



Presenting Primary

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Dear Parents

During the last week, I had the privilege of attending a number of ANZAC services and at each one of them the Anzac spirit was mentioned as being alive today as much as it was on the battlefields over one hundred years ago. The term Anzac was originally coined by a signaller based in Egypt, as a useful acronym for the 'Australian and New Zealand Army Corps'. Today this term has become far more than an acronym. The Anzac troops landing on the beaches of Gallipoli in a moment of history have given generations of Australians the ultimate example and inspiration.

Their values and actions shaped what we know today as the Anzac spirit and include such qualities as endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship. Qualities that contribute to what it means to be Australian. It is true that we can see these values in action today in a vast range of fields not associated with war. But how do our children develop these qualities? How do they learn to persevere when things get tough, or how to problem solve and be creative, or take a risk and express their ideas when they are not sure if they are right or not? How do our children learn to respect their fellow man and care for others?



Children do not develop the Anzac spirit through a naturally occurring developmental stage. They need explicit instruction and fine role models. Our children need to be taught how to be creative and ingenious just like the Anzacs were when they created the self-firing rifles that helped them withdraw from the battle unnoticed. Our children need opportunities to practice their skills and demonstrate their care and respect. Parents are obviously the ultimate teachers when it comes to imparting their values to their children and schools also play a major role in shaping the hearts and minds of students.

I was very proud to stand with my father at a dawn service on Anzac Day and I was just as proud to join with my school in the local community Anzac March, later that morning. It was inspiring to see young and old in attendance, wearing medals with pride, and to observe parents who are also members of the armed services, marching with their children. In reflecting on the day and the meaning of the Anzac spirit, I knew that I was also very proud of the programs offered at St John's, because they teach the Christian values that underpin the Anzac spirit. They immerse the students in opportunities and challenges to create, collaborate, work hard and give of their best. They allow the students to demonstrate their Anzac spirit through service to others and they give time for reflection and improvement. I can say without hesitation that the spirit of the Anzacs is alive and in action at St John's.

Free Online Cybersafety Training for St John's Parents

There is no doubt that the world in which we live is growing more and more reliant upon computer technologies and digital communication. While this brings amazing advantages, it also brings with it some dangers and parents as well as teachers must keep informed of what these dangers are and how we can protect our children and educate them about the appropriate use of digital technology.



To assist parents, the Anglican Schools Commission has, in conjunction with cyber-safety expert Brett Lee, developed a set of online training modules for parents. St John's, being an Anglican school has access to these modules for a period of time and our parents can utilise the training free of charge. I encourage all parents to log onto the website using the password provided below, to learn from the cyber-safety modules. They are easy to use, not at all time consuming and provide useful and up to date information, including how to apply privacy settings to your home devices.

<http://cybersafe.ascqld.org.au>

Login password: sjac

Help your children to remain safe online by accessing these modules and implementing the strategies they provide. This opportunity is too important to let pass.

Covering Library Books

We are very fortunate at St John's because we are always purchasing new books and resources for the library. We would greatly appreciate the help of parents and friends who may have time to cover some new books before they are made available for borrowing. If you are able to assist in this way please contact Mrs Cheryn Shaw cshaw@sjac.qld.edu.au or Ms Ronnelle Sanders rsanders@sjac.qld.edu.au.



Entertainment Books

Each year the College runs a fund raising venture through selling Entertainment Books. These books are filled with discount vouchers and special offers that can be used in the local area for various restaurants, businesses and places of entertainment. The books sell for \$65 each and contain hundreds of dollars' worth of value. There are also discounts on holidays, cruises, care hire and hotel packages in Sydney, Melbourne and Byron Bay, just to name a few.

We have a sample copy of the book in Primary Administration for you to look through and discover the surprising range of offers. By purchasing a copy of the book you are supporting the work of the P&F and acquiring fabulous offers for yourself. Please see Ms Allie Wright in Primary Reception if you would like to purchase a copy of this year's Entertainment book.

College Carnival

The College Carnival is only a few weeks away. Don't forget to get your ride bands and support the Primary stalls. Each of our stall convenors has been working hard to gather items to sell and they are still seeking further donations. If you have any of the following items that you no longer want please deliver them to Primary Reception and they will be passed onto the relevant stall convenors: toys, books, homewares and gifts.



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We are also looking for donations of items for our Lucky Dips and Gifts in Glass Jars and Presents in Plastic Containers Stall.

If you are able to assist with cooking for the Cakes and Sweets stall please advise Vanessa Newham on pvnewham@bigpond.com.

Thank you for supporting our Carnival. Your contributions, no matter how small, go towards making our carnival a super success.

Head Lice

Recently we have received a number of reports of head lice and we encourage all parents to carefully check their children's hair for these annoying pests. They can quickly multiply if left untreated and all family members should be checked and treated if necessary, on the same day, to ensure complete elimination.

District Cross Country – tomorrow

The District Cross Country Carnival is on tomorrow, Friday 29 April and we wish all our St John's students every success at the event.

Kind regards

Sandra Hawken

Head of Primary



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RIDE ARMBANDS ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Class: _____

Qty	Cost per Band	Total Due
	\$35.00 ea	

Please provide email address if you wish to be advised when the armbands are available for collection from APC reception. Email: _____

Armbands will need to be collected by a parent/guardian (no armbands will be released to students). Armbands which have not been collected prior to the Carnival can be collected on the day from the P&F stall. Armbands can be purchased on the day at the cost of \$45.00.

RIDES: Music Trip, Round Up, Dodgem Cars, Super Swing, Giant Slide, Cup & Saucer, Junior Roller Coaster, Lost Ark Inflatable Fun Factory, Junior Castle, Kids Crazy Convoy, Farm Yard

CASH ONLY