

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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National Simultaneous Storytime



Your upcoming event forecast



Monday
28 May

Year 9 Camp

**Year 10 to Year 12
Parents
Elevate Study Skills**
5.30pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre (Library)



Thursday
31 May

**Prep and Kindy
Open Day**
[BOOK HERE](#)

TIGS Trophy
Judy Masters Park
8.10am - 2.30pm



Monday
4 June

**Guitar and Drum
Concert**
6.00pm in the
Recital Room



Tuesday
5 June

**Brass and
Woodwind
Concert**
6.00pm in the
Recital Room



Wednesday
6 June

**Year 11 Parent
Teacher Interviews**
4.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Goodhew
Research Centre
(Library)



Thursday
7 June

**DP Experience
Day for Year 10
Students**



Friday
8 June

**Professional
Learning Day/
Pupil Free Day**

Tolerance and Perseverance

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Earlier this year a group of Year 11 students studying Society and Culture, Legal Studies, Modern History and DP History attended the Sydney Jewish Museum and Holocaust Exhibition. The following is an extract from DP History student, Francesca Lambert's reflection, encapsulating the essence of real learning in a context outside the classroom.

"The excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum provides an opportunity for us to explore the foundations of Judaism, the rise of Hitler, and the plight of the Jewish people.

We heard a personal testimony delivered by Jacqueline who recounted her experiences as a young child moving from France to Australia to escape Jewish persecution. We relived Jacqueline's experience growing up and living in France until the war broke out and her frequent shuffle between Jewish orphanages and becoming separated from her family. We see her eventually get reunited with her brother and mother towards the end of the war, also learning that her father was sent to a death camp and did not survive. By having distant family in Australia, it allowed Jacqueline's family to start a new life. This testimony is an example of both quick thinking and good fortune giving her a new life without fear of persecution.

We are presented with the physical implications that their constant moving and struggles created. Jacqueline's brother, Charlie, suffered many health problems as he was growing up in Australia due to his lack of nutrition and access to necessities vital for a growing boy, resulting eventually in kidney failure. Her testimony highlights her strength and resilience to overcome the hardships the family faced. The sharing of personal stories and events encourage conversation in contemporary society so we learn, understand and act in ways that are life-affirming.

Public institutions, such as the museum, have a special role in encouraging the connections to teach a very significant point in history. Museums are a unique carrier of cultural and historical memory via authentic objects regarding heritage. The Sydney Jewish Museum is an accumulation of personal experience, research and a collection of artefacts and primary sources. The preservation and transferring of information to the public allows the public to be better informed as well as provide cultural development of the individuals, provoking an expansion or creation of axiological principles such as tolerance, ethics and cultural and religious diversity."

Francesca Lambert, Year 11



Sports

AICES Open Hockey

Rory Hanrahan (Year 10), Connor Harvey (Year 10) and Liam Harvey (Year 8) represented NASSA at the Open AICES Hockey Gala Day. Rory and Connor are to be congratulated for making the team to compete at NSW CIS.

AICES Open Football

Congratulations to the following students selected to represent AICES Open Football at NSW CIS on Monday 28 May 2018 at Valentine Park Glenwood. Zoe Dribbus (Year 10), Anastasia Grozdanov (Year 10) and Samuel Lendrum (Year 12).

Bill Turner Cup

The Bill Turner Boys team went down narrowly 1-0 to Keira High School in an extremely close game. Unfortunately, we had numerous opportunities to score but couldn't convert on the day.

Bill Turner Trophy

Despite our best efforts, the Bill Turner Girls' team were defeated by St Mary's to be eliminated from the Bill Turner Trophy.

Combined High School ZHIK Sailing

Congratulations to Micah Sullivan who came 3rd in 13ft Skiffs, 15th in Division 1 High Performance Category and 21st in the National All Schools Division 1.



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 7 to Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the Goodhew Research Centre (Library) from 4.00pm-7.30pm on the following dates:

- Year 11 Wednesday 6 June
- Year 7 Tuesday 12 June
- Year 10 Monday 18 June
- Year 9 Tuesday 24 July
- Year 8 Thursday 26 July

We will be using the booking system Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) to arrange all interviews.

Parents were sent their login details via email on Thursday, 24 May.

The PTO System closes at 10.00am on the day of each interview.

If you have any questions regarding Parent Teacher Interviews please contact Courtney Brooks via email cbrooks@tigs.nsw.edu.au

Elevate Study Skills Parent Sessions

Monday 28 May
Year 10 to Year 12 Parents
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Year 11 and Year 12 Diploma Programme Experience Day

Thursday 7 June 2018

TIGS is hosting a Year 11 and Year 12 Diploma Programme Experience Day on Thursday 7 June 2018. The day will give Year 10 students a taste of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

The Diploma Programme Experience Day will consist of a brief introduction of the IB Diploma and its core values of student centred learning. Students will then take part in classes to give them the feeling of the types of teaching and learning they will experience in Year 11 and Year 12.

