

# TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

ISSUE 6 TERM II 2019

Year 9 Camp - Bungonia Gorge



## Your Upcoming Event Forecast



Monday  
17 June

Year 10 Parent  
Teacher Interviews



Thursday  
20 June

High School Musical  
- 7.00pm in the IGC  
[Click here to  
book.](#)



Friday  
21 June

High School Musical  
- 7.00pm in the IGC  
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Saturday  
22 June

High School Musical  
- 1.00pm in the IGC  
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High School Musical  
- 7.00pm in the IGC  
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Monday  
24 June

Singing Concert  
(Prep to Year 12)  
6.00pm to 8.00pm in  
the Recital Room

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# Meaningful Challenges

## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### Bungonia Gorge

TIGS Outdoor Education Programme offers all students a sequential, integrated set of experiences based on the principle of "challenge by choice". The aim is to provide opportunities for students to face meaningful challenges, which may be outside their comfort zone while having some choice about the level to which they want to, or are able to, commit to the experience. Last week, Year 9 experienced the Bungonia Gorge camp, in the headwaters of the Shoalhaven River.

The main aim of this Year 9 programme is to continue developing skills that students learnt in previous camps and to start preparing for their Year 10 programmes. On this camp, they learn to manage themselves in a cold environment, which is not only challenging but provides an insight into the types of conditions students might experience at the snow camp in Year 10. During the programme, the students and staff hike down, through and out of the Bungonia Gorge, setting up camp at each stage of the hike. When students are not hiking they have an opportunity to explore some of the spectacular limestone caves, which is an unfamiliar and sometimes confronting environment. It was great to hear the students talk positively about their week and the experiences they had in the debrief.

### Parliamentary Leadership

NSW Parliament invited students from across NSW to their annual leadership day. Only two students are invited from each school. We were represented by Lachlan Mills and Lucy Koder. The day involved a panel interview with Parliament members, a visit to Question time and an invitation to afternoon tea at Government House with her Excellency, the Governor of NSW, retired judge Margaret Beazley. Lachlan and Lucy were singled out by the governor to answer an impromptu political question about terms of office, which they answered with aplomb.

### State da Vinci Decathlon

Following their success at the regional competition, two TIGS teams, one from Year 7 and one from Year 9, competed in the State da Vinci Decathlon at Knox Grammar School against 74 other teams. The standard was exceptional and pitted our students against teams from the overall winners, James Ruse Agricultural High School and Pymble Ladies College. Our teams were a credit to the School in both their enthusiasm and manner. Congratulations to our teams and to the staff who have assisted them on this journey.

## P&F Entertainment Book Reminder

Please pay or return your entertainment book by Monday 17 June.

## Sports News

### AICES Cross Country

Congratulations to our TIGS team who represented NASSA at the AICES Cross Country on Thursday 6 June at Sydney Equestrian Centre.

### 1st Place Age Champions

Luke Wilson - 1st Place 17 Boys AICES Cross Country

James Healey - 1st Place 16 Boys AICES Cross Country

Ben Giason - 1st Place 15 Boys AICES Cross Country

Jack McClatchie - 1st Place 13 Boys AICES Cross Country

### 2nd Place Age Champion

Noah Towill - 2nd Place 12 Boys AICES Cross Country

Also a special congratulations to our 13 Boys James Brewer, Jamie deWit, Jack McClatchie and Christian Vujic who came first in the Teams Relay and our 12 Boys Alexander Gallagher, Ali Matar, Alec Rix, Noah Towill who were also the first team to cross the finish line in their respective age groups.

Congratulations to the following runners who have progressed to NSW CIS Cross Country:

James Brewer, Jamie deWit, Ella Fennell, Alexander Gallagher, Ben Giason, James Healey, Cooper Kerridge, Francesca Lambert, Ali Matar, Jack McClatchie, Alec Rix, Noah Towill, Christian Vujic and Luke Wilson.

