



ST JOHN'S

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St John's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 - Wednesday 16th September 2015

Head of St John's Ms Shannon Rosewood

Holiday wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and their families for their wonderful support throughout Term 3. As you can see, it has been such a rich and rewarding experience for our students in so many ways, made possible through the support of the School by our families. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the dedicated team of staff in the Junior School who all work so tirelessly to enhance the educational experience for your children.

Here are just some of the highlights of the past ten weeks;

- Live Life Well@school - working in our garden, playing in the sandpit, daily fitness, billy carts and riding our bikes.
- Mathematics Olympiads
- Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians Stage Challenge.
- Award winning Mathematics Investigations in Transition and Year 3/4
- ICAS Mathematics competition
- Science Day and Science enrichment – Wildlife Animal Encounters and The Paperbag Challenge
- Sport! Saturday hockey, netball and soccer. Gymnastics!
- Hockey clinics
- Transition terrorised the community!
- Book Week celebrations
- Kindergarten and Transition Orientation programs
- Wellbeing day
- Chess Club
- Knitting Club
- Year 1/2 Billy Carts!
- DaVinci Decathlon
- Grandparents Day
- Spring Fair
- Musical – Roahl Dahl's Three Little Pigs

Three Little Pigs

A big thank you to the students, parents and staff involved in making the Three Little Pigs musical happen. It was certainly a group effort and the musical team of Ms Williams, Mrs Tall and Mrs Bell are to be congratulated on the quality of the performance.

What did students and parents say?

'Being a part of the musical was a lot of fun, even the rehearsals!'

'It was perfect! The smiles on the children's faces is what its all about.'

'I was thoroughly entertained. The involvement of the whole school made it even better.'

Well done St John's!

Term 4 Dates for the Diary

A term calendar will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4 with all the dates for swimming, assemblies and events. It is important to note that schools are changing places and dates can be altered. Please read the newsletter and use our new School Days App - On the web browser of your iPhone or iPad, Android phone or tablet, go to <http://coolschool.tools/#negs>

Term 4 starts on Tuesday 6 October.

A reminder that students will be wearing Summer uniform. This includes the following:

- Girls – blazer, summer dress, straw hat, short white socks, black shoes, yard hat and cap for sport.
- Boys – blazer, blue shorts, white short-sleeved shirts, tie, knee high navy socks, cap and yard hat.
- Blazers are required for Chapel on a Monday and Assembly Fridays in Term 4. A blazer must be worn to school over a jumper if the weather is cool.

A reminder that all uniform items are available from the Uniform Shop (generally open Wednesday and Thursday). Contact telephone number is 6774 8700.

The Year 7 Orientation program will be held in Term 4. Two days of activities will be held on 5 and 6 November in the Senior School. Students will participate in a variety of 'taster' lessons in Languages, Science and Mathematics, as well as assessments and the creation of a Year 7 Survival Kit. PE activities and Design and Technology tasks will be an exciting part of the program. New students to NEGS will also be invited to this day, giving our St John's girls a fantastic opportunity to make new friends. Boarding on the Thursday night will be offered to all girls as a part of the experience.

A Celebration of Learning will be held for Kindergarten to Year 6 on 26 November at 6pm. This will be a wonderful way to congratulate our young learners and afterwards share in a carol service in the NEGS chapel. All students are expected to attend this formal school event.

Transition students will celebrate their year at a Transition Graduation Ceremony. This will be held on 24 November at St John's.

All St John's students will be excited to hear that plans are afoot for the Activities Day at the end of the year. This will take place on Monday, 30 November. Plans are in the making for an exciting day.

Families are invited to share in the NEGS Carol Service on Tuesday 1 December. This will commence at 5pm in the NEGS Chapel.

Congratulations Hayley

Last weekend - the 12th & 13th of September, Hayley competed in the MacGregor Highland Dancing Championship at Acacia Ridge, QLD.

3rd in the 7-11yr Championship
3rd in the Premier 12yr & under Trophy Dance
1st in the 11 & 12yr Restricted Premier Title

Over the weekend she did 13 dances and got 11 placings:

5 x 1sts
1 x 2nd
4 x 3rds
1 x 5th



St John's Sport News Mrs Jess Oehlers



Well done **Under 9s** hockey. What a season! A big thank you to our coach Georgia Hook.

