



ST JOHN'S

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St John's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8 - Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Head of St John's Ms Shannon Rosewood

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics)

St John's has made sure that 2015 has been a big year for STEM activities.

Thanks to the P&F, St John's were able to purchase Primary Connections Science units for each classroom. This has ensured that staff is well resourced to present Science units that are practical and engaging for our students. What is Primary Connections?

Primary Connections: *Linking science with literacy* is an innovative approach to teaching and learning which aims to enhance primary school teachers' confidence and competence for teaching science.

A program of the Australian Academy of Science supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, Primary Connections focuses on developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills in both science and literacy.

Primary Connections key features:

- An inquiry and investigative approach
- A comprehensive professional learning program
- Award winning curriculum resources linking science with literacy
- An ongoing research and evaluation program

Source – www.primaryconnections.org.au

In **Science Week** we celebrated by inviting a special visitor to the school. Ben Britton from Wild Animal Encounters brought an exciting array of animals to NEGS. We were introduced to exotic lizards and snakes from other continents, as well as our own special frill necked and blue tongue lizards.



St John's had a lot of fun working on our **Paperbag Challenge**. It was a fantastic success. The excitement and creativity was a sight to behold. All students (and staff!) are to be congratulated on their efforts.



Transition and Year 3/4 entered the **Mathematics Association of New South Wales Investigating with Mathematics competition** and we were delighted to hear that both classes received awards for their projects.

Transition explored **'How far can a frog jump?'** and received an equal second place in the Kindergarten category.



Year 3/4 investigated the Maths that can be found in a bicycle and their Merit award winning entry was titled 'The Wheel Thing.' We are so proud of the efforts of the students and staff of these classes. The competition was against major Sydney schools and this was St John's first attempt to enter this prestigious competition.

Congratulations to Owen and Sidney Rice for their participation in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians Stage Challenge. Both students received a Merit for their performance in this extremely demanding competition.

Year 4, 5 and 6 have been working to develop their mathematical skills by working in teams and individually on the Mathematics Olympiad competition run by Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (Apsmo) Inc. The students have one more Olympiad to go! It has been hard work but all students are showing improvement in their persistence and creativity when confronted by challenging problems.

As you can see, St John's has certainly made an effort to highlight STEM in 2015!

Three Little Pigs

A big thank you to the students, parents and staff involved in making the Three Little Pigs musical happen this week. It has certainly been 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. More reviews and photos to come in the next Newsletter.

Grandparents' Day

It is with great excitement that we have Grandparents' Day on Friday 4 September. A musical concert will begin the event at 9:30 in the Hall. A scrumptious morning tea, bookstall, visiting Junior School classrooms and a Grandparents' Day Chapel Service are all part of the joy of the day. Students are welcome to bring a special guest if circumstances prevent them from enjoying the day with a grandparent.



Spring Fair

St John's students and staff have contributed to a fantastic St John's 2015 T-towel. It is so cute! It will be available at the Spring Fair for \$12. T-towels can also be ordered from Mrs Smith at Reception.

Chess Club!

Our resident chess enthusiast Mrs Ward, is amazed at the progress of our students. Playing chess has been proven to improve problem solving skills, enhance memory and reading, and teaches children to think logically and efficiently.

For more interesting reading on this topic see Dr Peter Dauvergne's article 'The Case for Chess as a Tool to Develop our Children's Minds' found on the NSW Junior Chess League website <http://www.nswjcl.org.au>.

Chess Club meets on a Tuesday afternoon in the Year 3/4 classroom.



DaVinci Decathlon

On Friday 28 August, a team of eight girls from years 5 and 6 represented St. John's at the third annual Northern NSW Da Vinci Decathlon, hosted by The Armidale School.

Students competed against 18 other teams in 10 events that represent the spirit of Leonardo Da Vinci: Art and Poetry, Cartography, Creative Producers (Drama), Engineering, English, Science, Mathematics/Chess, Philosophy, General Knowledge and Code Breaking. The girls had a wonderful time and took home first place in Philosophy.

