

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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TIGS Prep students with Miss Tiggy after Junior School Assembly

Your upcoming event forecast



Saturday 1
December

**Year 2 Progression
and Infants'
Pageant**
10.00am in the IGC



Wednesday 5
December

**A Christmas
Celebration**
From 5.30pm on
the Senior School
Oval



Thursday 6
December

**Year 10 Pre-Formal
Photos**
5.00pm near the
Lagoon Restaurant

Year 10 Formal
6.30pm at the Villa
D'oro



Friday 7
December

**Year 3 to Year 6
Presentation Day**
12.45pm in the IGC



Tuesday 11
December

**Senior School
Presentation Day**
10.30am in the IGC

Term IV Finishes

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Online Continuous Reporting 2019

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

From the beginning of next year, there will be significant enhancements to Senior School reporting and feedback. The introduction of Online Continuous Reporting is an important advancement which allows timely feedback to be provided to students and parents throughout the year as assessment tasks are completed. Parents have indicated in recent surveys that they desire more accessible, regular feedback on student progress, and the change is also in line with Gonski recommendations to 'introduce new reporting arrangements with a focus on both learning attainment and learning gain, to provide meaningful information to students and their parents and carers about individual achievement and learning growth.'

These regular updates on progress in each subject will be available on OLLE, within three weeks of the task being completed. For each task parents will be able to see the nature of the task, the achievement level or mark for the task, and a written comment related to what students did well and how they can improve. Teachers will also report on individual student skill development. In the Middle Years Programme (Year 7 to Year 10) and the Diploma Programme (Year 11 and Year 12), this information will be based on the skills and attitudes of students as expressed in the IB Approaches to Learning (ATLs). For the HSC course this will be based on an assessment of organisation and attitude to work.

As well as reporting on each task, the Dean of each Year will provide feedback twice a year to parents about student engagement in all aspects of school life, including service, outdoor education, leadership and co-curricular activities. NESAs grades will also be reported at the same time and MYP grades in Years 7 to 10 at the end of the year. These reports will be available to parents for downloading and printing at any time throughout the year.

More detailed information about the new reporting system will be available on OLLE from the beginning of 2019.

Student Online Safety

Helping young people to stay safe online can seem like an endless battle. Almost every month there seems to be a new game, app or computer function that raises concern. It can be overwhelming and hard to keep track of. As we move closer to the holiday break I hope that you may have more time to investigate some of the resources referred to in this piece.

Recently, a relatively new online game, called the 'Momo Challenge', has received media attention for its sinister incitement of self-harm. While there is no doubt that this game has the potential for harm, it is important to understand that there are a range of different activities that young people can access and engage with online that also have the potential to cause harm. While we need to be aware of these new and potentially harmful games and apps, to focus on one alone means that we may potentially taking our attention away from others that may be just as concerning.

Communication, education and supervision are important elements for helping students interact online safely. Here are a few tips from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, which is an initiative of the Federal Government:

- Make the time to sit down with your child and look at their online activity and the apps they have downloaded on their phone and computer.
- Question anything that you are not familiar with and ask them to explain what it is and demonstrate how they interact on that site or app.
- Stay informed by signing up to receive notifications from the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#).
- Browse this overview of some of the different apps available and commonly used by young people: [Apps, Games and Social Networking](#).

If you have any concerns about something your child might be accessing online, or require further information, please contact either your child's Dean or Mrs Sullivan, the Director of Student Wellbeing, so that we can offer further information or support.

Year 9 to Year 12 Sports 2019

Year 9 to Year 12 Sport will take place on Thursday mornings 6.30am-7.30am and Thursday afternoons 3.30pm-4.30pm. Students are required to sign up to a sport next week. The following sports have been selected by students for Term 1 2019:

- Surfing with Pines Surf Academy: Thursday 6.30am - 7.30am at North Beach Wollongong with Mr Grieve.
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding with Pines Surf Academy: Thursday 6.30am - 7.30am at Belmore Basin with Mr Gardiner.
- CrossFit JAK: Thursday 7.30am - 8.30am in TIGS Fitness Studio with Mrs Golding.
- GirlsFit: Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm in TIGS Fitness Studio with Mrs Cassidy.
- Tennis with Titan Tennis: Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm at TIGS Courts with Mrs Lo Surdo.
- Basketball: Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the IGC with Mr Tim Coenraad.

