About This Report

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Campbelltown is registered by the NSW Board of Studies (BOS) and managed by the Catholic Education Office (CEO), Diocese of Wollongong. The CEO is the ‘approved authority’ for the Registration System formed under Section 39 of the NSW Education Act 1990.

The Annual School Report to the Community for this year provides the school community with fair, reliable and objective information about school performance measures and policies, as determined by the Minister for Education.

The Report also outlines information regarding School Review & Improvement initiatives and developments of major interest and importance to the school community during the year and the achievements arising from the implementation of the School’s Annual Action Plan.

Accordingly, the Report demonstrates accountability to regulatory bodies, the school community and the Catholic Education Office (CEO). This Report has been approved by Wollongong CEO to ensure compliance with all NSW Board of Studies requirements for Registration and Accreditation.

This Report complements and is supplementary to school newsletters and other regular communications. Following its submission to the NSW Board of Studies, the Report will be presented to the Parent Body and be available on the school’s website by 30 June 2010.

Further information about the school or this Report may be obtained by contacting the school:

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Principal: Peter McKenzie
Date: December 2010
Vision Statement

St John’s strives to be a Catholic school community that promotes excellence in a learning environment based on Gospel values. Our mission is to provide a quality Catholic school enabling each person to reach full potential in the light of our school motto, “Walk in Peace and Joy.”

Message from Key School Bodies

Principal’s Message

The 2010 School Year was another successful year at St. John’s. Enrolments remained steady and parent involvement was excellent, particularly through our Reading Support Program and through the support of a number of sporting ventures. This year saw the completion of the rebuilding of the Administration Area and the replacement of learning areas for three grades of students.

A range of quality pastoral care programs including the Peer Support Program were delivered successfully and indigenous culture was further acknowledged and celebrate through a number of initiatives.

Learning and Teaching was again characterized by a further commitment to authentic student centred learning enhanced by significant professional development and collegial support. The relationship between the school and the wider parish continued to be productive and supportive.

Parent Involvement

The Parents and Friends Committee (P&F) received excellent support from the wider parent body for a range of events held during the year. These included Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Student Discos and a Shopping Trip. The Annual Fete was again suspended for 2010 due to the school rebuilding program. A very successful Trivia Night was held in June and was a highlight of the Year from a P&F perspective. The practical support for the school by so many parents during the year is acknowledged and appreciated. This includes all those within the school community who assisted with sports carnivals, gala days, in classrooms and in a variety of other ways.

Parents and Friends Association, President

Student Leadership

The 2010 School Year was an excellent year at St John’s particularly for Year 6 students, who completed their primary education in such an excellent learning environment as the Learning Space. Students have learned many new things because of the great teachers at St John’s, and have been able to have fun while learning. Highlights for Year 6, in 2010, included the overnight excursion to Kurrajong in Term 1, where students developed their leadership skills,
and the trip to Canberra in Term 3, which was part of learning about the nation’s capital and Federal Government. Year 6 students will also remember their Thanksgiving Mass, the dinner at the Campbelltown Catholic Club and our end of year ‘fun day’ at Jamberoo. On behalf of Year 6 we thank the school and especially our parents, for providing us with the opportunity to learn so much during the past seven years.

_School Captains_

**School Profile**

St John’s is a three-streamed Catholic Parish School, located near the centre of the city of Campbelltown. As the first Catholic school in the region, St Johns has a long and proud tradition of providing an excellent Catholic education to children from a number of parishes within the Macarthur. St John’s had its beginnings as early as 1849 when Archbishop Polding blessed the cornerstone of the building now known as Quondong. Then it was St Patrick’s School, the first Catholic school built by private enterprise in the colony. A number of dedicated Irish lay teachers ran the school until the Sisters of the Good Samaritan took charge in the late 1880’s.

The school transferred to its present site in 1914. The school name was also changed at this time. Throughout the ensuing years the school has grown and flourished under the guidance of successive principals and dedicated teachers. Many local parents and parishioners have played an active role in the school’s development, as has the Campbelltown Catholic Club. As a Catholic Parish School the spiritual growth and welfare of every student, along with sound educational practices is a shared responsibility of the Parish Priest, Principal, staff and parents under the supervision of both Catholic and Government Educational authorities.

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School is a Catholic Systemic co-educational school located in Campbelltown. The school caters for students in Years K-6 and has a current enrolment of 587.