Congratulations to Isabella Collison, Isabella Gooch, Sydney Rice, Hannah Rahim, Bronte Dagg, Sophie Mason, Lilly Green and Sophia Rutledge for your excellent representation of the academic talent at St. John's.



Communication with parents

St John's continually reevaluates the effectiveness of their communication with the community. The school diary is the best form of daily correspondence with your child's class teacher. The newsletter is an important information source for important dates and school events.

A phone call to Reception can also assist parents with understanding the term calendar that was sent home at the beginning of the term.

Downloading the NEGS School Days App is another way parents can keep up to date with events. Regular emails from staff to parents also ensure that weekly schedules and changes to routine are provided.

The school regularly contributes to Facebook (www.facebook.com/NEGSarmidale), Instagram ([st.johns.negs](https://www.instagram.com/st.johns.negs)) and the current news section of the St John's website (www.negs.nsw.edu.au).

Schools are busy places. It is the nature of a dynamic institution that dates change and new initiatives are pursued. We would like to make sure parents have the information that they would like about their child's education experience.

Coming Events

- An End of Term Assembly will be held on Friday (11 September) at 2.30 in the Assembly Hall.

- Students will be having their last gymnastic session on the last day of school of Term 3 – 17 September.

- 18 September is a Professional Development Day for staff. Parents wishing to access St John's childcare should contact Helen Smith. Cost is \$50 per family.

- 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, long blue socks, tie, cap and yard hat. Blazers to be worn with jumper if weather cool.

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

St John's Sport News Mrs Jess Oehlers

Junior School students travelled to Sydney on Tuesday for the IPSHA Athletics Carnival. All students performed to the best of their ability with one of our students making it through to CIS. Congratulations Eloise G for this amazing and well deserved effort. All students will be presented with a certificate at our next Assembly.



Year 5 News Mrs Liane Nixon

As a part of the Year 5 Human Rights unit of work, the students recognised World Humanitarian Day by collecting clothes for the Salvation Army.

World Humanitarian Day is a time to recognise those who face danger and adversity in order to help others. The day was designated by the General Assembly to coincide with the anniversary of the 2003 bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.

Well done Year 5 and Miss Hazleton for making the effort to raise awareness of this special day by working to help a worthy organisation.



Term 3 Important events

- Musical evening performance – Thursday 10 September
- Year 6 Fundraiser – Tuesday 15 September

Gymnastics – Thursday 17 September – House shirt and PE uniform

Term 4 Dates for the Diary

• 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.

• 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 involving 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.

Assembly Awards @ St John's

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

Personal Best Awards

- K - Jesse Alldis
- 1/2 - Matilda Johnstone
- 3/4 - Eva Dabovich
- 5 - Jack Cassidy
- 6 - Hayley Whitehill

St John's Star

- K - Bailey Harvey-Lynn
- 1/2 - Taj Killen
- 3/4 - Ashley Knight
- 5 - Isabella Rutledge
- 6 - Nichola Clarkson

Hockey NSW Visit



Thanks to Blair and Hockey NSW for the terrific Years 3 – 6 skills clinic run at St John's on Tuesday afternoon. Next week Infants!

Student Visual Arts Prizes

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as finalists for the 2015 Student Visual Arts Prizes:

Taj Killen
Zara Harvey-Grace
Chloe Moore
Isabella Rutledge
Hannah Rahim
Tariq Rahim
Isabella Gooch
Ava Loudon

2015 framed
New England Girls School Armidale - Old Girls Union Annual Art Show & Sale
Plus Student Art Demonstration

**Art Show and Sale
Opening Night Cocktail Function**

When: Friday 4th September 2015
Where: NEGS Multi-Purpose Centre
Time: 8.00pm - 9.00pm
Cost: \$30.00 (prepaid \$19.00 on the night)
(transport, supper, live entertainment & drink)
RSVP: 1st September 2015, with payment advice

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/HMDE
Cheque: NEGS OGU
C/NEGS, Uralla Road, Armidale NSW 2350
Mrs Georgie Keady
E: ogou@negs.com.au P: 02 6657 8002
or NEGS Reception for tickets

Financially Sponsored by:

Exhibition will run until 11pm Sunday
04 September 2015. Raffle tickets
available at Armidale or on the night.

