

From the Principal

Last week we farewelled out 2020 Year 12 students with a (second) Valedictory Assembly. The government directives allowed us to have the parents and friends of our students at the campus for this special assembly and it was so nice to celebrate the achievements of our girls who have completed their HSC in a very unusual year.

It was a week of special assemblies with an assembly for NAIDOC week on the Tuesday and a Remembrance Day assembly on the 11th of November. It was wonderful to see the girls paying their respects to mark these important dates.

Years 9 and 10 returned yesterday afternoon from their camp at Lake Keepit and by all accounts the girls had a great time. Thank you to their year advisors Miss Gale, Mrs Spillane and Mrs Chandler for accompanying the girls on this great trip.

Junior School last week participated in "Australia Reads". Thank you to Mr Travers and all of the Junior School Staff for organising this.

I encourage all girls to attend school until the last day to ensure that Speech Day is as special as possible. This has been a big year and we would like to celebrate together how well our students have done in this year adapting to COVID-19 restrictions and remote learning.

More information will come out next week about Speech Day. We are waiting to hear the latest government directives about any restrictions that may be lifted.



MR MARK FLYNN
NEGS ACTING PRINCIPAL



JUNIOR SCHOOL *Update*



Sporty Kids Club

Students from Years 2 - 4 have been enjoying meeting each week to participate in Sporty Kids Club. The club has been designed to introduce students to indoor hockey skills, as well as develop gross motor skills through students engaging in fun-filled activities.

This week we met outside in the gorgeous sunshine and not only practiced our pushing and trapping of the hockey ball, but also participated in some wacky balancing games. Lots of fun was had by all!



SENIOR SCHOOL *Update*

Year 9/10 Camp

We all had a really great time on the Year 9/10 camp.

The last couple of days have been challenging and all of the girls have pushed themselves beyond what they believed they would ever be capable of achieving.

The girls' approach towards challenging tasks far exceeded our expectations. They developed very quickly a "can do" rather than "can't do" attitude. This, combined with good team work, ensured they successfully completed challenges even when they felt fatigued and wanted to stop, motivating and encouraging their peers to keep going. On a number of occasions the camp instructors commented that they were a great group of girls and so easy to work with. Comments such as this are a credit to the parents and to NEGS.

Mrs Spillane, Miss Gale and I are so proud of the Year 9/10 girls and the way in which they conducted themselves and I'm sure the girls will have many memorable stories to tell for years to come.

