Welcome to Year Six

Welcome Back! We hope you have had a restful break, and ready for the year ahead.

2017 is set to be a very exciting year for 6C and 6H, with many engaging learning experiences while forming memories that will last a Lifetime!

Term 1 is always an action-packed term for Year 6. Some activities will include: meeting our Prep Buddies, swimming lessons at the MSAC, and our 4-day camp to the Valley Homestead in Ovens. Furthermore, the Year Six tops are due to arrive this month and Year 6 leadership roles will be beginning.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year in Year Six, and we are very enthusiastic and eager for what we are sure, will be an exciting learning journey together.

Joss Coaley and Kayla Hart
Year Six Teachers

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Term One, we will be focusing two units:

History of the Australian Church: Students will investigate the development on the Catholic Church in Australia, the Church’s history and some of the people who have shaped the Church. Students will reflect on how the Holy Spirit inspires individuals and organisations to spread God’s justice and goodness and some of the ways that Catholics contribute to Australian society.

Lent to Easter: Students will explore ways in which Lent offers opportunities for growth and personal development. Through the
exploration of the parable of the Prodigal Son, students learn that, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God offers hope to all Christians. The students will reflect on any personal growth and change they undergo during the Lenten season.

Throughout the year, the students will also have the opportunity to participate in Liturgical celebrations, such as School and Parish Masses, as well as, Prayer Services and Meditation.

**ENGLISH**

In English we will be exploring three main components, Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Within these components the students will also work to improve their spelling and grammar.

**In Term One, our focus is on:**

**Reading & Viewing** – The expectation is that students should be reading every night and bringing their novel to school every day. With your guidance and the guidance of the teacher, the students will be encouraged to take responsibility for choosing and recording what they have read each night. Books will be available in the class for students to borrow or they are welcome to bring in books from home. It is still important to listen to your child read as often as you can. An emphasis will be placed on comprehension this year. You can assist at home by helping your child to make connections between the texts they are reading and their real-life experiences.

**Writing** - Students will complete a variety of writing pieces that have an emphasis on the S.T.E.A.M. investigations that we will be engaging in each term. In Term 1 we will be creating: Information Reports, Letters and Biographies. We will be using the Writer’s Process of Planning, Drafting, Revising, Editing and Publishing, as well as, exploring the format and language features of each text type. Students will be given the chance to publish their work in a variety of ways.

**Speaking & Listening** – Students will be involved in a range of public speaking opportunities in class, at camp and during excursions and incursions. At different times throughout the year students will also have the opportunity to speak during weekly assemblies. Students will focus on their listen skills during class and small group discussions with a focus on learn how to clarify content and challenging others’ ideas this term.
**MATHEMATICS**

Students will explore various mathematical concepts throughout the year, which include: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. They will use hands on materials, as well as different forms of technology to help solve their problems. Students will also explore various open-ended activities, which aim to improve their mathematical thinking and problem solving abilities, which they can then relate to their own real-world experiences.

**In Term One, our units will include:**

**Number and Algebra**: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and using B.O.D.M.A.S. to assist in solving real-life problems.

**Measurement and Geometry**: Mapping

**S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)**

S.T.E.A.M. education refers to the teaching of the disciplines within its umbrella and also to a multidisciplinary approach to teaching that increases student interest and knowledge in STEAM related fields and improves students’ problem-solving, creative thinking and critical analysis skills.

*(definition used by the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne)*

By introducing S.T.E.A.M. education to Galilee we are aiming to build our students’ connections across various subject areas to assist in dealing with ‘real-life’ issues, while ensuring their learning becomes purposeful and connected to the world outside the classroom.

So, with all that knowledge in mind, we say ... Full STEAM Ahead!!

**Term 1 History - From Colony to Nation**

*Exploring how we became Australia and where we are headed in the future.*

This term student’s will be exploring Australia with an emphasis on History and how Australia became a colony. They will investigate the changes that have occurred in Australia through time, looking at historical time lines and photos from the past, while making predictions about what Australia may look like in the future.
Through our S.T.E.A.M. Unit, students will participate in many hands-on learning tasks that will focus on the skill, knowledge and understanding in Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Mathematics to collaboratively plan, design, create and build a ‘Futuristic Town’. This town will be open for inspection on a certain date, so please keep your eyes peeled!

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (PSEL)**

**Circle Time**

This year, students will be involved in Circle Time. Circle Time aims to develop students’ resilience as well as giving them a voice within the classroom environment.

