

# YEAR 5/6 Newsletter

## TEACHER NOTE

Welcome to 2022!  
I hope everyone had a wonderful break.  
Please read on to find out what's in store for the first weeks of Term 1.

## ENGLISH

In Reading, students will be working in guided reading rotations and using the Flying Start to Literacy reading program. Students will also be following the Accelerated Reader program and working towards individualised targets.

In Writing, students will be studying the text and language features of narrative texts and will combine these features to create their own narrative pieces.

In Spelling, students will be working using the Diana Rigg Spelling Program and have weekly words targeted at their spelling levels.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2nd February. Parent Night @ 5:30pm

9th February. Year 1/2 Whole School Mass

11th February. P&F Welcome Back Event (Big Bash)

2nd March. Year 3/4 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass

4th March. Assessment Books Home

7th March. Labour Day Public Holiday

## HEALTH

In Health, students will be working from the Australian Curriculum and focusing on the sub strand: Being Healthy, Safe and Active. Students will be investigating ways that personal identities change over time, discussing strategies and resources to understand and manage the changes and also examine strategies that promote a healthy lifestyle.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Canteen- Canteen day will be Tuesday each week (beginning week 2).

Uniform- The uniform for Term 1 is the summer uniform. Students are to wear hats at recess and lunch. Sports uniforms Thursday and Friday.

Library- Library will be held on Mondays.

Homework- Students are to complete the assigned Math booklet, nightly reading and one assignment from their homework grid by Friday each week.

## SCIENCE

This term, Year 5 and 6 students will be learning about Earth and Space. We will learn that the Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun). In the first few weeks students will learn about the expansion of the universe and the four forces that changed the universe. They will be conducting activities on two of the forces (electromagnetic and gravitational forces).

# MATHS

In Maths, students will be working on the following concepts for the beginning of term supplemented by problem solving and investigations.

## Year 5

- Factors and multiples to solve problems.
- Factor trees.
- Round to 100 and 1000.
- Estimation strategies.
- Place value beyond millions.

## Year 6

- Prime and composite numbers.
- Square and triangular numbers.
- Divisibility tests.
- The four operations.
- Estimation strategies.

# RELIGION

In Religion, students will be studying the Religion unit Church.

This Year 5 unit explores how the communities to which people belong can reflect God's love and goodness. Your child will learn the different aspects of a community, for example, that a community has rules and leaders care for all members.

Your child will learn how Jesus began the Church community and the reasons why it is important to gather in this community. They will explain how Jesus chose the Apostles as the leaders of the Church and how Bishops and Priests are examples of people who continue to teach others as Jesus taught, today.

The Church has rules in place which guide people to a strong relationship with God. Your child will examine these rules and develop an understanding of how living the Fourth Commandment (Honour your father and your mother), will allow them to grow in love in all the communities that they belong to.

# HASS

In Civics and Citizenship, students will be investigating the key values that underpin Australia's democratic system of government and will begin to explore the roles and responsibilities of electors.

In History, students will be exploring the reasons for the establishment of British colonies in Australia after 1800 in the context of different states and penal colonies.

