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Dear College Families,

St John's Graduates are well prepared to become future leaders in their workplaces and communities.

As the world of work changes rapidly and our personal lives are bombarded with new personalised devices we can be certain that our graduates will need to be confident in the art of leadership to succeed. While this may seem to be a distant goal for students, as a school community we must intentionally prepare them to be leaders throughout their schooling. We already see excellent examples of these skills in action among our current students and our graduates.

The key leadership skill for young people to learn is the capacity to influence others for the good of the team, the workplace or the community. Not all students would say that they see themselves as a leader now or in the future, however, people can be influenced by others, whether in a position of authority or not, as team members or as an individual. It's about who you are, your character, your attitudes, your values and how you live your life.

Recipients of St John's most prestigious award, the St John's Award, attribute their success in developing these skills to the strong and supportive community of teachers, students and their parents, who are part of the St John's unique learning environment which supports each student's personal growth and development.

In that positive and affirming community remarkable things happen.

This week as the 2016 student leaders prepare themselves for their induction, Year Seven and Eight students are undertaking an outdoor education program focused on building confidence and team skills, Year 12 students are having a one day leadership conference conducted by YLead. Primary Leaders are preparing to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference and all primary students are given opportunities to build their skills through team activities, public speaking and collaboration. These activities provide the kind of learning experiences that develop the leader's skill set.

Our College provides the opportunity and encouragement to all students, Primary and Secondary, to become a confident leader with the right attitudes and values to influence others for good. Our teachers engage students, help them to exceed their expectations and to excel in

in all that they undertake. Other students support and affirm the achievements of their fellow students. It's the St John's Way. I hope that as parents and carers of our students you will join us in this quest throughout 2016.

Kind Regards

Suzanne Bain

Head of College



FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
06.02.2016	Rite Journey Departure Ceremony	College Avenue - 7:15am
08.02.2016	Clubs /Activities Sign On Day	Secondary Courtyard
08.02.2016	Year 12 Leadership Induction and Scholars' Assembly	Auditorium - 10:30am
08.02.2016	Year 12 Worship Service	Living Faith Chapel- 6pm
09.02.2016	Parent Social Media Workshops	Primary School - 3:30pm and 6:30pm
10.02.2016	Ash Wednesday Chapel - Primary School	Living Faith Chapel - 8:45am
10.02.2016	Ash Wednesday Chapel - Secondary School	Auditorium - 10:30am
12.02.2016	P & F Welcome BBQ	Secondary Courtyard - 6:00pm
15.02.2016	Parent Social Media Workshops	Secondary School - 12:30pm and 3:30pm
16.02.2016	Secondary Swimming Carnival	Bundamba Pool
16.02.2016	Antipodean Parent Meeting	College Auditorium 6pm
17.02.2016	TAS Ecumenical Service	The Springfield Anglican College
17.02.2016	Year Ten Parent Information Evening	Auditorium - 6:00 - 7:00pm
17.02.2016	Year Twelve Parent Information Evening	Auditorium - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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From the Head of Primary

Dear Parents

**Olá, Bonjour, Ní hão, Konnichiwa, Kia ora, Salut,
Namaste, Merhaba,
Anyoung haseyo, Chào bạn, Hello. Welcome to 2016!**

The new school year has commenced with much excitement as children returned to meet up with old friends and new students arrived to meet new friends. It was wonderful to see the happiness on the children's faces.

School is a place for so much more than learning mathematics and how to read and write. There is a huge list of important roles a school plays in educating children. 'Friendship' would have to be towards the top of that list if you asked a young person what they liked about coming to school. The majority of children love meeting up with their friends, whether that be one friend or many.

The culture of a school can have a significant impact on the way friendships are formed and maintained amongst students. At St John's our community minded culture and Christian values set the tone for all interactions and we regularly talk at assemblies and Chapel services about the range of ways in which we should relate positively to others. We do have high expectations that children will behave appropriately at all times but we know they are not born with social skills and these need to be learnt. Our Personal Development programs, collaborative group work, team sports, House activities and Buddy programs for example, are all avenues through which friendships and social skills are fostered.

Parents also play a crucial role in their child's social development and there are ways in which parents can actively support their child's social skills and the establishment of friendships. Here are just a few examples:

- **Regularly talk with your son or daughter and ensure that when they are talking you are actively listening.** This helps a child to practise the art of conversation and to see you modelling listening and speaking.
- **Establish clear rules for behaviour and adhere to them.** Children who learn how to share and ask before borrowing for example, learn what is right and wrong. Having boundaries gives security to a child because they know what the expectations are and they learn to understand the consequences if boundaries are crossed.
- **Allow your child to play and communicate with other children.** Talking on the phone, sending text or email messages and playing in the park with friends are great ways for children to connect with their peers and develop social skills. However, we need to remember that supervision and/or clear rules should be established to ensure safe practices at all times.
- **Engage in games and sports with your child.** This helps establish team work skills and is a lot of fun.
- **Help your child to solve problems and manage negativity.** When children can work out problems for themselves and overcome their disappointments or negative thoughts their social skills are strengthened. Regularly talking to your child and brainstorming suggestions to solve problems or negative solutions

helps with learning these skills.

