Dear Parents and Carers in Senior Primary,

It is a good time to remind all parents and carers of a few important things:

- Students should not be at school before 8.20am. Supervision does not begin until this time. Please keep our children safe.
- Between 8.20 and 8.40 students are supervised in the undercover area.
- Students who arrive late to class cause a disruption to the learning environment.
- Students must have a school hat for lunch times, HPE and Play is the Way.
- Students must present mobile phones to the school office at the beginning of the day and pick up at the end of the day. Please remind your child(ren) to do this BEFORE 8:40am.
- We ask that students do not bring things to school that they treasure or are valuable. Things go missing, get broken or are lost. The school assumes no responsibility for such.

Key Learning Area | What we are doing?
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**Religious Education** | This term investigates: ‘How people live the experience of their faith?’ Year 5 and 6 will consider different aspects of family, community and beliefs that lead us to a deeper understanding of our faith.
**English** | Writing narrative texts, showing an understanding of how text structures can achieve particular effects. The second part of the term will look more closely at specific characters.
**Maths** | Both Year 5 and Year 6 will be following the same program this term, with each year working at their respective level. Classes will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction, factors and multiples. Upon the completion of term 1, students will apply these skills to complete a set investigation.
**Science** | Biological Science is the focus for term one, with Year 5 looking at animal and plant adaptations and Year 6 delving more deeply into the Science of Biology and change.
**History** | Geography and History will alternate each term. This enables students to focus more specifically on a given topic, for increased learning and understanding. Our first Geography lesson will be in Term 2.
**Geography** | Both year levels are learning and further developing the rules of mapping and looking at where we are positioned within our world. Year 5 focus on parts of Europe and America and Year 6 on Asia.
**Arts** | Each class will be working on various aspects of the arts at different times. Students will be encouraged to consider the style of various artists and themes in an effort to increase appreciation and understanding of themes, mediums, methods and messages. In addition to weekly Music and choir lessons, students will participate in drama and visual art activities that are relevant to their learning.
**HPE** | Understanding basic components of health and fitness and modified games to increase fitness levels.
**Technology** | Students will use iPads and computers to research, investigate, present learning and share concepts with peers. This will take place in each class for a range of purposes throughout the term.
**Homework** | Homework will be handed out on Monday and is due back each Friday. Tasks include spelling activities and mathematics practice to improve student’s fluency.

### Specialist Days

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### Dates to Remember

- Year 5A: Ms Hill
- Year 5/6E: Mrs Humphrys
- Year 6A: Ms Cheyne

### Assembly

- Week 7: Monday 7th March
- Week 2: – done
- Week 3: Monday 8th February

### Class Masses

- This term the 3 classes will be celebrating with a combined class mass on: Friday 18th March.

### Reconciliation

- Cancelled term 1
- Week 6: Thursday 5th March
- Week 8: Thursday 19th March