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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2013

Thu 14	9.30am - 10.30am: Pre-school (2014) Enrolments Play Day Kinder (2014) Orientation Morning
	Year 10 Examinations - conclude
Fri 15	Years 5 to 9 Yearly Examinations - commence
	Year 10 End of Year Programme - commences
Sun 17	Newcastle Cathedral Community Lunch (HHH)
Mon 18	Junior School Sports Presentation (SWPC)

OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

8.00am - 10.30am and 3.30pm - 5.00pm



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During assembly on 29 November, I had the pleasure of presenting music leadership badges to Alena Harvey, Benjamin Stuart, Elise Newling, Laura Dowling and Sarah Brown. I look forward to their leadership of their ensembles and maintaining the fine music tradition of our School.



This week, the School needed to contact a parent urgently and found that the telephone numbers on our system were incorrect. If you have changed your mobile telephone number or any other contact details, I ask that you please inform the School as a matter of urgency. If you have changed your details, please email Mrs Helen Burke on burh@ngs.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to William Carraro (Y5) and Keegan Harvey (Y6) on being awarded a High Distinction in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

After our final assessments and examinations, there are a large number of end of year celebrations planned and I ask that those pertinent to you and your children are marked in your diary. I would like to remind everyone that the Carol Service is on Saturday, 30 November at 6.00pm and this is a compulsory activity for students. This will be followed by Speech Day on Wednesday, 4 December and our Guest of Honour will be Professor Caroline McMillen who is Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Newcastle.

Mr A Green
Headmaster

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received or are eligible to receive a Headmaster's Award:

Headmaster's Award for Merit

- Molly Broad
- Louis Corbett
- Sophie Liston
- Nicholas White
- Mitchell Wang

Headmaster's Award for Academic

- Charlotte Parsons
- Kate Hackett
- Ryan Philpotts

To be eligible for a Headmaster's Award, students must first receive nine awards.

Mr A Green
Headmaster

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 10 Dinner

The Year 10 Dinner is an informal opportunity for our Year 10 students to share a wonderful evening of dancing, fine food and good company. If you have not already sent in an RSVP for this event (and the Year 10 Parents' Dinner on the same evening) could we please ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Where: Isabella's (University Club) at the University of Newcastle.

When: Thursday, 28 November 2013

Time: Arrive at 7.15pm and may be collected no later than 10.30pm.

Cost: The cost of the buffet dinner is \$65.00 per person, and includes soft drinks.

Dress: Smart, casual wear (no jeans, T-shirts etc)

We look forward to spending this evening together, as we celebrate the close of another busy and enjoyable year.

Year 10 End of Year Programme (EOYP)

The Year 10 EOYP begins on Monday, 18 November and runs for two weeks.

A number of activities occur off-site and require parental permission if students are to attend. Could we please request that permission notes be returned as soon as possible, so that the final planning can occur.

Activities for Week 7

Monday: "Who Are We?"; Mindfulness; All My Own Work; "On the Street"; "Tagged"

Tuesday: "Like a Freak" – Mark Dobson

Wednesday: First Aid Course

Thursday: First Aid Course

Friday: Pupil Free Day

We hope that the students are looking forward to two week of fun, informative and challenging activities.

Year 11 Seminar Programme

The Seminar Programme has been put in place to support and guide our students as they move into their HSC year. So far they have covered the following topics:

Week 2: "Preparing for the marathon" (Headmaster) Team Work makes the Dream Work (Senior House Patron)

Week 5: Alternative Schoolies and Gap Year Programmes (Rustic Pathways)

The final two sessions in the programme will occur in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4:

Week 7: Study Skills for the HSC (Prue Salter form E.L.E.S.)

Week 8: "Can you write for three hours?" (A Session with the School's Occupational Therapist.)

