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Welcome to Year 5 – 2020

5G Mrs Sonia Awkar/ 5W Catherine McGuirk

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome the students and families to Year 5 for 2020.

We are excited to be working in partnership with you in assisting your child to have an amazing year of learning. The students are starting their journey in Stage 3 and will continue to work in a collaborative and open learning space.

This year there are many exciting events and learning to look forward to including, a PDHPE unit called Growing and Changing where they will learn more about their body, excursion to YMCA Yarramundi, many representative sporting opportunities and voting of Student Leaders. An exciting year lays ahead for us all!

All students will have access to class stationery and workbooks as covered by the school Resource Fee. In addition, it is necessary for children to manage their own set of essential personal stationery items for their daily use (see list below).

In preparation for Year 5, we would like all children to have the following items. Please keep in mind that these things do not need to be new - pencils etc from this year would be great to use again for next year. Please ensure that any personal items are clearly LABELLED with your child's name. This encourages personal responsibility and ensures that lost items can be recovered and returned easily.

- A small pencil case with 2x lead pencil, 2x blue, 1x red and 1x black pens , highlighter, rubber, scissors, rubber and glue stick
- Another pencil case for other stationary like coloured pencils or crayons, textas, sharpener.
- Clear plastic 30cm ruler
- 2020 student diary (inexpensive one from Kmart or any variety shop)
- 2x Glue stick
- Earphones (inexpensive variety to be used with iPads and laptops)
- Library bag (Available from Uniform Shop \$10)
- 2 boxes of tissues (As a part of a class supply)
- 2 pack of baby wipes (As a part of a class supply)
- Paint shirt

In the first few weeks of 2020, we will be sending home exercise books for covering. Could you please cover these in clear contact or plastic and label them with your child's name, class and the book name.

As you are aware, the Seesaw app is the way that teachers, students and parents communicate with each other about grade based information and student learning. This year, we have subscribed to Seesaw for Schools so the end of year processes for your child's Seesaw account will look different. You will no longer need to archive your child's account at the end of this year. Instead, you will be invited to your child's new SeeSaw account once this has been successfully set up. There will be more information about this as necessary. This is a really exciting upgrade that will allow you to keep a digital journey of your child's learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Important dates for next year:

Wednesday 29 January – MAI testing day. Please see accompanying letter to book a time for a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child with their teacher. This one day has been set aside especially for this assessment. It is very important that an interview time is made for each child.

Thursday 30 January – Years 1-6 return to school for normal classes

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark the imagination and creativity in us all. These school holidays, we are encouraging all students to participate in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge and read, read, read! If your child is interested in entering this competition and be in the chance to win a Google Chromebook, see details on how to enter the challenge.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Whats-On/EDSRC>

We hope that your upcoming break will be a very special time for you and your family. Christmas time is about the coming of Jesus into our world. It is a time of love and joy and we hope that this becomes the central part of your celebrations.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards

Mrs Sonia Awkar and Miss Catherine McGuirk

Year 5 Team

