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Dear College Families,

Future leaders must be future thinkers, equipped to solve real world problems in a global context. St John's Anglican College Future Thinkers are on their way to NASA again this year with six teams invited to participate in the 2016 Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge. Eighty teams world-wide, are invited to the Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, USA to showcase their innovative solutions to real world problems.

The Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge for students aged 13 – 18 years, provides amazing opportunities for creative and innovative young minds to showcase what they can do with what they know. Students design solutions to real world problems in Aerospace and Aviation, Cyber Technology and Security, Energy and the Environment and Health and Nutrition.

St John's congratulates all of our students who have reached the semi-finals of the Conrad Challenge and is justifiably proud of our students' achievement in this world renowned competition. St John's Anglican College is the only Australian school to reach the semi-finals two years in a row. The Challenge equips our students with essential skills to succeed in a rapidly changing global future. It teaches them to connect, create and collaborate and encourages them to design things that really matter and make a difference in the world.

This year, students from Years Nine to 11 have exceeded their own expectations by grappling with big issues from medical and sleep disorders to futuristic space outfits. Year



11 student Olivia Hutley who travelled to Florida in 2015 as a member of The Demeter Biocide team said "I wouldn't trade in the experience for the world. It taught me that it doesn't matter where you come from, you always have the capability to achieve something amazing".

You can learn more about the Conrad Challenge here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfyrzUxO3U0>

On Friday 26 February we welcomed the parents of Years 10, 11 and 12 to the Senior School Head of College Breakfast. The Breakfast provides an informal way to meet with and update parents about developments within the school. Rev'd Susan provided them with a tour of the Secondary Prayer Space which had been in place during the last two weeks. Feedback received from the parents was very positive. Parents enjoyed the peacefulness and calm of the Spaces and were appreciative the College is able to provide a quiet place for the students to reflect and to pray.

Kind Regards
Suzanne Bain
Head of College



FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
04.03.2016	Funky Hair Day	Primary Campus, 11.30am
	Shave and Colour for a Cure	Secondary Auditorium, 1:30pm
	Strings Twilight Concert	Secondary Auditorium, 6:00pm
05.03.2016	Scholarship Exam	Secondary Reception, 8:45am for 9:00am start
07.03.2016	STEM futures beyond the Classroom (Years 9, 10, 11)	Secondary Auditorium, 9:30am-2:00pm
08.03.2016	CODAT	Kindergarten - Year Six: 4 - 5pm Years Seven - Twelve: 4 - 7pm
09.03.2016	Primary School Cross Country	Primary Campus, from 9:00am
12.03.2016	FOTA Trivia Night	Chapel, Primary Campus, 6:30pm
18.03.2016	St John's Business Breakfast	Hillstone, St Lucia Golf Links, 7:00am

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From the Head of Primary

Dear Parents

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings." (Ann Landers)

The rapid pace of change in our society makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for us to acquire all the factual knowledge we need to understand the wide variety of systems operating around us. It has become clear that just knowing facts is not enough in this complex, modern world. We need to equip our children with skills and attitudes about learning so that they can think critically, creatively and collaboratively. At St John's we believe inquiry learning and Science literacy are essential in a sound education because children need to learn the skills required to make informed decisions about issues that affect themselves and society.

Our world needs people who are interested in Science and who know how to inquire, ask questions and problem solve. Therefore, our classrooms need to move away from the model of just memorising facts and figures, and towards providing students with challenging and authentic learning experiences that allow students to inquire and think for themselves. The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program provides the framework for this type of learning to occur. We use an inquiry cycle, and our students learn the steps involved in good investigation, inquiry and problem solving.

These steps include:

1. Tuning In: What do I know about this topic?
2. Finding Out: What kinds of resources might help?
3. Sorting Out: What information is relevant to my questions?
4. Going Further: How might I organise my information and ideas?
5. Making Conclusions: What is the main point I wish to make?
6. Taking Action: What have I learned about the topic?

This process is not just limited to school activities. Children can use the steps to solve the questions they have in any setting. Most parents have a natural urge to make life easier and more comfortable for their children. This means parents feel as though they need to answer questions very quickly and as precisely as possible. While this might seem like the best solution, this can result in the child relying on the parent for help all of the time. When parents answer their children's questions with a response such as, 'Let's find out together' or use some of the questions in the inquiry cycle, the child can learn how to investigate and find knowledge on their own.

Scientific inquiry is also becoming more important than it was in the past. At St John's we are providing a wider variety of opportunities for children to learn in a scientific way. Besides the investigations that occur in PYP Units of inquiry and in class investigations, we have Science Club and Environmental Club operating this term, and will have Young Inventors and Maker Spacers commencing in the near future. These activities form part of the offerings in our newly established STEM Institute. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and it is much more than four single subjects. In fact, it is more like

a way of thinking about learning that integrates knowledge across the subject areas.