### NSW CIS Rugby League Camp

Congratulations to William Carroll in Year 9 who has recently attended the NSW CIS Rugby League Camp.

### CSSA Gymnastics

Congratulations to Ella McLlraith in Year 7 who competed in the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) Gymnastics Championships in Rooty Hill. Ella was leading the point score, and had landed three perfect front somersaults in the warm-up for floor, but just missed the landing to finish in seventh place. Well done to Ella.

### NSW Regional Surfing Championships

Congratulations to the following surfers who competed at the NSW Regional Surfing Championships in Thirroul: Finley McLaren fifth place, Tahlia Collinge seventh place and Connor Burrows who just missed out on making the quarterfinals from the heats.



## The Arts

There have been some wonderful achievements in the Arts in recent weeks with our ensembles performing well in Eisteddfods and our drama and dance students performing at TIGS Drama and Dance Night.

Firstly, TIGS Senior Dance company won their school section of the Flame Dance Challenge 2019 and from this performance were selected as one of the Top 5 of the entire competition, including both schools and studios. They were invited to perform during the evening after the competition. This is an excellent achievement from this troupe who only rehearse once a week.

Students:

Isobel Kinnear, Payton Leitch, Ella Vartazarian, Kiarna McIlwraith, Alissa Tonkin, Montana Sadd, Stella Orvad.



### Ensembles

Three ensembles competed at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod, and all students can be extremely proud of the way they performed. The Brass Ensemble ended up winning the section, with the String Ensemble placing second. All the groups played very well however, and it was a very positive experience for all involved.

#### The Brass Ensemble:

Elizabeth Westwood, Kathryn Westwood, Alexandra Wall, Angus Townsend, Riley Beard, Joel Turner

#### Senior Concert Band:

Elizabeth Westwood, Jayden Grieve, Poppy Townsend, Kathryn Westwood, Alexandra Wall, Angus Townsend, Grace Hilton, Molly Mills, Rhiannon Evans, Jasmin Sim, Sarvani Thapaliya, Aya Naito, Matthew De Dominicis, Ryan De Dominicis, Thomas Goodwin, Jamaya Wayne, Joel Turner

#### Senior Strings

Alexandra Wall, Elizabeth Michelmore, Emily Choi, Eloise Goodman, Aya Naito, Emily Sutherland, Cameron Davies, Lillian Glover, Chloe Jackson, Tania Kalsi

### Port Macquarie Big Band Blast 2019

Four students (Elizabeth Westwood, Lachlan Mills, Kathryn Westwood, Alexandra Wall) as part of a contingent of jazz students from the Wollongong Conservatorium, attended the Port Macquarie Big Band Blast. As well as performing publicly with their ensembles, they attended various professional performances and participated in workshops with professional players.



*Mr Greg Lanyon*  
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

# It's Almost Ready.....

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## FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are excited to be in the final stages of completing our Junior School play equipment for Year 2 to Year 6. Our students have eagerly watched the construction over time, anticipating the opening in the coming week or two. They have brainstormed the possible play opportunities and considered ways to personalise this. There will be a chance for all students in Year 2 to Year 6 to enjoy this new space, after the consideration of essential agreements takes place. Our Year 6 leaders will be running a competition to name the space and I encourage your daughters and sons to contribute their ideas. We would like to thank our TIGS Property Development staff, Mr Field, Mr Whipps and Ms Golden, for all of their hard work to help create this incredible new space. We can't wait to enjoy our new play space!

### Helping our neighbourhood

Thank you for your generous donations to our 'Wollongong Homeless Hub, Wrap Up' appeal last Wednesday. Our students actively participated in this initiative with the help of their very generous families. We had a huge number of donations that arrived just in time for winter. These will now go to the Wollongong Homeless Hub, to provide warmth for many families in need. It is wonderful that our students are able to be involved in initiatives that they can connect to and understand, assisting in developing an awareness of how they can contribute to their community.

