

30 January 2018

Dear Parents

### Year 6E – Introduction

Welcome to Year 6! I am looking forward to being a part of your child's final year in Junior School. There are many exciting and challenging tasks, activities and events to look forward to. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to partner with you in the process of raising your child. My prayer is that God will be glorified as we work together to train your 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. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Information Evening where I will outline further plans for the year.

For smooth running of classroom activities, your child will require a pair of headphones, and the following stationery: one pencil case, at least three blue ball point pens, two red ball point pens and three HB pencils, an eraser, coloured pencils, a pair of scissors, a glue stick, two highlighters, a 30cm ruler and a pencil sharpener (with a shavings holder). These may need checking and replacing throughout the year. I understand the attraction of 'stationery' for children; however, novelty items are best kept at home to avoid distraction and crowding desk space. A donation of **two boxes of tissues** and one small packet of wet wipes would be gratefully received.

We are blessed at Covenant, with the opportunity for Year 6 to attend specialty subjects in conjunction with Secondary School. This semester they are Art, Music and Drama. The children will be attending these specialty groups in their Home Class. 6E will be participating in PE on Wednesdays. Sports Uniform is to be worn for PE as well as for Primary Sport on Fridays.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.43am	Morning Lines	Morning Lines	Morning Lines	Morning Lines	Morning Lines
	Spelling	Reading Groups	Spelling	Spelling	Maths Groups
	Grammar + Writing		Creative Writing	Maths Groups	Homework Checking
			Spelling		
10.27am	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Music	Primary Sport
			Knowing God		
	Drama	Novel	Growth Mindset or Weekly Quiz	Art	
12.38pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	K-6 Assembly	Library visit or DEAR	PE	DEAR with Infants	DEAR
	Novel	Science/History		Science/History	Assembly
	Health			BTN	

A timetable can also be found on Canvas. While I 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 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 and 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 year, Year 6 is using the school learning management system Canvas. On Canvas, you will be able to access your child's timetable, homework schedule and assignments. A more detailed explanation of Canvas will be given at the parent's information evening on **Tuesday 5 February**.

Your child will be bringing home their class exercise books in the first week. Please assist them in covering the books with clear contact. If these could be completed by the end of Week 3 that would be helpful.

A few points to remember:

- For your convenience and mine, I would appreciate a note explaining any absences from school before or on the day after. An email to [admin@covenant.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@covenant.nsw.edu.au) is acceptable.
- Advance warning (involving a letter to the Principal) is necessary where an extended absence (travel 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.

There are several opportunities to assist in the classroom this term as part of your 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 Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, or assistance in the preparation of materials would be much appreciated. Finally, 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. Further details will be available later in the term, this involvement will be in Week 7 or 8 of term. To show your interest, **please complete** the tear off note at the bottom of the page. NB: There may be other opportunities to assist during the year. Feel free to advise me of your interests in this area.

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

Mr M Eatough  
Year 6 Teacher

Mr W Morton  
Deputy Principal, Junior School

*Please complete and return to Mr Eatough by Monday 4 February 2019*

I would / would not (*please circle*) like my address and phone numbers included on the class list.

I am able to help in the classroom on \_\_\_\_\_ (day) with  
\_\_\_\_\_ (activity)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed a **Working with Children Check** and a Volunteers Code of Conduct form and returned them to the School Office.