



Year 6 Information

2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We look forward to an engaging and fun year together.

Students in Year 6 have a leadership role within the school. Our senior students are now more able to reflect on their decisions and to make responsible choices. They have greater capacity to consider the needs of others and to be aware of the example they set for younger students.

Year 6 students are encouraged to be involved in Community Service opportunities, including the Rotary Junior Community Award Program which students will be informed of in March.

The Year 6 students have become buddies to our new Preps and will lead Peer Support groups. They have the opportunity to be elected into leadership roles.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in Swimming Lessons at Bellarine Sports and Aquatic Centre between 5 February - 6 March. These lessons are for students BELOW Level 4. Level 4 and above swimmers will have the opportunity to go to Kardinia and participate in life saving skills in Term 4.

The Sacrament of Confirmation recognises the growing ability of Year 6 students to discover and use their gifts and talents. Confirmation is on Sunday 17 May at 9:00am. The Preparation Evening will be Tuesday 12 May from 6.30-7.30pm.

Year 6 will be attending Melbourne City Camp from 7 - 9 September.

Toward the end of the year the Year 6 students prepare a performance for their families to celebrate their final year of primary school.

Year 6 students participate in the inter-school sport competition which presents them with many new challenges to their skills, organisation, behaviour and attitude.

We appreciate parental support in our endeavours to encourage students to develop their capacities for learning, team-spirit, cooperation and self-esteem. As children gain much of their self-esteem through self-efficacy, it is important to give students challenges and responsibilities at home, especially in situations where they can show others that they can be relied upon. Home tasks that promote this will be beneficial for children at this level.

Parent and Teacher Communication

Communication between teacher and parents is vital to the success of your child's education. This can be done in many ways, including newsletters, interviews, written notes or emails, phone calls, student diaries, reports and home learning.

In the event of absence from school, please email your child's teacher before 9.30am on the day that your child is absent. Planned absence of 5 days or more, for example family holidays, will require permission from the principal through email.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher at an appropriate time. We will contact you if we have any concerns. If you do not hear from us, assume all is well.

Teachers' email addresses:

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Home Learning

Home Learning reinforces the work done at school, helps children toward independent learning skills, creates a home and school link and increases parental involvement. Home Learning can be an inquiry related activity, practice to reinforce learning or an extension of work mastered. Work is appropriate to the level of the child. Each child should be reading at least fifteen minutes every day or thirty minutes at least three times per week. It is expected that your child record the title of the book

read and the pages read in their school diary each time. In Year 6 a Home Learning session of thirty minutes Monday to Thursday is expected.

Home Learning will be located on Google Classroom. We send Home Learning this way to prepare students for the digital world, to promote sustainability by reducing our paper usage and preventing loss of hard copies. If your child would still like a hardcopy of Home Learning please let your child's teacher know. Home Learning can be completed on line or in an exercise book.

Teacher Responsibility:

Teachers set Home Learning on a Friday with the expectation that all children will complete the tasks by the following Friday.

Teachers report to parents about Home Learning via the June and December written report.

Student Responsibility:

Complete set Home Learning and hand it in on time.

Parent Responsibility:

Parents are encouraged to discuss Home Learning issues with their child's teacher

Develop organisational skills for students by ensuring they have a set time and a suitable place to complete Home Learning.

Parents are to school the school diary each Friday.

Diary

Students are expected to use their diary on a daily basis at home and at school. Parents are asked to sign this weekly. Students are to hand their diary in on Friday. The diary is a useful form of communication between parents and your child's teacher.

Year 6 Music Night

A highlight of Year 6, for both students and parents, is the Music Night. Ticket information will be released closer to the performance dates. This is still a favourite memory of past students and we are sure it will be a favourite memory for your family too.

Dates for your diary

Confirmation Information Session	Term 2 – Tuesday 12 May 6.30pm
Confirmation - Year 6	Term 2 – Sunday 17 May 9:00 am
Year 6 Music Night	Term 4 – TBC
Year 6 Camp:	Term 3 - 7 - 9 September Melbourne City Camp, 538 Collins St, Melbourne

Physical Education / Performing Arts / Art / Technology : Even weeks on Tuesday
Library Borrowing: Wednesday afternoon

Interschool Winter Sport – Term 3

The sports played will be football, netball, softball and/or soccer. This is a great opportunity for the students to meet children from other schools and play in a 'friendly' nature.

General Reminders

- Please ensure all belongings are labelled especially jumpers and hats.
- A box of tissues from each child would be appreciated so that we have plenty for the winter months.
- Children are expected to bring along a bottle of water.
- Children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for mid morning fruit break however all fruit scraps need to be taken home each day because our worm farms cannot process the amount of food scraps our school creates.
- As part of our sustainability program, students are expected to follow our "carry in, carry out" policy on food packaging, taking their rubbish home. Nude Food is an excellent way to eradicate this problem.
- Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform, including correct black school shoes and plain grey or white socks with no labels..
- Students wear sports uniform, including runners, on Tuesday for Physical Education lessons and usually the Fridays for sport, or the allocated day for the Interschool Winter Sport program.
- Students are responsible for applying their own sunscreen.

Regards,

Corey Gallagher, Trish French, Michael Coldwell, Lisa Grigg and Marnie Hallam