

Snapshot of Life at St Johns!



School Support Group

The parents on our School Support Group (SSG) make incredible contributions to the life of our school. Each year they run a Mother's Day and Father's Day Stall where students can purchase a gift for their Mum and Dad. Each Friday in the warmer months the SSG sell icy poles and in the colder months they sell popcorn. Parents help out in a range of other ways throughout the year including making pancakes for all students on Shrove Tuesday and running a food stall at our annual St John's Grand Prix. Money raised by the SSG is used to buy a range of resources for the students.



EVERYONE LOVES BUYING AN ICY POLE ON FRIDAYS IN SUMMER AND CELEBRATING SHROVE TUESDAY WITH PANCAKES



PURCHASING GIFTS FROM THE FATHER'S DAY STALL



LUNCHTIME POPCORN



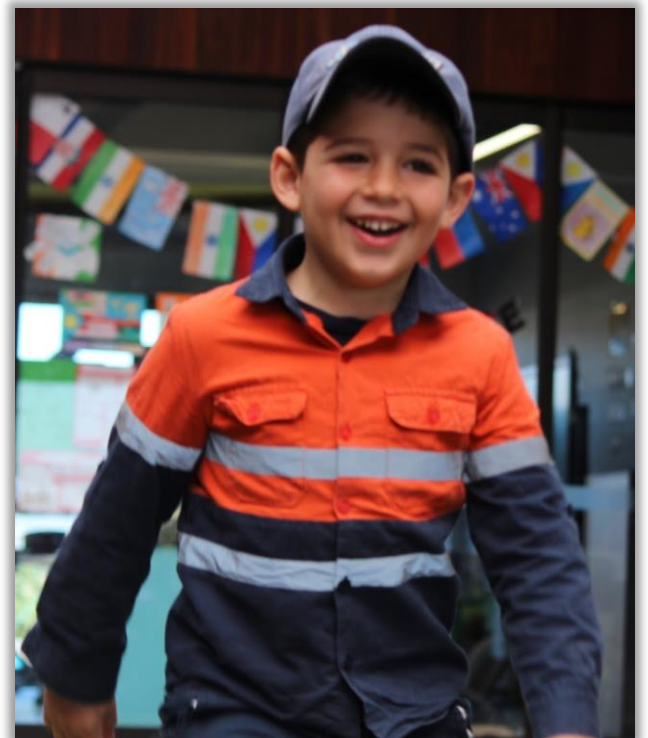
EVERYONE LOVES OUR SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER DAYS





Cultural Diversity

Our community is a culturally rich and diverse one, with a high number of our families speaking languages other than English at home. Records indicate that our families speak many different languages including Tagalog, Dinka, Arabic, Hindi, Punjabi, Sinhalese and Vietnamese. Each year we recognise this rich diversity during our Cultural Week Celebrations, the highlight being the day students come dressed in traditional costumes.











THE PREPS LOVE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY RETELLING THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY

Celebrations at St John's

Celebrating is an important part of our school life. We celebrate with students who receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Each year we come together as a school community for the St John's Grand Prix and as a Parish Community to celebrate the St Andrew's Fair. In line with our Bike Ed Program the school celebrates the National Ride to School Day each year. We celebrate with our Year 6 students before they head off to secondary school.



SOME OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ON THEIR SPECIAL NIGHT



STUDENTS CELEBRATING RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION





SENIOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THEIR SLEEPOVER



FAREWELLING THE YEAR 6S WITH A FUN DAY INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING



DANCERS THAT PERFORMED AT THE ST ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR



THE RIDES ARE ALWAYS A POPULAR
ATTRACTION AT THE PARISH FAIR

...AND THEY'RE RACING...GRAND
PRIX ST JOHN'S STYLE!



EACH YEAR OUR STUDENTS PERFORM
AT THE PARISH FAIR AND DURING OUR
GRAND PRIX





Playground Options

We offer a variety of playground options, providing opportunities for students to develop a range of skills and socialise with their peers. Some of our popular permanent fixtures are the Playground, Soccer Pitch, Sandpit, Water Play, Creek Bed and Cubby Houses. Students love to create unique hair styles on our school Mannequins or build a range of structures using wooden blocks.



