



ST JOHN'S

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St John's Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 - Wednesday 25th November 2015

Head of St John's Ms Shannon Rosewood

As we conclude the 2015 academic year, it is important to reflect on the exciting programs that have been implemented during the year.

At St John's Junior School, the child is firmly at the heart of our work. We seek to develop the whole child by providing students with meaningful and connected learning experiences. It is with this in mind that programs this Semester have focused on developing imagination, creativity, fitness and pastoral care whilst in the context of academic rigour.

The Live Life Well @ School program has provided a broad platform for a variety of fun and engaging activities throughout the year. The school garden, daily fitness, our amazing bike track and a 'well-being' focus, all combine to develop happy and healthy young learners. The excitement of our students when first experiencing a race around the cycleway is a wonder to behold. This activity teaches them not only about bike safety but also the need to share a collaborative space with peers, whilst ensuring that all riders are safe and follow the rules.

Creativity and innovation has driven our STEM activities this Semester. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Participation in Science enrichment activities, the Paper Bag Challenge, building go-karts and mathematical investigations have engaged the curiosity of our boys and girls within the framework of academic fields. Exploration of the fraction wall, creating games, developing strategies for learning tables and a 'Maths Environment Hunt' educate our students about the relevance of school to the real world whilst having fun.

St John's is a very special school community. It has an active and supportive P&F, strong community support, committed, highly experienced and talented staff and superb student leaders. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful school.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a restful holiday period. 2016 is going to be an amazing time of growth and development at St John's.

Activities Day Monday 30 November

Activities Day is a tradition that has been held at St John's for many years. It is a celebration of the children's efforts throughout the year and is a fun and relaxed way for teachers and students to enjoy time together. This year we will be running activities at school throughout the morning and then an Xmas movie in the afternoon. Teachers are planning drama games, cooking and craft workshops. It will be heaps of fun.

We hope to also raise some much-needed funds for Red Cross by asking for a gold coin donation. Also proceeds will be given to this worthwhile charity.



Christmas is around the corner and what better way to celebrate than to have a red multi/dress day at St John's to help raise funds for Red Cross.

BY DRESSING RED ON ACTIVITIES DAY, our school can help bring hope to thousands of families who are in desperate need of help this Christmas. From isolated elderly Australians, to families struggling to make ends meet and communities affected by disasters, a school fundraiser will help to make sure Red Cross is there.

Important Dates -

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 1 December

First day of Term 2015 – Thursday 28 January

Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 2 February

St John's Photo Day – Thursday 11 February

St John's Swimming Carnival – Friday 12 February

Camp Week for Year 3 to 6 – Monday 14 March to Friday 18 March

Assembly Awards @ St John's

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in the Week 7 Assembly:

Personal Best

K - Lillian Meredith
1/2 - Airlie McAlary
3/4 - Archibald O'Neill
5 - Solomon Layton
6 - Kyra-May Buchanan

St John's Star

K - Ruby Harvey-Lynn
1/2 - Felicity Chapman
3/4 - The whole class
5 - Alexandra Reed
6 - Isabelle Chandler

It is with immense pride that I write to you this afternoon about the Year 5 Nursing Home visit this morning. The courage and compassion shown by our students was a testament to their strength of character. Working with elderly people can be very confronting when their faculties are impaired. Our students were able to demonstrate their maturity by smiling and talking to people who didn't necessarily talk back to them. However, it was the smiles and change to their daily routine that made the visit so worthwhile.



Fun in Maths!

