

Year 5/6 NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term 1



Welcome to 2026

Welcome to 2026! We're looking forward to a year filled with learning, teamwork, and new discoveries. We hope to see as many of you as possible next week at our parent evening session where we will explore in more detail our class procedures and expectations.

English

To begin the year, we will have a strong focus on developing comprehension skills. Students will read a wide range of text types, including fiction and non-fiction, and explore strategies that help them break down texts, identify key ideas, and confidently locate answers. These strategies will support students in becoming more thoughtful and independent readers.

We will also be developing daily spelling routines that are targeted to meet individual student needs. Through explicit teaching and regular practice, students will strengthen their spelling knowledge, word patterns, and confidence in applying these skills across their writing.

In writing, students will examine the wonderful world of narrative writing before turning their attention to the structure and elements of persuasive texts.

Important Dates

Tuesday 10th Feb: Parent Information Evening @ 5:30

Wednesday 11th Feb: Opening Mass @ 10am

Wednesday 18th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9am

Monday 2nd March: Public Holiday

Tuesday 3rd March: Pupil Free Day

Week 6: NAPLAN

Monday 16th March: Harmony Day Shared Lunch

Thursday 19th March: St Joseph's Day 1/2 Liturgy

Week 8: Year 6 Camp (Tue 24th – Fri 27th March)

Tuesday 31st March: Chrism Mass in Bunbury for Yr 6
Sacrament students

Thursday 2nd April: Last day of Term

Important Reminders

- Library: Wednesday
- Sports Uniform: Tuesday and Friday
- Canteen: Tuesday & Friday (Hot meals only)
- Crunch 'n' Sip time is provided each day so please pack a small snack/container

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Maths

This term in Maths, we will begin our number focus by practising written strategies to solve problems using the four operations. We will be developing number fluency, improving fact recall, and learning how to show clear, neat working out.

In measurement, the Year 5s will be measuring length and calculating perimeter. They will choose mm, cm, m or km to estimate and measure lengths.

The Year 6s will use place value to convert between units of length.

Science

This term we will be studying Chemical Sciences. Students will observe the properties of solids, liquids and gases and relate this to the arrangement of atoms and molecules. Students will classify and compare reversible and irreversible changes to substances.

HASS

We will begin the year looking at the world and exploring the seven continents and oceans. We will then dive deeper into the continents of South America and North America before turning our attention to the Asia region. During these continent studies students will explore geographical features and make comparisons to Australia.

Religion

This term in our Religious Education lessons, students will explore Christian vocation and examples of Christians giving witness to Jesus in their lives. Students will discuss how through his teachings and actions, Jesus was moved with love, forgiveness and compassion to respond to people in need. Finally, students will understand that Lent is a time to reflect on the words and actions of Jesus, while Easter is recognised as a time for new life, a time to reconcile differences and restore relationships.

D&T

This term in Design and Technologies, students will be exploring food safety and hygiene. They will develop an understanding of effective food safety and hygiene practises and the consequences that can occur when these practises are not followed. Students will develop designs for fridge magnets to promote food safety and hygiene practices in the home. They will incorporate design ideas to include the shape, colours, fonts, images and information to be placed on to the fridge magnets and develop annotated diagrams and storyboards.

In Digital Technology, students will explore digital systems in more detail. They will look at how hardware is interconnected and work together to form a digital system and how data can be transmitted.

Sport

This term the in our Sport lessons, students will develop fundamental movement skills demonstrating adjustment of force and speed to improve accuracy and control. We will be playing lawn bowls, developing news skills and learning techniques to control the bowls' speed and direction. We will explore the tactics of the game and develop understanding of the rules.

Art

In Years 5-6, students will develop more advanced drawing skills through self-portrait work inspired by Mary Cassatt, focusing on proportion, tone and shading. They will also create dynamic Harmony Week artworks in the style of Keith Haring before completing an Easter collage project using recycled materials, encouraging creativity and reflection.

Health

This term in Health Education we will begin exploring the UR Strong Friendology program. Students will identify healthy and unhealthy friendships and friendship groups, both in person and online. We will be exploring ways to resolve conflict, deal with intentionally mean behaviour and the importance of strong boundaries.