

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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Junior School Leaders



Your upcoming event forecast



11 - 15
February

Year 7 Camp
Year 11 Bundanon
Camp



Thursday 14
February

Junior School First
Assembly/Chapel
12.10pm in Rees
Hall



Tuesday 19
February

Year 7 Meet the
Teacher
5.00pm in the
Goodhew Research
Centre (Library)

Junior School
Swimming Carnival
9.00am at
Unanderra Pool



Wednesday 20
February

Year 8 Camp
Information
Evening
6.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Goodhew
Research Centre
(Library)



Thursday 21
February

Year 11 General
HSC and DP
Information
Evening
5.00pm - 6.00pm
in the Goodhew
Research Centre
(Library)

HSC Major Works
Information
Evening
6.00pm - 7.00pm
in the Goodhew
Research Centre
(Library)



20 - 22
February

Year 6 Canberra
Excursion

Follow us on:



Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year, our School is celebrating 60 years during our Diamond Jubilee and we will be celebrating this milestone in various ways.

We have already had our Commencement Service with the entire school celebrating our history, especially the tradition of watermelon day that in this 60th year was enjoyed by Junior School students, Senior School students and staff.

Our school has certainly changed a lot during these 60 years. From being a boys only school to the amalgamation with SCEGGS at Glenniffer Brae and the introduction of girls in 1976. To the exciting building developments of the 1990s and the commencement of the IB at our school in 2009. TIGS has responded to the changing world in which we live and for which we prepare our students.

Some things however have not changed. The intentional focus on academic excellence, high calibre of teaching staff, unique and powerful learning programmes, commitment to student wellbeing and care of our families have been a constant at TIGS. These continue to be underpinned by our strong connection to Christian values and service. This distinctive approach that equips young people to go out into the world and make their mark, has been an attribute of a TIGS education for all of our 60 years.

I encourage our families and extended community to participate in the celebration this year of 60 wonderful years at TIGS. There are many events being planned for the year and I look forward to seeing many of you at them. Two to put in your calendar are:

- **Friday 18 October**
Vintage Cocktail Celebration
- **Saturday 19 October**
Gala Dinner

In 2019, we are very keen to reinvigorate our connections with the Alumni of our school. Our Alumni are out in the world doing extraordinary things and it is always a delight to hear of their successes. Today I caught up with Jessica Adams alumni 2010 who currently works as a Sports Scientist for the Cronulla Sharks. Jess was a part of the team when the Sharks finally

won the premiership in 2016. It is wonderful to hear the exciting things our Alumni are achieving after school. I know that my Dad will have a special affection for Jess' efforts as he is a die-hard Sharks fan!

If you have any news updates of the great things our alumni are doing, please make contact with me, I would love to hear it.

Over the past 60 years, TIGS had educated thousands of students who have gone on to incredible careers in the Illawarra, across Australia and beyond.