**Student Enrolments**

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The Diocesan Enrolment Policy and Procedures exists to assist schools in the equitable prioritising of enrolment applications and in order to ensure that the requirements of State and Commonwealth legislation are met. This documentation can be found on both the school website [www.sjctdow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjctdow.catholic.edu.au) the Catholic Education Office website: [www.dow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.dow.catholic.edu.au) No changes were made to this Diocesan Policy in 2010.
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Management of Student Non Attendance

Non-attendance is managed according to Diocesan ‘Student Attendance & Roll Marking Policy and Procedures (Dec. 2006)’. This may involve consultation with parents and if necessary the support of the CatholicCare counsellor.

Staffing Profile

There are a total of 34 teachers and 9 support staff at St John’s Catholic Primary School. This number includes 20 full-time, 14 part-time teachers.

Teacher Standards

Teacher qualifications fall into 1 of 3 categories for all teaching staff responsible for delivering the curriculum:

| Teaching qualifications from a higher education institution within Australia or as recognised by AEI - NOOSR* | 100% |
| Have qualifications as a graduate from a higher education institution within Australia within AEI-NOOSR* guidelines but lack formal teacher qualifications | 0% |
| Do not have qualifications as above but have relevant successful teaching experience or appropriate knowledge relevant to the teaching context | 0% |

*Australian Education Institution – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition Staff Retention

Teacher Attendance and Retention

The average daily teacher attendance rate for 2010 was 95.59%. This does not include planned leave such as maternity or long service leave. The teacher retention rate from 2009 to 2010 was 95%.

Professional Learning

Professional learning opportunities are highly valued and sought by all members of St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School staff. During 2010 school personnel undertook a range of professional learning initiatives aiming to improve student outcomes.
These included:

- all staff, supporting students in the classrooms, attended a workshop in the area of Inquiry Learning to further their understanding of this model for student-centred learning. Renowned educator, Kath Murdoch, facilitated the day;
- significant school based professional development and classroom support in the pedagogy and practice around student-centred learning;
- numerous courses made available by the CEO, Wollongong to support and develop the teaching of both literacy and numeracy K-6.;
- a number of days of explicit professional development for Recent Graduate teachers and time to work with and benefit from professional mentoring by a nominated experienced colleague;
- opportunities to support students with special needs as with the attendance at the Mater Dei Special Education Conference and professional development in dealing with autistic students in the mainstream classroom;
- initiatives in teaching Religious Education, prayer and the Diocesan assessment in Religious Literacy for Grade 4 students. Several teachers were involved in the marking of the latter assessment for the Diocese;
- opportunities for the development of Information Communication Learning Technologies (ICLT) in the school and attendance at contemporary topics as with the presentation dealing with cyber safety for students and parents;
- a number of Middle leaders participated in ‘Learning for Leadership’, an extensive professional development initiative for teachers who demonstrate potential for leadership growth, the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, knowledge and behaviour;
- whole staff spirituality day devoted to the traditions and teachings of the Good Samaritan Sisters, founders of the school; and
- the allocation of a School Leadership Team (SLT) member to coach and support teachers in the area of inquiry based learning and early literacy.

School based expenditure on professional learning in 2010 was approximately $21,000. This is in addition to expenditure on professional learning opportunities provided by the Catholic Education Office.

**Catholic Life & Religious Education**

The Catholic culture at St. John’s has continued to grow throughout 2010. The staff, students and parents together with the wider community have joined on many occasions to share, work and celebrate. The Spiritual and prayer life of the St John’s school family has been deepened throughout the year with many beautiful celebrations. These include the weekly gathering as a whole school praying for special intentions or to reflect on scripture, the celebration of the Eucharist with the students from each grade joining with the wider parish community and their parents and friends.
The school was able to support the Parish Sacramental Programs, for the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. These occasions were highlights of the year. Many students received the sacraments in their own neighbouring parishes as well as within St John’s Parish itself. Other highlights included whole school masses to both open and close the 2010 School Year, the Christmas concert held at St Patrick’s College and the Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass, which celebrated the completion of their primary education.

The relationship between the school and St. John’s parish continues to be very positive with staff regularly attending the parish mass on Friday mornings before school and Frs. Michael and Lucas both providing support and pastoral guidance for staff and students.

In 2010 the school supported a number of charities and organisations including Jeans for Genes, Mater Dei School, Fight Against Cancer, the St Vincent de Paul Society, Caritas and Catholic Missions. Donations totalled approximately $7,600. Students from both Beverley Park Special School and Mater Dei School participated in various classes at St. John’s during the year and were wonderful ‘guests’.