Ms L Walker
Senior House Patron

HOUSE PATRON

Tyrrell

Tyrrell House Day was held on Thursday, 7 November, and on that day we had a "Nautical" theme, in keeping with our focus on seafarers and waterways. There were lots of cakes, lolly bags and fairy floss on sale at recess, followed by fish & chips, and more cakes, lolly bags and fairy floss for lunch. A well-organised game of Capture the Flag was played in an inter-House competition along with music on the Courts at lunch time, creating a carnival atmosphere for the day. Students and staff used a lot of creative imagination and came dressed in an array of nautical themes, both real and fictional characters could be seen in the classrooms and corridors.

A wonderful day was had by all. Over **\$2300** was raised on the day, and the profits will go towards the work of The Mission to Seafarers in the Port of Newcastle.

Thank you to the many students, staff and parents who generously supported Tyrrell House Day 2013.



Mrs Robertson and Miss Mackay
Tyrrell House Patrons

Hunter

Hunter House would like to congratulate the following students as recipients of Senior School Music leadership positions for 2014.

- Benjamin Stuart – Chamber Choir Leader
- Laura Dowling - Symphony Orchestra Leader
- Sarah Brown –Symphony Orchestra Leader
- Alena Harvey – Brass Razoo Leader

Mr P Lumley
Hunter House Patron



YEAR 9 CAMP

Year 9 had their last camp meeting last Friday at lunch to clarify any issues. There I handed out a note and a checklist on what to pack in their luggage. As well as some extra items that will make your child's experience just that little bit more comfortable whilst away. If you need a copy of this note and the gear list, please send your child to me in the TAS staff room. Just a reminder that if your child is in the Advanced Mixed Group with Miss Byrnes they need to be prepared to trek on the first day. Year 9 are to bring lunch for the first day, all other meals are supplied. If you have any questions feel free to email me blaa@ngs.nsw.edu.au.

Mr A Blackwell
MIC Year 9 Camp

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Due to the Middle School Empowerment Programme being held on the same day, please be aware that our **Co-curricular Assembly** has been moved from 1.00pm to 9.00am on Tuesday, 26 November. Please make note of this time change in your Programme Books and calendars to avoid confusion.

We would like to congratulate William Carraro of Year 5 and Keegan Harvey of Year 6 on receiving High Distinctions for their efforts in the **Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition**. This is a fantastic achievement.

Distinctions were awarded to the following Year 5 students: Nicholas White, James Kosy, Nicholas Young, Madison Campbell, Alexander Rose, Tors Webster, Jackson Boden, James Ireland, Maria Petrelis, Isaac Duncan-Daley, Hamish Bell, Oscar Jeffery, Jadon Routley, Natalie Beesley, Imogen Wood, Thomas Conlon, Sophie Liston, Mia Bullock, Laura Carson.

Year 6 Distinctions went to: Connor Henderson, Lachlan Harbury, Lukas Lechner-Scott, Abbey Cameron, Sophia Drinkwater, Lachlan Keane, Jack Thomas, Nicholas McGrath, Aoife Harrigan, Owen Hunt, Felix Prince, Molly Hersee, Gabriella King, Cody Peluso.

Merits for Year 5 were awarded to: Jayden Bisson, Veronica Van Gemert, Nickson Raftos, Michael Papadopoulos, Mitchell Wang, Sophie Ainsworth, Gina Petrelis, Jack Sherman, Jeremy Groh, Tia de Silva, Sofie Dennis.

Merits for Year 6 were awarded to: Alexander Ireland, James Lilleyman, Georgia Scott, Chloe Banks, Anna Verheul, Connor Hudson, Emily Prickett, Abby Morrin, Montana Smith, Elizabeth Bruce-Scott, Oliver Wentworth, Lachlan Gowdy, Jessica Barnett and Kishok Pradeepan.

The Year 8 Dinner takes place on Friday evening, 22 November. If you haven't already, please return notes as a matter of urgency.

