



# St Joseph's School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6! We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. While all information will be given in much more depth at the parent information evening, here are some important things to know about Year 6, Term 1.

## **Important Dates**

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

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

Week 6 and 7 – Swimming lessons at 11am daily

Week 8 – 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

## **Specialist Subjects**

Physical Education – Mr Travis Bienkowski (Tuesday)

Digi Tech – Mrs Vicki Hodgson (Tuesday)

Library – Mrs Jan Young (Thursday)

The Arts – Mrs Nila Poasa (Thursday)

Science – Mrs Jan Young (Friday - even weeks only)

Students are to wear their faction shirts on a Tuesday and Gold shirts on a Thursday.

## **Homework Expectations**

Students are expected to complete the allocated homework each night (Monday – Thursday). Homework will include reading, spelling and basic number facts tasks. It is expected that parents sign the students reading journal each night, as well as the school diary once a week. Homework will be checked on a Monday morning. Expectations for homework completion are extremely high as we begin to prepare for high school. If the homework is unable to be completed for a specific reason please communicate this to me via the school diary.

## **Technology and Equipment**

It is expected that students bring their device to school, charged, each day. Additionally, it is expected that students have access to all items that were requested on the Year 6 booklist each

day. This includes ensuring homework books; diaries and pencil cases are not left at home. If your child's device is broken or requires fixing, please inform me of this as soon as possible through their diary so necessary arrangements can be made.

### **Parent / Teacher Communication**

If for any reason you wish to have a meeting with myself, appointments can be made before school (8:15am) or after school (3:15pm) on afternoons from Tuesday to Friday.

### **Learning Focus**

Religion – In Religion this term we are focusing on Lent in the lead up to Easter. We will be incorporating Geography and Literacy into Religion. We will look into the work of Caritas Australia and Project Compassion around the world, focusing on a different Catholic social teaching each week through investigation and reflection. We will then use what we have learnt to focus on the Season of Lent as we work towards discovering ourselves, and God, through mystery.

Literacy - In Literacy our writing focus this term is narrative texts, which will be supported by our reading, spelling and comprehension sessions.

Numeracy - In Numeracy, on a whole school level we will be focusing on basic number facts, with the incorporation of our daily mental maths and homework tasks. We will also be focusing on the four basic operations, fractions, decimals and percentages this term.

Health - In Health we will be focusing on social and emotional health, through resilience and wellbeing.

HASS (Geography) – In Term 1 our HASS focus will be Geography, as we research countries within the Asia region. Additionally embedded through Religion, we will compare of a number of countries, as we explore the economic, demographic and social characteristics in contrast to Australia.

Technology and Enterprise – T & E will be conducted through genius hour. Where students are encouraged to explore and learn through their 'passion projects'. Passion projects are a teacher facilitated learning time where students spend a number of weeks researching, planning and then creating their product that will be shared with the class and school, based on their individual passions and interests.

Visual Arts – Visual Arts will see students choose between graphic design and graffiti art to plan a display for communicating to represent different views, beliefs and opinions.

If you have any further questions that do not get covered at the Parent Information Night in Week 3, please do not hesitate to contact me. After two weeks I am feeling very lucky and looking forward to a fabulous and productive year with your child.

Kind Regards,

Tori Johnson – Year 6 Teacher