

# TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

ISSUE 7 TERM IV 2018

## A Christmas Celebration



## Your upcoming event forecast



Tuesday 11  
December  
Senior School  
Presentation Day  
10.30am in the IGC  
Term IV Finishes



Wednesday 12  
December  
Professional  
Learning Day  
Report  
Consultation



Thursday 13  
December  
Professional  
Learning Day  
Report  
Consultation  
HSC Results  
Released



Friday 14  
December  
Professional  
Learning Day  
ATAR Results  
Released

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# Final Newsletter of 2018!

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have certainly had some challenges in our School this year and I am sure that our community is ready for the holiday break. It is very important that as we finish our year that we reflect, as well as look forward to the new year ahead.

My most enduring feeling this year from our community and staff is one of support and care. We have cared for each other at a time of great loss and sadness, through illness and through social and political upheaval and distress. I am very proud of and thankful for the way our TIGS family has lived out our values in 2018.

Our magnificent staff have continued to make the learning of every student a priority throughout the year and as I have signed reports this week, I have been pleased with the progress and achievement of our students. It is a particular strength that every student has been challenged and supported to reach a personal best in their learning and that the majority of our students have accepted this challenge with enthusiasm and hard work.

Our students have been a consistent source of joy and pride as I have chatted with them on campus, visited classrooms, observed learning and watched them perform in concerts or sporting events. I have seen a great deal of pride in their own achievements which is wonderful but I have seen this accompanied by amazing levels of support and care for others participating, performing or learning - each at their own level.

Our parents and caregivers have again made another year of sacrifice to give their children the benefit of an education at TIGS. You have been taxis, caterers, counsellors, co-researchers and cheer squads for your children and it is my hope that as you look back on 2018, you can see progress and growth in your children that gives you great satisfaction.

A lot will happen over the school

break with the M block refurbishment commencing, the new girls uniform options going into production and the update and rolling over of OLLE portal in preparation for the real-time reporting project which will be implemented in 2019 for Year 7 to Year 12. We will welcome new staff and farewell others who will be missed, and our School will continue to grow and change so that we can best serve our community.

I do hope each of you can find some time with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. I look forward to bumping in to many of you on the beach or around town and I especially look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new year, rested, refreshed and ready to learn together in our fantastic school community.



*Mrs Judi Nealy*

PRINCIPAL



## A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Wednesday was such a special occasion as we trialled a new format for our annual Christmas Celebration. Going outside was such a simple gesture but it added so much value to our engagement with one another. It was a genuine community-enriching experience. Thank you so much to all who attended. It was a real joy to share the spirit of Christmas with you on the grounds of our wonderful school campus. We look forward to building upon this new format in the coming years. Thank you also for your generosity in contributing to ANGLICARE's Toys 'n' Tucker campaign. I was delighted with the response this year and felt very proud of our efforts. Please visit [OLLE](#) to view photos of the Christmas Celebration.

Kind regards  
**Rev. James Rogers**  
 Chaplain

## NOTICES

### Last Day of Term IV 2018

On the last day of Term IV, Tuesday 11 December, Preparatory students will finish class at 12.00pm and Kindergarten to Year 12 students will finish at 12.30pm.

Buses will be running as usual but at this new time.

### Christmas Closure

The Office will be closed from Friday 14 December 2018 and will reopen for business Monday 7 January 2019 from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

# A Blast Off From TIGS

## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### Senior School Presentation Day and Student Reports

The final event for this year is the Senior School Presentation Day on Tuesday 11 December from 10.30am to 12.15pm, in the IGC. This is an opportunity for us as a school community to acknowledge outstanding achievements by students in academic, co-curricular and service activities. It is also a time to reflect on the school year, celebrate success and look to the future. All students are expected to attend in full summer uniform, including their blazer, and in accordance with our normal personal presentation expectations regarding hair, makeup and jewellery. Students should be at school by the normal time of 8.40am. If students are receiving an award, parents will have received a notification this week. Boys receiving awards must wear long trousers, as well as their blazer.