I'd like to wish all students in the Middle School the best of luck with the Yearly Examinations, beginning Friday, 15 November. Important information is sometimes disseminated to students during their 'study periods' (as marked on the examination timetable for Years 7 and 8) so it is important that all students are present at School for the whole day during examinations.

Mrs C Rowntree
Head of Middle School

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Chess

Congratulations to the Rookies and Knights teams

On Wednesday, 6 November the two Rookies Chess teams from Park Campus, and the Knights Chess team from Middle School participated in the Finals Day for the Hunter Region. Each team played six games. The Rookies team of Jett Robinson, Lachlan Carey Carter Everett, and Leo Hasdarngkul achieved a total of 19 points which placed them first in the Hunter. The other Rookies team of Matthew Macdougall, Egan Griffiths, Adam Frendo and Jack Humphreys achieved a total of 12 points which put them in 7th place. The Year 5 team of Tors Webster, Isaac Duncan-Daly, Jackson Boden and Jadon Routley achieved 12.5 points which placed them equal 3rd place in the Knights Division.

Individual results were as follows: Jett Robinson (Year 4) 6; Lachlan Carey (Year 4) 4.5; Carter Everett (Year 4) 4.5; Leo Hasdarngkul (Year 4) 4; Matthew Macdougall (Year 4) 3; Egan Griffiths (Year 4) 3.5; Adam Frendo (Year 4) 4; Jack Humphreys (Year 4) 1.5; Tors Webster (Yr 5) 3; Isaac Duncan-Daly (Year 5) 3; Jackson Boden (Year 5) 4.5; Jadon Routley (Year 5) 2.

Fundraiser BBQ lunch and cake stall

On Wednesday, 13 November we will be holding a Fundraiser BBQ lunch and cake stall for the USA Music Tour. A note from Miss Byrnes went home last week with the details of this fundraising event. Please remind your child to have the note and money returned by Friday, 8 November for catering purposes. A cake stall will also run on the day with all items \$0.50. If you did not receive the note, please contact Ms Foster in the Junior School Office

County Fair

On Thursday, 14 November, Year 4 students will take responsibility for running a County Fair for students on Park Campus. The fair will include stalls such as biscuit decorating, soccer shoot out, beauty salon, pet rocks, tattoos, nerf shoot out and guessing competitions. As well as being a fundraiser for Year 4's gift to the School, this will be a wonderful opportunity for Year 4 to demonstrate their leadership, challenge their organisation skills and foster their self-confidence. The students in Year 4 are very excited and have begun meticulously preparing for the day. More details about the arrangements for this day will be sent home with all of the Junior School students. Mrs J Murdoch and Miss C Astill (Year 4 class teachers)

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS	
DURING TERM TIME	
MONDAY	CLOSED
Tuesday	10.20am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.20am – 3.00pm
Thursday	10.20am – 4.00pm
Friday	10.20am – 3.00pm

Junior School Sports Presentation

Commencing at 9.00am on Monday, 18 November, the Junior School will be holding its annual Sports Presentation Assembly in the Sandi Warren Performance Centre. The Sports Presentation Assembly is the opportunity to recognise the contributions made by the Junior School students who have been part of our sports teams and who have represented the School in Co-curricular sporting activities during the 2013 sports seasons. The Sports Assembly runs for approximately one hour. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming Events at Park Campus

Please note the following events in your diary:

Thu, 21 Nov	Year 4 Farewell Dinner in SWPC, commencing at 6.00pm
Fri, 22 Nov	Student Free Day - Vacation Care will not be open on this day
Mon, 25 Nov	Bicycle Day at Park Campus: students are encouraged to bring their bicycle to school on this day to join in some bicycle activities – parent helpers required
Wed, 27 Nov	Year 4 participating in Empowerment Day at Hill Campus
Thu, 28 Nov	9.00am Junior School End of Year Assembly in SWPC followed by the end of year picnic at Mayfield Pool.
Fri, 29 Nov	No Chapel or Assembly – Rehearsal days for Choirs
Sat, 30 Nov	6.00pm NGS K to 12 Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral – compulsory attendance for all students;
Mon, 2 Dec	Speech Day Rehearsal at the Newcastle University Great Hall
Wed, 4 Dec	Speech Day at the Newcastle University Great Hall, commencing at 10.00am. Students come to School at normal time and are transported to the University (final day of the school year).

