Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. We hope you had a fantastic holiday break and we are looking forward to start our journey as partners in learning in 2017. There have been some changes in the Five - Six level for 2017 and we are excited and happy to introduce ourselves to you. Please feel free to come up in the morning and have a short chat.

The Year Five and Six Team

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Year 3 Student
Fri 31st Mar - End of Term 1 - 1.30pm Finish
Fri 14th Apr - Good Friday
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Important Term 1 dates:
Fri 10th Feb - Opening School Mass 9am
Sun 12th Feb - Staff Commissioning Mass 10am
Tues 14th Feb - School Photo Day
Wed 15th Feb - Parent information night
Year 1 - 6 6pm-8pm
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In Literacy during Term 1 our focus will be on the reading stories of migration and diversity. During the reading of these stories we will concentrate on the traits of being a good reader, such as predicting, reading between the lines, finding the main idea of the story, looking for emotive language and listening to great example of good readers. and writing of biography. Biographies of ourselves and others are very important in developing the children’s understanding of others and shaping their personal narrative.

In Mathematics in Term 1 our focus will be on a variety of areas. Early in the Term our focus will be on place value and automatic recall. During the middle and end of the Term, the focus will shift towards patterning, tessellations. During the last week of Term 1, our focus will be on data collection in preparation for the representation of this data during the start of Term 2. The children will be challenged in mental computation and continued problem solving throughout the Year.

Religious Education
How can I be the best person I can be in the image of God?
Our inquiry into our own identity in R.E. will link in with the overall inquiry of identity of Australia as a country. We will identify the importance of being a truthful person and the notion that ‘Jesus doesn’t just tell the Truth, He defines what it is’ We are all beings of God, with free will to choose. We will explore emotions and feeling, and link these to scripture stories. Our hope for the students is that this unit spurs them to action and compassion for others, true and understanding of their own place in the world.

Inquiry: The ‘I’ in Identity
During Term 1 we will be inquiring into the identity of Australia, its citizens and residents. Australia’s history reflects many influences and connections to other countries. We are a diverse multicultural country and the importance of understanding each other’s cultures, ideas and values forms Australia’s identity. The events in history that have shaped Australia help us to understand Australia today.

Home work
Besides the mandatory 20 minutes of Reading a day and weekly Spelling, the Year Five and Six homework at St. John Vianney’s is on a voluntary basis and project based. The project will be presented to the children in week Two and presented to the class in Week Seven. More information about this will follow soon.
Reminders:
Please continue to remind your child of the school expectations:
- be on time for school
- wearing the correct uniform, including hat
- please ensure your child has a silent reading book
- please join us for the parent information night on February 15th (more information to follow)

Parent Partnerships:
As partners in the learning and teaching of your children, we are more than happy to meet with you during the term. However we are very busy with meetings and other obligations after school on most days. We are happy to have a short informal chat in the morning or on Thursday and Friday afternoon. For more formal meetings please email your child’s class teacher and make an appointment.

Student Voice:
At St. John Vianney’s, we value student voice. Please encourage your child to share concerns, celebrations and ideas with their teacher. The Year 6 student leadership teams will be up and running by the end of Week Two and we are looking forward to seeing the children flourish in these important community roles.

Specialists Timetable:

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We are looking forward to working with your children and their families during the 2017 school year. Please let us know if there are any questions or queries about anything.

Regards,
Dawn, Claire, Nick, Sue, Clare, Rebecca, Samantha and Ru