

# Welcome to Year 5/6

## Teacher

Mr Ben Hewitt

## Education Assistants

Miss Ali Hince

### 1. Welcome

### 2. The School Day

Our classroom door will generally open around 8:30am.

Children are expected to unpack their bags, hand in their homework and diary with any notes that are needed to be returned given to the teacher and set up their work station for the day.

Siren will ring at **8:45am**.

We will generally start our day with Morning Fitness to have the students being active for the beginning of the day which makes them more productive learners in the classroom.

The timetable for Term 1 is below.

Children are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday and Friday.

They need to remember to bring their hat and water bottle, as they can't do sport without both of them.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Indonesian Mr Selvam  PE/Health Ms Frost	HASS Mrs Parker		Assembly (See School Calendar)  PE/Health Ms Frost

### **3. Absentees**

If you need to remove your child from the class during the day, you will need to sign him/her out at the office.

This will need to be done before you come to collect your child.

The same procedure applies if you arrive late in the mornings.

Prolonged absences during the school year for family holidays is strongly discouraged.

If necessary, a written note is mandatory to be given to Head of Primary (Rebecca Clarke) two weeks prior.

No extra work while absent will be given and students are expected to keep a daily journal.

### **4. Curriculum**

Religious Education is our main learning area with the Western Australian Curriculum fully implemented across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health & Physical Education and The Arts.

The outcomes, learning activities and common assessments will be reflected in both Year 5 and Year 5/6 and Year 6 to ensure that all Year 5's and Year 6's are taught and levelled according to Year 5 and Year 6 national curriculum outcomes.

Excursions are a big part of our learning journey, whether it's local or in Perth.

Our aim is to have 1 excursion each semester which will reflect what is being taught in class.

### **5. iPads**

This year the students are encouraged to bring an iPad from home for educational use at school.

I see an iPad as an educational tool, not a gaming device and I will be encouraging the students and parents to see it that way too.

Students using an iPad at school that they have brought from home will need to be set up through the school with the use of ZuluDesk.

This allows the teachers to monitor student usage.

Before this is done, everything on the iPads will need to be backed up as there is a school profile when they enter the school's wifi zone which wipes the iPad to a default school page.

As the students have signed an ICT Policy and iPad agreement, any misuse of a device will result in loss of that device or loss of using a device for an agreed upon time.

Apps – for iPads brought from home, there are many apps that we use that can be purchased from the App Store.

All apps are free except for one that we use daily.

This app is Book Creator – costs \$7.99.

If you have issues with purchasing the paid version please let me know.

## **6. Office365**

All students have their own Office365 account with a cewa login.

We will use this daily at school for completing work, accessing important class information and communicating with myself and classmates about homework or school matters.

This is heavily monitored by myself and any misuse will result in no access.

The main Office365 apps that we use are Teams, PowerPoint, Word and Outlook.

## **7. MAJEC**

The MAJEC Program is our Christian Service Program and the most important part of developing each student.

The children will need to write any hours they complete into the MAJEC section of their diary and have a parent sign it.

The required amount of time to complete in Year 5 & 6 is five hours.

## **8. Assessment**

Test files will be sent home two times each semester.

Once you have looked through the tests and work samples, please sign and comment on the cover page and send it back to school.

Term 1 – Test Files

Term 2 – Test Files & Semester 1 Reports

Term 3 – Three-way Conferences & Test Files

Term 4 – Test Files & Semester 2 Reports

If you have any questions or problems throughout the year, please bring it to my attention immediately and don't leave it until the interviews.

I am around in the mornings and afternoons for a brief chat, however, if you would like to have an in-depth discussion please arrange a time after school where I can give you my full attention.

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## **9. Homework**

The children have a Homework Book which they are expected to take home when homework is expected to be completed in it.

Homework will always comprise of them reading for at least 15 minutes per night and set tasks using Education Perfect.

This is an online platform where students are set specific tasks and must complete these by the due date.

The students will also be using HOTMaths which is an online maths program which is widely used at secondary.

Any notes to go home will be given to the student and it is expected they will be returned ASAP.

The Diary is to be used to communicate with me and vice versa and should be checked every night for any additional information or timetable changes.

Please date and initial any notes specific to your child so I know they have been received.

If your child is absent, please send in a written note or email to the front office.

Verbal discussions with myself cannot be categorised as an absentee note.

## **Reading Homework**

- 15 minutes per night.

## **Subjects Homework**

- Education Perfect
- HotMaths
- Skills Sheets

## **10. Parent Handbook**

All current policies are printed in the handbook, please refer to them as necessary.

## **11. Uniform**

Children are expected to wear the correct St Joseph's uniform including footwear.

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

The school has a very strict NO HAT, NO PLAY policy.

Therefore, hats should remain in your child's tub at school.

## **12. Assemblies**

Assemblies are on Fridays at 8:45am in the Undercover Area for Term 1.

In Term 2-4, they will be in the St Marcellin Performing Arts Centre.

Parents are always welcome.

If your child is receiving a merit certificate, I will contact you to let you know by an email.

Please check the school calendar for more information.

## **13. Birthdays**

I am happy for treats to be sent in for children's birthdays. If you are unsure as to 'what's best' please check with myself prior.

We currently have 30 children in the class.

## 14. Behaviour Management

Positive verbal feedback and encouragement will be strongly used in the classroom.

Rewards such as free time or fun class activities will also be used.

Severe behaviour issues will be dealt with by Mrs Rebecca Clarke, Head of Primary.

## 15. Questions