- **Help your child to understand other points of view.** While very young children may not be able to do this, children of around six or seven years are usually able to recognise that different people have different points of view. This is not something that develops naturally and it can be taught when adults spend time talking to children about how others might think or feel differently in particular situations. Understanding the perspectives of others is an important skill for relationship building.

The modelling parents provide is instrumental in how their children develop social skills. Parents cannot make friends for their child but their good example, love, patience and guidance can help children to develop the social skills and confidence they need to make their own friendships.

Music 'Kick Start' Day

The Performing Arts is also a very important aspect of an education at St John's and on Friday last week the Year Five students commenced their Band program by participating in a Music 'Kick Start' Day. Each student received a band instrument and learnt how to care for it and how to play some notes. Specialist instrumental teachers worked with the students in small groups on Friday and Saturday morning and the students demonstrated their new skills with a short concert at the end of lessons on Saturday. It was an amazing experience for all involved and the 'Kick Start' Day has certainly given the students an excellent start on their new instruments.

Kind regards

Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary



Lakeside Reflection

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you had a great break during the holidays and are ready for the start of another school year. As always the College offers many opportunities for growth and learning. The Chapel is one such opportunity where the student learns to lead a service and also to speak in public. At the Primary School the students lead the Chapel service with the class teacher. We also have Chapel Captains who have a key leadership role. At the Secondary School the Chapel services are led by the Chaplain and the Chapel Prefects. However, students from all grades and beliefs are invited to assist by

in Chapel throughout the year. It is fantastic to have so many students showing an interest in being involved in our Chapel services. It has also been exciting watching the students grow through assisting at different Chapel services.

As Easter is early this year it means that we move very quickly into Lent. Lent is a time when we reflect and journey with Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection. During the forty days and nights of Lent we are asked to give something up. Many people give up things like lollies, sugar, tea, coffee or Facebook. In recent years there has been the challenge to take something up. For instance, to take time to reflect or pray, to help someone in need or go to church.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. However, the day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday, or what many call Pancake Day. Traditionally this is the day when all the food is used up so that people can start their Lenten journey fast with nothing to tempt them. At both the Primary and Secondary Schools the students celebrate Pancake Day.

On the following day, Ash Wednesday Chapel services will be held at both the Primary and Secondary Schools. At this service an Ash cross will be placed on the student's forehead as a sign that their Lenten journey has begun.

I pray that as we journey into the new school year you will share with your students as they grow and change through taking up new responsibilities.

Reverend Susan Crothers-Robertson

College Chaplain

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From the Deputy Head of College (Pastoral Care)

2016 Theme: Many of you witnessed the exciting and energetic start to school this year. The Year 12 leaders have chosen The Olympics as their theme. They will be focusing on the unity that is created by the Olympics. Their motto is "together we can break records, faster, higher and stronger". Term One will focus on qualifying and goal setting and Term Two will focus training and persevering to achieve these goals. Term Three is called the "Big Day" and they will focus on supporting each other to achieve goals. Finally Term Four is the "Closing Ceremony" celebrating the achievements of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 12 leadership team for their hard work and commitment to ensuring that the first week of the school year has been a positive experience for all students at the College. I am looking forward to the other events that they have planned for the year.

Induction of 2016 Leaders: On Monday, 8 February at 10.30am in the Auditorium we will have the induction of the 2016 Prefects and House Vice-Captains. Family and friends are welcome to attend. We ask that all guests be seated by 10.30am for a prompt 10.40am start.

Year 12 Worship Service: On Monday 8th February at 6.00pm the Year 12 Worship Service will be held in Auditorium on the Secondary Campus. Attendance is compulsory and students are required to wear their blazers (the venue is air conditioned).

Family and friends are welcome to attend. We ask that everyone be seated by 5.50pm for a prompt 6.00pm start.

Senior Epauettes: The Year 12 students are also required to purchase Senior Epauettes. They can be purchased from the College uniform shop for \$30.00 a pair. The epauettes can be worn to the Year 12 Worship Service on the Monday, 8 February.

Swimming Carnival: The Swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 16th February. All students in Years 7-11 are required to wear their sports uniform (House Shirts) including a hat. Only Year 12 students are permitted to dress in the House theme. No singlets are permitted and all Year 12 students must wear a hat. The Year 12 students need to wear their sports uniform to and from College. They can change into their House themed clothes at College.

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From the Deputy Head of College (Curriculum)

Welcome back to all students and especially the new students and their families who begin their journey with us this year. It is always exciting to commence a new year with new subjects, new teachers and new routines. This year the theme of our Seniors is around the Olympics and they have challenged all of our students to set goals for themselves for this year. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child and help them to set challenging academic goals and develop plans to achieve them. To assist students with their planning, a copy of the assessment calendar for this semester will be distributed to all students this week. This calendar lists the due dates of all assessment items and examination dates as well as excursions, camps etc. that impact the academic semester.

