

TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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Junior School New Playground

Your Upcoming Event Forecast



29 July -
2 August

Junior School
Student-Led
Conferences



29 July -
9 August

Year 12 HSC and
DP Trial Exams



Monday
29 July

2020 Year
9 Parent
Information
Evening
5.30pm - 7.30pm
in the Goodhew
Research Centre
(Library)



2 - 4
August

Senior School
Snow Trip

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Welcome to Semester 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I do hope that our community was able to spend some time during the break having a rest, particularly after such a busy Term II at TIGS. During the holidays there has been much activity both on and off-campus. Our TIGS Prep has continued to operate during the break, a service much appreciated by our working families. TIGS Prep is an accredited centre which operates for 50 weeks per year with a two-week break over Christmas. Peak vacation care as well as the ASA Futsal Clinic, have been providing opportunities for our Junior School students to be occupied and happy during the holiday break.

Two co-curricular opportunities have occurred over the break for Senior School students. Twelve Year 9 and Year 10 students were accompanied by Ms Shine and Mrs Toland to Japan for an intercultural travel experience. The group travelled on the bullet train from Hiroshima to Kyoto. At Sapporo Nichidai High School, they were welcomed by the teachers, students, and host families. One of the highlights was that TIGS students were invited to join cheering the regional match of school baseball with the entire school population...1000 students plus teachers. Sapporo Nichidai High School lost the game, but it was a great experience.

Another group of Year 11 students travelled to Nganambala in the remote Northern Territory to interact with our friends in an isolated Indigenous community. This was a stunning experience with the magnificent landscape, towering waterfalls, interactions with the Nganambala children (including lots of footy and games) and the opportunity to go out in the bush for food together. Mrs Neal and Mr Edgerton accompanied our students on this memorable trip.

It is important to acknowledge TIGS staff who give up time away from their families to support activities such as these. When supervising these experiences, our staff are working hard making sure our students are engaged, happy and safe. There is very little downtime and a great deal of responsibility. I was delighted to observe the Year 11 students in Darwin making a small presentation to their teachers expressing their appreciation for the effort, support and care of both

Mr Edgerton and Mrs Neal. Our fabulous staff at TIGS don't organise and support these experiences for the recognition, but it demonstrates the quality of a TIGS graduate when they are aware and appreciative of those who seek to serve them.

The co and extracurricular activities are a central element of our TIGS experience. They allow our students to move outside of their usual lives and apply their knowledge and skills. They are a wonderful opportunity in the development of broad-minded, tolerant and engaged young people and I am always impressed when I observe our students both on these trips and also the impact of their participation in the years following. I encourage all students to consider which out-of-term activities are interesting and relevant to them, whether it be Duke of Ed hiking, international or interstate service and travel, service opportunities in the Illawarra, or sport, performance or academic competitions and events.

Thank you to our students for another great term of learning and community at TIGS, you are a daily source of joy. Thank you to our staff for their never-ending effort and concern for the young people in their care, you are very appreciated and the most precious resource that our School has. Thank you also to our parents and guardians who entrust your children to our school each day. I hope each of you had a time of refreshment and rest over the break and I look forward to seeing you during another busy Term.



Mrs Judi Nealy

PRINCIPAL

Diploma Programme in 2020

At this time of the School year, work is well underway in constructing Year 11 and Year 12 timetable and subject lines for 2020. Students in Year 10 have selected their study pathway and courses for their final years of schooling. The subjects that run in any given year are dependent on student interest and unfortunately, there was insufficient demand from the Year 10 cohort to run the Diploma Programme in 2020 for Year 11. The programme will be re-offered in 2021.

The Council and School remain committed to being an IB School. We see the advantage that all three programmes offer our students. It is our intention to continue to deliver the PYP and MYP and to offer the DP as an alternate pathway to the HSC.

The preferences of our students are the key drivers of subject offerings in Year 11 and Year 12. I am encouraged that parents in the younger grades are very interested in the DP and hopeful that this will translate into a growing cohort for this programme.

Head of Senior School Announcement

I am delighted to announce to our School community the appointment of our next Head of Senior School. Mr Nick Hackett has experience as both a Deputy and Assistant Principal at two high performing regional Senior Schools in the UK and brings both leadership and professional expertise to the role as well as a close alignment with the School's broader Christian values.

