



# Year Six Parent Information Letter Term Four 2017

## **WELCOME TO TERM 4!**

We hope that you have all had a lovely break and are ready for the final term of Primary School before your children head off into the world of High School. Term 4 is traditionally very significant for Year 6 students. We will be engaged in some exciting and innovative learning opportunities and of course, we will be preparing for some major events such as graduation mass and candle ceremony.

There are some key dates listed towards the end of this letter that parents may wish to note in their diaries. We will send out reminders and notes about these important events and we ask that you attend to and respond to these notes as promptly as possible.

## **TERM FOUR FOCUS**

### **Religion**

During Term Four we will be studying a unit of work called 'Australian Church'. In this unit students will explore how the first Catholics in Australia preserved their faith in an environment of suspicion and conflict, mostly without the presence of priests. Students will be discovering how individuals and groups contributed to the development of the Australian Church.

### **English**

Our literacy block aims to develop reading, writing, spelling, grammar, speaking and listening skills through independent tasks, collaboration, sharing, conferencing and publishing. Google Classroom has been an excellent platform for students to explore and share their ideas as well as developing their critical thinking and understanding of appropriate online interactions.

### **Mathematics**

In Mathematics we will be covering the Australian Curriculum Mathematics concepts of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. These are developed within units that are taught over two week periods. The units and concepts we will be covering in Term 4 are; Patterns and Algebra, Multiplying and dividing decimals, Construction of 3D objects, particularly prisms and pyramids, investigating percentage discounts and interpreting timetables. We will also be revisiting important strategies for problem solving using all four mathematical operations.

### **Integrated Units**

In Term Four we will be developing two integrated units simultaneously.

The first unit is a Science based unit called "It's Electrifying". This unit investigates electricity as an energy source. We will also be learning about electrical circuits and how electricity is transferred and transformed. This unit will culminate in a major project. Students will be asked to investigate a system that uses electricity to control

light, sound or movement (or a combination of the three). They will produce a 'toy' to showcase this learning. Throughout the science unit students will be required to keep a digital Scientific Journal which will form a major part of their assessment. This unit combines content from the learning areas of Science and Design Technologies.

The second integrated unit is called "Health in the Media". This unit will investigate the current 'big issues' in health as represented in the media (such as food and nutrition, drugs and alcohol use, mental health and wellbeing). We will be exploring community resources available to support people dealing with drug and alcohol related issues. In this unit, students will learn about the media processes involved in actually producing an advertisement to target a particular health issue. We will be designing an app. to address a targeted issue. This unit combines content from the learning areas of Health, Arts (Media Arts & Drama) and Design Technologies.

### **Physical Education**

This term in PE we will be learning and developing our skills in netball and making some excellent use of our new multi-purpose court. Netball sessions will take place on Mondays. We will be using our second Sport session this term to learn some partner dances which will be showcased at our Graduation Ceremony at the end of term.

### **Home Learning**

This term we will continue to use Google Classroom as a platform for home learning. The majority of home learning tasks will be available online with students given more flexibility in the way in which they present their knowledge and understanding of various concepts. Home learning will consist of weekly homework, fortnightly homework, projects and assignments. Students are encouraged to use their student diaries to manage their workload. Students will also be working on some major assignments related to our Integrated units. The majority of this work will be completed at school, however, students may be required to put some time into these at home as well.

### **Communication**

If you have any questions or need to contact us for any reason, our email addresses are listed below.

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Class Dojo messaging is also a very effective way to communicate with us. The majority of our parents are already using it, but if you haven't signed up yet, please make sure you take a minute to do so.

### **Important Information**

Sport days are Monday and Wednesday

Full sport uniform and correct shoes (predominantly white) are expected on both days.

Library, Italian and Music remain on Monday morning.

In preparation for Graduation, could you please assist us by sending in a photo of your child when they were in Kindergarten. Ideally this would be their Kindergarten school photo. If you don't have their school photo, a clear, reasonably close-up photo of your child when they were 5 or 6 will be fine. You can send this photo to school physically in an envelope, they will be promptly returned. The preferred option though is for a scanned or digital photo emailed through to your child's teacher. We would appreciate these photos being sent through as soon as possible.

**Dates for your diary:**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Boorowa Touch & Netball carnival
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Grade Mass at St Anthony's Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	P&F Family Movie Night & Evening Fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	St Clare's College Yr 7 Orientation Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Grandparents Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Disco
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	St Mary MacKillop College Yr 7 Orientation Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Graduation Mass (6:00pm) and Dinner (7:30pm)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Italian Expo Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Thanksgiving Mass (12:00pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 End of Year Fun Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Candle Ceremony (12:00pm)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Year 6 Team.