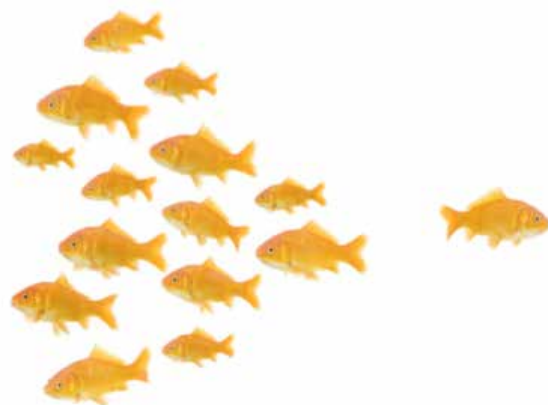


Head of St John's

Shannon Rosewood

October is Mental Health Month. Factsheets, educational events, and online resources about mental health and wellbeing are available on the Mental Health Association of NSW website <http://www.mentalhealth.asn.au>.

At St John's we will be utilising the theme Be Younique to acknowledge that everyone is different. All students (and adults!) have strengths and challenges and that is what makes each individual unique and special. I will be asking the St John's students to celebrate individuality by sharing photographs that illustrate our theme – 'Be Younique.'



A photograph showcasing a gift or talent will be a fun way for students to consider what makes someone special. It is interesting to consider as adults – What make me different? Here is a great poem by Michael Rosen (We're going on a bear hunt) about special skills.

I Know Someone by Michael Rosen

I know someone who can make their ears wiggle.
I know someone who can shake their cheeks so it sounds like ducks quacking.
I know someone who can throw peanuts in the air and catch them in their mouth.
I know someone who can bend her thumb back to touch her wrist.
I know someone who can say the alphabet backwards.
I know someone who can wiggle her little toe.
And that someone is me.

Term Dates to Remember

Tuesday 25 November

Transition Celebration of Learning: 4pm

Thursday 27 November

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

Monday 1 December

Activities Day

Tuesday 2 December

Last day of Term 4

NEGS Calendar Link

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

Bike maintenance and Bike Safety Day

A big thank you to Trevor Collison and Lachlan for volunteering their time last weekend to repair and look at the maintenance of the school bikes. They pumped up tyres, fixed de-railers, straightened handle bars, fixed seats, adjusted brakes and tested them. Our community is what makes St John's such a special place.

The Unit Method

Cool Maths!

Year 3 and 4 go straight to High School! St John's are extremely fortunate that they can access the skills and resources of the Senior School. This term we have been lucky enough to have Mrs Depsi (Head of Mathematics) work with our Junior School students. Mrs Depsi visited Year 3 and 4 to teach them an exciting new problem solving strategy, the Model Method, to add to their personal Maths Toolkit.



Chess Club

St John's Junior School students have formed a Chess Club where some interesting and challenging games are played each Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 until 4.15. We meet in the Library. If you would like to join us, please see Mrs Ward for a permission note.



ORIENTATION AND ASSESSMENT DAYS FOR YEAR 7 2015 – 6 and 7 November.

The Senior School are looking forward to welcoming your daughter as she progresses to Year 7 next year. The transition from Primary to Senior School brings many changes in aspects of curriculum and school life. In addition, adolescence is a time of personal change. This period can be challenging, as well as an exciting time for students.

On Orientation and Assessment Day 1 (Thursday 6 November) your daughter will take part in external tests and spend the morning, lunchtime and afternoon with Year 7 2015 girls and Senior School staff. On Orientation and Assessment Day 2 (Friday 7 November) your daughter will take part in an exciting Design and Technology program.

Please RSVP to Mary Wright in the Development Office if you are planning on attending the parent events – Thursday morning tea and tour or the Information evening at 5pm on Thursday 6 November.

Literacy Information Evening

Mrs McCann and Miss O'Connell invite you to a workshop about early reading, THRASS and Multi-Lit.

Wednesday 29 October
5:30 to 6:30
Kindergarten classroom



ST JOHN'S



Bike Safety Day

St John's Junior School Bike Safety Day

On Friday 14th November, St John's Junior School will be holding their annual Bike Safety Day. Students are invited to bring their bikes to school for a fun day of instruction and activities with Senior Constable McCormack from Armidale Police Station.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the Week 3 Assembly:

Personal Best Awards

K - Mohammed Almkhtar
1/2 - Archibald O'Neill
3/4 - Solomon Layton
5 - Keeley O'Connor
6 - Alexandra Rose

Book Work Awards

K - Sienna Alldis
1/2 - Eva Dabovich
3/4 - Lydia Farrar
5 - Isabella Johnson
6 - Francisca Dugdale

St John's Star Award

K - Meshari Almagheeb
1/2 - Andrew Knight
3/4 - Arnika Moorfield
5 - Hannah Rahim
6 - Zoe Reed



Congratulations to Bronte Dagg, who was one of two St John's student who recently represented the school at the Tamworth Inter-Schools Horse Extravaganza (ISHE). There were nearly 30 riders in all of Bronte's classes and her and her pony Toy won all five classes they competed in under two different judges and went on to win the Champion Girl Rider in the 10, 11 and 12 years age group.