We know that children learn best when they can make connections across different disciplines and contexts and traditional approaches to teaching subjects in isolation do not provide the optimum learning experience. Therefore, children in these settings may not reach their full potential. The program at St John's differs to others. It introduces every child to inquiry learning and investigations in STEM which provide opportunities for deep, collaborative learning and the use of a wide variety of technology. These opportunities blend perfectly with the units of inquiry we teach through the International Baccalaureate PYP. And besides all these advantages, the learning experiences are a great deal of fun!

Kind regards

Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary



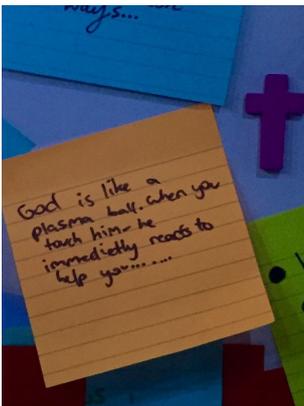
Lakeside Reflection

Prayer Spaces in Schools

Our Prayer Spaces in Schools was held in Weeks Four and Five at the Senior Campus. This time we opened the Space not only to students but also to parents. The students go through the Prayer Space as part of their RaVE class. Being in the Prayer Space gives the students an opportunity to take time out of their busy school life and just "be". Prayer Spaces are organic in that we are always looking at ways to improve what we do. This means we always ask for feedback from the students and staff to see how we can improve for the next Prayer Space. Some regular comments from the students are that the Space is peaceful, stress free, calm and they feel less worried. Some students have said they felt that they really mattered as they thought about special moments in their lives. Some enjoyed being able to write their feelings down without anyone judging them. Others said they learnt about prayer. The students mentioned that they were given an opportunity to be mindful not only of themselves but of others.

It was great to have parents go through the Prayer Space. The Year Seven parents were invited to walk through the Prayer Space just before the Year Seven parent evening. Those parents who attended the Head of College Breakfast were also invited to experience the Prayer Space and we received a very positive response.

Reverend Susan Crothers-Robertson
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From the Deputy Head of College (Pastoral Care)

Year Seven High Resolves Conference

Recently the Year Seven students were involved in a two hour conference with High Resolves. St John's is a place for the development of the mind, for innovation and creativity, for inspiration and wellbeing, and for nurturing of the spirit. We are preparing our students for the responsibilities of leadership in tomorrow's local and global communities. The High Resolves Program is an integral part of the development of these skills.

To tackle the complex challenges of our world we need a critical mass of global citizens and leaders who can accomplish what previous generations have failed to do. The aim is to teach the students to act in the long-term and to be conscious of the collective interest of humanity. This program takes the students from being helpless observers of the world's problems to being leaders who have conviction that they can bring about change. They will also have a conference in Term Two and Term Three.

Year 11 and 12 Exam Block

The Year 11 and 12 students will have an Exam Block from 9 to 15 March (Wednesday 9 March is a Study Day). The following guidelines apply during exam block:

- Students must arrive no later than 10 minutes prior to the beginning of their exam session and be seated in the exam room.
- Should your child be ill on the day of an exam, please contact the College on 3372 0111 and ask for the information to be forwarded to Mr Johnson.
- Rolls will be marked for each exam and parents contacted if a student is absent. A medical certificate will be required if the student is unable to attend due to illness.
- No extra time will be allowed for students who arrive late.
- Students will not be allowed to hand in tests early or leave an exam session early.
- Students remaining at the College during a non-exam session have two options:
 - (a) Work in the library;
 - (b) Attend a pre-arranged workshop supervised by their teacher.
- Students must arrive and leave in full College uniform including:
 - (a) Blazer (Terms Two and Three only) and hat.
 - (b) Correct College bag.
- Students are responsible for bringing all necessary equipment and writing materials to each test. Only clear water bottles containing water will be allowed in exam rooms. All equipment must be in a clear container. No books will be allowed in the exam room.
- Students are not permitted to visit Forest Lake Village while they are at College for exams or study.

Robern Hinchliffe
Deputy Head of College (Pastoral Care)

From the Deputy Head of College (Curriculum)

Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge

Congratulations to all of our successful students that have reached the semi-final stage of the Conrad Challenge. These students have the opportunity to attend the Innovation Summit held at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida USA in April. We now have the very exciting task of organising their trip and itinerary. The Conrad Challenge is an annual, multi-phase innovation and entrepreneurial competition that brings together a dynamic community of innovators and entrepreneurs driving a collaborative movement to develop extraordinary and viable solutions to benefit our world in one of four areas: Aerospace & Aviation, Cyber Technology & Security, Energy & Environment, and Health & Nutrition. Further information can be found at their website: <http://www.conradchallenge.org/>



Year 10	Tammy Bui Zoe Christofis Nikky Ly Richa Patel Joanne Tran	Thomas Cameron Ellie Gunton Gayathri Menon Monique Pike
Year 11	Shihaab Azam Ahmed Ghumman Olivia Hutley Hamza Khan Kelsey Matuschka Grace Nagy Huong Nguyen Hoang Tan Pham Lawson Woolford	Chace Eldridge Zahraa Hassan Samuel James Thy Ai Mai Samantha Mungomery Yehan Navaratne Amy Nicol Chloe Rosazza

Year 11 & 12 Term One Examination Block

The scheduled examination block for Year 11 and 12 students will occur from Thursday 10 March until Tuesday 15 March. By now all students should have an examination timetable and a copy has also been placed on our Moodle Learning Platform. Students are not required at the College when they do not have an examination scheduled. It is an expectation however that they are using this time to prepare for their upcoming examinations or to complete other assessment work. A study room is available at all times throughout the examination period for students to access.

