



# ST JOHN'S

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**place**  
like St John's

## St John's Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9 - Tuesday 16th June 2015

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 of 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, practise 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 expert passion and commitment. We warmly thank Jessica Oehlers, the Junior school staff and parents for ensuring such successful events are realised.

### Shave for Sara

Crazy Hair Day was an indication of how the St John's and NEGS communities support our staff, students and friends. The donations of hair products from local businesses and the funds raised from students amounted to \$1000 for the Lynch family. A big thank you to our team of hairdressers and volunteer parents.

*Photo - with people who shaved and Matt (Sara's Dad red shirt) and Sara's older brother Jacob (grey pocket)*



### 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, 2015. 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.

### Important dates

**Thursday, 18 June** - Final Assembly (Year 6 classroom)  
Year 5 presenting Finalists for the Public Speaking Competition

### Term 3

**First day of Term – Tuesday, 14 July.** (No students Monday 13 July)

Parent Teacher Interviews (Monday, 20 July)

Maths workshops for Year 5 and 6 (22 July)

Gymnastics – Day 5 every fortnight starting 24 July (T – 6)

St John's Social at TAS (20 Aug)

Book Week (24 Aug)

Science Day (24 Aug)

DaVinci Decathlon Day (28 Aug)

JS Grandparents Day (4 Sept)

Spring Fair (5 Sept)

St John's Musical (14, 15, 16 and 17 Sept)

Maths Olympiads (29 July, 19 Aug)

ICAS English (28 Aug)

ICAS Maths (11 Aug)

End Term 3 (17 Sept)

## Crazy Hair Day



## Congratulations

to our Head of Junior School receiving her Positive Teacher of the Year 2015 Award. Ms Rosewood addressed the conference about how she has made a difference at St John's over the last twelve months. Ms Rosewood has created an amazing ripple effect throughout the school and we are so lucky to have her as our Head of St John's.

***Congratulations Ms Rosewood.***



Athletics season



# French Day

Madame O'Neill

## C'est fantastique!

French Day started with a dress-up parade. Students strutted their stuff - plenty of moustaches, berets and stripy shirts about. So chic! We had chefs, mimes, fashionistas, Madelines, flags and more. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful effort!

Kindy and Year 1/2 students had a lot of fun playing hide and seek, pictionary and hangman in French. After a yummy lunch and a boule game or two, they enjoyed creating French flags and Eiffel Towers made out of straws. They ended the day watching the classic animation movie Madeline.

Students from Y3 to Y8 had a very busy day as well. They participated in a French Trivia full of surprising cultural facts. Did you know that more than 20 Japanese tourists suffer a mental breakdown called the Paris Syndrome while staying in the French capital every year? Or that it was illegal for women to wear pants in Paris until 2010?

Students then reflected on cultural clichés and stereotypes, before using their French knowledge to order a treat at the café. Un gâteau au chocolat, s'il-vous plaît. Miam, miam!

Students participated in a crazy eating game where blindfolded volunteers from each house tried to be the first to finish a croissant hanging from a rope. The day finished with a bang as students participated in a board game competition with very popular Les loups-garous de Thiercelieux game.

Thanks to all the teachers for their help and support in making this day run smoothly. Thank you as well to our boys and girls for their wonderful enthusiasm. It was a fantastic day and I can't wait for French Day next year!

Mme O'Neill



# Soccer Development Clinics

## 2015 Winter Holidays, Northern Inland



### Inclusions

All participants receive a quality soccer ball to take home with them.

### Bookings Close

Bookings close on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

Sport and Recreation, in partnership with the Northern Inland Football Federation, will run a number of Soccer Development Clinics for boys and girls during the Winter school holidays.

Delivered by qualified coaches, the clinics will help participants develop and/or enhance their:

- Ball skills
- Offensive and defensive skills
- Positional skills
- Game knowledge.

