

Welcome to Year 5 2017

Teachers

5 Water: Michelle Marshall

5 Fire: Rachel Mian

IMPORTANT DATES

- Opening School Mass 15th February
- Kaye Lowe Parent Information Session 20th February
- Community Council Meeting 21st February
- Ash Wednesday Mass 1st March
- Swimming Carnival Tuesday 7th March
- Canberra Day Holiday Monday 13th March
- Cross Country Carnival 20th March
- Grandparents Day 24th March
- Catholic PS Soccer Carnival Sunday 26th March
- School Photo Day 27th March
- Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival Friday 28th March
- 3 Way Conferences Week 10
- Holy Week Celebrations 6th April
- Walkathon Friday 7th April

Absences:

- If your child is absent– even for part of a day, it is a legal requirement that you provide us with a note explaining why they were absent. Children leaving school prior to 3.05pm are to be signed out at the front office.

Bookwork:

- Books are to be covered and the inside and outside covers kept free of scribble, drawings and working out.
- The date needs to be written on the top of every page.
- Writing should always be your child's best and care should be taken with every page in their books.
- No pages are to be torn out of books.
- Textas are not to be used in books or on double sided sheets.
- Liquid paper is not to be used.
- Pen licences will be given out during Year 5 when your child demonstrates neat handwriting. After this they may write in blue or black pen only.

Camp:

- Camp will be in Term 2 (June 14, 15 & 16). More details will follow closer to the date.

Drink Bottles:

- We encourage the children to keep their drink bottles on their desk so that they can drink plenty of water during the day. For this reason, water is the only drink needed in their drink bottle.

Equipment:

- It would be appreciated if you could send the following items into school with your child by Monday of Week 3.
 - ~A box of tissues
 - ~Wet wipes
 - ~Pencil case

Fruit Break:

- Please pack at least one piece of fresh fruit each day. This does not include tinned fruit or fruit bars. The children eat their fruit as they work (at about 10am) in a school wide effort to maintain blood sugar levels and boost concentration. Please consider the quantity/size and clean-up factor when packing fruit for your child.

Homework:

- Students will receive homework weekly.
- Homework books will be set up in class on Mondays and the activities will be explained to the students.
- Homework books need to be returned on Friday with the set activities completed.
- We expect all homework to be completed by every student. If your child was unable to complete their homework, please send a note in with your child explaining this.
- Each night students are expected to write their spelling words using the **LSCVWCh** method. (Look Say Cover Visualise Write Check)
- Students are also expected to read for 15 minutes each night and record what they have read in their homework books.
- Maths homework is completed online (mathsonline.com.au). This needs to be completed by Friday of each week.

Science, Library and Music:

- Below is the timetable for Science, Library and Music. Please note particularly the Library days so that students will not have overdue items borrowed from the library.

	5 Fire	5 Water
Wednesday	Science and Music	Library and Music
Friday	Library	Science

Kinder Buddies:

One of the roles of Year 5 is to be 'buddies' to each of the Kindergarten students. This involves organised visits to the Kinder classrooms, helping them with special events and keeping an eye on them on the playground.

SPORT

- Sport days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
- Children are only to wear sports uniform on these days.

Uniforms:

- Full school uniform is to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This includes black school shoes and only navy, maroon or white hair bands/ties.
- Please tie girls' hair back. In Summer, it is cooler and it is also an easy way to keep head lice at bay.
- We strongly enforce the "No Hat, No Play" policy at St Francis of Assisi. This means children without an appropriate school hat miss out on play sessions and have to sit in the shade.
- No jewellery is permitted. Watches and stud earrings are acceptable.

Finally:

- We look forward to working with you this year to make it a happy and successful time for all of the children. We would like to keep communication strong so please don't hesitate to make a time to come and speak with us, about anything, at any point in the year.

Kind Regards

Michelle Marshall & Rachael Mian