Changes to Senior Schooling in Queensland

The Queensland Government will introduce new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems, starting with students entering Year 11 in 2018 (our current Year Nine students). In readiness for the changes to senior schooling St John's has accepted the invitation to become involved in several trial projects. Not only are we trialling external assessment with Year 11 Geography, our Mathematics department is part of a process of quality assurance of school-based assessments. We also have a number of staff in other teaching areas receiving training in fine-tuning teacher judgments to support consistent application of standards. The skills which our teachers will acquire during this process will enhance the educational outcomes of our students. I will continue to update you on our progress as we prepare to implement the new system.

Glenn Johnson

Deputy Head of College (Curriculum)

Careers

For important dates and information about experience days (criminology, environments, planning and urban design), please refer to the Senior School Careers Bulletin (24 February issue). The Bulletin is sent via email to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students. It is also available on Moodle under Student Resources, Senior School

Year 12 Career Resources

Year 11 Career Resources

Year 10 Career Resources

In *Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie*, Charlie Brown, desperate to make a change in his life, becomes acquainted with a book titled *10 Ways to Become a Winner*. There are so many "How to..." books or articles that seem to promise a simple solution. Here are a few titles:

How to Talk About Places You've Never Been

How to Learn Almost Anything in 48 Hours

925 Ideas to Help You Save Money, Get Out of Debt and Retire A Millionaire So You Can Leave Your Mark on the World

The next few careers bulletins will feature some ideas aimed at helping students work out what careers they might be suited to. It's not a "how to" as such, but hopefully, it will play a part in the whole process of their career development.

Australian National University (ANU)

The Tuckwell Scholarship

Applications for 2017 will open on Monday 29 February. Applications close on Wednesday 30 March.

<http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au>

Opportunities to study a university subject as a secondary school student

GUESTS (Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Study)

- Opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to study a university subject and experience university life
- Year 12 students applying for the Semester Two intake must submit their application by Monday 30 May. Year 11 students may also apply for Semester Two in some study areas.

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program>

START QUT

- Opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject
- Applications for Semester Two 2016 close on Friday 13 May.

www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut

Annabelle Lam
Careers Advisor

College Library News

The school year is certainly well underway, Easter and the end of Term One are fast approaching. As staff and parents, we often get to this time of the term, and we feel we can stop and take a breath. We have made it through the first few weeks, yet some of us as parents, feel like we are still struggling with adjusting to the start of school particularly with children starting school for the first time or moving into Year 12.

I can assure you are not alone. The library staff are able to help with some books to help make parenting that little bit easier, through books in the parent resource collection at both campus libraries. A number of books are available on various topics, including raising children, adapting to change along with educational issues and milestones like starting school or entering Year 12.

At the primary school you will find Kirstine Beeley's book, *"A Parent's survival guide to starting school: help your child sail through big school."* Kirstine uses her experience as an early years and primary school teacher along with her experience as a parent, to provide a practical, professional and personal experience to answer all those questions that parents frequently ask about the transition process.

Whereas, you also have parents who have their teenagers entering their last year of secondary school and are wondering how they can help their child to survive the pressures of Year 12. In his book, *"Surviving Year 12: a sanity kit of students and their parents"*, leading adolescent psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg offers humorous encouragement to both students and their parents on how to maintain perspective and keep their sanity intact during this important year. The book includes a special section for parents as well as words of wisdom from past students and teachers. This is a must read for those who are attempting to juggle the pressures of Year 12.

Both of these books are available from your branch of St John's library. Kirstine's book is available from the primary school library and Dr Carr-Gregg's book is available from the secondary school library.

These are just two of the books available from the parent library collection in the library. Remember, if you have any questions or issues that you may need more information on please feel free to talk to your teacher or the library staff for books on those topics.

Bernadette Maullin
Information & Library Services Manager

Old Collegians: Where are they now?

Our Old Collegians' are always on the move and achieving wonderful new things in their chosen paths.

At the start of 2016, Old Collegian, Tony Nguyen (2000) together with David Huynh (2005) opened up a new Foodworks store in Pottsville, NSW. Tony and David who have more than two decades of experience in retail businesses, have a specific focus on providing locals the best quality for the lowest prices. Congratulations to both Tony and David in their new endeavour.



