



**ST JOHN'S**

## Term Dates to Remember

### Thursday 27 November

K - 6 Celebration of Learning and Concert Evening: 6pm

### 30 November

Year 6 Lunch - Peterson's Winery

### 1 December

Activities Day (clay making, craft, swimming, jumping castle...Too much fun!)

### Tuesday 2 December

Last day of Term 4

## 2015 Term Dates

### Wednesday 28 January

First day of Term One 2015

### Tuesday 2 February

Parent Information Evening

### Wednesday 11 February

Photo Day

### Friday 13 February

St John's Swimming Carnival

### Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 March

Camp Week for Year 3 to 6

NEGS Calendar Link

<http://negs.nsw.edu.au/calendar/>

## Head of St John's

Shannon Rosewood

As we conclude the 2014 academic year, it is important to reflect on the exciting and programs that have been implemented during my time here at St John's. I would like to thank Liane Nixon who ensured that classroom programs were successful and productive prior to my arrival.

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 Plate 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. 2015 is going to be an amazing time of growth and development at St John's.

## Activities Day Monday 1 December

The end of term is fast approaching. How exciting! Activities Day is a fun way for the students and staff to celebrate 2014. We have planned a fantastic array of activities.

### What is happening?

Clay making, Christmas craft and cooking activities will be happening in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Between recess and lunch we will be having fun in the Senior School pool, slipping on a massive 'slip n slide' and also jumping on the jumping castle. A friendly visitor (in a red suit) might also pop in before lunch.

### What do kids need?

Students need to wear their sports uniform (with hat) and bring an art smock. Swimmers, towel and goggles will be needed for students who will be enjoying the pool (K - 6). Sunscreen and a rash shirt are advised. Transition will be having fun on the 'slip n slide' so will need to bring their swimmers and a towel.

Remember to pack a drink bottle as it will be hot and thirsty work.

Morning tea and Lunch will be as normal in the dining room. Transition will need to bring their lunch and morning tea.

# St John's Sport

Miss Jessica O'Connell

As the end of the Term is creeping up fast, Summer sport is coming to an end. St John's students have completed Touch Football and Basketball for the year.

We congratulate all students on magnificent sportsmanship throughout the year in all sports and are very proud of all that they have achieved.

## SWIMMING

Years 3-6 will complete their last session of swimming this Friday. A huge thank you to Harwood Swim School for a fabulous term of swimming.

## NEXT YEAR

Summer Sport nominations will be sent out early in Term 1.

**Congratulations** to the fantastic St John's girls that participated in the Schools Challenge Triathlon 2014 on Sunday. What an achievement! Congratulations to Nichola, Keeley and Isabella from Year 5 and Charlotte, Lydia and Alexandra from Year 4.

It was fantastic to hear from the girls how they supported and encouraged each other throughout the competition. Well done!



## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at the 3 - 6 assembly in Week 7:

### Personal Best Awards

3/4: Ashley Knight

5: Hollie O'Halloran

6: Katie Hancock

### Book Work Awards

3/4: Calan Loudon

5: Isabella Gooch

6: Francisca Dugdale

### St John's Star

3/4: Caitlin Croft

5: Isabelle Chandler

6: Eva Knox

Coming in 2015..... NEGS Primary STEM Day!!!!



Watch this space in 2015 for more information.



# Lets Keep Moving Semester Two



The children in Transition have had an exciting Semester of physical experiences. During Term Three Transition had the opportunity to take part in a Dalcroze Music demonstration and have continued the Dalcroze activities within Mrs Tall's music sessions. Transition were also included in the whole schools gymnastics program and traveled to the Armidale Gymnastics Centre every fortnight in Term Three. My Pony and Me Program was introduced and the children loved riding Fudge and Bubbles. Bike fever hit the whole school and Transition has simply loved their lunch times riding on the new and exciting bike track. Swimming skills have continued to be developed at Squirts Swim School. Finally the children worked on their fundamental movement skills in the Sensory Gym every day. What a wonderful way to learn!

# Scholastic Book Club

Mrs Layton

Dear Families,

You should have received your last Bookclub orders for the year by now. I would like to thank you for your support of Book Club again in 2014. Your orders have earned St John's just over \$570 in rewards! Most of this has already been put towards valuable resources for the classrooms.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season, peaceful and safe holidays with your family. Happy Reading!

Yours in books,

**Amy Layton - Scholastic Book Club Coordinator**



## Summer Reading Club



The Summer Reading Club is taking place at Armidale Public Library throughout the summer holidays – running from 1/12/2014 – 30/1/2015.

The theme for this summer is Adventure.

Registration is FREE! When participants register, they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack with free prizes, activity books, and a reading log.

Alternatively they can also register through the Summer Reading Club website at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

National prizes are up for grabs for those who participate in online activities.

## St John's Junior School

Invites you to attend our

### 'Celebration of Learning & Concert Evening'



**At:** NEGS Assembly Hall  
**Date:** Thursday 27th November 2014  
**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
**RSVP:** Monday 17th November to Mrs Smith on P: 02 6774 8700 or E: [helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au)



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