On Saturday our **Under 11s** team took to the field to face Harlequins 1 in the grand final. Going on recent form, the match was to be close and both teams certainly didn't disappoint. Having come off a draw the last time they had met, the outcome was uncertain.

St John's started the game strong; utilising skills they had mastered during the season to remain undefeated, they quickly combined to score the first goal. Settling in to their game, they fought hard for the ball and forced many short corners. The second goal of the match was to be off one of these shorts.

With the weather playing its own part in the grand final the teams started to tire. Harlequins, not wanting to head in to the second half scoreless ran down every ball, chasing hard and making St John's match their every move. As the half time buzzer rang out, we held the lead at 2-0.

With rested legs and a quick half time goalie change, we were ready to take on the second half. Chloe Moore, having just shed the goalie's gear, took to the position of high striker and hit in a beautiful goal. Bringing the score to 3-0.

The tides quickly turned and Harlequins determined to make a close match of it, put their first goal which was followed quickly by another bringing the score to 3-2.

St John's held steady. Under the watchful eye of their coach Mikaela Ball, the team played a strong defensive game. Marking their opponents, they tackled hard and supported each other as their defensive efforts paid off.

As the full time buzzer sounded, St John's had done it. They had held their opponents out 3-2. What's more, this team of young athletes had



finished the season undefeated. Coming together as a team, building upon their skills, listening to directions and taking on board advice given, this team had achieved a much deserved victory.

Congratulations to Alexandra Reed, Charlotte Claridge, Sophia Rutledge, Isabella Rutledge, Owen Rice, Ashley Knight, Lydia Farrar, Chloe Moore, Brielle Ball and Caitlin Croft. What an amazing team! Thank you and congratulations also go to Mikaela Ball (Yr 10) for her coaching.

Heidi Dent

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! ROLL UP!



**Family Fun Day at The Old Teachers' College
plus Variety Concert at 3.30pm
Sunday October 11, 2015.
Starting 10.00 a.m.**

To Raise Money For a Lift for the Building.

Free entry to fun day; Devonshire teas; Pipe & City Bands; static display of Medieval tent & lifestyle; Aboriginal dancers; silent auction of artworks; reenactment of combat in Medieval times; sausage sizzle; drinks; lucky dip & games; tours of the building and the garden; plants & produce stall; vintage Army vehicles; raffle of 2 x \$100 fuel; paper plane contest.

**Come with rugs, chairs and generous hearts.
and there's more!**

**3.30 pm concert in the Auditorium with local
talented musicians performing for
just \$10 per adult.**

**GIVE THE OLD COLLEGE A LIFT !!
A MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEED**

From the Uniform Shop

Mrs Rosemary Campbell

It is nearly time to think about your children's Summer Uniform. We have limited second hand garments, so it is first in best dressed. We are very happy to do the fitting or else you may rather be here yourself.

Last year we introduced a Trolley Bag as an alternative to our backpack, this received a very lukewarm response. Now we have been told that 2 of the larger Companies that we deal with, are no longer manufacturing Trolley Bags.

If at any stage the bags become available again we shall then reassess .

Thank you for the clothing that trickles in to be sold on consignment. Please remember clothing must be washed ironed and Ties, Blazers and Kilts must be dry cleaned and left in the Dry Cleaners' Bag.

We are very proud of our uniform and our aim is to pass this pride on to our students.



TWILIGHT SOCCER

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PAPER PLANE CONTEST

Start training now!



***WHEN: SUNDAY P.M. OCT 11
WHERE: Old Teachers' College
WHO: Primary School Pupils
ENTRY FEE: \$2 for 2 turns
PAPER: Provided at enrolment
ENROL & FOLD: From 2.00p.m.
(Meet at main steps of building)***

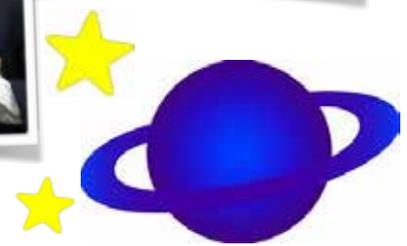
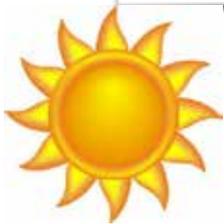
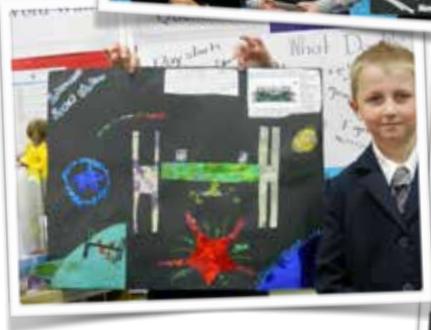
CONTEST BEGINS: 2.45p.m.

