

# TIGS News

Your essential weekly guide

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## Your Upcoming Event Forecast



Sunday 1  
September  
Father's Day



Monday 2  
September  
Year 11 Exams  
Commence



Monday 2  
September  
HSC Music 1  
Concert  
6.00pm in the Recital  
Room



Wednesday 4  
September  
P&F Meeting  
6.00pm in the  
Goodhew Research  
Centre (Library)  
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2-6  
September  
HICES Gifted and  
Talented Camp  
Elanora Conference  
Centre

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# New Student Leaders

## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### New Student Leaders

The 2020 Student Leaders were announced at the Senior School Assembly on Tuesday this week. Students interested in undertaking leadership positions were invited to submit applications last term and for many of the positions, students faced panel interviews so that they were able to explain their interest in and aptitude for the position. The following students are those selected in each of the leadership roles for 2019-20. As a school, we congratulate and celebrate their achievements and contribution and look forward to the positive influence they will have on the school community in their year in office.

### School Captains

Tamika Mansell and Samuel Aubin

### School Vice-Captains

Cartia Taranto and Sebastiano Di Noro

### Chapel Prefects

Jayden Grieve and Micah Sullivan

### House Leadership Teams

#### Aranda

**House Captains:** Alicia Burazin and Luca Gibbs

**House Vice-Captain:** Macy Carroll

**House Prefects:** Tahlia Collinge and Maya Middleton

#### Coligan

**House Captains:** Alexandra Nicholl and Jermaine Issa

**House Vice-Captains:** Aakanksha Jayswal and Riley Nicholl

#### Kogara

**House Captains:** Zara Eggers and Isaiah Kennedy

**House Vice-Captain:** Elizabeth Westwood

#### Wolgal

**House Captains:** Madison Rice and Luke Wilson

**House Vice-Captains:** Aakriti Saroha and Kai Goodacre

**House Prefects:** Sia Gupta, Joseph Druett and Connor Harvey

**Careers Prefect:** Sarah Tubman

**Community Service Prefect:** Madison Ristevski

**English Prefects:** Aiden McGoldrick and Zaynab Panju

**Environment Prefect:** Aaron Avenido

**HSIE Prefect:** Sophia Santos and Daniel Phillips

**Language Prefects:** Julian McDonald, Shuohan Yang and Yuru Zhang

**Mathematics Prefect:** Ziyang Huang

**Outdoor Education Prefects:** Zoe Dribbus and Robert McGrath

**Performing Arts Prefects:** Lachlan Mills, Wendy Qi and Amy Regan

**Photography Prefect:** Maxwell Okely

**Science Prefect:** Dylan Koster

**Sport Prefects:** Rory Hanrahan, Bailey Morphett and Jett Norris

**Technology Prefects:** Hunter Danckwardt-Bruce, Mark McAlary and Jye Tory

**Visual Arts Prefects:** Ella de Graaf-Clark, Honey Field, Archie Long and Ruohan Zhao

**Wellbeing Prefects:** Morgan Connor, Rachel George and Toria Tsakiridis

These students will be inducted as School Leaders on Wednesday 16 October (Term IV Week 1) at the annual Leadership Induction Service. Parents, siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend this event to help celebrate their achievements.



Image from left to right:

School Captains Tamika Mansell and Samuel Aubin  
School Vice-Captains Sebastiano Di Noro and Cartia Taranto

## Sports News

### SSA Snowsports

Congratulations to Fergus Dutch, Tom Armstrong, Ashley Armstrong, Rory Hanrahan and Matthew Fargher who competed in the State Snowsport Championships at Perisher.

Fergus Dutch placed 16th in the Division 4 Snowboard. Ashley Armstrong finished 14th in the Alpine, qualifying for Nationals. This was an excellent result for her in a hot field. In blizzard conditions Tom finished seventh in Alpine and fourth in Skier Cross. The Skier Cross was especially close with less than 0.8sec covering the top 5. Matthew Fargher and Rory Hanrahan finished fifth in the Snowboard Slopestyle and 18th in the Snowboard Cross.

Congratulations to Ashley, Tom, Matthew and Rory for qualifying to compete at the Australian Interschools Snowsports next week. We would like to wish them well as they compete again at Perisher from 4 September.



