



## PARENT INFORMATION YEAR 5/6

### Room 13 2025

Welcome to Year 5/ 6. I am looking forward to working with you to enhance your child's learning. I value your support at home, and I look forward to a very enjoyable year.

#### **Parent Teacher Communication**

We are happy for you to come in and discuss any issues relating to your child however to give your issues the attention they deserve please make an appointment time with us via a note or email.

Regarding emails, we check our emails before and after school. We rarely check emails during the day. If you need to get a message to your child or us during the day, please contact the school office.

#### **Absentee Notes**

It is a legal requirement that the school is notified to explain student absences. Please text all absences to the SMS Absentee line 0447 924 008 with student name, date(s) of absence and reason for absence.

If your child is collected early from class, an orange slip must be collected from Administration and given to the teacher.

If your child is late to class in the mornings, they need to be signed in at the office and a note will be given to the child to hand to their child's teacher.

## **Medication**

Please make us aware if your child suffers from a specific medical condition such as asthma or allergies. Forms need to be completed and updated each year to assist with the management of your child's condition.

If your child requires prescription medication to be administered by the teacher, you must complete a consent form from Administration.

Poseidon PS is a nut aware school.

Please be mindful when sending food to school.

## **Managing Student Behaviour**

The students are encouraged to make decisions about appropriate behaviours and to take responsibility for their actions. We aim to adopt values and attitudes that will foster respect and care for others.

If students do not follow the rules of the classroom the following procedure will apply using pegs.

First warning - Verbal reminder to the student

Second warning - Name on board

Third warning - Name on board with a cross, think spot at a desk

Fourth warning - Name and cross are circled, Buddy Class

Fifth warning – Sent to Office and a white slip is completed and sent home.

## **Spelling**

The school implements the Diana Rigg PLD Program. Spelling groups operate in each classroom, placement in these groups is assessed each term.

## **Reading**

Each term, the students will complete a Lit Pro Placement test, which will give them a Lexile score. Once they have their score they borrow a Lexile book from the library each week, which can be renewed as required. The school has access to the online Lit Pro Library, which the students can use as their home reading book. When the students have finished reading their Lexile book they complete, online, ten questions to gauge their comprehension. Lit Pro can be accessed at home.

Lit Pro - [www.scholasticlearningzone.com](http://www.scholasticlearningzone.com)

## **Maths**

Poseidon PS is implementing a new maths programme, this year called Maths Trek.

Mathletics and Prodigy are also accessed at school and home.

Mathletics – [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

Prodigy – [www.prodigygame.com/main-en/](http://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/)

The students will also be utilising the Banquer program. This is an Australian Financial Program which mimics a real bank account allowing the students to apply for jobs, pay for weekly expenses, earn and understand interest from savings and term deposits, pay superannuation, manage transport costs, etc. The modules within the program often have a short homework task which the students can complete to earn extra cash.

## **Health**

For Term 1, the Year 6 girls will be involved in the Girls Without Limits Program, which is run by the school psychologist, Isla Webster. This program is an empowering program which promotes positive mindsets, physical activity and resilience in a collaborative environment.

At the start of term 2, the Year 5 and year 6 students will all be involved in lessons dealing with puberty

## **NAPLAN** – National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (Year 5)

This will be held from Wednesday, **March 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Tests will be conducted in Reading, Writing, Language and Conventions and Mathematics. The students will have opportunities to complete practise tests and all NAPLAN tests will be conducted on a school device. Please try to schedule appointments outside of this testing window if possible and ensure your child is on time to school as the test are conducted in the morning.

## **Homework**

Reading – 20 minutes. Please encourage your child to record each novel they read on their Home Reading Record booklet and/or Lit Pro Record sheet (kept at school). Occasionally work not completed in class will be sent home and will need to be returned the next day.

## **Crunch and Sip**

Remember to send your child to school with cut up fruit or vegetables for our Crunch Time.

## **Specialist Teachers**

Indonesian – Miss Effe Sentonas (Monday)  
Science – Mr Rob Pickering (Wednesday)  
Music – Mrs Emma Nelson (Thursday)  
Art – Mrs Sarah Wakeb (Thursday)  
Phys Ed – Mr Rob Pickering (Friday)  
Library – Tuesday, Lexile book plus one other.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Canberra Camp Dates – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Year 6 ANZAC Assembly - 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Year 5 Assembly – 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Year 6 Graduation & Dinner – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

## **FUNDRAISING**

The Year 6s undertake fundraising activities during the year, examples include PJ & Milo Day (Term 2) Footy Colours Day (Term 3), Disco (Term 4), and sausage sizzles. Please support our fundraising efforts with small donations as required.

I look forward to sharing a happy, exciting, stimulating and rewarding journey with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,

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