



YEAR SIX Parent Information Term 2 Overview 2017

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Welcome to Year Six

Term Two is in full swing and the learning continues. This term has a lot of exciting events already, including a series of incursions and excursions to further enhance learning in STEAM and Art. Term Two also has a lot of sports events, including Community Sports, Interschool Sports and Dendy Tournaments for Football, Netball and Cross Country.

We would like to remind parents that students should be wearing their Winter Uniform in Terms Two and Three; this includes bringing their rain jackets to school, particularly on Sports Days.

We hope you enjoy a fantastic term and look forward to seeing all families at the end of term for the Student Led Conferences.

*Joss Coaley and Kayla Hart
Year Six Teachers*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Term Two, we will be focusing on two units:

St Francis of Assisi: Students will explore the Patron Saint of animals and the environment. Linking STEAM and Religion together, students will investigate his teachings and how we can live and work together as Stewards of Creation.

Stewardship of Creation: Students will investigate why we, as a community are Stewards of Creation; given the responsibility to care and share for the world around them. Students will explore the true meaning of a Stewardship of Creation, as well as their roles and responsibilities. They will conclude by creating action statements that they can follow.

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 Two, 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 S.T.E.A.M. investigations that we will be engaging in each term. In Term Two we will be creating: Information Reports, Letters and Biographies. 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 listening skills during class and small group discussions with a focus on learn 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 Two, our units will include:

Number and Algebra: Place Value, Four Operations, BODMAS

Measurement and Geometry: Converting units of measurement, Area and Perimeter

Statistics: Graphing, Mapping



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Problem solving will be completed throughout each unit. It would be a great idea to involve your child in different Real-Life Maths activities throughout the term.

S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

S.T.E.A.M. 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 introducing S.T.E.A.M. education to 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 2 Science - Making The World Go Round

This term, students will be investigating Science with a focus on energy and conservation of our earth. Students will learn about the different types of energy; how they are used within a livable city; effects that people have on our earth (eco-footprint) and what we can do to preserve our planet. This unit will link closely to Religion, particularly when discussing Stewards of Creation.



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.

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 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 – 3:25pm

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Year 6C

Tuesday
Italian (Mr Martello) 9:40am-10:20a.m.
Performing Arts (Miss Carnovale) 10:20am -11:00am
Art (Mrs Orr) 11:30am – 12:30pm
Sport (Mr Tobin) 12:30pm – 1:30pm
ICT (Mr Coaley) 2:30pm – 3:30p.m.

Year 6H

Tuesday
Performing Arts (Miss Carnovale) 9:40am-10:20am
Italian (Mr Martello) 10:20am – 11:00am
Sport (Mr Tobin) 11:30am – 12:30pm
Art (Mrs Orr) 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Friday
ICT (Mr Coaley) 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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)
- Library bag required every Monday in order to borrow books.



Term 2 Important Dates

May

3rd - Cross Country
5th - Community Sports
12th - Mother's Day Mass
12th - Community Sports
15th - Friendship Groups
17th - 6C Assembly
19th - Dendy Cross Country
29th - Art Excursion - Van Gogh Exhibition

June

2nd - Community Sports
2nd - Movie / Disco Night
5th - STEAM Incursion
9th - Student Free Day
12th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15th - Dendy Netball
16th - Dendy Football
26th - Students Finish at 1:30pm
26th - Student Led Conferences
28th - Student Led Conferences
30th - End of Term Mass
30th - End of Term

July

1st - Miss Hart's Wedding