



ST JOHN'S

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St John's Newsletter

Term 2 , Week 8 - Thursday 16th June 2016

HEAD OF ST JOHN'S

Ms Shannon Rosewood



Athletics season

With latest research reporting a significant rise in obesity rates in children over the past decade and Australia now being ranked as one of the fattest developed nations, we need to take every opportunity to impress on our students the practice of healthy living. St John's PE program, Daily Fitness and bike track ensure that our students are well on their way to a healthy and active lifestyle. Part of this is about ensuring our girls and boys view physical activity such as sprinting, running distance, jumping and throwing as being pursuits they can successfully undertake.



The Junior School Athletics Carnival last week saw all our Primary, Infants and Transition students running sprints, participating in the Steeple Chase and opening our carnival with an amazing marching sequence. Thanks to the incredible Mrs McCann for the choreography of the display. What a spectacle!

Primary boys and girls participated in the athletics carnival field events throughout the day, having developed their technique in each of the track and field disciplines throughout this term. While not all children will set new school records, we encourage every student to break their own personal records and to set new 'personal best' achievements in the athletics domain.

Ultimately we want St John's students to see themselves as athletes who, when they find tasks challenging, have a self belief that through endeavour, practice and perseverance they will be successful. Such capacity to deliver programs that allow our students to shine is predicated on the fact that our staff demonstrates such expertise passion and commitment. We warmly thank Liane Nixon, the Junior school staff and parents for ensuring such successful events are realised.

Tour de St John's

Tour de St John's was an indication of how keen our families are to support charity and their children's fitness. The donations will be passed on to developing wellbeing programs and facilities at the school and also to Tour de Rocks. A big thank you to Constable McCormack and volunteer parents.



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K – 12 Wellbeing Day and Assembly

St John's have been invited to participate in the NEGS Wellbeing Day on the last day of term and we have enthusiastically accepted their offer to join the big girls for skipping and painting. All classes have been allocated an item for the care packages for Foster Care Angels.

T – Baby bottles and dummies

K/1 – Lead pencils and rulers

2 – erasers and sharpeners

3/4 Glue sticks and pencil cases

5 – 12 pack coloured pencils and textas

6 – blank scrapbooks and A5 journals

As a result of the Wellbeing Day we have moved our final Assembly to Tuesday 21 June at 11:20 am to participate in the Year 7 to 12 Assembly. We are looking for increasing opportunities to link with the Senior School. Parents are welcome to attend the K – 12 Assembly in the memorial hall.

Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge will keep our children being active and reading over the coming weeks. Students are required to read 20 books. This can include novels, picture books, magazines and shared stories. What a great focus for the holidays.

Science Club

In Science Club this week students encountered a very interesting animal with an unusual diet – the dung beetle. Dr Jean Drayton who researches dung beetles at UNE visited our young scientists. The Science club learned what dung beetles look like, how they behave and why they are so important to the environment. Students were able to observe live beetles and appreciate their significance in maintaining sustainable ecosystems. Thank you to Mrs Fittler for leading our dedicated group of young scientists that attend regularly each fortnight.



Holiday wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls and boys of St John's and their families for their wonderful support throughout Term 2 and over the course of Semester 1, 2016. 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 community. 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.

2017 Orientations

Term 3 will bring Transition and Kindergarten Orientations so we encourage all families who are interested in St John's for their children to contact Enrolments on 6774 8700.

Year 6 will have an Experience Day in Year 7 during Term 3. Our girls will work alongside current Year 7 in a variety of Senior School subjects such as Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Music and Drama. Regardless of which High School your daughter is attending, this is a valuable experience for all our students.

A reminder that a term's notice is required for all students who will be leaving at the conclusion of the school year. This allows the school to be adequately prepared for staffing in the coming year.

Term 2

17 June St John's Public Speaking Competition (K-6)
17 June Chess Tournament – selected students
21 June End of Term K – 12 Assembly – Year 5/6 presenting.
23 June K – 12 Wellbeing Day
24 June Staff Day

Term 3

19 July First day of Term 3. **No students Monday 18 July.**
25 July Parent Teacher Interviews week
29 July Hogwarts Yuletide Feast & Wiz Quiz – Book Now!!
22 August Book Week– End of Reading Challenge!!!
23 August Science Day
9 September NEGS and St John's Grandparents Day
22 September End Term 3
23 September Staff Day



Athletics Carnival

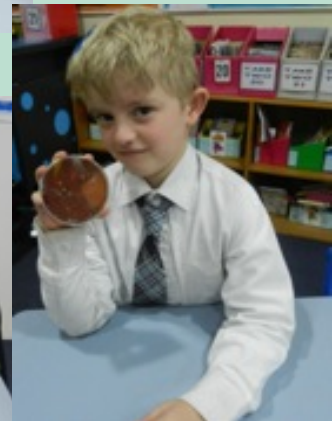
The athletics carnival was a successful day even with storm clouds looming. All students tried their very best in every event and represented their house proudly. It was wonderful to see the sportsmanship that our students showed towards their fellow peers by supporting them when events were challenging. A huge thank you to the parents who supported the staff in the running of events, the P&F stall and cheering on our students. The carnival would not have been the success it was without you. The winning house and age champions will be announced before the end of term.







