



ST JOHN'S

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# St John's Newsletter

Term 2 , Week 4 - Wednesday 18th May 2016

## HEAD OF ST JOHN'S

Ms Shannon Rosewood



In the coming weeks I will represent St John's and NEGS at the Positive Schools Conference in Sydney. My address will reflect on the ways that our staff and students are proactive about making our school a fun and welcoming place to be.

In our playground we will be focusing on good sportsmanship over the coming weeks. Identifying the behaviours that make a shared game fun or frustrating will be our first step. Encouragers, fun players, helpers and gracious winners will ensure that everyone has a great time. The arguer, victim, sulker and bragger are roles that students sometimes play. Captain Positive may be a special surprise visitor to our playground.

In Transition, Mrs McCann and Mrs Moore, work tirelessly to make learning fun, engaging and meaningful. The recent morning tea for Mother's Day – 'Attitude of Gratitude' was a prime example of how staff considers the family as essential to student wellbeing.

Mrs Nixon is working with Ken Thompson Lodge to link our students with residents who would like a pen pal. This Service-learning activity will enhance our students' literacy skills and work on empathy and compassion at the same time. Year 6 will continue to correspond with their Autumn Lodge friends as a continuation of last year's program.

Ms Pracy is currently raising awareness of Cancer through her 'Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. Please help Emma to support The Cancer Council by donating money or a tray of cupcakes/treats for the day. Parents are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and join us for recess at 10:30.

Mrs Ward is currently organising our bike day. The Tour de St John's is an amazing day and will raise funds for a local charity – Tour de Rocks. Mrs Ward is also the brains behind our vegie patch and is keen to hear from any parents who would like to weed the garden whilst waiting for pick up.

### Mathematics Olympiad

This term Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the NSW Mathematics Olympiad.

The aim of the Maths Olympiad is:

- To introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- To foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- To stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges

Students will be invited to compete individually (registered player) or as a team in small class groups. All girls and boys will benefit from the challenges set in the competition regardless of ability as it is discussion and collaboration that will improve engagement in Maths.

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### Here is a sample question for parents to ponder...

1. Each of 8 boxes contains one or more marbles. Each box contains a different number of marbles, except for two boxes, which contain the same number of marbles.

What is the smallest total number of marbles that the 8 boxes could contain?

2. Find the whole number which is:  
less than 100;  
a multiple of 3;  
a multiple of 5;  
odd, and such that,  
the sum of its digits is odd.

**National Simultaneous Storytime** is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

By facilitating National Simultaneous Storytime we aim to;

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 26 May at 10am. The Infants and Transition staff will be sharing *I got this hat* written by Jol & Kate Temple. A presentation of the story will be a highlight of the event. Mrs Bell will play the leading role of narrator, supported by the talented cast of the Infants staff.

### Exciting events for Term 2

25 May	National Simultaneous Storytime – T-2
26 May	St John's Biggest Morning tea – 10:30am
27 May	Assembly – Year 3/4 presenting
1 June	Armidale Eisteddfod (choral speaking) – 9:30am
31 May	Parent workshop – Your child and cyber safety and social media
3 June	Tour de St John's
9 June	St John's Athletics Carnival
10 June	Staff Day
13 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
17 June	St John's Public Speaking Competition (K-6)
17 June	Chess Tournament
22 June	End of Term Assembly – Year 5/6 presenting.
23 June	Staff Day

## ST JOHN'S SPORT

Mrs Liane Nixon

### PSSA Cross Country

This Friday 20 May, a group of students will represent St John's at the PSSA Cross Country Carnival. The event will be held at UNE and they will be running 2km and 3km courses. We wish these students the very best of luck on the day.

### Athletics Skills

Students in K-6 are continuing to enjoy the athletics skills session with Jay Stone in PE. They have all been working really hard to further develop their skills in preparation for the athletics carnival on Thursday 9th June.

### Winter Sports

The winter sports season has had a successful start. Congratulations to all teams for displaying commitment to your training and sportsmanship on the field. Keep up the effort and all the best for the games to come.

**Please ensure that you notify Mrs Nixon by Wednesday if you are unable to make training or the weekend game.**



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS @ ST JOHN'S

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in the Week 2 Assembly:

## Personal Best Awarded to:

Bella Fittler  
Siena Alldis  
Charlie McCulloch  
Jack Cassidy

## St John's Star of the Week:

Eva Northam  
Lara McAlary  
Archibald O'Neill  
Ashley Knight  
Chloe Moore

## NEWS FROM NEGS P&F

Mrs Libby Parry

### St Johns & NEGS Liaison Parents 2016

St John's Representative & Liaison Parent Co-ordinator 2016:  
Amy Layton - amy.layton@negs.nsw.edu.au

#### Parent Liaison List - 2016

Transition: Rebecca Moore – rebecca.moore@negs.nsw.edu.au; Amanda Kennedy - akenne21@une.edu.au

Year K/1: Alicia Alldis– acm1025@hotmail.com and Georgie Lynn - georgielynn7@yahoo.com

Year 2: Jodie McAlary - odes888@hotmail.com

Year 3/4: Rochelle Tubb - rochtubb@bigpond.net.au

Year 5: Collette Gooch – collette.gooch@gmail.com

Year 6: Cath Farrar – chook5@activ8.net.au and Sarah Mason sarah.mason@hspr.com.au

### Good for Kids good for life

DROP THE TEMPERATURE, RAISE THE HEARTRATE

Indoor activities don't have to be boring! Although it's getting cold outside there are still plenty of ways to get the heartrate up this winter!

