

YEAR SIX

Parent Information

Term 1 Overview 2018

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Welcome to Year Six!

Welcome Back! We hope you have had a restful break and that you are ready for the year ahead.

2018 is set to be a very exciting year for Year Six, with many engaging learning experiences. We also anticipate that many memories will be formed that will last a lifetime!

Term 1 is always an action-packed term for Year 6. Some activities will include: meeting our Prep Buddies, swimming lessons at the MSAC, and our 4-day camp to Canberra.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year in Year Six, and we are very enthusiastic and eager for what we are sure, will be an exciting learning journey together.

*Charlotte Biggs and Joss Coaley
Year Six Teachers*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Term One, we will be focusing two units:

The Common Good: In linking to our STEAM Unit of 'Civics and Citizenship' we explore how the making of laws affect different people within our community. We will delve into the different views and opinions of others and how a community is made up of diversity.

Lent to Easter: Students will explore ways in which Lent offers opportunities for growth and personal development. Through the exploration of the parable of the Prodigal Son, students learn that, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God offers hope to all Christians. The students will reflect on any personal growth and change they undergo during the Lenten season.

Throughout the year, the students will also have the opportunity to participate in Liturgical celebrations, such as School and Parish Masses, as well as, Prayer Services and Meditation.



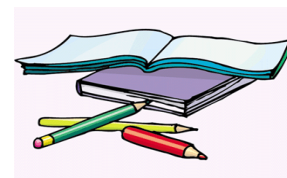
ENGLISH

In English, we will be exploring three main components, Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Within these components the students will also work to improve their spelling and grammar.

In Term One, our focus is on:

Reading & Viewing – The expectation is that students should be reading every night and bringing their novel to school every day. With your guidance and the guidance of the teacher, the students will be encouraged to take responsibility for choosing and recording what they have read each night. Books will be available in the class for students to borrow or they are welcome to bring in books from home. It is still important to listen to your child read as often as you can. An emphasis will be placed on comprehension this year. You can assist at home by helping your child to make connections between the texts they are reading and their real-life experiences.

Writing - Students will complete a variety of writing pieces that have an emphasis on the STEAM investigations that we will be engaging in each term. In Term 1 we will be creating: Debates, Letters and Narratives. We will be using the Writer's Process of Planning, Drafting, Revising, Editing and Publishing, as well as, exploring the format and language features of each text type. Students will be given the chance to publish their work in a variety of ways.



Speaking & Listening – Students will be involved in a range of public speaking opportunities in class, at camp and during excursions and incursions. At different times throughout the year students will also have the opportunity to speak during weekly assemblies. Students will focus on their listen skills during class and small group discussions with a focus on learning how to clarify content and challenging others' ideas this term.

MATHEMATICS

Students will explore various mathematical concepts throughout the year, which include: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. They will use hands on materials, as well as different forms of technology to help solve their problems. Students will also explore various open-ended activities, which aim to improve their mathematical thinking and problem solving abilities, which they can then relate to their own real-world experiences.

In Term One, our units will include:

Number and Algebra: Counting and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Fractions and Decimals, Multiplication and Division

Measurement and Geometry: Time

Statistics and Probability: Data

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

STEAM education refers to the teaching of the disciplines within its umbrella and also to a multidisciplinary approach to teaching that increases student interest and knowledge in STEAM related fields and improves students' problem-solving, creative thinking and critical analysis skills.

(definition used by the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne)



By using STEAM education at Galilee we are aiming to build our students' connections across various subject areas to assist in dealing with 'real-life' issues, while ensuring their learning becomes purposeful and connected to the world outside the classroom.

So, with all that knowledge in mind, we say ... Full STEAM Ahead!!

Term 1 - Civics and Citizenship – Who Runs The World?

As we prepare for our Year Six Camp to Canberra, Year Sixes will explore the STEAM topic of 'Civics and Citizenship', looking at the process of making new laws and the three levels of government.

Students will create a pledge consisting of promises they make to the school community, as well as, participating in a mini election. Students will also research different politicians in conjunction with who makes up the Australian Parliament.



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PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (PSEL)

Circle Time

This year, students will be involved in Circle Time. Circle Time aims to develop students' resilience as well as giving them a voice within the classroom environment.

Teamwork

Year 6 will have a strong focus on teamwork and co-operating in groups. Students will focus on making fair contributions, challenging themselves as learners and making responsible decisions when choosing their team mates. Teamwork is an essential skill that will assist in preparing students for Year 7 and beyond.

YEAR SIX PLEDGE

All of our students have the right to feel safe and secure in our school community. To ensure this right, the Year Six students have created a pledge that they have agreed to follow throughout the year. They have signed their name to these agreements to show that they understand the expectations and will strive to demonstrate these at school.

YEAR SIX CAMP

Year Six students will attend a three night/four day camp to Canberra. Camp is always an exciting part of our school year here at Galilee. The camp program enables students to further develop their learning and social skills in a non-school environment, as well as being an integral part of the educational programs offered at our school.

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- Arrive at school by 8.50 a.m. so your child starts the school day with the whole class and avoids missing out on important information
- Provide a note explaining your child's absences to the teacher upon return
- Hats to be worn in Terms One and Four during recess, lunch and any outdoor activities
- Lunch Orders are on Wednesday and Fridays (orders completed on-line **OR** collected from school)
- Students need to bring a drink bottle containing water each day, so they can drink throughout the day
- If there are any medical issues or other concerns, please make the school and/or class teacher aware of these as soon as possible.

UNIFORMS

All students should be in their full school summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4 and must have a hat. Their full winter uniform must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 (no hat required).

Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day. This includes black footwear (no logos or labels) and a Galilee hat to use during recess and Sport lessons in Term One and Term Four. On Sport and PE days **as well as Fridays in 2018**, students are expected to wear their full sports uniform, including suitable runners. We appreciate a note from parents written in a student's diary if the student is unable to meet the school's uniform requirements.

ASSEMBLY

Wednesdays at 2:40pm – 3:25p.m.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

All Specialist Classes are held on a Tuesday this year, unless otherwise stated. The Specialist Lessons this year include:

Performing Arts with Miss Carnovale
Italian with Mr Martello
Sport with Mr Tobin
Art with Mrs Orr
Digital Technologies (formerly ICT) with Mr Coaley

PLEASE NOTE:

- Specialist Timetable may be subject to change due to upcoming school events. ICT times are flexible based on the Year Six timetable for that particular week.
- Sports uniform is to be worn on allocated P.E. days (hat required during Terms 1 and 4) as well as Fridays.
- Library bag required every Friday in order to borrow books.



Term One Important Dates

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| Every Wednesday | School Assembly (2:40pm) |
| Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February | Swimming Week |
| Wednesday 14 th February | Ash Wednesday Liturgy (2:40pm) |
| Friday 23 rd February | School Closure – No Students |
| Monday 26 th February | Dendy Swimming Trials |
| Tuesday 27 th Feb – Friday 2 nd March | Canberra Camp |
| Thursday 15 th March | Galilee Athletics Day |
| Friday 16 th March | Dendy Soccer |
| Monday 19 th March | Friendship Groups |
| Thursday 29 th March | End of Term (1:30pm Finish) |

