

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Welcome to the Senior School syndicate at Point View School. We hope our new families will settle in quickly and enjoy the many opportunities our school offers. It is always exciting to return after a break, feeling refreshed and looking forward to a productive and happy year. Our team is Anthony Wright (Team Leader Y 6), Karyn Bower, Lisa Firth, Penny Gibson, Chris Coomes, Kylie Coomes (Team Leader Y 5), Nicky Bates, Christie Orr, Meta Beukens and Ali Yates. Tania Schlabit, an experienced teacher at Point View, will be relieving for Penny Gibson for Term 1. This year we have Lynne Hodgson, Hayley Foster and Chris Cole working in our syndicate as learning support. We have a very busy term ahead with a wide variety of interesting programmes and learning experiences for your children. We look forward to your involvement in our programmes through our homework tasks, visits to the classroom, Waterwise Programme, Camp and on trips outside the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mathematics

Statistics, number, basic facts, measurement

Integrated Unit

Ready for Learning

Bridges and Walls

America's Cup

Heroes of the Sea

Physical Education

Small ball skills

Athletics

STEM with Stuart Rankin

Architecture

Uniform

All students are expected to dress in the correct school uniform, wearing their shoes to and home from school. school fitness shorts, T shirt and a hat are required during fitness, physical education



Term 1 Dates

Waterwise Year 6
Wednesdays from 10 February

Meet the teacher
17 February, 7:00pm

HPPA Softball field day
25 February

School Picnic/Colour run
26 February

Sonshine Ranch Year 5
2 March Rooms 25 & 22
3 March Rooms 21 & 27

HPPA Swimming sports
19 March

Camp parent meeting 24 March

Year 6 Camp 29 March – 1 April

BYOD

We would like to encourage Year 5 and 6 students to bring a laptop, chromebook or iPad to school to assist them with their learning. These will be secure throughout the day and used only for learning.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office and not your child's cell phone

Homework

The senior students need to be spending 30 minutes each night on reading, learning their spelling words, checking they understand the meanings of words and basic facts learning. We expect all Year 6 students to have quick recall of their times tables before moving onto

Waterwise

The Waterwise programme for our Year 6 students is dependent on the involvement of parents.

We are fortunate to have a group of enthusiastic parents and teachers who are qualified instructors who teach the skills of water safety, sailing and kayaking each Wednesday at Howick beach. Please offer your assistance when your child is involved. Parents are welcome to visit Howick beach on Wednesdays to view this wonderful programme. **If any parent is interested in training as an instructor please contact Robyn Hibberd.**

The Year 5 students sit a swim test in December so we can assess their swimming ability and confidence.

We would suggest any non-swimmers learn to swim during this year so they are able to participate in Waterwise in 2022.



Assemblies

The senior syndicate will have an assembly on Friday 12 February.

Full school assemblies are on Fridays of odd weeks. Please join us at 9:00 in the hall.

Year 6 Camp

Term 1, Week 9.

29 March – 1 April at Finlay Park. There will be a parent meeting on 24 March to explain the camp programme.

Sport Coaching

Our senior students are given many opportunities to be involved in a wide range of sports. If there are any parents who are available to assist with the coaching of a rugby or football team, please contact Lisa Firth.

Bikes

Students riding bikes to school must have a school "Bike License" signed by a parent/guardian. They must wear a helmet and are not permitted to ride in the school grounds. Students can collect a form from Robyn Hibberd.



We look forward to meeting you all at Meet the Teacher Evening on 17 February. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out more about the senior school programmes.

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Parent help on trips

We often struggle to get enough parent help on trips outside the school. Please consider helping on at least one of your child's trips during the year. Your help is greatly appreciated and allows us to attend valuable learning experiences outside of the school.

We look forward to your support this year. Do please remember to



Looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive term.

The Senior Syndicate

Nicky Bates, Meta Beukens, Karyn Bower, Kylie Coomes, Chris Coomes, Lisa Firth, Robyn Hibberd, Christie Orr, Tania Schlabit, Anthony Wright and Ali Yates.