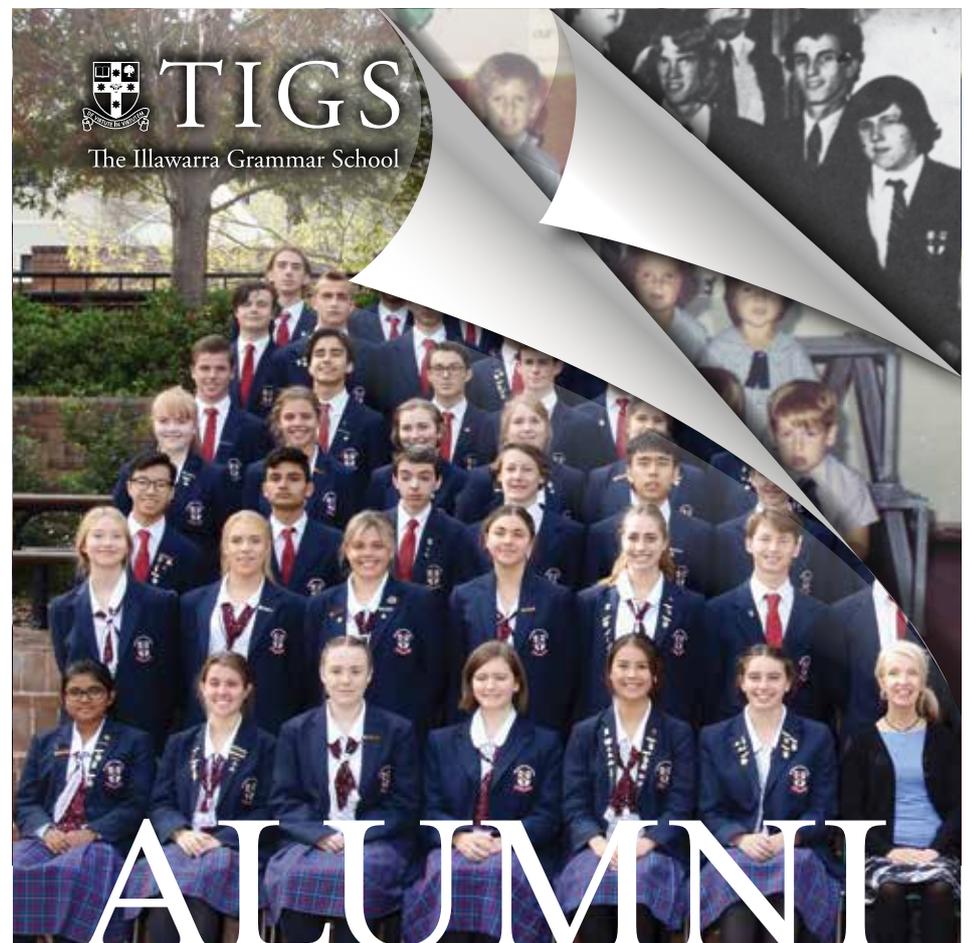
We invite TIGS Alumni to stay connected by sharing their journey and join us for the School's Diamond Jubilee in 2019.

Reconnect by visiting tigs.nsw.edu.au/alumni-and-community



Mrs Judi Nealy

PRINCIPAL



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Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

An area of interest in recent talk in the field of education is the concept of a fixed or growth mindset. The pioneering work of Carol Dweck is foundational. Those who hold to the dominance of a fixed mindset believe that capacity for learning is predetermined (usually genetically) and that there is little we can do to increase our capacity. People who accept this paradigm tend to work within the constraints of the labels given them. It becomes something of a self-fulfilling prophesy. Those who hold to the reality of a growth mindset believe that our capacity for learning has the potential for development and is often relative to our efforts to learn. We can break through blockages in understanding and develop new skills. It just requires the right conditions and effort. The potential for change is the broader concern of this conversation.

Within a Christian framework, change is a real possibility. Indeed, much of the New Testament implores God's people to make significant changes in their lives. We are beseeched to leave our old selfish ways behind and embrace a more God-centered attitude in life. This would be unfair if change was impossible. But it is not.

The agent of change in the Bible is the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is the locus of power and the potential for change (Zechariah 4.6). Those who entrust themselves to Jesus as Saviour and Lord receive the Spirit of God as a sign and seal of God's adoption of them into his family (Ephesians 1.13). This Spirit is the

same Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8.11). It has the power and potential to change the way we live. Believers are implored to walk in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5.25). That is another way of saying they are to utilise its power for change. Believers are also warned against quenching the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5.19). This is another way of saying they are not to negate its power in their lives or underestimate its potential for renewal.

The possibility of change within the Christian life is very good news for those who are dissatisfied with their performance in life. How devastating it would be if something like a fixed mindset prevailed in Christian living. How demoralising it would be to meet failure to believe that this is how it is and must always be. But the truth is that the Christian life is more in tune with a growth mindset than a fixed mindset. Change is possible. It comes about through letting the Spirit of God do his good work in our lives.

I find this tremendously encouraging as I step into a new year. I can grow this year. I need not repeat the same mistakes as last year. I am not limited by circumstance or constitution. No! The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me. The potential implications of this are breathtaking. I can live expectantly, and I am not constrained by what has been. This mindset is the seedbed of hope which is itself a great stimulus for change.



Rev. James Rogers

CHAPLAIN

Start As You Plan To Finish

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

As we commence the academic year, it is important for students to think ahead to where they would like to be at the end of the year. From an academic perspective, this would mean looking at where they were at the end of last year, thinking about the improvements that they would like to make this year and working out strategies about how to get there. It helps to write down these goals and place them somewhere prominent in their study space at home. It is important to think about how your teachers can help you keep on track in working towards achieving those goals.

