

# 6A & 6B Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited and feel privileged to be teaching your child for their final year of Primary School. As well as teaching the curriculum, we see our role as also preparing them for high school so they are emotionally and mentally prepared. Hopefully the information below will answer any questions you have about the term ahead.

## Teachers

6A – Mrs Jenny George. Email: [jxgeo1@eq.edu.au](mailto:jxgeo1@eq.edu.au)

Jenny has been teaching for 9 years, from years 3 – 7. Jenny is a proud Ripley resident and can often be seen walking with my husband and two dogs around Providence. Jenny enjoys camping, going to the beach and spending time with her two adult children.

6B – Mrs Kat Bartley. Email: [kphil140@eq.edu.au](mailto:kphil140@eq.edu.au)

Kat Bartley has been teaching for 14 years across all grade levels. She lives in the Ipswich area with her husband and their two children. Kat enjoys reading, cooking and chocolate.

SEE Teacher - Miss Emily Leschke is working with the Year 4, 5 and 6 teaching teams as part of the Student Enhancement and Empowerment (SEE) team. She will be in our classroom to support our students in the areas of social and emotional, medical, cultural and academic development. Miss Leschke will work collaboratively with teachers across the school, parents and caregivers to provide high-quality student-centred support.

Miss Leschke's email is [ellesc0@eq.edu.au](mailto:ellesc0@eq.edu.au) (please also 'cc' in the classroom teacher to ensure a collaborative approach to supporting your child).

*Please email the respective teacher for all questions or concerns. We check our emails each morning on school days but would appreciate if you could kindly allow one business day for us to respond. Emails sent on weekends or holidays will be replied to on the next school day. Thank you!*

## Class Routines

Library borrowing – 6A every Wednesday, 6B every Thursday

Art and PE – Every Thursday, first session

Japanese – Every Wednesday, first session with Sensei (Mr Jason Lappe)

Homework – In Year 6 students are expected to do 20 – 30 mins of home study each night. We would suggest 15 – 20 mins of reading and 5 – 10 mins of number fact work. Students can borrow books from the school library, read their own or use the SORA app, (logging in using their user name under the school 'Education Queensland'.) In regards to number fact work, students in Year 6 should be fluent in number facts. There are a number of apps and programs online that you may like to use to support them in this.

## Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Camp will be held at Thunderbird Park, Mount Tambourine from Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 May 2021. Final costs are still being calculated so we will advise you as soon as possible what these are.

## Leadership opportunities

Congratulations to Lucie and Grace on their appointments as School Captains and Matt and Noor on their appointments as Vice Captains. It was pleasing to see so many year 6 students nominate for leadership positions – 25 in total. Congratulations to all the House Captains that were announced on Friday at Parade.

## Curriculum

Term One Theme: 'The Australian Difference'. All key learning areas will provide opportunities to undertake an-depth study of Australia's uniqueness (democratic system, natural events/disasters, indigenous perspectives).

### English

Students will write an imaginative text about a natural disaster in an Australian context.

### Mathematics

Students will investigate units of measurement, extending their knowledge of the metric system and decimal notation.

### Science

Students will investigate natural events – droughts, floods, bushfires, earthquakes, tsunamis and how scientific knowledge informs decisions.

### HASS

Students will explore the Australian Democratic System and the responsibilities of citizens.

### Technology

Students will use materials to design a sustainable product to prevent or mitigate the effects of natural events.

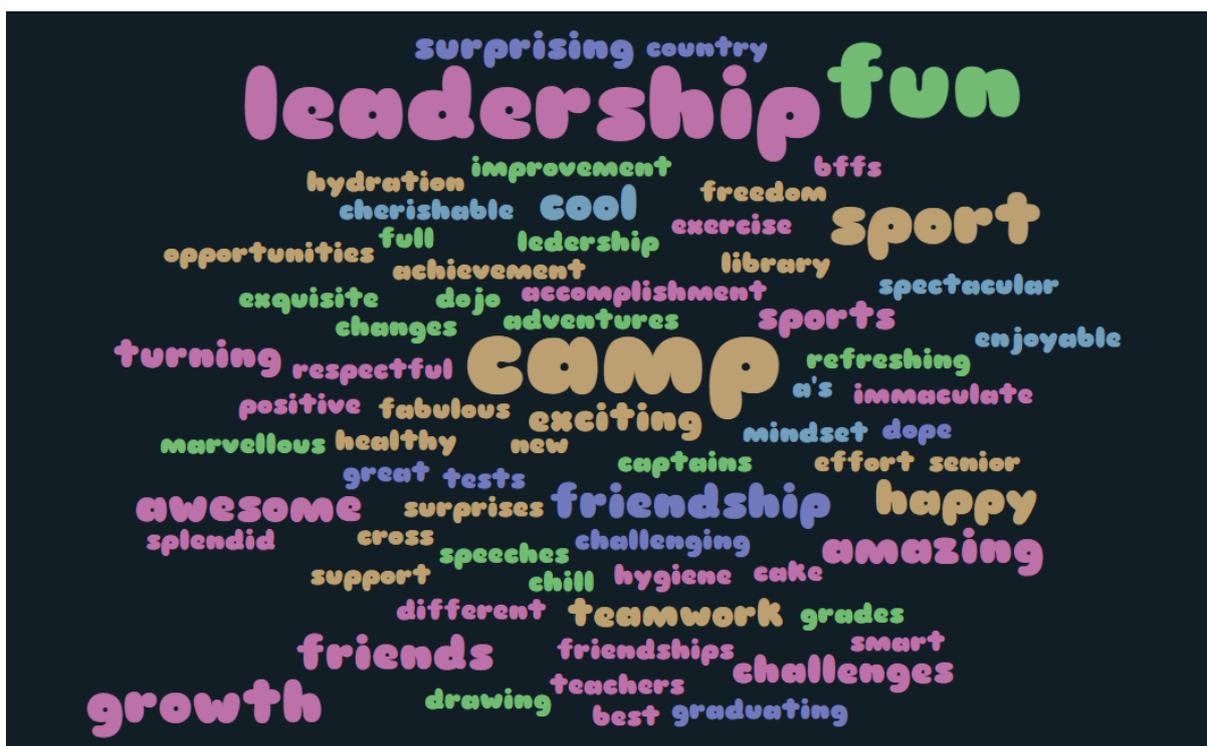
### Arts (Drama)

Students will develop skills to present a play about Australian democracy and Federation.

### HPE

Students will improve their basketball skills, whilst demonstrating fair play/working collaboratively.

We've had a fantastic start to the year and look forward to working with your children. Here are their hopes for 2021 in their words:



Regards, Jenny and Kat