Mr P Sanders
Head of Junior School

PRE-SCHOOL

Another busy, busy week at Pre-school with lots of children having visits to their 'big schools' and meeting their buddies. I cannot tell you how excited the children are when they talk about their buddies. When they return to Pre-school they just want to read the letters from them and then they want to make a card or a beautiful collage to give their buddies when they next see them.

We are also in the middle of our 2 week news programme. We have seen some beautiful photos of holidays, baby photos, ballet concerts and, of course, buddies! We have heard about pets, mermaids, sharks, snakes and, you guessed it, buddies! One little girl had a photo of her dachshund, 'some people call them sausage dogs' and a toy one on a lead. A little boy brought in his black fighting fish called 'Chopper' and talked about how Chopper had demolished his brother's fish. This generated lots of questions, especially from the boys about how Chopper had attacked and what was left of the brother's fish. Overall, the children have been really enthusiastic about presenting their news and there are lots of hands up for questions, although sometimes the questions are 'forgotten' when asked. Then there are the popular questions like "Why do you like it?" or "Where do you keep it?" or, one of my favourites, "Can I play with it?" We love 'News' as it covers everything wholesome to gruesome. To be honest we are not sure where this fits as part of the Early Years Learning Framework but we will allocate it to 'children being connected with and contributing to their world'.

It is a really busy and interesting time of the year and this week we begin Christmas Concert rehearsals on 'the big stage' – how exciting!

Mrs A Tapp
Director of Pre-school

K TO 12 NGS CAROL SERVICE

Christ Church Cathedral
Saturday, 30 November at 6.00pm

Post Carol Service Refreshments & Entertainment
'Music and Merriment on Merrick' Quadrangle - Entertainment by The Brass Ensemble

THE FINAL HILL CAMPUS EUCHARIST FOR 2013

Christ Church Cathedral
Tuesday, 3 December commencing at 9.00am

SPEECH DAY

The 95th Annual Speech Day of Newcastle Grammar School
commencing at 10.00am on Wednesday, 4 December in the Great Hall of the University of Newcastle

Our Guest of Honour will be Professor Caroline McMillen, Vice-Chancellor & President, The University of Newcastle

MUSIC

Each year, Year 11 students are appointed to leadership positions for their respective ensembles. It was a very difficult choice for us as there are many dedicated and committed Year 11 musicians who are all worthy candidates for leadership. Congratulations to the following students for being appointed to the Music Ensemble leaders for 2013/2014.

Brass RaZoo: Alena Harvey

Chamber Choir: Benjamin Stuart and Elise Newling

Symphony Orchestra: Laura Dowling and Sarah Brown.

The Hill Campus Remembrance Day Service is always quite special as it gives us time to reflect on those who paid the ultimate price to keep us safe and secure in this wonderful country of ours. The service, which was held in Christ Church Cathedral last Friday, was truly wonderful and all staff and students involved must be congratulated for their fine efforts. I would like to thank Alistair Campbell and Fergus Doyle for their moving rendition of the Last Post and to the Chamber Choir for once again singing so beautifully In Flanders Fields. Well done everyone.

Alistair also travelled to Park Campus to play the Last Post and Reveille for the Remembrance Day Service on Friday afternoon. Thanks for your efforts Alistair. Your playing was appreciated by all.

Please note: All normal co-curricular rehearsals are on as normal during the examination period.

USA Tour Information

There is a special choir rehearsal this coming Thursday, 14 November commencing at 4.30pm and going through till 7.30pm. The rehearsal will begin with the orchestra, then we will rehearse the charts with the rhythm section and the final session will be the songs with piano only accompaniment. All choir members going on tour are expected to attend.

