Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1. The children have settled into the new school year and we have planned a busy and productive term.

Below is some information about the focus areas of our learning in Year 6 this term.

**RELIGION**

*Christian Meditation will be practised daily.*

Unit 1: The Reign of God: Reaching out to Justice

Unit 2: Lent: A Time for Building a Just World

**ENGLISH**

In English the study of informative texts will be incorporated across all learning areas.

**Talking and Listening:** Talking and Listening skills will be incorporated into a variety of learning tasks across the curriculum.

**Reading:** Modelled and guided reading will focus on imaginative texts and their structural and language features as well as developing comprehension skills and strategies for reading both factual and imaginative texts. Students will also be engaging in a novel study.

**Writing:** This term the writing focus will be imaginative texts. In particular, the ways in which language use in imaginative texts, including use of figurative language, character development, events and setting, creates interest for the reader.

Spelling will operate on an individualised program based on needs with skills being integrated across the curriculum.

**HSIE**

**History: Australia as a Nation**

This unit explores the development of Australia as a Nation and focuses on these inquiry questions:

- Why and how did Australia become a nation?
- How did Australian society change throughout the twentieth century?
- Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?
- What contribution have significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society?
SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY
Change Detectives
What makes things change and what affects how fast they change? This unit explores the science that seeks to understand why and how substances change, and this has led to advances in everything from food preservation to fire control.

MATHEMATICS
Our Mathematics strands are as follows:
Week 2: Whole Numbers
Week 3-4: Addition and Subtraction
Week 5-6: Multiplication and Division
Week 7: Length
Week 8: Area
Week 9: Fractions and Decimals
Week 10: Time
Week 11: Data

PDHPE
Health
Unit: Personal Power
Activities to develop skills in establishing and maintaining healthy and safe relationships.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Rotational skills practise leading to complete games of basketball and T-ball.
Fitness preparation for Cross Country

CREATIVE ARTS: Visual Arts with Mrs Zakaras
This term in Visual Arts students will be investigating with colouring effects to create depth and illusions. Students will create artworks for different audiences and use a variety of techniques to create artworks. Students will have the opportunity to acknowledge that audiences respond in different ways to art and that there are different opinions about the value of artworks.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child’s schooling this term.

Kind regards,
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