



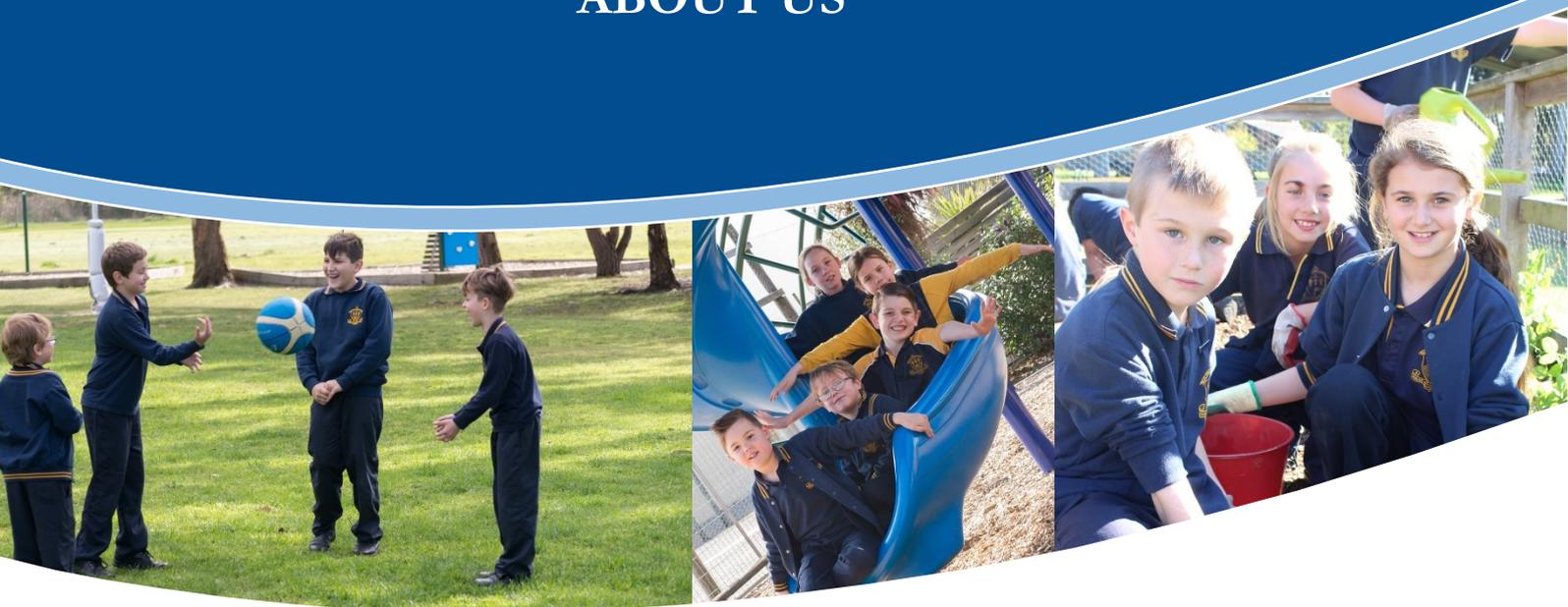
St John the Baptist Primary School, Koo Wee Rup



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ABOUT US



St John the Baptist Primary is a Catholic school offering an outstanding Foundation to Year six education to families in Koo Wee Rup and surrounding districts.

We pride ourselves on our welcoming, safe, caring environment and the great sense of belonging our families report.

St John's is a school where:

- The person of Jesus Christ and His teachings are central.
- We develop a sense of belonging to the school, parish and wider community.
- We learn and discover in a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment.
- Success is celebrated and one's best is expected.

Our current 2021 enrolment is approximately 213 students which allows us to offer a very personalised approach to children within our care.

We currently have ten classrooms:

- two Foundation class,
- three Year 1/2 classes,
- two Year 3/4 classes,
- one 4/5 class, and
- two Year 5/6 classes.

GETTING STARTED



Enrolments

General enrolments are taken at any time. Please contact the office to make an appointment. Foundation enrolments are also taken at any time; however, our preferred time frame is between March and August of the child's kinder year. To be enrolled in Foundation, a child must turn 5 by April 30 in his/her Foundation year, and have all the relevant forms and certificates completed as detailed in the enrolment pack.

Term dates 2021

Term 1: 27th January (Teachers commence) to 1st April

Term 2: 19th April to 25th June

Term 3: 12th July to 17th September

Term 4: 4th October to 17th December

School hours/Bell times

Start of school:	8.50am	(Line up bell)
Recess:	11:00am	(Outside to play)
	11.30am	(Line up bell)
Lunch:	1:10pm	(Eating bell)
	1:20pm	(Outside to play)
	2:00pm	(Line up bell)
End of School:	3.10pm	(Dismissal)

Absences

All absences require a written note signed by a parent even when the parent has already advised the classroom teacher or school office staff in person or by telephone. A notification sent through the Skoolbag App is sufficient, provided it has been signed by a parent. Proforma absence notes are also available to print from the Parent Info section of the SkoolBag App.

