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**Year Six**

**Term 1 Newsletter**

Mrs Gobetti & Mr Scanlon

**Welcome**

Welcome to Year 6 for 2024 and the final year of Primary School! We’re looking forward to getting to know everyone over the year. We have a busy term ahead with lots of fun things planned.

**Staffing**

Makuru 9: Mrs Trudi Gobetti

Makuru 10: Mr Tadhg Scanlon

EAs - Mrs Sue Edwards: Monday, Tuesday & alternate Wednesdays

Mrs Sandra Morier: Alternate Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Phys- Ed: Mr Stipe Kapovic

Science: Ms Taneal Thompson

Music/ Choir: Ms Rachel Ee

Languages/ Chinese: Mrs Olivia Xu

Kitchen Garden: Mrs Jane O’Dwyer

**Key Dates**

**Friday 9th February:** Leaders Assembly

**Friday 16th February:** Parent Information Meetings, Harmony Day, P & C Welcome Sundowner

**Friday 23rd February:** Dream & Lead Conference - Year 6 Excursion

**Monday 26th February:** Swimming Trials

**Wednesday 28th February & Friday 1st March:** School Photos

**Monday 4th March:** Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 5th March:** Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 26th March:** Lacrosse Carnival

**Friday 29th March:** Good Friday – School holidays begin

**Communication**

A few ways we will keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom include:

• Notes sent home with the children

• School Newsletters - fortnightly

 • Class Newsletters - termly

• Email - Please ensure your email address registered with the school is correct as excursion / incursion forms are now emailed to the nominated email address.

The best way to contact us is via email. For urgent matters, please contact the front office. When the children come into the classroom, we are focused on them. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress, please make a meeting with their teacher.

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**Late Notes & Absences**

If you are running late in the morning and arrive after 8:45am, please take your child to school via the office to sign them in. Similarly, if you need to collect your child from school early, you will need to sign them out at the office before collecting them from the classroom. If your child is going to be absent, please phone or email the office to let us know as soon as possible.

**Specialist Timetable**

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|  | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Wed** | **Thurs** | **Fri** |
| **Makaru 9** |  |  | SportMusic | ScienceChinese | Library |
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**Writing**​

Bateman delivers a whole school approach to writing using Talk for Writing. Term 1 will see us complete a unit on Narratives including Suspense, Characterisation and Setting. ​

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**Reading**​

Our reading comprehension will be integrated with our Talk for Writing program as well as our class novel Boy Overboard. Students will learn explicit reading comprehension strategies and then apply these to a wider range of texts, both written and still image.

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**Spelling**​

We will be continuing on with Bateman Primary’s own spelling program from 2023. We will be using an evidence-based approach combining Heggerty Phonological Awareness program, along with a focus on sounds that will be run over a fortnight as well as vocabulary from Boy Overboard and words from HASS and Science.

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**Maths**​

This year we will be running ability groups in our classes. For Term 1, in Number and Algebra we will be focusing on place value, factors and multiples, special numbers and patterns and operations including fractions and decimals. In Measurement and Geometry, we will be focusing on perimeter, area and length. ​

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**Health**​

Term 1 will see us focus on our whole school UR Strong program. A social and emotional program, teaching students the skills of friendship. We will also be covering Zones of Regulation.​

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**HASS**​

In Term 1 we focus on History, in particular Migration. HASS will be delivered through a combination of explicit teaching and project-based learning. ​

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**Digital Technologies**​

This semester the focus is Digital Technologies. The beginning of the term will see us focus on digital citizenship and cyber safety. Later, moving onto digital systems and binary codes.​

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**Visual Art**​

Visual Art will be delivered to students as a whole Year 6 group and then completed in classrooms. All Year 6 students will complete the same project. ​

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**Kitchen Garden**​

Students will complete 3 x 120 min Kitchen Garden sessions per term with Jane O’Dwyer. ​

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**Morning Expectations**

* If students arrive BEFORE 8:30am, they are to sit on the stage until the bell sounds
* Mobile phones are to be handed in to the office upon arrival on school grounds
* Students with smart watches must put them into aeroplane mode or turn the mobile aspect off.  They are not allowed to call home during the school day
* Students can enter the classroom from 8:30am
* The siren will sound at 8:50am and the students are expected to be ready to start the day
* The roll is submitted each day by 9:30am
* If your child arrives after 8:50am, you and your child must go to the office and sign in before coming to class
* Students are to enter, read the morning message, organise themselves for the day and complete the morning tasks

**BYOD**

The roll-out for new iPads will begin in the coming weeks. Parents will be notified when their child is able to bring in their iPad. Parents will be updated regularly with BYOD requirements. It is the responsibility of the family to ensure the device is consistently at school and has full charge!  We encourage you to read the BYOD policies and procedures available on the school website.

<https://batemanps.wa.edu.au/byod-documentation>

**Leadership**

Our Year 6 students are presented with a number of leadership opportunities throughout the year.

4 x Student Leaders

8 x Faction Captains

Tech Heads

Music Masters

Lab Technicians

Classroom managers (recycling, bike shed, flag & lunches)

Recycling Rangers (kitchen & garden)

Leadership meetings with the Student Leaders and Faction Captains will be conducted fortnightly at 1:10 on a Tuesday. Additional groups will be asked to attend as the need arises.

**Homework**

Homework issued to Year 6 students is intermittent, relevant and project-based work. Students are expected to be reading most nights. They are asked to log into Mathletics once a week to complete assigned tasks relevant to the topics covered in class. When large projects are assigned, parents will be notified via email and sometimes asked to sign task sheets. If students do bring work home, it is because they haven’t finished it during class. Further information regarding this will be spoken about at the Parent Information Session in Week 3.

**Good Standing Policy**

Please familiarise yourself with the Bateman Primary School Positive Behaviour Support Plan and the Good Standing Policy. Students have received an explicit lesson already during Health to ensure they understand the policy and procedures what this means for them.

<https://batemanps.wa.edu.au/our-policies>

**We Need Your Help**

We are continuing to develop a parent committee to produce the Graduation Book for our Year 6 students. We see the committee meeting to discuss design, attending school events to collect material, visiting the classroom to work with students on blurbs and communicating with the Year 6 group to collect material via email. Expressions of interest to Mrs Gobetti.