



# TERM 3 2021 **Year 6 NEWSLETTER**



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Three. We have a lot of exciting events and activities planned for this term.

One of the first initiatives we have begun is trialling a new approach to our Transition Program. A few times during the week the students will be mixed into different groupings. The students will need to organise their belongings and learn to work with different students and different teachers. The goal is to foster independence, team work and organisational skills required for their transition into Secondary schooling.

As usual, there is also an abundance of opportunities and activities prepared for our students to engage in. Below is a brief outline of our planned curriculum for the term.

## Term Dates

July 17th/18th	Confirmation Commitment Masses (Sat 17 @ 6pm or Sun 18 @9:45am)- Please attend the one that best suits your family - cancelled
Tuesday July 20	Confirmation Retreat Day @ St John's 9am-3.10pm - postponed Confirmation Parent Meeting - 7pm in the Community Centre @ St James - postponed
Tuesday July 27	Winter Sports Gala Day
Friday July 30th	Mini Mission Fete
Saturday August 7th	Confirmation @ 3:00pm
Wednesday August 11th	Debating Night
Wednesday August 25th	District Athletics Day
Monday August 30th	Concert Filming Day
Thursday September 2nd	School Closure Day
Friday September 10th	Hooptime
September 14/15	Learning Conferences

## Specialist Timetable

Please note the changes to the timetable for this term.

<b>6B</b>			<b>6C</b>		
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>9-10</b> STEMMs  <b>10-11</b> Performing Arts	<b>9-10</b> Phys. Ed.	<b>12-12:40</b> AUSLAN	<b>9-10</b> Performing Arts  <b>10-11</b> STEMMs	<b>10-11</b> Phys. Ed.	<b>1:20-2:00</b> AUSLAN

## Religion

In this unit students learn about the Holy Spirit in Scripture and through an introduction to the study of Confirmation. They learn of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. They begin to explore Confirmation as a sacrament and a celebration. At the conclusion of this unit students explore ways in which they can use their gifts and talents to serve God and others

## Integrated Inquiry

It's all about science this term!

The students will be involved in a range of experiments involving:

- reversible and irreversible changes
- refraction, reflection and absorption of light
- creating open and closed circuits

We will examine how to conduct experiments safely and how to record our observations and results accurately.

## English

The students will be continuing with their Literature Circle rotations this term on a Thursday morning. In conjunction with this, students will also be developing their ability to take notes from oral sources and reading and interpreting a variety of text types. Students will be looking at Greek myths and will start to write their own Quest narratives.

One of the highlights of their term will also be the culmination of the Debating Program, when the students present their debates to the parents (and an adjudicator from the Debating Association of Victoria) during the Debating night.

## Mathematics

The students will be continuing to focus on developing their skills in fractions, decimals and percentages. They will explore Chance experiments and explain their reasoning using their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. In conjunction with participating in the Mini Mission Fete, students will explore money, focusing on calculating discounts on purchases. In the area of measurement, students will learn about location and angles.

It is important that students continue to strengthen their number facts and multiplication tables. Remember - Mathletics is always a fantastic resource to use at home.

## Reminders

***Diaries, Literature Circle Booklets and Spelling folders due on each WEDNESDAY.***

***There will be a homework club for students who have failed to complete this.***

- Sports uniforms must be worn on allocated ***P.E. and sports days only***. Remember - white socks and no labels.
- All students are to keep an art smock in the classroom at all times.
- Library borrowing continues each Monday.

Thank you all for your continued support and assistance.

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