**Teamwork**

Year 6 will have a strong focus on teamwork and co-operating in groups. Students will focus on making fair contributions, challenging themselves as learners and making responsible decisions when choosing their team mates. Teamwork is an essential skill that will assist in preparing students for Year 7 and beyond.

**YEAR SIX PLEDGE**

All of our students have the right to feel safe and secure in our school community. To ensure this right, the Year Six students have created a pledge that they have agreed to follow throughout the year. They have signed their name to these agreements to show that they understand the expectations and will strive to demonstrate these at school.

**YEAR SIX CAMP**

Year Five and Six students will attend a four day camp to Valley Homestead, close to Ovens. Camp is always an exciting part of our school year here at Galilee. The camp program enables students to further develop their learning and social skills in a non-school environment, as well as being an integral part of the educational programs offered at our school. Students and staff will leave from school on Tuesday 7th March and return on Friday 10th March. We look forward to spending time with your children and getting to know them better during our camp experience this year. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.
HEADPHONES

Classroom activities sometimes include the use of iPads and computers, watching videos and listening to podcasts to further understand their learning. For this reason, we ask students to keep a cheap pair of headphones at school to use during these activities.

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- Arrive at school by 8.50 a.m. so your child starts the school day with the whole class and avoids missing out on important information
- Provide a note explaining your child’s absences to the teacher upon return
- Hats to be worn in Terms One and Four during recess, lunch and any outdoor activities
- Lunch Orders are on Wednesday and Fridays (orders completed online OR collected from school)
- Students need to bring a drink bottle containing water each day, so they can drink throughout the day
- If there are any medical issues or other concerns, please make the school and/or class teacher aware of these as soon as possible.

UNIFORMS

All students should be in their full school summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4 and must have a hat. Their full winter uniform must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 (no hat required).

Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day. This includes black footwear (no logos or labels) and a Galilee hat to use during recess and Sport lessons in Term One and Term Four. On Sport and PE days students are expected to wear their full sports uniform, including suitable runners. We appreciate a note from parents written in a student’s diary if the student is unable to meet the school’s uniform requirements.

ASSEMBLY

**Wednesdays** at 2:40pm – 3:25p.m.
SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

**Year 6C**

**Tuesday**  
**Italian (Mr Martello)** 9:40am-10:20a.m.  
**Performing Arts (Miss Carnovale)** 10:20am -11:00am  
**Art (Mrs Orr)** 11:30am – 12:30pm  
**Sport (Mr Tobin)** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Thursday**  
**ICT (Mr Coaley)** 2:30pm – 3:30p.m.

**Year 6H**

**Tuesday**  
**Performing Arts (Miss Carnovale)** 9:40am-10:20a.m.  
**Italian (Mr Martello)** 10:20am – 11:00am  
**Sport (Mr Tobin)** 11:30am – 12:30pm  
**Art (Mrs Orr)** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Friday**  
**ICT (Mr Coaley)** 2:30pm – 3:30p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Specialist Timetable may be subject to change due to upcoming school events. ICT times are flexible based on the Year Six timetable for that particular week.
- Sports uniform is to be worn on allocated P.E. days (hat required during Terms 1 and 4)
- Library bag required every Monday in order to borrow books.
**Term 1 Important Dates**

Every Wednesday  
School Assembly (2:40pm – 3:25pm)

Friday 10th Feb.  
Twilight B.Y.O. Picnic (5:00pm – 7:30pm)

Monday 13th-17th Feb.  
Swimming Lessons at MSAC (Yr 3-6 ONLY)

Wednesday 22nd Feb.  
Meet the Teacher (1:30pm Dismissal)

Monday 27th Feb.  
Dendy Swimming Carnival (School Squad Only)

Tuesday 28th Feb.  
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 29th Feb.  
Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

Friday 3rd March  
Classroom Helper Course

   **Session 1**: 9:30am – 10:30am

   **Session 2**: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Friday 10th March  
Classroom Helper Course

   **Session 3**: 9:30am – 10:30am

   **Session 4**: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Monday 13th March  
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 14th March  
School Closure Day

Friday 17th March  
Galilee Athletics Sports Day

St. Patrick’s Day

Monday 20th March  
Galilee Open Day

Wednesday 29th March  
Assembly- Holy Week

Friday 31st March  
Funky Hair Day

Easter Raffle

End of Term (1:30pm Dismissal)