

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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Students at Nganambala

Your upcoming event forecast



19 – 22
November
Stage 3 Camp



21 - 23
November
Stage 2 Camp



Wednesday 21
November
P&F meeting
6.30pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre (Library)

TIGS House
Challenge



25 – 30
November
Year 10 Summer
Camp



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Experience

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Community Coming Together

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The debate and media coverage around religious freedom has been impacting on our school over previous days. I need to take this opportunity to congratulate our community on the way we have continued to demonstrate our values of inclusion and care in our actions each day. Our senior students have also been fantastic examples of thoughtful and considered interaction during this time. They have spoken clearly and respectfully with myself and other staff as they sought to understand the deeper issues and come to an informed opinion. This is wonderful learning and I think, shows our approach in action. It was so encouraging on Monday to see our community coming together, our staff supporting students as they arrived at school as we continue with the very important business of learning.

I am of course deeply concerned for any in our community who have been hurt by this situation and can only reiterate that such an impact was unintended and one I sincerely regret. My commitment remains to our School being an inclusive and caring community for all who would seek to benefit from a TIGS education.

Our DP students continued to sit their final exams this week and I am sure that they are looking forward to joining their HSC colleagues who have now completed the process. The examination season for our Year 12 students has occurred with a positive and calm feel. This is a result of well-prepared students and diligent support from our staff. We are already hearing of excellent outcomes for our students in terms of early admission to university which is very pleasing.

Orientation programmes for Year 7 and Kindergarten are continuing with students getting to know each other and their new environment for 2019. It is very exciting to see our students stepping into the next phase of their learning, either BIG school

or Senior School. I have been particularly pleased by the way that our continuing students welcome newcomers from other schools at these events. This is a great strength of our School and worth celebrating.

During Senior School Assembly last week, the Performing Arts Department announced that our School Production for 2019 would be 'High School Musical'. The excitement of the students was incredible with a spontaneous sing-a-long occurring amongst them. With this level of enthusiasm, I predict an amazing performance in store for us next year.

Planning continues for the refurbishment of the M Block rooms adjoined the IGC. This location will be a prototype space for us as a school to refine agile learning environments that suit the learning needs of our students into the future. I am looking forward to sharing the concept and plans with our community in the coming weeks.

This week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Mr Edgerton to Government House in Sydney to celebrate the achievement of Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards by five students. It was a pleasure to celebrate this achievement with the awardees and to hear the activities and experiences they had participated in as part of this programme. His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AS DSC (Retd) spoke about the respect with which this award is viewed by employers and universities. He mentioned that in identifying the potential winner for a Rhodes Scholarship, this is something that he looks for as an indication of a broad approach to learning and life and an attitude of perseverance and service. This is a great outcome for our students who participate in any level of the Outdoor Education Programme at TIGS and an outstanding achievement for those who

have completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh. In 2017 TIGS was placed 15th in Australia for completion of this programme and this outstanding result is a testament to Mr Edgerton's passion and commitment to the programme.

It's hard to believe that we are in Week 5 already with only five weeks left of the school year. Thank you to our families who support their children in working hard and looking fantastic right up until the end of the year. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming end-of-year events as we celebrate together as a community.



Mrs Judi Nealy

PRINCIPAL

Service to Others

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Sony Foundation

This year marks the 9th Sony Foundation Camp run in conjunction with The Disability Trust (TDT). Over half of Year 11 volunteered three days, including the weekend, to act as companions for 29 teenagers living with developmental disabilities. Student participants accompanied their new buddy on an action-packed weekend starting with Jamberoo Park where trusting relationships were forged while flying down water slides to keep cool on an unusually hot day. Following this the group moved to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre for the next two days of camp activities, where our students encouraged their buddies to overcome their fears with a variety of challenges. Many candid moments were captured by our reliable media team who ensured that there were enough photos for companions to create a special memory book for their buddy. TDT staff commented on the wonderful care and genuine attention shown by our students.

The following is a sample of the feedback from parents and carers about the impact of TIGS students at the camp.

"Tyson had the best time ever. This is the first time in nearly 17 years I have let Tyson away from me. You see I have trouble trusting people with him. People that I am unfamiliar with in particular. But Tyson and I stopped at McDonalds after I picked him up and looked through his scrap book. I must say I shed a few tears looking at the wonderful pictures of him and his buddy Wil who I met when I collected him off the bus. It was nice to see Tyson so happy hanging out with a mate his age having fun like he should be. I want to thank you and your wonderful team for the opportunity and definitely count us in for the next one" Deb

Nganambala

Every year, for the past 12 years, Year 11 students have been fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to travel to the remote Aboriginal community of Nganambala, in the Northern Territory. This year, we participated in many activities such as hunting, playing AFL with the children and swimming in the nearby waterholes. While we were there, we were also blessed to establish close relationships with the members of the community.

I think we all assumed that in going to Nganambala we were there to serve the community. However, speaking on behalf of the group of students who went, we soon realised that it was all reversed. As the Nganambala community shared a sacred part of their lives and ancestry with us, the honour was frankly ours. Therefore, we are all immensely grateful for the chance to embrace the gorgeous, hospitable nature of every single individual at one of the most pristine settings in Australia.

A special thanks to Mr Deck, Mrs Toland, Reverend Rodgers and Mrs Neal for supporting the students on this important cultural exchange.