Fundraisers and Events

One Chance - Film Premier

On Thursday, 21 November, we will be holding a film premier at the Tower Cinemas in King Street. This will commence at 6.30pm with canapés on arrival and drinks available from the bar. The title of the film is called One Chance.

This is the true story of Paul Potts, a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night who became a phenomenon after being chosen for - and ultimately winning - "Britain's Got Talent".

Tickets will be \$25 and available from Hill Campus Reception. The theatre will seat around 300 and it would be great to get as many people there as possible. It's a PG film so it suits people of all ages.

USA Tour Concert

On Sunday, 24 November at 2.00pm in the SWPC the ensembles going on tour will hold a pre tour concert. This will be a great afternoon of entertainment and I encourage the School community to get behind this event and come along to support. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be available to purchase and the raffle for the 'Love Birds' artwork will be drawn at this event.

End of Year Events

The end of our School year is fast approaching so it is essential you know when and where your ensemble/s are performing.

Date	Event	Groups
Tue, 26 Nov	MS Cocurric Awards Ceremony	Concert Band and Grammarphones
Sat, 30 Nov	Carol Service	Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Grammarphones, Tones & Senitones
Mon, 2 Dec	Speech Day Rehearsal	Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Grammarphones, Tones, Brass RaZoo
Tue, 3 Dec	End of Year Eucharist	Orchestra Strings, Chamber Choir, Grammarphones
	MS Awards Ceremony	Bamboozle & String Ensemble
Wed, 4 Dec	Speech Day	Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Grammarphones, Tones, Brass RaZoo

Term 4 Events in the Music Faculty

21 Nov	'One Chance' film premier - Tower Cinema 6.00pm
24 Nov	USA Pre Tour Concert Event SWPC 2.00pm
29 Nov	Music Rehearsal Day
30 Nov	Carol Service Christ Church Cathedral 5.00pm for all musicians and 6.00pm Service.
2 Dec	Speech Day rehearsal Great Hall Times and Arrangements to be advised.
3 Dec	End of Year Eucharist Christ Church Cathedral 9.00am
	Middle School Awards Assembly HHH 1.00pm
4 Dec	Speech Day Great Hall 10.00am
7 Dec	USA Tour Departs

Music Rehearsal Day - Friday, 29 November 2013

8.40am	Chamber Choir Arts Space
8.40am	Grammarphones to SWPC
10.20am	Recess
10.40am	Middle School Chapel and Senior School Mentor
11.05am	Combined Choir MLT with Miss Parkes and Miss Sweetman
11.05am	Symphony Orchestra in Arts Space.
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Full rehearsal Combined Choirs and Orchestra Arts Space
2.30pm	Pack up equipment for Carols Service and move to Christ Church Cathedral.

HISTORY

On 6 November, we were extremely privileged to receive a personal visit from Mrs Spigelman, who shared her families' experiences with us. At the beginning of our studies, for most of us the Holocaust was another unit we had to study, but this experience, and the visit to the Jewish Museum in Sydney, enforced that this was different than the other units we had done, that this, was still recent history. We learnt many things from Mrs Spigelman's visit, but what really struck a chord in all of us, was how much difference one split second in our lives can make, and how one person making the right choice, can save someone's life. This visit really enforced to us, how fragile life really was, and how much we should endeavor to make the most of it. We are all greatly indebted to Mrs Spigelman for sharing her families' history with us, and for me, and the entire of Year 8, this is a visit that will stay with us for many, many years to come.