As part of this approach, it is critical that students become autonomous learners and develop self-discipline. In order to help students with this in the Senior School, we have been doing some work in tweaking the Discipline Policy. We are aiming for a consistent approach with a mix of rewards and consequences to help students to achieve their potential. In future Newsletters I will go into detail about the Awards system. In the meantime, there is a summary for students and parents to refer to on page 16 of the 2019 School Diary.

On the other side of the ledger, we will be monitoring and closely tracking, low-level misdemeanours in class in the same way we do with uniform and ICT infringements. From a parent's perspective, this will mean that you will receive an email notification if a student receives an infringement related to any of these three areas which will allow parents to intervene early if infringements are occurring regularly. This policy can be found on [OLLE](#).

To assist parents to help students negotiate the road ahead, this year there will be opportunities for parents at each Year level to be informed about grade level educational differences. This will also provide an opportunity to meet key staff, including the Dean of the Year. Please make a note of the following dates in your calendar if you able to attend:

- **Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening:**
Tuesday 19 February at 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Welcome BBQ followed by Information Evening and meet teachers from 6.00pm - 7.30pm, in the Goodhew Research Centre (Library).
- **Year 9 Parent Information Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 13 March at 7.45am – 8.45am in the Recital Room.
- **Year 8 and Year 10 Parent Information Evening:** Tuesday 19 March in the Goodhew Research Centre (Library)
 - o Year 8: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
 - o Year 10: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Swimming Carnival

Our 2019 Swimming Carnival was another cracking day with exciting competition and excellent House Spirit. Congratulations to Aranda who finished first, Kogara second, Wolgal third and Coligan fourth.

Girl Age Champions:

- 12 Years – 1st Chloe Vickery, 2nd Ella Fennell, 3rd Olivia Rocker
- 13 Years – 1st Ella McIlwraith, 2nd Katie Healey, 3rd Mackayla Hutchinson
- 14 Years – 1st Jaimie De Lutiis, 2nd Bridie De Lutiis, 3rd Jessy Harman
- 15 Years – 1st Eva Katkjaer, 2nd Kiarna McIlwraith, 3rd Katelyn Spicknall
- 16 Years – 1st Aria Bacic-Johnston, 2nd Caitlyn Mortimer, 3rd Regan Norris
- 17 Years – 1st Amy Logan, 2nd Cartia Taranto, 3rd Elizabeth Westwood
- 18 Years – 1st Kyra King, 2nd Amy Gibbons, 3rd Ruby Crandell

Boy Age Champions:

- 12 Years – 1st Noah Towill, 2nd Aidan Vardy, 3rd Ali Matar
- 13 Years – 1st Riley Baird, 2nd Hamish Chaffer, 3rd Michael Murray
- 14 Years – 1st Kaleb Anderson, 2nd Leonard Jaegar, 3rd Flynn Sullivan
- 15 Years – 1st Ben Giason, 2nd Nicholas Chiaverini, 3rd Lachlan Boardman
- 16 Years – 1st James Healey, 2nd Daniel Jiang, 3rd Harrison Webb
- 17 Years – 1st William Barber, 2nd Joseph Druett, 3rd Connor Harvey
- 18 Years – 1st Griffin Spicknall, 2nd Austin Pallone, 3rd Alexander Saddi

Record Breakers:

- Chloe Vickery Aranda House 12 Year Breaststroke 46.67 formally 47.19 held by Emma McKeon
- Coligan Junior Girl 50m Freestyle Relay 2:06.76, formally 2:11.89 held by Colligan Kiarna McIlwraith, Jamie De Lutiis, Bridie De Lutiis, Mackayla Hutchinson

First and second in 50m Freestyle and first in all other events will progress to NASSA on Wednesday 27 February 2019. There will be a minibus from Year 8 Camp to allow students to attend.

Year 9 to Year 12 Sport

Year 9 to Year 12 Sport commences Thursday 14 February (Week 3) with Surfing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, CrossFit JAK, GirlsFit, Basketball and Tennis. Sports will show on timetables and students are expected to attend.

Talented Athletes Programme (TAP)

Applications are now open for the developmental Talented Athletes Programme. Students are welcome to apply via OLLE on the Sport page or click [here](#)

TAP commences Tuesday 19 February 2019 (Week 4).

