

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to another very busy but exciting term! We hope you enjoyed some family time over the Easter holiday break. Thank you to the parents who attended our parent/ teacher interviews in the last weeks of school prior to the holidays. It is always rewarding to identify and discuss with parents the progress a child makes and the areas where more support may be required.

## Important Matters:

**Attendance:** It is vital that your child is on time and attends school every day, unless he or she is unwell. This will ensure continuity in their learning, as well as being present for the many assessments required, leading up to Semester One reporting. In saying this, if your child is absent, it is imperative that they take the initiative to catch up on what they miss.

**Gala Day:** Gala this term will be occurring Weeks 4, 5 and 6. Your child's allocated sport will be confirmed early this term. Please ensure they have hats, water bottles and appropriate footwear for their sport.

**Uniforms:** Please ensure your child is wearing the correct Pimpama uniform. As we are coming into Winter, students are expected to have the proper Pimpama jacket or pullover and trackpants.

**Laptops:** Please make sure your child brings their fully charged laptop and charger to school each day. Students without laptops will be provided equal opportunity for learning.

**Camp:** As advised, our new Camp date is 30<sup>th</sup> April- 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Wednesday- Friday of Week 2). Your class teacher will resend the camp packing list. Please note that the weather is now getting cooler, so it is imperative that you pack some warm clothes for your child. More information will be sent in a separate email.

As expected, we will be continuing to encourage students to be the absolute best that they can be, both academically and socially. Year 6 students are still 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 these expectations with the students. Students are expected to:

- Treat others with respect, both verbally and physically.
- Use respectful language and tone when speaking to peers and teachers.
- Use manners when speaking to peers and teachers.
- Raise their hand before speaking during class.
- Listen and pay attention to the speaker during class.



- Walk in single file up and down the stairs, keeping to the left.
- Move through the school in an orderly and silent manner during class times.
- Wear correct school uniform at all times. <u>The formal school uniform is expected every Friday, as</u> well as for important events.
- Complete expected assignments and homework on time.
- If students are unable to complete work for any reason, we encourage their parent or carer to write a note or email to inform their teacher. This includes weekly homework.

## Term 2 Curriculum Outline:

This term in **English** we will be focussing on Multimodal Advertising and Poetry. Students will be analysing a variety of advertising techniques and then creating an advertisement on a destination of their choosing using a variety of features. They will then present this orally, before engaging in a Poetry unit towards the end of the term.

In <u>Mathematics</u>, students will be working on Adding and Subtracting Fractions, Square, Prime and Composite Numbers, Order of Operations, Chance and Probability and Area. Most of these subjects require a good knowledge of timetables so it is vital that students are practicing these every day.

In <u>Science</u>, students will be learning about the different layers of the Earth and how sudden changes affect its surface. They will be researching natural disasters and how scientists use data to predict them, as well as exploring how extreme weather and natural disasters can affect the Earth's surface.

While in **<u>Technology</u>**, students will demonstrate their competency to use drones safely and explain how the ethical use of drones meets the needs of industries.

In <u>Humanities and Social Sciences</u>, students will be comparing and contrasting growth and economy across the world. To show their understanding, they will be completing an Information Report on a chosen country.

<u>Health</u> will explore how communication skills, protective behaviours and help-seeking strategies keep themselves and others safe online and offline.

There will be assessments or exams for all of these subjects and students will be advised of completion dates.



## **Term 2 Calendar of Events**

21 April- Easter Monday Public Holiday 22 April- Term 1 Commences 24 April – Anzac Day Parade- 8.30am 25 April - ANZAC Day holiday 30 April- 2 May- Year 6 Camp 5 May- Labour Day Holiday 8-9 May- Mother's Day Stall 9 May – Author – Gregg Dreise visits 15 May – Gala Day 1 16 May – Athletics Trials 21 May- Gala Day 2 23 May- Senior Athletics Carnival 27 May- Gala Day 3 12 June- Active School Travel Breakfast 12 June- Brainstorm Incursion 19 June- Junior Disco (3pm- 4pm), Senior Disco (4.30pm-6pm) 26 June- Report Cards Emailed 27 June- End of Term 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person or via email. Appointments can be arranged via email or through the school office should you require a formal meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support and contribution towards making Pimpama the "Best School on the Gold Coast". We are all looking forward to a wonderful term.

Kind Regards,

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