Image: Tweed Valley Weekly

Congratulations also goes to:

Daniel Huynh (2008) in becoming a Chartered Accountant. Daniel was the 2015 recipient of the Old Collegians' Award 'Service to the Community'.

Liam Dixon (2014) in fulfilling a lifelong dream in being accepted into the Royal Air Force as an Avionics Technician.

We are always keen to hear about students and their life after St John's. If you would like to share a good news story please contact Elaine MacRae, emacrae@sjac.qld.edu.au

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Performing Arts

Dance News

Dance at St John's is on the move with our first performance of the year quickly approaching. The two teams have shown tremendous dedication, which can be seen in the quality of work produced in such a short time. The Senior Dance Excellence Team will perform a beautiful lyrical number at CODAT on Tuesday, 8 March. Musical Theatre is on the cards for our Intermediate Dance Excellence Team where the dancers have been getting right into character. I am looking forward to the year ahead with the St John's dancers.

Drama News

Drama Troupe's training for the Queensland Youth Theatresports Festival is up and running. The interest from students has been overwhelming and unfortunately we will not be able to take anymore enrolments for this semester. This Youth Theatre sports festival is a fun way for students to gain valuable improvisation experience and stage time. It teaches and uses invaluable skills of communication and creativity. As Einstein once said, "Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen, and thinking what no one else has thought".

Music News

In young children music activates and integrates activity across many parts of the brain, particularly in regard to abstract thinking, aural and spatial awareness, verbal understanding and motor skills.

Combined Strings Workshop

Members of Dolce Strings and Bellissimo Strings will participate in a Combined String Workshop with The Springfield Anglican College this Sunday 6 March in the Auditorium at the secondary school. We have invited a professional conductor from Camerata of St John's.

Strings Twilight Concert

All Strings Ensembles and selected soloists will be performing at this event on Friday 4 March. This is an exciting night for all our string players. See you there!

Composition Workshop

The Years Nine to 11 Music students will work with John Babbage from the Brisbane Based group Topology this Friday for a composition workshop. We are planning to make this a new working relationship with this award winning group. *Rarely does one come across a group who can all write brilliantly and cross musical divides effortlessly. They are a refreshingly inventive and innovative team and it's been a pleasure to work with them* (Paul Cassidy, Brodsky Quartet).

Anglican Schools Music Festival

A number of our Instrumental Music students have been offered places or are reserves for this event which will be held for the second time at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Southbank, on Friday 22 April. This one-day intensive music day affords our students the opportunity to work with leading conductors in a non-competitive environment with students from fourteen other Anglican Schools across South East Queensland in a Symphonic Band, Choir, String Orchestra and a combined 350 strong Symphony Orchestra / Choir.

College on Display at Twilight (CODAT)

A reminder to all ensemble members of Bella Cantabile, Barbershop Boys, Academy Strings, Senior School Dance Excellence Team, Brass Ensemble, St John's Anglican College Wind Symphony and Stage Band that you are required in the Auditorium at 5pm for a sound-check for CODAT. The Concert will be held from 6:15pm-7pm.

***Please remember to check the St John's Anglican College - PACE Facebook Page for updates and weekly outlines.



Primary Performing Arts

Alpine Singers

Thank you to all for accommodating to the room changes over the last few weeks. We are currently working hard on learning repertoire for the performances in Term Two. Please ensure your child brings a plastic sleeve folder to keep their sheet music in for each rehearsal. I will email all parents/carers once the renovations are complete in which case all rehearsals will remain in the music room. Thank you for your support.

Bellissimo Strings

We had a very busy first week in March. Rehearsals are going well for the Strings Twilight Concert and students should have received a pink note with information regarding the concert at rehearsals over the last couple of weeks. We are looking forward to a variety of performance items and seeing many family and friends attend this event.

An open rehearsal for all Bellissimo Strings members will take place during CODAT. It will be held in the Primary School Chapel from 4pm – 5pm (with set up and tuning at 3:45pm) on 8 March. All parents are welcome to come and see the process involved in starting a brand new string ensemble piece.

Geraldine Campbell
Head of Performing Arts

Coming PACE events

4 March 2016	Strings Twilight Concert
6 March 2016	Combined Strings Workshop
8 March 2016	CODAT
12 March 2016	FOTA Trivia Night (see attached flyer)
16-20 March 2016	Combined Schools Musical Festival (Adelaide)
23 March 2016	FOTA Meeting
24 March 2016	Easter Service

ST JOHN'S PACE EVENTS 2016

March	Strings Twilight Trivia Night Combined Schools Music Festival - Adelaide Easter Service
April	Dance Camp Anglican Schools Music Festival
May	Mother's Day High Tea Concerto Competition College Carnival
June	Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge
July	Drama Camp
August	Gold Coast Eisteddfod Showcase Concerts
September	Theatrics
October	College Creations St John's Cathedral – Evening of Music
November	Evening of Jazz Night of Celebration

FOTA (Friends of the Arts)

The FOTA (Friends of the Arts) is a sub-committee of the P&F and is made up of a small number of dedicated parents whose passion is to support the Arts at St John's.