External Competitions

The College has for many years entered selected students in a number of external competitions. We value such competitions because they provide the opportunity for students to become "test wise" and to pit their abilities against a wide peer group at the national level.

Parents also have the opportunity to nominate their child to enter a number of external competitions. Included with this edition of Ripples is a letter explaining the range of competitions available, relevant costs and dates, and most importantly when the completed form and nomination fees need to be returned.

2015 Graduates

Congratulations to our two OP 1 recipients, Thasmika Gokal and Melissa You. In 2015 there were 108 Year 12 graduates, 97 domestic students and 11 Visa students. Of the 97 domestic students, 70 were OP eligible. In summary, 16 of the OP eligible graduates of 2015 achieved an OP between 1 and 5; 26 an OP between 6 and 10; and 20 an OP between 11 and 15. 89% of OP eligible students achieved an OP between 1 and 15. 80 students applied to QTAC to undertake tertiary study. Of them, 78 students received an offer with 57 receiving either their first or second preference. We look forward to celebrating with the graduates of 2015 at the upcoming Scholars' Assembly.

Technov8 update

The roll out of student laptops for students in Years Nine to 12 has occurred. Year Seven and Eight students will be issued with their new laptops after they return from camp this week. The integration of information technology within all classrooms is one of the key tenets of the College.

Glenn Johnson
Deputy Head of College (Curriculum)



Scholarships

Scholarships will be offered to students entering Years 7 8 9 10 and 11 in 2017.

Academic Scholarships will be offered based on academic performance in the **Saturday, 5 March 2016**, Edutest exam. The test will take place at the St John's Secondary school, College Avenue, Forest Lake.

Academic Scholarships will be assessed taking into consideration the Edutest results, two previous academic school reports and most recent NAPLAN test results.

All Round Ability Scholarships will be offered based on academic performance in the March 5, 2016 Edutest exam combined with excellence in either Performing Arts or Sport.

All applicants must have a proven record of exemplary behavior and application to study. All supporting information for applications will be required to be submitted on the day of the test. Further information about the test day will be supplied closer to the test day.

More general information is available on the St John's website <http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au/enrolments/scholarships/>

All Rounder Sport application criteria - <http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au/enrolments/scholarships/14-09-30-all-rounder-scholarships-sport-criteria/>

All Rounder – Performing Arts application criteria - <http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au/enrolments/scholarships/14-09-30-all-rounder-scholarships-pace/>

Registrations close – 26 February 2016 Cost – \$80 per student payable to Edutest. A Late fee of \$230 applies from 27 February 2016 also payable to Edutest.

Janette Collins, College Registrar

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Careers

During the summer break, I made some sort of an effort to tidy up the garage. I found a few things I forgot that I had, like a light-up reindeer Christmas decoration in working order. As I moved it to the lounge room, I thought about how sometimes we might have skills that we almost forget about and skills that we might have that we don't know we have. Reflecting upon this could help us to figure out what our strengths are and how best we might be able to use them in both our work and personal lives.

Important dates

27 and 28 May: The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo www.ncee.com.au/brisbane

16 and 17 July: Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) www.tsxpo.org

Careers Service

The College careers service is available on Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday (until 11:30am).

Location:

The Careers Office is upstairs in the Specialist Building (between Lab 1 and Lab 2).

How to make an appointment:

Students can come to the Careers Office during break times on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Alternatively, they can send an email to alam@sjac.qld.edu.au. Communication with students is through visits to QCS and Work Education classes, via student daily notices, the use of an appointment slip in the home group rolls or via email. It is essential that students activate their student email account and check their email regularly.

Communication of career information:

- *Careers noticeboard outside M8*
- *Senior School Careers Bulletin. This fortnightly publication 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

A small number of hard copies of the bulletin are available:

1. Next to the careers noticeboard outside M8
 2. Outside the Careers Office
 3. At the student window
 4. At the College Resource Centre (SJAC Library)
- Posters and brochures are:
 1. On the careers noticeboard or beside it
 2. Outside the Careers Office and on the door
 - Student notices
 - Year 12 QCS classes. Some of these classes during the year will be used to communicate career information.
 - Year 10 and Year 11 Work Education classes

Career Expos

The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo

Friday 27 May and Saturday 28 May

The Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

All Year 10 students will attend this expo on the Friday.

www.ncee.com.au/brisbane

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

Saturday 16 July and Sunday 17 July

Brisbane Showgrounds

www.tsxpo.org

World Science Festival – 9 to 13 March

www.worldsciencefestival.com.au

Annabelle Lam
Careers Advisor

Old Collegians

Where are they now?

It's that time of year when we like to remind the St John's community about the Old Collegians Awards for 2016. This is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate some of our outstanding Old Collegians who demonstrate excellence in their profession, academia, service to their community and life at the College.

