



**Year Six**  
**Term Two 2018 Parent Letter**

Mrs Jodie Ryan & Miss Chara Hynes

Dear Parents,  
**Welcome back!**

Our Year Six camp is over for another year and as you would have heard, an awesome time was had by all. Our trip to Woodman Point was full of exciting new experiences, challenging activities and lots of fun! The kids had a fantastic time during the three days, and the staff are all extremely proud of the way they handled themselves. They were respectful of the camp and the instructors; co-operative, polite, and perhaps most importantly, completed every activity and challenge with a positive attitude and a smile! The year 6's have made a strong start to the year and it was great to spend more time with them outside of the classroom and an opportunity to watch their leadership skills on full display. We would like to say a big congratulations to the students for helping make our school camp a very enjoyable experience. Well done guys!!

Mrs Ryan and Miss Hynes

This document will outline important information regarding housekeeping matters and your child's learning for Term Two.

If you have any questions and queries regarding information within this document please do not hesitate to email your child's classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Year Six!

# HOUSEKEEPING

In the table below is information regarding specialist classes for Term Two. Information about what your child will need for these particular classes is also provided.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	<b>Banking</b> (Students must hand in their books before 9am)  <b>Library</b> (Please note students are to bring their library bags and books for return)  <b>Health</b>	<b>Music</b>  <b>Class P.E</b> (Students are to wear their house shirt and sport pants or skorts)	<b>Japanese</b>  6G odd weeks 6B even weeks  <b>Science</b>  6B odd weeks 6G even weeks	<b>Year 5/6 P.E</b>  (Students wear their sport uniform - yellow sport shirt and sport pants or skorts)

## Specialist Teachers:

MUSIC	CULTURAL STUDIES	SPORT / HEALTH	SCIENCE
Mr Nicholas Dabbs	Mrs Tracy Aroozoo	Mr Paul Davis	Mrs Kerrie Cogger

## Punctuality

At 8:30am each morning classrooms will be opened. Students are expected to be in their classrooms before 8:40am to ensure they have time to set up for the school day.

\*Please note that if your child arrives at school between 8:20am and 8.30am, they will need to assemble in the undercover area until 8:30am to receive supervision until their classrooms open.

## TERM TWO - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we lead into the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will be continuing our Religion Unit titled "Empowered by the Spirit". Inner strength is something we admire in others and wish for ourselves. It empowers people to rise above adversities in life, human weaknesses and social and peer pressures. It has empowered many to do heroic acts.

The strength of God is greater than human inner strength. This strength is a gift of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus shares with members of the special community or Church he instituted. One reason Jesus did this was to empower his followers to live his teachings. The special strength of the Holy Spirit is one of the gifts received through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Religious Education unit begins by recalling that the soul gives both life to the body and inner strength for goodness. The children will then describe and wonder at experiences in which the soul strengthens people to be heroic in their efforts to do good. This leads people to wonder at God who empowers human beings to do what is good.

The unit then explores ways in which Jesus revealed heroic, spiritual strength to obey his Father. Jesus promised the special strength of the Holy Spirit to his Church to empower his followers to do good. The unit explores ways in which Christian heroes have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and how Catholics are promised this strengthening through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The extent to which this strengthening will grow depends upon their daily prayer, their worship and genuine efforts to live the teachings of Jesus.

Finally the unit explains ways in which Christians are called to live the Beatitudes as key teachings of Jesus which increase the Spirit's strength in their lives.

You could help nurture the faith of your child during this unit by, for example:

- encouraging them to reflect on times they have experienced inner strength to do what is good inviting your child to share with you examples of Christian heroes they have learned about in class who were strengthened by the Spirit to show heroic love, for example, the person whose name has been chosen as your child's Confirmation name.
- sharing with them memories, photos, certificates from your own Confirmation or the Confirmation of other family members, friends, etc.



## LITERACY

This term, our writing focus will be centred on biographies. Students will take an in-depth look at the structure of this text types and will investigate the features and techniques that contribute to successful writing. They will write and analyse their own work and that of other students before beginning to draft edit and publish their texts. We will also be continuing with our Year 5 and 6 reading program 'Cars and Stars' this term. This will allow students to build reading and comprehension skills in small targeted groups.



## NUMERACY

Students will continue working on number concepts with a focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and problem solving. We will continue our whole school approach to learning and mastering timetables. In addition to this, we will also be continuing with our weekly times table challenge in Year 6. MAI groups will be completing their place value unit before then moving onto addition and subtraction. Here the students will develop and expand their use of different strategies, through a variety of challenging and engaging hands on educational activities.





## INTEGRATED STUDIES

We are looking forward to beginning our new Integrated unit of work titled "Museums in Motion". In this historical based unit, students will better understand who we are by learning about the events and pioneers who have shaped our country. The students will investigate events in Australia such as famous pioneers who shaped Australia. Using the Internet students will research, plan, design and construct various projects based around their chosen pioneer.