THE SOCCER PITCH IS A POPULAR PLAY AREA FOR ALL STUDENTS



THE DRY CREEK BED IS A FAVOURITE DESTINATION FOR MANY OF OUR JUNIOR STUDENTS



STUDENTS ENJOY THE WATER PLAY DURING SUMMER. THEY WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE DAMS AND DIFFERENT WATERWAYS







Stage 3 Buildings Completed

With the completion of Stage 3 building program, the school now has a new learning centre for the Prep and Year 1 students. The central point of our new learning centre is a large flexible learning space, which offers the opportunity for students to work in small teacher focus groups or to meet as a larger cohort. The centre has four individual learning hubs, which can be closed off with sliding glass doors, designed to provide flexibility for our junior classes while allowing them to experience working in an open learning environment. Our newly built Hall will be used for whole school gathering such as our assemblies and Masses and Mrs White will be using the facility during her Sport lessons. The Before and After School Care Program will relocate to the hall.

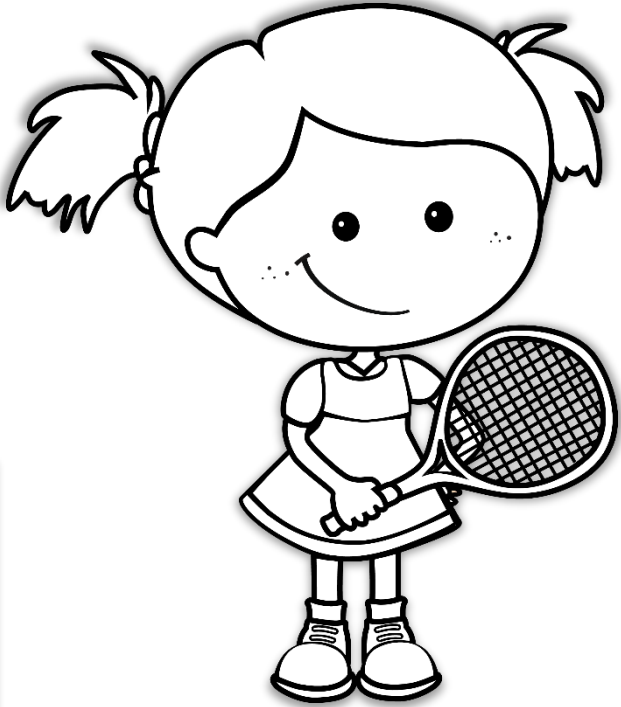


OUR PREPS SPEND A TERM EACH YEAR PARTICIPATING IN THE PMP PROGRAM



Sport Program

We have an extensive sports program at St John's. Through the program the students are provided with a range of experiences and learn a raft of skills. Our Prep classes participate in the PMP Program to develop their perceptual motor skills. Bike Ed is a part of the curriculum from Year 4, with students all becoming competent and independent riders when they leave us. Each year students attend a range of clinics hosted by experts in a specific sporting arena and also participate in our annual St John's Sports Carnival.



TENNIS CLINICS ARE ALWAYS A BIG HIT WITH STUDENTS!



THE ANNUAL
SPORTS
CARNIVAL IS A
HIGHLIGHT OF THE
SCHOOL
CALENDAR





THESE STUDENTS HAD A GREAT DAY
COMPETING AT AN INTER SCHOOL SPORTS
EVENT



THESE GIRLS ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT CPR
DURING A FIRST AID CLINIC



THESE GIRLS SPENT A DAY ON THE GOLF
COURSE AFTER COMPLETING A SERIES OF
GOLF CLINICS AT SCHOOL



STUDENTS ALWAYS ENJOY PARTICIPATING IN
THE HOOP TIME COMPETITIONS AT EAGLE
STADIUM



CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS ARE A WHOLE
SCHOOL AFFAIR



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE BIKE
EDUCATION PROGRAM

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY IS A HUGE HIT FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL!

