



Dear Year 5/6 Parents,

Welcome to Term 2, I trust you all enjoyed the school holidays and Easter celebrations. I am looking forward to another very productive and exciting term of learning together.

Religious Education

The R.E topics for Term 2 are:

- **Lent to Easter** - Students will name the three traditional Catholic focuses for the Lenten Season – Prayer, Sacrifice and Almsgiving, and reflect on how they can make changes in their own lives to contribute more fully and positively to their local and faith communities.
- **World Religions** - Students will research one world religion, and also reflect on similarities and differences of different beliefs.

English

In English, Year 5 and 6 will explore different comprehension strategies. To further develop reading strategies, students will commence a novel study centering around the book “Us Mob Walawurru” by David Spillman and Lisa Wilyuka. Students will have opportunities to discuss the book’s theme, characters and storyline in whole and small group settings. This rich text exploration provides opportunities for students to discuss their different interpretations and to expand their understanding of the text. Incorporated into this book study is a writing component, students will be focusing on building their Narrative writing and language skills.

Spelling

Students will continue to engage in Spelling Mastery this term, a fully scripted Direct Instruction program that has an extensive research base and is teacher directed.

Mathematics

Problem Solving

Year 5 and 6 students will continue to prepare and participate in the APSMO Maths Olympiad and Maths Games competitions. This will give students the opportunity to learn valuable problem solving skills and challenge themselves against students from other schools.

Number

- Four Operations
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

Measurement

- Area
- Time
- Perimeter

Space

- 3D Objects



Inquiry

Our Inquiry Unit for this term will cover the systems of the human body. Students will learn about the different systems in our bodies using Google Sites to showcase their learning.

Students will learn about the following systems in the human body:

- Skeletal
- Muscular
- Respiratory
- Cardiovascular
- Digestive

Alongside our Inquiry Unit, students will also be participating in the Puberty session facilitated by Life Ed Victoria. At the completion of this unit, students will have developed an understanding of the changes that occur during puberty.

Wellbeing

This term, we will be focusing on units from Respectful Relationships, with particular emphasis on emotional literacy and problem solving. This will include models for problem solving, role-playing and opportunities to reflect, evaluate and modify actions and responses to disagreements and conflict.

Seesaw

We will continue using Seesaw this year. Please set notifications to 'on' so that you are alerted when your child uploads new learning they would like you to see, comment on and like.

Homework

Homework will continue to be posted weekly on Google Classroom on a Monday to be submitted on Friday. Reading aloud is still an important aspect of reading at this age. Please don't hesitate to contact us if your child has issues with homework.

We ask that parents check and sign your child's diary each week.

Interschool Sport

The sports played this term will be netball, soccer and AFL 9s. The dates for all matches for Term 2 are: Friday 1 May, Friday 8 May and Friday 19 June. These dates will also be recorded in your child's diary, and early each week your child will find out where they will be playing that coming Friday.

Home matches for netball and soccer will always be played at Sacred Heart, whilst AFL 9s teams will travel to Victoria Park. All students will travel by bus for the away matches depending on the location of the venue.



A mouthguard will be highly recommended for soccer and AFL 9s matches. Shin guards are expected to be worn for soccer matches; these can be loaned from the school if needed.

Anaphylaxis and Allergies

Sacred Heart is a 'Nut Aware' school. We would appreciate your cooperation in refraining from sending food, snacks or treats (made or packaged) that contain nuts (e.g. peanuts, cashews, peanut butter and Nutella) to school or any school gathering. If your child has a medical management plan, please ensure this has been uploaded to the nParent Portal.

Birthday Treats

Should your child be celebrating a birthday and wish to hand out treats please send in a commercially wrapped treat to share with the class. For safety purposes no lollipops. Please also let the teacher know in case they need to cater for a child with an allergy. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Diaries

Diaries are used as a source of communication between parents and the classroom teacher and are also a record of what is scheduled for the week. Diaries are required to be at school every day.

If your child is absent for any reason, please inform the school before the school day commences by phoning the office to record the absence or sending an email to admin@shkew.catholic.edu.au

Please also note that your child needs to sign themselves in at the Office if they are a late arrival.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 1st May	Interschool Sport
Tuesday 5th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 7th May	Classroom Open Morning 8:30-9:00am Mother's Day Paraliturgy 9:00am MPR Morning Tea 9:15-10:30am
Friday 9th May	Interschool Sport
Sunday 10th May	Mother's Day
Monday 11th May	Winter Uniform
Friday 15th May	District Cross Country (for some students)
Monday 18th May	Senior Activities Week-Urban Surf



Tuesday 19th May Week-Gravity Zone	Senior Activities
Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May	5/6 Camp-Lady Northcote YMCA Camp
Friday 28th May	Aboriginal Culture Incursion Walk-a-thon Whole School Wellbeing Groups
Friday 5th June	School Closure Day (Staff Professional Learning)
Monday 8th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th June	5/6 Life Education Program
Friday 12th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
Monday 22nd June	Year 3 - 6 attend Genazzano School Musical
Friday 26th June	Term 2 finishes at 12:45 (free dress day) Reports published on Portal

If you have any need to contact us throughout the term we would love to hear from you via the usual methods, a note in the diary, a phone call to the office that I will return as soon as possible or an email to admin@shkew.catholic.edu.au that Caroline Reid will forward and again I will respond as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun,

Alyssa