Signing in and out

If you are dropping your child off late or collecting him/her early, please visit the office to sign them in/out, if collecting, your child will then be sent to the office to meet you. A written note or a phone call is required if children are to travel home with anyone other than their parents.

CURRICULUM



Religious Education

R.E. is taught daily in the classroom, based on the guidelines from the Catholic Education Office, Sale Diocese. In partnership with our Parish Priest, we offer a parish-based, family-centred and school-supported Sacramental Program.

English

We believe that all students can achieve high standards given support and time. Our English program, consists of whole class modelling and instruction followed by small group or individual work and then student reflection time. Our goal, is to equip each child with the necessary strategies to become competent and independent learners. We strongly support the link between home and school.

CURRICULUM



Mathematics

Mathematics is a very hands-on area of learning at St John's Primary School. We use many different activities to help students develop the mathematical ideas, knowledge and skills they will need in their future personal and work lives. We create many problem solving opportunities for students to trial their understanding of different mathematical concepts and encourage an environment of learning and a feeling of success. Ongoing monitoring and assessment is conducted all year and our program involves students knowing the learning intention they are striving for in each unit of work.

Technology

St John's is extremely well equipped in the area of IT and students have regular access to many and varied resources. Information Technology is incorporated into the curriculum at all levels and our software is regularly updated to ensure students are presented with the best possible learning opportunities. Students in Years 5 and 6 have individual iPad for use at school.

Physical Education

St John's students enjoy weekly P.E. classes, compete in inter-school sports competitions as well as participating in swimming lessons. Years 5 and 6 students also compete in a winter sport competition during Term 3 with neighbouring schools.

Italian, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, STEM

Students enjoy weekly specialist classes in Italian, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and fortnightly STEM classes.

Support programs

St John's is able to provide a number of programs and support staff to assist in the overall development of students. Interventions such as Speech Therapy, LLI Reading Support, Hearing Program and Counselling are accessed on a needs to basis and take place within the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Camps

Students participate in a school sleepover in Year 2. Children in Years 3 and 4 annually attend an offsite two night camp, while Years 5 and 6 annually attend a more extensive 5 day offsite camp.

Reports

Parent/Teacher interviews are held early in first term to allow parents to meet and inform teachers about their child. Mid-year interviews allow children to share their work with their parents, discuss the students report and where they are placed on the continuum of learning. Written reports occur mid-year and at the conclusion of the schooling year. Parents are most welcome to make appointments with their child's teacher or the Principal at any time to discuss issues or the progress of your child.

Excursions / incursions

Throughout the year we have several excursions and incursions which support your child's curriculum. Due to legal reasons, however, we cannot take your child on an excursion unless we have the appropriate permissions and medical information which are provided through our Operoo App.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT



St Johns welcomes parent involvement at all opportunities.

Advisory Board

The Board consists of the Principal, Parish Priest, Deputy Principal and four members of the parent community. It meets monthly and acts to advise the Principal in important matters regarding the school.

Other ways you can become involved in your child's school life include:

- Helping in the classroom
- Assisting with sports days, excursions and activity days
- Joining the Friends of St John's committee
- Fete committee

Canteen

Our school canteen is open on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the school year unless advised otherwise. All canteen ordering is be done through CDFpay.

Child Safety Standards

St John the Baptist Primary School believes that ensuring the safety of students is an integral part of who we are as a Catholic faith community. St John's School is committed to meeting the Victorian Child Safe Standards as passed by the Victorian Parliament in 2015 and maintains this through its Policies, staff training and ultimately, through the strategies used in dealing with the students and families within our school community.

COMMUNICATION



Communication—Newsletter

Newsletters are provided fortnightly to families via various means—our Skoolbag App, Website and e-mail. The newsletter is an important mode of communication between home and school, and it will inform you of all school events.

Communication—Apps

Skoolbag— is conveniently accessed via smart phone or iPad/tablet and contains details of all school events, current newsletter and other general school information required by parents.

Seesaw—is a digital portfolio of your child’s learning which gives students and teachers the ability to share work and communicate with families.

Operoo—We use Operoo (formerly Care Monkey) for the collection of current medical and emergency contact information and all permissions required during the course of the school year.

The above Apps are currently used by St Johns, however, we are in the process of centralising these functions to one Program (SIMON). This will provide a Parent Access Module (PAM) which will take over the functions of the abovementioned Apps.

TRANSPORT



Assemblies

Assemblies are held fortnightly (alternate week to newsletter) Monday afternoons at 2:30pm and parent attendance is encouraged. At these assemblies, we celebrate children's efforts and birthdays, report on recent happenings and inform children of upcoming events.

Emergency Information

In the case of accident or illness, the school needs to be able to contact parents immediately. The Operoo App is used for this purpose and it is essential that all contact details and medical information are current.