If you know of a past student who you think would be a candidate for an Old Collegian Award, we would love to hear from you. For further information on the awards criteria and to make an on line nomination please visit <http://stjohnsanglicancollege.com.au/community/old-collegians/old-collegians-awards/>

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Performing Arts

Welcome to our returning families and to all new families and students to our College. 2016 promises to offer opportunities for our Performing Arts students kicking off with the Combined Schools Music Festival in Adelaide in March, the Brisbane Anglican Schools Music Festival in April and numerous Drama and Dance Eisteddfod's throughout the year.

We welcome Miss Nikeisha Plumridge to our staff as the Dance Excellence Team teacher for the College Avenue groups and Mrs Kimberley Uljarevic as the Primary Dance Team teacher. Dance rehearsal are underway for most ensembles.

Drama News

Year 11 students Egan Sun-Bin and Olivia Hutley are once again Queensland Theatre Company Junior Youth Ensemble members for 2016. We wish them well as they continue their love and discovery of Drama.

Drama Troupe

Again this year Drama Troupe will focus on participation and competing in the Brisbane Schools Theatresports Competitions. The first session for interested students from all year levels will commence on Thursday, 11 February at 7:30am in the Drama Room. Everyone is welcome to come along, meet new people and have some fun.

Music News

AMEB Results

Level	High Distinction	Honours	Credit
Violin	Ella Wilson - Preliminary Grade Henry Hoang - Preliminary Grade	Melissa Stewart- Preliminary Grade	Cassidy Wilson Second Grade Amanda Chen- Fourth Grade Sarah Engelsmann-Heiser - Fifth Grade
Viola			Kambyl Moore - Preliminary Grade

AMEB Results Continued...

Level	High Distinction	Honours	Credit
Cello		Humphrey Munn- Sixth Grade	Andy Nguyen -First Grade
Double Bass			Kiran Giritharan - Second Grade
Trumpet		Ella Wilson - Second Grade Ryan Nguyen -First Grade	Jake Odorici - Third Grade
Trombone		William Bowes -First Grade	Jared Mendham - Second Grade
Baritone			Charles Smith- Third Grade
Tuba			William Smith - Fourth Grade
Euphonium			Thomas Cameron - Fourth Grade

Pace Preparation Days

57 students and seven staff spent two days busily preparing for the performance year ahead at the PACE Preparation Days held on Saturday, 23 and Sunday, 24 January. Special thanks to Ms Marian Heckenberg and Old Collegian Ruthie Forrest plus Mr David Jones who were our guest conductors and tutors. They worked with the Academy Strings and Senior Concert Band respectively. Marian and David have many years' experience working within schools, directing South East Queensland Music Ensembles, playing in professional Orchestras and Musicals, plus as highly respected composers and AMEB examiners. The ensembles involved in their days performed at the PACE Assembly on Monday, 1 February.

Private Tuition Program

Tuition is available after school from Miss Melissa Gregory (Vocal), Miss Alison Brown (Violin) and Mr Terence O' Donohue (Piano). For all enquiries please contact Ms Frida Joosting, the Performing Arts Events Co-ordinator on 3714 2202 for further details.

Harvest Rain – Hairspray Production

A number of St John's students are involved in Harvest Rain's Production of Hairspray to be staged in April 2016. Congratulations to Sarah Engelsmann-Heiser, Natalie Scott, Jennifer Lincoln and Charlotte Bowes who have already been involved in a number of rehearsals over the holidays.

Primary Performing Arts News

Year Five Kick-start Days

On Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 January the Year Five students had an opportunity to begin the technical and musical foundations on their chosen band instrument with the Instrumental Music Staff and as well as guest tutors. The Saturday parent demonstration was well attended and received and the students now have had a great introduction to music making and at least a three week head start in this Program. Thanks to Mr Clements, Miss Bradbury, Mr Keating, Mrs Sullivan-Ward and to the guest tutors, Mr Michael Thrum, Mr Jared Harford and Mr John Coulton.

Bellissimo Strings

Welcome back for 2016. It is going to be another exciting year of music making for Bellissimo Strings. Rehearsals will take place in the APC Music Block on Fridays from 7.20am to 8.20am. The first rehearsal for the year will be on Friday, 5 February (Week Two). Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Alpine Singers

Welcome to all Alpine Singers to another great year of music making! Our first rehearsal will be on Monday Week 3 starting from 3:15pm to 4pm in the Music Block. The venue of the rehearsal may change due to the current space restrictions, however the meeting point will remain as the Music Block until advised.

Please bring a plastic folder for all of your new music. Have a great start to the year!

Capriccio Choir

Welcome back to another great year of singing! Rehearsals for Capriccio Choir will commence on Tuesday Week 3 from 7:50am to 8:20am. Please bring a plastic folder for all of your new music. Our first performance will be for the Easter concert in the last week of this term. Looking forward to learning lots of music with you all!

