

Fairfield Heights Public School

WELCOME TO YEAR 6, 2020



The Year Six teachers would like to welcome you to what we anticipate will be a very exciting and rewarding year. The students from Year Six have settled into their new classes and classroom routines are well established. This newsletter is to advise you of the equipment your child will need throughout the year and to provide you with an outline of the many interesting things that will be happening in our classrooms. We hope that the following information helps you to understand a little more about the way our grade will operate this year.

If at any time you have any concerns or questions about your child, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher.

Mrs S. Stefanovski - Assistant Principal

ENGLISH

Students will be provided with a varied and stimulating curriculum. Reading will take the form of shared reading, guided reading (reading groups) and independent reading. Students from Year Six will also participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. There will be a strong emphasis on the development of writing skills, including aspects of grammar and punctuation.

Speaking and Listening activities will be an integral part of each lesson.



Mrs S. Coates, Mrs Yalda,
Mrs Jonjic, Mr N. Bijelic,
Mrs C. Bennett, Mrs. S. Stefanovski.
Mrs M. Kremmer & Mrs. D. Martin
Year Six Teachers

MATHEMATICS

The mathematical strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability will be taught throughout the year. Students will be given regular opportunities to 'work mathematically' or problem solve, in order to consolidate their understanding of concepts and develop mathematical fluency.

SCIENCE

In Semester 1, the students develop their scientific skills while studying natural disasters and chemical changes.

During Semester 2, the students will learn about energy and the living world.

The units are very practical in nature and provide many opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of scientific concepts.



CREATIVE ARTS

In addition to the classroom activities, students are given opportunities to participate in dance groups, choir, and recorder group.



PD / H / PE AND SPORT

Students are able to represent their school in PSSA sport or develop skills in Home Sport.

They will also learn about healthy lifestyle choices AND participate in a gymnastics program in Term 2.



HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

Year 6 students will be studying the following topics this year:

Semester 1

"A Diverse and Connected World"

Semester 2

"Civics, Citizenships and Rights"

"Migration Stories"

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Support programs are provided for identified students. These programs are aimed at specific needs and may be delivered as part of a whole class, small group or individual instruction time and are delivered by support staff.

STATIONERY

All students in Year Six will require the following items

- 1 A4 homework book
- 2 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 1 ruler (no flexible rulers)
- 2 lead pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 set of coloured pencils
or 'twist up' crayons
- 1 glue stick
- scissors (optional)
- 1 plastic home reading folder
- 1 library bag

HOMEWORK

Homework will be distributed each Monday and collected at the end of the week. The development of a regular study routine and effective time management skills will be important in each student's preparation for high school.

Please support the assigned homework as it revises work covered in class. If your child experiences difficulties with the set homework, please contact your child's teacher. Throughout the year, students may also be assigned research tasks. It is an expectation of all Year Six teachers that reading is a regular part of each child's homework routine.

UNIFORMS

Students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times, including a school hat.

As senior students of our school, each Year 6 student will be issued with a tie to be worn as part of their uniform.

LIBRARY

Please ensure your child has a library bag so he or she can establish regular borrowing habits and a positive attitude to learning. Library borrowing and literature lessons will take place weekly. Children have been advised of their borrowing days. The library also opens before school every day when parents are welcome to visit with their children.

DIARIES

Students have been issued with a diary. Students will be able to use these diaries as an organisational tool; making notes about upcoming events, reminders and additional class activities and to promote a strong communication link between home and school.

SPECIAL YEAR SIX EVENTS

Peer Support Leadership Training –	Term 2
Canberra/Snow Excursion –	Term 3
Year Six Farewell –	Term 4

IMPORTANT REQUESTS

Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure:

- Your child attends school every day.
- Your child is at school on time as valuable teaching and learning takes place in the first part of the school day.
- Your child wears full school uniform, including a hat, every day. The school follows the "No Hat, No Play" policy.
- Your child has a **healthy** recess, lunch and drink every day.
- **ALL** clothes and property are clearly **labelled** with your child's name and class.