The Committee for 2016 is -

Chairperson: Leon Scott

Vice Chairperson: Currently vacant

Secretary: Dea Drew

Treasurer: Melissa Nicol

Parent Liaison – Secondary Campus: Kirsten Scott

Parent Liaison – Primary Campus: Peter Ogilvy

If you are interested in being involved with FOTA, please contact Geraldine Campbell at gcampbell@sjac.qld.edu.au or Leon Scott at leonjscott@gmail.com.

Sibling Enrolments

Sibling Enrolments for 2017

Kindergarten to Year 12

Enrolment interviews for 2017 have now begun. If you have a sibling of a current student due for entry in 2017 you have priority entry however it is important that you submit your enrolment application by the end of Term One to guarantee a place.

You can access the Enrolment Application and Admissions Guide via this link - <http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au/enrolments/enrolment-process/>

Remember that we need your application early so that we can make sure we have a place for every little brother or sister.

Janette Collins
Registrar
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Sport

It has been an action packed week of sport. St John's played Ormiston College on Saturday 20 February, then we battled it out with West Moreton Anglican College on Tuesday 23 February. On Thursday 25 February we took to the water in Ipswich competing in an Invitational Swim Meet between St Mary's, St Edmunds and West Moreton Anglican College. On Saturday 27 February we welcomed Canterbury to Dragon's Lair to battle it out in Cricket, Basketball, Tennis and Volleyball games. It has been great to witness the great displays of athleticism across all sports. Keep up the good work and continue to give 100% at training.

Primary Sport

JTAS Cricket and Hockey has reached halfway mark and it is pleasing to see how the players are developing each week. Thank you to all coaches and managers for the time spent in preparing the teams.

The pre-season Netball and Rugby training is going well and any students wanting to play in a JTAS team in Term Two are invited to join in these sessions. Netball on Thursday afternoons 3:15pm to 4:30pm and Rugby on Friday mornings 7:00am to 8:00am.

Well done to all the St John's swimmers who swam at the Met West trials on 24 February. Most students achieved a new personal best in their events. Congratulations also goes to Melrose Gilbert for qualifying for the Met West team.

Well done to Kobe Blake, Cooper Blake and Makayla Magro who have qualified for Little Athletics State Championships in a number of events each, by doing very well in the Regional competition recently.

The Primary Cross Country is coming up on Wednesday 9 March; all the details have been sent out by email.

Term Two JTAS sport nomination information has gone out this week. Term Two sport is Rugby and Netball and we are aiming for one Rugby team for each Year Four, Year Five and Year Six level and two Netball teams for each Year Four, Year Five and Year Six level. We need as many boys and girls to get involved as possible to make this happen.

Kevin Murray
Primary Sports Coordinator

CAPTAIN'S REPORTS

Basketball Captain – Jessica Harris

The 2016 basketball girls played a makeup round on Tuesday 23 February. Although tired from a well-played game the previous Saturday, each St John's team fought hard against the West Moreton girls. Round Six was just around the corner on Saturday 27 February. Again, the girls played exceptionally well. As basketball captain, I am extremely proud of each and every single team. I witness their amazing skills during trainings as they work hard, tough and fierce ready to compete again. Personally, basketball is my most beloved sport. I am driven each week to try my best and to have fun.

Additionally, being in Opens I can safely say that I have connected with all the girls in each team. My team of the week are these girls, the girls from every team. I am inspired by the team effort they display each week. I believe that we are successful in bringing each team together, noticing that we are not two separate teams or even six, but one, big basketball family. We will continue to fight until the very end. Holding off strong opposition and playing our hardest...as a team.

Tennis Captain – Chloe deNys

The tennis girls have been very successful in the last three rounds against Ormiston, West MAC and Canterbury. For the first home game against Ormiston, five out of the six teams came away with a win, while the Year Seven team unfortunately went down. The games against West MAC were played at the Queensland Tennis Centre, where the girls watched Uma dominate 6-0 against the top player of West MAC in Pat Rafter Arena. After, the team got a tour of the arena. Against Canterbury, the girls won five out of the six games, with the First's playing a tough game, unfortunately going down 22 to 23 games. Despite the bye earlier in the season, the Second's and Year Ten students are in first place, the First's, Year Nine students and Year Eight students are currently in second place, while the Year Seven students are in 8th place. Many of the teams are in the running for a premiership this year. Keep up the good work girls!

Volleyball Captain – Mitchell Drew

This week St John's volleyball had another successful round with four out of six teams coming away with wins. Year Seven, Year Eight and Seconds teams all had resounding victories winning all 3 sets in their games respectively. The Year Ten students fought against great opponents and did well to come away with a close win showing perseverance despite the difficulty. The Year Nine students fought well but lost in a harrowing game to Canterbury 2 sets to 1. They didn't give up until the last point showing pronounced persistence. The Firsts were out matched by their astonishing opponents, being eclipsed by 3 sets to 1. They showed true commitment by winning the third set despite losing the first two. Another tremendous performance by our volleyball teams in the Dragon's Lair.