Geraldine Campbell
Head of Performing Arts



Coming PACE Events

8 February	Scholars Assembly - Brass Ensemble
8 February	Year 12 Worship Service - Chapel Band
10 February	Ash Wednesday Chapel Service
1 March	Stage 2 Auditorium Appeal Launch
4 March	Strings Twilight

ST JOHN'S PACE EVENTS 2016

March	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

Sport

TAS Round 1 V West Moreton Anglican College

TAS Round One makeup game against West Moreton Anglican College has been changed to Tuesday 23rd February. Details of game times will become available closer to the fixture.

Inter-house Swimming Carnival

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 16th February at Bundamba Pool. All students are expected to attend and participate in the event. It is important that College swimming outfits are worn except for the seniors who can display costumes in the theme depending on their house. Buses will depart St John's at 8:30am sharp.

Term One 2016

Saturday 30th January marked the beginning of a the TAS season for Term One. Fixtures went ahead despite the weather. St John's finished on top, winning the balance of fixtures on Saturday.

Captain's Reports

Basketball Captain – Jessica Harris

The 2016 Girls' Basketball season has finally begun! We started our journey off on the 18 of January with the annual basketball clinic. This provided the space and time for the girls to catch up, bond and work on their skills as a team. The Year Seven girls had the opportunity to introduce themselves to fellow team members. Our first game was held, on the Saturday, 30 January. All girls played exceptionally well, holding their own with their tough spirits and positive attitudes. As the female Basketball Captain of 2016, I am extremely optimistic about this year's season.

Tennis Captain – Chloe deNys

The tennis girls had a great start to the season, with five out of the six teams coming away with a win. The Year Seven team played incredibly well for their first game in the TAS competition. The Year Eight team demonstrated that they are the ultimate dream team, winning all sets 6-0. Ainsley Sherrington scored a whopping 12 aces in one match. The Nine's, 10's, Open B's and Open A's also played extremely well, easily defeating their opponents and having fun on the courts despite the scorching heat. The girls have put a lot of effort into trainings and it has definitely been displayed throughout the season so far. Any Year Seven students interested in playing tennis are encouraged to come and try a training session.

Cricket Captain – Samuel deNys

This week, St John's Cricket played St Columban's at Caboolture. Despite the rain over the weekend cricket still proceeded across both venues. The First XI ended in a draw due to the weather. The Seconds however, dominated in their victory, winning by ten wickets after bowling St Columban's out for 16 runs. The Open Third's went down despite showing some encouraging signs for the rest of the season. In the Intermediate games, the first XI opened the bowling well, bowling St Columban's out for 87 and chased their score with ease. Both the seconds and the thirds were defeated but showed great character and will surely bounce back in the upcoming weeks. I encourage all players to attend training in preparation for the next game.

Volleyball Captain – Mitchell Drew

St John's Volleyball got off to a fantastic start with five out of the six teams winning with the Open A's going down in a five set nail bitter. Special congratulations to the Year Seven students who won their first game in TAS competition showing great determination and a never say die attitude, beating St Columbians 2 sets to 1. The Year Eight, Nine and 10 teams had very convincing wins over their opponents winning all three sets. It is clear that St John's Volleyball will be a force to be reckoned with this season. There was a great show of skill, determination and dedication.

Swimming Captains – Abbey MacDonald and Keegan Jenkins

On January, 25 before the commencement of school around 40 students across both Primary and Secondary attended a clinic run by the expert coaches from the Jindalee Swimming Pool. The day began with a swim session before we returned back to school, and learnt about the technique of swimming fast and goal setting both individually and as a team. All swimmers learnt a lot and are looking forward to

putting their new skills to the test. Swimming training is on every Monday and Thursday morning at the Forest Lake Fitness Centre. The High Performance Swimming is a new program to St John's. Experienced swimmers are invited by the Head of Sport to train up to four mornings a week with the Jindalee coaches at the Jindalee Pool. We look forward to seeing improvements from the squad and another strong performance at TAS swimming carnival later in the term.

Rising Stars

Ben Dunkley recently competed in the National Cricket Championships. The Queensland Cricket Team finished as undefeated champions, to claim the converted trophy. A highlight for the tournament was when Ben carried his bat to score 65 runs against South Australia. Well done Ben!



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 the Primary sport too.

A reminder that starting dates for the following Primary sport activities are listed below.

Mini Hockey – Monday 8 February

Kanga Cricket – Wednesday 10 February

Netta Netball – Wednesday 10 February

Friday afternoon Cricket – Friday 12 February

Kanga Cricket, Mini Hockey and Netta Netball are being offered to both boys and girls

JTAS Netball pre-season training starting date will be finalised shortly.

The local Forest Lake Wasps Rugby Union club, based at the Forest Lake Community Oval, will be having sign on days on the 11 and 18 February and are also having Come and Try Days on the 13 and 20 February. This is a fantastic opportunity for future College Rugby players to get more experience and prepare for Term Two JTAS Rugby season.