Art by "Tina Liu", donated by James White

The prizes will be presented at 11.00 am on Saturday, 5th September in the MPC Centre at NEGS, Armidale. It would be wonderful if the students could be available to receive their award on this occasion.

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.

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SCHOOL SHOES

Brussels

\$5 SCHOOL REBATE

\$5 FROM EVERY BLUEHAVEN SCHOOL SHOE PURCHASED WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO BE USED TOWARDS SPORTING EQUIPMENT.

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118 DANGER STREET
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YOUR FUTURE SAFETY

More fun photos from our activities





St John's

invites you join us for

Grandparents' Day

Friday 4th September 2015



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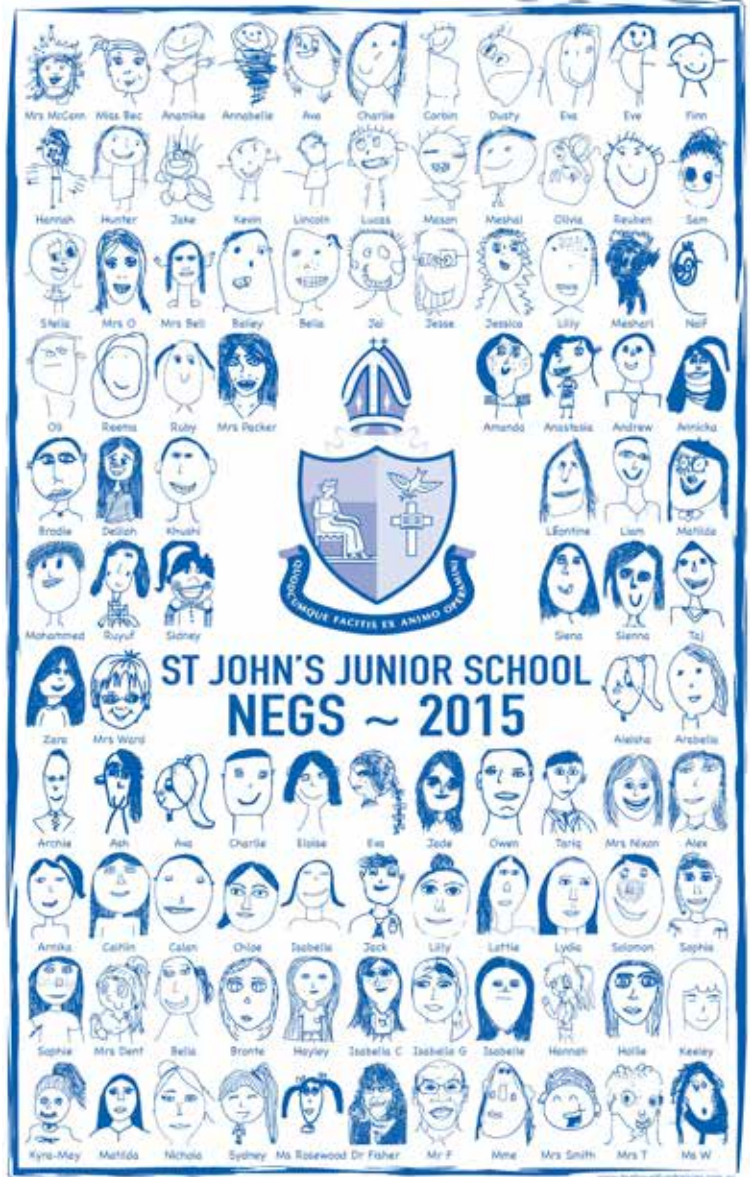
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 E reception@negs.nsw.edu.au
 www.negs.nsw.edu.au

St John's children and staff have collaborated to produce this beautiful tea towel.

