

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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Your upcoming event forecast



Monday 24
September

Year 7 and Year
10 Immunisations
(Visit 2)

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Day In



Tuesday 25
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Chaplain's
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Year 6



Thursday 27
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Senior School
Great Race
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Park

Junior School
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on the IGC Oval



Friday 28
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Year 12
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in the IGC

Year 12
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Term III Finishes



Saturday 29
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Nganambala Trip



Monday 15
October

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Commences

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Head of School Announced

FROM CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the School Council has appointed Mrs Judith Nealy as the eighth Head of School at TIGS.

It was indeed a long and protracted process to ensure we undertook a rigorous and comprehensive review for the new Head.

The School Council retained the services of an internationally renowned executive search firm, which resulted in many high calibre applications not only from Sydney and other NSW schools, but also from interstate and overseas.

Judi is well qualified to be appointed.

As the former Head of Junior School and more recently as Deputy Headmaster and Acting Head, Judi is deeply committed to the Academic, Christian and Caring culture of the School.

Judi is an advocate for the inquiry-based learning approach offered by the PYP and MYP and sees a strong alignment between this approach and the needs of our students in their future working lives. She also is committed to ensuring that the dual pathways at TIGS of both the HSC and the IB Diploma allow senior students the choice of studying in a way most appropriate to their learning style and future aspirations.

Judi's qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts from Macquarie University, a Diploma of Education, as well as a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership.

Council has been impressed with the way in which Judi took over the position of Acting Head when our previous Head, Mr. Kinsella resigned.

She has instituted a number of important changes which Council believes will assist the School to not only continue to be the leading educational facility in the Illawarra but also be the first school of choice for those Illawarra families wanting the best education for their children. Judi has shown massive amounts of enthusiasm and energy but most of all a passion for the children, staff, parents and the entire School community.

On behalf of the School Council, I hope you share our delight with the appointment of Judi to lead TIGS in the next exciting era for the School.



*Mr Roger
Summerill*

CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Why You Are TIGS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Nikki Gemmell is a best-selling Australian author. Born in Wollongong, Gemmell was educated in Sydney. She began her writing career in Australia but later moved to London. It was in London that she started a family. As an expatriate living in London, Gemmell began to miss her native country. She grieved that her children were missing out on the "australian experience" which had shaped her as a person. Despite being born in England, Gemmell wanted her children to identify as Australians. She felt a need to explain to her children why they were Australian. She did this in a way only an author would, she wrote a book for her children. The book is called 'Why You are Australian'. In it, Gemmell explains to them what it means for her to be an Australian and why she wants them to identify as Australians.

Gemmell says to her children: "I want you to know what it is to be Aussie kids. Where playing barefoot is a signifier of freedom, not impoverishment. Where a backyard's a given not a luxury. Where sunshine and fresh food grow children tall. Where you know what a rash shirt is and a nipper, a Paddle Pop and a Boogie Board."

It is a heartfelt book of devotion to one's homeland which leaves one appreciating the quirks that we so often take for granted but which ultimately have made us what we are as Australians.

The book got me thinking about what we might say to a student from TIGS about why they are TIGS. What is it about the "TIGS experience" that so shapes our students and makes them distinctive?

One of those experiences is our commitment to service which comes from our belief that we were created by God to serve the best interests of others with the gifts God has given us. This is our TIGS way and I saw some wonderful examples of it this week.

First, I received notification that we had donated 161 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse as a part of our Operation Christmas Child drive. Some of our student leaders in Year 6 and Year 7 led us in this initiative as a dedicated 'Christmas in July' activity. They did a fantastic job and it was a real delight for me this week to report back to them the results of their efforts.

The second initiative I had the great pleasure to acknowledge this week was Year 8's efforts to raise awareness for mental health during R U OK day. Many students baked cakes to sell, a BBQ lunch was organised and conversations were initiated around mental health. It was a tremendous effort. And this followed Year 8's visit to Para Meadows School where they served with distinction students with disabilities. I know their Dean Mr Gardner was so proud of his students.

This is just a snapshot of why our students are TIGS. There is so much more that could be said. The accumulation of the rich ingredients that comprise a TIGS education produces a student like no other. It is why they are TIGS and why I am so blessed to work at TIGS.