Up Coming Events:

- NASSA Open Basketball Trials Week 3 Thursday 14 February
- CIS Girls Cricket Week 3 Friday 15 February
- CIS Boys Cricket Week 4 Monday 18 February
- TIGS Tennis Day Week 4 Friday 22 February
- All Schools Triathlon Week 5 Thursday 28 and Friday 29 February



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Big Smiles and Shiny Shoes

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The school year commenced with joy, laughter, plenty of smiles and shiny shoes. It was wonderful to see the Junior School students happily bouncing along the drive as they enthusiastically returned to school and excitedly reconnected with their friends and teachers.

Thank you all for your very warm welcome and words of encouragement. I look forward to what I know will be a great year ahead. As highlighted in my address to you, building effective partnerships between home and school is essential. As a school, we are committed to keeping you informed and our doors are always open. Research demonstrates the important role you have in the education of your child as their first and continuing educators. We would like you to be active participants in your child's learning. You have entrusted us with your children, your most precious possession and we take that very seriously. We are committed to doing all that we can to help them grow into confident, knowledgeable, caring, balanced people who will have all that is necessary to go into the world equipped to act with wisdom, compassion and justice as faithful stewards of our world. We look forward to your partnership as we take this journey together.

A very special welcome to all of our new families and students who joined our school this year. Your children have been embraced whole heartedly into our TIGS family and have enjoyed the careful transition to school and support of their class buddies. Kindergarten students settled in seamlessly. There were a few tears on day one, mainly from the parents, as the magical milestone took place and the reality of this new exciting phase commenced. A special thank you to the Year 1 parents who hosted the Kindergarten morning tea, a lovely way for Kindergarten parents to come together and connect with other families within our community.

What a busy first week we have had! Many important events took place. The Diamond Jubilee Commencement Service, to celebrate our 60th anniversary, was an opportunity for our Junior and Senior School students to come together to acknowledge this important occasion. It was truly delightful to see students of all ages engage in this special chapel service.

This was concluded with the annual Watermelon Day tradition where students across the School participated in the sharing and enjoyment of watermelon, amongst friends on a warm afternoon.

It was wonderful to meet families at the Meet the Teacher events this week. I would like to thank our staff, for all of their careful organisation. This was a great opportunity for parents to connect with each other and class teachers. Teachers enjoyed the chance to share with you all of the wonderful plans they have for the year ahead. Information shared can be found on your child's OLLE page.

Our Year 6 Captains and Leaders have spent time this week preparing for their important roles in Junior School. Mrs McRae led these students through an induction process on Wednesday, where they participated in a number of carefully considered activities and engaged with School members, including Mrs Nealy, Reverend Rogers, the Senior School leaders and myself, to develop their understanding of their roles. The Induction assembly took place on Thursday, where these students made their pledges and commitment to their roles as leaders, in front of Junior School students, staff and parents.

As we wrap up a busy week, I would like to thank you for taking time to read the Newsletter and I look forward to using this weekly publication to communicate information that will help you to plan your busy lives and enhance the partnership we have in your child's education.



Ms Geneva Clayton

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



The Centre of Energy

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

"Strong, capable and resilient, rich with wonder and knowledge. Every child brings with them a deep curiosity and potential and this innate curiosity drives their interest to understand their world and their place within it." - Loris Malaguzzi, Reggio Emilia's Educational Philosophy, 2002

As the year begins, there is always a sense of excitement and nervousness, mixed with a few tears. The children are settling into their classroom environments, establishing new friendships and rekindling existing relationships. The energy in the Centre is already so evident, this is largely due to the children's and educator's anticipation of what should be another tremendous and eventful year.

An extra special welcome is extended to our new families that are joining our wonderful Prep community this year.

Please be advised that *"The Piper Centre"* has changed our name to *"TIGS Prep"*. This is to ensure that the wider community are aware that TIGS offers a Prep programme. Our educational programme establishes vital foundations so that each child receives the best possible start to their education.

Electronic Sign-in/Sign-Out

TIGS Prep has installed a new electronic sign in/out system. This system makes it a lot easier for parents to confirm times and attendance. The two sign in/out tablets are conveniently located next to the Administration office. Please ask for assistance if you are having trouble logging on or accessing your details.

