

YEAR SIX 2018

Grade Overview



Welcome Back!

Welcome to Term One Year Six

The teachers, Miss Elise Thomas in 6 Gold and Mr Nick Jones and Mrs Kimberley Pearn in 6 Blue, are looking forward to an exciting and busy year with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion please make an appointment to see us by sending a note asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

Term One

The students have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. They are looking forward to taking up the mantle of leadership in the school. We all enjoyed our camp experience, where we challenged ourselves, built new relationships and developed our independence.

We are looking forward to sharing some more great times this term with your children and sharing them with you.

Days to Remember

Monday

Library Borrowing for Year Six. Choose a book to read in class and at home.

Sport Uniform

Sports Uniform
6 Gold –
Tuesday &
Thursday
6 Blue – Tuesday
& Friday

Friday

Homework Due
Even though it hasn't gone home yet, homework will be coming soon and will be distributed Friday and due the following Friday.

Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.



Religious Education

Our first unit will be Lent: Year B –Practices and Promises. In this unit we will explore the themes of covenant, commandment and law. There is a strong emphasis on the Ten Commandments and the law of love.

During the second unit: “Easter Triduum: Crossroads”, students will explore situations in their lives when they are faced with making decisions. They will develop an understanding and appreciation of Jesus, present in our lives in many ways.

Our final unit for the term is Easter: The Road Ahead. In this unit students will think about how to face the challenges of life with God by their side and learn that through God’s Grace they will be able to grow in Faith, Hope and Love.

English

In Year Six we will continue to focus on developing and refining those skills needed to read effectively.

We will be modeling and practicing skills such as prediction, inferring, visualisation, summarizing and connecting to prior knowledge and real life experiences. We will continue to build on students writing skills with a focus on writing for a purpose. Our camp experience will provide a rich and varied range of stimuli for this focus, as will our theme unit.

We encourage you to help foster your child’s love of reading by encouraging them to bring a book to school for reading during class, and to read every night.



Mathematics

All students will be assessed via an individualised Mathematics Assessment Interview. This will provide us with data to guide our teaching focus for the year. We will be focusing on developing problem solving skills and using Mathematical language to enhance our understanding and learning. We will have the assistance of Mrs Noble working with a group of children to extend and challenge their Mathematical knowledge in a Math's Olympiad group. Other groups continue to work on improving recall of number facts that are vital for efficiency across all mathematical concepts.



Science

This term we are exploring a unit called “Extreme Planet”.

In this Unit we will look at different environments and how plants and animals survive in their environment.

We will look at features of living things and how they differ and have adapted to suit their ecosystem.

History and Geography

History and Geography will be taught in Terms 2 and 3.

Creative Arts

Students will explore different combinations of media, tools and techniques to create pieces of art relating to curriculum areas. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their art work and the art work of significant artists in order to develop an understanding of Art and its varying styles and purposes. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Laus on Thursdays.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we are looking at a unit of work called “Social and Emotional learning,” which focuses on the students sense of self, regulating their emotions, resilience and understanding social situations to help build positive relationships. The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on Thursdays and Fridays. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing games skills and teamwork.



General Information

ICT –

We would ask parents to have a conversation reminding their child/children about the safe and respectful use of technology not only in the classroom but also at home. (Please refer to the technology acceptable use policy) Students should not be logged into personal email accounts or applications on iPads when at school and need to use their school email accounts.

Learning Support

The students of Year Six will also be supported in their learning for both Literacy and Mathematics this Year by Mrs. Kath Noble who will be in class at various times throughout the school day.

We are looking forward to an exciting, challenging and fun year with Year Six.

