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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 2 – Parent Information Night either 5:30 or 6:30pm and Principal Information Session at 6:00pm (14/2)
- Week 3 – Sacramental Enrolment Meeting 6pm (21/2)
- Week 6 and 7 – Swimming lessons
- Week 8 – School Faction Swimming Carnival (29/3)
- Week 9 – Parent Teacher Meetings (1/4) and Interschool Swimming Carnival (5/4)
- Week 10 – Year 6 Camp

### **Specialist Subjects**

<b>TUESDAY - Gold Shirts</b>	<b>THURSDAY – Faction Shirts</b>
The Arts – Mrs Yvonne Langan (Tuesday)	Digi-Tech – Mrs Vicki Hodgson (Thursday)
Science – Mrs Vicki Hodgson (Tuesday)	Library – Mrs Jan Young (Thursday)
	Physical Education – Mr Travis Bienkowski (Thursday)

### **School Drop off and Pick up**

For Term 1, all students will be required to meet at the old Year 6 classroom before school. School bags will be kept here throughout the day, allowing the students to access their recess and lunch. The students will complete their morning duties before walking across the road to begin the day. Students will be required to carry their device and munchies across with them each morning. On a Monday morning students will also carry their homework book, which will then go home on a Monday afternoon for the week. At the end of each day, students will be walked back across the road and collected from the old Year 6 classroom once again.

### **Homework Expectations**

Students are expected to complete the allocated homework each night (Monday – Thursday). Homework will include Literacy Pro, Spelling and Basic Maths 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. If your child's device is broken or requires fixing, please inform me of this as soon as possible through their school 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 or I can be contacted via email at [tori.johnson@cewa.edu.au](mailto:tori.johnson@cewa.edu.au) at any time.

## Learning Focus

LEARNING AREA	FOCUS
Religious Education	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 daily basic number facts 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 in addition to our Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. A parent fact sheet has been attached with information regarding the Year 6 Curriculum.
HASS (Geography)	In Term 1, our HASS focus will be Geography, as we research countries within the Asian 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	In Technology and Enterprise this Term, students will be completing a STEM challenge where they will try to "Build a Bridge" that can hold the weight of a toy car.
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.
Science	In Science, students will be learning about Biological Sciences. Our topic is "I'm a Survivor". In this unit, students will be learning that the growth and survival of living things is affected by physical conditions of their environment.
Digital Technology	In Digital Technology this Term the Year 6 class will be learning about Cyber Safety and Digital Citizenship.

If you have any further questions that do not get covered at the Parent Information Night in Week 2, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to a fabulous and productive year with your child.

Kind regards,

Tori Johnson – Year 6 Teacher