Cricket Captain – Samuel deNys

Against Ormiston, St Johns went down in all teams, however showed great fight and team spirit. Sammy D's mention of the week is Parva taking 4-15. On 23 February, students travelled down to West MAC, coming away with mixed results. The Firsts and Thirds went down, whilst the Seconds came away with a sensational victory, holding their nerve to win the game by one run. The Intermediates put up a great effort but unfortunately all going down. Sammy D's mention of the week is Matt Martin taking three catches. This week's fixture was against Canterbury College. Facing some tough competition, most teams came away with good wins. Firsts and Seconds all registered wins, whilst the Intermediates went down. The Firsts chased 165, whilst the Seconds defended a target of 99 runs. Sammy D's mentions of the week are Mark Dunkley and Jono Reid for scoring 49, and Corben taking a five wicket haul.

Swimming Captains – Abbey MacDonald & Keegan Jenkins

The TAS swimming program is continuing to be successful. Last Thursday afternoon a number of swimmers caught the bus out to St Edmund's College in Ipswich to compete against three other schools: St Edmund's, St Mary's as well as fellow TAS school West MAC. All students performed strongly considering the very compact schedule as well as the fierce competition. It was a great test and we are sure all students benefited from the experience. All swimmers are encouraged to continue showing up to trainings regularly as the TAS carnival is only three weeks away.

Equestrian

On the weekend of 6 and 7 February, Laura-Grace Nicholls and Sophie Nicholls participated in an interschool qualifying Equestrian event. Laura-Grace entered the EVA80 Intro Junior Competition and Sophie entered the EVA60 Pre-

Intro Open Competition. Sophie's group was open to both Senior and Junior riders.

The girls did extremely well. Laura-Grace was coming 9th after the dressage and managed a clear round showjumping on Saturday despite miserable weather conditions. Sophie was coming 18th after the dressage on Saturday, her show jumping and cross country were both run on the Sunday.



Laura-Grace went clear in her cross country on the Sunday with 0.4 time faults thus moving her up to 5th equal overall. Sophie went clear in her showjumping, clear in her cross country, she ended up 9th overall

and 6th out of the junior riders. A very commendable effort!

Rising Stars

Recently Sarah Fordham (Year 11) participated in the 5km race at the Australian Age Open Water Championships. Sarah performed really well finishing in the top 20 for her age group. Sarah has also recently been selected in the Met West Swim Team. Well done Sarah.

On Wednesday 24 February, Melrose Gilbert competed as a member of the Inala District Swim Team. Melrose performed particularly well and as a result was selected in the Met West Swim Team. We wish her all the best at the State titles in March.



On the weekend of 20 and 21 February, Keegan Jenkins and Mitchell Lohmann competed in Triathlon State Titles held in Harvey Bay. Both boys achieved great results. From this event Keegan was selected to represent Queensland in the National Titles.

Metropolitan West Trials

Metropolitan West trials are currently under way. Students wishing to trial must have previous experience in their chosen sport and must be accepted by the Metropolitan West convenor. Please ensure you see Miss Passmore before the nominated date.



Facebook

For all the latest sporting news, photos and updates don't forget to 'like' the St John's Anglican College Sport Facebook page.

Photographs

Thank you to everyone who has been taking photos at St John's sporting activities. Keep on sending your snaps in to apassmore@sjac.qld.edu.au. All photos welcome. It would be great to receive some photos from Primary sport too.

Melanie Gramenz
Head of Sport

From the Supporters of Sport Committee

The Supporters of Sport Committee is a sub-committee of the P&F and is made up of a small number of dedicated parents whose passion is to support sport at St John's. If you are passionate about sport and supporting your kids we would love to have you on board. We have a new committee that has been elected for 2016, congratulations to:

Chairperson: Peta-Marie Teale

Vice Chairperson: Bruce Arroll

Secretary: Kerrie Nissen

Treasurer: Currently not filled, if you are interested please don't hesitate to contact the SOS Committee

Kiosk Convenor: Celene Descy

Primary School Rep: Cindy Weidenbohm

The Sports Canteen at the Secondary School is the main form of fundraising for SoS. From 7am on a Saturday morning you will find us there setting up chairs and tables and preparing the food. You can be assured that the BBQ will be ready and the coffee will be brewing by the time students and parents arrive to warm up for the games. There are many roles to fill in the Canteen on a Saturday morning and the more hands we have the easier the work load is for everyone. There are the people on the BBQ cooking the bacon, sausages and burgers. There are people in the preparation area putting together bacon buns, hamburgers and sausages on bread as they are ordered. There are people on the front counter taking orders for food and drinks and of course there is always someone making coffee. If you think you can help us out by volunteering to do one of these roles, even just for an hour or half an hour please do. Thank you to the volunteers that have already helped in the Canteen the last two Saturday mornings. We have another two home games this term and will again need volunteers. We now have an online tool where you can add your name directly to the roster. Just visit tinyurl.com/sjacsos (the link will also be accessible through the school app) to volunteer or email Celene at descy@bigpond.com.