The image attached will be printed onto quality linen tea towels.

These tea towels will be available at the Spring Fair for a cost of only \$12.00.

These would make great Christmas presents for family members.



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FUNDRAISING CATALOGUES

All St John's families should have received a couple of different fundraising toy catalogues from their class teacher. Please consider ordering Christmas presents from them as St John's receives a voucher to the value of 20% of the total sales for spending on valuable classroom resources.

All orders are due online or in hard copy to Mrs Smith (St John's Reception) by Monday, 14th September to allow for delivery by the end of the school year.

Any questions? Please contact Mrs Smith.

St John's Junior School presents

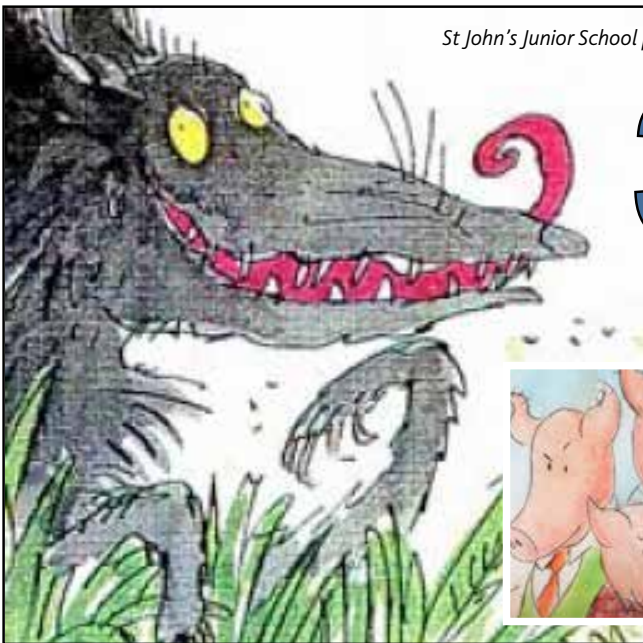
Roald Dahl's

3 little pigs

By Roald Dahl, Ana Sanderson, Matthew White and Paul Patterson.
By arrangement with A & C Black Music, exclusive representatives of Bloomsbury Publishing

Where: NEGS Assembly Hall
When: 4 September (2pm)
10 September (6:30pm)
Tickets: Adults \$10
Children \$5 (Under 5 free)
Family \$20

www.trybooking.com/147166 or
NEGS Reception 67748700



Gorgeous Stalls in the Emporium @ NEGS MPC

Pony Club Prints by Austin Designs

Bees Knee's - hats, necklaces, scarves and gorgeous gifts

CR Country Designs - canvas bags for every day

Eliza Shaw Jewellery - beautiful earrings and necklaces

Phoenix Traders - gorgeous cards and nik naks

Soy Candles by Stevie Lennox

Tupperware - always a hit

Maddison Jane - fabulous soft furnishings in gorgeous colours

Pukara Estate - delicious Olives from the local area

doebellelou - crochet lampshades for fairy lights, hand knitted scarves & necklaces

All Things Candles - beautiful candles for all occasions

Jewellery by Maggie Dent - gorgeous jewellery for everyone

Raindrops & Lollipops - beautiful children's wear and gifts

Read & Bell from Sydney - divine block printed cotton clothing

Roumalla Creek Shirts - lovely shirts that can be made to any design

Charli Ella Design - funky jewellery by Mel

Eco Manifesto - lovely gifts - eco-friendly and fair trade products

Trims & Things - hen presentation matters!

Lizzie Horne - cards and original art

Chameleon Bags & Baskets - Handmade in Madagascar



PLEASE HELP!

We need filled bottles, jars and vessels for the St John's Bottle Lotto stall!

Anything and everything in a bottle - from champagne to shampoo - or make your own with a jar full of treats, stationery, hair ribbons, toys, vouchers, loombands, accessories, recipe in a jar ... anything you fancy!