Tan Hasdarngkul
Year 8

eSMART

On Sunday night 60 minutes aired a story about a child who was the victim of cyberbullying who tragically took her own life. In the story they interviewed Mrs Sue MacLean who has previously visited Newcastle Grammar School to talk to parents and staff about Social Media and cyberbullying. Her message is clear, that parents need to be aware of their child's activities whilst being online, to not only safeguard but also stop the potential for bullying actions. NGS is proactively dealing with any instances of bullying in any form including recently updating policies and procedures. The Programme Book contains vital information on what to do if you or your child is a victim of bullying. Everyone has the right to feel safe and the eSmart committee is committed to providing a safe environment here at NGS and the community.

Mr A Blackwell
eSmart Coordinator

WET WEATHER

If the weather is inclement on Wednesdays (Thursdays for Junior School) a decision on training will be made by 1.00pm on those days.

A notice will be posted on the Sports Notice Board by this time and also a message will be recorded on the NGS Sports Information Line. - Ph: 4908 4001.

If the rain comes after 1.00pm, a decision on training will be made as soon as possible and Students will be notified before the end of School and a recorded message will be left on the NGS Sports Information Line as soon as possible.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children know what to do regarding transport home on those rare occasions when this occurs, as having students line up to make phone calls from the office is not always appropriate.

Sports Line: 4908 4001

CANTEEN DUTIES week commencing Monday, 18 November

HILL CAMPUS CANTEEN

Mon, 18 November Louise Phillips HELP NEEDED	Tues, 19 November Jacqueline Doran Karen Lavis	Wed, 20 November Tanya Barnard HELP NEEDED	Thu, 21 November Doreen Ingram Monica Mamonto	Fri, 22 November STUDENT FREE DAY
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PARK CAMPUS CANTEEN

Mon, 18 November Vanessa Holmes	Tues, 19 November HELP NEEDED	Wed, 20 November Angela Cleary	Thu, 21 November Lesley Filby	Fri, 22 November STUDENT FREE DAY
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SPORT

Sports Training During Examination Periods

Please note that all students are required to fulfil their sporting commitments throughout their respective examination periods. This includes all games and training sessions.

The only slight exception to this will be Rowing where, although there will be no training during students' examination periods on weekdays, the Saturday sessions will proceed as usual.

Mr L Carroll
Sportsmaster

Junior School Sports Presentation Assembly

The Junior School Sports Presentation Assembly will be held on Monday, 18 November in the SWPC from 9.00am.

The assembly gives an opportunity to recognise those students who represented the Junior School in Co-curricular sporting activities during the 2013 season. It also allows students to thank parents and coaches for making the teams possible. We welcome all families and friends on this day.

Miss C Byrnes
Junior School Sports Coordinator

HRIS Successes For 2013

Last week, our Junior Boys Girls and Junior Boys Touch teams were very successful at the HRIS Championships, with both teams finishing in 3rd place.

Following on from that success I thought it was a very opportune time to table the great success NGS has had at the various Championships at HRIS level this year. Indeed, it was one of the most successful to date and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every student who has contributed to that success.

As the year comes to a close there will be many students receiving awards for various sporting and other achievements. Those achievements are outstanding; however, it is very important to recognise the efforts of all of those students who represent the School at these events, with many students backing up for more than one- testament to their wide-ranging abilities.

To this end, I thank you and look forward to your involvement once again in 2014.

HRIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2013	
HRIS CHAMPIONSHIP	PLACING
Tennis - Junior Boys	1st
Tennis - Junior Girls	3rd
Tennis - Senior Girls	1st
Tennis - Senior Boys	=3rd
Swimming Division 1	2nd
Cross Country	1st
Athletics Division 1	4th
Soccer - Junior Boys	10th
Soccer - Senior Boys	2nd
Soccer - Senior Girls	6th
Netball - Year 7	10th
Netball - Intermediate	6th
Netball - Open	2nd
Hockey - Open Girls	1st
Hockey - Open Boys	1st
Touch - Junior Boys	3rd
Touch - Junior Girls	3rd

Futsal

Just a reminder that all players must be available for the 2 games that lay in the December School holiday period. Any known absences must be communicated to the coach of the team before School breaks up.

