

Year 5 Parent Information 2020

Welcome Parents to the 2020 School Year which will be filled with the love of learning and learning to love! As teachers we are focused on providing an environment that is encouraging and enables students to realise their potential in their academic, spiritual, emotional and physical development.

This year the Year 5 class teachers are Mrs Vicki Hodgson and Mrs Nila Poasa with Miss Ebony Hewitt as our Education Assistant.

Mrs Poasa will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until lunch time.

Mrs Hodgson will be teaching on Wednesdays after lunch, Thursdays and Fridays.

Miss Ebony Hewitt will be in the Year 5 classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

1. Class Expectations

- Respect ourselves, each other and the environment
- Come to school ready to engage in learning
- Move safely in the classroom by walking to and from places and spaces
- That the school is a safe place for all students. If there is a time a student is not feeling safe, talk to an adult at school you trust.
- Be confident to express and assert ourselves using 'I' statements
- Students will complete all set homework and parents will support their child to achieve this.
- First point of contact for parents is the class teacher for any matter regarding your child

2. Daily Routine

- Upon arrival students are to drop their bags to the Year 5 Bags Area and then wait on the verandah outside the Classroom. This is not a time for play.
- Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:15am
- Classes commence at 8:35am. Any student arriving after this time must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.
- ***Early Close on Mondays at 2.10pm**
- A classroom timetable will be sent via the Seesaw App

3. Classroom Learning Programme

The Year 5 Teaching and Learning ensures that the programme is aligned to the Western Australia Curriculum as mandated.

Religious Education: Mrs Poasa and Mrs Hodgson will both be teaching this Learning Area. Term 1 focus is on The Church and Easter.

English: Both Mrs Poasa and Mrs Hodgson will be teaching Spelling, Reading, Writing and Oral Language.

Mathematics: Both Mrs Poasa and Mrs Hodgson will be teaching Mathematics utilising a range of resources to enhance the students learning in this area.

Health and Physical Well-Being: Mrs Poasa will be teaching the Health Well Being programme based on the Child Protective Behaviours Curriculum. Later in the year we will focus on Healthy Lifestyles such as Healthy Eating.

HASS will be taught by Mrs Hodgson. The Term One focus will be the history of Western Australia.

Mrs Hodgson will be teaching **Technology**. Initially the focus will be on cyber safety and **Digital Technology**.

The Arts will be taught by Mrs Poasa. The learning strand for Semester 1 is *Visual Arts* with a focus on exploring materials to design and create an art piece. For Semester 2 the focus is on *Media Arts* utilising the student's skills in the area of digital technology to design and create a media related art piece. Both areas are assessed once for each Semester.

4. 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, an email or written note is to be given to the teacher explaining the absence. Emails for absences can be sent to admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.

5. Lunch orders:

The canteen is open on Mondays and Thursdays for LUNCHES only. If students are ordering their lunch from the canteen, they are to write the order on a bag and place the money inside. The order is then placed in the lunch order box on the red table next to the teachers chair on the mat area.

6. Homework

Your child's homework will consist of the following:

- **Reading:** Literacy Pro and/or Reading Book (of their choice).
 - **Spelling:** Look Write Cover Check booklet.
 - **Maths:** Practice work for the week on Basic Facts.
- Your child will be given homework every Monday and is to be brought to school every Friday. We recommend parents initially check that student spelling and basic facts work is correct as we do not wish errors to 'stick'.
 - Reading Logs and Homework Booklet to be brought to school on Mondays and Fridays. They must be signed by parents.
 - Homework should take no longer than 30minutes each day

Literacy Pro

Students in Year 3-6 who have achieved a certain level with the Keylinks/PM Benchmark will participate in the Literacy Pro Reading Program. Literacy Pro is an evidence-based, online assessment resource that provides teachers with informed data to make teaching/ learning decisions to develop their students into successful, proficient readers. It uses 'real' books which literacy experts agree are best for developing reading success in children. Students will engage in a quiz when they have completed a text. This will determine the next selection of text based on the reading level from the quiz. All the Literacy Pro texts are in the library. Please note that these books are separate to the texts that students select during Library Time (which is now part of the Literacy Dedicated Time).

7. Sports Uniform Days

Year 5 students will be wearing their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays (Sports/Performing Arts) and Faction Shirts with Sports Shorts on Fridays.

8. Seesaw App

The Seesaw App for Year 5 is taking place of the School Diary as the main tool of communication between Class Teachers and Parents. Class Teachers will also utilise Seesaw App to send homework information, updates and notices to students. It will also be a platform to display your child's work aligned to the Western Australia Curriculum Learning Areas.

9. What's new at school?

- Bell Times – 8.30 – First Bell; 8.35am – Second Bell, 10.10am – 10:30 Recess
12:30pm – 1:10pm Lunch
End of day Mondays 2:10, Tuesdays – Fridays 3:10pm.
- School Buses will now be using Hesse Street as their Bus Stop (Directive from the Shire of Waroona).
- Strictly no parking on Hesse Street (as it is now a Bus Stop).
- Please use the Waroona Showgrounds or the Carpark behind the school oval to park when you drop off or pick up your child.
- A Weekly update will be sent home via Seesaw to outline the activities for the week.

10. Whole School Behaviour System


The school is now in its third year with the whole school approach to behaviour management. The **Levels of Behaviour Framework** explicitly teaches children acceptable agreed behaviour.

The Year 5 Statement of Intent:

The Year 5 Class of 2020 aim to be present and engaged in a safe and fun learning environment that allows each student to succeed, build positive relationships and demonstrate MJR values.

The Statement of Intent involves a collaborative process by the students on day one to decide their purpose and intent of participating, engaging and succeeding at school.

The 4 levels of behaviour descriptors and their agreed consequences are listed below:

 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 O'Dwyer with special work
Adult check in - the 'Look' Green behaviour request Reminder signal from an adult Verbal Behaviour warning (3 rd reminder)
After 3 rd 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.

11. Important Dates

Term 1	
6 Feb	Parent Information Night
7 Feb	Mass – Whole School
11 Feb	Safer Internet Day
21 Feb	Opening Ceremony
26 Feb	Mass – Ash Wednesday
28 Feb	Pupil Free Day
2 March	Public Holiday – Labour Day
6 March	Y5 Excursion – Sculptures by the Sea
9 March	Swimming Lessons Commence
17 March	Mass – St Patrick’s Feast Day
23 March	School Faction Swimming Carnival
3 April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
6 April	Holy Week Commences
9 April	Mass – Last Supper – Led by Year 5 Last Day of Term

Please feel free to contact Mrs Poasa or Mrs Hodgson to discuss your concerns or clarify anything regarding your child via email or phone or see us before 8.15am from Monday-Friday or afterschool on Wednesday or Thursday. The email contact details are:

email: admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.

Subject Line: Y5 Class: (Name of Child)

We look forward to working with your child during 2020.

Mrs Nila Poasa and Mrs Vicki Hodgson