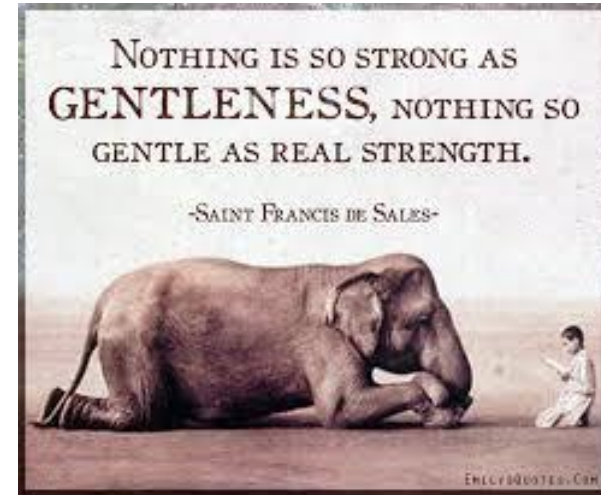
Some essential questions students will be investigating will be

- What are some discoveries that shaped early Australia?
- Who shaped early Australia?
- How can we use the Internet to research?
- How can we plan, design and construct a diorama?
- How can we perform as an historical character?

## FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A gentle person treads lightly, listens carefully, looks tenderly, and touches with reverence. A gentle person knows that true growth requires nurture, not force. May we continue to dress ourselves with a spirit of genuine gentleness here at St Emilie's.

In our tough and often unbending world our gentleness can be a powerful reminder of the presence of God here among us. We can look at the way God cared for the faithful men and women of the Bible and trust that He will care for us, too.



## EAGLES CUP DATES

**Friday: 11th May** -Eagles Cup vs Xavier

**Friday: 18th May** -Eagles Cup at Sacred Heart

**Friday: 25th May** -Eagles Cup at Notre Dame

**Friday: 1st June** -Eagles Cup Bye

**Friday: 8th June**-Eagles Cup vs St Munchin's

**Friday: 15th June**-Eagles Cup vs St Joseph's

**Thursday 21 st June**-Interschool Lightning Carnival at Maida Vale.



## PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE

In Term Two we will be continuing with our whole school approach to Purposeful Practice.

We thank you for your ongoing parental support to ensure that your child is completing the set tasks at home.

The grids will be shared online on the school website.

For more information on the Purposeful Practice Policy, please see the School Website.

Wk 1 - No Grid  
Wk 2 & 3 - Due 18th May  
Wk 4 & 5 - Due 1st June  
Wk 6 - No Grid  
Wk 7 & 8 - Due 22nd June  
Wk 9 - No Grid



## SACRAMENTAL DATES

**May 8th**

Confirmation workshop for students and Parents

5pm or 6.15pm

**May 15th**

Confirmation mass rehearsal 3.30pm

**May 19th**

Sacrament of Confirmation

6.00pm

**May 20th**

Sacrament of Confirmation

9.00am



## ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school please email your classroom teacher or fill out an absentee form on the on the Skoolbag App available on the App Store and Google Play Store. It is a legal requirement that you notify us of your child's absence as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

This term we have Three Way Interviews in Week 6. Details regarding the booking for Three Way Interviews will be posted on the website. We look forward to meeting with each family personally so your child can showcase their progress, successes and goals. We will also be releasing the children's Semester 1 reports in Week 9.

## COMMUNICATION

The best way to contact your child's classroom teacher is via email.

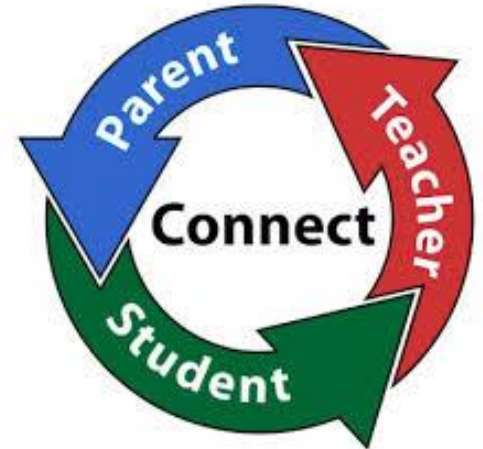
As outlined in the Parent Information Handbook, teachers do their best to reply within 48 hours. Appointments can be arranged via email.

[jodie.ryan@cewa.edu.au](mailto:jodie.ryan@cewa.edu.au)  
[chara.hynes@cewa.edu.au](mailto:chara.hynes@cewa.edu.au)

Important messages, reminders and dates will be on the school website. Please check it weekly.

<http://www.stemiliescps.wa.edu.au/>

Skoolbag   
Smartphone school to parent communication





## A PRAYER FOR PARENTS

All praise to You, Lord Jesus,  
Lover of children:  
Bless our family,  
And help us to lead our children to You.

Give us light and strength,  
And courage when our task is difficult.  
Let Your Spirit fill us with love and peace,  
So that we may help our children to love You.

All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,  
For ever and ever.

Amen.