

TIGS News

———— Your essential weekly guide ———— **ISSUE 2 TERM 1 2018**



Your upcoming event forecast



Monday
19 Feb

**Junior School
Swimming
Carnival**
9.00am at Western
Suburbs Pool



Wednesday
21 Feb

**Year 10
Coffee Morning**
7.30am on Library
Lawn



Thursday
22 Feb

**Year 8
Information
Evening**
5.30pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre (Library)

**Year 8 Camp
Information
Evening**
6.00pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre (Library)



26 Feb
to
2 Mar

**Junior School
Parent Teacher
Interviews**
Details to be
released soon via
the Junior School
Office



Monday
5 Mar

**Junior School
Parent Teacher
Conferences**
Details to be
released soon via
the Junior School
Office



Tuesday 6
Mar

TIGS Open Day
10:30am and
6.00pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre

Transparent thinking

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

At TIGS, students are encouraged to inquire and to think critically and creatively, a feature of the International Baccalaureate's approach to learning. They are required to communicate their thinking through writing, orally or visually. As our students live in the digital age, they have access to a wide range of information and sources. It's important they learn to use their information in a transparent way, showing how they have constructed their ideas and what views they have followed or rejected. This year in the Senior School, these skills are being explicitly taught under the banner of "Academic Honesty". There is a summary of this available on OLLE to help parents and students understand the requirements of citing and referencing work, which students will use to help construct their ideas. You will also find more detailed information on each Year page in OLLE.

Several TIGS students have been recognised for outstanding achievements this year in Sport, Art and Science.

Claire Smallhorn (Year 11), competed for the NSW U/18 Indoor Hockey team at the Australian Indoor Hockey Festival held in Goulburn. NSW won the event and Claire has since been selected in the NSW U/18 Hockey team to compete at the National championships being held in Tasmania from March 11 - 22.

Macinley Butson (Year 12) was a finalist in the BHP Billiton Foundation Science and Engineering Awards 2018. Macinley entered the Engineering section with her Sanitation and Sterilisation System, which uses solar power to produce potable drinking water from contaminated water.

Nathan Thompson, Aaron Bell and Samuel Goodhew (Year 11) completed "InZUni" UOW Summer Master Class at the University of Wollongong in January. In doing so, they have achieved six credit points toward a UOW Arts Degree and are guaranteed an interview for Early Entry. Students participated in a range of workshops which included practical artmaking as well as research skills and an introduction to studying at university.

Eva Peacock (Year 12) won an Australia-wide Visual Arts student competition. She was one of 12 students chosen to participate in a week-long Summer Scholarship Programme at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

Congratulations to all these outstanding students for pursuing their passions.

Next week all Year 7 will be on camp. There are also many sporting opportunities for students over the next two weeks. These are detailed in the Sport Report.



Mr Greg Lanyon
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior School Sports

Students Success:

James Healey (Year 9) competed at NSW Junior State Athletics on the weekend. He came 3rd U/16 Boys 800m and 2nd U/16 1500m. These outstanding results gained him a chance to compete at Nationals in March at Sydney Olympic Park.

Up and coming Representative Sports Events:

NASSA Swimming
Wednesday 28 February (Night Event)

NSW All Schools Triathlon (Individuals)
Wednesday 28 February

NSW All Schools Triathlon (Teams)
Thursday 1 March

NASSA Tennis Gala Day
Friday 2 March

Australian Interschool Mt Biking Championships
Thursday 15 March – Sunday 18 March

NASSA Touch Football Gala Day
Monday 19 March

Students who have already made teams will find permission notes on OLLE and are asked to return them to the Sports Office prior to the event.

Up and coming Co-curricular Sports Events:

TIGS Netball Club
Training Mondays and playing Saturdays. Sign up is on OLLE TIGS Netball Club Page

Rugby
Training Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon (TIGS Oval) and playing on Fridays at University Ovals

TAP
Tuesday (CrossFit) & Thursday mornings (Carnival Training). Sign up on OLLE TAP page

Buzzing with Co-curricular

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

There was a buzz of excitement in the Junior School this week as Co-curricular Clubs and activities kicked off for another year. Some of the popular before/after school clubs include: Code It Yourself, Lego Robotics, Infants Orchestra, Cricket on Thursday afternoons and a huge interest has been shown in the new Basketball Club. Well attended lunchtime clubs include Drama, Creative Mindfulness and Science. The new clubs – Future Problem Solving and Animation are proving to be extremely popular. Follow the Cocurricular link to sign up on [OLLE](#).