Here are some ideas that involve indoor active fun:

- Free indoor play grounds in shopping centres
- A visit to the science museum (often free entry)
- YMCA kids programs
- Gymnastics
- Indoor Trampolining
- Bowling
- Ice Skating
- Indoor skate parks, sports and swim centres



Why not look into what is available in your local area today and ask if they do discount deals for seasonal entry?

NSW Health Hunter New England Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499



Armidale Region Girls Soccer (Miniroos)  
Northern Inland Football Program for girls ages 5-12  
Starting Sunday May 15 at 10.30am for 16 sessions  
Cost is between \$120-\$150  
Please contact Armidale Region Girls Soccer on FaceBook  
or norm.lockett@gmail.com



# YEAR 5

## JUNGLE ARTWORKS

Our JUNGLE artworks are inspired by the paintings of French artist Henri Rousseau. After studying the artists style, Year 5 had a great time creating their own imaginary landscape with the NGA kids JUNGLE interactive program. They mixed and matched the colourful characters, controlled the environment by changing weather and lighting conditions, and constructed flowers, trees, and plants using special tools.



ZOE THOMAS



OWEN RICE



DIMITY CHALMERS



JADE WATKINS



ASHLEY KNIGHT



ELOISE GOOCH



SARAH SKIPPER

## SCIENCE - 'WHAT'S THE MATTER'

This term, Year 5 are investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They have begun by exploring liquids and will then move on to planning and conducting investigations of how the properties of materials change with temperature.



Dear families, Please find a copy of the Medical Update Form attached. Please consider if your child's medical information has changed or your medicare number has expired and complete the form and return to the Health Centre at your earliest convenience.



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## MEDICAL UPDATE FORM

### Information to be updated by Parent / Guardian

In order to provide optimal medical care it is essential that your daughter's / son's MEDICAL DETAILS remain current. Please complete this Form and return it to the NEGS Health Centre, CONFIDENTIAL with details that require amendment.

Student's Name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Current Year: .....

Medicare Number:  Expiry Date 

Month	Year	Position On Card
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Private Health Fund: .....

Membership Number: ..... Expiry Date: .....

### Any changes to Family Contact details or situation?

#### Mother's Name:

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Phone (Home): ..... (W): .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

#### Father's Name:

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Phone (Home): ..... (W): .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

#### Emergency and/or Guardian Name:

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Phone (Home): ..... (W): .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

- Has your Child been diagnosed with any new condition since last update / enrolment ie: Asthma?  Yes  No  
*If yes, please specify:* .....
- Have any allergies been diagnosed?:  Yes  No  
*If yes, please specify:* .....
- Any new Medications?:  Yes  No  
*If yes, please specify:* .....
- Any new injuries / operation?:  Yes  No  
*If yes, please specify:* .....
- Recent vaccinations attended whilst home?:  Yes  No  
*If yes, please specify:* .....

Signed by Parent/Guardian: ..... Date: .....

# 2016 framed

New England Girls' School Armidale • Old Girls' Union Annual Art Show & Sale



## Framed New England Mutual Infants Student Years K - 2 Visual Arts Prize

Would you like to see your artwork displayed at the 2016 NEGS Framed Art Exhibition from 9 - 11 September?

Infant students Years k-2 are invited to enter their artworks, with 8 finalists in each category having their works displayed in the MPC Building at the New England Girls' School art show.

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### Categories

- My favourite Person (Flat A4 entry)
  - Sealife using recycled materials
  - 3D Sculpture entry maximum 30 x 30 x30 cm
- These entries will need to be delivered & collected  
Categories will be judged separately.

### How to enter

Please email Shara Menzies for a copy of the entry form at [shara4@bigpond.com](mailto:shara4@bigpond.com) or ask your school for a copy.

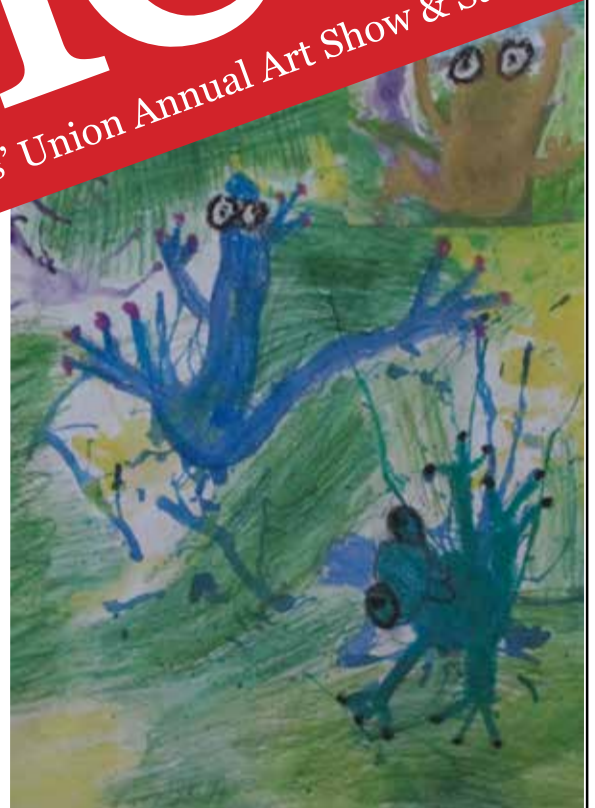
Entries should be posted to Shara Menzies or dropped at the NEGS office no later than  
**Tuesday 16 August, 2016.**

Refer entry form for additional details.



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## Framed SerVies

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