Anna Jarvis also placed in several classes, 2nd Barrels, 4th Bending, 5th Flag. 4th Overall in sporting 4th Hack, 2nd & 3rd Child's Hack (2 rings), 4th Pleasure Hack, 3rd Rider, 7th overall in the One Day Event eva 60cm

On the Friday before **Bronte** also attended the NSW All Welsh Show where she was champion part welsh and reserve first ridden with Mondiso Park Watch Me.



Congratulations to Elijah Layton for his attendance at the Scone Beef Bonanza on the weekend. He did very well in the Primary Paraders' Class on Saturday; He placed 2nd in his heat and went into a final of 18.

In the final Eli was selected 4th in the final 10 and the judge had a hard time selecting the winners from the final 10 and made them go around countless times whilst watching them parade the animal, stand them up and asked them questions about the steer.

Eli placed 7th in the end, out of 60 students which was a great effort. He also participated in the Junior Judging on Sunday morning. Well done Eli!



St John's Sport

Miss Jessica O'Connell

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Years 3-6 commenced their Swimming Program for Term 4 last week. Students travelled to the TAS Pool and enjoyed Swim and Survive sessions with teachers and specialised support from Harwood Swim School. James Harwood and his team are on board this year to help students in all areas of swimming, particularly with stroke development.

Years 3-6 will attend Swimming each fortnight during Sport time on Fridays.

K-2 commence swimming in Week 6 on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has a separate swimming bag with all of the essentials for each session.

SUMMER SPORT

Touch Football and Basketball commenced in Week 2 and all teams are having a brilliant time on the field and court. Training for both sports is each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm.

STATE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Eva on competing at the State Athletics Carnival in Sydney last week. Eva placed 2nd in her heat. Well done Eva on such a fabulous achievement.

Music News Mrs Tall

New England Sings! 2014

On Sunday, 2nd November, 25 students from St John's will be performing as part of the mass regional primary choir for New England Sings 2014. These students have been attending combined rehearsals at NECOM over the past 2 terms learning a repertoire of seven songs including 'Scenes From New England' a new Australian work commissioned especially for this concert. The text for this work was provided by local author and poet Sophie Masson and the music composed by the late Harley Mead. New England Sings will feature both primary and secondary students from around the region and promises to be a fabulous concert for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets are available at the website www.trybooking.com There are 2 concerts and the St John's children will be performing in the 11.00am concert only. I would like to thank the students who have chosen to be a part of this project and we are looking forward to a wonderful performance on Sunday.

In other Music news, congratulations to Isabella Johnson, Nichola Clarkson, Arnika Moorfield and Hannah Rahim who played in the Twilight concert last week. It's wonderful to hear how you are progressing and to see your confidence in performing growing. Well done!

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



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NEW ENGLAND SINGS!

Sun 2 Nov @ Lazenby Hall, UNE
 Concert 1 @ 11am OR Concert 2 @ 2pm



New England Sings! tickets now on sale at

TryBooking website www.trybooking.com

Adults \$22 FT students \$15 (no conc)

New England Sings! our region's biggest choral showcase will present 800 school students from 25 schools in 2 concerts on Sunday 2 November - Concert #1 at 11am and Concert #2 at 2pm.

Students will perform an inspiring program of Australian music - from colonial folksongs, premiers based on lyrics by New England writers Sophie Masson and Judith Wright to the great rock anthem 'You're The Voice'. It will be an unforgettable experience for students and audiences alike.

Each concert has only 550 seats available so now is the time to book your seats early to avoid missing out. Please check the list and concert times below to find the concert that you will need to book.

Students performing in **BOTH** Concerts, 11am & 2pm

NECOM Choirs: Minisingers, Cantilena, New England Singers, Side-by-Side Choir

Massed Secondary Choir students from:

Armidale HS	Bellingen HS	Calrossy Anglican School	Dorrigo HS
Duval HS	Inverell HS	NEGS Armidale	McCarthy Catholic College
O'Connor Catholic College	PLC Armidale	St Marys College, Gunnedah	Tenterfield HS
TAS The Armidale School			

Primary Schools in Concert 1 OR Concert 2

CONCERT No 1 @ 11am		CONCERT No 2 @ 2pm	
Ben Venue PS	St Mary's Primary School	Armidale City PS	PLC Armidale
Sandon PS	St Patrick's Primary School	Martin's Gully PS	TAS The Armidale School
St Johns Junior School	Calrossy Anglican School Primary	Minimbah PS	The Armidale Waldorf School

music speaks volumes



Year Six Science

Experimenting with the concept of density.



In Science this week, Year Six investigated the concepts of density, immiscibility and surface tension in liquids by making and experimenting with a density tower.

The experiment involved the use of honey, water and oil which was then further combined with saltwater ice cubes and detergent ice cubes.

Some of their results can be seen in the photos above.

Year 1/2 Classroom News

Year 1/2 have been busy this term. They have been enjoying our Literacy Groups and THRASS work with Kindergarten which is giving them lots of different opportunities with learning and consolidating sounds, and reading. They have been learning about communication in Science and have talked about communication through pictures. They have discovered that some shapes and colours tell us things too! Last week we did some Mathematics activities based on the Westpac Helicopter Service. We are hoping that we may be able to convince the Westpac people to visit us here at St John's in their chopper. That would be so exciting!

Mrs L Wood