Melanie Gramenz
Head of Sport

Uniform Shop

SCHOOL BADGES

St John's Primary School reception carry a small supply of both the College and House Badges. These sell for \$6.00 each and need to be paid for with cash. Remember if your child's badge breaks or is faulty it can be returned to either the Primary School reception or to the Uniform Shop for a free replacement.

BOYS FORMAL HAT

You may notice that a few of our male students will have a slightly different formal hat to the original grey fur/felt. We have decided to move to a plastic hat (the same material as the current girls formal). The old style will still be able to be worn until it needs replacing.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Student blazers which were sent away over the holiday break for embroidery are now all back and ready for students to collect.

The uniform shop is happy to help out students by providing them with items that they need even though they may not have any money on them at the time. These purchases are not added to your school fee accounts unless prior arrangement have been made with the finance department. They must be paid for directly to the uniform shop.

TRADING HOURS

Our normal trading hours are printed below. In addition to these we will be open the first Wednesday of each Term. We will also open the first Saturday home game of each term from 7:30am – 10:00am. The first Saturday trading this year will be February 20. Holiday trading times can always be found on the College website.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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

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Uniform Shop Manager

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Business and Legal Studies Department

Welcome to all students undertaking business subjects in 2016, this year promises to be very exciting. The department is focused on developing entrepreneurial skills whilst exploring business innovation within our courses and the extra-curricular activities we will offer this year. Already this year, some business students have been developing a proposal to attain crowd funding to attend an Entrepreneur's Seminar in March. More details on how you can assist these students will be forwarded shortly.

Year Nine Business students will be visiting a local shopping centre in order to research business ownership structures this term.

In addition, the department has links with numerous universities. Currently Griffith University Business School, offers programs for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Details of these programs have been emailed to all students in these year levels. If you would like to research this yourself the program is called, The School Outreach Program.

Business students will also have the opportunity to link with Queensland University of Technology (QUT) via their Blue Shift Competition. Again, more details will be provided at the appropriate time.

Finally, our annual Business Breakfast is being held on Friday 18 March at Hillstone, St Lucia, if you are a local business owner or manager and would like to attend please email me at wweeks@sjac.qld.edu.au.

Will Weeks
VET Coordinator

Mathematics

A big welcome back to the year from the St John's Anglican College Mathematics Department. By way of introduction my name is Miles Ford and I am the Head of Mathematics. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email (mford@sjac.qld.edu.au) if you have any queries or concerns relating to mathematics. There are a number of things happening in the Mathematics Department this year that I'd like to draw your attention to from the beginning.

Mathematics tutoring has already started and will take place twice a week throughout the year. Tutoring is on every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch in M5. There are weekly reminder notices about the sessions in the student notices. These are provided for all students who are seeking support or extension with whichever level of mathematics they are undertaking.

Students in Years Seven to Nine are again using Mathletics to support home and classroom learning. Accounts have already been activated for this and therefore students should have their login details. Students are asked to please contact their class teacher if there are any issues. Students will then be given homework not only from their class work but also through the online program.

With all students across the College having a laptop there is a high level of IT incorporated within the learning environment. Students will be expected to utilise their online texts, the College's Moodle portal and other applications, such as Mathletics and Mathematica, depending on their year level and subject.

Students in Year Seven and Year Nine will also be involved in the national testing process and we will be dedicating considerable time to preparing for the Numeracy elements of the NAPLAN test. If you have any concerns about this please contact me or your child's teacher.

There are also a number of mathematics competitions held throughout the year. More details on these competitions will be made available through Student Notices and Ripples as we get closer to those events.

Finally, I'd just like to wish your children an enjoyable and successful year.

Miles Ford
Head of Mathematics



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

From the Supporters of Sport Committee

Supporters of Sport is back up and running with a new committee. Starting from Wednesday, 3 February, Peta-Marie Teale is the new SOS Chairperson. Peta-Marie's contact details will be placed on the College website soon.

The role of Treasurer is not yet filled. Should you wish to get involved in a fantastic, successful team to help support and develop sport at the College, please contact myself or anyone on the P&F.

With four home games in a row, the College Av Sports Kiosk will need some support. I urge you, or your children, to chip-in for an hour to support the SOS team and help keep this amazing facility open.

After six years of SOS Chairperson-ship I have decided to step down. It has been a privilege to be part of a superb team of volunteers, to see the College's sporting program grow and see the success we have had on the field. I'd like to thank everyone who have supported me, the committee, the teaching staff and the students over the years.

Dale Reece

SOS Committee 2016

College Carnival - Call for Sponsors

Dear College Families,

As we start the countdown to the College Carnival on Saturday, 21 May 2016, 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.

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

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

P.S. Please remember the Carnival needs good quality second hand books & toys, so please stay tuned for details of where and when you can start dropping these items off for this exciting event! Also, next Carnival Committee Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 23 February at 7.00pm in staff common room. All welcome!

