Welcome to Term 1

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2017! This newsletter is to keep you up to date with all the latest in Year 5/6 and will be coming home at the beginning of each term.

We hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful holiday. Term One promises to be a productive term with new learning experiences.

This newsletter outlines important information for you to read. Please take the time to read it.

2017 teachers in Year 5/6 are as follows:

5/6PB: Micki Panos & Rachel Baulderstone
5/6G: Rosanna Guarino
5/6T: Anthony Terminello
5/6HG: Jill Hitch & Anita Goodwin
5/6DG: Anna De Tullio & Jess Grbin

Our year level theme is:

OUR CHOICES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact us.

We hope you and your children have a fantastic term.

Year 5/6 Teachers

Important Dates

17th February - Random Acts of Kindness Day
17th February - Athletics Trials
17th February - Year 5/6 Mass (5/6HG, 5/6G & 5/6DG) 9.15am
24th February - Year 5/6 Mass (5/6T & 5/6PB) 9.15am
24th February - Family BBQ & Disco
1st March - Ash Wednesday
10th March - Pupil Free Day
13th March - Adelaide Cup Day
20th March - St Joseph’s Day 9.15 am Mass
22nd March - Cyber Safety Parent Session
24th March - Sports Day
30th March - Year 6 Anointing Mass 1.30pm
4th April - Cross Country Trials 8.15am
9th -16th April - Holy Week & Easter
13th April - Term 1 ends 12:30pm

Meditation and Angelus prayed weekly
Mondays @ 9:15am
We must teach more by example than by word…
Mary MacKillop

Topics Overview

**English**
- Genre Writing
- Grammar
- Spelling
- Reciprocal Reading
- Vocabulary Building
- Comprehension

**Religion**
- Self - Social Emotional Learning/Positive Education
- Lent - Holy Week

**Mathematics**
- Number Facts
- Number Operations
- Rounding off
- Place Value
- Ascending/Descending Order
- Problem Solving

**Digital Technologies**
- Transformation & Location (Coding)

**Health**
- Developing Positive Relationships

**Science**
- Earthquake Explorers

**HASS**
- Federation
- Australian Government

Number Skills Program

As a whole school approach, we are continuing the basic number skills program. The idea of this program is to provide students with opportunities to have consistent practice of number facts. Repetition of regular tasks will promote development in numeracy strategies including:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

Reminders

As Year 5/6 students of our school it is important that your child sets a positive example for younger students. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform on the appropriate days.

If your child is absent, please contact the front office on the day/s of their absence.

This term your child will experience a variety of fantastic learning opportunities. Please keep yourself informed, so that you are able to support your child with their study habits and time management, especially during homework time.
The Season of Lent

Project Compassion

In the upcoming weeks, families will receive a Project Compassion Box to help support Caritas and the community projects their organisation is involved in. Lent is a wonderful opportunity for families to give some extra time to pray, acts of kindness and joining in Community Masses.

More information about planned Project Compassion activities will be forthcoming.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Steven Grelli

This term in Sport, students will begin by undertaking athletic testing which will see where students are at in terms of their key components of speed, power, agility, fitness and hand eye coordination. These are required for all sports. We will look to improve these key components for each student throughout the year. We will move into athletics and cricket as the focus sports for Term 1.

Looking forward to a great year.

THE ARTS - Adriana MacDonald (until further notice)

Visual Arts:

In the Arts, we have been focusing on the elements used in Visual Arts: Line, Shape, Tone, Texture and Colour. We have also looked at artworks by several artists and thought about the materials and techniques that were used. Students will be able to explain the influences of other artists on their own art making.

ITALIAN - Rosa Vento

Welcome to the 2017 school year. This term for Italian Year 5/6 students will be introduced to the language associated with expressing likes and dislikes with reference to food, as well as ordering food at a restaurant, cafe etc. Particular emphasis will be on the conjugation of verbs in the present tense such as essere and avere and piacere. Students will learn names of foods, be able to read and understand a menu and exchange a simple conversation when placing an order for food and drinks.

Grazie!