STEM Year 2

Year 2 have been having an amazing time working with their CSIRO partner Dr Mary McMillan from UNE. Mary has been teaching Year 2 about good and bad bacteria. The children first proposed hypotheses about which sample would have the most bacteria. They then took samples of unwashed and washed hands on agar plates. They were intrigued and horrified with their results. Unwashed hands ... **YUCK!**



HOCKEY IN THE HOLIDAYS

**FUN
ACTIVE
EDUCATIONAL**

GET YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SORTED AND SIGN UP TO AN UNDER 12 DEVELOPMENT CLINIC TODAY. RESERVE YOUR SPOT VIA THE DETAILS BELOW.

New England Hockey Complex
 TIME: 10am - 3pm
 DATE: Monday 11th July

CONTACT: Blair Chalmers
 PHONE: 0447 186 477
 REGISTER AT
<https://developclinics.eventdesq.com>

Congratulations to Solomon Layton

Northern Inland Football 11s State Titles Team played on the long weekend playing at Coffs Harbour.

The team from Tamworth, with only 2 boys from Armidale, played 7 gruelling games over 3 days. Although they were defeated in 5 of those, their determination was not dampened.

In another particularly intense game they tied Nil-All and the other they tied 3-3. Some tough competition against the best teams in the state including the Emerging Jets, Newcastle, Mid North Coast, North Coast and Macquarie.



St John's Junior School
presents

Hogwarts Yuletide Feast and Wiz Quiz

Join us for a night of magical mayhem,
fantastical feasting and terrifying trivia

Friday, 29 July 2016
 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Hogwarts Hall at NEGS
 Dress: Hogwarts!

Tickets: a tantalizing \$25 pp for all the fun
and feasting young wizards, witches and
muggles can manage

RSVP: eerily essential by 20 July 2016
 Trybooking - www.trybooking.com/LSN7U

Please enter via Uralla Road gates and head
to the Akaroa parking lot ...if you dare ...

Parents are welcome to join us for "potions"

Seeking answers? Send an owl to
stjohns.reception@negs.nsw.edu.au
 or call 02 6774 8722

Congratulations to Caitlin

Caitlin Croft (Year 6) competed at the Pink Ribbon Dressage Day in Armidale last Sunday the 12th June.

Her results were:

Prep E	1st on Truly 2nd on Selena
Prep C	2nd on Truly 3rd on Selena
Prelim 1.2	3rd on Truly
Prelim 1.3	2nd on Selena

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

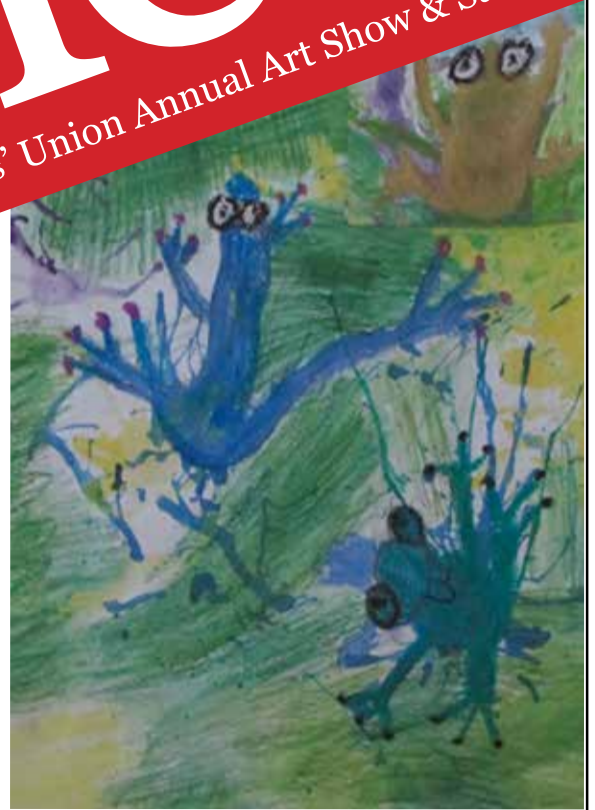
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