MRS CHANDLER
YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISOR



SENIOR SCHOOL *Update*



NEGS *Newsletter*

2020 TERM 4 | WEEK SIX



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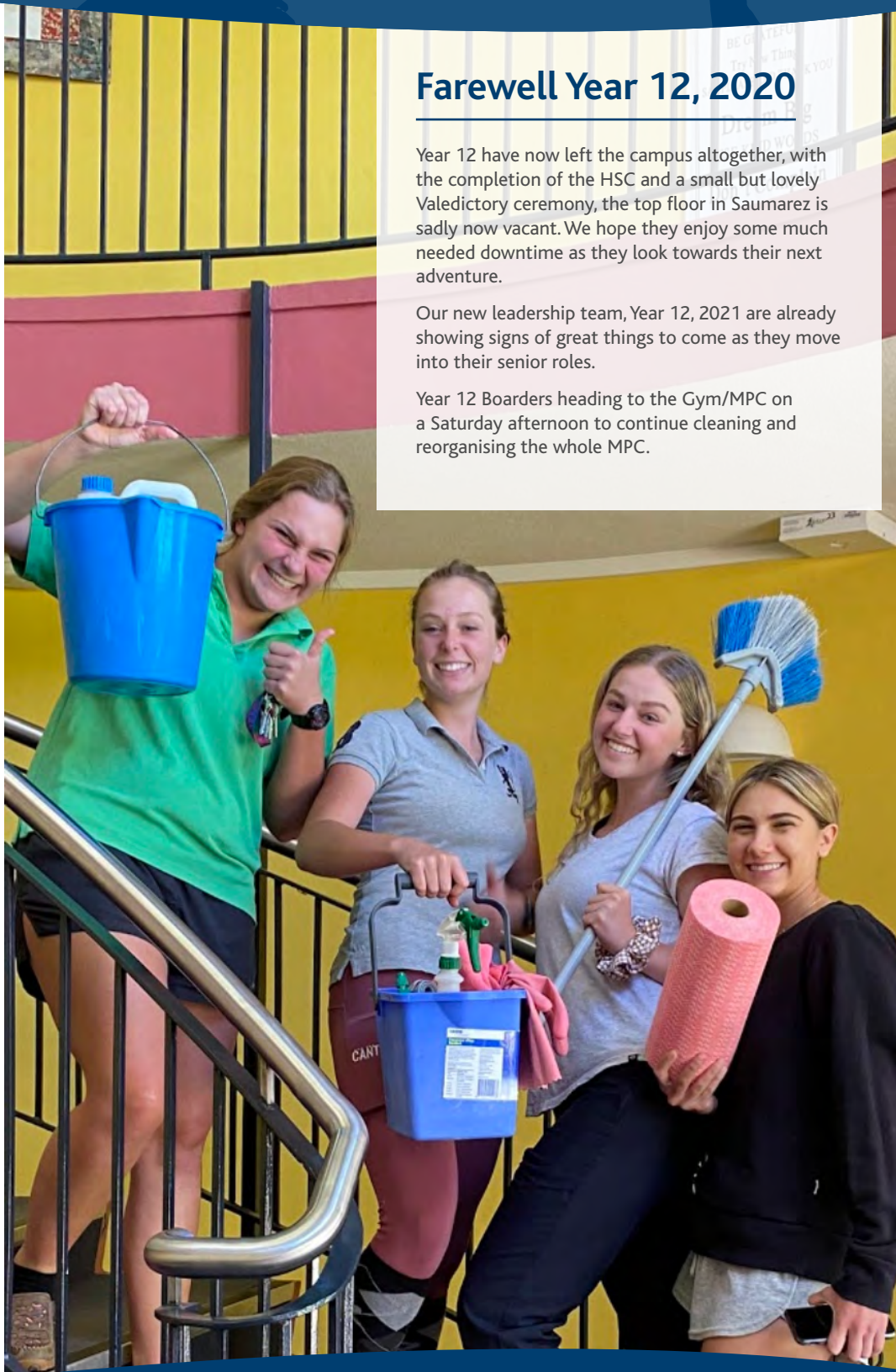
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End of Year

As the end of the school year approaches we ask that families start to organise their daughter's end of term travel plans. Boarding houses will close at 8:30am on the 4th of December. When placing leave in Boardingware please use the red End of Term/Long Weekend Pass for their exit from boarding. A Student Absence Notification through Engage will be required for any early leave from the day school. A reminder also that SSTA travel does not operate at the end of the year or the beginning of the year.

Students will be required to take all of their belongings home so the boarding houses can be thoroughly cleaned

In 2021 boarders will return to school on the 27th January, boarding houses will open at 1pm.



Farewell Year 12, 2020

Year 12 have now left the campus altogether, with the completion of the HSC and a small but lovely Valedictory ceremony, the top floor in Saumarez is sadly now vacant. We hope they enjoy some much needed downtime as they look towards their next adventure.

Our new leadership team, Year 12, 2021 are already showing signs of great things to come as they move into their senior roles.

Year 12 Boarders heading to the Gym/MPC on a Saturday afternoon to continue cleaning and reorganising the whole MPC.

BOARDING Update



Boarders' BBQ

Out and About

As the weather continues to warm up the boarders have been enjoying their Wednesday night BBQ's. The Sunday tennis competition is in full swing, our Junior boarders enjoyed an afternoon of roller skating and the Christmas decorating competition is underway.



