Welcome to Term One Year Six

Your teachers, Mrs Meares and Mrs Worsley in 6 Gold and Mr Jones and Mrs Worsley in 6 Blue are looking forward to another exciting and busy term 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.

Year Six Term 1

The students have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. They are looking forward to taking up the mantle of leadership at the school. We are getting ready to head off to camp, where we will challenge ourselves, build new relationships and develop 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

**Monday**
Library Borrowing for Year Six.
Choose a book to read in class and at home.

**Tuesday & Thursday**
Sports Uniform
Days for Year Six

**Thursday**
No homework until after camp.
Homework due at school today signed by a parent.
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

Students will study the Scriptural foundations of the Christian concept of servant leadership. As school leaders, students will be encouraged to apply these Christian ideals of leadership within their family, school and community.

During the second unit: Lent Practices and Promises, students will examine the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist where we celebrate our initiation into the Church.

Our final unit for the term is “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.

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. Mrs Worsley will focus on teaching poetry with the students in both classes. 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. 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.

Mathematics

All students will be assessed via an individualized 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 and Technology

This term we are exploring a unit called “Earths place in space”. We will investigate the Earth as a part of a system of planets orbiting a star (the sun). Students will be encouraged to explore, examine and explain their ideas and current knowledge in order to develop their ability to question, review and rationalize in order to develop their understanding of the Earths place in space.

Human Society and Its Environment

Our first HSIE topic “Global Issues and Environment” 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 Thursdays.

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 Thursday. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing games skills and teamwork.
General Information

Homework
Homework books will go home each Thursday afternoon and are due back in school on the following Thursday morning. The students are expected to read for at least twenty minutes each day and record the text title and reference for each reading session. Our focus in Mathematics homework is on Maths Mentals to help develop mental Mathematical strategies. We would ask that you support and encourage your son or daughter in their homework by signing off on their activities each week.

Learning Support
The students of Year Six will also be supported in their learning for both Literacy and Mathematics this term by 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.

Diaries
The students have been 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.