Parents wishing to attend the Presentation Day event should arrive at the IGC by 10.15am to be seated for the commencement at 10.30am.

Students will receive their end of year Student Reports at the conclusion of the presentations before they are dismissed from school at 12.30pm. This year, each family will also receive a copy of the new 2019 Co-Curricular Programme booklet and a copy of the 2018 School Magazine. Please note that if a student is not able to attend Presentation Day, their Report will not be mailed home but will be available from School Reception up to Friday 14 December 2018, and from 7 January 2019, when the School reopens.

Normal service buses will depart the School at approximately 12.30pm, but students should check public transport connections to make their way home at the earlier time.

### Blast Off

On 8 December, 11 TIGS students will be 'blasting off' to NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, USA. This is the first group from TIGS who have had the opportunity to attend an intensive 12 day [space school](#), where they will learn STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), via astronaut training simulators, attempt to solve problems related to space exploration, and participate in Q&A sessions with US astronauts, rocket engineers and planetary scientists. The fact that 75% of the fastest growing occupations are predicted to need at least some STEM skills, and with the establishment of the Australian National Space Agency, we see participation in programmes such as this as both timely and crucial. We wish the students well on their expedition and look forward to them sharing their experiences with us next year. Thanks to Mr Keating for orchestrating this exciting opportunity for our students and for Mr Gollan who will accompany the students to the USA.



*Mr Greg Lanyon*

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh – New Zealand

Students undertaking the final Gold stage of the Duke of Edinburgh programme leave with Mr Edgerton, Mrs Golding and Mr Deck on Wednesday 12 December and head to the South Island of New Zealand. Starting at Te-Anau and Queenstown, 23 Year 11 and Year 12 students will hike with packs, the Kepla Track and the Routeburn Track, a combined distance of 92km. It is a very special way for students to complete this section of the Award, to show care and support for peers, demonstrate servant leadership and create memories that will last well beyond school. The group returns on 22 December just in time to share their adventures with family and friends over Christmas. We wish them a safe journey.

## SPORT

The Sport Department would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mrs Leonie Hinch who has been the Sports Department Administration Assistant for the past twelve years in the Senior School. Leonie is retiring in 2019, she will be greatly missed by students, parents and staff alike as she has been the backbone of the Sports Department, always working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sport at TIGS what it is today. We thank her for her efforts and wish her all the best.

# Perseverance

## FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

"It is not enough that we do our best, sometimes we must do what is required" - Winston Churchill

Sometimes we have to persevere!

It is this perseverance that has helped many of our students to grow and develop their self-confidence this year.

Self-confidence isn't thinking you are better than others or even necessarily thinking you are all that great. Self-confidence doesn't mean you are the most good-looking, loudest or popular person in the room. Self-confidence doesn't mean you never fail, make mistakes or want to give up.

Self-confidence is trusting yourself. You can take on life's challenges because you view it as something you can figure out. You prove yourself, to yourself.

One thing that helps children in their endeavour to achieve this is to teach them perseverance. When you hear your child say "I can't" or "No, you do it" – if they are capable of doing whatever it is, let them work it out. You can stand right beside them and help talk them through their challenge. It takes more effort than doing it yourself, but it is worth it. Repeated instances of a child giving up will definitely undermine that child's

confidence. They will begin to doubt themselves and develop fear.

Push your child a little further than they want to go, within developmental safety boundaries of course. We always think we can't go any further but we almost always can. Encourage them to finish what they start, when it counts. Help them to understand that falling down, failing and wanting to give up are not signs of deficiency, they are signs of humanity. Perseverance is both a positive character trait and an act of will. Teach your child to never give up!

I would like to thank everyone in the Junior School for an amazing and productive 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Acting Head of Junior School, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve The Illawarra Grammar School in this role.