Christmas Decorating



BOARDINGUpdate



	MORNING DROP OFF	AFTERNOON PICK UP	
01 ARDING	8:10	0	Catch 09 Kelly's Plain 3.37 transfer at ASC to 01 Arding
02 CASTLEDOYLE	8:34	0	Catch 05 Goswyck 3.34, 06 Hillgrove 3.34 transfer at O'Connor Catholic College to 02 Castledoye
03 CLUNY	8:18	0:00	Catch 15 Rockvale 3.34 transfer at Ben Venue Public School to 03 Cluny
04 DANGARSLEIGH	8:29	0:00	Catch 05 Goswyck 3.34, 06 Hillgrove 3.34 transfer at O'Connor Catholic College to 04 Dangarsleigh
05 GOSWYCK	8:30	3:34	
06 HILLGROVE	8:34	3:34	
07 INVERGOWRIE 1	0	3:41	
08 INVERGOWRIE 2	8:17	0	Catch 07 Invergowrie 1 no transfers
09 KELLYS PLAINS	8:08	3:37	Catch 09 Kelly's Plains 3.37 transfer at ASC to 09 Kelly's Plains
10 KENTUCKY	8:08	0	Catch 09 Kelly's Plains 3.37 transfer at ASC to 10 Kentucky
11 LONGFORD	8:18	0	Catch 17 Warrane 3.35 transfer at Drummond Memorial School to 11 Longford
12 LONG SWAMP	8:34	0	Catch 05 Goswyck 3.34, 06 Hillgrove 3.34 transfer at O'Connor Catholic College to 12 Longswamp
13 MARBLE HILL	8:08	0	Catch 17 Warrane 3.35 transfer at Drummond Memorial School to 13 Marble Hill
14 PUDDLEDOCK	8:20	0	Catch 15 Rockvale 3.34 transfer at Ben Venue Public School to 14 Puddledock
15 ROCKVALE	8:19	3:34	
16 WALCHA	8:10	0	Catch 09 Kelly's Plains 3.37 transfer at ASC to 16 Walcha
17 WARRANE	8:20	3:35	
18 WOLLOMOMBI	8:34	3:35	
19 YARROWYCK	8:10	0	Catch 17 Warrane 3.35 transfer at Drummond Memorial School to 19 Yarowycyk
EAST	8:20	0:00	
HANDEL ST	0	3:50	Handel St bus goes via UNE then colleges
MARKHAM ST	0	3:43	
PERROTT ST	8:28	0	
STONEY RIDGE	0	3:32	
TAYLOR ST	8:13	0	
URALLA 1	8:15	3:41	
URALLA 2	8:12	3:41	
ROUTE 483			
R488	8:33	3:33	

NB These times are approximate times only. Variations of 5 to 10 minutes could occur due to passenger numbers, road conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

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](#)



Equestrian Centre Update

On 7th and 8th of November, Dan Steers Horsemanship clinic was an extremely successful weekend. I heard great reports of highly engaged students and responsive horses that forged closer bonds and mutual respect. Well done to the 18 students who participated in the clinic along with our very own talented and ever-learning horsewoman and campdrafting coach, Gloria McCormack. We hope to have another horsemanship clinic again next year.

On the same weekend, I attended Armidale Riding Club Dressage with Madeline, Carla, India, Katherine and Delilah. It was a pleasure to accompany these students who represented NEGS so beautifully. Caitlin C and Anna J also competed over the weekend, as well as our resident Dressage queen Rachelle Hirst competing on several horses. From the results I have seen on Nominat, everyone had a successful day with many placings. A full report from our Dressage Leader Caitlin, will follow.

Last Saturday, thanks to the Cadzow family and Gloria McCormack, a team of campdrafters were able to travel and compete at Ashford Campdraft. I am awaiting news of the results and photos but I believe a great day out was had by all. We do have a photo of our youngest campdrafter, Bridie Palmer, drafting for equal 5th place. Well done to Shae, Tayla, Bridie, Emilee, Bridget, Paige, Chloe and Annabelle who competed. Hopefully a team report will follow shortly.

On Sunday, Justine Aitken and I took some of the Show Riding team to NENWSHA Spring Hack Show at Gunnedah. It was a very early start for Allie, Delilah, Madeline and Sienna who all presented their horses superbly with Justine's help and rode so well. Everyone came home with placings that they should be very proud of. NEGS Old Girl Laura Finlay also competed as did another NEGS student Regan Simpson and our very own star of the hack ring, Justine. Full report to follow soon from our Show Riding Leader Madeline.

This weekend we look forward to our End of Term Extravaganza at NEGS, for those who will not be out competing at Tamworth Eventing. We will run dressage, campdraft challenge, showjumping, polocrosse, barrel race and show ring over 3 days and entries are open now. We wish the eventing team who will travel with parents and Annyka Overton, every success and look forward to a report from the leaders on their return.