Remaining Games for Week 6 – Term 4:

Team	Day	Time	Venue
14 Musashi	Wed, 13 Nov	7.30pm	Howzat
15 Kazzaks	Wed, 13 Nov	8.30pm	Howzat
15 20-NIL	Wed, 13 Nov	8.00pm	Howzat
16 Top Dawg	Wed, 13 Nov	7.00pm	Hockey Centre
16 Akinfenwa	Wed, 13 Nov	7.30pm	Hockey Centre
11 Terminators	Wed, 13 Nov	6.00pm	Howzat
Youth Jays Angels	Thu, 14 Nov	8.15pm	Howzat
Youth Cha	Thu, 14 Nov	8.15pm	Howzat

All students are reminded that students must communicate any absence from training or matches prior to the session or game taking place. Either myself, or the team coach should be notified. Failure to do this may result in an afternoon detention.

If you have any further questions, direct to Mr J in his office or via email: jucp@ngs.nsw.edu.au

Mr P Juchniewicz
MIC Futsal

TOUCH

HRIS Junior Secondary Touch Championships Junior Boys

The boys U/15 touch team played in the HRIS touch Gala on Tuesday and while the nation stopped, this team didn't, finishing 3rd out of 10 teams. The boys started the day with plenty of enthusiasm, however, it was misdirected in the first game with poor organisation resulting in conceding some soft tries. As the games went on the boys developed structure and belief in each other, and although results improved, moments of brilliance stood alongside aptly named 'schoolboy errors'. During the pool matches there were some fantastic tries scored with Xavier Logan being a constant threat, the team was lead in the middle and organised by Patrick Nicolle, while some razzle-dazzle play by Oscar Nicholson and Ryan Droop lead to some crowd pleasing tries.

The team met a red hot St Phillip's in the Semi-final and were beaten in a closely fought contest by the eventual champions 3-1. The boys then had the opportunity to turn the tables on St Columba who they met earlier in the first game of the day, this time the team was victorious after a great team try was finished off by Lachlan Earp getting the team back into the match to equalise at 2-2, they went on to win the game 3-2.

The team represented the School in great style demonstrating much enthusiasm, passion and pride. They should be proud of their efforts and congratulated on their performance.

Pool B

V St Columba Anglican School 4-3 L
V Central Coast Adventist School 3-3
V Hunter Valley Grammar School 9-6 W
V Bishop Tyrell Anglican College 4-2 W

Semi-Final

V St Philip's Port Stephens 3-1 L

3rd /4th Playoff

V St Columba Anglican School 3-2 W

Touch Cont...

Team Photo



Back Row: Mr Stevens (coach), Nic Gentizon, Iestyn Thomas, James Robinson, Oscar Nicholson, Xavier Logan
Front Row: Emile Thiffualt, Lachlan Earp, Harry Thomas, Ryan Droop, Angus Smith, Patrick Nicolle, Angus Brown
 Mr S Stevens - Coach

Junior Girls

The girls team was relatively new to the game; however, were undefeated in their round games. They had impressive wins over BTAC, St Phillip's College, Waratah and Macquarie College, and a 1 – 1 draw with CCAS.

In the semi-final they narrowly lost to the eventual winners HVGS 3-2. The team played strongly in their playoff game to beat CCAS 3 – 2 and claim 3rd position.

As coach, I was so proud of all the team and mentioned the fact that their success was a team effort by each and every player throughout the day.

Team Photo



Back row: Miss Byrnes (coach), Monique Bower, Phoebe O'Keeffe, Charlotte Thomas, Sophie Fogg-Blundell, Sabtina Kliousis.
Front row: Rebekah Stuart, Asha Ryan, Andrea Tiernan, Elixia McGowan, Zoe Atallah, Laura Flack.

