



Year 6 Term 1 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2019 school year. This year we have 4½ Year 6 classes. Our teaching team is Mrs Mikaela Allen, Mr Keith Amos, Mr Jacob Morgan, Miss Alyssa Williams and Mr Wade Marks. Mrs Allen has joined us from Charters Towers where she has taught many year levels. Mr Amos has been a teacher in the senior school for several years now. Mr Morgan is in his second year at Pimpama, and has taught multiple upper school levels throughout his teaching career with experience in Year 6. Miss Williams is into her second year at Pimpama, after teaching Science in 2018. Mr Marks has rejoined Pimpama after spending 2018 overseas.

We are all excited about the year ahead and are committed to helping all students reach their potential. Being a senior student holds much responsibility at Pimpama State School. In light of this, this year, we look forward to encouraging your child towards being the absolute best that they can be, both academically and socially. Students will be required to set an example for all members of the school community, in regards to uniform, behaviour, work ethic, attendance and punctuality. We have reviewed the following expectations with the Year 6 students:

Students are expected to:

- Treat others with respect, both verbally and physically.
- Engage in play with a 'no touch' policy during break times.
- Use respectful language and tone when speaking to peers and adults.
- Use manners when speaking to peers and adults.
- Raise their hand before speaking during class.
- Listen and pay attention to the speaker during class.
- Walk in classrooms and on walkways.
- Move through the school in an orderly and quiet manner during class times.
- Wear correct school uniform at all times. **PE uniform is not to be worn on parade.**
- Complete expected assignments and homework on time.
- Have a parent or carer write a note should they be absent or not be able to complete work.

School Website

Please take the time to check out the school website. It is up-to-date with information of importance to you and your family. There are also photos and other things that you may find interesting.





Homework:

Homework will begin in Week 2. Please write a note if for any reason your child cannot complete homework. Your classroom teacher will provide the students with further information. Homework will be due on Tuesdays.

Subject Areas:

This term in **English** we will be focussing on Narrative structure, characterisation and humorous plots in the Short Story Genre. Students will be writing their own humorous narrative as an assessment. You can assist your child in English by encouraging them to read either books, magazines, newspapers, or by using the on-line Reading Eggs program.

READING is the key!

Mathematics. Students will be consolidating knowledge in Number by investigating prime and composite numbers. They will be introduced to factor trees and **it is extremely important students know or learn their tables.** In Fractions, students will be comparing and ordering both number and decimal fractions. There will be a focus on Timetabling and a relevant assessment. Remember **Mathletics on line** is a valuable learning tool.

In **Science**, students will be exploring “Electrical Circuitry” which will be linked to the learning in Digital Technology. Students will also be completing a Physics unit with Ms Tracey Sidoti

In **History**, students will study the foundation of Australia as a nation.

In **Art**, students will be creating Picasso style portraits.

In **Health**, we will be using the Pimpama Social Skills program called “Focus Forty” which addresses the Pimpama Values. Students will also be studying Cyber Safety, use the Six Thinking Hat to guide their learning.

Digital Technology/Coding is preparing students to work with computers and make programmes.

There will be assignments and related assessments for all of the subject areas and students will be given the due dates and ample time to complete tasks.

iPads:

iPads will not be required at school until Monday Week 3. The permission forms will again be required. Students without iPads will be provided equal opportunity for learning.

Family Contribution:

The family contribution is \$50. This money helps support the excellent educational programs and resources available for your children in their learning.



Year 6 Camp:

This year the Camp will be at Camp Duck-Adang. It will be a 4 night camp offering a wide range of water activities as well as bush walking, high ropes, orienteering etc. This exciting camp is planned for Week 6 Term 1.

Senior Shirts:

Senior shirts will be available for order. Students will be bringing an order form home with details, if you interested in purchasing.

Important Dates:

February 12– Senior Shirt payment due

February 12- Zone Swimming Carnival

February 14- Parent information Afternoon @ 3.45

February 21 - Camp Payment due

March 5 - Year 6 Camp

March 14- Cross Country

March 25 – April 5 Parent/Teacher interviews

April 5- Last day of Term 1

April 22- First day of Term 2



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person or via email. We are available at the final bell each day, except Tuesdays to address minor questions and concerns. Appointments can be arranged via email or through the school office should you require a formal meeting.

The teachers and students appreciate the many positive ways that you and your family contribute to making Pimpama such a special place to be!

Kind Regards,

Keith Amos

Mikaela Allen

Jacob Morgan

Alyssa Williams

Wade Marks

Year 6B Teacher

Year 6A Teacher

Year 6C Teacher

Year 6D Teacher

Year 5/6E Teacher