

24 April 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 Students

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that every family had a safe and relaxing holiday, and that you are all energized for this exciting term!

Important dates this term will include:

- School ANZAC Observation – Wednesday 24 April
- Caboolture ANZAC Day March – Thursday 25 April
- District Cross Country – Wednesday 1 May
- Labour Day – Monday 6 May
- Mother's and Son's Event – Thursday 9 May 4:00 – 5:30pm
- Mother's Day Stall – Friday 10 May
- Year 6 School Sunday – Sunday 19 May
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival – Thursday 30 & Friday 31 May
- Restorative Practices Parent Workshop – Tuesday 4 June
- Year 6 Excursion to Parliament House and Jewish Synagogue – Wednesday 12 June
- District Athletics – Thursday 13 & Friday 14 June
- Grace College 'Taste and see' Day – Tuesday 18 June
- Teachers Proofing Semester 1 Reports – Friday 28 June (Pupil Free Day)

In Christian Studies, we will be exploring the basic belief systems of the Jewish, Islamic, and Christian faiths. This unit will also ask students to describe the similarities and differences between these monotheistic religions.

In English, our writing focus will be information report writing and poetry writing to tie in with our Humanities and Social Sciences and Christian Studies units, and we will begin to examine procedural writing and persuasive writing. We will continue with our *Daily 5* program which will cover writing, spelling and reading. Finally, we will have formal and informal opportunities for the students to develop their public speaking and presentation skills.

For our Integrated Studies unit, the students will continue to explore the diverse environments, peoples and cultures within the Asia region, and examine Australia's various connections with other countries and places throughout the world. The students will then begin to study the key institutions of Australia's democratic government, including state/territory and federal parliaments, and the responsibilities of electors and representatives.

Our Science unit this term will focus on Biological Sciences. The students will be investigating micro-organisms and learning how some can be helpful and some can be harmful. Students will be conducting investigations that help them understand the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. They will develop an understanding the conditions micro-organisms need to grow, learn about the yeast and bread making process and research the development of penicillin.

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Students are reminded that they are required to check and pack their schoolbags daily so that they are organised with the necessary items to begin each day. They will need to bring a **freshly filled water bottle** and **hat** each day, especially on Tuesday which is our P.E. day. They should bring a suitable bag for borrowing library books on a Thursday.

Students are also encouraged to participate in 'Crunch and Sip' around 9:30am, and also to remember our school's 'Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone' Policy.

Students are reminded to wear correct formal uniform on Mondays and Thursdays, with sport uniform to be worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

There continues to be a strong emphasis placed on presentation of work in class as well as tasks to be completed at home. If work presented is unsatisfactory students will be required to redo it.

Parents are also reminded that the school's expectation/procedure for any student departing early is that the student needs to be collected from their classroom with an early departure slip received from the front office. This departure slip needs to be given to one of the teachers [or the specialist teacher] as per our duty of care.

As we have a strong open door policy we encourage any parents who may have queries or concerns about their child to make an appointment to discuss the matter as soon as it arises with their teacher. Email is the best way to communicate with us. Our e-mail addresses for parent contact are:

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We are really excited about the variety of activities that this term holds, and the wonderful experiences the students will be exposed to.

Kind regards

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