Parent Information Booklet
Year 5 - 2017

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**General Information**

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURE**

- There is no play before or after school on the equipment.
- **Classrooms open at 8:30am** – students will ensure they are unpacked and ready for the day before the 8:45am bell which signals the start of school.
- Duty of care is from **8:30am until 3:30pm**.
- If your child is at school earlier than 8:30am they are required to sit outside on the Year 5 bench.
- If your child is still at school after 3:30pm they will be sent to the front office for collection.
- Supervision cannot be guaranteed outside these times.

**PUNCTUALITY / ABSENCES**

Please ensure your child is at school 5 – 10mins before the bell as this allows them time to prepare their belongings (homework, lunch orders, etc…) for the day ahead. *If your child arrives after the 8:45am bell, they must collect a late card from the office.*

An adult must sign a child out from the office and collect a **sign out form** if their child is leaving school early. This card must be handed to the teacher when they collect their child from the classroom.

**All absences require a signed & dated letter/email sent to the teacher stating why your child was absent alternatively an email can be sent to the teacher (your email address acts as a signature)**

**MORNING PROCEDURE / GATHERING TIME**

- ✓ Bring homework and iPad inside,
- ✓ Un-stack chair,
- ✓ Sign in to Dojo
- ✓ Continue with any work that is incomplete,
- ✓ Ensure pencils are sharpened and desk area is organised for the day ahead.

**SPECIALIST DAYS**

- **Monday**:  
  o Sport – 10am to 11am – Mrs Sampson
- **Tuesday**:  
  o Italian – 9:00 to 10am – Mrs Giorgi
- **Wednesday**:  
  o Library/ Science – 11:55am – 1:00pm – Mrs Noonan
- **Thursday**:  
  o Music – 9:40am – 10:20 – Mrs Searson
**Allergies & Special Needs**

If your child has any special medical requirements (e.g. food allergies, asthma, etc…) please be sure to complete an up to date, Medical Action Plan and submit it to the front office. It is your responsibility to update the school of any changes to your child’s Medical Action Plan.

**Class Parents**

The class parent this year is:

*Mrs Bianca Guthrie and Mrs Arreum Caporn*

**Assessment & Reporting**

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<td><strong>Week 9</strong>: Progress file containing assessment evidence from term 1 will be sent home. Progress files must be returned by the end of week 9. <strong>Week 10</strong>: Parent/teacher interviews regarding child’s progress.</td>
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<td><strong>Week 10</strong>: First Semester Reports sent home. <strong>Week 8/9</strong>: Progress file. <strong>Week 9</strong>: All work books, files and/or work samples to be sent home. These items are not required to be returned. <strong>Week 9</strong>: Second Semester Reports to be sent home.</td>
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**Parent Teacher Communication**

In order for parent/teacher conferences to be successful, it is important that you arrange an appointment with the teacher. I encourage you to speak with me about your concerns no matter how small they may seem. Email me to arrange an appropriate time. You do not have to wait until Parent Teacher Interview day to have a meeting with me.

Email: marshall.sophie@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Curriculum

Each term you will receive a term overview outlining what we will be covering in each learning area for the term.

21st Century Learning / Project Based Education

As our world continues to evolve so too does our approach to learning. The term 21st-century skills generally refer to specific core skills such as collaboration, digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving that will promote and help students to thrive in today's world.

This term the students will be undertaking Masterchef 2017. This integrates several of the student’s subjects such as Humanities, Health, English, Mathematics and Design and Technology, encouraging students to link real world situations and problem solving to the curriculum, therefore ultimately their learning.

Throughout the year the students will partake in several 21st century learning projects. In Term 3 the students will begin Genius Hour. Once a week the students are given an hour to work on a passion project. The students get to learn about something they are extremely passionate about and by the end of the term they will be able to present their final product to the class and possibly even to the school community.

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Testing Dates
Term 2 Week 3 Tuesday 9th of May to Thursday the 11th of May.

Camp

This year the students are lucky enough to have a Year 5 Leadership Camp. More details will be released closer to the date in Term 4.

Behaviour

Dojo Points

The students and I created classroom rules together on Dojo. When the students are displaying positive behaviour and skills they will be rewarded on Dojo for their efforts. However, they also came up with areas in which they make ‘need to work on’, therefore if a student is off task or not following school rules they may lose some of the Dojo points. This behaviour system works well for the students who continuously work hard and individually deserve commendations for their efforts.

Race The Teacher

The students must complete a set task in a given amount of time to ‘win’ against the teacher. If they complete the activity in the given time they win a point. If they do not, the teacher wins a point. At the end of the week, if the students ‘beat the teacher’
they will either get their choice of arts and crafts or a chosen sports lesson. This is a encourages all of the students to work together as a team.

**Faction Tokens**

Faction tokens are a full school reward system. The students can receive faction tokens from the classroom teacher or any staff in the school. Twice a term the school tokens are added up and the faction with the most tokens gets a free dress day.

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**Homework**

**Mathematics:** The students are given a log in for Mathletics. I upload tasks for the students to do based on the topics we are covering at school. The students will be set tasks each week for homework.

**Reading:** 30mins of reading every night (own book). Try to find opportunities to discuss the text with your child. Students are to record how much they read over the week in their homework diary. Once a week the students will be asked to write a paragraph summary of what they have read, this should have a word count of around 250 words.

**Spelling:** The students will be given weekly spelling words in which they will complete spelling activities. Each night the students will be given a spelling task in which they will need to compete.

**Prayer:** At some point over the term the preparation for their prayer session.

**Other:** The students will have small projects and work in which may need to come home to be completed to ensure that the students complete their work to their highest ability and quality.

**Unfinished work:** Children will be given a reasonable time in class to complete work. There may be times when this is not done and they will be expected to complete unfinished work at home.
Important Dates Term 1

Week 1
Friday 3rd February – Opening School Mass 9am.

Week 2
Thursday 9th February - Parent Information Night 7:00pm and repeat session 7:30pm.
Friday 10th February – Swimming Trials
Friday 10th February – Evening on the Green

Week 4
Thursday 23rd February – Constable Care Incursion
Friday 24th February – Possible Cricket Carnival Interschool

Week 5
Tuesday 28th February – Pancake Tuesday
Tuesday 28th February – Cricket Carnival
Thursday 2nd March – Swimming Carnival
Friday 3rd March – Pupil Free Day

Week 6
Monday 6th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Week 7
Tuesday 14th March – Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy Year 4-6
Friday 17th March – St Patrick’s Day

Week 9
Wednesday 29th March – Progress Files go home

Week 10
Monday 3rd April – Pupil Free Day – Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 4th April – Swimmers Breakfast
Wednesday 5th April – Interschool Swimming Carnival
Thursday 6th April – Year 5 Stations of the Cross, Easter Story
Friday 7th April - Last Day of Term 1.