Year 3/4

Constructing

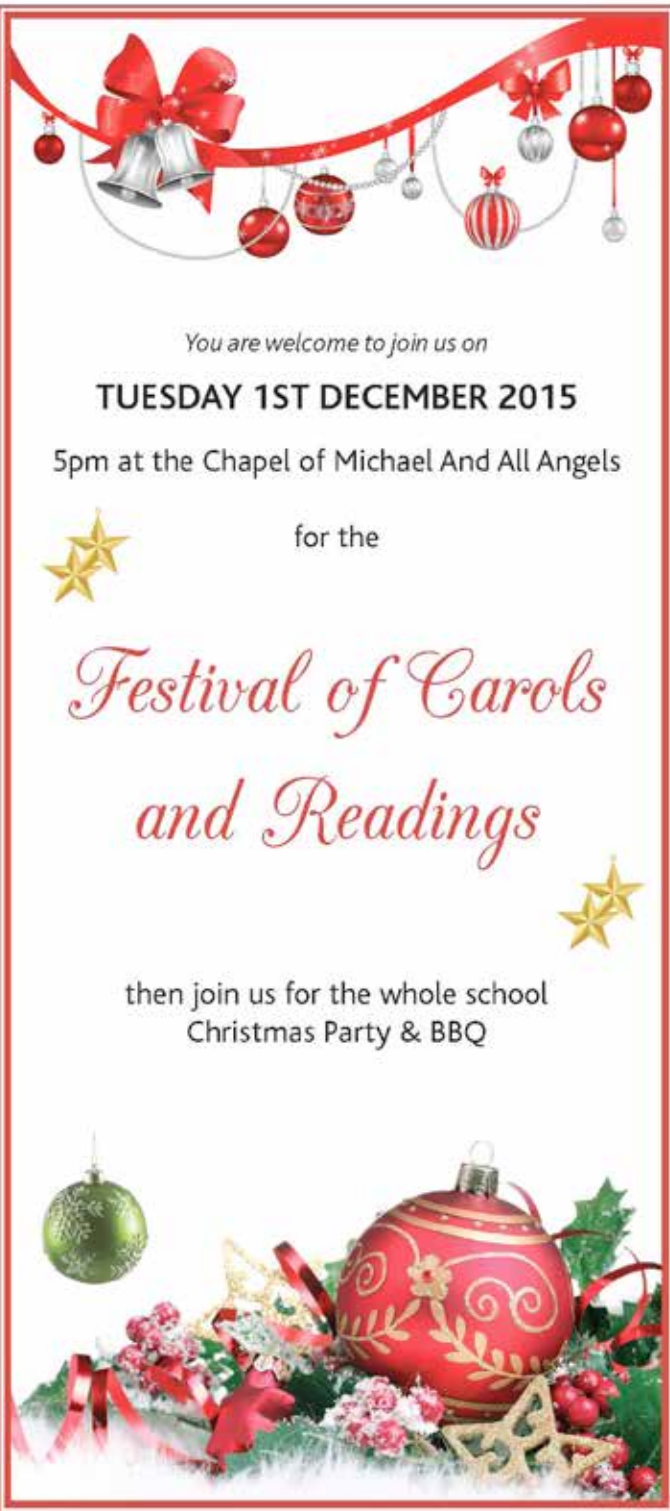
Working with Pre-service teachers from UNE

solving puzzles

Thinking and discussing with class mates

Fun and challenges with Mrs Despi from the senior school





You are welcome to join us on

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015

5pm at the Chapel of Michael And All Angels



for the

Festival of Carols and Readings



then join us for the whole school
Christmas Party & BBQ



From the Uniform Shop
Mrs Rosemary Campbell

Uniform shop Opening Days - Nov-Jan

December

Wednesday Thursday

2	Dec	3	Dec
9	Dec	10	Dec
16	Dec	17	Dec

January

Wednesday	Thursday
13 Jan	14 Jan
20 Jan	21 Jan

Good for Kids good for life

Tips to Encourage Drinking Water

We all know that water is the best drink for children however sometimes it can be difficult to persuade them to choose water over sugary drinks.

Here are some tips to help encourage water intake:

- Always have water available and accessible e.g. have a jug of water in the fridge or provide bottles of water for outdoor play
- Remove temptation by not storing sugary drinks such as soft drink in the house
- Keeping water cool or using a water filter may better suit your child's taste
- Try flavouring the water with lemon or lime slices. You can even add herbs such as mint
- Explain to your child why it is important to stay hydrated and why water is the best choice



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Time: From 9:00am – 12:00pm with Registration at 8:30am
Where: Armidale Netball Association
Address: Lynchess Road, Armidale
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat
Registration closing date: Thursday 7th January, 2016



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