

YEAR 5 2026

PARENT INFORMATION



Welcome to Year Five

The Disciples, Josephites, Pilgrims and Samaritans Homegroups!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children.

We hope that you find this handout useful as we begin our learning journey in 2026!

Home Learning

- Home Learning will be distributed weekly on a **Tuesday** and will be collected on **Monday**.
- Instructions for Home Learning will be sent home with their Home Learning Book.
- We encourage families to talk with their children about balancing Home Learning and extracurricular activities. Creating a simple timetable together can help them manage their time effectively while ensuring they have time to rest and enjoy their interests.

Students are expected to:

- Read for at least 20 minutes daily
- Complete set learning activities weekly
- Demonstrate responsibility by taking care of their Home Learning Book and returning it each Monday.

Extra Curricular Activities

- **District Sports** - Some opportunities will be available for students to participate in external sports competitions throughout the year. Trials and selections will be held based on age groups.
- **NAPLAN**
 - 11th March - 13th March followed by make-up tests as required
 - NAPLAN is an annual assessment for Year 5 students that measures achievement in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.
- **Don Bosco Beach Camp, Safety Beach**
 - Tuesday 27th - Wednesday 28th October 2026
 - As part of our Outdoor Learning Program students will attend an overnight camp. This is a great experience and we encourage all students to attend. More information will be provided later in the year

Resources

Please ensure that your child has the following items at school and that they are clearly labelled:

- Headphones
- A mouse for the chromebook (optional)
- School Hat
- Library bag
- A box of tissues

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Homegroup Timetables

PILGRIMS Weekly Reminders - Term One 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders
Full Summer Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Sport Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Sport Uniform
 Specialists STEM	 Library	Specialists Visual Arts 	 Specialists Japanese	Class Sport 
		Specialists PE 	AFTERNOON GATHERING	

Samaritans Weekly Reminders - Term One 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders
Sport Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Sport Uniform	Full Summer Uniform
Sport 		 Specialists STEM	Specialists PE 	Specialists Visual Arts 
		 Specialists Japanese	AFTERNOON GATHERING	 Library

JOSEPHITES Weekly Reminders - Term One 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders
Full Summer Uniform	Sport Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Sport Uniform	Full Summer Uniform
	 Library	 Specialists Japanese	 Specialists STEM	Specialists Visual Arts 
	Sport 	AFTERNOON GATHERING	Specialists PE 	

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DISCIPLES Weekly Reminders - Term One 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders		Lunch Mums orders
Full Summer Uniform	Full Summer Uniform	Specialists PE 	Full Summer Uniform	Sports uniform
		Library	Specialists Visual Arts 	Sport
Specialists Japanese	Specialists STEM	AFTERNOON GATHERING		



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Absences

Regular attendance at school is important for the development of learning, consistency of routines and maintaining relationships. However, any student who is unwell is required to stay home.

When your child is absent from school you must now record this on the **Compass** App. Once **Compass** is fully integrated you will receive a notification when your child has been marked absent, which you will need to respond to.

Late Arrival or Early Leave

All students must be signed in and out at reception when arriving late or leaving early. If your child is required to be picked up early during the school day, please be advised that it is best to collect them before or after break times.

Daily Timetable

School Begins: 8:45am (gates open at 8:30am)

First Break: 10:55am - 11:35am

Second Break: 1:45pm - 2:25pm

Dismissal for students: 3:25pm (gates close at 3:40pm)

Communication

Staff are available to meet with parents before or after school by appointment. To ensure we can meet your needs please email to arrange a suitable time.

- **Teacher emails** - During the school day teachers are with students. Please allow time for teachers to read and respond to emails. Urgent matters should be directed to Reception.
- **Newsletter** - available each Thursday fortnightly via the **Compass App** and Instagram
- **Instagram** - Follow us at @smcmessagingnth
- **Compass** - *Compass is our new online platform for communication. Download the Compass App to receive important updates and notifications.*
- **Seesaw Family** - check Seesaw Family for updates on your child's learning



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Eating times

- Brainfood: Cut-up fruit or vegetables in a separate, labelled container
- Supervised eating times: Students have 10 minutes after first break to eat their lunch and time after second break to finish snacks.
- Wrapper free snacks can be taken outside at break times.
- All students need a water bottle in the learning space and can refill them as needed.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication at school you must complete a Medication Form. This is available at Reception.

Online Learning Logs (OLLs)

Seesaw is used to share and celebrate students' learning with their families. Login QR codes will be sent home for families to access their child's OLL. Please ensure that you have the Seesaw Family app installed on your smart device, ready to connect to your child's OLL.

School Uniform

Wearing the correct uniform, including black leather shoes, promotes respect and pride in our school. As a reminder, all school uniform items are to be clearly labelled with your child's first and last name. This will assist in any lost items being returned promptly.

Social Emotional Learning

We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School that uses a restorative approach to help us build a successful learning community.

