Year 6 Curriculum Overview - Term 1 2017

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 pencil case and their school supplied diary with them each day.

Religious Education
The following units will be taught:
- Saint Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition
- Lent to Easter
- Missioning Rite

English
This term's writing focus will be persuasive texts. 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. These groups will be facilitated by two teachers. Speaking and listening skills will be taught through class discussions and presentation of research across the different KLAs. 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 KLAs.

Mathematics
Students will be grouped flexibly within the class based on their number knowledge and application. These groups will be facilitated by two teachers. This term there will be a focus on mental computation strategies for multiplication, division, addition and subtraction, further development of conceptual understanding of mathematics and general number facts. We will also be focusing on Length, Area, 2D space, 3D space, Position and Time.

Science and Technology
This term two units will be taught - ‘Electricity’ and Desert Survivors’ Electricity will explore the properties and how it allows us to see. Desert Survivors explores some of the physical and behavioural adaptations of desert plants and animals to desert environments, and compares these with plants and animals from other environments. The students will further develop their skills in computer operations, concepts, word processing, graphics, research and cyber safety skills associated with internet use.

Science and Technology with be taught by Mrs Lawrenson on Thursdays.

Creative Arts
“Faces in Art” - The students will be exploring how different artists represent faces using a variety of mediums.
Music and Drama will be taught by Mrs McNally, on Wednesday.
**PDH - Growing and Changing:**
This unit will focus on gender related changes that occur to our bodies during puberty. We will also be looking at ways to keep safe when using the Internet. The Leader In Me and the 7 Habits will be taught and integrated in other Key Learning Areas.
Mr de Villiers will facilitate specialist PE lessons on Wednesdays and the students will attend Sports Pro lessons on Thursdays. The students will walk to Primula Park on Tuesdays at lunch time (weather permitting), to engage in physical activities.

**Italian**
Mrs Gugliotta will teach Italian to the seniors on Fridays.

**Weekly Calendar**

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**Homework**

Students will be given homework tasks on a Wednesday which will be due back the following Tuesday unless otherwise stated. Weekly homework will usually 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 available on Google Docs and may also be recorded by the students in their diary. 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, including 5 nights of reading (Book title and time read must also be recorded). Please send a note in your child's diary if he/she has not completed any part of the homework by the due date.

Students will be required to complete and submit tasks online using the Google suite. It is therefore, expected that they will have home access to a computer/laptop, other. Please do not hesitate to further discuss any issues which may arise from this expectation.

**Dates for the diary**
- Tuesday 7th February - Parent Information Night
- Thursday 9th February - Opening School Mass
- Wednesday 15th February - Stage 3 PDH Information Night 6pm
- Monday 20th February - Wednesday 22nd February - Year 6 Leadership Camp
- Friday 24th February - Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 1st April - Ash Wednesday Mass
- Friday 10th March - School Cross Country
- Wednesday 29th March - Lenten School Mass
- Friday 7th 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 what will be a very busy, yet exciting, year.

Laura Emanuel