### South Coast Regional Netball Championships

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Girls, Year 7/8 Boys and Year 9/10 Boys teams who progressed to the South Coast Regional Netball Championships at Nowra.

#### Year 7/8 Girls Team:

Sophie Davis  
Annemieke Jones  
Abigail Jorgensen  
Madeleine McNeill  
Taylor Merritt  
Molly Mills  
Grace Schofield  
Eloise Stanford  
Jamaya Wayne  
Loren Yusuf

#### Year 7/8 Boys Team:

Oliver Alexander  
Connor Burrows  
Hamish Chaffer  
Oisin Garrett  
William Hardie  
Sean Hector  
Jacobus Newhouse  
Flynn Sullivan

#### Year 9/10 Boys Team:

Taylan Arapali  
Sebastien Azar  
Lachlan Boardman  
Isaac Cadden  
William Carroll  
Edan Fedder  
Benjamin Jones

Our Year 7/8 Girls team finished third across the day, just missing out on the grand final and our Year 7/8 Boys finished in first place. The team will now progress to the State Finals in Homebush on Wednesday 25 September.

### National Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to James Seal and Noah Towill who competed at the National Cross Country Championship at Kembla Jogggers over the weekend. James finished 32nd in U/18s, and it is important to note there were seven New Zealand runners included in this number, so 25th in Australia in the 16/17 years.

As a result of his run, James placed fifth in NSW and was selected as one of the fastest five runners from NSW for the relay event. The team came third for NSW. This is an amazing accomplishment.

Noah finished 45th in the combined 12-14 Age group and finished in the Top 10 in 12 Year boys in the High School division. Well done to Noah.

## Academic News

### South Coast Public Speaking Competition

Last week a group of students in the Senior School competed in the South Coast Public Speaking Competition held at Holy Spirit College. Tania Kalsi (Year 7), Nicholas Chiaverini (Year 9) and Alexandra Wall (Year 9) competed against students from schools across the Illawarra. There were 160 students that competed and both Nicholas Chiaverini and Tania Kalsi spoke without aids and received third place in their age group. This is a wonderful achievement and the School would like to congratulate Tania, Nicholas and Alexandra.



Year 7/8 Boys Team



*Mr Greg Lanyon*  
HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

# We love to learn and we know how....

## FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Stage 1 have had an incredibly rich programme of learning this term. Students in Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy building on the wonderful foundations of the first part of the year and further developing these skills and understandings this term. It is exciting to see the progress of our students, who are developing the skills to be active in their learning, and who are beginning to recognise useful strategies to employ to assist their learning and focus. As a stage, students meet together daily when the bell rings to greet each other, share daily messages, present awards, sing happy birthday and generally celebrate our learning journey together.

We have just about completed our fourth Primary Years Programme (PYP) Unit of Inquiry for this year and share with you some key features.

### **Unit of Inquiry 4:** **How we organise ourselves**

**Central Idea:** Communities have organisations to help people care for places and each other.

Young or old, we all have a part to play to help and care for those in our community.

Effective communication is a skill we learnt so, if needed, we could make an emergency 000 phone call.

All communities have different needs and many kinds of organisations help meet these needs.

Rescue organisations play a major role in our community and we explored several of these including an excursion to the Fire and Rescue Service.

1 Bible verse we learnt is Acts 20:35 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

### **Unit of Inquiry 4:** **Sharing the planet**

**Central Idea:** People, plants and animals live and interact in different places.

Young trees need to be planted because trees give us oxygen and are part of the food chain so that all living things can survive.

Environments are unique with unique features. We explored the artic, rainforest, desert and ocean habitats.

Animals have adaptations to suit their environment and protect them from predators.

Responsible people take action to care for Earth. We learnt that we can do this through caring for both the animals and the plants.

2 excursions: one to Calmsley Hill Farm and one with Ms Golden to plant trees on National Tree Planting Day.



## NSW HICES Debating Grand Final – Here we come!

It is with great pride and excitement that our Junior TIGS B team, consisting of Sophia Windsor, Ashley Brewer, Samuel Lowe, William Mackay, Jacob Murrie and Lachlan Kiang, progress to the NSW HICES Debating Grand Final on 6 September at the University of Technology Sydney.