### Reporting

Our teachers have been busy generating the half yearly reports which reflect the progress of each of our students for this past semester. These reports will be sent home to you via email this year at the conclusion of the term. A paper version can be requested, should you prefer to have this version. We look forward to sharing these with you shortly. There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher, early in Term III, to share the learning so far and plan for the next semester.

### More News on OLLE

[Parents' Lounge](#)

[Junior School Awards](#)

## Important Notice

### Before and After School arrangements

Please note that students who arrive before 8.00am MUST either be accompanied by an adult, or attend our Before and After School Care service PEAK. No student can be left unattended in the playground. Supervision in the playground takes place from 8.00am, where a staff member will be present. If students arrive before this time, they will be required to attend PEAK where they will be provided with a warm space, breakfast and a place to play, all under the supervision of the PEAK staff. Please also note that the enrolment of your child is required and there is a cost associated with this service.

### After School arrangements

All Junior School students being collected from Car Line from 3.00pm are required to sit in the supervised area and are escorted to the car by a staff member. Any students who remain at the conclusion of Car Line, 3.30pm, are required to attend PEAK for supervision.

Students who attend co-curricular activities, walk home or travel on TIGS buses must wait at the Amphitheatre from 3.00pm where they are supervised by staff. Coaches and co-curricular teachers collect students from this point. At the conclusion of the activity, students are to be collected by a parent and if not, will be required to attend PEAK.

Students catching the bus are escorted through the Senior School to the School buses. Students walking home are escorted to the Senior School Lawn, where they exit via Western Ave.

Students in Year 6 can access the School Library in the afternoon for quiet study or homework. These students meet at the Amphitheatre and are escorted to the Library at 3.15pm. They are required to sign in at the Library reception and be signed out when they are collected by parents. Please note that the Library closes at 5.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 4.00pm on Fridays.

The safety of our children is our greatest priority and we thank you for your support with this.

To book your child into TIGS Peak visit their [website](#).



*Ms Geneva Clayton*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

# A Sense of Security

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

**A sense of security and sound wellbeing gives children the confidence to experiment and explore and to try out new ideas, thus developing their competence and becoming active and involved participants in learning.**

The children in Amaroo have been exploring light, this initial provocation emerged when the children noticed sparkles on the ceiling and asked the Educators where they were coming from as they noticed a pattern reflecting on the ceiling. Each week our programme evolves as the children discover and learn something new as their interest shifts and their natural inquisitiveness leads them to explore. With their curious nature, they are always eager to learn and discover new things.

Playing with light and reflection provided the perfect opportunity for a learning experience that was enjoyed by the children and educators. Children should always be encouraged to think, explore, investigate and question the world around them. Through observation of interactions, learning experiences can be created based on each child's interests and ideas allowing the children to further enhance their interest and understanding.

Young children apply early concepts of numeracy in many of their everyday activities, Cooinda have inquired into the concept of measurement. The Early Years is an important time to not only foster pre-numeracy and critical thinking but to build positive attitude towards Mathematics. Providing children with hands on, concrete learning provides opportunities to explore ideas, make connections and build confidence.

To further develop the children's vocabulary of measurement they used the terms long, longer and shorter to describe the length of objects. During indoor play and engagement, the children were asked to roll three balls of playdough to create snakes, they were provided with googly eyes and sequins to

add their personal touch to the snakes. Using their knowledge of measurement, they were asked to place their playdough snakes in order of length. In many aspects of the children's day to day activities, they are constantly making patterns, sorting objects by shape, colour or size, categorising, sequencing and building their understanding of one-to-one correspondence. The Educators aim to build a positive attitude in our children in which they perceive themselves as competent and capable mathematicians who can not only solve problems but can also pose questions!