Please discuss the options with your child and encourage them to be proactive with making their online sport choice next week. Your child should be participating in a minimum of 2 hours of sport and physical activity each week. If your child signs up to Sport, they will be expected to attend the sport each week and it will appear as a formal class on their timetable with a teacher. Three unexplained absences will incur a detention. The Sport Programme will commence Week 2 Thursday 8 February 2019.



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Celebration and Progression

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

On Tuesday, a number of our High Potential Learners from the Junior School made their way up to the Senior School for a transition to Year 7 day. Students from the Senior School spoke to our students about their experiences with curriculum extension and using the Question Quadrant to formulate and design curriculum and assessment.

Questions themselves are a form of higher order thinking. Student's questions can assist in the design of curriculum and assessment where teachers empower students and are willing to share authority with them. This allows for collaboration in order to negotiate the curriculum and assessment. This is all about the paradigm of "student voice" and is an aspect that we take into consideration for all our planning at TIGS.

On Wednesday night, our Year 6 cohort celebrated their progression to Year 7 with a dinner and disco. Parents were welcomed a little later in the night to help their children celebrate their last year of Junior School and their progression to Senior School with the cutting of the cake and speeches from our Junior School Captains.

As I am writing this Newsletter, I am looking forward to our Year 2 Progression and Infants' Pageant which will be held tomorrow Saturday 1 December in the IGC from 10.00am. I am always amazed at the talent of our students and inspired by their teachers who work so hard and with so much patience to get them ready for this spectacular performance. I look forward to seeing you all at this celebration.



*Mrs Narelle
McRae*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



TIGS EXTEND

Our students had another exciting week of exploring through challenges and play. This week, we designed our own Rubik's Cubes to challenge our minds and thinking skills. One of our students created a Scavenger Hunt that everyone could experience. It was filled with clues and doors to open and even involved a hand tracing activity.

A reminder to all families that Extend will be operating 12.00pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday 11 December.

Jovica Taseska, Service Coordinator

What's on next week?

Monday: DIY Christmas Decorations
Tuesday: Kinetic Sand
Wednesday: Hovercraft and Origami
Thursday: Wind Chimes
Friday: Movie Themed Party

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.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 5 December

- A Christmas Celebration

Thursday 6 December

- No Junior School Assembly/Chapel

Friday 7 December

- Year 3 to Year 6 Presentation Day, 12.45pm in the IGC
- Junior School reports sent home.

Tuesday 11 December

- Term IV finishes.
- Car Line commences at 12.15pm.
- Buses depart at 12.30pm.
- All students still at school after 12.30pm will need to be booked into TIGS Extend.

More News on OLLE

[Parents' Lounge](#)



[Junior School Event Photos](#)

Journey to Big School

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

It was delightful seeing our Prep classes take a short trip over to the Junior School to join the Kindergarten to Year 2 classes in Rees Hall for the weekly assembly. On their journey, the educators discussed with the children the layout of the School and how it differs from TIGS Prep. They also looked at the classrooms and how they are organised with desks, tubs and bags placed on hooks. The children were shown where the boy's and girl's toilets are located, the drinking taps, out of school hours care room and the Kindergarten play equipment. The experience helps the children attending TIGS Kindergarten next year have a sense of connectedness to the school community and their new environment.

Our fundamental aim for Prep is to ensure that your children feel happy and safe in these vital first years of their education. Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- Feel comfortable, relaxed and valued.
- Feel excited and motivated to learn.
- Have good relationships with others.
- Develop a sense of belonging within the school community.

The children enjoyed the assembly, especially when singing Australian songs along with the school as well as many parents, grandparents and friends. The Prep teachers were so proud of how well the children engaged with the audience and the confidence they showed participating with other year groups and teachers.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

Many parents commented how confident the children were contributing to the assembly and bringing their Australian animal to get into the spirit of the theme.

This was a fantastic assembly by our youngest pupils who showed creativity, confidence and continued learning. To top off the experience they were rewarded with 'Miss Tiggy' and she is proudly placed in our foyer for the children to excitedly greet each day. Many children delightfully exclaim as they walk past, "We won Miss Tiggy at the Assembly".

Virginia Herraman
TIGS Prep Educator

