Welcome to Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017 and our newsletter to keep you up to date with all the latest in Year 7.

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 so you are up to date with your child and their learning.

2017 teachers in Year 7 are as follows:

**YEAR 7**
- 7A: Mary Armstrong
- 7B: Dino Baldo
- 7E: Belinda Elliott/ Carla Giannini (Term 1)

Our year level theme is:

“Together as leaders we can make a difference.”

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

We are looking forward to a successful term with your child.

Year 7 Teachers

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**Important Dates**

- **8th February:** Parent Information Night, 6.30pm-7.15pm
- **10th February:** Year 7 Mass, 9.15am
- **28th February:** Shrove Tuesday
- **1st March:** Ash Wednesday
- **10th March:** Pupil Free Day
- **13th March:** Adelaide Cup Day
- **17th March:** St Patrick’s Day
- **22nd March:** Cyber Safety Session for Parents, 6.30pm
- **24th March:** Sports Day
- **29th March:** Year 7 Camp Adare Victor
- **31st March:** Harbor
- **13th April:** Holy Week Liturgy, 9.15am
- **14th April:** Good Friday
- **17th April:** Easter Monday
Year 7 Leadership

The Year 7 students will begin participating in various leadership roles throughout the year. These roles will be able to foster their leadership skills, independence, self-esteem, empowerment and self-confidence.

Throughout the year, these roles will include:

- Student Voice
- Social Justice Representatives
- Education for Sustainability Representatives
- Hospitality Representatives
- House Captains
- Canteen Volunteers
- Peer Mediation
- Buddy Classes
- Liturgical Dance
- Altar Severs

Other opportunities will also be offered throughout the year.

A leader is one who

knows the way, goes the way

shows the way

Year 7 Term One Topics Overview

**English**
- Narrative
- Exposition
- Functional Grammar
- Spelling
- Reciprocal Reading
- Vocabulary Building
- Online Comprehension
- Class Novel– “Wonder” by R. J. Palacio

**Mathematics**
- Problem Solving
- Basic Operations
- Number Facts
- Order of Operations
- Directed Numbers
- Powers
- Square Roots

**Health**
- Health & Wellbeing – Gratitude Journal
- Positive Psychology Strategies
- Growth Mindset Strategies – Affirmations

**Science**
- Circle of Life - Introduces the amazing diversity of living things on Earth and the field of biology.

**HASS**
- Ancient Civilisations - Investigation of the ancient world spanning from 60,000 BCE – 650 CE.
Year 7 Topics Overview

Italian
Welcome to the 2017 school year. This term the Year 7 students will be learning the grammatical features of the definite article and how to use it correctly with masculine and feminine gender nouns both orally and in written form. Other language which we will examine includes subject pronouns, the conjugation of present and past tense verbs, everyday greeting and appropriate forms of addressing people and revising classroom commands.

Rosa Vento

Physical Education
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 which 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.

Steven Grelli

Reminders
Students are required to wear their sport uniform on the following days:
* Year 7: Thursday & Friday (all Year 7s)

Full summer uniform should be worn on all other days, unless your child has sports practice before or after school on another day of the week. Hats should be worn each day during the term.

We encourage students to have a drink bottle on their desks and bring along brain food each day. Brain food should consist of cut/clean/washed fruit or vegetables, no nuts or processed foods please.

If your child is absent, please contact the front office on the day/s of their absence. When your child returns to school, a written note explaining their absence should be given to your child’s class teacher.

This term your child will experience a variety of fantastic learning opportunities. They will be provided with a timeline of their work and due dates. Please keep yourself informed, so that you are able to support your child with their study habits and time management, especially during homework time.