Year Five Term Letter, Term 4, 2016

“Love in action is service”

Friday 7th October, 2016

Dear Year Five Parents,

Welcome to the final term for 2016! Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that it is Term Four already! We have had an eventful year so far but there are still a few exciting events, heaps of fun and lots to learn and do before we say farewell for the year. Please make sure you note in your diary the key events that Year Fives will participate in this Term.

We ask you once again to ensure that your child checks his/her pencil case and re-stocks it with essentials which they may have run out of in Term 3. A small pencil case containing a blue and red biro, a grey lead, an eraser and a sharpener are the items in constant use. Large pencil cases containing coloured pencils, texta colours and gel pens can remain in the school bags until required in class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Grade Five Religious Education (R.E.) program follows the curriculum of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (To Know, Worship and Love). The R.E. units of work that we will be covering in Term Four are:

* The leadership roles of Jesus, John the Baptist and Mary Magdalen in the New Testament.
  In this unit we study the lives of Jesus, John the Baptist and Mary Magdalen in their roles as leaders. We distinguish the qualities that each of these possess and the good that they did for others in their roles as good leaders. We identify with them as we prepare for our roles as leaders of our St Simon the Apostle School in 2017.

* Waiting for the Messiah
  In this unit students identify Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah and that we, as Christians, prepare for his coming both physically and spiritually. We examine both the Old and New Testament scripture to gain understanding of Mary in the Christmas tradition. Students will also be guided to reflect on the message of Christmas for Christians.

INQUIRY UNIT

In Term Four the Inquiry Units to be covered are ‘Civics and Citizenship’ and ‘Economics’. The students will use the inquiry process to research economic issues in the home, school or local community and form conclusions supported by evidence. They will also have an opportunity to investigate the importance of personal money management and the role of banking, budgeting and saving. They will consider the nature and meaning of work and its relationship to other activities in people’s lives, including leisure. Australian politics and democracy will be explored
and students will gain an insight into the three levels of government, the Australian Constitution and the importance of voting to our democratic rights.

The Year 5 students will also be preparing for the Leadership Roles that they will have the opportunity to apply for by writing and presenting a speech. In preparation they will consider questions like the following: Who are the leaders in our school, community, and world? What qualities do good leaders possess?

LITERACY

Literacy skill development will remain as a constant focus which will permeate all areas of study. Students will explore text to identify features as well as analyse and predict information. They will revisit Recount, Explanation and Narrative to understand the literary features of these genre, and use and refine their skills to improve their own compositions. Grammatical features, such as punctuation, apostrophes and phrasing will be addressed explicitly. Students are encouraged to continue to read both at home and at school and to engage in discussions to further their literary critique.

MATHEMATICS

During Term Four, Mathematics will focus on increasing student knowledge and application of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will construct angles using a protractor as well as measure and compare angles using degrees. The students will examine translations, reflections and rotations of two-dimension shapes, identifying line and rotational symmetries. To reinforce mathematical concepts studied over the year, the students will also be engaged in tasks requiring application of the four operations to ensure their continued development in working with the operations and using numbers creatively.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning will continue during Term Four with students required to read each day, complete Spelling, Mathematics and R.E. home tasks weekly. Please take some time to check in with your child to monitor their management of this independent task. The home tasks are set to help all students establish routines and personal motivation in completing home learning in preparation of the increased demands faced in later education.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Students will participate in an Open Water Life Saving excursion to Inverloch Safety Beach this term. They will be participating in carefully planned beach activities, with the emphasis on ‘safety’, and led by qualified life guards. The children will also be participating in a Leadership Day Experience in preparation of their leadership roles in 2017 as Year 6 school leaders. Further details and dates will be provided in the coming weeks.

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

The specialist program remains relatively unchanged in Term Four with all Japanese lessons held on Thursdays. Sport, Art, Music and Library (on a rotational basis) will be held each Tuesday morning so students must be on time as Specialists start their lessons at 8.45am. All students in 5 Green, Blue and Red need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays during Term Four and 5 Yellow students are to wear their sports uniform on Fridays.
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Congratulations to all students who have already been wearing their school hats and summer uniform. Although we know the Melbourne weather is changeable and we still may experience some cooler weather, full summer uniform is required for the duration of Term Four. This also includes adhering to the school Sun Smart policy by wearing a school hat whenever outside. Hats are compulsory, and we will be enforcing the No Hat, No Play policy strictly.

In accordance with legal requirements, there are three options available for notification of your child’s absence from school:

* Written note to the classroom teacher
* E-mail to the classroom teacher
* School Smart Phone App – use of the absence form

Wishing you all an abundance of peacefulness as you rush around, working hard during Term Four, and begin to look forward to Advent and Christmas.

Warmest Regards,

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 TERM 4 CALENDAR

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 Booklists Due

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> St. Simon’s Day Celebration, Mass 9am (6Y)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Day – No school for students

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Prep 2017 Transition Session (1) 11.30am to 1pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Anointing Mass 9.15am

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Bogan Bingo Night 7pm to 11pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly/ Liturgy (Prep G) 2.30pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day/Tim’s Day Liturgy 10.15am

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Info Night (3) 7pm – ‘Friendly behaviours in The primary years’

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Life Saving - Inverloch

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Parent Helpers Morning Tea

**DECEMBER**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly/ Advent Week 1 Liturgy (1 Blue) 2.30pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Anointing Mass 9.15am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas lunch - **Last Day Canteen 2016**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Advent Week 2 Liturgy (1 Yellow) 2.30pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 Book Sales for Years Prep to 6 in Lower Common Room 8.30am to 6pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Advent Week 3 Liturgy (5 Blue) 2.30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Advent Week 4 Liturgy (5 Yellow) 2.30pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> St. Simon’s Orientation for Years 1-6, 2017

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Reports sent home

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Mass 9:30am

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Allan Tudge Presentation of Aston Shield

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Students Finish Early Dismissal 1:15pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Term 4 ends

**JANUARY 2017**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Staff return

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop open 10am – 1pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Students (Gr. 1 to 6) return

**FEBRUARY 2017**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Preps return (half class)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Preps return (other half class)

*DATES CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING - SUBJECT TO CHANGE*