Felicity Lewis

Sponsorship Co-ordinator



P & F Welcome BBQ

All St John's parents are invited to the P & F Welcome BBQ on Friday, 12 February at 6:00pm. The event will be held at St John's Secondary School, College Avenue in the main courtyard area. The P & F BBQ is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other parents of the College.

During the evening there will be Senior Students from the College in attendance who are able to watch your children whilst you enjoy a delicious BBQ and great company.

For further information please contact, Greg Braithwaite on 0438 182 639 or email gregb1312@gmail.com.

Greg Braithwaite

P & F President



College Library News

Welcome to the new school year. Once again the libraries are a buzz with the students again, sharing holiday stories, reading quietly and just preparing for the school day. I would like to welcome everyone to the library, the returning students and a special welcome to all the new students and their families.

As it is the beginning of the New Year, now is a good time to remind the College community of the library Primary and Secondary opening hours, the staff members and some of the services available.

The Primary Campus Library is on restricted access during term 1, but normal hours will resume in Term 2.

The Secondary Campus Library is open from 7:30am-4:45pm Monday – Thursday and 7:30am - 4:30pm on Friday.

The Library Staff are:

Mrs Bernadette Maullin -Library and Information Services Manager (Primary & Secondary Campus)

Mrs Cheryn Shaw – Library Aide (Primary Campus)

Mrs Helena McKellar – Library Aide (Secondary Campus)

Mrs Ronnelle Sanders – Literacy Teacher (Primary Campus)

Mrs Victoria Lansbury – Student Laptop Support (Secondary Campus)

On the Secondary Campus, Student Laptop Support is available from the library. Laptop support is available before school from 8am, during the breaks and after school until 4:00pm.

Throughout the year, I will be featuring articles in Ripples, on our services and events happening in the library across both campuses.

Wishing you all a great 2016.

Bernadette Maullin

Library and Information Services Manager (Primary and Secondary)

ABCC News

Welcome to ABCC for 2016.

We have an action packed year planned. Our educators are looking forward to welcoming our new families and returning families back to St John's in 2016.

Many thanks to all parents, educators and children for making our Summer Vacation Care programme such a great success. We were throwing (plastic) chooks, slipping and sliding on the water slide and dancing our troubles away throughout the entire holiday. Not to mention the fantastic Hama Bead creations and our soccer tournament.

Enrolment -A new completed enrolment form is required for each child (new and old) using ABCC in 2016 before they attend. This is a legal requirement.

Booking system for 2016 – Each child (new and old) is required to be booked into ABCC. Use the enrolment form for permanent bookings, a casual booking form is located in the ABCC office for those who don't require permanent bookings. Please keep in mind that even casual bookings require an Enrolment Form to be completed before your child can attend. Again this is a legal requirement.

It is also necessary to cancel a booking. Failure to book your child in will result in a booking fee being added

to the normal ABCC session fee, while failure to cancel a booked session will result in the session fee being charged to your invoice. Please email your bookings or cancellations to abcc@sjac.qld.edu.au.

Staffing- Sadly we have had to say Goodbye to Miss Suzie. Our lovely Early Years Nominated Supervisor. Miss Suzie has decided to live in China for a while with her family. We wish her all the best. For the short term Miss Nicole, from the "Big ABCC" will be in our Early Years' Service until a replacement is found.

Nicole Fitzgerald
Nominated Supervisor

St John's Foundation

..... *Our future includes you*

During the latter part of 2015 the newly appointed Foundation Fundraising Consultant, Peta Nagle provided information about St John's Foundation activities in 2015 and what is planned for 2016.

With 2016 now upon us, Ms Nagle, confirmed that the greatly anticipated launch of the Stage 2 Auditorium Construction Appeal date had now been set for, Tuesday 1 March. Ms Nagle said, 'this is a whole of school event and I am very much looking forward to meeting many of our families at the launch'. Ms Nagle also said that there will be members of the wider community present to celebrate the launch with the St John's families and that there will be student performances and refreshments available.

We would also like to introduce another member of our Foundation team, Mrs Elaine MacRae – Development Officer who coordinates Foundation events and sponsorship and supports our Old Collegian Association. Mrs MacRae includes as part of her very busy role, event coordination for the whole College. You are welcome to contact Mrs MacRae, email emacrae@sjac.qld.edu.au if you would like to attend or contribute to any event you may see in the St John's Foundation or the St John's Anglican College calendar.

Another major event in the St John's Foundation calendar is the 'St John's Foundation Gala Dinner'. This is scheduled for Saturday 10 September 2016 and will be a black tie dinner. Please save this date, as only 150 tickets will be available. More information about when tickets go on sale and the event details will be provided soon.

Save the Date: Foundation Events

St John's Foundation Business Breakfast Series

Guest speaker: Charles Hoffman, Security Solutions Architect

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Time: 7am for 7:15am.

