

# Year 5/6

## TERM THREE

Welcome back  
to Term 3



Welcome to Term Three! We hope all the students and their families had a fabulous holiday. This term is gearing up to be a big one... the list of events seem endless. This term we have Confirmation retreat and Confirmation, TREE Talks, 70th celebrations, Book Week, Primary Winter Carnival, assembly, Yr 6 camp and swimming lessons! We are exhausted just writing the list. The students are very excited for the events ahead and we look forward to the learning happening in between. Ruth and Katrina

### Week Overview

Monday: Mrs Gandy  
Tuesday: Mrs Gandy  
Wednesday: Mrs Gandy  
Thursday: Mrs Kelly  
Friday: Mrs Kelly

### Important Dates

- 28th July** Confirmation Parent Workshop @ 5:30
- 10th Aug** 70th Anniversary Mass and Celebrations
- 11th Aug** Yr 7 2023 Kearnan Orientation
- 14th Aug** Confirmation Mass @10:30
- 15th Aug** School TREE Talks
- 17th Aug** School Photos
- 18th Aug** Interschool TREE Talks

### English

At the end of last term, the students trialed a new spelling program. After critiquing the program we have decided to implement this program for the remainder of the year. We are looking forward to seeing the progress that the students will make with their spelling.

In addition to this, we are strongly focusing on spelling rules, tricky words and homophones.

In reading we will be resetting our Accelerated Reading goals and working towards reaching our targets. Later in the term we will be starting a novel study based on the book called 'Wonder'. During this study we will be analysing writing conventions that authors use to entertain their readers.

In writing, the students have all carefully selected their research topics for the annual TREE Talks with some very interesting topics selected. These information reports will be the students main writing focus for the first half of this term as they research, write and refine their speeches.

The TREE Talks will take place in school at the start of Week 4 and the successful students will go and represent St Joseph's at the interschool TREE Talks later in the same week.

### Pizza Delight

At the end of last term, the students reached their whole class goal of earning 35 points. As their reward we are going to make pizzas for lunch next Monday (25th July).

Students have put in their topping requests and are looking forward to enjoying their delicious treat. Please note that you will not need to supply lunch on this day.

## Maths

Mrs Gandy - For the first part of the term, both the Year 5 and 6 students will be learning about percentages. They will learn how to calculate percent and discount. Leading on from this they will be learning about financial plans and budgets.

Mrs Kelly - All students will be exploring and using their knowledge of 2D shapes and completing scaled drawings along with 3D shapes and their nets to complete a hands-on investigation called "Make Me a Radical Robot!"

Following the investigation both the Year 5's and 6's will further their understanding of translation, reflection and rotations of two-dimensional shapes and lines of symmetry.

## Religion

In Religion, we will be exploring the Confirmation unit in order to help prepare Sarah, Shelby, Marcus, Mia and Rose for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the coming weeks, all the students will be completing a research project on a chosen saint. So far it has been interesting to read different facts about how a person becomes a saint and it is fantastic to see the students taking ownership of their own learning journey.

We will also be learning about the story of Pentecost, the seven gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We will be holding a parent information workshop session on Thursday 28th July at 5:30pm for those students being confirmed. We look forward to meeting with you then.

We hope that all families are able to join us in celebrating with these students on Sunday 14th August @ 10:30 am

## Health

This term in Health, students will be exploring a range of relationship dynamics, including the concept of power in relationships. Students will identify when power is being abused in relationships, using bullying as a specific example. They will also revisit who are in their trust networks.

## Science

This term the focus area will be Biological Science. Students will begin researching and exploring the concept of microorganisms. Within this they will be delving into the purpose and function of bacteria and fungus to find out what causes their growth and the effects that they have on our lives. Students have already come face to face with the results of bread being exposed to sunlight and moisture, which they eagerly observed under the magnify glasses!

## Art

For the first half of this term, students will continue learning about the Renaissance Art movement, exploring works from this time period and identifying the specific features and styles of this time. Students will be creating their own artworks using similar techniques and styles.

## STEM

This term in STEM, students will be learning about the importance of being water wise. They will explore the different ways water can be wasted and develop ideas on how to save water. The first project they will develop will require students to design and create a water irrigation system that ensures all water reaches the plants that are in need with minimal wastage.

## Phys Ed.

For the first half of this term the Year 3/4/5/6 will be covering the sports that will be played at the upcoming winter carnival. We will be completing a two-week rotation of each sport beginning with netball, followed by soccer and hockey. We will be learning the basic components and rules associated with each sport so that we are ready to represent St Josephs in week 6! On completion of this we will be preparing students for the upcoming sports carnival.

## iPads

This week the students were very excited to receive a brand new iPad. We look forward to integrating the use of technology into our lessons and developing the students technology skills.