

29 January 2019

Dear Parents

Year 5 - Introduction

Welcome to Year 5! We hope that you had a refreshing Christmas break with your families and are excited about all the activities in store for 2019. The teachers for Year 5 are Mrs Heidi Stead and Mrs Vanessa Stuckings (5S) and Mr Tim Groves (5G). We are looking forward to teaching your children this year. Our confidence is in God, as we work together to train the children in the ways of the Lord.

This letter provides some of the information that you will need to know for this coming year. We have included an optional questionnaire with a focus on your child that may be filled out and returned, if you wish. The intent is that we might understand the needs of your child from an early stage in the year.

Year 5 Camp

Year 5 Camp will begin on Wednesday 27 February and run until Friday 1 March (Week 5). Please mark this in your diary. It is a great time for the teachers to build stronger relationships with your child. Specific information will be coming soon when we will provide and collect further details. No doubt, your child will reflect on these three days as the highlights of the year.

Additional Dates

Thursday 30 January	Week 1	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 5 February	Week 2	Junior School Information Evening
Tuesday 12 February	Week 3	iPad Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 27 February – Friday 1 March	Week 5	Year 5 Camp
Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 April	Week 11	Parent Teacher Interviews

Useful Information

PE is on Tuesday for both classes. Children should wear their Sport Uniform all day and must have a hat. A drink bottle is also recommended. Miss Hammond will teach PE.

Sport is on Friday and children should wear their Sport Uniform all day.

Band ensembles are on Tuesday. Please encourage your child to be responsible for the management of their instrument.

Library lessons are on Tuesday for 5G and Wednesday for 5S. Children should bring a library bag each week to best care for the books between home and school. Mrs Watson will teach these lessons.

Art will be on Thursday for both classes. Mrs Morton will be teaching these lessons in the Art Room.

Primary Assemblies are held in the PAS (K Block) on Friday afternoons, generally starting from 2.10pm.

Please make sure that **no nut products** are brought to school in your child's lunchbox. Common products that have nuts include peanut butter, Nutella and muesli bars. Supervision on your part as a parent would be the greatest help. Various students in Year 5 have allergies/intolerances to egg, sesame, seafood (prawns), kiwi fruit, and gluten. Please consider the group your child associates with prior to sending foods to school. Other allergies that are worth noting include reactions to penicillin, mosquitoes, dust mites and ticks.

Stationery

Students are expected to have their books covered with *contact* by the end of **Week 2**. This will ensure a good start to neat and presentable work. Teachers will provide a paper cover for workbooks in Week 1. Textbooks and workbooks are to be covered in clear contact. If this is not possible, please let us know before the due date. Thank you.

For smooth running of classroom activities, please make sure the following items are **labelled clearly with your child's name** and are brought to school **daily**:

- A school hat which is **clearly labelled** with a waterproof marker
- **A small** pencil case. No fancy stationary please!
- Three blue ball point pens and two red ball point pens (no clicking, noisy pens)
- Two glue sticks (not the liquid type)
- Four sharp HB pencils and some coloured pencils
- An eraser
- A pair of scissors
- A ruler
- A pencil sharpener (with a shavings holder)
- A set of earphones to plug into an iPad. Any brand is fine, available at Discount and \$2 shops
- A plastic bag (zip lock bag) for the earphones.
- A box of tissues (for classroom use)
- A packet of unscented baby wipes (for classroom use)

Classroom Helpers

Fulfilling the following roles would be a huge help to our classes:

- **At Home Jobs:** As needed
- **Wiping Desks:** Each week before or after school.
- **Other:** If you have a skill/gift that you would like to share with the class, please let us know and we will try to find a way to utilise your talents.

Homework

Students in Year 5 are expected to complete 40-45 minutes of homework a night, Monday to Thursday. This includes spelling homework, maths homework, speech preparation, assignment work and reading. Homework sheets will be posted on CANVAS.

Spelling: Revising weekly spelling words.

100 Word Challenge: A weekly writing task posted on CANVAS that can be completed online or in Homework books.

Reading: Students are expected to read each night and record what they have read.

Maths: Involves the Maths Mentals text book and involves weekly exercises. Students can use Mathletics website using school login to revise Maths concepts.

Assignment Work Term 1

Three Minute Speeches: During each term, students will prepare and deliver a variety of speeches; these are generally three minutes long. While we will work on these in class, they will need to revise and practise these at home. Students will be allocated specific weeks to deliver their speeches.

Communication

If you have a minor concern or point to discuss, please feel free to email us. If you need a longer response, we would prefer to see you in person. Please email us in advance to arrange a suitable time.

We look forward to sharing this year with you and are very excited about what God has in store for us.

Yours in the service of Christian education

Mrs Stead/Mrs Stuckings
5S Teachers

Mr Groves
5G

Mr Morton
Deputy Principal, Junior School



Please complete, and return to the class teacher by Friday 8 February 2019

Year 5 Parent Helper Form

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

I would / would not (*please circle*) like my address and phone numbers included on the class list.

I can help in the classroom during the week

Please indicate if you are **unable** to come on a particular day: _____

At Home Jobs: As Needed

Wiping Desks: Weekly Fortnightly

Other:

I have a skill, e.g. computers, sewing, drama, art that I would like to discuss the opportunity of sharing with Year 5 during 2019.

I have completed a **Working with Children Check** and provided my registration number to the School Office. I have also completed a Volunteer's Code of Conduct form and returned this to the School Office.