Alison Warren, Megan Arnet, Michelle Mele, Tessa Layton and Sarah'may Taylor



*Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith*  
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP



## Hosting International Students and Teachers

**REGISTER INTEREST: Chi Lin Buddhist Primary School**

TIGS will be welcoming students from Chi Lin Primary School, Hong Kong to our Junior School from Sunday 4 August to Saturday 17 August.

We are hoping to be able to accommodate four students (male and female) and two female teachers with families from our Junior School.

We are looking for families who would be able to offer accommodation and meals at no charge.

If you are able to assist with accommodation for any of the students or their teacher/s or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Rachel Deck at [rdeck@tigs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rdeck@tigs.nsw.edu.au) or by phoning 4220 0269.

## Library News Scholastic Book Club

The Library offers the Scholastic Book Club to all students Prep to Year 12 however ordering is not compulsory so you decide how often you would like to purchase. All purchases will be through the on-line LOOP system, there will be no cash payments so be sure to select 'Book clubs LOOP' from the drop-down menu. You can register through their website or by downloading the Book Club LOOP app. To register for LOOP please follow the instructions on the Junior School Library OLLE page. Contact Karen Bowmaker [kbowmaker@tigs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kbowmaker@tigs.nsw.edu.au) ph 4220 0275 with any inquiries.

Closing date for Term II orders is 21 June. **Please note on-line LOOP orders only, no cash.**



## Before and After School Care

### Coming Up Next Week

**Monday:** Great Pacific Garbage Patch Learning Experience

**Tuesday:** Aboriginal Craft and Games

**Wednesday:** Let's Get Planting

**Thursday:** Tennis Skills

**Friday:** Kids Choice Sport

To register or log in to make a booking click [here](#).

Bookings made within two days of a session cannot be made online and need to be requested through the Peak office open 8.00am to 5.30pm Monday - Friday.

Contact Peak on 1300 467 325 or [admin@peaksportslearning.com.au](mailto:admin@peaksportslearning.com.au)



## Alumni Stay-in-Touch Competition

Congratulations to D Cannon (Class of 2018) who was the winner of the Alumni Stay-in-Touch competition.

Thank you to everyone who reconnected with TIGS over the last three weeks and shared their stories with us.

## P&F Entertainment Book Reminder

Thank you to all who have supported the P&F Entertainment Book Fundraising Initiative.

There is no obligation to purchase a copy however, we do ask that unwanted books be returned to the Junior School Office or Senior School Student Reception, at your earliest convenience.

If you decided to purchase the digital version you will still need to return the book.



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**20 - 22 JUNE 2019**



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## Experience It!

### Student Conference 2019

Would you like to know more about engineering and what you can do as an engineer?

8.00am–4.00pm, Friday 5 July 2019

Plenary Room 102, Building 67  
University of Wollongong NSW 2522

If you like designing solutions to problems, want to contribute to society and make a difference to the world, come see what engineering is about at the Experience It! student conference.

#### What will you do?

It will be a day of fun, interactive and hands-on workshops and team-based activities, exploring the peculiar and bizarre applications of engineering!

Hear from current students and our industry representatives, learn what careers and opportunities are available to you and be inspired by their journeys and achievements.

#### Who is this for?

This conference is aimed at NSW & ACT high school girls in Years 7-10. No prior engineering, maths or physics experience is required and students will have the opportunity participate in workshops based on their areas of interest. You'll also get to work as a team in challenges to win some great prizes.

#### Parents & Teachers invited!

Come to Experience It! opening address and stay on to watch the special screening of "[Dream Big](#)" the inspiring movie on innovation and Engineering.

Following this please take part in the information panel session "*Burning Questions about Engineering you were too afraid to ask!*" What is Engineering and why your girls should consider this exciting and creative career.

#### Do you live or go to school more than 120 km from our venue?

You may be eligible for our bursary to offset the cost of travels, please apply via the registration page.

#### Accommodation

There are various apartment style hotels and motels in Wollongong and within 10 min drive from UoW

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