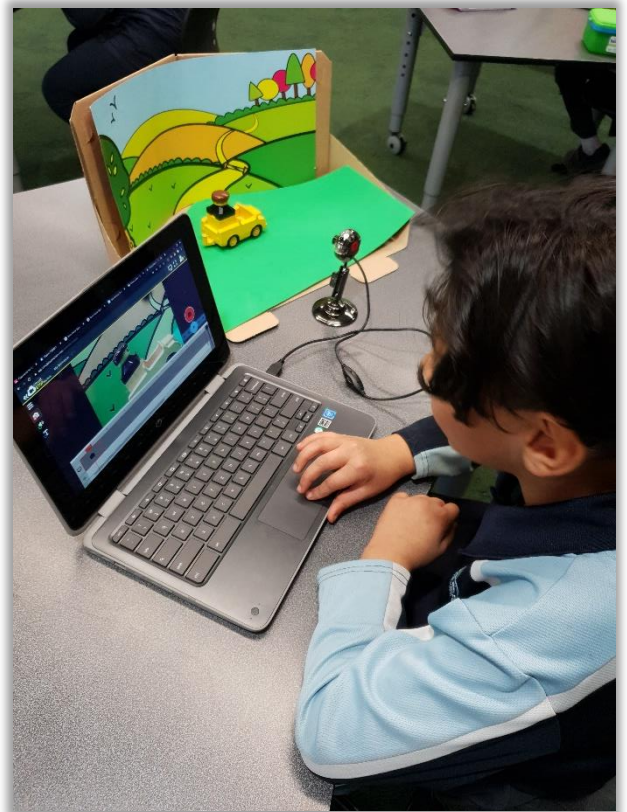








School Technology
Each student from Year 2 - 6 is allocated their own Chromebook laptop, with the school supplying iPads and other Laptops for students in Prep and Year 1. At St John's students have the opportunity to explore a range of ICT including coding, robotics and digital animation.



ST JOHN'S FARMERS MARKET

STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER TO TEND THE SCHOOL VEGGIE PATCHES. WHEN THE PRODUCE IS READY THEY HOST A FARMER'S MARKET FOR THE COMMUNITY TO PURCHASE THE SCHOOL GROWN VEGGIES AND EGGS



OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS AT ST JOHN'S.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE BEGINS AT 6:30AM.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE FINISHES AT 6:30PM.



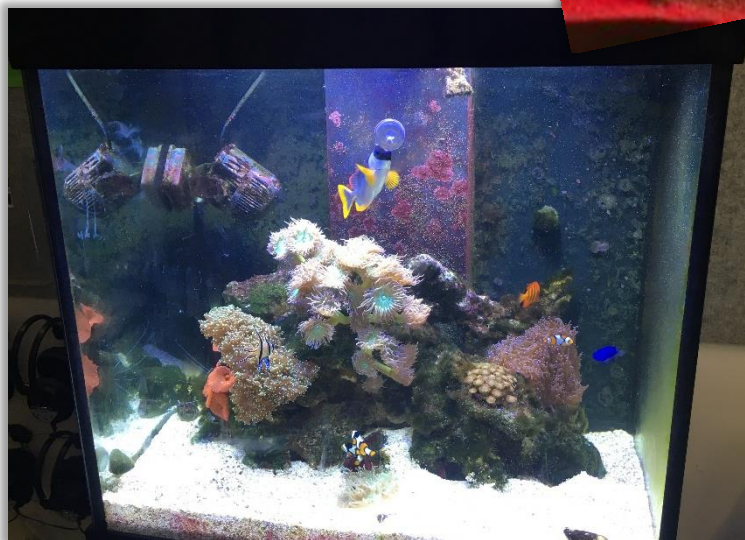


PREPS LOVE ART ACTIVITIES



School Animals

At St John's we're always looking for ways to make learning fun and build the student's awareness of sustainability and biodiversity. We have a range of animals including a Tropical Marine Fish Tank and a Frog enclosure. The eggs which our chooks lay along with veggies from our school garden, are sold to parents at our afternoon market stalls. We partner with various captive breeding programs, to breed and raise Dunnarts, which are an endangered Australian Marsupial.



