

Year Six/Seven

NEWSBOOK

Term 1 Week 2
2017

The new school year has begun and we are enjoying getting to know the children in our class. It has been great to hear about their holidays and see the enthusiasm at being in their final years of primary schooling and for the Year Sevens at last becoming the leaders in the school. We look forward to playing a part in the education of your child and making every effort to ensure that the Year Seven students are ready to move onto secondary school next year. As such, we expect that our Year Six/Seven group, as usual, become role models in our school demonstrating the philosophy of Lutheran education and the International Baccalaureate.

Information Night / Family Evening

Thank you to all the families who attended the family evening last Friday. It was a great time to chat and enjoy fellowship as a school community.

As stated in the Newsletter on Tuesday of Week Three (14 February) we will be holding a more formal evening where we ask that just our parents attend. It will begin at 7.00pm in the School Hall where Mrs Skinner will formally share general school expectations for the year. You will be given the class information books for your child/children and will be given the opportunity to informally visit your child's/children's teacher/s in their classroom and have a look around and a chat before you head home. This evening will begin at 7.00pm and finish at approximately 8.15pm.

Changes to Routines

If your child has changes from the day to day routine in regards to attendance at school or changes to travel arrangements, please send a note in the diary so that we are aware of the changes. It is important that the school is informed by the parent rather than the student. To make planning in the classroom more efficient, especially with the large amount of collaborative activities that take place, it would also be helpful to know of any absences in advance of the event unless of course any unforeseen circumstances occur.

Physical Education

Physical Education lessons, with Mrs Cluse, will be held on Wednesdays throughout the year and so each Wednesday students in our class will be expected to wear sports uniform. On all other occasions school uniform is to be worn (as set down in the Uniform Brochure) unless you are notified via a diary note or information in the 'Informer'. It is advisable that students bring their sneakers to school each day so that they can gain maximum benefit from Fitness sessions when they will be involved in a variety of activities.

Shared Teaching

As you are aware, the class will be taught by Mrs Kleinig and Mrs Hambour. Mrs Kleinig will be teaching the class Mondays - Thursdays and Mrs Hambour will be teaching the class on Fridays.

SEESAW Learning Journal

Last week you would have received information about how to join our class' SEESAW learning journal. Thank you to the parents who have already subscribed. It would be great to have all parents join so that class information can be shared.

Camp

A reminder that the camp permission form needs to be returned this week. More information will be sent home closer to the event. We are all looking forward to camp in Week Five.

Swimming

The class is currently participating in swimming lessons over the next few weeks. Students are allowed to wear their bathers to school under their sports uniforms if they prefer or they will be given the chance to get changed at the pool. They will be able to change out of their bathers at the swimming pool after the lessons. Students may bring thongs or similar footwear to school to wear to the pool – bare feet will not be permitted. To ensure the success of the Swimming Carnival on **Friday 24 February**, please encourage your child to participate in events that they are able, so that we have a good field of swimmers in the morning events.

Units of Inquiry

Throughout the year, Units of Inquiry and other curriculum areas can be enhanced by a variety of teaching methods. If you feel that you could offer information that could be useful to the units, please contact either of us so that your expertise can be shared. On occasions we will use movies and movie clips to develop our units. We are happy to discuss the nature of the movies or movie clips with you.

IPADS

In the class we often use the 6 iPads which we have access to. If your child has an iPad/Tablet that is able to be used in the classroom we would greatly appreciate it. Your child's iPad/Tablet will only be used by them and will be placed in a tray behind the teacher's desk when not being used. Mrs Verrall will connect the iPad/Tablet to the school's Wi-Fi for internet use. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

Year Seven Windcheater

All Year Seven students will need to have their windcheaters clean and to school no later than **Friday 10 February**, so that they can be delivered to the printers. Thank you to the parents and students who have already brought theirs in. The Year Seven students all had input into the design during the last week of the 2016 school year. They are very excited at the prospect of having windcheaters that show that they are the Class of 2017.

Dates to Remember

Please ensure that the following dates are put on your calendar. Some events will be happening soon, whereas some are for forward planning:

- **Swimming Lessons** – Thursday 9 February
- **Parent Information Night** – Tuesday 14 February at 7pm
- **Swimming Lessons** – Thursday 16 February
- **Barossa and Light SAPSASA Swimming** – Friday 17 February
- **Swimming Lessons** – Thursday 23 February
- **Swimming Carnival** – Friday 24 February
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes** – Tuesday 28 February
- **Year Six/Seven Camp** – Wednesday 1 March – Friday 3 March
- **Upper Primary Assembly** – Friday 10 March
- **Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)** – Monday 13 March

We pray that this year is a great one for you and your child. May we all focus on the things that will help the Year Six/Seven children in their learning throughout the year.

Yours in Christ

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