Mr Hackett's teaching expertise is Science with Chemistry and Physics as his speciality subjects. He is a skilled teacher with a demonstrated ability to cater for the learning needs of his students and assist them in achieving excellent results. Mr Hackett has extensive expertise in leading learning and teaching strategy, student wellbeing, school improvement, positive culture change, curriculum reform, innovative pedagogy, the professional development of teachers and the operational day-to-day activities of a large Senior School.

Mr Hackett is very excited to be commencing in the role at the start of Term IV and will be a wonderful addition to our team. I know that our entire community will join me in welcoming Mr Hackett to TIGS.

Term III Commences

FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

This term is the final one for Year 12 students with both Higher School Certificate (HSC) and International Baccalaureate Diploma examinations early in Term IV. Hopefully, Senior School students have used their time well over the winter break preparing for the Trial examinations, which will commence in Week 2 of this term.

Two groups of students returned from cultural experiences during the break. One group of Year 9 and Year 10 language students returned from a tour of Japan, while Year 11 students completed the annual trip to the Nganambala community, in the Northern Territory.

The following is a summary of the key events in the Senior School that you may need to consider in your planning this term. Please check the calendar for all events this term.

Event	Week	Date	Who to attend
Year 9 2020, Parent Information Evening	2	5.30pm - 7.00pm Monday 29 July	Year 8 parents and students
Year 12 HSC and DP Trial Examinations	2 - 3	29 July – 9 August	Year 12 students
Year 12 Camp	4	12 – 14 August	Year 12 students
MYP Personal Project Exhibition		6.30pm – 8.30pm Wednesday 14 August	Year 10 parents and students
HICES Music Festival	5	19-21 August	Music Students
'The Works' and DP Exhibition		6.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday 22 August	Year 12 parents, friends and students
Pupil Free Day/ Professional Learning	6	Monday 26 August	All TIGS staff
Year 11 Examinations	7 - 8	2 – 13 September	Year 11 students
Great Race (Jamberoo)	10	Thursday 26 September	All Students
Year 12 Graduation and Formal		Friday 27 September	Year 12 students and parents



Mr Greg Lanyon

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

60
YEARS
of Excellence

TIGS
The Illawarra Grammar School

Thursday 22 August 2019
6.30pm - 8.30pm
The Illawarra Grammar School - IGC

**'THE WORKS'
EXHIBITION**

An inspiring display of TIGS Year 12 major projects and performances

In the words of Dr Seuss.....

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



We began Term III with a bang! Our children and staff returned to our Junior School this week full of smiles, refreshed faces and exciting adventures to share. It was so lovely to hear the many holiday stories from our children, but even more heart-warming to hear how excited they were to return to school. This is a testament to our incredible staff, who also enjoyed the break, but equally looked forward to the return of their students and a fabulous term of learning ahead.

The many initiatives that will take place this term will be outlined in the newsletter and through your child's OLLE page. On most occasions, you will be provided with a prompt via an email to you, encouraging you to take a look. Please check OLLE for regular updates from your child's classroom teacher. We are excited to share our plans with you and welcome your interest and feedback.

Student-Led Conferences

We trust that you've had an opportunity to read through your child's report and viewed their work samples on OLLE. Next week our Student-Led Conferences are scheduled to take place. This format replaces the traditional 'Parent-Teacher Interviews', encouraging a more inclusive opportunity for students to reflect on their learning and progress, and to consider the next steps for them. Our Student-Led Conferences, are designed to build confidence and student agency. Agency is the power to take meaningful and intentional action in learning, and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the individual, supporting voice, choice and ownership for everyone in the learning community.

Our Student-Led Conferences are 20 minutes in duration. During the first 10 minutes, your child will explain his or her learning to you. This is your child's time to lead the discussion. This is followed by

10 minutes with your child, yourself and the teacher discussing future personal goals. This should be a positive, uplifting experience for your child and insightful for you. Should there be content or sensitive details that yourself or your child's teacher may wish to discuss, separate meeting time will be arranged with you. Please also note that specialist teachers are also available should you wish to discuss your child's progress in these areas.

We Love Our Playground

After a much-anticipated wait, our new play equipment is being enjoyed by all. We encourage you to come by and take a look. We are so fortunate to have this new space, where the natural materials and design encourage our children to explore possibilities and develop their creativity and relationships through play.



