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Dear Parents

### Class 6R – Introduction

Welcome to Year 6! My name is Jessica Russell and I am so looking forward to being a part of your child's final year in Junior School and hope that they will indeed achieve much 'success'. The last year of primary is truly a special time of growing and preparing for the Secondary School journey. Whether or not they wear a badge, every Year 6 student will be viewed and expected to partake in the leadership of the Junior School. My hope is that they will embrace each and every opportunity throughout the year. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to partner with you in raising your child. Our prayer is that God will be glorified as we work together to train your children in all knowledge through Christ.

Although there will be an Information Evening on **Tuesday, 5 February**, this letter is designed to give a brief overview and provide you with the information you need to commence the year. It includes a stationery list, a timetable, homework expectations and a guide to using Canvas (the school online learning platform). If anything remains unclear, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Information Evening where we will outline further plans for the year.

For smooth running of classroom activities, your child will require the following LABELLED items:

o a pair of headphones (to be kept at school)	o a pair of scissors
o one <b>small</b> pencil case	o a glue stick
o at least three <b>blue</b> ball point pens	o two highlighter pens
o two <b>red</b> ball point pens	o a 30cm ruler
o three HB pencils	o a pencil sharpener (with a shavings holder)
o an eraser	o two boxes of tissues ( <i>optional</i> donation)
o a set of coloured pencils and/or textas	o small packet of wet wipes ( <i>optional</i> donation)

We are blessed at Covenant, with the opportunity for Year 6 to attend various subjects in conjunction with Secondary School. This semester they include Art, Drama and Music.

	Monday	Tuesday <i>Library Books</i>	Wednesday <i>Sports Uniform</i>	Thursday	Friday <i>Sports Uniform</i>
<i>8:43am</i>	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines Devotions	Morning Lines
	Spelling	Reading Groups	Spelling	Spelling	Maths Groups
			Writing		
	Grammar + Writing	Spelling	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Homework & Devotions
<i>10:27am</i>	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	Maths Groups	<i>Drama</i> <i>(Mrs O'Connor)</i>	Primary Sport
	<i>Art (HS)</i> <i>(Mrs Shaw)</i>	Writing	PE <i>(Miss Hammond)</i>	<i>Music</i> <i>(Mrs Pym)</i>	
		Health	Novel Study		
<i>12:41pm</i>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	K-6 Assembly	DEAR/Library	DEAR/Growth Mindset	DEAR with Infants	BTN
	Novel Study	Science/History	Knowing God	Science/History	Assembly
	Comprehension				

While we will endeavour to maintain this as a normal routine, some variation may occur throughout the year.

In regards to homework, there is an expectation that Year 6 will be spending an *average of about 40 minutes per night from Monday to Thursday* in this pursuit. This could include spelling, a writing task, project preparation, Maths, Mathletics, speech preparation or reading. Please feel free to assist your child in the completion of their homework in a manner that allows him/her to gain the most from the experience.

This term, Year 6 is using the school learning management system known as 'Canvas'. Through this learning portal, you will be able to access your child's timetable, homework schedule and assignments. A fuller explanation of Canvas will be given at the Information Evening on **Tuesday, 5 February**.

In the first week, your child will be bringing home their class exercise books. Please assist by covering the books with clear contact so they last longer. Please complete by the *end of Week 2*.

A few points to remember:

- For legalities of the school roll, please provide an email or written note explaining any absence from school before or on the day after. Advance warning (involving a letter to the Principal,) is necessary when an extended absence of five days or greater is planned.
- All items of clothing should be labelled including; PE gear, shoes, socks, jackets, jumpers, raincoats, umbrellas and equipment.
- The Class Parents will put together a contact list of 2019 Year 6 students, please advise by the end of Week 3, if you DO NOT wish to have your child's information included.

There are several opportunities to assist in the classroom this term as part of your Parent Involvement Program (PIP) hours. Reading groups are on Tuesdays from 9.15am – 10.00am, commencing in Week 3. This involves facilitating a small group for oral reading, discussion and comprehension activities. Our Science program this term requires much hands-on experimentation; assistance in these classes on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, or assistance in the preparation of materials would be much appreciated. Please note that you will need a valid WWCC number registered at the school, if you wish to be involved in any student activity.

We would love to invite parents to take part in our History program on Australian Identity, as we investigate the building of our nation including migrant arrivals. This involvement will be in Week 7 or 8 of Term 1. (Further details will be available later).

On a final note, there are members of our school who have allergic or anaphylactic reactions to food. Please be mindful of this as you send any food to school. I will endeavour to provide more detailed information as is necessary and appropriate.

Yours in the service of Christian education

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