Welcome Back!
Welcome to Term One Year Six

The teachers, Miss Jennifer Lawrence in 6 Gold and Miss Vanessa Carter in 6 Blue, and our Stage Three leader Miss Sara Butler, are looking forward to an exciting and busy year with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion please make an appointment to see us by sending a note asking us to arrange a time or contacting the office.

Term One

The students have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. They are looking forward to taking up the mantle of leadership in the school. We all enjoyed our camp experience, where we challenged ourselves, built new relationships and developed our independence.

We are looking forward to sharing some more great times this term with your children and sharing them with you.

Days to Remember

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| Library Borrowing for Year Six. Choose a book to read in class and at home. | Sports Uniform Days for Year Six | Homework Due

Even though it hasn’t gone home yet, homework will be coming soon and will be due on Fridays.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first unit will be Lent: Year C - A Time for Reconciliation. In this unit we will explore scriptures about Mercy and Forgiveness and learn about how we are challenged and invited to change to reconcile with God during Lent.

During the second unit: “Easter Triduum: Crossroads”, students will explore situations in their lives when they are faced with making decisions. They will develop an understanding and appreciation of Jesus, present in our lives in many ways.

Our final unit for the term is Easter Season: The Road Ahead. In this unit students will think about how to face the challenges of life with God by their side and learn that through God’s Grace they will be able to grow in Faith, Hope and Love.

English

In Year Six we will continue to focus on developing and refining those skills needed to read effectively.

We will be modeling and practicing skills such as prediction, visualisation, summarizing and connecting to prior knowledge and real life experiences. We will continue to build on students writing skills with a focus on writing for a purpose. Our camp experience will provide a rich and varied range of stimuli for this focus, as will our theme unit.

We encourage you to help foster your child’s love of reading by encouraging them to bring a book to school for reading during class, and to read every night.
All students will be assessed via an individualised Mathematics Assessment Interview. This will provide us with data to guide our teaching focus for the year. We will be focusing on developing problem solving skills and using Mathematical language to enhance our understanding and learning. We will have the assistance of Mrs Noble working with a group of children to extend and challenge their Mathematical knowledge in a Math’s Olympiad group. Other groups continue to work on improving recall of number facts that are vital for efficiency across all mathematical concepts.

Science
This term we are exploring a unit called “Extreme Planet”.

In this Unit we will look at different environments and how plants and animals survive in their environment.

We will look at features of living things and how they differ and have adapted to suit their ecosystem.

History and Geography
Our first Geography/History topic “Our Australia: Connected to the World” will be addressed in Term Two.

Creative Arts
Students will explore different combinations of media, tools and techniques to create pieces of art relating to curriculum areas. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their art work and the art work of significant artists in order to develop an understanding of Art and its varying styles and purposes. The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Sharon Taylor on Tuesdays.

Mathematics

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
During Personal Development and Health lessons we are looking at a unit of work called “You, Me and Us” This unit focuses on the rights and responsibilities of the child. The children will continue to have PE lessons with Mr Jones on Tuesdays. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing games skills and teamwork.
General Information

Diaries
The students will be issued with a diary. They will record due dates for work as well as dates to remember. We ask that you to check and sign your child’s diary each week.

Learning Support
The students of Year Six will also be supported in their learning for both Literacy and Mathematics this Year by Miss Sara Butler and Mrs. Kath Noble who will be in class at various times throughout the school day.

We are looking forward to an exciting, challenging and fun year with Year Six.