From next Wednesday, students will start to make their way to SIEC with parents, Annyka and myself, to compete at NSW Schoolies Champs which will run from Thursday through to Sunday. We are very excited to have a team of around 10 students representing NEGS in Show Horse, Dressage, Showjumping and Eventing and can't wait to share a report of that event with you soon.

AMY LAYTON
EC COORDINATOR





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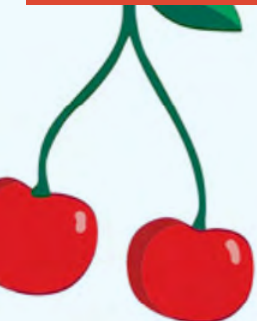
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COVID-19 Update

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 7 and 8 year exam week	16-20 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

Language Class

Louisa D of Year 7 Latin models a traditional German Alpine hat



Matilda T in Kindergarten German-Christmas crafts



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 Profiles



NEGS Old Girl Meredith Kirton is an Author, Horticultural Journalist and Curator, Producer and Content Maker.

'To me gardening is the perfect mix of science, art, community, food and the environment. It's not often your passion can encompass so many aspects of culture and society.'

WHY DID YOU COME TO NEGS?

A complicated story. My parents were supposed to go and live in Brazil for a few years, and my mother thought it would be best if I boarded for a year before joining them, so that my schooling wasn't disrupted. Unfortunately my mother ended up having a massive stroke in the Christmas holidays before they left, so those plans were cancelled. I was still sent to board at NEGS anyway as my cousin was there already and it seemed the best way of managing a difficult situation.

DID YOU REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH SOME OF YOUR NEGS FRIENDS?

I am very good friends still with Claire Braund. I used to stay at her farm often for weekends away from school, as it was only an hour out of town. I still see her parents, often phone them, and are Claire's children's Godmother and was her Bridesmaid. It has been an enduring friendship and one which I treasure. Her grandmother was also influential in my love of gardening, as she had a fantastic property with enormous trees and flower beds which I used to love being in.

HOW HAS BEING A NEGS GIRL INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE?

I still love kilts, covet a cape and revisit Armidale often. Going to a country boarding school helped give me geographical perspective. People from Sydney can think it's the centre of the universe, so getting to meet people from all over the state really gives you perspective.

COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE YEARS SINCE YOU HAVE LEFT SCHOOL?

After and whilst studying horticulture I worked in the nursery and garden industry for ten years. It was a great grounding and taught me about business and plants. After this I became a garden tour guide and horticulture teacher, before becoming more involved in the writing side of gardening. Horticultural journalism and writing books was a natural progression for me, as I have always loved reading, public speaking and storytelling.

COULD YOU PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER IN THE MEDIA?

I have worked in broadcast media (for ABC, 2UE, Channel Seven and Channel Nine) as well as publishing, for a range of newspapers and lifestyle magazines, including the Sydney Morning Herald, Australian House and Garden, Inside Out Magazine and Home Beautiful. Roles include producing, researching, buying, presenting and consulting.

Armidale is a beautiful city and each autumn the leaves there put on a display that celebrates its cold climate. I do a gardening segment on ABC New England's morning show each fortnight, and love visiting the city.

WHO ARE YOUR ROLE MODELS AND, OR PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE YOU?

I have been inspired by Beth Chatto (and met her many years ago in her garden) and Edna Walling, who had such a passion for plants and the bush. Both are also writers. My mother was always a keen gardener, and she influenced me greatly too. She planted scented flowers outside my bedroom window and seeded our spirit for the environment, attending the "No Franklin Dam" protests in the 1980s.

COULD YOU PLEASE TELL US ABOUT WHAT EXCITING THINGS ARE AHEAD OF YOU?

After writing 7 books in 16 years, curating an environmental art exhibition and organising various other events, I decided to take a sabbatical and returned to study (at UNE) recently; I have put my energy into this for the moment. The COVID-19 crisis has meant it's a good time to study, but I think it's always a good time to continue to educate and inform yourself!

I am also working on another book, a podcast and a festival.