmas presents!

We are currently fundraising for the purchase of new flowering perennial plants to replace those that were lost around the school due to the drought. **ALL** the profits from the tea towels will be donated to this fundraiser.

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or call us on 02 6774 8700



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Equestrian Centre Update

On the 24th and 25th October, students enjoyed expert tuition in Show Riding with Les Friend and Eventing with Matt Ryan. Last weekend we followed up with another visit from Peter Shaw for Dressage coaching and Show Jumpers were delighted to try some lessons with David Cooper who I'm told was an amazing coach. We've had requests to have David come back and teach again soon. The weekend also saw a team of Eventers head to Quirindi, competing over 3 days. One of our enthusiastic Equestrian Leaders has prepared a special report to let us know how great the weekend went. Thanks to Anyka Overton and families for taking the team.

On Tuesday afternoon, Campdraft Squad and other keen riders enjoyed working with bison in the campdraft arena, under the expert eye of our coach Gloria McCormack. Many thanks to Gloria for arranging the bison opportunity. The team is in practice for the upcoming Ashford Campdraft.

This weekend, students are highly anticipating a visit from Dan Steers, famously known as one of the Dans from Double Dan Horsemanship. The clinic was fully booked out weeks ago. Students will bond and create lifelong partnerships with their horses on the ground and under saddle. I can't wait to hear all about it. We also have an excursion planned this weekend where Dressage riders will compete at Armidale Riding Club Dressage Championships both days. I believe there will be other day students and boarders attending with parents so it will be great to see so many NEGS students at the event.

AMY LAYTON
EC COORDINATOR

QUIRINDI EVENTING

EQUESTRIAN NEWSLETTER

THE TEAM SPIRIT

After all the rain threatening to yet again postpone Quirindi, the hard working committee pulled through to run an awesome event. With girls competing from 60cm through to 2' eventing it was a weekend full of fun. A special mention to Anna Jarvis for coming along during her HSC Exams to represent NEGS for one of the last times, super effort! Congrats to all of the girls that gave it their all and helped each other to achieve goals throughout the weekend. A huge thank you to Anyka for giving up her weekend to coach and support the NEGS girls, your effort is very much appreciated.



Congrats to Molly Michell - Smith for bring home 3rd place on Reaarabelle in the 60cm Junior class and Sienna Robinson on One In a Million placing 8th. Darcie Loosemore on Tariqa Stars And Dreams also put in a strong effort!



Congratulations to the following girls for their efforts in the 80cm Junior class. Maeve Loosemore, Carla Gergik Vanessa Baker, Holly Jacobson, and Charlotte Jacobson you all did a great job to finish the XC.



Anna Jarvis rode My Happiness and Highlands Riversong along side Vanessa Baker on Southern Cross Nova in the 95cm class. Both girls made strong competition for the other riders. Patricia Kapsalis did a super job riding Roskymar Prince Noreah in their first 2'.

WHATS ON?

Don't forget that entries open for Tamworth Eventing on the 4th of November you can enter through nominate following this link <https://bit.ly/2e143ma>

This should be another super event that we hope to see everyone at. Even if eventing is not your discipline give it a go! Tamworth is a great event that NEGS girls have been competing at for many years now. The event is on the 21 - 22 November. transport will be organised closer to the date.



TOP TIPS

What gear do I need to bring to a one day event?

- Cross Country Vest
- Number holders
- Saddle
- Bridle
- Eventing Watch
- NEGS Saddle Cloth
- Boots (XC & SJ)
- Helmet
- Competition out fit
- Ice Boots





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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 this week so please keep an eye out.

NEGS JUNIOR SCHOOL LIAISON PARENT COMMITTEE

COVID-19 Update

UNWELL STUDENTS

It is important that you continue to keep home all students who are exhibiting ANY signs of illness or states that 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 a known 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.

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).

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

End of year celebrations such as speech day are still under consideration with the government (excluding Year 12 celebrations which have been granted an exemption). We will advise families as soon as the government directive has been released.

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.