*This activity is part of Give the Old College a Lift
fundraising day on 11/10/2015
from 10.00 a.m. at the Old Teachers' College.*



Year 3/4

Space Projects



YEAR 5



This term, Year 5 have been learning about Global Connections. During their studies they read the novel 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes' by Eleanor Coerr. This is based on a true story of a brave Japanese girl who lost her life to leukaemia after her home, Hiroshima, was hit by an atomic bomb during the events of World War II. The students then viewed images of the devastation that this bomb caused and wrote Haiku poems as a response.

I'll never forget
The disturbance and the grief
How my heart was touched.

Lilly Green



Misery is here
They slowly walk on and on
People suffering.

Jack Cassidy

Smokey and destroyed
Gloomy, thick air, ghost like scene
Sad and devastated.

Charlotte Claridge

We walk burnt and bruised
Down the path of faith and hope
Finding a safe home.

Sophia Rutledge

Bleeding people walk
Upon the damaged dreams of all
Smoke rises above.

Solomon Layton



Rolling down a hill
Creeping through the wreckage now
I am coming home.

Alexandra Reed



Blazing and flaming
Smoke blankets the horizon
The people move on.

Sophie Mason

Sorry and grateful
Making me want to help them
But it is too late.

Caitlin Croft



The smoke filled the air
All of the buildings crashed down
Tears and fire surround them.

Chloe Moore



They lay there speechless
For those who have lasted through
We'll never forget.

Lydia Farrar

The plains are ghost-like
The people are devastated
They have no home now.

Arnika Moorfield

Sadness within them
There is darkness through the streets
Injured people cry.

Calan Loudon

Dark and gloomy dust
The people are dying here
Find it hard to breathe.

Isabella Rutledge

Year 6 invites St John's to their Year 6 Fundraiser:

PYJAMA DAY

**When: Lunchtime -
Tuesday 15 September**
Cost \$5

What do you get?

To wear your pyjamas to school!
A showbag jam-packed with goodies!
A sausage sizzle with drink and ice block!
A dance party!
A Haunted House!
Facepainting!
Tattoos!
Teacher-toss!
A Photo booth!
Plaster painting!
Nerf gun topper!

All proceeds are donated to the Year 6 girls to select a gift to the school.

Please send \$5 to your child's class teacher in a named envelope.

Private Vehicle Conveyancing

**Attention: New families to
NEGS/St John's Junior School**

Private Vehicle Conveyancing (PVC) applications – day and boarding students

PVC subsidy is available for eligible NSW school students, where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. An example of this is if families live more than 1.6km from the nearest transport pick up point. For further information re eligibility please telephone the Ministry of Transport on 1800 010 123.

Please note: for families who are not registered, to be subsidised for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) the cut off date for applications is the 1st December.

It is now possible to apply online at the following address:
<https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/stms-parent/application/download>

If you are unable to apply online or have any questions, please contact me.

Helen Smith (helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au). 6774 8700



August 2015

Road repair work on the New England Highway, south of Uralla, from Monday 31 August to Friday 2 October 2015

The NSW Government is funding this repair work on a 1.2km section of the New England Highway, about 3km south of Uralla at Waterworks Road, to provide a stronger, longer lasting and safer road.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the work, which will involve the placement and compaction of new material on the highway before applying a reseal, between Staces and Hillcrest roads. The work, which will also include linemarking, will improve the road surface.

We will be working Monday to Friday between 6am and 6pm and Saturdays between 7am and 1pm and expect to complete the project in five weeks, weather permitting.

How will the work affect you?

There will be some noise associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise noise by limiting work hours.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Traffic flow will be reduced to one lane during work hours and an escort vehicle will be in use to ensure the safety of road users and workers. Waterworks and Hillcrest roads will remain open for access at the intersections with the New England Highway.

The traffic changes during work hours may cause delays of up to 15 minutes. Please allow extra travel time, keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

Up to date information, including any date changes and detours, will be displayed on electronic message signs along the road.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please call our project manager Alban Bunnemeyer on 6788 1413 or email alban.r.bunnemeyer@rms.nsw.gov.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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