This system is very important for two main reasons. Firstly so that educators are aware of the number of children at the Centre at any given time and children who have left for the day. This becomes very significant in the event of an emergency evacuation so that everyone is accounted for and for the end of the day safety checks. Families are also reminded that as part of receiving fee relief, the government requires all families to sign in and out.

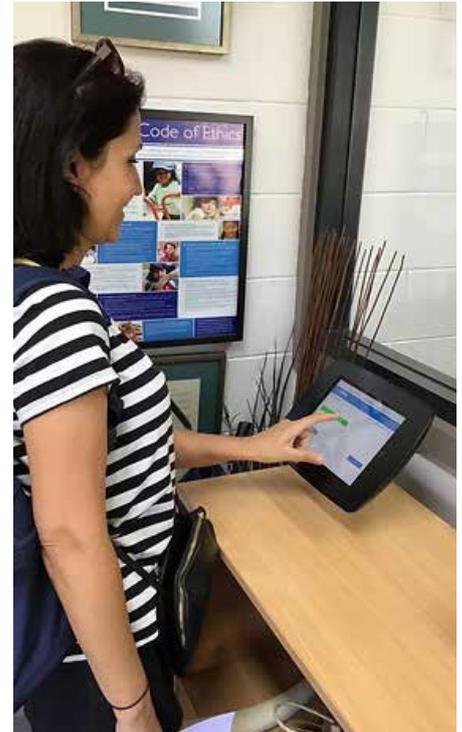
For licensing, regulatory and insurance reasons, you must sign your child in and out on arrival and departure. No child under the age of 18 is allowed to sign a child out of care. No child will be allowed to leave our Service with a person who is not stated on the enrolment form, children will not be allowed to be signed out by anybody who is not their parent or legal guardian unless written consent has been given.

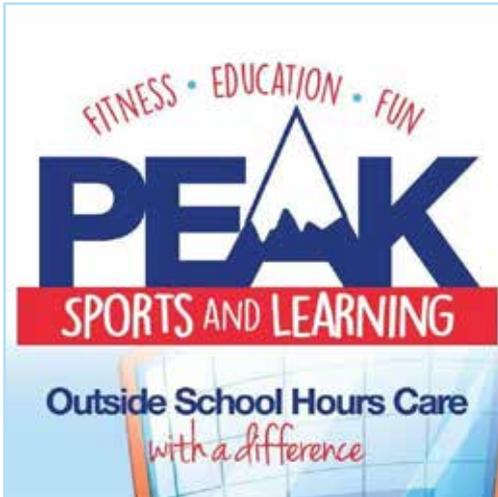
We look forward to a wonderful year ahead of learning and growing together!



*Mrs Taesha
Duley-Smith*

DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP





PEAK Sports and Learning

Our students have enjoyed a week of exciting activities at PEAK.

Next week we have another full week planned for our students around our term topic - Animals!

Our daily After School Care programme includes rotations of homework/home-reader, fun sports, arts and crafts.

Our service also offers Before School Care from 6.30am on school days.

Petra, Grant, Martin, Jessie, Chelsea and the rest of the Peak team look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone!

To book your child to TIGS PEAK click [here](#) or call our office.

Bookings made within 48 hours of session need to be made through our office.

Phone 1300 GO PEAK (1300467325) or email admin@peaksportslearning.com.au

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday: Four Wicket Cricket

Tuesday: Paper Crocs

Wednesday: Cardboard Tubed Butterflies

Thursday: Celery Snails

Friday: Kids Choice

Second Hand Uniform Shop

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesdays: 9.00am to 11.00am

Thursdays: 2.00pm to 3.15pm

If you need uniforms and are unable to come to the uniform shop during the above hours, please email pandf@tigs.com.au to arrange an appointment or call the School's Main Reception on 4220 0200 and ask to contact Jenny Evans.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is currently carrying a lot of stock so we are offering 50% off all items during Term 1.

Whilst we are grateful for the many donations we receive, some of it cannot be sold.

Please screen items for stains, rips and discolouration before collecting donations as these items do not sell and are discarded.

If you're able to help in the shop or have any feedback, please email pandf@tigs.com.au.

Jenny Evans
Second Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator