



Year 5 Parent Information 2021



Welcome Parents to the 2021 School Year!
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 Mr Michael O'Dwyer.
Mr O'Dwyer will be teaching on Mondays and Mrs Hodgson will be teaching Tuesdays - 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 Bag Area (on the bench outside the classroom) 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. Seesaw invitations were sent home earlier this week with students.

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 Hodgson will be teaching this Learning Area. Term 1 focus is on The Church and Easter. Mrs Hodgson and Mr O'Dwyer will support this Learning Area with MJR lessons.

English: Mrs Hodgson will be teaching Spelling, Reading, Writing and Oral Language. Mr O'Dwyer will support this learning on Mondays.

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

Health and Physical Well-Being: Mr O'Dwyer 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.

Science will be taught by Mrs Hodgson.

HASS will be taught by Mrs Hodgson and Mr O'Dwyer.

Specialist teachers for this Semester will be:

Italian - Mrs Landwehr (Tuesday)

Visual Arts - Mrs Fuller (Tuesday)

Phys Ed - Miss Johnson (Thursday)

Digital Technology - Mr Hazebroek (Friday)

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. 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. It 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).

6. Sports Uniform Days

Year 5 students will be wearing their School Sports Uniform on Thursdays and Faction Shirts with Sports Shorts on Fridays.

7. 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.

8. What's new at school?

- Bell Times - 8.30 - First Bell; 8.35am - Second Bell, 10.40am - 11:00 Recess 1:00pm - 1:40pm Lunch End of day Mondays 2:10, Tuesdays - Fridays 3:10pm.
- School Buses will now be using Hesse Street as their Bus Stop.
- Strictly no parking on Hesse Street (as it is now a Bus Stop).
- Please use the 'Kiss and Go' bays for drop off and pick up. For parents wishing to enter the school grounds to pick up their child/children, parking is available opposite the school in the Waroona Showgrounds or in the Carpark behind the school oval.
- Regular updates will be sent home via Seesaw to outline school and class based activities.

9. Code of Behaviour

Students co-constructed a list of Rights and Responsibilities that they believe are important for their successful learning.

Students have also co-constructed a list of positive rewards and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. (See attached)

10. Important Dates

Term 1	
6 Feb	Parent Information Night
17 Feb	Mass - Ash Wednesday
18 Feb	Parent Information Night
1 March	Public Holiday - Labour Day
2 March	Pupil Free Day
8 March	Swimming Lessons Commence
22 March	School Faction Swimming Carnival
26 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival
29 March	Holy Week Commences
29 March	Parent Teacher interviews
1 April	Last Day of Term

Please feel free to contact Mrs Hodgson or Mr O'Dwyer 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 Tuesday or Wednesday. 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 2021.

Mrs Vicki Hodgson and Mr Michael O'Dwyer

