Williamstown North Primary School

Year 6

Parent Information Session

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Our Goals for the Students in Year 6:

Students are expected to formulate their own learning goals in conjunction with their teacher. Students are to monitor these goals closely and provide evidence where necessary.

We encourage independence, initiative and problem solving skills. Organisation is a big focus this year in preparation for high school and we ask for your support in following things up at home, such as checking homework, diaries and upcoming events.
Literacy – Reading

• Students will be exposed to a range of fiction and nonfiction texts.
• Students are expected to have a Just Right Text at school to read each day.
• Reading strategies are explicitly taught and modelled.
• Focus: Summarising, visualising, predicting, making connections, questioning, themes, character traits, supporting opinions with evidence from the text and responding to texts.
• At the end of Year 6 we hope students can independently analyse and critique texts, genres and different authors to further develop their thinking processes.
Literacy – Writing

• Text Types – Personal Narrative, Persuasive, Information Reports, Imaginative Narratives, Explanation Texts, Snapshots and Poetry.

• Writing Process – planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.

• Writer’s Notebook – this will be used to collect thoughts and personal experiences to support students with ideas of what they could write about. It will also be used for free writing and for students to explore different styles of writing.

• Students will be taught the craft of writing such as: use of tense, dialogue, similes, metaphors, sentence structure, adverbs, adjectives, use of interesting and strong vocabulary and language used in specific texts.
Numeracy

• In Numeracy students will be developing their skills in the following areas: place value, measurement, shape, algebraic thinking, 4 operations, chance and data and problem solving skills.

• Students will be given the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to ongoing real life projects.

• Pre and post testing occurs during each unit on a regular basis and helps us target specific learning needs of each child.

• Sumdog, Ideal resources and Khan Academy are all great websites students can use at home for extra support or extension.
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Homework

• Homework will be handed out weekly and students will be given the weekend to complete it.

• Homework is compulsory at Williamstown North PS.

• Maths Mate (Year 5, 6, 7 or 8)

• Spelling words

• Inquiry investigation linked to what we are doing in class

• Writer’s Notebook – fortnightly entry

• Diaries can be used to record what students have read each night.
Leadership

Year 6 students will have a number of opportunities to develop their leadership skills throughout the Year.

**Prep Buddy Program:** Each week students will meet with their Prep Buddy to support them in their learning and social development.

**Formal Roles:** School Ambassador, JSC, Performing Arts Leader, House Captain, Art Leader, Assembly Leader, Sustainability Leader, Japanese Leader and eLearning Leaders. Students will work individually and in teams to carry out specific activities within their role.
Camp Howqua

- Camp will be in Week 3 of Term 3:
  27th July – 31st July

Students will travel by coach early on Monday morning and return Friday afternoon.

Notices and more detailed information will be sent home later next term.
Intervention and Extension Program

- Sue Peterson and Giorgia Moss work closely with the Year 6 teachers and students to extend and support individual student’s needs.

- We are fortunate enough to have 4 teachers working with the students across the grades for 3 sessions a week.

- Students will be given opportunities to work with all the Year 6 teachers during these times based on the data collected from weekly assessment tasks.
Wellbeing

- Revved Up Boys
- Mpower Girls
- During the week the Year 6 teachers come together regularly to work as a whole group which may include Inquiry, teamwork or leadership activities.
Specialists

• PE – Sarah Nobbs
• Art – Vicki Symons
• Japanese – Helen Atkins
• Performing Arts – Dean Pearce
• ICT – Mel Brown

• Year 6 students will participate in Interschool sport starting in Term 2 and will begin practising in Term 1.