



Acting Head of St John's

Liane Nixon

This term is disappearing quickly. The students have been participating in many exciting educational activities with many more to come.

Winter Uniform

As we have changed to our winter uniforms, here is a little reminder of what all students require as part of their full school uniform.

Girls -	Felt Hat	Boys -	Cap
	Navy Ribbons		Long Navy Pants
	Navy Tunic		White long sleeved shirt
	Check blouse with navy neck ribbon		School Tie
	School jumper		School jumper
	Blazer		Blazer
	Navy stockings/Navy long socks		Long Navy socks
	Black school shoes		Black school shoes
	Small silver/white gold studs only (for those with pierced ears)		

Sports Uniform (both boys and girls) - Sport shirt
St John's tracksuit pants
School jersey
School tracksuit jacket
White socks
White joggers (as close to plain white as possible)

As it does get very cold out on the playground during this time of year, please feel free to send in with your child plain navy gloves that they can put on during playtime to keep them warm. School scarves are also available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

National Simultaneous Story Time

Students of St John's participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday 21st May. This was a wonderful time for students to appreciate good literature for young children. The students were read the same book, at the same time on the same day as many other students across Australia. Several stories were shared, as well as, a fantastic Readers Theatre performance from Year 6. Thank you Mrs Fisher for your wonderful organisation of this event.

Soundscape Show - Week 6 4th June

In Week 6 we are very lucky to be hosting a performance entitled "Soundscape". The name of the performer is Colin Offord and the show is "original music performed on original instruments by internationally acclaimed musician, composer, improviser and instrument inventor". Colin performs his music on a unique range of hand-made, invented instruments opening the students' ideas and imaginations to the very nature of music itself: its purpose, its power to express our thoughts, feelings and ideas, and to the many forms that music can take.

Eisteddfod

In Week 5 of this term, the St John's 3-6 choir and vocal ensemble will be performing at the eisteddfod. This will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A permission note has been sent home with all students so please ensure they have been returned to class teachers. Please check this notes for details of venue and times. Students will be required to wear their full school uniform on these days, including blazers and jumpers.

NAPLAN

Last week, students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN assessment tests. We are so proud of the effort that these students put into their examinations. Well done to all students. Results of these tests will not be available until the end of Term 3/early Term 4.



ST JOHN'S

Term Dates to Remember

TERM 2 (8 weeks)

Thursday 22nd May Music Department
Twilight Concert 5.30pm in the Dr Jan
Milburn Room

Tuesday 27th -28 May - Eisteddfod 3-6
Choir and Vocal Ensemble

Tuesday 27th May Armidale Eisteddfod
Choral events at Lazenby Hall, UNE 1pm
and 6.30pm

Thursday 5th June Athletics Carnival

Friday 6th June - Staff Development Day
(no school)

Wednesday 11th June Stage 4 Band to
the Armidale Eisteddfod, 1pm at the Old
Teachers College

Wednesday 18th June St John's / NEGS
Music Showcase 6.30pm in the NEGS
Assembly Hall

Thursday 19th June Last Day of Term

NEGS Calendar Link

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

Athletics Carnival

The students have been eagerly practicing their march for the Athletics Carnival, as well as, the events that will take place. The carnival will be held on Thursday 5th June on the oval behind the MPC. Long jump and High jump (to the top 3) will be jumped off before the day.

ICAS Competitions

Some students at St John's will be participating in the ICAS Competitions during this term and next term. It begins with Science this term in Week 6 on the 4th June, followed by Spelling in Week 8 on the 17th June.

Assembly Awards

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

Personal Best Awards

K - Brodie Meredith
1/2 - William Tout
3/4 - Ashley Knight
5 - Alexander Fulloon
6 - Hannah Stewart

Book Work Awards

K - Emma Ong
1/2 - Arabella Dagg
3/4 - Caitlin Croft
5 - Tim Lindeman
6 - Francisca Dugdale

St John's Star

K - Lilly O'Neill
1/2 - Aleisha Handebo
3/4 - Calan Loudon
5 - Isabella Johnson
6 - Anna Jarvis

Mother's Day with Transition Catherine McCann

Mother's Day has created a hive of activity for the children in Transition. The children have shared stories about their mums and have filled in interviews about what their mums liked to do as little people. The children have made beautiful presents, cards and wrapping paper. On Thursday all of the children ventured down to Caffiends in the Mall for a coffee and milk shake date with their mothers. The children had a ball playing on the equipment and singing a very special Mother's Day song for their mum's. Happy Mother's Day with love Transition.



Music News Rowena Tall

The next fortnight is a busy one in the music department. A twilight concert will be held on Thursday 22nd May beginning at 5.30pm in the Dr Jan Milburn Room featuring a range of instrumental and vocal students from Years 5-12. All parents and students are welcome to attend this free concert and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

The Junior and Senior Vocal Ensembles are working very hard to prepare for the Armidale Eisteddfod which is just around the corner. All of Year 7 will be performing in the afternoon session on Tuesday 27th May beginning at 1pm at Lazenby Hall, UNE and the Senior Vocal Ensemble and combined Senior Choir will be singing in the evening session which begins at 6.30pm in the same venue. The information about these events has been distributed to the girls involved but if you have any questions regarding the organisation please let me know.

