

St James Brighton Primary School



Year 6

Term 1 2017 Information Booklet



Welcome

Welcome parents and students to Year 6 2017. We have had a busy start to the year with students settling well into new routines. We welcome Miss Teri Orengo to the school this year. She has enjoyed settling into the new school community and getting to know all of the students. We are very excited about Year 5 & 6 Merricks Camp which is coming up in Week 8. Let's hope for great weather and we look forward to a wonderful few days of fun, adventure and learning in the outdoors. Forms and dates for a camp meeting will be sent home soon. The students have been matched up with buddies and will play a big role in helping their prep buddies find their feet at St James. Year 6 is a big year in the lives of your children and we're looking forward to sharing their journey for their final year at St James.

Regards,
Year 6 Teachers
(Lucas Johnson, Teri Orengo, Cathy Ferrari and Liam Buckley)

Important Dates

Friday 17th February - 6J Assembly
Tuesday 16th February - Meet the Teacher from 1:30pm (School finishes at 1pm)
Friday 17th February - School Disco, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 21st February - School Photos
Friday 24th February - Holt District Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Monday 13th March - Public Holiday
Friday 17th March - Social Justice Leaders St Patricks Day Mass
Tuesday 21st March - Friday 24th March - Year 5 & 6 Camp
Wednesday 29th March - Last Day of Term 1 1.30pm
Thursday 30th March - Friday 31st March - School Closure Days

Religious Education and Connected Learning

This year we will be linking our Religious Education with our Connected Learning theme. In Term One, our theme across the school is: 'Heads, Hearts and Hands'. Through this, we will be guided by the following Learning Statement: *"We believe that in order to flourish we need to be safe and to develop a healthy mind, 'heart' and body. This relies on the choices we make and our connectedness to community, family, friends and our spiritual self."* In Year Six, this will be addressed through our unit called '#selfie' where students will be exploring their own identities, relationships, cyber safety and personal beliefs and values. In understanding the choices they make they will have the opportunity to develop a better understanding of their own identities and how they can stay safe.

English

To support our '#selfie' unit, in Term One, the students will be given the opportunity to work on research skills such as; posing their own questions in identifying the main idea, note taking, summarising and synthesising information, as they explore a range of multimedia texts related to the topic. Collaborating as part of a team will also be a focus as they work towards researching and presenting a chosen question, which will help to create a deeper understanding of their own beliefs and values. Students will continue to build the skills from the Daily 5 Program such as Read to Self, Word Work and Work on Writing.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we have started the term with a unit on Data and Statistics where students have been collecting and interpreting data. The focus will then turn to Number and Algebra and the four operations of Addition Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. We will be consolidating and extending our understanding of the processes involved in problem solving through investigation activities. Goal setting will be a focus with pre and post Maths testing giving each student feedback on areas of strengths and challenges.

Specialist Timetable

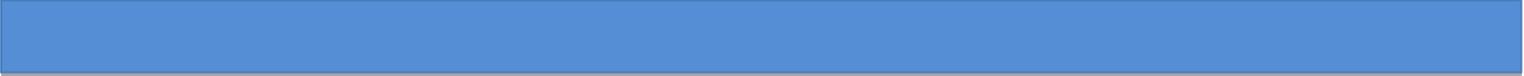
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
<u>Even</u>		Visual Arts Japanese Physical Education
<u>Odd</u>	Performing Arts Visual Arts	Physical Education

Parent Reps

The Year 6 Parent Reps this year are: Sarah Bailey, Libby Irving, Jane Kanizay and Beatrice Rowe

Home Reading, Homework and Google Calendar

Students in Year 6 are expected to be reading for at least 20 minutes per night. As we don't have diaries this year, students will be asked to keep track of their reading in a reading log which will be checked by the teachers on a regular basis. Homework will differ between the two classes, please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about your child's homework. Finally, important dates will be



placed into our class Google Calendars and we ask that you encourage your child to check this regularly to ensure that they don't miss any key information.