Welcome to Year 6, Term 1. I hope you had a relaxing break and are now ready for a busy term ahead. As we prepare for High School this year, it is extremely important that we focus on organisation. To assist the development of your child’s independence, would you please ensure that they have a USB and their school supplied diary with them each day.

**Religious Education**
The following units will be taught:
- Saint Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition
- Eucharist Nourishes Us for the journey
- Lent to Easter

**English**
This term’s writing focus will be Discussion and Exposition. Spelling will continue to be taught as part of the reading and writing program. Reading skills, including comprehension and critical thinking, will be taught by exploring a range of factual and literary texts as a whole class and as part of a smaller instructional group. Talking and listening skills will be taught through class discussions and presentation of research across the different KLA’s. Students will also be introduced to debating and will participate in multiple debates over the term. It is expected that students use cursive handwriting in Year 6 across all KLA’s.

**Mathematics**
Similarly to Literacy, students will be grouped flexibly within the own class based on their number knowledge and application. This term there will be a focus on mental computation strategies for addition and subtraction, further development of conceptual understanding of mathematics and general number facts. We will also be focusing on 2D space, 3D space and position.

**Human Society and its Environment**
“How is Australia a democratic country?” The students will explore the history of democracy through time, with the majority of the learning based around the development of democracy in Australia and democratic rights. The unit will finish with a look at what it means to be an Australian citizen.

**Science and Technology**
The unit this term will be “Change Detectives”, building on student’s knowledge of solids, liquids and gases, by exploring the concept of reversible and non-reversible changes to substances. The students will further develop their skills in computer operations, concepts, word processing, graphics, research and cyber safety skills associated with internet use.

**Creative Arts**
“The Australian Image” – The students will be exploring how different artists represent faces using a variety of mediums. We will also explore entries made to the current Archibald prize. Students will then create their own Archibald entry.

Music and Drama will be taught by Mrs McNally, on Tuesday.
This term our unit is called ‘Fit for Life’. The students will be examining lifestyle choices, lifestyle risk factors, types of physical activity and exercise, the components of fitness and how diet and nutrients contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Miss Camden will facilitate specialist PE lessons on Tuesday.

**Weekly Calendar**

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**Homework**

Students will be given homework tasks on a Thursday which will be due back the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated. Weekly homework will consist of nightly reading, a Maths task, a grammar, vocabulary or spelling task and often a research task related to a class topic. Homework will be recorded by the students in their diary, with parents signing students’ nightly reading.

Homework will be recorded by the students in their diary and parents will be required to sign their child’s diary on the night before homework is due, to endorse that all homework has been completed. Please send a note in your child’s diary if he/she has not completed any part of the homework by the due date.

**Dates for the diary**

- Tuesday 10th February – Parent information night
- Wednesday 16th February – Ash Wednesday School Mass
- Friday 13th February - Swimming Carnival at West Pymble
- Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 25th February – Year 6 Leadership Camp
- Friday 13th March – School Cross Country
- Wednesday 18th March – Year 6 Cluster Mass
- Wednesday 25th March - Lenten School Mass
- Thursday 2nd April – Last day of Term 1

Just a reminder that the roll is a legal document and if your child is absent for any part of the school day a note outlining the reason for the absence must be presented to the teacher.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and I look forward to getting to know each family throughout the year.

Laura Emanuel