Later in the term our String Quartet will be performing in the string events and our Stage 4 Beginner Band will be playing in an open non-competitive event.

If your daughter is involved with any of these events, please encourage her to spend a little extra time at home revising and consolidating the repertoire.

Finally, on Wednesday 18th June the music department will be presenting a 'Music Showcase' night featuring all of the ensembles that performed in the eisteddfod and also some of our Year 12 music students. Please put this date aside in your diary. More information coming soon!

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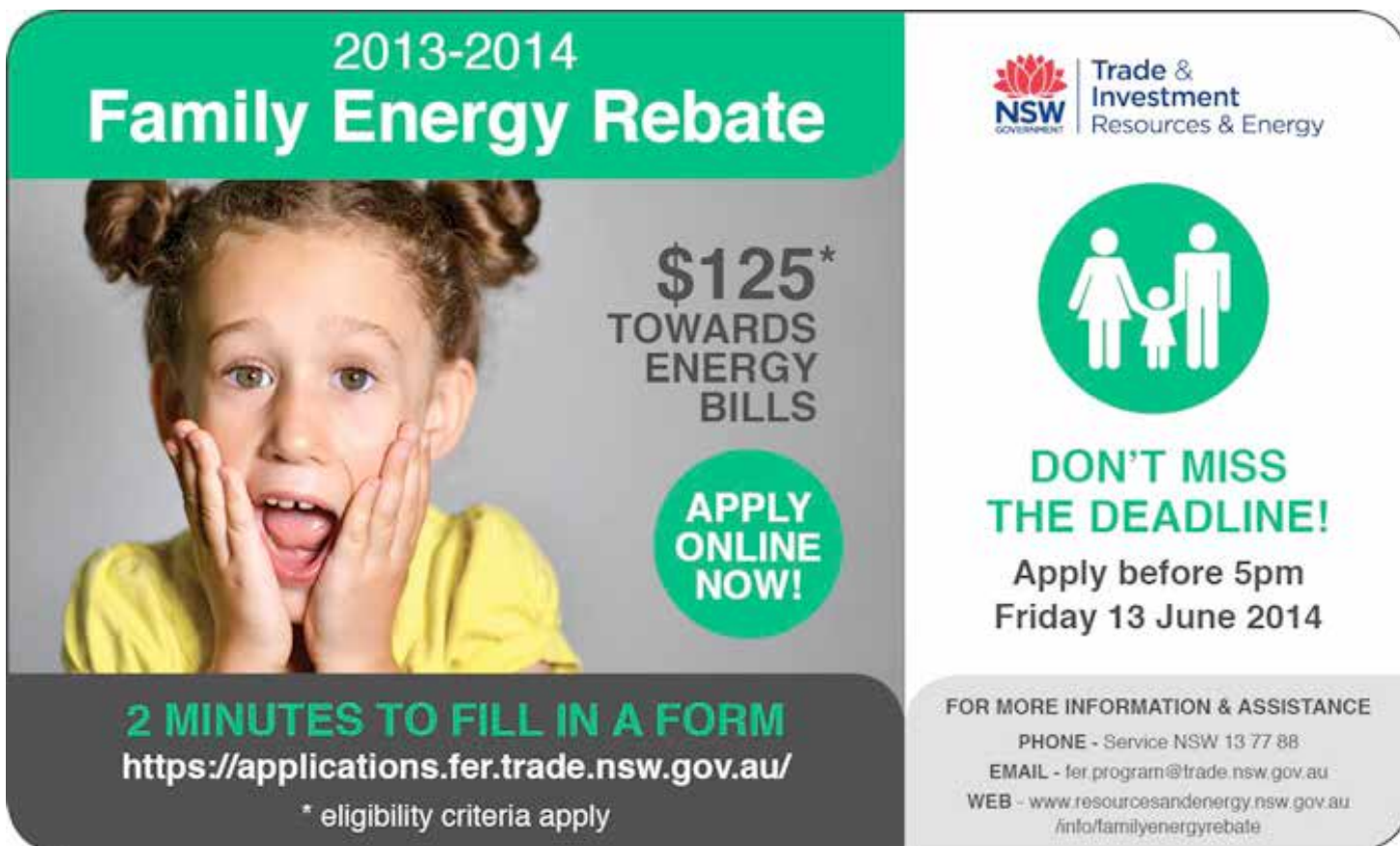
Kind regards, The A Day Made Better Team



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SAVE THE DATE

Northern NSW da Vinci Decathlon

The Decathlon is an academic interschool gala day run in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon with events of an academic nature. The theme in 2014 is Mystery and Mayhem.

Where: The Armidale School, Memorial Hall

When: Wednesday September 3 - Year 7 and 8
Thursday September 4 - Year 9 and 10
Friday September 5 - Year 5 and 6

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