MS Readathon

This week, TIGS hosted the Wollongong launch of the 2019 MS Readathon. Stage 3 students attended the launch in the Library which featured local children's author Allison Tait, MS Ambassador Stephen Papadopoulos and National MS Readathon Coordinator Kristen Savva. Stephen shared an inspiring personal story about living with MS and Allison spoke about story writing, inspiration for characters and even gave the students some tips for creative writing in NAPLAN! The event was covered by ABC radio, WIN News and The Illawarra Mercury and I was delighted to receive their feedback about the impeccable behaviour of our students – well done!

The MS Readathon runs throughout the month of August and children are asked to read whatever they like and as much as they can in that time. Children register individually and ask for sponsorship from family, friends and community members. Funds raised go towards helping families living with MS to attend special camps so quality time can be spent together.

We encourage you to assist your child in taking part in the [MS Readathon](#) to support this worthy cause while creating a love of reading. Please visit the new MS Readathon [website](#) for more information and to register. Don't forget to fill out the 'Join our School' section and search for 'The Illawarra Grammar School' to be included under our School's fundraising tally.

More News on OLLE

[Parents' Lounge](#)

[Junior School Awards](#)

Please note - Junior School Awards will be presented from Week 3

Premier's Reading Challenge

Don't forget to upload your books to your student reading record by the 30th August. Please contact Mrs Bowmaker in the Library for any assistance.

You have BRAINS in your HEAD.
You have FEET in your SHOES.
You can STEER yourself in
any DIRECTION you CHOOSE.
-Dr. Seuss

May the term ahead be full of adventure, new challenges, learning and personal growth and accomplishments....



Ms Geneva Clayton

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Fundraising for Brain Cancer



Next Thursday, August 1 there will be a fundraiser held in the Junior School to support 'Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer'.

Year 3 student Ava Bentley is leading the initiative and will be donating her long hair to be made into a wig for a cancer patient. Junior School students are encouraged to support the lunch time fundraising stall on the day. Items for sale range between 50c and \$3.00

"I never got to meet my grandfather as he passed away to brain cancer when I was growing in my mums belly in 2010. When I was 6 years old, I realised I could grow my hair and donate it to be made into a wig for a cancer patients who have lost their hair during treatment. So for the last two and a half years I have been growing my hair. It can be very difficult and painful to get the knots out at times but I know this is worth it and is nothing compared to what these patients have to go through.

On Thursday 1 August, my hair will be cut off at the Junior School Assembly. It is finally ready to be made into a wig!!! I'm so excited!!! On this day I will be hosting a stall of treats at lunchtime outside the Junior school Office. There will be cupcakes (some gluten free), lamingtons, meringue pops, lolly bags and a jelly bean guessing competition. All items are donated so 100% of the money will go to [Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer](#). I would also really appreciate any donations for this cause, whatever you can afford."

Ava Bentley, Year 3



Bridging Minds

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

Welcome to Term III. A term that promises to be a busy, productive and exciting time for learning for all the children.

The educators have planned experiences relating to provocations, which have been sparked by the children's interests.

Looking through the lens of connection and form, the Prep children are busily inquiring into 'There are many ways we can express ourselves'. The Pre-Prep children will be engaging in an inquiry 'Where we are in place and time.'

These Units are closely aligned with Identity, Community and Communication from our Early Years Learning Framework. Both curriculums are entwined and support play-based inquiry as a context for learning through which children organise and make sense of their social worlds.

During these Units of Inquiry, each class will have the opportunity to follow their interests and seek answers to questions posed within the lines of our inquiry, which lay the foundation for learning in later years. Each terms' provocations challenge the children to engage thoughtfully and to represent their creative responses in a wide variety of ways. In addition, their social interactions with their peers and with their educators lead them to understand both about others and themselves. Provocations also dovetail perfectly with the Reggio

Emilia philosophy of education, which encourages children to explore a hundred ways of listening, thinking and playing. Educators initiate discussions and opportunities for learning, as well as seeking spontaneous teachable moments, which encourages children to learn experientially.

We feel very blessed to be a part of this exciting learning journey with you and your children. What a privilege it is for our educators to spend time "bridging minds" alongside the children.



Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

