



Year 6 Term 1 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. This year we have 4 Year 6 classes. Our teaching team is Mr Keith Amos in 6A, Mrs Mikaela Allen in 6B, Mr Jacob Morgan in 6C and Miss Kim Curtis in 6D. Mrs Allen is in her third year at Pimpama State School. Mr Amos has been a teacher in the senior school for several years now. Mr Morgan is in his fourth year at Pimpama. Miss Curtis is into her second year on Year 6.

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 or email the class teacher 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.





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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 due days will be in accordance with the classroom teacher.

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!

In **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.

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

In **Art**, students will be creating Pop Art.

In **Health**, we will be using the Pimpama Social Skills program called “Pimpama’s Six Kinds of Best” which addresses the Pimpama Values. Students will also be studying Cyber Safety and using the Six Thinking Hats 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 with ample time to complete tasks.

Laptops:

Laptops will not be required at school until Monday Week 2. The permission forms will again be required. Students without laptops 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. Please pay via QParents, BPoint or internet banking.



Year 6 Camp:

This year the Camp will be a PGL Kindilan. It will be a 3-day, 2 night camp offering a wide range of water activities as well as bush walking, high ropes, orienteering, mud challenge etc. This exciting camp is planned for Week 7 Term 1.

Senior Shirts:

Senior shirts will be available for order. Students who haven't ordered one will be bringing an order form home with details, if you are interested in purchasing.

Important Dates:

February 11 –Camp payment due

February 10 – Zone Swimming Carnival

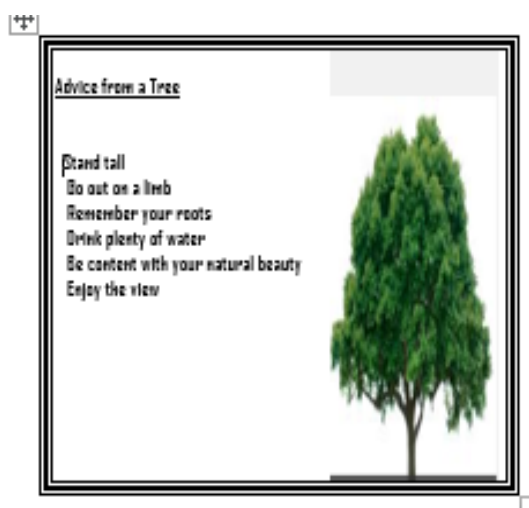
March 4 – Cross Country

March 11 - 13 - Year 6 Camp

March 22 – 31 Parent/Teacher interviews

April 1 – Last day of Term 1

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,

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Year 6A Teacher

Mikaela Allen

Year 6B Teacher

Jacob Morgan

Year 6C Teacher

Kim Curtis

Year 6D Teacher