



Dear Year 5/6 Parents,

Welcome to Term 2, we trust you all enjoyed the school holidays and Easter celebrations. We are 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
- Strengthening our community of believers

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 “The Silver Donkey” by Sonya Hartnett. 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
- Fractions

Measurement

- Area
- Time
- Perimeter

Space

- 3D Objects

Inquiry

This term, our Inquiry Unit is called “Why is this so?” In this unit, we will be exploring Chemical and Physical Sciences.

Chemical Science:

- Solids, liquids and gases behave in different ways and have observable properties that help to classify them.
- Changes to materials can be reversible, including melting, freezing, evaporating, or irreversible, including burning and rusting.

Physical Science:

- Energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity.
- Electric circuits enable this energy to be transferred to another place and then to be transformed into another form of energy.

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.

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, softball and soccer. The dates for all matches for Term 2 are: Friday 2 May, Friday 9 May, Friday 23 May, Friday 6 June, Friday 13 June, Friday 20 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 will always be played at Sacred Heart, whilst soccer and the AFL 9s teams will alternate between travel to Sir Arthur Rylah Oval (Yarra Bend Park) and playing at Sacred Heart. 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 matches. Shin guards are expected to be worn for soccer matches; these can be loaned from the school if needed.

Dates for Your Diary

May

7	Mother's Day Stall
7	APSMO Contest 1
8	Mother's Day Morning Tea
9	Interschool Sports
13	St John's First Aid Program
16	District Cross Country
23	Interschool Sports
30	Walk-a-thon

June

6	Interschool Sports
9	King's Birthday Holiday
13	Interschool Sports
20	Interschool Sports
20	School Disco
27	Feast of Sacred Heart

July

4	Semester One Reports emailed home
4	Term Two ends, 12:45pm (casual clothes)

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 we will return as soon as possible or an email to admin@shkew.catholic.edu.au that Caroline Reid will forward and again we will respond as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun,

Alyssa and Charlotte