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 FOUR

Year 9 and 10 yearly exam week	9-13 November
HSC written examinations end	11 November
Year 12 Valedictory Day	12 November
Year 7 and 8 year exam week	16-20 November
Year 9 and 10 Camp (Compulsory Excursion)	16-18 November
Year 7 & 8 Young Change Agents Workshops - The Academy of Enterprising Girls	24-25 November
Yr 10 Service Week	30 November - 3 December
Junior School last day of Term	3 December
Junior School Speech Day	3 December
Speech Day	4 December
Last day of Term 4	4 December
Holidays commence	5 December

NEGS Business Directory

We understand that families have experienced and been affected by ongoing challenges with drought, bushfires and the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

To support our community we 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.

If you would like to have your business or services included, please select the link below or email selina.croft@negs.nsw.edu.au.

We look forward to supporting our NEGS community today and into the future.

**CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE
THE NEGS BUSINESS
DIRECTORY FORM**



NEGS Old Girl Claire Braund

NEGS Old Girl Claire Braund (class of 1987) is a social entrepreneur who co-founded Women on Boards in Australia in 2006 and in the UK in 2012. She is a writer, networker and gender advocate; a respected speaker on a range of topics, including equity and diversity, and an informed and entertaining MC and presenter.

What are some of your fondest memories whilst at NEGS?

The people I spent time with; my fellow students, including my (still) best friends and the teachers. In particular: Dr Barbara Field, a brilliant theologian and educator who taught us 3 Unit English and inspired us to strive to be better in all we did. Mrs Rajendra, who had more than 365 saris - one for every day of the year - and made Modern History live. Her family had lived through the Japanese occupation of Malaysia and buried all their gold so it would not be taken. She was a delight as she sailed regally about the corridors. Don Hitchcock - a really great teacher who cared little what the silly young girls thought of him, and knew so much about how to teach students well.

I also remember with fondness the quietness of music lessons in the old music block in warm afternoons with the smell of roses coming through the window. A nice moment to reflect.

...and this story I told in my speech in 2016:

The time the school conspired with the Armidale fire department for a fire drill. Apparently we had not been responding quickly enough to the fire bell so one winter night they filled garbage bins with wet hay and set them on fire at the end of the corridors to our dorms. Never have 100 children evacuated Saumarez so fast - literally sliding down the frosty steel fire stairs from all three stories. The smell for days was appalling.

NEGS Old Girl Profiles

Could you please give a brief history of what you have done in the years since you have left school?

I studied journalism at the fabled Mitchell College in Bathurst (the media / arts school alumnus includes Andrew Denton, Sam Armitayge, Olivia Worth, Shane Wright, Hamish Macdonald, Amanda Keller, Tara Brown, Melissa Doyle, Jacinta Tynan, Jessica Rowe, Rachael Treasure and more) and after a career as a news reporter moved into public relations in the cotton and cattle industries. I founded my first organisation with a group of beef producers at age 27.

I now describe myself as a social entrepreneur, co-founded several small organisations including Women on Boards in 2006. I serve full time as Executive Director and also sit on the boards of Women on Boards Australia and the global group, WOB Pty Ltd, which includes the sister company in the United Kingdom, which I co-founded with Australian and British colleagues in 2012.

I also serve as deputy chair of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, which is the third largest in NSW, and chair the building committee. I formerly served on the not-for-profit board of the Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women and The Women's Club. I regularly work with organisations and aspirant directors seeking board roles.

In 2011 I became a Churchill Fellow for my research into gender balance on boards in Norway, France and the UK. I am also a graduate of the Benevolent Society's Sydney Social Leadership Program.

Could you please tell us about Women on Boards and why this is such an important business especially for young girls embarking on their careers?

Women on Boards was founded to address gender inequity in the boardroom and across leadership roles in all sectors of our economy and society. Boards need to reflect the people they serve - shareholders, customers, clients and stakeholders. When we started in 2006, few sectors had more than 15% female representation on boards - which had nothing to do with a lack of suitable women and everything to do with existing boards not being prepared to recruit beyond their own image or go beyond their own "BBQ" circles to find directors. It was also due to the lack of transparency in the recruitment process. Things have improved a lot since then, but my advice to young women is to keep a weather eye to the real gendered data for any sector or organisation you are considering taking a role in (www.wgea.gov.au) and never, ever subscribe to the 'Myth of Merit'.

In 2016 Claire was the guest speaker at the 121st NEGS Speech Day. I encourage all of our community to read her entertaining and inspiring speech [here](#).

For more profiles on our inspiring NEGS Old Girls please visit our website <https://negs.nsw.edu.au/community/negs-old-girls>

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