



Curriculum Newsletter Year 6

Term 1, 2019

The New School Year Has Begun!

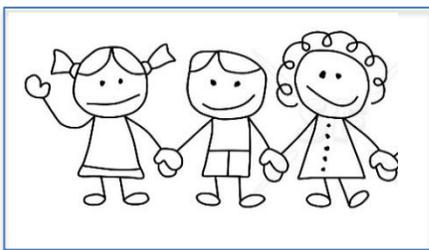
Dear Parents and Caregivers,



The new school year has well and truly begun and the students are settling well into their classes and daily routines.

Our hope is that the Year 6 students will embrace all opportunities afforded them, so as to make their final year at Guardian Angels' School a memorable one.

Our teaching team this year includes Kate Mason (6 Red), Liz Morrissey (6 Blue) and Will Erwin (6 Blue on Thursdays).



We welcome the new families who have joined our Guardian Angels' School community.

Our school theme for this year is **Aim High and Fly** and this will be apparent in many school and class activities throughout the year.

Thank you for your cooperation which has enabled our smooth start to the term. The students are ready to focus on their learning and challenges for the year ahead.



Religious Education

In Religious Education this term, the students will work towards their class Vision.

Following this, a unit titled *Leading Justly*, will have students exploring the question, **Why does justice begin with me?** They will make connections between Jesus' 'New Law', the works of mercy, Catholic social teaching and the way believers live out their faith.

The Church seasons of Lent and Easter will also be a special focus at the end of this term.

Mathematics

This year the students will be engaging in learning activities centred on Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability and Measurement and Geometry from the Australian Curriculum. All three strands of Mathematics will be covered during every term to varying degrees.

Highlights this term include students revising, consolidating and extending their understanding of: numbers to one million and beyond; addition and subtraction involving larger numbers; multiplication facts to 10x; multiplication of larger numbers and problem solving across a variety of contexts.

Students will work in groups, pairs and individually within Maths sessions to enable each type of learner to achieve their individual goals. They will also work to complete investigations based on topics learnt throughout the term.

Your support is appreciated in assisting the students to revise number facts on a regular basis, particularly times tables for homework.

English

The Year 6 English curriculum sees students participating in a variety of literacy activities and exploring a range of spoken, visual and written texts throughout the year.

Reading and viewing activities this term, will enable students to develop their literal and, most importantly, inferential comprehension skills as they learn to respond to different types of text, not only within the context of English, but across all subject areas.

As well, targeted lessons will focus on punctuation and grammar, including parts of speech and how these elements work together to improve imaginative or fictional writing. Students will create an informative feature article linked to our HASS unit.

We ask for your support in encouraging students to read at home as much and as often as possible, so as to improve their fluency, vocabulary and most importantly, comprehension skills. Students will borrow from the school library every week and work towards achieving their individual reading goals.

Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

HASS includes the areas of *History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Business and Economics*.

During Term One, students will extend their knowledge and understanding of Australian history as they explore the reasons for Federation, the key figures who made Federation possible and the origins of our system of government. They will then look at how the experiences of various migrant groups to Australia have changed since 1900.



Science

Study within physical science, sees the students investigate electrical energy and how it is transferred and transformed in electrical circuits. They will learn how electrical energy can be generated from a range of sources and how scientists continue to use their knowledge to explore different options for the sustainable production of electricity.

Technology

Aspects of Technology will be integrated across the curriculum this term, as students have the opportunity to use their laptops across all curriculum areas. Students will be taught about the appropriate use of digital devices and will utilise them for purposes of research, skill development, word processing and presenting.

Specialist Classes

LOTE: This term the year 6s will be consolidating their reading and writing of hiragana script, with many students already undertaking the voluntary hiragana belt system. Students will be studying a variety of new verb forms and vocab, which will be used in an oral presentation where students will talk about their future aspirations. Listening skills will continue to be improved with Japanese used for most daily classroom instructions and simple teacher-student exchanges. We will continue to incorporate games, songs, craft and a variety of other hands-on experiences to deepen our appreciation of language, culture and customs.

Music: Term 1 begins a semester study of 'Boom Snap Clap'. Students will explore the elements of music through learning and creating rhythms for solo and group part work to perform body percussion music. They will continue their musical literacy development and guitar skills to notes on the third string.

PE: In Term 1 students take part in fitness-based lessons with a specific focus on long distance running. Students develop their understanding of running concepts such as pacing, techniques, the effects to their heart rate and improving stamina. Pupils take part in an Athletics unit of work in which they learn the techniques used to optimise performance in running, throwing and jumping disciplines. Throughout this unit pupils gain a deeper understanding of the rules and regulations of athletic events. In Year 6, pupils use peer feedback to further examine how to make improvements to performance.

Important Dates:

As usual, there are important dates to keep in mind. Apart from the list below, keep an eye on the school newsletter and the calendar on the Parent Portal for other significant dates as they arise.

We look forward to a great term.

The Year 6 Teachers

Kate Mason Will Erwin Liz Morrissey

School Visioning Assembly	Wednesday 27th February 2:15pm
School Cross Country	Friday 1st March
Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 6th February 2:15pm
Catholic Swimming Carnival	Friday 8th March
Camp	Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th March
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Monday 25th March – Friday 29th March
Catholic Cross Country	Tuesday 26th March
Holy Week Celebrations	Monday 1st – Friday 5th April 2:15pm
Last Day Term 1	Friday 5th April

BCE Connect App

This is a great app which gives you access to several important sites such as the Parent Portal, Absences and newsletters all from one page. Download it today from the App store or Google Play.

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The BCE Connect application uses existing Parent Portal user login details to provide a convenient way to keep up with events and information.

After you have saved Guardian Angels' as a favourite and enabled push notifications for the application, the school can notify you in the event of an emergency or highlight important messages.

Features include:

- the ability to report absences
- view and download newsletters
- view events
- access the Parent Portal
- access forms and documents
- Access student information including reports
- Access to PTO (Parent/Teacher conference booking system)

All of these features are available from the school's landing page making it easier than ever to stay connected.







