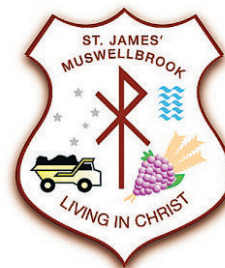


Primary entry #58: St James' Primary School, Muswellbrook



# ST JAMES' CHRONICLE



**KEEN:** Steven Dengate was very successful. Picture: Mikayla Brown

## A touch of talent from junior sport

By **MITCHELL PORTOLAN** and **BEN FRAGIADAKIS**

STEVEN Dengate, who is in year 6 at St James Muswellbrook, has excelled in the tough sport of touch football, making his way to the state touch football competition in Coffs Harbour this year.

To get to state touch, he had to go through four levels of competition: school, regional, diocesan and Polding, playing more than 50 games.

On his first day at state, he played six games and won them all. On his second day, he played five, winning four and drawing one. On his third and final day, he played three games, with one successful but two unsuccessful.

Steven said his favourite game was when he competed against Riverina and won 11-1.

Steven has spent 11 days over three terms playing touch football, as well as many weeks of training.

"I am very proud of my achievements and it is impossible to describe how I feel," Steven said.

In the three days at State touch, Steven scored 14 tries while playing in the middle of the field.

His mother Jane was filled with pride and joy as she watched her son play through all levels, and when he did not make it past state level she was not disappointed because of how far he had already progressed.

Steven hopes that next year he can go even further.

By **MIKAYLA BROWN** and **SAMANTHA BELL**

ST JAMES' Primary School Muswellbrook has started a Mini Vinnies charity group lead by Sally Jackson, who persuaded year 6 students to join the group and help out people in the community.

The first idea, part of the Winter Appeal, was for a hot Milo day at the school.

Every Thursday for four weeks during winter, the students happily used their lunch time to make and sell the hot Milo. Their goal was to make \$400 but each week they made \$200, reaching a grand total of \$800.

Their next idea, also for the Winter Appeal, was to make blankets for their elderly neighbours at Mt Providence Village aged care facility.

The Mini Vinnies group greatly appreciated donations from Muswellbrook and Aberdeen parish members who assisted with funds to purchase the polar fleece fabric which was used to make the blankets. Mt Providence residents were very happy with the Mini Vinnies' donated blankets to help keep them warm throughout the winter months.



**WINTER WARMER:** Tricia Kiyega and Paris Forsyth present Wilma Kane with a blanket.

Reap in Cambodia. The project is for all children at St James' School to participate in a colouring competition.

Once again there has been support across the whole school community and also from the St Vincent de Paul group in Muswellbrook.

All of the proceeds will be going to the Smiling Heart Foundation to help students in Cambodia.

The Mini Vinnies have many more brilliant ideas for fundraisers to come and recently the year 5 students have been encouraged to join to carry on with the important role next year.

All the students involved in the team have had a wonderful start and will continue to be important at St James' Primary School Muswellbrook.



**AMAZING:** Sarah Abrahamse, right, with friends at World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

## Devout travel to World Youth Day

By **STEVEN DENGATE** and **JAMES NOACK**

SARAH Abrahamse, a year 1 teacher at St James' Primary School, recently travelled to South America with a group of people from the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese to attend World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro.

The pilgrimage began in Argentina, where the Australians joined many others

in doing mission work. For several days the group painted rooms and tables for the local community.

She also went to Iguazu Falls, on the border of Argentina and Brazil, where people jumped into the water as a part of their South American experience.

In Rio de Janeiro the pilgrims went to the Christ the Redeemer statue, and Copacabana beach where

3.5 million people slept overnight as they prepared for the World Youth Day Mass with Pope Francis.

Miss Abrahamse saw the Pope at the huge event that only occurs every four years for the world's youth.

Miss Abrahamse had a great experience in the countries she went to and the places she visited.

She said it was "a once-in-a-lifetime experience".



## An easy way to fundraise!

Newcastle Permanent is proud to support our local communities. Just get your school, charity, sporting club or similar local organisation to sign up to our Introducer Program, and with us, you can help raise much needed funds for your local community organisation. Mention them when you apply for a new home or business loan (over \$100,000) and for each eligible new loan they will receive \$600!\*

To find out more or to arrange an appointment with a Newcastle Permanent home or business loan expert, contact us today.

13 19 87 [newcastlepermanent.com.au](http://newcastlepermanent.com.au)

Here for good.