Whilst our main functions is to fundraise and provide equipment and facilities to assist the sport teachers and sports department across both campuses, we do work with the P&F and provide assistance with their ongoing projects as required. The SOS committee also assist with Science Week and support other faculties where we can.

The next Supporters of Sport meeting will be held on 15 March at 6:00pm in the Secondary School sports classroom (GLA2). If you have any questions regarding SOS please email the Chairperson Peta-Marie Teale pteale65@bigpond.net.au.

SOS Commitee 2016

St John's Foundation News

Our future includes you

On Wednesday 24 February over 40 guests from the local business community gathered for the first in the 2016 St John's Foundation Business Breakfast Series.



Held at Computer Merchants, Seventeen Mile Rocks, the topic of the morning was IT security solutions, what to look out for and what cost effective strategies can be put into place to reduce the security risks to your organisation. Delivered by Norm Jefferies, Managing Director, Computer Merchants, guests enjoyed a lively discussion on what is a

current issue impacting many businesses.

St John's Foundation Chairman, Jeremy Harris, was delighted to welcome a number of new organisations to the Foundation Business Breakfast series and encouraged all guests to join the Foundation at future breakfasts.

The next Breakfast in the 2016 series is on Wednesday 27 April at Stronghold Investments, Darra. Guest speaker has been confirmed as Ross Elliott, former Executive Director of the Property Council of Australia, inaugural CEO of Brisbane Marketing as well as National Executive Director of the Residential Development Council.



For further details on the Foundation, future events and how you can support please contact Elaine MacRae, Development Coordinator on telephone 07 3372 0113 or email emacrae@sjac.qld.edu.au.

International Student Homestay Program

Families are required for International Homestay

Short and Long Term stays available

Homestay families enjoy a rich cultural experience when they welcome international students into their home, often with great friendships developing.

If you would like to welcome an international student into your home and you would like to know more about the St John's Homestay program and the attractive reimbursement rates, please contact our Homestay Manager, detailed below.



Homestay Manager,
Coralie Harris.
Phone: 3372 0175 or 3372 0110
Email: charris@sjac.qld.edu.au

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP EASTER TRADING HOURS

Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed over most of the Easter Break this year. We will be open the following days/times:

Thursday 7th April	9:00 – 11:00am and 1:00 – 3:00pm
Friday 8th April	9:00 – 11:00am and 1:00 – 3:00pm
Monday 11th April	9:00 – 11:00am and 1:00 – 3:00pm
Tuesday 12th April	Normal Trading Hours

We will not be open the first Wednesday of Term Two this year.

Our normal trading hours are printed below.

Monday	8:00am -10:00am and 1:30pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am -10:00am and 1:30pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday*	Closed
Thursday	8:00am -10:00am and 1:30pm - 4:00pm
Friday	8:00am -10:00am and 1:30pm - 4:00pm

WINTER KNITWEAR

Even though it seems like the last thing you need to be thinking about at the moment, our winter knitwear has arrived. Although we try to order enough of every size it is hard to predict what will be needed each year and we do sometimes run out of certain sizes. Please try not to leave it till the last minute to call in and choose a size for your child. We are happy to hold stock for you until wanted if that makes it easier.

REPAIR WORK

We have had a run of our junior girls dress hems that have been coming down even though they are brand new and only worn a few times. If you have had this problem with your child's new uniform please bring it in to the uniform shop and we will send it away to be redone at no charge.

Mandy Willemse
Uniform Shop Manager
Ph: 07 3372 0181
Email: uniform@sjac.qld.edu.au

Launch of a New Facebook Group for St John's Second Hand Uniforms



With the discontinuation of the e-Community site early this year, a new Facebook Group has been established for the buying and selling of St John's Anglican College second hand uniforms.

This closed group will allow families of St John's to post uniform items for sale or to trade in an easy and safe environment. Please note that this group is only to be used for the sale of St John's uniforms.

If you have uniform items posted on the e-Community website, you will need to re-list them on the new Facebook page. If you would like to advertise uniforms, please visit the new Facebook group, **St John's Second Hand Uniforms Online**. Please click 'Join Group' and your request will be accepted within one business day.

Prior to posting your items, please read the 'Description' provides you with a detailed summary of the group policies.

Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/920253598082194/>

For further information about joining this group please contact Rebecca Cole - rcole@sjac.qld.edu.au

Don't forget to also 'Like' St John's Anglican College Facebook Page. We update the Page daily with exciting photos and news about events and activities for both primary and secondary.

Please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsanglicancollege/>

Rebecca Cole
Marketing and Social Media Assistant

College Carnival - Call for Sponsors and Raffle Prizes

Dear College Families,

Our preparations for this year's College Carnival extravaganza are well underway.

