

24 January 2019

Dear Parents

Class 6S – Introduction

Welcome to Year 6! I am so looking forward to being a part of your child's final year in Junior School and hope that they will indeed achieve much 'success' whilst being in 6S. The last year of primary is truly a special time of growing and preparing for their Secondary School journey. Whether or not they wear a badge, every Year 6 student will be viewed and expected to partake of the leadership of the primary school. I hope they will embrace each and every opportunity this year. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to partner in the process of raising your child. Our prayer is that God will be glorified as we work together to train the children in all knowledge through Christ.

Although there will be an Information Evening on **Tuesday, 5 February**, this letter is designed to give you a brief overview and provide you with the information you need to commence the year. It includes a stationery list, a timetable, homework expectations and a guide to using Canvas (the school online learning platform). If anything is not clear, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Information Evening where we will outline further plans for the year.

For smooth running of classroom activities, your child will require the following LABELLED items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a pair of headphones o one small pencil case o at least three <u>blue</u> ball point pens o two <u>red</u> ball point pens o three HB pencils o an eraser o a set of coloured pencils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a pair of scissors o a glue stick o two highlighters o a 30cm ruler o a pencil sharpener (with a shavings holder) o two boxes of tissues (<i>optional</i> donation) o small packet of wet wipes (<i>optional</i> donation)
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We are blessed at Covenant, with the opportunity for Year 6 to attend special subjects in conjunction with Secondary School. This semester they include Art, Drama and Music.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday <i>Sports Uniform</i>	Thursday <i>Library books?</i>	Friday <i>Sports Uniform</i>
<i>8:43am</i>	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions
	Spelling	Reading Groups	Spelling	Spelling	Homework
	Grammar + Writing	Spelling	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Maths Groups
<i>10:27am</i>	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	<i>HS Classes: Art</i>	Primary Sport
	<i>HS Classes: Music</i>	Novel	Health PE <i>(Miss Hammond)</i>	<i>HS Classes: Drama</i>	
<i>12:38pm</i>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	K-6 Assembly	DEAR	DEAR/Growth Mindset	DEAR with Infants	DEAR
	Science/History	Writing Biblical Studies	Science/History	Novel BTN/Library	Assembly

A timetable can also be found on Canvas. While we will endeavour to maintain this as a normal routine, some variation may occur throughout the year.

In regards to homework, there is an expectation that Year 6 will be spending an *average of about 40 minutes per night from Monday to Thursday* in this pursuit. This could include spelling, a writing task, project preparation, Maths, Athletics, speech preparation or reading. Please feel free to assist your child in the completion of their homework in a manner that allows him/her to gain the most from the experience.

This term, Year 6 is using the school learning management system known as 'Canvas'. Through this learning portal, you will be able to access your child's timetable, homework schedule and assignments. A fuller explanation of Canvas will be given at the Information Evening on **Tuesday 5 February**.

In the first week, your child will be bringing home their class exercise books. Please assist by covering the books with clear contact so they last longer. Please complete by the *end of Week 3* if possible.

A few points to remember:

- For legalities of the school roll, please provide an email or written note explaining any absence from school before, on, or the day after. Advance warning (involving a letter to the Principal,) is necessary when an extended absence of five days or greater is planned.
- All items of clothing should be labelled including; PE gear, shoes, socks, jackets, jumpers, raincoats, umbrellas and equipment.
- The Class Parents will put together a contact list of 2019 Year 6 students, please advise by the end of Week 3, if you DO NOT wish to have your child's information included.

There are several opportunities to assist in the classroom this term, as part of your Parent Involvement Program (PIP) hours. Reading groups are on Tuesdays from 9.00am – 9.45am, commencing in Week 3. This involves facilitating a small group for oral reading, discussion and comprehension activities. Our Science program this term requires much hands-on experimentation; assistance in these classes on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, or assistance in the preparation of materials would be much appreciated. Please note that you will need a valid WWCC number registered at the school and to have completed a Volunteer's Code of Conduct form, if you wish to be involved in any student activities. Please see the school website for further information about acquiring a WWCC number as well as the Volunteer's Code of Conduct form.

We would love to invite parents to take part in our History program on Australian Identity, as we investigate the building of our nation including migrant arrivals. This involvement will be in Week 7 or 8 of this term. (Further details will be available later).

On a final note, there are members of our school who have allergic or anaphylactic reactions to food. Please be mindful of this as you send any food to school. I will endeavour to provide more detailed information as is necessary and appropriate.

Yours in the service of Christian education

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