Rev. James Rogers

CHAPLAIN

TIGS LIBRARY

To coincide with Junior School's Big Day In, next week TIGS Library is holding a Book Fair.

Books will be available for purchase by cash or card from Monday 24 to Friday 29 September.

Students are welcome to come to the Library to purchase books before and after school and during lunchtime.

Parents and Guardians are welcome to purchase between 8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday and 8.00am to 4.00pm Fridays



Year 12's Final Week

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 12's Final Week

Year 12 is now in the last weeks of preparation for their final examinations in either the Higher School Certificate or the IB Diploma. Next week, will be their final week of school and will culminate with the Great Race on Thursday 27 September and the Graduation Assembly on Friday 28 September, followed by the Graduation Dinner that evening. These events are significant milestones for both students and parents and an important opportunity for the School to celebrate the achievements of this special cohort of students. There have been outstanding student achievements across a wide spectrum of curricula, co-curricular, sports and community service activities. We collectively wish them all the best in their preparations for their final examinations next term and in their future endeavors beyond school.

One recent example of outstanding achievement in Year 12 is Molly Stewart, whom you may remember played Mary Poppins in last years School Production. Molly was recently announced as one of 30 finalists in the coveted Rob Guest Endowment! She is by far the youngest finalist, with most finalists at least 21 years of age and already working professionally in the industry. Well done Molly!

The Great Race

The Great Race will take place on Thursday 27 September at Jamberoo Recreation Park. This is an important day and the final House event. All students are expected to attend. Points for this event go towards the calculation for the coveted 'Shell Shield', the winner of which will be announced at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Friday. Please note that for safety reasons all students must travel to and from Jamberoo Recreation Park in school provided buses. Students are not permitted to drive themselves.

SPORTS NEWS

AICES Athletics Carnival

Overall School Results:

- TIGS finished 4th in the Overall Medal Count: 12 Gold, 8 Silver, 8 Bronze
- TIGS Boys finished 2nd in the Boys Medal Count: 10 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze

Age Champions:

- James Healey: 15B 2nd Place
- Iluka Budai: 15G 2nd Place

Records Broken:

- James Healey: 15B 800m, beating a 6-year-old record by almost four seconds, and becoming the first 15-year-old to break the 2-minute barrier at the AICES Championships.
- Jack McClatchie: 12B 1500m, beating a 13-year-old record by over four seconds, and becoming the first 12-year-old to break the five-minute barrier at the AICES Championships.

The following students finished in the Top 3 in one or more of their events and were selected to represent AICES at the CIS Athletics Championships on Tuesday 25 September.

- Iluka Budai: 15G 100m 3rd Place
- Molly Buikstra: 13G High Jump 2nd Place, Javelin 3rd Place
- Guoquin Ding: 12B Shot Put 2nd Place
- Jessica Ellis: 13G 800m 1st Place
- Ben Giason: 14B 3000m 1st Place, 1500m 2nd Place
- James Healey: 15B 400m 1st Place, 800m 1st Place, 1500m 1st Place
- Mackayla Hutchison: 12G 100m 2nd Place, 200m 2nd Place
- Daniel Jiang: 15B Long Jump 1st Place
- Ezekiel Kennedy: 12B Shot Put 1st Place, Javelin 3rd Place
- Jack McClatchie: 12B 800m 1st Place, 1500m 1st

Place

- Hugo Parrish: 14B 800m 3rd Place
- Jessica Quilter-Jones: 14G 200m 2nd Place, 400m 2nd Place
- Nicholas Seal: 15B 800m 2nd Place
- Nina Segar: 14G Discus 1st Place, Javelin 3rd Place
- Renee Thomson: 18G Javelin 3rd Place, Shot Put 3rd Place
- Alexander Wilson: 18B 400m 3rd Place
- Luke Wilson: 16B 1500m 1st Place, 3000m 1st Place

Term IV Sport

Our Summer Sports selections from Term I will resume in Term IV. Students will automatically be placed into their Term I 2018 sport. Please be advised that Surfing has been moved from Monday to Thursday morning and SUP has also been moved from Thursday afternoon to Thursday morning.