Religious Literacy Assessment

The Religious Literacy Assessment Program for Year 4 students was successfully implemented within schools across the diocese in 2010. In 2010 the school cohort consisted of 88 Year 4 students who sat the Religious Literacy Assessment Workbook (Part A) on 6 September 2010 and 88 completed the Extended Task (Part B). The Extended Task is based on the Unit: One With God’s Creation and was completed during the first half of Term 3.

Students showed a high level of performance in their knowledge of the religious tradition.

This high level of performance was particularly noticeable in students:

- knowledge and understanding of Catholic tradition; and
- knowledge of the story of creation.

The students’ responses showed a need for them to develop their capacity to work with and apply the religious tradition especially in their ability to:

- recall parts of the Mass.

Students in Part B displayed improvements in their ability to work with and apply their religious knowledge.

The performance of each student was described as developing, achieving or extending.

For Part A, 31% of students were placed in the developing level, 63% in the achieving level and 6% were in the extending level.
For Part B, 24% of students were placed in the developing level, 65% in the achieving level and 11% were in the extending level.

Combining Parts A and B, 36% of students were placed in the developing level, 57% in the achieving level and 7% were in the extending level for Religious Literacy.

Financial Summary

Each year, the school budget is determined by the ongoing needs of the school. The budget is set using historical information from the previous year and emerging needs. This draft budget is then discussed with key stakeholders and implemented. A copy of the budget is given to the Parish Priest.

The following graphs reflect the aggregated income and expenditure for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School for the year ended 31 December 2010. This data is taken from the 2010 financial return to the Australian Government, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
Student Welfare

Introduction
The well being of each student is central to the culture of the school. A number of specific programs operate within the school that are designed to improve the experience of school for each student.

Pastoral Care
The Peer Support Program was again run in Term 3 with the Years 5 & 6 students leading 50 groups of all students from K-6 on a weekly basis. Speaking Up, a module that focuses on anti-bullying strategies was used in 2010 and was well received by students. Buddy classes have run successfully across the school with many joint experiences being held, including grade religious celebrations as well as classroom and whole school experiences. The friendships that develop across the grades contribute to social cohesion among students.

Year 6 students participated in a Leadership forum at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, which was once again well received by the student leaders attending.

To support the behaviour management policy, leadership team members were again assigned playground duties. This was to support students who may have experienced difficulties with social skills on the playground. This initiative has been successful for these children and for the smooth running of playtime.

A program of transition to school for students with special needs was held for students enrolling in Kindergarten, 2009. The Life Education Program was again a very successful complement to the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Program for students and involved all classes, K-6. This program took place in Term 2.

Good Samaritan Awards continued in 2010 and these are presented weekly to promote and acknowledge excellent behaviour and school spirit amongst the students.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wollongong are committed to a safe and supportive environment. The principles, guidelines and procedures set out in the Policy documents Maintain Right Relationships and Safe Work Environment are the framework for school leaders, students, staff, parents and the wider community to develop a safe and supportive environment. The Diocesan Complaints Handling Procedures forms an important element in the Diocese’s commitment to ensuring safe and supportive environments for school communities. These documents can be found on the Catholic Education Office website: www.dow.catholic.edu.au. No changes were made to these Diocesan documents in 2010.

In compliance with the NSW Reform Act 1990, Corporal Punishment is banned in all schools within the Diocese of Wollongong.

Access to all policies and guidelines can be obtained by contacting the school office.
Learning and Teaching

Introduction

The delivery of quality learning and teaching at St John’s has continued to be the core objective and this has been pursued in many ways throughout the year.

Curriculum & Pedagogy

The K–2 Religious Education Curriculum that was introduced for Infant students at the beginning of 2006 has continued to develop, with a focus on the particular ways young children learn. Teachers had previously received an introduction to the syllabus as well as having a resource book “To Know, Worship and Love” for each of the students and additional resources have also been purchased to enhance the teaching of Religious Education in the school.

Curriculum integration maintains a strong focus in teaching/learning programs as teachers plan in order to integrate outcomes in light of the Primary Foundation Statements that set out a clear picture of the knowledge, skills and understanding that each student should develop at each stage of primary school. These statements provide a basis for assessing, reporting and discussing student progress. In light of these Foundation Statements and the federally mandated reporting procedures, teachers have reported student progress to a common grade scale A-E. Opportunities were also given to the parents to meet and discuss each report.

The continued use of Information Communication Learning Technologies (ICLT) as a tool to enhance learning has further directed pedagogical thinking in the classroom K-6. Teachers have adopted a more student centred approach to learning, integrating the use of ICLT so that students are able to follow an inquiry style model of learning allowing greater self-direction and the opportunity to work more independently. Those students requiring greater scaffolding to support their learning have been able to access explicit teaching and direction from the teachers present in the team teaching environment which has been in place throughout the year for Stage 3 and in Grades K-4 with relation to inquiry learning.

In 2010 a member of the SLT was released from class to support both teachers and students with inquiry-based learning as a process for gathering information by questioning. This style of learning involves a level of student engagement and participation that leads to deeper understanding as well as the resolution of questions and issues whilst constructing new knowledge.

Teachers were able to work in a team teaching situation gaining direct support from the modelling of effective strategies for supporting this style of learning and students benefitted from exposure to another teacher working with them as they questioned, investigated, planned and implemented their action. In response to inquiry learning, the students across the grades K-6 were involved in a wide variety of planned action as a result of their inquiries into a variety of topics and local issues. The purpose built learning environment for Stage 3
students continues to gather momentum and enables students to complete the final two years of Primary schooling in a more student centred environment with an emphasis on the students enjoying greater independence and responsibility for their own learning, the skills and approach to learning which greatly assists them in their transition to High School.

**Cross Curriculum**

During this year there has been a continued focus on early literacy. This focus has involved reviewing and updating current resources, monitoring the reading levels of students at frequent intervals throughout the year and supporting and assisting teachers in planning and implementing specific literacy programs. The Reading Support Program continued during the year as a means of increasing reading opportunities for younger students. Both parents and parishioners were part of this very successful program that resulted in improved oral reading or students and an opportunity for local community participation in school. The reading tutor workshop that assisted in training the program volunteers was highly valued as it enabled parents and grandparents to learn strategies that could be used in supporting school students and their own children alike. The literacy program continues to be supported by the reading Recovery Program with sixteen students receiving intervention through this program during 2010.

In 2010 a focus was continued on developing and supporting the thinking skills of all students and to this end the Habits of Mind were continued in the classrooms and throughout the school as a means of exposing students to a variety of strategies for thinking and for approaching problem solving in a creative way. The Habits of Mind are explicit descriptions of intelligent behaviours. The students have been encouraged through a whole variety of activities to construct an awareness about each habit, and helpful strategies that will assist them in learning tasks and challenges utilising the appropriate thinking disposition. The school’s Indigenous Education Policy identifies where this aspect of cross-curriculum content has been covered through the teaching of the various Key Learning Areas. During 2010 an Aboriginal Cultural Officer was employed to assist in providing learning experiences to all classes.

**Meeting the needs of all students**

All teachers plan and assess in order to meet the needs of all students. Learning experiences are designed to be relevant and purposeful so that students are supported in their learning. In this way, all students are able to make learning gains, regardless of their level of achievement or competency. A more open and negotiable manner of teaching and assessment has allowed teachers to meet more accurately the needs of individual students and this has certainly complemented the pedagogical thinking and style of learning generated in all Stages K-6.

Staff development has resulted in a greater ability to meet all the needs of all students. The move from the conventional presentation of classrooms, in Stage 3, is one way in which the school has met the needs of those senior students.
During the second half of 2010 both Kindergarten and Grade 1 moved to large shared learning spaces in order to allow for the demolition of classrooms and the building of three large purpose built learning areas (Building Education Revolution stimulus package) to house the nine K-2 classes for 2011. This move into a shared learning space has allowed greater independence for some students and the opportunity for those students requiring greater structure and direction to work more readily, one on one with a teacher. This learning environment has pre-empted the new buildings to be occupied in January 2011 that will support a dynamic learning focus and facility for the K-2 students.

All teachers benefitted professionally from the support offered by the Inquiry Support teacher throughout the year and through contact with colleagues at regular planning meetings and opportunities to share good practice.

The needs of students stretch beyond the academic and sporting program and opportunities for school and Diocesan representation allow students to develop and nurture their sporting abilities. Peer Support is an integral part of the school calendar and this provided another specific opportunity for peer relationship building during Term 3.

**Expanding Learning Opportunities**

Throughout the year the students have been given the opportunity to attend excursions as a grade. These were planned as extended learning opportunities to support an area of study within the classroom.

Senior students were given the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Public Speaking Competition held during Term 4.

During the 2010 School Year St John’s was extensively involved in the sporting arena. Apart from the annual school Swimming, Cross-Country and Athletics carnivals, there were numerous Gala Days in which children from Year 3 to Year 6 participated. These Gala Days included Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Futsal.

Of particular note was the success of school sporting teams. The Senior Rugby League Team finished 8th in the state after winning through the regional qualification competition. The Senior Girls Futsal team qualified for the state finals at Penrith and the Senior Rugby Union team were State Winners after a very successful Cluster Cup season where they qualified from the local competition, which involved Public and Catholic Schools from the local region, to the state final in Granville.

The Diocesan involvement from St John’s staff members included the organisation of the West Region Netball Gala Day, which involved close to 900 students from various schools. As well as this, staff members convened the West Region Athletics Carnival, a major event on the sporting calendar.

The school has continued several health initiatives that have been adopted by classes, and
students have been encouraged to increase their levels of exercise and to monitor their eating habits. “Munch and Crunch” is the opportunity for students to have a healthy snack, at approximately ten o’clock each day, to energise the children.

In 2010 St John’s played host to the school band from The Assumption School, Bathurst, a connection that has been nurtured for a number of years.

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Student Achievement

The school uses a variety of assessment strategies at key points in the learning framework. These include teacher observation, projects and presentations. The school also participates in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for the purposes of diagnosing individual learning needs and reviewing whole class teaching programs. Information on student progress is communicated on a regular basis and external assessment results are discussed with parents on an individual basis annually.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN was introduced for students in Years 3 and 5 in May 2008. NAPLAN replaces the previous State-based Basic Skills Test and the results provide valuable information about student achievements in literacy and numeracy. Analysis of the results is used at school level to support the enhancement of literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students.

Student Achievement in Bands

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses aspects of literacy and numeracy in Years 3 and 5. It provides valuable information about student achievements in literacy and numeracy. Analysis of the results is used at school level to support the enhancement of literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students. Year 3 results are reported in Bands 1 to 6 with Band 6 representing the highest achievement and Year 5 results are reported in Bands 3 to 8 with Band 8 representing the highest achievement. Please Note: Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

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**Student Achievement of National Minimum Standard**

Students are considered to be achieving BELOW the National Minimum Standard (NMS) if they are in the lowest Band for each year (Band 1 in Year 3 and Band 3 in Year 5) or if they have been exempt from NAPLAN. Students in the second Band for each year (Band 2 in Year 3 and Band 4 in Year 5) represent students who are achieving AT the NMS. Students in all other Bands are achieving ABOVE the NMS.

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**Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction**

In 2010 all families were surveyed with a response rate of approximately 30%. Feedback from parents was very positive with the vast majority expressing high levels of satisfaction across the range of areas surveyed. In particular, parents agreed “that the school helps my child to develop a knowledge and understanding about Christian tradition” and “the school provides a safe and supportive environment”. A small number of parents disagreed that “the school provides appropriate information about my child’s progress” and “my child is challenged to maximise his/her learning.”

All Year 5 and Year 6 students were surveyed with a very high rate of positive responses. In particular, students strongly agreed that “I am proud of my school” and “my teacher encourages me to learn to the best of my ability”.

Staff survey returns were also largely positive with staff, in particular agreeing that “the school helps students to develop a knowledge and understanding about Catholic tradition” and “the school strives to meet the individual learning needs of students.”

Overall the surveys were very positive. Parents who expressed concerns or dissatisfaction are encouraged to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss any concerns they may have.
School Review and Improvement

School Review and Improvement is an ongoing process of self evaluation measured against a commonly agreed set of criteria. It informs action planning at the school level to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Above all, Catholic schools must be good schools with a strong learning orientation and a strong sense of purpose. In all aspects of improving and developing, schools should be learning-centred, constantly striving for excellence and have the student as their primary focus.

School Review and Improvement components reviewed and rated in 2010:

- Key Area 1: Catholic Life and Religious Education
  - 1.1 Vision and Mission
- Key Area 3: Pedagogy
  - 3.4 Planning, Programming and Evaluation
- Key Area 5: Resources, Finance and Facilities
  - 5.1 ICT Resources
- Key Area 6: Parents, Partnerships, Consultation and Communication
  - 6.1 Parent Involvement

School Review and Improvement components to be reviewed and rated in 2011:

- Key Area 1: Catholic Life and Religious Education
  - 1.2 Religious Education
- Key Area 2: Students and their Learning
  - 2.2 Rights and Responsibilities
- Key Area 3: Pedagogy
  - 3.2 Provision for the diverse needs of learners
- Key Area 5: Resources, Finance and Facilities
  - 5.2 Use of Resources and Space