These subjects will cover Theory of Knowledge, English, Languages and Sciences, followed by a Q&A panel with staff and IB Diploma students.

For more Information contact [Mr Meredith](mailto:Mr.Meredith).



The University of Wollongong will be holding Learning Labs during the July 2018 school holidays. These workshops are designed as enrichment for high achieving students from Year 7 to Year 10

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Applications close: 30 May 2018



Thursday 31 May 2018

Nature, The Best Playground

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Natural playgrounds help children develop beneficial behaviours in addition to physical skills. These include social skills, cooperation and the ability to solve problems. Natural playgrounds stimulate a child's imagination. They are fun and most children love them.

Recently, researchers at the University of Western Australia have found that natural playgrounds provide children with more opportunities than typical pre-formed playgrounds when developing gross-motor skills. In their research report on "What makes a good play area", they noted that contact with nature has been associated with numerous health benefits for children. These include, improved interaction with adults, reduced attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and reduced rates of aggression.

Here's a brief summary of natural playgrounds:

- Regular play in natural settings reduce illness in children. Mud, sand, water, leaves, sticks and gumnuts can help to stimulate children's immune systems as well as their imagination.

- Children who spend more time involved in nature play tend to be more physically active.

- Children have greater resistance to stress, have lower incidences of behaviour disorders, anxiety and depression and have a higher measure of self-worth.

- Their play style is diverse, imaginative and creative showing improved language and collaboration skills.

- Natural, irregular and challenging spaces help children learn to recognise, assess and negotiate risk and build confidence and competence.

How lucky are we to have two amazing natural playgrounds in the Junior School here at TIGS. There will be more news in the following weeks to complement this research.

On Wednesday 30 May, the Year 6 teachers are hosting a Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition Parent Information Session in the Library from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. All Year 6 parents and students are invited to attend.

Next Thursday 31 May, we have our Prep & Kindy Open Day from 9.30am to 11.30am. We are looking forward to showcasing both TIGS Prep and Junior School to prospective students and their parents. Please let your friends and family know that this event is on and encourage them to [book their place online](#).

The annual TIGS Trophy is on again. This year, it is being held earlier than usual, Thursday 31 May at Judy Masters Park at Balgownie from 8.10am to 2.30pm. We would like to thank Mr Terry Robinson for organising and running the event. Come along and support our boys and girls teams.



Mrs Sanelle McRae

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

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[Junior School Awards](#)



[Parents Lounge](#)



Chi Lin Primary School Visit

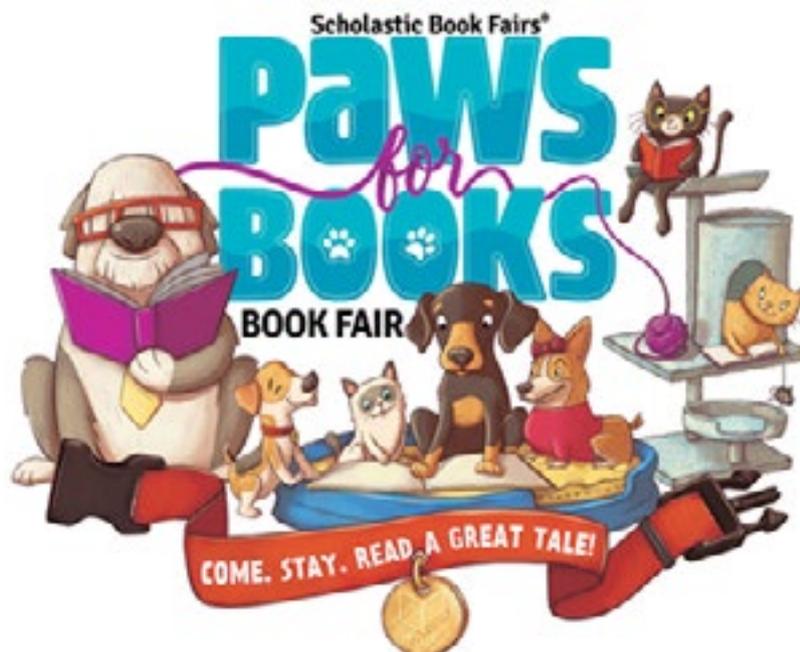
TIGS will be welcoming students from Chi Lin Primary School in Hong Kong to visit the Junior School from Sunday 29 July to Saturday 11 August.

We are hoping to be able to accommodate these students with families from our Junior School and are looking for parents who would be able to offer accommodation and meals at no charge.

We are also hoping to accommodate their female accompanying teacher and Principal.

Six girls will be studying with us in Year 4 and Year 5 during Weeks 2 and 3, Term III 2018.

If you are able to help with accommodation for one of the students or their teacher, please contact Mrs Rachel Deck, Enrolment Officer, International at rdeck@tigs.nsw.edu.au or by phoning 4220 0269.



Paws for Books Fair

To coincide with National Simultaneous Storytime and the Scholastic National Reading Month, the Goodhew Research Centre (Library) is holding a Book Fair. Kindergarten to Year 6 students will be viewing the fair and creating their 'wish lists' to take home on 25 and 28 May.

