



TERM TWO 2021 Year 6 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Two. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to speak to students and parents at our Student Learning Conferences at the end of Term One. We congratulate the students on how they conducted themselves and explained their goals. We encourage them to continue to strive to be great leaders of the school.

Here is a brief outline of our planned curriculum for this term:

Religion

At the beginning of the term the students will investigate a range of post-resurrection stories. They will look at the appearances of Jesus as proof that He was truly risen - and be able to recognise that this inspires us to maintain hope in our lives when sad times occur. The students learn about the development of the Catholic Church in Australia. They investigate the Church's history from its beginnings at Pentecost and the meetings of the early Christians and some of the people who have shaped the Church over the centuries and eventually in Australia. Students focus on key events and people that have shaped the identity and growth of the Catholic Church in Australia. The unit also explores how the Church is organised and what it does in Australia today.

In the second half of the Term we will be beginning our preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in Term 3. Students will commence their preparation for Confirmation and explore how the Holy Spirit is present in each person's life. They will develop their understanding of how the Holy Spirit brings people closer to God and to Jesus Christ. Our Confirmation Reflection Days will take place in Term 3.

Integrated Inquiry

This term we will explore the theme, 'How do we celebrate where we come from, who we are and where we're heading together?' This History unit will provide students the opportunity to explore their own family heritage. Students will learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia and their contributions to Australia's economic and social development.

English

In English this term, students will have a focus on Persuasive Writing. They will have the opportunity to work in a weekly debating program which will finish with a presentation evening to an audience of their peers and parents. More information about this will be sent out at a later date. Students will work on developing their editing and revising skills to improve punctuation, grammar and spelling.

We will begin Literature Circle meetings and activities to develop reading comprehension and discussion skills. This will require students completing designated reading tasks at home each week as agreed to by their Literature Circle Group. We will continue to work on comprehension strategies using both Fiction and Non Fiction texts.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, we will be exploring the following topics - data, division, fractions, decimals, shape and time.

In Year 6 we have a large focus on fractions and decimals. We will focus on finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, adding, subtracting and multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals and making connections between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We encourage students to approach these topics with a positive attitude and provide lots of opportunities to work with concrete materials to help consolidate their understandings. Students knowing their multiplication tables helps considerably with many concepts in fractions so we encourage working on these at home as much as possible.

Sport

This term we will be competing against other schools in our district interschool winter sports program. This involves participation in team sports, including netball, football, and soccer. There will be an explicit focus on participation, fun and sportsmanship in all components of our interschool sports.

Also, this term in sport we look forward to the upcoming Cross Country event. Tryouts will take place at school over the next few weeks.

Reminders

Diaries, Literature Circle Booklets and Spelling folders due in 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.
- Winter Uniform can be worn now. It is compulsory from Week 3.
- All students are to keep an art smock in the classroom at all times.
- Library borrowing continues each Monday.

Term Dates

29th April Evening	7pm - About Real Life (Puberty Ed.) Yrs 6 Parent Information
7th May	Grandparents' Day
9th May	Mothers' Day
13th May- 20th May	Book Fair
21st May	About Real Life for students in the classroom - Session 1
28th May	Year 6 Prayer Service
28th May	About Real Life for students in the classroom - Session 2
31st May	Division Cross Country
4th June	About Real Life for students in the classroom - Session 3
7th June	5/6 Winter Interschool Sports Gala day
15th June	EMR Cross Country
16th June	Debating Parent Evening

Thank you all for your continued support and assistance.
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