



# Year 6 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 1, 2022 at Thornlands State School!

After a turbulent 2021 I would like to welcome you to Term 1, 2022. I hope you all had a relaxing break over the holidays despite the presence of COVID-19 and are enthusiastic for the new term. I would like to welcome the families that are new to Thornlands State School and welcome back those of you that are returning. I am thrilled to be teaching at Thornlands State School after my recent move from Sydney, NSW and am privileged to be able to teach the cohort of children in 6T. I look forward to getting to know all of the students and their families.

It's going to be a busy year with lots of interesting activities planned for our students. There is a list of weekly routines below and some general curriculum information. This may assist your child to organise themselves for school.

## Important Dates

Our Swimming Carnival and Year 6 Camp have unfortunately been postponed.

Senior Shirt Fitting      Week 1

Senior Shirts Delivered    TBA (usually April)

House Captain Vote      TBA (early this term)

School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3pm. If all children could arrive by the first bell at 8.45am it would assist us with organisation and beginning the school day on time. Please encourage your child to attend school **every day** (unless they are unwell) as regular attendance gives your child the best possible chance to achieve their potential. Should your child be sick, please contact the front office to notify us that they will not be attending.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to discuss any matters concerning your child throughout the year, please contact me via email.

## Routine

Subject/Activity	Day and Time	Frequency
Parade	Monday 2:20pm	Weekly (temporarily cancelled)
LOTE Chinese	Tuesday 1pm Thursday 9:40am	Weekly
Music	Friday 9am	Weekly
PE	Friday 11:40am	Weekly (please wear sports uniform)
Rotations HAAS Geography Mr Ian Dart Science Mr Marty Trescott HAAS History Mrs Rebecca Skarparis Technology Mrs Alannah Fry	Monday 11:40am Thursday 11:40am	Twice a week we have rotations between the four Year 6 classes and teachers.

## CAMP - POSTPONED

The Year 6 camp this year was to take place in Term 1 from 16th March to 18<sup>th</sup> March but unfortunately has been postponed after we received a directive from the Department of Education as part of the current COVID-19 safe measures for school communities. The Year 6 teachers are currently investigating alternative dates and will advise you of the new dates when we have confirmed one. Our Year 6 Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for students to gain new skills, encourages leadership, initiative, team building and acceptance of others. There are many challenging outdoor activities such as abseiling, archery, rock climbing and canoeing which are led by qualified instructors.

### **What your child will learn in English and Maths.**

For the first five weeks of term our **English** program will be focusing closely on Short Stories by a variety of authors. This unit of work will unpack the elements of a short story including plot structures and characterisation and will encompass all necessary elements to assist our students with their culminating assessment task of creating and publishing their own short story.

The **Mathematics** program at the beginning of the year will focus on revising key concept areas such as whole, decimal, prime and composite numbers, fractions, 3D shapes and problem solving strategies.

### **Rotations**

The **History** program will track the path to Federation and the development of Australia as one nation.

The **Geography** program focuses on exploring our diverse world and how people, places and cultures differ across the world. Students this term will learn about the location of major countries in Asia and the differences in economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries.

This term in **Technology** students will be creating a wind powered vehicle as we explore the need for sustainable renewable energy sources. Students will also be exploring sustainability through the materials they use. Students must gather all materials from home and they must be re-used, repurposed and recycled.

The **Science** program will be investigating natural disasters including the impact of cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes. Students will learn how natural events cause rapid changes to the Earth's surface, identify contributions to the development of Science by people from a range of cultures and identify how research can improve data.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given out to every student each Monday. It is a requirement that all students will complete their homework. It is our expectation that homework be completed neatly and to a high standard.

Students are required to complete 60 minutes of reading weekly and complete their reading logs with comments. We suggest that the students read at least 20 minutes for 3 nights of the week. The Reading Logs should be submitted weekly to the teacher for perusal and must be signed off by a parent or guardian. Handing the reading logs in on a Monday encourages your child to enjoy some reading over the weekend.

### **Contact**

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Please contact me via email if there is anything you would like to discuss. I'm looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year.