Many diverse and complex topics have been contended since the very first preliminary debates commenced on 26 February. These early debates were 'prepared' debates and teams were given a couple of weeks to research and develop robust arguments. However, progression into the finals series involves debating issues after only one-hour preparation which requires advanced problem-solving and thinking skills to execute a solid response in such a short period of time. Some early topics included:

1. That we should implement a quota for Indigenous athletes in the Olympics.
2. That we should be more truthful about a child's abilities.
3. That the international symbol of disability should be changed.
4. That advertising explicitly aimed at children should be banned.

This week's semi-final debate against the Hills Grammar School proved both challenging and rewarding. The topic, 'That video gaming should be an Olympic sport', raised interesting points from both sides but as the negative, the overriding concept that video gaming does not constitute as a sport in line with other Olympic sports won the day. Special mention must be given to the outstanding rebuttals and summation delivered by Sophia Windsor as third negative speaker.

To have progressed to the Grand Final, after so many debates, against so many other independent schools across NSW is a truly amazing achievement and we sincerely wish the team all the very best as they compete in the Grand Final next week. Please make sure you congratulate each student when you see them!

## Music News

From 18-21 August, 10 TIGS students from the Senior School and two students from the Junior School attended the HICES Music Festival. Students from over 30 HICES schools all over NSW participated in the festival, giving our students the opportunity to connect with like-minded people their own age and to perform to a high musical standard in larger sized ensembles than are possible at individual schools. Students rehearsed intensively in their ensembles at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops, working with specialist conductors and tutors to bring out the best in the students' ensemble playing capabilities. The festival culminated in a performance at the fabulous Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday night. Students attending the Jazz Academy performed at jazz venue Foundry 616, bringing a more intimate element to their concert.

Students involved were:  
Katherine Binks, Rhiannon Evans: Concert Band  
Charlotte Wall: Symphonic Winds  
Chloe Jackson, Tania Kalsi: String Ensemble  
Femke Duursma, Thomas Kirby, Emily Sutherland: String Orchestra  
Lillian Glover, Marley Stephenson: Vocal Ensemble  
Lachlan Mills, Jayden Grieve: Jazz Academy

Congratulations to these students on a very busy few days, and a fantastic performance and to our amazing Mrs Hollander, Junior School Music Teacher.

## Student Achievement

Congratulations to Leo Kasli, the recipient of a Gold award for his WriteOn 2019 submission. Leo was presented with his award at the State Library of NSW on Friday 23 August. Only 17 students across NSW received this award from over 400 stories that entered. This is a significant achievement for Leo, his teachers and our School. This week Leo's achievement was further acknowledged at the Junior School assembly.

You can read Leo's incredible submission [HERE](#).



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019. You will receive your PRC certificate at the end of Term IV.

Participants still have until 30 August to upload their student Reading Record. Don't forget to keep a record of everything you read from September 2019 as these titles can be uploaded for the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge when it opens to schools in March.



## Father's Day Celebrations

Happy Father's Day to all of our dads and carers!

We hope that you enjoy your gifts from the Father's Day Stall. A highlight at this time of the year is the annual Father's Day breakfast, where fathers and their children enjoy this time together. Thank you for your attendance and support of these events. A big thank you to our volunteers and Junior School Administration team for their incredible coordination of these events.



## More News on OLLE

[Parents' Lounge](#)

[Junior School Awards](#)

## TIGS Peak Coming Up Next Week

Monday: Mindful Monday

Tuesday: Eat a Rainbow

Wednesday: Aboriginal Indigenous Art

Thursday: Are You OK Day

Friday: Art Attack Afternoon and Kids Choice Sport

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

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

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



*Ms Geneva Clayton*

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



# Transition to Kindergarten

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP

The educators at TIGS Prep are very proud of our Prep children as they start a new journey with their parents attending interviews for Kindergarten 2020, with our Head of Junior School, Ms. Geneva Clayton. We know from experience that a significant factor for children to be successful in their schooling requires a strong partnership between children, their families and the teachers. This partnership ensures that each child has a productive, positive and fun start to their schooling.

The children have been talking to the educators about how excited they are going over to the Junior School. For all children, there will be the discovery of new experiences, new friends, new feelings and new independence. To facilitate this transition to Kindergarten there have been some slight changes to normal routine, however the children are very excited to visit the Kindergarten classrooms.