Please bring in your donations by **Friday, Aug 28**. Collection box in the St John's office.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

STEM Day 2015 Miss Belinda Stone

On Monday 24th August, students from years K-12 were fortunate enough to have a visit from Ben Britton and some of his 'friends' from Wild Animal Encounters to help us celebrate National Science Week. Ben is the Australian face of Nat Geo Wild TV and regularly appears on the Nine network. His objective is to promote conservation through education. What better way of achieving this than by creating an interactive experience where the plight of many endangered animals becomes relevant and personal for those in attendance. In discussions with students after the workshops, it is apparent that his mission was indeed accomplished, with testimonials such as 'it was inspiring and informative' and 'it really opened our eyes to issues of conservation'.

Of course, it wasn't all work and no play! Students learn best when they are engaged and relaxed and both Ben and his assistant Jess certainly achieved both, with their audience hanging on their every word. Students were able to interact with a Bearded Dragon, Elongated Tortoises, Corn Snakes and a lucky few even came up close and personal with a Blue Tongue Lizard's blue tongue!! Students were also very fortunate to be able to see Bubba the Green Iguana. His presence sparked many debates - was he real or plastic?? He had a very good poker face! Another favourite was Jackson the American Alligator, who some students had the opportunity to meet and greet.

What a great 18th birthday present for Edwina Morton!

The highlight of each workshop was Bethany the Red-Tailed Boa Constrictor. Weighing in at 10kg and approximately 2½ metres in length, she is an impressive animal and some were lucky enough to experience her power firsthand. Hopefully all students left the workshops with a new found appreciation for reptiles in particular and I know that for some, it was an important step in overcoming a lifelong fear of snakes. Thanks to the team from Wild Animal Encounters for making the trip to Armidale just to come and speak to our students. It was a rewarding experience for all concerned.





Hollie O'Halloran and Bella Johnson



Belle Chandler



Kyra-May Buchanan



Hannah Rahim



Bronte Dagg



Nichola Clarkson



Is Collison



Sydney Rice and Keeley O'Connor



Matilda Hall

Year Six modelling their 'Paper Bag Challenge' creations after thoroughly enjoying this year's Science Week

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.

 If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 131 782

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Would you like to get fit while having fun in a friendly team sport?

Come and register for T-Ball, Mod-ball or Softball at Sportspower Armidale on Saturday 5th September 9am to 12noon

The new season will commence on 9th October 2015.

New field - Moran Oval on Kentucky Street
New day - Friday afternoons at the following times:

T-Ball (5-7yrs & 8-10yrs) 4-5pm

Mod-Ball (11-14yrs) 5.15-6.30pm

Senior Social 7s (15+yrs, adults) 6.45-8pm

If you would like to play, coach or assist Please contact Naomi (0408 022 779) or Amy by email to armidalesoftball@hotmail.com

Like us on Facebook - Softball Armidale



Look on Resourcing Parents website for parenting information, events and courses in your local area. For parents with children aged 0-18.

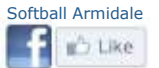
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SOFTBALL ARMIDALE INC.



REGISTRATION DAY

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2015

Sportspower : in store 9am – 12noon

New Home ground at Moran Oval
(Cnr Kentucky and Taylor Street)

New 10 week season starts on Friday 9th October

Age 5-11 \$60

Age 12-16 \$75

Age 17+ \$90

(Payable on Registration Day)

Get active, have fun,
Join or make a team!!
Come and play T-Ball,
Mod-Ball or Social Sevens
Bring your friends or come
and make new friends.

School Teams are Welcome!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR FOR ANYONE WILLING TO HELP COACH, UMPIRE OR PLAY Please contact: Naomi Bassett on 0408 022 779 or Amy Kliendienst on 0434 610 795 or Via Email to: armidalesoftball@hotmail.com



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Saturday 24th October AELEC Tamworth
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AIA Vitality MINI ROOS FOR GIRLS

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AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015.

Visit the website to find a location nearest you.

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www.northernnswfootball.com.au/miniroosforgirls