We invite ALL TIGS community members to come and view the Book Fair at the Library from Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 May between 8.00am - 5.00pm. You will be able to purchase books via credit card and EFTPOS at the Library or through the [Junior School Library OLLE page](#). Please contact Library staff for any assistance.



Extend's school holiday programs are a fantastic opportunity for your child to do fun and engaging activities with friends. Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.

Bookings open now!
Find your local Extend Squad: extend.com.au

Extend @TIGS

At Extend last week, we enjoyed a lovely afternoons filled with laughter as we made our own playdough, participated in field games like Soccer, Pac-man and Capture the flag.

To wind down the week, we created origami and designed our own stress balls filled with rice and foam beans. Come join us in the weeks ahead!

Our Extend Superstar is: Lucy Curtis: for showing enthusiasm and fairness towards her peers.

Whats on next week?

Monday: DIY Pom Pom Rugs
Tuesday: Hand Soccer
Wednesday: Boot Camp
Thursday: Tanker and DIY Fans
Friday: Lego Creations

Changing of the Seasons

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

Current research confirms that experiences in a child's early years help establish lifelong behaviour and values. This reinforces the need for environmental sustainability education to be included in early childhood programmes. The National Quality Standard for early education states that services must take an active role in caring for their environment and contribute to a sustainable future (standard 3.3).

The Piper Centre is undergoing changes to our outdoor play spaces. These include natural features that increase stimulation to the children's learning. One of our goals for the year is to concentrate on sustainability. We feel it's important to teach children about sustainable practices and how to be respectful of their environment.

The weather is getting colder and it's the perfect time to start thinking about our winter garden. With some help from Ms Golden, TIGS Horticulturist, the children can start to plan and be involved in propagating a garden, using the newly built planter boxes. Embedding these practices into our programme will support children to use all of their senses and understand seasonal life cycles. Considering a child's level of understanding and development, as future caretakers of our environment, educators will encourage positive attitudes and collective responsibility for day-to-day and long-term sustainability.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith

DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

MARANA

As part of our PYP Unit of Inquiry this Term we are looking at 'Change.' The children have been witnessing how the leaves are changing on the trees around the School grounds which has lead us to discuss the seasons. We read the story "All through the year" and discussed the changes that occurred throughout the book. We also watched 'the seasons song' and saw photographs of the different things that happen in each Season. We talked about what happens to the trees and how they change, and each child then went on to draw a picture of their favourite season, focusing on a tree.

To complement our conversations on the seasons and how the trees change, we have set up a table in the classroom with twigs, coloured felt balls and pom poms sorted into bowls. The children were able to choose white to represent snow, green for leaves, pinks and purples for blossom as well as orange and brown for Autumn leaves. Each child has helped to create a tree with the twigs and then added their own decorative pieces to turn it into a season of their own choosing.

The Marana children have been very interested in the changes in nature, so throughout the remainder of the Term, we will continue to look at how the trees change and create artistic representations of the seasons, as well as look at flowers and animals and the changes that happen to them.

ELANORA

Elanora are discussing the concept of 'change' as part of our Unit of Inquiry "People, places and things change over time". To enhance and extend the children's understanding of this concept, they have begun planting pea seeds into small pots in preparation for planting into our new garden.

Over the coming weeks, Elanora will care for their pea seedlings, and once grown, they will plant them into the new garden beds. The children will nurture the plants while looking forward to a time when they can pick and eat peas they have grown!

Gardening is valuable for children, they learn about nature, the environment and responsibility. It can teach new skills and develop self-confidence through spending time in the garden tending to plants.

It's amazing how from one small thing, big things grow!



Did you know?

The Piper Centre will now be referred to as '**TIGS Prep**'. Our physical location will still be referred to as '**The Piper Centre**' in recognition of the Rt Rev. Reg Piper, Bishop of Wollongong 1993 - 2007.

TIGS Great Fete 2018

Well, what a wonderful day we had for this year's TIGS Great Fete. The sun broke through the clouds, the music blared out and children laughed and giggled whilst parents mingled. Fun was had by all.

On behalf of our P&F Fete Committee, we felt blessed by the help provided by parents, staff and even children making the day the best it could be. Thank you for all your donations, your enthusiastic participation and bountiful support!

Your P&F Fete Committee,
Joanne Danckwardt, Melanie Silburn and Jenny Evans



July School Holiday Code Camp

Little League

Ages 5-6

2 days of fun where our littlest coders make the first small, but important steps to becoming creators of technology, not just consumers.



Spark

Ages 7-12

3-4 days of creativity, design, fun and coding. Our most popular Code Camp where every child aged 7 and above starts their journey and builds their very own downloadable app!



Ignite

Ages 7-12

Ignite is for those who have conquered Code Camp Spark or who already have a lot of coding experience. Build your own top-down adventure game with heaps of mini-games and fun features!



18-20 July
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



The Illawarra Grammar
School



\$349 for 3 days
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The Illawarra Grammar School



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