Children's individual needs must be considered during any transition and require careful planning from the educators to ensure all the children's needs are appropriately met.

Many of our parents are celebrating their child's developing independence and autonomy. Thank you for the way you have encouraged the children to be confident, independent and resilient individuals. Children feel secure when they know what to expect, so use the year before school to gently introduce the concept of school and build familiarity with the environment, behaviours and routines they'll encounter.

Below are some recommendations to prepare your child for what will be one of the most important transition stages of their life.

- Talk to your child about looking forward to school by highlighting the positive aspects of their new experience.
- Encourage them to take care of and be responsible for their own belongings. At first, children need lots of time to learn to do these things independently; please allow them extra time in the short term as it will be paid back to you in the long term.

- Give your child plenty of opportunities to practise independently putting on and taking off their socks and shoes, tying up shoelaces, doing up buttons and zippers, and pulling up their pants.
- Ask your child what they think about going to school and encourage their questions.
- Talk about how they'll get to and from school.
- Let them dress up in their school uniform.
- Read books about starting school.
- Arrange some playdates with other children who'll be attending the same school.
- Practice the morning routine of getting ready and packing lunch.
- Opening and closing their school bag.
- Recognising their own school bag.
- Recognising their own name.

TIGS Prep Orientation programme prepares the Prep children for their first formal year of school and supports the children through participating in a program where they can play, investigate, communicate and develop all the skills necessary to make a successful transition to Kindergarten.

The transition includes visiting the Kindergarten classrooms, working with the Kindergarten teachers in the classrooms for three sessions. Parents are invited to participate in School Readiness and Orientation sessions which the school offers. Any events regarding school orientation will be posted to the parents via our Kinderloop online communication. This gives parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and other families, and to find out what is planned for the year. Don't forget as part of their routine developmental checks to have your child's eyesight and hearing tested prior to school.



*Mrs Taesha Duley-Smith*  
DIRECTOR OF TIGS PREP



## TIGSFUNDATION

### TIGS FOUNDATION

#### End of Financial Year Appeal

Our End of Financial Year Appeal was very successful, and we would like to say thank you to the families who contributed a tax-deductible donation. If you did not get a chance, you can still donate at any time. In fact, we take donations every day of the year! All Foundation funds raised are used towards Capital Projects for our children's future and towards the Rev. Richard Bosanquet Scholarship. This scholarship provides a life-changing pathway for a local child that would not otherwise be in a position to experience the opportunity of an educational platform that can change their personal circumstances, with previous recipients including Indigenous and refugee families. TIGS Foundation will begin a new Scholarship recipient in 2020 as we bid farewell to our current recipient of six years who is graduating Year 12 and has achieved amazing outcomes both personally and academically. Contributing support from our school families makes this an achievable and rewarding accomplishment, as well as a united effort.

This year's End of Financial Year Appeal saw the convenient introduction of easy and instant payments using PAYPAL. Many people have this app on their smartphone.

TIGS Foundation offers three options of donation payment:

**Credit Card** on [OLLE](#)

#### Direct deposit

Name: TIGS Foundation  
BSB: 032695  
ACC: 134983  
Ref: your name

#### PayPal



#### TIGS Foundation Board Member spotlight

We want you to know us better!



**NAME:** Barry Hashemi

#### RELATIONSHIP TO THE SCHOOL:

Parent of a student in Year 1 and Year 3 and current Treasurer of TIGS Foundation

#### FUN FACT:

Coach of the Junior School Volleyball team

#### FAVOURITE PLACE YOU HAVE VISITED:

Hamilton Island in Queensland

#### FAVOURITE TEACHER FROM WHEN YOU WERE AT SCHOOL AND WHY:

My high school Mathematics teacher. He made Mathematics so easy and enjoyable to learn.

#### WHEN DID YOU BECOME A PART OF TIGS COMMUNITY?

Since the beginning of 2018.

#### WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?

I am a community pharmacist, a university lecturer and NSW Pharmacy Board Examiner.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR PROFESSION?

I enjoy helping people, and as a pharmacist we get the opportunity to help people all day long which makes my job extremely rewarding.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

Mathematics.

#### WHAT IS THE ONE THING, YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

My family.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?

'Good Will Hunting'.

