Dear Year 5 Parents,

We were so proud of your amazing children at assembly on Wednesday. It was evident how much they have grown and learnt, and how much more confident they have become when speaking publically! This term provides many more learning opportunities for them to develop their learning and public speaking skills. We always feel sad yet excited this term as we prepare the children for Year 6 and their Leadership roles for next year. The focus for the term is Leadership. This commences with our Family Faith Night on Wednesday 14th October 7-8pm in our Year 5 Classroom. Our guest speaker Denise Arnel explores leadership within our Catholic tradition and context, and then we will explain the dates and process of the Leadership program at St James.

English
We are continuing with Daily 5 - CAFE reading. Our focus is on expanding comprehension skills and exploring a range of texts and authorship styles related to each student’s Reading Goal(s). Writing has commenced with our Term 4 goal setting for the term and then we move onto speech making, leadership applications and interview role plays. Spelling and grammar continue to be a focus with the students being accountable for their work and editing.

Speaking with Power (SWP)
On Wednesday 28th October in correlation with our Leadership program, we begin Speaking with Power (SWP), a program run by Mr Ron Thomas. The students begin with learning about impromptu speeches and build up towards presenting their leadership speeches to Years 2-6 later in the term. It is always amazing to watch the students’ skill level and confidence develop throughout this program. The dates for this program are listed below. If I could ask you to make dental and other appointments outside of these times it would be much appreciated.

Maths
In Maths the students will have the opportunity to learn about Mass, Capacity, Volume, Angles and Probability. In Number, problem solving will be a major focus. Students will need to select appropriate strategies to solve problems of varying levels of complexity across fractions, decimals, percentages and use efficient addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies when solving real life mathematical problems. We have lots of challenges and problems for the students to solve individually, with a partner and in teams.
**Connected Learning**
This term we commence with Physical Science where we are investigating light – what it is made up of, what it can do, and how the eye sees light. We have a challenging and exciting incursion planned for this unit.

**Religion**
This term the students will have the opportunity to explore Mission Possible and Waiting for the Messiah. In Mission Possible students will explore current issues of injustice which they will analyse and evaluate. To finish the term we explore Advent, as part of Waiting for the Messiah, in preparation for Christmas. Social Justice as always is an integral part of our school and life in Year 5. As upcoming leaders of the school, each child will be involved in promoting our ‘Shopping Bags of Love’ for our families through St Vincent de Paul, in early December.

**Seussical the Musical**
A highlight of this term and 2015 is our Seussical the Musical. Every student in Year 5 is involved in this wonderful production and practices are full steam ahead. Your children are all very talented and the performance promises to be amazing. Their singing, acting and dancing will entertain and amaze you!

**Dates:** This term will be action packed in Year 5; we have some exciting dates coming up…

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| Wednesday 2nd December | Whole School Liturgy  
Announcement of 2016 Student Leadership positions  
Mr Millar’s farewell |

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| Friday 11th December | Seussical Bump Out  
Whole School 2016 Up Day |
**Week 11**

| Monday 14th December | Brighton Student Cluster Day - Surf Life Saving |
| Wednesday 16th December | End of Term |

**Homework**
This term every Tuesday we have Maths homework. Wednesday is when Miss Bailey’s spelling homework is due. These are handed in before school in the homework draw. Diaries and Reading recorded in the diaries are also due in every Tuesday; these must be signed by Mum or Dad.

**Term 3 Specialist Classes**
Monday – ICT – Fortnightly - Even Week  
Tuesday – PE, Art, and Sustainability and Italian - Fortnightly – Odd week  
Wednesday – Library, Assembly  
Friday – Weeks 1 3, 5, 7, 9, - Performing Arts

** Continued Programs**
Maths – Earn and Learn Focus is on understanding simple financial tables with CF dollars as our currency.  
Peer Mediation

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you need to, Miss Susannah Bailey and Mrs Cathy Ferrari