AGES	LOCATION	DATE/S	TIME	COST	PROGRAM #
6 to 12 years	Tenterfield	29 June	8:30am to 11:30am	\$35	0073018
6 to 12 years	Glen Innes	29 June	1:30pm to 4:30pm	\$35	0073019
6 to 8 years	Armidale	30 June and 1 July	9am to 12 noon (both days)	\$50	0073022
9 to 12 years	Armidale	30 June and 1 July	1pm to 4pm (both days)	\$50	0073023
6 to 8 years old	Tamworth	2 and 3 July	9am to 12 noon (both days)	\$50	0073024
9 to 12 years	Tamworth	2 and 3 July	1pm to 4pm (both days)	\$50	0073025

Book now! Places are limited. Call 02 6766 1200 or book online at

[dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=northwest](http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/whatson.asp?region=northwest)



### 30th June & 1st July – Soccer Development Clinic @ Rologas

6-8 year olds – 9.00am – 12.00pm - \$50

9-12 year olds – 1.00pm – 4.00pm - \$50

Bookings close 24 June 2015

\$295.00

For more information visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

### 2nd July – Armidale Netball Clinic – Hosted by Australian

**Diamonds Netballer Susan Pettitt - \$40**

Clinic 1 – 6-10 year olds – 9.00am – 10.30am

Clinic 2 – 11-14 year olds – 11.00am – 12.30pm

Register here: <http://spnetball.com/clinics/>



6-10th July – NSW Sport & Rec Holiday Camp @ Lake Keepit

## Assembly Awards @ St John's

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in the Week 6 Assembly:

### Personal Best Awards

K - Reema Almalki  
1/2 - Zara Harvey-Grace  
3/4 - Aleisha Handebo  
5 - Charlotte Claridge  
6 - Isabelle Chandler

### St John's Star

K - Oliver Sutherland  
1/2 - Brodie Meredith  
3/4 - Tariq Rahim  
5 - Solomon Layton  
6 - Hollie O'Halloran

## Armidale Athletics and Armidale Little Athletics

*hold field event training every Sunday at 3pm, Harris Park.*

It is free and open to all school students in preparation for upcoming school athletic carnivals.

Should anyone have any questions, please contact Collette Gooch 0427 752 022, or check out the clubs' facebook pages

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Our school has made a commitment to building a culture of positive mental wellbeing and resilience for students, staff and parents.

FREE LUNCH  
for the whole family

# Knights of the King

STMarks  
uneChurch

## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

2nd week of school holidays

**July 6 - 10**  
**9am - 1pm**  
Drummond Memorial  
Public School

**Cost**  
\$20 per child  
for all 5 days  
\$40 whole family  
for all 5 days  
\$5 per child - single day

Limited places - register & info at...  
[westsidegoodnews.weebly.com](http://westsidegoodnews.weebly.com)  
or contact...  
Neil Hunt - 0420 855 316

# Quiz Worx

sharing Jesus with kids everywhere



## Holiday Club

St Peter's Cathedral

Tingcombe Lane, Armidale



9:30am to 12:30pm

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015  
(first week of the school holidays)

for Primary-aged children (K-6)

\$5 per child per day or \$10 per child for 4 days

Registration forms ph. 6772 8783 or  
[simon@stpetersarmidale.org.au](mailto:simon@stpetersarmidale.org.au)

Limited spaces

# HOW MUCH IS ONE MILLION?

*Year 1/2 is all about investigating and exploring!*

*In Yr 1/2 we have been exploring the number one million.*

*First we questioned how many people would fit in the whole of St John's. We then included the MPC centre and the dining room. The children thought... "One million people would definitely fit in the MPC centre. It's huge!"*

*Let the exploration begin...!*

*The children had to count out one thousand straws.*

*They quickly realised that they kept losing count!*

*They decided it was easiest if they grouped them in bundles of ten.*

*Then bundles of one hundred.*

*The children decided to make a class poster of one thousand straws.*

*They found out that one million is one thousand groups of one thousand.*

*"Wait.. that means for one million we need one thousand posters!"*

*"Where will they all fit?!"*