Cost: \$27

Where: Computer Merchants, Board Room,
144 Bluestone Circuit, Seventeen Mile Rocks

How to book: <http://stjohnsfoundationbreakfast2016.eventbrite.com.au>

St John's Foundation Gala Dinner

Date: Saturday, 10 September 2016





Dear Parents / Guardians,

RE: External Competitions

St John's Anglican College has, for many years, entered selected students in a number of external competitions. We value such competitions because they provide the opportunity for students to become "test wise" and to pit their abilities against a wide peer group at the national level.

This year we are again providing parents with the opportunity to nominate their child/ren and pay the entry fee for any competition/s that they would like to enter. If your child is subsequently selected by the College for a competition, the entry fee will be reimbursed.

Competitions available are:

- Australasian Science Competition – 31 May (\$8.80) Yrs 7 – 10
- Australian Geography Competition 16 May – 27 May (\$4.00) Yrs 7-12
- Australian History Competition 25 May (\$6.00) Yrs 8 & 10
- Australian Mathematics Competition – 28 July (\$6.00) Yrs 7 – 12
- Australian English Competition - 2 August (\$8.80) Yrs 7-10
- Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition- 22 March, (\$6.00) Yrs 7 - 12.

The College also enters students in subject specific competitions such as the National Chemistry Quiz, and the Physics Olympiad.

If you wish your child to participate in any or all of the above competitions please complete the attached form and return with payment to the Finance Department, Administration Building College Ave Campus.

Entry Fees must be paid by FRIDAY 4 MARCH.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Johnson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Glenn Johnson

Deputy Head of College - Curriculum



**2016 EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS
PERMISSION SLIP**

Please return THIS page with payment to the Finance Department, Administration Building College Avenue Campus

Entry Fees must be paid by FRIDAY 4 MARCH

I give permission for my child: _____

Year (7 to 12): _____

To participate in the following External Competitions (please tick):

- Australasian Science Competition – 31 May (\$8.80) Yrs 7 – 10
- Australian Geography Competition 16 May – 27 May (\$4.00) Yrs 7-12
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Please find enclosed __\$_____ entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian



OUTDOORS

STORYTIME FUN

Bring your little one along (AND A HAT), enjoy a story or two together, borrow a story bag and take home a small activity to try.



Who: Pre-Kindy children and an adult

When: Monday 29 February

Time: 8:45am till 9:15am

Where: St John's Anglican College Oval – look for the tent setup!

This is an opportunity for you to enjoy time with your child and experience the fun and joy of books – the building blocks to literacy.

SEE YOU THERE





RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL (RSA) Training Course – 2016

For students who:

Are or will be involved in the Service or Supply of Liquor in Queensland

- Are a Hospitality Student
- Are or will be employed in Hospitality during School or University
- Are interested in General Law or Liquor Laws

Course Details:

Date: Tuesday 1st March 2016

Time: 2-6pm (including written and practical assessment) (Face two Face)

Location: St John's Anglican College, College Ave Campus (classroom TBA)

Cost: \$45 per person

Please Note: Students are to collect a permission form and letter from Miss Laura Johnston in the Upper Specialist Staffroom

Accreditation and Award

Upon successful completion you will receive an RSA Statement of Attainment that lasts forever (SITHFAB201).



Training Direct Australia RTO #32355
ABN - 42674292619



Eat, Sleep, Play Basketball

SIGN ON NIGHT

FRIDAY 29/01/2016

Time: 6pm-8pm

St Johns

Secondary College

College Road

Forest Lake

Contact: westernmagic@live.com

www.westernsuburbsmagic.sportingpulse.net

www.facebook.com/westernmagicball





2016 Sign-On Days

Players (Boys & Girls) from Under 6 to Senior Men's & Women's,
Over 30's & Over 40's.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT on MEMBERSHIP and UNIFORMS will apply if you sign on, or pre-register online, and pay on either of the two sign on days!

SAVE TIME at sign on & pre-register online:

<http://qcsacats.myclubmate.com.au/mydetails>

SIGN ON DAY AT MIDDLE PARK SHOPPING CENTRE

Saturday 6 February 2016 8.30am-3:00pm

If you have any queries about joining the club, please contact:

Registrar

Chad Ryan

Mobile: 0409 610 155

Email: reg@stcats.org.au

St Catherine's United Football Club Inc.

PO Box 304,

Mt Ommaney QLD 4074

Home Ground: Peter Lightfoot Oval, Horizon Drive, Middle Park



ALGERSTER ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB est.1989
Secretary: Marshall Rosenberg
89 Ridgewood Road
ALGERSTER QLD 4115

Dear Families,

The Algerster Arrows Softball Club, one of the most successful clubs on the Southside of Brisbane is holding a series of sign on days in the local area. This will commence on Saturday 14, 21 and 28 February. We cater for school age boys and girls, as well as older age groups.

The club is able to accept 'Get Started' vouchers in full payment of fees. Please contact the Arrows on 0407 371 900 or email arrowssoftball.icloud.com for more information.

Kind Regards

Luke Cox

Algerster Arrows Softball Club Inc.