



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. This year we have 4 Year 6 classes and a 5/6 composite class. Our teaching team is Mrs Ashlee Walduck (formerly Miss Close), Miss Kim Munro, Miss Isabella Cashman, Mr Steve Maxwell and Mr Lyndon Taylor.

Mrs Walduck, Mr Taylor and Miss Munro are back in Year 6. Both Mr Maxwell and Miss Cashman have moved up from Year 4.

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.

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 or email 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** we will be covering a number of topics, including Percentage, Probability, Fractions and Timetables. In Fractions, students will be comparing and ordering both number and decimal fractions. Students use their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages to solve Probability problems. There will also be a focus on Timetabling and a relevant assessment. Remember **Mathletics on line** is a valuable learning tool. **It is extremely important students know or learn their tables.** This helps them significantly with a number of different mathematical concepts throughout the year.

In **Science**, students will be exploring “Electrical Circuitry” which will be linked to the learning in Design Technology.

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

In **Art**, students will be looking at a variety of artists and creating Pop Art.

In **Health**, we will be using the Pimpama Social Skills program called “The 6 Kinds of Best” which addresses the Pimpama Values. Students will also be studying Cyber Safety, using the Six Thinking Hats to guide their learning.

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.

Laptops:

Laptops will be required at school on Monday Week 2. The permission forms have been emailed electronically and students have been given a paper copy. Students without laptops will be provided equal opportunity for learning.



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Year 6 Camp:

This year the Camp will be at 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 Wednesday 28th February to Friday 1st March.

Important Dates:

February 26 – March 1 - Book Fair

February 28- March 1- Year 6 Camp

March 8 – Cross Country

March 18 – March 28 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

March 28 – Last day of Term 1

March 29 – Good Friday Public Holiday

April 17 – First day 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.

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,

Mrs Ashlee Walduck

Miss Kim Munro

Miss Isabella Cashman

Mr Steve Maxwell

Mr Lyndon Taylor

Year 6A Teacher

Year 6B Teacher

Year 6C Teacher

Year 6D Teacher

Year 5/6F Teacher