We are calling for all levels of Sponsorship (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Goods in Kind &/or Raffle Prizes) in order to be able to put on an even more spectacular event than in 2014.

In particular, we need sponsors for rides as these are our biggest cost and the biggest drawcard.

We also need raffle prizes over the next four weeks, so that the Major Raffle and Cent Auction are ready to launch straight after the Easter holidays. Please be generous and consider donating or funding:

- Wine
- Chocolates
- Bath Towel Set
- Perfumes, body lotions and cosmetics
- New Toys and Games
- New Electrical Goods
- New home care items
- Girls and Boys Sporting Goods (we would like to make up 1 x Girls Sports Bag and 1 x Boys Sports Bag)

Please label Raffle Items clearly with: Raffle Prize for College Carnival from (e.g. Sarah Smith's Family in Yr 2) and leave at either the primary or secondary Reception for collection by Felicity Lewis or Glenda Lovatt (Sponsorship Co-ordinators).

If you are interested in finding out more about the sponsorship packages available to promote your business to St John's, local and wider community, then please contact Greg Braithwaite, Carnival Director or Felicity Lewis, Sponsorship Co-ordinator via:

Email: gregb1312@gmail.com or Mob: 0438 182 639.

P.S. Please remember the Carnival needs good quality second hand books and toys, so please stay tuned for details of where and when you can start dropping these items off for this exciting event!

Felicity Lewis
Sponsorship Co-ordinator



St John's Annual Business Breakfast Friday 18 March 2016

'Entrepreneurship and Innovation'

Guest Speaker
Vanessa Garrard, CEO & Founder E3 Style Pty Ltd

E3 Style is now Australia's leading supplier of youth electronics and tech gadgets with 1 in 2 Australians owning a product that Vanessa's company has produced.



Vanessa has been ranked in Australia's Top 30 Female Entrepreneur list every year since 2010, and was recognized for her entrepreneurial achievements in 2011 taking out the QLD Telstra Young Business Women's Award. She has also topped the BRW Fast Starters and Fast 100 lists, and was named the Australian EY Entrepreneur of the Year.

More recently, Vanessa was recognised with an Australian Financial Review / Westpac 100 Women of Influence award.

The St John's Business Breakfast provides a great opportunity for St John's Year Twelve Business and Legal Studies students to access key members of our wider business community in a formal setting. Our Year Twelve students are about to embark on their professional careers and to spend time with members of the business community will be invaluable to them.

We hope that the Breakfast will prove to be a great networking opportunity for our guests. If you are interested in attending and/or would like to further promote your business to a targeted audience by hosting a small trade display or supplying marketing material, please contact Elaine MacRae - emacrae@sjac.qld.edu.au

7:00am for a 7:15am start
Hillstone St Lucia,
St Lucia Golf Links, Carawa Street, St Lucia.
Event end time 9:00am

St John's Anglican College Friends of the Arts (FOTA)

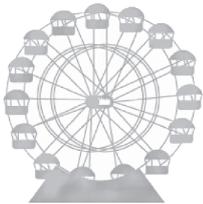


Presents



Trivia Night 2016

supporting



CARNIVAL



When? Saturday, 12th March 2016

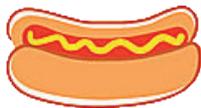
What Time? Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Where? Alpine Place Chapel

Cost?

- \$15 per person (max of 10 people per group), small groups can join other small groups
- payment on the night (cash only),
- bring extra money for purchase of raffle tickets and "cheats" (\$5 each, max of 4)

What does this include? 8 rounds of questions with Quizmaster Charles as well as Tea, Coffee and biscuits (BYO other food and drinks)



Our fundraising goal for this year is to:
Purchase a Marimba and
Auxiliary Percussion instruments.



Book NOW by emailing
Melissa Nicol at mgnicol@bigpond.com





International Read to ME day, is about children asking the adults (parents/ teachers/ grand-parents/ aunties/ uncles/ brothers/ sisters) in their life to read to or with them.

Emma McTaggart, founder of Child Writes and Boogie Books introduced International Read to ME day in 2012, The National Year of Reading after studies showed that “approximately 7 million Australian adults (46 per cent) had literacy scores below the minimum level needed to function fully in life and work.” In response to these findings Emma stated “Literacy is a gateway skill for us all. If you can’t read, you get left behind in so many ways. This has a major impact on your opportunities in life. Reading and writing create social connection and this creates opportunity for all; this is key to Australia’s future success. We can all help children with their reading and I want to encourage children to ask you to help through dedicating a special day to this all round the world”.

Here at St John’s Anglican College we support the importance of reading. The role of reading is very important not only in education, but in the community in general. For this reason, we would like to invite you and your family to participate in the “International Read to ME Day” on March 19th 2016.

Source: Child Writes – Read to Me Day website <http://www.readtomeday.com>