We are very excited about spending the year with your children. We hope that this year brings many positive learning experiences for all Year 5/6 students. The information below will assist students and families with a successful beginning to the year.

**WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN TERM 1...**

**English:**
Recounts, narrative and persuasive text types. Grammar, spelling and comprehension strategies.

**Maths:**
Place value, number operations, time, length and mass.

**Religious Education:**
Church and Community - Students critically reflect on change and continuity in the praying, believing, living and celebrating Church as it engages with the world.

**Science:**
Physical Science - They learn about transfer and transformations of electricity, and continue to develop an understanding of energy flows through systems.

**History:**
The Australian Colonies - Students look at the founding of British colonies and the development of a colony. They learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period.

**LIBRARY**
Friday is Library borrowing day for all classes. Students MUST bring their borrowing bags. New bags can be purchased for $10.00 through the Front Office. Class Dojo points will be awarded each week to those who bring their bag in.

**SPORT**
RM 10 and 12 - Wednesday
RM 13 - Tuesday
Students are permitted to wear sports shoes on this day and also on Fridays.

**MATHS**
Students will be streamed into 3 different Maths groups according to their learning needs. The students’ Maths teacher may be different to their classroom teacher.

**PLEASE BRING ******

**Hats** - School hats need to be clearly labelled. New ones can be purchased from the Front Office for $13.00

**Water Bottle** - Clearly labelled and to be left permanently in the classroom fridge.

**Fruit Break** - Please provide a piece of fruit/ veg each day.
**Year 6 speeches** are due by Wednesday of Week 2. An announcement will be made at the Friday morning assembly.

**Tissue box** - Each child needs to bring a box of tissues each term.

**Art smock** - Please bring a labelled art shirt in. This can be an old shirt or an art smock. It will be kept in class for the year.

**Pencil case** - Please provide a pencil case for your child to use for the year. All other stationary is provided.

**Parent Representative** - Each class needs a parent helper who is willing to assist the teacher with excursions and celebrations. If you are interested in this position, please see the classroom teacher.

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**Contact details** - Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Parent Information Night
  - February 10th @ 4pm - 6.30pm

- Whole school Opening Mass
  - February 13th @ 8.30am

- Family Welcoming Picnic
  - February 13th @ 5.30 - 7pm

- Life Education Van
  - February 16th - 19th

- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
  - February 18th

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - February 24th - 25th

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - March 26th

- Harmony Day Dinner
  - March 20th @ 5.30pm

**HOMEWORK:**

Students are expected to complete homework each week. It will be handed out on Mondays. It MUST be completed and handed in to be marked in class on Fridays.

**SPORTS CAPTAINS**

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**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

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**GALA DAYS**

- Netball - February 20th
- AFL - February 27th
- Indoor Cricket - March 13th
- Rugby League - March 20th
- Basketball - March 27th

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