Year 5/6 Curriculum Letter
Term 4, 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back for the final term of 2026 and the Year 6 students' final term of primary school! We are looking forward to a busy term filled with exciting and engaging learning opportunities.

Before we know it, our Year 5 students will be preparing and presenting their leadership speeches as they get ready to take on leadership roles within our school. Our Year 6 students will be working towards their Graduation and looking forward to all the special experiences and celebrations that come with the end of primary school.

Religious Education

- Justice in the World
- Advent

Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic this term is *Our Place in Space*. During this unit, students will explore the planets in our Solar System and compare the time each planet takes to orbit the Sun. They will also apply their learning by designing and creating a scale model of a section of our Solar System.



English

Reading

In Reading, there will be a particular emphasis on comprehension strategies that promote deeper understanding. Students will explore main ideas, comparing and contrasting, summarising and paraphrasing.

To further develop their reading skills this term, Year 5 students will also participate in Literature Circles, in which they read the same book in small groups and respond to it through different roles. These discussions will provide opportunities for students to share their interpretations, consider different perspectives and deepen their understanding of the text.

Writing

In Writing, Year 5 students will focus on speech writing and explore different ways to engage their audience in preparation for their Leadership Speeches. They will also investigate the features and structure of formal debate writing and experiment with different forms of poetry. Towards the end of the term, students will examine and use a range of literary devices to engage their readers and enhance their poems.

In Year 6, there will be a strong focus on recount and reflective writing. Students will use their reflections to create a personalised Memory Book celebrating their primary school years. Spelling, editing, grammar and punctuation will remain key areas of focus throughout the term.

Speaking and Listening
Towards the end of the term, Year 5 students will discuss and consider the student leadership positions available for 2027. The requirements, expectations and selection process for these positions will be outlined closer to the time.

Students will present their leadership speeches on Tuesday 24 November, and families will be invited to attend and watch their child present in front of their peers. If families are unable to attend, the speeches will be recorded and shared with students.

Year 6 students will continue to have opportunities to present in both formal and informal settings throughout the term through debating, assemblies, school tours and class discussions.

Students will participate in two formal debates. Once the schedule for the second debate has been finalised, it will be sent home to families who would like to attend and watch their child debate.

Mathematics

Number
- Decimals
- Percentages

Measurement
- Angles
- Metric Units of Measurement

Space
- 2D Shape
- Location

Probability
- Describing probabilities
- Conducting chance experiments

Wellbeing

Students will participate in the Be Wise Program. Be Wise provides a shared language that students use across our school to help them:

- Notice and manage their feelings.
- Pause before reacting.
- Make safe and respectful choices.
- Understand how their actions affect others.
- Recognise when and how to ask for help.

The language remains consistent across all year levels, while students' confidence and independence in using these skills continue to grow.

Homework

Year 5: Homework will continue to be posted on Google Classroom each Monday and is due on Friday. Spelling homework will also be provided on Monday and is due on Friday with the rest of the homework.

Year 6: Year 6 students will no longer receive homework every Monday with a submission date of the following Friday. Instead, homework will be assigned periodically, and students will be expected to record each task and its due date in their diaries. This approach is designed to help students develop greater independence and prepare for the transition to high school next year, where homework routines and expectations may differ.

Dates for the Diary

October

20th	Little Assets Early Learning Centre Visit
23rd	Year 6 Sailing 2
27th	Little Assets Early Learning Centre Visit
30th	Year 6 Sailing 3

November

2nd	School Closure Day
3rd	Melbourne Cup Day
6th	Prep and Senior Buddy Paraliturgy
13th	Year 6 Sailing 4
20th	Year 6 Sailing 5 and Barbecue at Albert Park Lake
24th	Year 5 Leadership Speeches - 9:00am
27th	Year 5/6 Battleball Bonanza
30th	Year 6 Treetops Day

December

3rd	Christmas Carols - 6:00pm
4th	School Closure Day
7th - 10th	Swimming Week
8th	Year 5/6 Joy Paraliturgy
14th	2026 Transition Morning (Year 5)
14th	Year 6 Graduation Dinner - 6:30pm
15th	End of Year Mass - 9:15am
15th	Final Assembly (Year 6) - 11:15am
15th	Last Day of Term - School Ends at 12:45pm

If you have any need to contact us throughout the term we would love to hear from you via the usual methods, a note in the diary, a phone call to the office that we will return as soon as possible or an email to admin@shkew.catholic.edu.au and Caroline will forward and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Alyssa