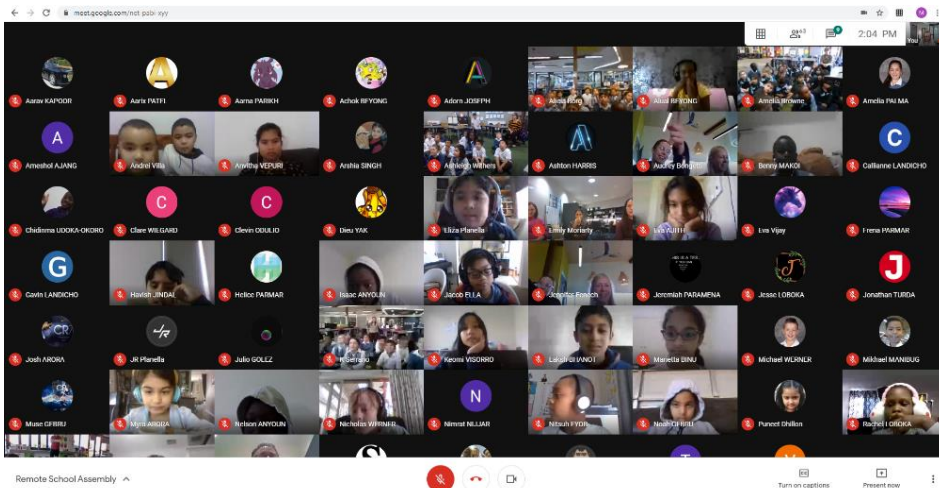
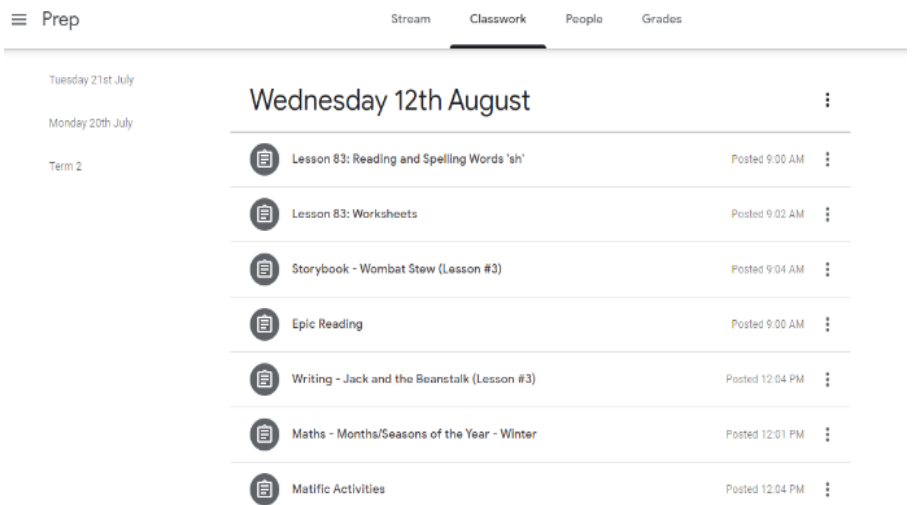
Online Learning at St John's

Worldwide 2020 has provided plenty of challenges and some new opportunities. With the Government requiring schools to move to online learning this year, St John's has found itself in a very fortunate position. The school has been able to provide individual devices for students to work on at home and our teachers have been using the Google Classroom and Google Meet platforms to continue our learning program. Teachers meet with their class three times each day and staff provide assistance via online help desks.



WHOLE CLASS CHECK INS ON GOOGLE MEET WHERE TEACHERS TOUCH BASE WITH STUDENTS AND DISCUSS THE WORK SCHEDULED FOR THE DAY

THE PREP GOOGLE CLASSROOM IS WHERE STUDENTS FIND THE ASSIGNED WORK FOR EACH DAY. THEY COMPLETE THE WORK ONLINE AND SUBMIT IT FOR TEACHERS TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY FEEDBACK



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ARE LOADS OF FUN AND OFTEN INCLUDE SOME FUN GAMES

Here's What the Students have to Say!

2021 will see our first intake of Preps start their final year at St John's. We've asked some of them to reflect on what they remembered most about Prep.



TESFAYE

Hi Preps,
My name is Tesfaye. I am in Grade 5/6 and I will tell you all about my experience in Prep at St Johns. I was your age when I started school. I was nervous and at the same time excited. As soon as I got in the classroom the teachers were really nice and friendly. They showed me where my locker was. We sat on the floor and we introduced ourselves. The teachers back then were Ms Keogh and Mrs Fenech. Then Mr Dundon our kind principal came and greeted us. When it was time for play I met some friends. We played hot wheels, tag and hide and seek. I had the time of my life. Now I love going to school!

JAPLEEN

When I was in Prep I would play with my friends Avleen and Ashleen. They were my best friends. We would sometimes play hide and seek. At sport we would always want to be in a group of three. At play time we would talk about fun things.

My teacher was Miss Alisha Keogh. She would encourage me to try my best so I could improve my learning and try my best in my writing. When we were in prep we would get sticker charts and when we would finish the sticker chart we would get a prize from the prize box.

In prep the teacher would read books to us and we would take books home to read. In prep we would learn the ABC and learn how to count. We would focus on a number each day.

When it would be sports we would play lots of games our classmates. We would race and play and play with soft balls. My sports teacher was Miss Louise White. My principal is Mr Simon Dundon. He would encourage all the students in the school and he took really care of all the students. I liked all my teachers in the school. They were really nice and loved all the kids.



JOSH

One of the things that I liked about prep was spending time in the creek beds with my friends and making great rock cakes. I loved finding cool coloured rocks.

Another thing I liked about prep were readers. They were books that we could take home to read. Some were funny, happy, and some had great facts.

The thing I liked most was playing and talking to my friends at school.



*We can't wait for you
to join us in 2021!*