



# ST JOHN'S

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## St John's Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 - Wednesday 4th March 2015

### Head of St John's

Ms Shannon Rosewood

Congratulations to all the students of St John's on their amazing entries into The Armidale Show this weekend. Kindergarten and Year 1/2 explored the work of Vincent van Gogh and created their own starry night masterpiece. Year 3/4 have been drawing incredible dragons for their artwork. Year 5 spent time reflecting on the sacrifice of our war veterans

for the 100 year anniversary of Anzac landings at Gallipoli. Year 6 captured human emotions and entered the photography category. Well done in particular to Year 5 for their 1st Place and also Year 6 for a 1st and 2nd place in the Photography exhibition.

### Important dates for your diary

- 6 March – Assembly Years 3&4 – to be held in the Jan Milburn Room
- 14 March - Autumn Festival Parade



# Future Problem Solving Competition

Mrs Donella Tutt

Dear Parents and Students,

Expressions of Interest are being called for participation in the **FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION**

This year, NEGS and St Johns will be offering the Future Problem Solving Competition as an after school activity for Years 5-9. Future Problem Solving (FPS) is an international academic program and competition that brings together students from different countries to think creatively and solve critical issues the world may face in the future.

FPS opens doors to creativity, teamwork, persuasion and presentation and is particularly suited to challenging and answering the needs of high ability students.

The FPS program is designed to stimulate, challenge and teach about thinking. Students learn to think creatively, work cooperatively and come up with solutions to problems the world may face tomorrow.

By promoting thinking and working collaboratively, the FPS program helps build more active students. FPS encourages a better understanding of our world and generates optimism and commitment towards solving our common future problems.

Please take a look at the FPS website for more information [www.fpsp.org.au](http://www.fpsp.org.au) and email Mrs Tutt if you are interested in being part of a team at [donella.tutt@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:donella.tutt@negs.nsw.edu.au)

## Assembly Awards @ St John's

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in the Week 4 Assembly:

### Personal Best Awards

K - Jessica Flynn  
1/2 - Mohammed Almokhtar  
3/4 - Ashley Knight  
5 - Sophia Rutledge  
6 - Isabella Gooch

### St John's Star Award

K - Bailey Harvey-Lynn  
1/2 - Siena Hays  
3/4 - Archibald O'Neill  
5 - Caitlin Croft  
6 - Isabelle Chandler

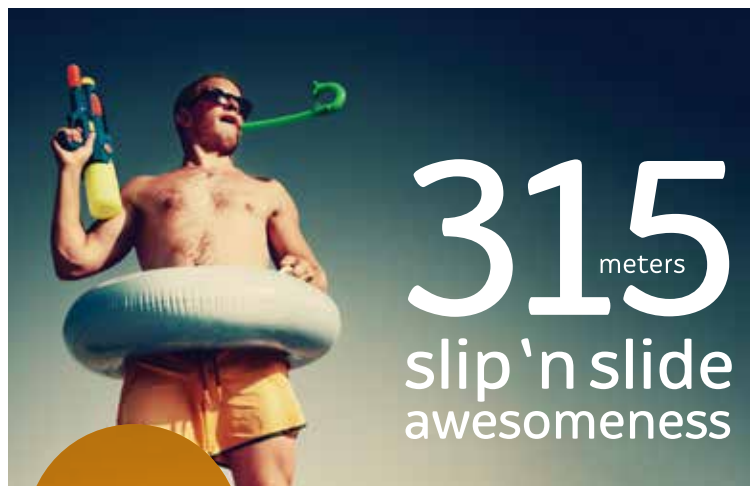
## Armidale Annual Autumn Festival

Saturday 14 March 2015

St John's children will be participating, details are as follows:

**Meet:** 12 noon  
**Where to drop off:** Park opposite TAFE in Beardy Street  
**Finish:** 1.15 pm  
**Where to pick up:** Opposite the Belgrave Cinema in Dumaresq Street

*All children must wear full school uniform with hats and they may carry water bottles. Unless the weather is cool, blazers do not need to be worn. Please ensure you are at the finish point promptly.*



TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW

Saturday March 14, Kirkwood St

**DJS WITH FULL PARTY VIBE**

Armidale's biggest water fight

Slider tickets are strictly limited. BOOK NOW  
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ALL AGES (free mini slide for U5's)



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armidaleautumnfestival](https://www.facebook.com/armidaleautumnfestival)



## Adopt-a-shelf at NEGS Library

Year 3 and 4 have been lucky enough to join the Adopt-a-shelf program at the NEGS Library. These students are so responsible that they can be trusted to tidy, organise and promote the amazing books on their shelf. Each student has signed an agreement to care and nurture their special part of the Library. Year 3/4 will be persuading Mr Logan to visit their shelf and will be encouraging other Junior School students to borrow from their selection. Here are our amazing Adopt-a-shelf recipients:



Next time you are at the NEGS Library, ask Eloise about Geronimo Stilton, Jade can direct you to the History section, Eva will apparate towards Harry Potter, Archie will astound you with his Science shelf, Ashley loves telling a good joke, Aleisha and Ava are horse mad, Owen likes social studies, Tariq will scare the wits out of you with a Goosebumps, Arabella will share a picture book and Charlie can recommend a book from the Zac Power series.