Best wishes to all students, parents and staff for a peaceful and blessed Christmas and an exciting, happy and healthy 2019.



*Mrs Harelle  
McRae*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Outside School Hours Care

From January 2019 TIGS will have a new Outside School Hours Care provider. Before School Care will also become part of the service offered to families.

The new provider will be PEAK Sports and Learning and they will be delivering a broad programme suitable for all ages from Kindergarten to Year 6, with a particular focus on keeping kids active. PEAK has a large local network with excellent resources which will allow improved options for staffing and excursions. We have also taken into account parent feedback on the need for extended hours of care and PEAK will be including a before school service as part of their programme. The costs will be lower with a fee structure which allows greater flexibility for last minute bookings without excessive penalty charges.

The regular school term operating hours for the new service will be 6.30am-8.45am and 3.00pm-6.00pm. All children who arrive at school before supervision commences at 8.00am will be required to enrol in Before School Care, unless they are enrolled in a morning extra-curricular or co-curricular activity.

Extend will continue to provide Outside School Hours Care up until 6.00pm on Friday 21 December and PEAK will commence their vacation care service on Monday 14 January 2019. Families will need to register their children with PEAK before using the service. Registrations and bookings can be made at [www.peaksportslearning.com.au](http://www.peaksportslearning.com.au) from Tuesday 11 December.

The maximum rates that will apply for the service are as follows. Child care subsidies may also apply.

### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

\$22 for permanent bookings  
\$26 for casual bookings

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

\$32 for permanent bookings  
\$36 for casual bookings

### VACATION CARE

\$65/day. Additional fees may apply for excursions and incursions.

Further information about terms and conditions will be available on the PEAK [website](http://www.peaksportslearning.com.au) next week.

Families who need vacation care from January 7 – 11, before the PEAK service commences on January 14 can contact the Junior School office for further information. If you have already booked Vacation Care with Extend from January 7 – 11, you will be contacted directly regarding alternative arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact the Junior School office on 4220 0250 or email [info@tigs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@tigs.nsw.edu.au).

# What a Year it's Been

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

Term IV is a busy time, full of learning opportunities and events, coupled with the excitement of transitioning into the next year level. Our students have been blessed with a variety of learning opportunities, new friendships and exciting adventures.

One of the highlights to finish our school year is the Year 2 Progression and Infants' Pageant. The Pageant was yet again, a great success and such a lovely way to begin the exciting lead up to Christmas. Congratulations to all the children who participated and many thanks to the staff and families who dedicated their time and efforts to the event. The Pageant was an absolute triumph and a timely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and sharing in this important celebration for our community.

A very special thanks to Mrs Bonaccorso for her commitment to ensuring that 'A King is Born' was such a great accomplishment, she certainly brings out the best in our students.

The following songs were sung by each of the classes:

Amaroo: 'Christmas Day'

Cooinda: 'Angel Band'

Marana: 'Happy Birthday Jesus'

Elanora: 'Housetop Boogie'

TIGS Prep has welcomed many of our newest Pre-Prep children for 2019 during their playdate sessions where they confidently explored their new classrooms with their parents. It is an exciting and emotional time for both children and their families. We look forward to building positive partnerships with our new families and with the children commencing their new journey at the end of January next year.

We wish all our TIGS Prep students a safe and happy holiday. We can't wait to see you in the New Year, including the children starting Kindergarten that revisit TIGS Prep in their new school uniform.

### Operating Hours

**TIGS Prep will close at 12.00pm Tuesday 11 December.** We will reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2019 for the returning All Year-Round bookings.

Please keep in mind we will be closed for the Australia Day Public Holiday Monday 28 January and the following Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 January for Professional Learning Days.

Term Time bookings will return to TIGS Prep on Thursday 31 January if they are enrolled on this day.

Blessing and warm wishes,



*Mrs Taesha  
Duley-Smith*

**DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP**