

Hi everyone! My name is Grace Carter. I am the Environment Captain at St John's. I care deeply about the environment, and I am extremely excited to help it this year. Thank you to everyone who gave and is still giving me support. I would like to update the St John's community on what being Environment Captain means to me and what things I'll be doing for the school.

Being Environment Captain means caring about the wellbeing of the whole School and Nature Environment - People, Animals, Plants and Resources. That doesn't just mean what I can do but also encouraging others to help.

The things we already do and can do ourselves are - helping Ms Sally with our beautiful garden, picking up rubbish whether it's ours or not, separating rubbish, recycling and reusing things into new things like art projects, using less water and paper.

We can also get involved in events that are run by organisations that care for the environment like Zoos Victoria and Penguins Foundation Victoria.

I've restarted Green Group at St John's and called it Planet Kids. We are a team of students who are passionate about the environment. We come together Wednesday lunchtimes to talk about what we can do to help. Since it's only just the beginning, we're just getting organised. We have been designing our own PK Badges, and we've also made new friends that share the same love of the environment as us.

On Friday March 29 we organised to be part of Earth Hour Schools Day when we switched off all the power for an hour. I just want to thank Mr Ryan and the teachers and students for cooperating and turning off the lights and computers. Some of the hallways were darker and that was fun. The main Earth Hour around the world was on Saturday March 30 at 8:30 PM. The reasons for switching off for an hour are to save a bit of energy and practice using less energy, but mostly to make a point to Governments that there are so many positive things we can do to help the environment.

Next term Planet Kids will have more fun ideas on how to help, and we'd love to hear from you! It's never too late to join Planet Kids, but whether or not you're in Planet Kids you're still doing your part!

From Grace C. (Environment Captain)

PLANET KIDS!