- Thursday 6.30am Surfing with Pines Surf Academy at North Wollongong Beach
- Thursday 6.30am SUP (Stand Up Paddle Board) at the old Light House Wollongong Harbour with Pines Surf Academy
- Thursday 3.30pm Basketball at TIGS with Tim Conrad from Illawarra Hawks
- Thursday 3.30pm Tennis at TIGS with Titan Tennis
- Thursday 3.30pm GirlsFit at TIGS

If your child did not participate in our Year 9 to Year 12 Sports Programme in Term I and would like to be included in the programme in Term IV please see the Sports Department by the end of Term III.



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Stepping It Up!

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Step It Up

Two of our Year 5 students, Montgomery Parker-Watts and Harley Adams have signed up to do the 'Stepember Challenge' to raise funds for Cerebral Palsy.

They are each walking 10,000 steps per day to raise funds and awareness for people living with Cerebral Palsy. Every dollar they raise will provide vital equipment, therapy, and services to children and adults living with Cerebral Palsy. Funds can also be raised to enhance groundbreaking research into the prevention and maybe even one day, a cure for this condition. Cerebral Palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture. It is a permanent life-long condition and affects people in different ways. It affects body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture, and balance.

Please go to the website and search for their team, "TIGS Step Kids" to help Montgomery and Harley with this worthy cause.



Sharkmate Visit

By Year 2 Students, Wilson Leo and Heath

"On Tuesday 18 September Year 2 had a visit from Samuel Aubin, a Year 10 student from TIGS. Samuel is an inventor that won a trophy at International Future Problem Solving Competition in America. He invented an app called Sharkmate. This app looks at the possibility of a shark being at a beach at any given time. It then rates the beach out of ten for safety to swim. Samuel told us he used to be scared of sharks but one day he was talking to a surfer who had been bitten by a shark. The surfer told him it wasn't the shark's fault and that the shark is the king of the ocean. Now Samuel isn't afraid of sharks. He made his app with the help of the University of Wollongong. Sam is planning to use a drone as well to keep beaches safe. Samuel told us how great TIGS Senior School is because you get to do amazing things like this. Samuel has even met the Governor-General of Australia. Sam is only fifteen but already he is a great inventor."

See you all back at school on Monday 15 October.

Enjoy the break!



*Mrs Sanelle
McRae*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Upcoming Events:

Monday 24 September

- Rehearsals for Big Day In

Tuesday 25 September

- Chaplain's Handball Challenge with Year 6

Thursday 27 September

- Big Day In: Open classrooms, assembly and fundraiser for Red Kite and Ronald McDonald House

Friday 28 September

- Last day of Term III

Monday 15 October

- First day of Term IV: Summer uniform must be worn

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History's Great Artists

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

Each of our specialist art lessons focus on the joy of expression by allowing the children to explore a range of art elements including colour, shape and texture. The children have experimented with art styles such as drawing, painting, construction, collage, sculpture and printmaking. In the Prep Art Studio, there are no right or wrong ideas. The lessons aim to give every child a chance to experiment and play with creative concepts.

During Art, the Pre-Prep children built on their skills of observation, proportion, and planning. Self-portraits are a fantastic way for children to explore their sense of self and build on self-identity. The children's development of content, form, detail and the ability to draw specific shapes was immediately noticeable with their self-portraits becoming visibly more detailed. This further demonstrated how the children are visually aware and that their understanding of self is developing. It has been such a rewarding experience to watch them flourish as they gain new knowledge while being curious and self-motivated learners.

In Prep, we began Term III by investigating the Transdisciplinary Theme, 'How we express ourselves' with the Central Idea being explored, 'We can think, create and express ourselves in many different ways'.

The Prep children have been inspired by history's greatest paintings to create their own artwork. The classic works of art by Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso encouraged the children to observe closely, think critically and discuss respectfully. As a collective group, we looked carefully at these paintings, which assisted the children to discover how to translate their thoughts into expressive language. The children visually communicated their ideas using their own styles of expression with the watercolours on paper.

Another form of expression that instinctively motivated the children was to explore the texture and sensory qualities of clay. Using clay can connect children to an important natural resource that has been used for the creation of art for thousands of years. Clay also gives young children valuable visual art skills in creating three-dimensional forms. The children collaborated as they shared their skills and knowledge with each other. They discussed the different facial features, feelings, and emotions they wanted to portray in their creative artworks.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP