



Year 6
Newsletter,
Term 1,
2023



Welcome to Year 6, 2023! We hope you had a fun, relaxing holiday break and are ready for many exciting events this year.

Each term we will be sending home a newsletter with important information for you, please read this carefully and take note of all important dates.

YEAR 6 STAFF:

The Year 6 staff for 2023 are Ms Georgina Ivanoff (Year 6 coordinator), Mrs Lyndal Lawrie / Mrs Carolyn Gardner (shared class teachers), Mrs Niyati Robson and Miss Sarah Wallace.

INFORMATION NIGHT:

*Thursday 23rd February, 6:00pm – 6:45pm. **This will be an online session.*** You will receive further information about how to access this event shortly. This is a highly important session, as we will be discussing your child's transition to secondary school, graduation, camps, and expectations for the year.

HUMANITIES:

Our Term 1 Humanities unit is *Making Democracy*. Students will examine the different levels of government and how important decisions are made. A highlight of this unit is our mock election – who will be named Prime Minister?

LIVING AND GROWING PROGRAM:

During this term students will be participating in the Living & Growing Program, which covers puberty education as part of Victoria's Health Curriculum. You can read more about the program at:

<https://sexeducationaustralia.com.au/schools/primary/>

Sessions will take place on Thursdays - 23rd Feb, 2nd March and 9th March. This event will be live on Compass during the week beginning Monday 6th February, 2023.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

All of our Year 6 students will take part in a Leadership Program to be held in February & March. There will be a COMPASS note regarding the cost and consent for this program.

COMMUNICATION:

We encourage families to keep in touch with us using the following methods.

Staff Email Accounts –

We will once again offer teacher email as a major component of communication between school and home. This year the email addresses have changed slightly, please check below for the email address for your child's teacher. These email addresses were recently sent to all families via a Compass post.

Emails will be checked each day and, if required, a response given within 24 hours. If you have anything to tell us, an area of concern or would like to make a time to meet, email is your best way to contact us. Please note that if it is a timely or urgent matter, it would be best to call the school office and leave a message with the office staff.

Georgina Ivanoff: georgina.ivanoff@regency-park-ps.vic.edu.au

Lyndal Lawrie: lyndal.lawrie@regency-park-ps.vic.edu.au

Carolyn Gardner: carolyn.gardner@regency-park-ps.vic.edu.au

Niyati Robson: niyati.robson@regency-park-ps.vic.edu.au

Sarah Wallace: sarah.wallace2@regency-park-ps.vic.edu.au

Daily 8:50 start – You are welcome to drop in to the classrooms to speak with your child's teacher during the time before class begins each morning. This is the best option if the information is time-sensitive.

Diaries – Year 6 students will soon be provided with diaries, which you can also use to communicate with your child's teacher. However, your child must inform the teacher if there is any new communication. Otherwise, all diaries are checked each Thursday.

Should you require a longer face-to-face discussion with your child's teacher, please use one of the methods above to organise a time to speak with them. Please be aware, staff meetings are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, so teachers may not be available at those times.

HOME READING:

Home reading should total at least 80 minutes throughout the week. We suggest that this is spread across at least three days. Please ensure children record their reading in their diaries or a reading log and that you have signed off next to each day your child has read.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is an important part of developing students' organisational skills in preparation for high school. Parents will be surveyed regarding the type of homework to be covered in Year 6 this year. Students should use their diaries to record all assignments and due dates. Parents will be contacted via Compass once this has been decided.

PARENT HELPERS:

If you are free to assist with any area throughout the week, your help is always greatly appreciated in the classroom. Please do not feel that because your child is now in the senior years of primary school that your help is not wanted as we would love any assistance that you can offer. Excursions, sports days, community events, classroom activities are some of the activities with which you can assist. Please note that an up-to-date *Working with Children Check* is required.

ABSENCES:

We have discussed with our classes the importance of regularly attending school, unless they are unwell. A high attendance rate will ensure your child makes the most of their learning. We require all parents to explain student absences by logging these online using COMPASS. Should you require further assistance, please see the Office staff. Please do not send a paper note to your child's teacher.

YEAR 6 CAMP:

This year the Year 6 Camp will be a 3-day camp at Weekaway in Lancefield, a camp site we have used for many years. This year the camp will be held during the last week of this term, from Monday 3rd April to Wednesday 5th April.

A separate COMPASS note regarding the costs for this camp will be sent home soon. If you have any questions regarding the camp please see Ms Ivanoff. If you would like to set up a payment plan please contact our school office staff, as we understand that Year 6 has a number of expenses this first term.

MATHS:

Upon reaching the senior years of primary school, in preparation for secondary school, students are exposed to a wide range of mathematical experiences and content. At this level of schooling, we aim for children to already have a firm grasp of their number facts, particularly multiplication/division tables. Rapid recall of these facts will make a significant difference in your child's ability to cope with the demands that come with mathematics in year 6. **We encourage all students to revise their tables regularly at home** in order to support more complex learning in the classroom.

REMINDERS:

Please bring the following to school:

Art Smocks
Library bags
1 box of tissues
Headphones
USB

Please return:

Parent information sharing surveys
PG Movie Permission form

Year 6 CALENDAR OF EVENTS for TERM 1, 2023:

Tuesday 31 st Jan	- Start of new school year
Friday 3 rd Feb	- Whole School Welcome Back Assembly
Thursday 9 th Feb	- Afternoon: Parents welcome to visit classroom
Friday 10 th Feb	- Whole School Bush Dance Incursion
Tuesday 14th Feb	- 2023 Leaders announced & badge presentation
Friday 17 th Feb	- District Swimming (selected students)
Monday 20 th Feb	- Leadership Program starts (several sessions)
Thursday 23 rd Feb	- Living & Growing Program Session 1
Friday 24 th Feb	- House Cross Country at school (9am – 11am)
Thursday 2 nd March	- Living & Growing Program Session 2
Friday 9 th March	- Living and Growing Program Session 3
Monday 13 th March	- Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 21 st March	- School Photos
Friday 24 th March	- Harmony Day
Thursday 30 th March	- Book Fair Begins (<i>running until 6th April</i>) Year 6 students can purchase books if they wish, but ONLY on Fri 31 st March
Monday 3rd– Wed 5th April	- Year 6 Camp to Weekaway
Thursday 6th April	- Last Day of Term 1 (2:30pm finish)

OTHER IMPORTANT 2023 DATES:

- Term 2 & 3 - Interschool Sports dates (various – TBC)
- Date yet to be confirmed - School Production (usually held late Term 3)
- **Thursday 14th December** - Year 6 **Graduation**

Year 6 Class Teachers:

Ms Georgina Ivanoff, Mrs Lyndal Lawrie (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Carolyn Gardner (Thurs-Fri),
Mrs Niyati Robson, Miss Sarah Wallace



2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tues 31/1/23 – Thurs 6/4/23

Term 2: Mon 24/4/23 – Fri 23/6/23

Term 3: Mon 10/7/23 – Fri 15/9/23

Term 4: Mon 2/10/23 – Wed 20/12/23