
2018

Parent Information Booklet

Year 6

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Welcome to Year Six! Throughout this year it is my aim to facilitate the growth and development of your child as we work towards preparing them for high school. It is my intention to develop their personal independence, time management, inter-personal skills but most importantly guide them into becoming independent learners. Respect and the ability to make wise choices will also be a focus throughout the year, as well as understanding the importance of service and their growing faith.

Teacher Expectations

- ✓ Students should follow class and school rules at all times.
- ✓ Students should always try their best and not be afraid to give anything a go.
- ✓ Students will come to school prepared with all required equipment each day.
- ✓ Students will to show respect for the school, teachers, peers and property at all times.
- ✓ Students to present all work neatly, at an appropriate Year 6 standard at all times.
- ✓ Parents to be supportive of their child in all aspects of their education and development.
- ✓ Parents will encourage and support a nightly homework routine.
- ✓ Most importantly, all children will have fun and enjoy their final year at St Joseph’s School.

Leadership Responsibilities

As Year 6 students there are some additional responsibilities that our class takes on. These include:

- Running Monday Briefings
- Judging the Golden Broom Award
- Running Project Compassion in Term 1

Year 6 School Camp

The Year 6 School camp this year is in Term 1, Week 8. The camp will run from Tuesday March 20 – Friday March 23. We will be going to Woodman Point Recreation Camp, located 10km south of Fremantle. More information will be given at a brief Camp meeting closer to the date.

Behaviour Management – Whole School

The school has introduced a whole school approach to behaviour management. The Levels of Behaviour Framework explicitly teaches children acceptable agreed behaviour. The Year 6 class has formed a Statement of Intent, which explains the reasons they come to school. The whole school Classroom Behaviour Consequences system is displayed to the right.

Rewards System

In addition to the whole school Behaviour Consequences System, within the Year 6 class we have ‘student shout outs’. This rewards system allows Teachers and other students to acknowledge positive behaviours through a shout out which is shared with the class on a Friday afternoon and placed above the class Prayer table. Shout outs can be given for displaying MJR behaviours in the classroom, around the school and in the playground. Students who receive the most shout outs at the end of the week will get to choose an item from the class prize box. This system encourages students to make good choices and spread the Gospel values throughout our school as leaders.



Classroom Behaviour Consequences System

Fun with classmates and friends
 A smile, encouragement, ‘thank you’ & praise
 House tokens
 Class reward system
 Certificate at assembly
 See Mr Bienkowski with special work

Adult check in - the ‘Look’
 Green behaviour request
 Reminder signal from an adult
 Verbal Behaviour warning (3rd reminder)

After 3rd Reminder:
 Adult check in – move to ‘Thinking Space’
 Move to ‘Partner Class’ to complete Reflection Sheet (parents to sign)
 Teacher to contact Admin

Admin Referral – Principal/AP check-in with teacher:
 1. See Admin to talk about disruption.
 2. Withdrawal from class to work in Admin for a period of time.
 3. Parent Contact.

Student Diary

All students will have a diary. This diary can be a form of communication between home and school, as well as their homework log. For parent teacher communication, please write it in the diary and have your child hand it to me first thing in the morning. Please check the diary daily for any communication and/or homework instructions from the teacher. It is also important that you sign the diary once a week as a part of the student's homework record to show you have seen any parent / teacher communication.

Homework

In Year Six, it is important to ensure we are preparing the children for high school. Parents can assist their child by providing a quiet place for them to complete their homework and encouraging them to develop good study habits. Children will be allocated homework every Monday, which will be due on the following Monday morning. Daily homework in Year six consists of:

- Reading (minimum 15 minutes)
- Spelling
- Weekly basic number facts tasks

In addition students may occasionally have uncompleted class work, projects or assignments. Please ensure your child's reading log is signed each night, and the diary once a week. Homework is given as a supplement to class work, to reinforce a particular learning area or objective. If homework is not completed and handed in on the due day, it is expected that an explanation signed by a parent/guardian be written in the student's diary. If no explanation is provided for homework due, the homework will be recorded as incomplete. If a student's homework is recorded as incomplete more than twice in half a term, no rewards will be given.

Absences

Parents are required to contact the office via phone (08) 9782 6500 before 9am if your child is unable to attend school. If you know in advance that your child is going to be away, a written note is to be given to the teacher or alternatively an email explaining the absence can be sent to admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au. Please do not write these notes in the school diary.

Library – Book borrowing

Please ensure your child brings their library bag and any borrowed books each week for their library lesson. Students will be able to borrow new books and re-loan borrowed books.

Crunch and Sip

Students are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for Crunch and Sip. Crunch and Sip is a set break to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Test Books

Throughout the year any tests that the students complete will be stored in their test book. This book will be sent home throughout the Term on a Friday afternoon for parents to view and sign. It is very important that this book is returned the following Monday.

Important Dates

TERM 1

Week 3 – Friday (16/2) Pam Corker Visit

Week 4 – Thursday (22/2) Sacramental Enrolment meeting 6pm

Week 6 and 7 – Swimming lessons at 11am daily

Week 8 – (20-23/3) Year 6 Camp

Week 9 – Monday (26/3) Caritas 'Just Leadership' Day

Week 9 – Tuesday (27/3) Chrism Mass Bunbury

Week 9 – Wednesday (28/3) Year 6 Reconciliation
Week 10 – Friday (6/4) School Faction Swimming Carnival
Week 11 – Monday (9/4) Parent Teacher Meetings
Week 11 - Wednesday (11/4) Interschool Swimming Carnival

TERM 2

Week 1 – Friday (4/5) Year 6 News Assembly
Week 3 - Sunday (20/5) Year 6 Family Mass

TERM 3

Week 3 – Friday (3/8) St Mary of the Cross Mass
Week 6 – Friday (24/8) Year 5 and 6 attending Mass
Week 8 – Tuesday (4/9) School Photos
– Wednesday (5/9) Jumps and Throws Day
– Friday (7/9) School Athletics Carnival
Week 9 – Friday (14/9) Interschool Athletics WDSH
Week 10 – Monday (17/9) Learning Journey 2:40-4:30pm
– Tuesday (18/9) Confirmation Retreat TBC

TERM 4

Week 1 – Saturday (13/10) Confirmation Mass 6pm
Week 4 – Friday (2/11) Year 6 Assembly
Week 6 – Friday (16/11) Year 6 Newsletter
Week 7 – Friday (23/11) Year 5 and 6 attending Mass
Week 9 – Tuesday (4/12) Adventure World
– Thursday (6/12) Graduation Mass
– Friday (7/12) Graduation Lunch

If you have any queries or questions please feel free to contact me at any point throughout the year. My email is tori.johnson@cewa.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

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