

YEAR 5 AND 6 LEVEL INFORMATION SHEET

TERM 4, 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Four. Below is a summary of the learning that will be happening this term as well as other important information. We are excited to begin preparations for Year 6 Graduation!

A reminder that the school gates are opened at 8:30am, while classroom doors are opened at 8:45am. Students arriving after 8:30 am are asked to leave their school bags outside their classroom door and make their way to the Adventure playground, where they will be supervised by a teacher on duty until their classroom door is open.

Uniform

Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back and that earrings should only be sleepers/studs..

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

All mobile devices are to be dropped off at the office as students arrive each morning and can be collected at the end of the day. Students are not permitted to use mobile devices while on school grounds.

Communication

The main method for communication is through PAM (SIMON). Please regularly check your emails and respond to permissions. The Year 5/6 teacher's emails can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Don't forget to follow the Holy Trinity Primary School, Wantirna South Facebook Page, which is regularly updated with pictures and videos of learning and activities.

Religious Education

In Term 4, Year 5/6 students will explore the nature of belonging within the Catholic Church compared with other faith communities, and develop an understanding of diverse religious perspectives. They will examine how different religions understand and experience God compared to the Catholic understanding of God as Trinity. Students will investigate how belief in God provides meaning and purpose in people's lives, and will engage with the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Subsidiarity, the Common Good and Human Dignity.

English

This term, students will explore environmental sustainability through hands-on learning about waste management and its impact on our planet. They'll investigate how different materials decompose, understand the importance of proper waste disposal and design model landfills that demonstrate safe environmental practices. Alongside this, students will develop critical media literacy skills by examining point of view, learning to distinguish facts from opinions and analysing how social media influencers and speakers use persuasive techniques to shape our thinking about important issues like the environment. They'll also explore how artificial intelligence is changing online communication and practice forming well-informed opinions by considering multiple perspectives. To complement their learning, students will study poetry and use creative writing techniques to express their ideas through vivid imagery and sensory language.

Maths

This term students will explore a range of mathematical concepts to build confidence and problem-solving skills. They will develop their understanding of fractions and decimals, calculate parts of whole numbers, compare values and connect fractions to decimals and percentages. In measurement, students will focus on length, capacity and time, solve practical problems and apply strategies to everyday situations. They'll investigate angles and space, identify different types of angles and explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Students will also extend their skills on Cartesian planes, plot points and interpret simple graphs. Through hands-on activities, real-life contexts and collaborative tasks, students will practice their reasoning, accuracy and ability to communicate mathematical thinking.

Design and Technology

During our Design and Technologies, we will design and build model landfills using materials similar to those used by engineers for full-scale landfills. Their completed small-size landfills will be "rained" on and subject to other erosion processes. The students will have to think about where their "leachate" will leak into to minimise the impact on their environment. The goal is to create landfills that hold the most garbage, minimise the cost, keep waste and contaminated water inside the landfill and prevent it from causing environmental damage.

Events

Please monitor PAM and action event permission slips promptly. Keep an eye on the newsletter for dates and times. There is a lot happening this term, including Sport, Masses, Learning Expo, Year 6 Graduation and Fun Day, our 40th Anniversary Celebrations and Christmas Carols.

Order of contact

1st. Classroom teacher

2nd. Year Level Leader/Subject Leader

3rd. Deputy Principal/Principal

We welcome your communication and look forward to another great term!

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