Mrs Narelle McRae

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our Year 6 cohort and teachers have been to Canberra for three days this week. This is the first year they have stayed for two nights and three days as there was so much for them to fit in. They stayed at the Australian Institute of Sport and visited Parliament House where they sat in on Question Time and had 'Hospitality Time' with Sharon Bird. At the War Memorial they participated in the 'We Will Remember Them' programme. The National Film & Sound Archive offered 'Unlocking Advertising' and the movie 'The Man from Snowy River' for a night time activity. Tours of the National Museum, the High Court, The Australian Electoral Commission and the Aboriginal Tent Embassy were all included in the itinerary. In next week's Newsletter we will have a report from the students and photos describing the highlights of the trip.

We are all looking forward to the Junior School Swimming Carnival to be held at Western Suburbs Pool, Unanderra next Monday 19 February for our Year 3 to Year 6 students – good luck to all!

To view the Junior School Awards for this week, please go to [OLLE](#). ★★★★★



Which would you choose for your child?

Michael Grose is an Australian parenting expert who spoke at TIGS in 2017. His article "[Which would you choose for your child?](#)" explains the importance of persistence in childhood education and growth. I would encourage you to read the article if you are interested in learning more about developing grit and other vital character traits in your children.

Mrs Narelle McRae
Head of Junior School

Sports News

NASSA Junior School Basketball Gala Day

At the crack of dawn on Monday 12 February, ten boys and nine girls along with Mrs Martin and Mrs Mann, headed off to Manly Sports Centre to contest a round robin day of Basketball. Both the boys and girls teams won four games and lost two. Congratulations to Brandon Nugara, Spencer Newhouse, Xavier Druett, Lachlan Neal, Christian Vujic, Alex Rix, Wyatt Toland, Ryan Molnar, Samuel Lowe and Ben Harman in the boys, and to Abbey Kuiper, Allegra Fock, Olivia Rocker, Diya Mehan, Ellie Stokes, Chloe Vickery, Lilli Fellowes, Mia Taylor and Femke Duursma in the girls, for their outstanding sportsmanship, enthusiasm and improvement. Thank you also to the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to travel and support us. Well done everyone.

The connection between home and School

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE PIPER CENTER

It has been very rewarding to observe what is happening in all four of the Piper Centre classes over the last week and see so many engaged faces excited to be learning and inquiring into new Units and Specialist teaching lessons. The educators have shared many online reflections and photos that feature the children's engagement, creative expression and the various activities, including children's individual or group play using the Kinderloop app. This form of digital technology is a powerful tool for our parents to build connections between home and school, provide opportunities for rich conversations and reflect on their child's day.

We feel very blessed to be part of this exciting learning journey with you and your children.

Elanora

"It is through others that we develop into ourselves" Vygotsky

This week Elanora have had a focus on Chinese New Year, with New Year's Day being Friday 16th. The children have been painting paper plates, making them ready for creating a traditional Chinese instrument called a Bolang Gu or pellet drum. In the outdoor area we have Chinese lanterns in our cubby house and artefacts for the children to play with. A lovely addition to this has been Chinese traditional music playing to help set the theme. We have also been learning to say a morning greeting of hello in Mandarin – Nǐ hǎo

Marana

It has been a great start to the year in Marana Prep as we have met lots of lovely new families and welcomed back many familiar faces.

Our Unit of Inquiry in Prep this term is 'Successful relationships rely on respect, cooperation and empathy.' We have begun by talking about our families and developing drawing and counting skills as we create images of who is in our family and count each family member. We will continue to encourage successful relationships between the children as they develop friendships and learn to respect each other by listening and sharing experiences together.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith

DIRECTOR OF THE PIPER CENTRE