Fruit Stop

Each day at 10am, the children eat a piece of fruit during class. We ask that children bring a piece of fruit from home for fruit stop. A small amount of fruit is supplied by our local supermarket for children who forget their fruit.

School bus

The Koo Wee Rup Secondary College acts as the co-ordinator for all bus travel in our area. If you wish for your child to travel on the bus, you need to complete an Application for Bus Travel, available at the office and return it to school with your enrolment.

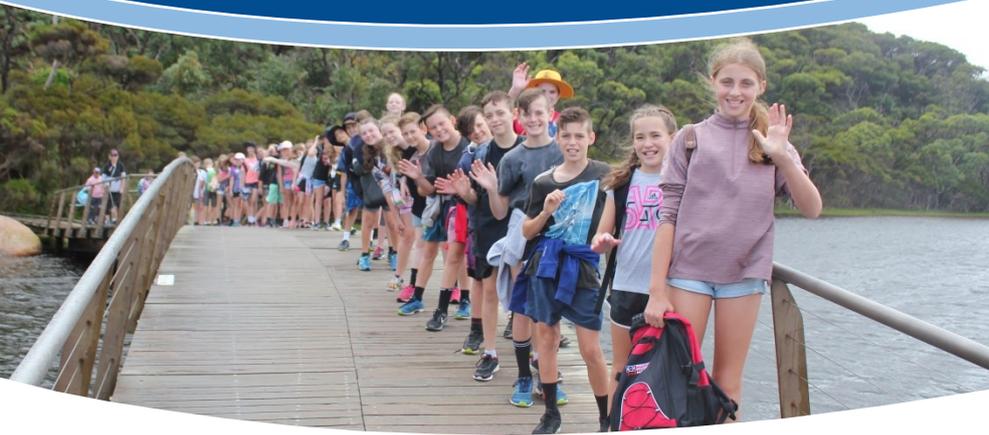
Children are not to travel on the bus until they are advised in writing of an approved seat.

Children with an allocated bus seat will be sent home on the bus each night unless a written note is received by their teacher advising otherwise. Alternatively a phone call to the office is acceptable.

Parking

We ask that parents please enter Salmon Street from Station Street only at drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion and to keep it safer for our children. If parents want to park, there is a car parking area behind the hall.

UNIFORM



Our uniform shop is open between 2:30pm and 3:15pm on Mondays & Thursdays.

Uniform ordering is done through CDFpay, upon acceptance of enrolment information will be forwarded to you in regard to setting up your CDFpay account. Over the counter sales may be made during uniform shop hours.

A range of second hand uniforms are usually available for sale at very reasonable prices. Please enquire at the uniform shop. School bags are also available through the uniform shop.

Children should be in correct uniform at all times. A note is required if, for some good reason the child is to be out of uniform. We strongly recommend you label all clothing with sewn or iron-on labels. Biro used on tags wears off quickly.

Children wear sports uniform on their class' allocated day each week. It includes the school sports polo, navy sport shorts, navy socks and sports shoes.

It is compulsory for children to wear a hat during outdoor activities during Sunsmart periods. Both our slouch and bucket hats satisfy Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria guidelines. Children without a hat must remain undercover at play and lunch time.

All uniform items are to be purchased from the school uniform shop, thus ensuring correct colour tones are maintained throughout the school.

COSTS



Fees 2021

	Annual	
1 Child Family	1,250.00	
2 Child Family	1,370.00	
3 Child Family	1,490.00	
4 Child Family	1,610.00	
Additional Child \$30.00 per term		
Building Levy (per family)	330.00	
Student Fees as detailed below**		
Foundation—Gr 2	335.00	
Gr 3—Gr 4	615.00	
Gr 5—Gr 6	815.00	
** Curriculum (all grades)	60.00	
Excursion (all grades)	60.00	
Book Levy/ICT (all grades)	130.00	
Swimming (Gr F-4)	85.00	
Swimming/Winter Sport (Gr5 –Gr6)	115.00	
Camp (Gr3—Gr4)	280.00	
Camp (Gr5-Gr6)	450.00	
Total per annum—1 Child in a Junior Grade (Foundation—Gr2)		\$1915.00
Total per annum—1 Child in a Middle Grade (Gr3—Gr4)		\$2195.00
Total per annum—1 Child in a Senior Grade (Gr5-Gr6)		\$2395.00

Fees are reviewed at the end of each year and amended if required.

Valid Health Care Card holders can apply for fees concessions. Further information in relation to fees will be provided in the November/December prior to commencement.

Books

The Book Levy covers the cost of books for your child. You may need to purchase a small number of items for your child: e.g. art smock, library bag etc. These items will be advised in December.

Banking

School banking is run by the Friends of St John's Committee. Banking should be handed to the class teacher on Wednesday mornings for processing and return the next day.

Book Club

The Friends of St John's Committee provide access to Book Club. The children can order books for personal enjoyment. Orders and money should be handed in to the child's teacher.