We love the Library!





## Another HUGE fortnight for Junior School Sport.

### SWIMMING:

Last week some Junior School students travelled with Ms Rosewood to the PSSA Swimming Carnival. Students performed brilliantly and there were many personal bests swum on the day.

In Week 6, some St John's students will be travelling to Sydney for the IPSHA Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the very best of luck and hope they enjoy the experience of swimming in one of the best Olympic pools in the world.

### CROSS COUNTRY:

On Thursday last week, St John's had their Cross Country Carnival followed by a BBQ for parents and friends. Although there was a little bit of rain, this did not dampen the spirits of the students. There were some great results! Thank you to all of the parent helpers and spectators that supported the day. It was great to see so many of you there.



### AGE CHAMPIONS:

- 5 Year Old Boy: Jesse Alldis
- 5 Year Old Girl: Ruby Harvey-Lynn
- 6 Year Old Boy: Mohammed Almokhtar
- 6 Year Old Girl: Leontine O'Neill
- 7 Year Old Boy: Brodie Meredith
- 7 Year Old Girl: Delilah Layton
- 8 Year Old Boy: Charlie McCulloch
- 8 Year Old Girl: Ava Loudon
- 9 Year Old Boy: Tariq Rahim
- 9 Year Old Girl: Arabella Dagg
- 10 Year Old Boy: Solomon Layton
- 10 Year Old Girl: Ashley Knight
- 11 Year Old Boy: Jack Cassidy
- 11 Year Old Girl: Sophie Mason
- 12 Year Old Girl: Isabella Gooch



### TERM 1 REMAINING SPORTING EVENT DATES

IPSHA Swimming Carnival: Wednesday 4th March: Sydney Aquatic Centre

K-2 Swimming Program: Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March: TAS Pool

If you have any sporting queries please email Mrs Jess Oehlers at;  
jess.oehlers@negs.nsw.edu.au







## Growing future scientists!

Join Science staff from New England Girls' School for a fun day of Science activities designed to ignite and inspire a love of Science.

Where: New England Girls' School

When: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$50 (includes morning tea, lunch and four activities) + bring a plain white/light grey t-shirt that can be painted

Age: School Grades 4 - 6

Hurry!! Limited places available. For more information or to make a booking, please email Belinda Stone on [belinda.stone@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:belinda.stone@negs.nsw.edu.au)

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NEVER smile at a crocodile - so join **The Alligators** TODAY! Because it's

# FUN!

<http://armidalealligators.swimming.org.au/>

**Your first two club nights are free.**

Racing is against swimmers of similar ability, not age, with the focus on beating your own best time. Swimmers are encouraged to try and "DO A PB" (personal best).

Club nights are run every Friday night during summer (Terms 1 & 4) and every second Friday night during Winter (Terms 2 & 3), with the exception of school holidays.



The Armidale Alligators is a NSW Swimming affiliated club which operates out of The Armidale School (TAS) Sports Centre to provide year round swimming for its members. Proudly sponsored by Harwood Swimming and the TAS Sports Centre - Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Twitter

For more information please call Lisa Russell on 0408 989 994 or email [armidalealligators@gmail.com](mailto:armidalealligators@gmail.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Your students can "shoot for the stars"!

NBN, the company bringing you the national broadband network, is about to launch two satellites into orbit from 2015. They will be used to help bring rural and regional Australia access to high-speed broadband, and help TEACHERS provide world-best education.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, NBN is "launching" an exciting competition, open to all Australian primary school students aged 5 - 12 years.

#### THE COMPETITION

Using the theme "how the NBN will make Australia a better country", students are asked to create an illustration to decorate the nose cone of one of the launching rockets. Entry is easy, either online or by mail.

#### THE PRIZES

There will be one finalist per state and territory - 8 in total. Each state and territory finalist will receive a 1 night trip to Canberra, including a visit to Questacon, with an accompanying parent or guardian.

#### PLUS

The national winner, chosen from the finalists, will have their illustration emblazoned on the rocket taking one of the satellites into space and NBN will work with their school to choose a name for the satellite.

#### TEACHER RESOURCES

NBN has put together a range of curriculum-based teaching ideas and resources on technology and communication at [www.nbnco.com.au/resources](http://www.nbnco.com.au/resources) It could be one of your students sending their illustration into space, and your school helping NBN to name the satellite and becoming part of posterity!

To help your students take up this amazing opportunity, go to [www.nbnco.com.au/stars](http://www.nbnco.com.au/stars)

Entry details and forms, teacher resources, full terms and conditions are at [www.nbnco.com.au/stars](http://www.nbnco.com.au/stars)  
The competition runs from February 9, 2015 to March 15, 2015.

Open to Australian residents aged 5 - 12 years old excluding immediate family members of Promoter employees.

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