*Miss C Byrnes
 Coach*

Co-Curricular Touch

Round 6 - Tuesday, 19 November

Division	Team	Game Time	Coach
U/8's Mixed	NGS Marshalls	TBC New draw commences	Mr Billingham / Ms Loong
U/10's	NGS Bolts 2	TBC New draw commences	Mr Lloyd
U/10 Girls	NGS Seals	4.30pm	Mr Loong
U/10 Girls	NGS Lightning	4.30pm	Mr Loong
U/12 Girls	NGS All Stars	TBC New draw commences	Ms Byrnes
U/12 Boys	NGS Pink Pony's 2	7.00pm	Mr Ryan
U/12 Boys	NGS Roosters 2	6.30pm	Mr Ryan
U/14 Girls	NGS Firebirds	7.30pm	Mr Lewis
U/14 Girls	NGS Swifts 2	7.30pm	Mr Lewis
U/14 Boys	NGS Pugs	8.00pm	Mr Stevens
U/14 Boys	NGS Buttercups	8.00pm	Mr Stevens
U/16 Boys	NGS Dynamite	8.00pm	Mr Steedman

Please note that if games or training is cancelled or called off then coaches will advise team members and a notification will be posted on NGS Skoolbag and on the Wet Weather Line.

If any players cannot make training they need to notify their coach or MIC prior to Wednesday training times.

*Ms C Byrnes
 MIC Touch*

Rowing

Cooks Cup Regatta Wrap Up

Last weekend most of our Year 6 and 7 boys travelled to Sydney to compete against the Cranbrook School in the Cook's Cup regatta. This friendly regatta sees rowers race several back-to-back races against Cranbrook's novice boys. It allows the students to practise their racing in a friendly and supportive environment.

Despite not taking the Cup home this year, a great time was had by all, new skills were put to the test and I'm certain all students will have had an experience that will help them improve for their next race.

Thank you to Mr Stuart Boyd and Mr Bruce Burgess who assisted with the day!

Congratulations to the winning combinations:
 Saxon Leibbrandt, James Myles, Max Routh, Sebastian Young and Sam Barnett

Liam Farragher, Sebastian Young, Kieran Fallon, Jackson Bartley and Declan Higgins

Rowing during the exams

There will be no morning or afternoon rowing for Year 6-9 students Monday, 18, Tuesday 19, Wednesday, 20 or Thursday, 21 November.

Training is as usual Saturday, 16 November.

Rowing will take place on Friday, 22 November as usual (student free day) a bus will run back to NGS for a drop off at Church St 9.00am.

Travel Pass Renewal

Any student entering Year 3 or Year 7 in 2014 and catches public transport (bus/train/ferry) to school, needs to re-apply before the end of 2013. Application forms are held at each school office.

Dates for the Diary

Term 4 Week 7

Saturday, 23 November 2013

Year 6 Rowing Saturday

- Rowing as usual from 5.45am-8.00am before the older students depart for regatta

Term 4, Week 7

Saturday- Sunday, 23-24 November 2013

ISRA- Independent Schools Championships- Penrith/ SIRC

- All Rowers 7-12
- Arrive NGS boat shed Saturday 10.00am, load trailer
- Travel to Sydney by coach for team lunch and afternoon row at SIRC
- Stay overnight Saturday
- Race Sunday
- Parents to pick up from NGS boat shed Sunday evening (time TBC)
- Parents are welcome to attend - students to travel with squad

Mr J Bracey
Director of Rowing

SOCIAL

Year 6 Parent & Carers Lunch

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Glebe Road, The Junction

12.30pm

RSVP: By 15 November to
Robyn Cameron - 0417 210 906

Hope to see you there

**WEDNESDAY, 20
NOVEMBER**



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Save the Date Year 1 End of Year Family Outing

*Enjoy a relaxing afternoon/
evening with lovely activities for
the children*

from 3.00pm

More information will follow in upcoming Newsletters and via email

SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER

FUNCTION PHOTOS

Photo packs for 2013 Presentation & Debutante Ball and Year 12 Graduation Dinner are still available by contacting

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