Written by Year 11 students William Barber and Lily Mauger



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Science News

Our students have had success again in the RACI crystal growing competition, but this time at the national level. Achieving second place were Year 12 students, Claire Nguyen, Nhi Thu Trinh, Seh Meh, and Francesca Lambert. Jayson Cooper and Lucy Koder, both in Year 9, came a close third.

Wellbeing week

Next week during lunchtime, Year 10 will be hosting activities as part of Wellbeing Week. The aim is to provide the school community with different opportunities to look after their wellbeing, even in the busiest times. Some activities will require a gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Year 12 charity.

Honours students and i-Accelerate

Years 7 and Year 8 Honours students attended a demonstration day at iAccelerate last week. iAccelerate is part of the University of Wollongong's innovation campus, and is a business incubator program that aims to train, build and grow entrepreneurs. Our students were treated to a guided tour of the facility, where they were introduced to some of the key design principles to promote collaborative working environments. Students then mingled with several iAccelerate resident entrepreneurs while they showcased their innovative solutions to the public. TIGS is currently in the early stages of establishing a relationship with iAccelerate, where we hope students may have an opportunity to develop their ideas at some stage in the future. Exciting times!

An Uplifting Way to Start the Day

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

A huge congratulations to Gabriel Beebe from Year 3 and Thomas Bradley, Year 7, whose team "Mothership" was the recipient of a Judges Award last Saturday at "First LEGO League" LEGO robotics competition. This award was given to the team for their robot design and for creating a brand new team. The team included four other boys of varying ages from local schools. This is a very special achievement for both Gabriel and Thomas.

The year's last Prayer Breakfast was held on Tuesday morning in the Goodhew Research Centre (Library). It was great to see a number of parents and staff attending. It is a calming and uplifting way to start the day and we would love you to join us against year.

This week, students in the Junior School will be voting for the 2019 School Leadership positions. Thank you to the students who have been nominated and our best wishes are with you for the elections. The categories for 2019 Junior School Leadership are:

- School Captains
- School Vice-Captains
- House Captains
- Environment Captains
- Creativity Captains
- Technology Captains
- Community Captains

Well done to our Stage 2 students for a wonderful presentation and concert on Tuesday. This truly was a wonderful showcase of your learning in this semester's Music Programme. Thank you to Mrs Hollander and Mrs Bonaccorso for their expertise and hard work with our students.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students and staff are off to camp next week. Stage 3 head off on Monday to Deer Park, Port Hacking and Stage 2 leave on Wednesday morning for Waterslea on the Shoalhaven River. Our prayers are with them for a safe and happy adventure.

Upcoming Events:

19 – 23 November

- Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camps

Tuesday 27 November

- High Potential Learners – Transition Year 6 to Year 7

Wednesday 28 November

- Year 6 Progression, IGC 5.30pm

Friday 30 November

- TIGS Tennis Tournament at Beaton Park

Saturday 1 December

- Year 2 Progression and Infants' Pageant

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TIGS EXTEND

We had another fun-filled week at TIGS Extend. We continued our search for the fastest paper aeroplane. We also worked on our memory skills with a game called 'What's Missing'. We placed various items from around the room under a sheet and everyone took turns to recall all items before we removed the cloth. The students then played a game of Dodgeball, but not just an ordinary game of Dodgeball... We incorporated challenges and skills such as one arm play, three-second ball release, jailbreak and one-foot toss.

What's on next week?

Monday: Racquet Sports

Tuesday: DIY Masks

Wednesday: Hula Hoop Soccer

Thursday: Cartwheel Competition

Friday: Hula Hoop Relay

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.



*Mrs Hanelle
McRae*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

A Genuine Love of Literacy and Learning

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

"There is perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favourite book" – Marcel Proust

A library is a great platform in which children can explore their many interests from books about animals to fairies, cars and space, dinosaurs and Lego. The children in TIGS Prep love to visit the Goodhew Research Centre (Library) and enjoy the child-led experience of borrowing a book. During this time, the children also enjoy listening to a story read by the educators. This combination has the potential to help stimulate their genuine love of literature, literacy and learning.

Early literacy encompasses what children need to experience before they learn how to read and write. Research has shown that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education and an excellent way to get your child ready to learn is by reading to them.

A child's brain is constantly forming connections, which are strengthened by activities such as reading. Reading to children promotes healthy brain development that lasts a lifetime.

By reading aloud with a child, you are helping them begin to develop background knowledge about a variety of topics, build vocabulary, become familiar with language patterns, develop an awareness with story structure, acquire familiarity with reading and identify reading as a pleasurable activity. Reading exposes children to pictures, letters and words, shapes, sounds and names, and encourages them to talk about what they

can see and think.

Books bring to light many new words to children because they:

- Often include unfamiliar words.
- Repeat the same words in a variety of sentences throughout the book, which helps children understand the words.
- Offer opportunities for children to hear the same words over and over again with repeated readings.

This week, the children will return their borrowed books for the year. The children are still able to visit the Library with their class but are unable to borrow.

Please consider a visit to your local Council library, as they are a great resource and run a variety of programmes to introduce your child to the world of literature and reading.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP



P&F Meeting

You are invited to the P&F meeting

WHEN: Wednesday 21 November

TIME: 6.30pm

WHERE: Goodhew Research Centre (Library)

We welcome any questions that you would like addressed on the night and encourage you to email them through to: pandf@tigs.com.au by **16 November 2018**. This way any information you require can be supplied to you on the evening.

After the meeting we will have an opportunity to mingle over a complimentary grazing table, to begin the Christmas season celebrations and the end of another successful year.



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