#### What's next for TIGS Foundation

At our Board meeting on 6 August 2019, ideas of how TIGS Foundation can further interact with the Junior and Senior Schools were discussed. A few great ideas were raised so watch this space for future events where you can get involved.

Representatives from TIGS Foundation will attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 27 September whereby the Foundation sponsors 10 awards for outstanding students. We are looking forward to presenting these awards and to farewelling our Year 12 students and wishing them well in their future endeavours.

#### P&F Meeting

Come along to our next P&F meeting and be a part of this dynamic group. It would be wonderful to see you there as we discuss all things school-related.

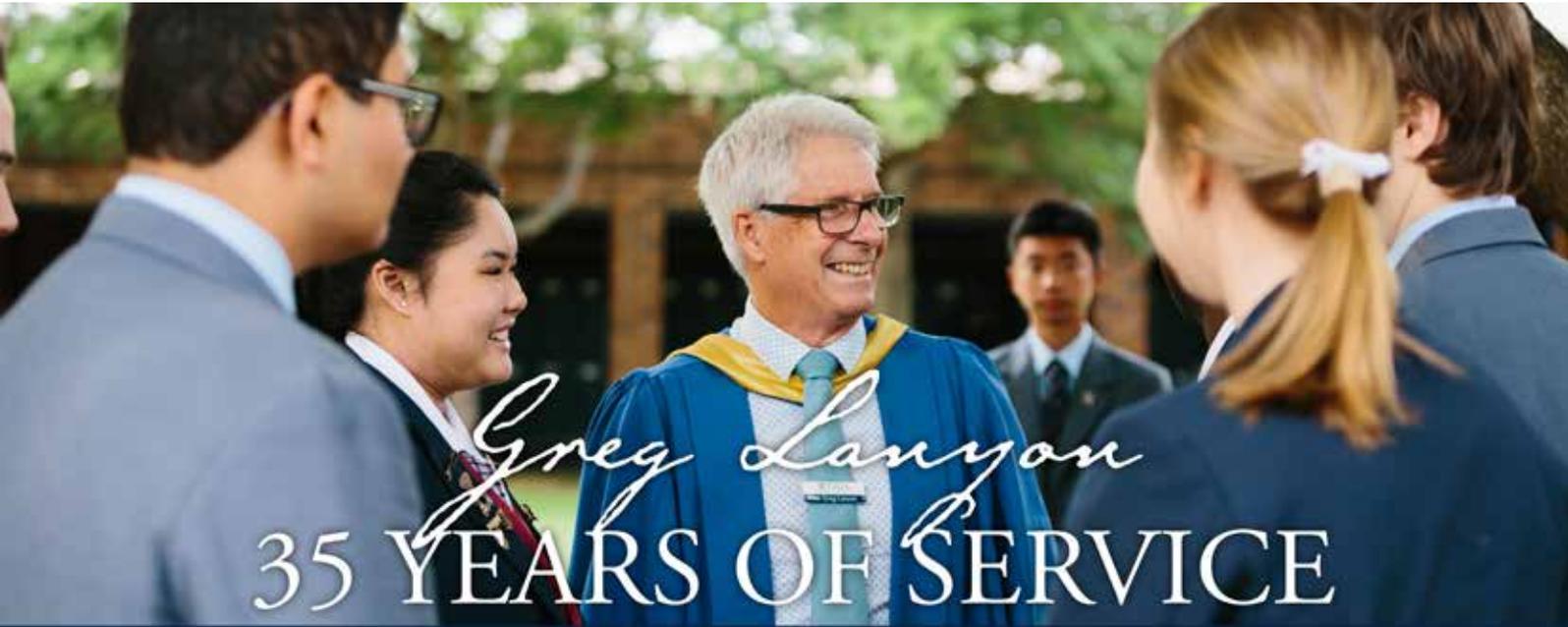
Everyone is welcome!

**Date:** Wednesday 4 September

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Location:** The Goodhew Research Centre (Library)

**RSVP:** Monday 2 September  
Please email [pandf@tigs.com.au](mailto:pandf@tigs.com.au)



*Greg Lanyon*  
35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr Greg Lanyon has announced his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service at TIGS.  
Please join us to celebrate his wonderful contribution to our school.

Thursday 19 September 2019

[RSVP HERE](#)



*Diamond Jubilee Soirée*  
SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

[RSVP HERE](#)