

# TERM TWO 2023

## 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 this 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. Students will compare and contrast the four Gospel accounts of the scripture relating to the Empty Tomb.

Our next Religion unit shares the same title as our inquiry unit, **'What can we learn from the past to enhance our future together?'** Students will explore the Catholic Religion as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, as well as the beliefs and traditions of various other world religions.

The unit will allow students the opportunity to research World Religions and share their findings with the class in a formal presentation.

### Integrated Inquiry

This term our Integrated Inquiry will have a History focus. We will answer the question **'What can we learn from the past to enhance our future together?'** The students will explore significant events that have shaped Australia. They will explore the reasons for people migrating to Australia and explain their own family's story. Students will learn about different cultures and the effect these cultures have had on Australia. The students' learning will culminate in an excursion into the city, exploring the immigration museum and ACMI in Federation Square.

### English

In English this term, students will have a writing focus on Persuasive Writing. They will have the opportunity to participate in formal and informal debates which will finish with a presentation to the year level and selected teachers. Students will work on developing their editing and revising skills to improve punctuation, grammar and spelling.

We will develop our effective listening skills and continue to work on comprehension strategies using both Fiction and Non-fiction texts. This term we will explore podcasts and news articles to further refine these skills. We will continue Literature Circle meetings and activities to develop reading comprehension and discussion skills.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, we will be exploring the following topics - data, division, fractions, decimals, length, perimeter and area.

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.

### SEL

Our Social and Emotional Learning focus this term will be on 'Problem Solving'. The students will identify causes and effects of conflict and explain different strategies to defuse or resolve conflict. We continue to encourage all students to speak to their teachers if any concerns arise throughout the term. Remember - our student agreement includes the phrase, SPEAK UP.

Students will also explore the mechanics of the brain in more depth and learn about the body's reactions linking to certain emotions and moods. We aim to equip students with a more sophisticated understanding of emotional literacy and the confidence and freedom to communicate their feelings and emotions with others.

### Sport

This term we will compete in our Summer District Sports Gala Day which had to be rescheduled last term due to poor weather. Later in the term we compete in our Winter Sports Gala Day. This involves participation in a variety of sports such as netball and football. There will be an explicit focus on participation, fun and sportsmanship in all components of our interschool sports.

## Reminders

*Diaries are due in each WEDNESDAY morning. Occasionally this term other Homework Tasks will be due. Students will make note of these requirements in their diaries.  
There will be a home learning club at lunchtime for students who have failed to complete any Home Learning task, including Reading.*

- Sports uniforms must be worn on allocated **P.E. and sports days only and if you attend Marathon Club** Remember - white socks and no labels.
- Winter Uniform may now be worn, and must be worn by Week 3.
- Black shoes and appropriate socks are expected
- All students are to keep an art smock in the classroom at all times.
- Mobile phones, and watches that can send and receive messages, must be handed to the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day
- Cybersafety and the appropriate use of technology will continue to be monitored at school. Please continue to support teachers in keeping a close eye on your child's technology usage at home.

## Classroom Specialist Timetables

CLASS	Library Borrowing	AUSLAN	VISUAL ARTS.	P.E	STEMMS
6D	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday

## Term Dates

Friday 5th May	Summer Gala Sports Day
Friday 12th May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 15th May	Mother's Day Celebration in the hall
Monday 15th May	Real Life Classroom Session 1
Thursday 18th May	Real Life Classroom Session 2
Friday 19th May	District Cross Country
Wednesday 24th May	Real Life Classroom Session 3
Monday 29th May	Division Cross Country
3rd & 4th June	Confirmation Commitment Masses
Monday 5th June	Year 6 Excursion- Immigration Museum
Thursday 15th June	Winter Gala Sports Day

## Future Dates

Friday 21st July	Confirmation Retreat Day
Saturday 12th August	Confirmation - Time - to be advised

Thank you all for your continued support and assistance.

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