

# Year 5 & 6 Term One News

Welcome to Term One of 2017! We especially welcome our new families to St. Elizabeth's and those families returning for another big year ahead. This year in 5/6 we welcome back Ms Kristine Koutroumanis, Ms Ianthe Lim, Ms Gabrielle Catania and Mrs. Cecile Claxton. We would also like to introduce Mrs. Kelly Donald who will be joining the 5/6 team.

This year, the 5/6 communities are:

**5/6 CDK** – Ms. Kristine Koutroumanis and Mrs. Kelly Donald

**5/6 CCL** – Ms. Gabrielle Catania, Mrs. Cecile Claxton and Ms. Ianthe Lim

It was great to see all the children excited to be back at school and eager to learn during SWEL week. They have all settled well into the senior school.

## The 5/6 Teachers

### **Mrs. Kelly Donald**



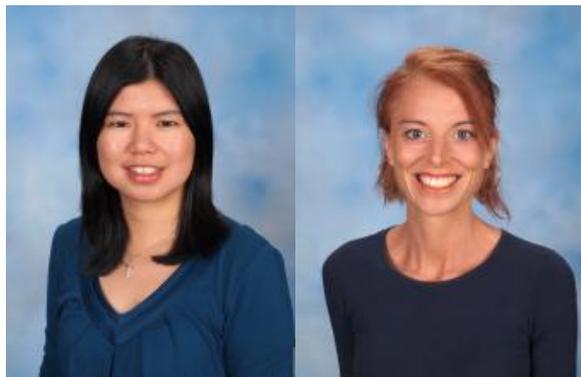
Hi everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely holiday season. My name is Kelly and I am very excited about teaching in 5/6 KD this year. This year is my first year as a graduate teacher however, some of you may know me already as I completed my final placement at St. E's last year with 3/4 GE. I am very passionate about teaching and look forward to the learning my class and our community will be doing this year. I am married and have a dog and cat called Hamish and Iggy. I spent much of my childhood in Scotland so I am a soccer fanatic and a loyal Western Bulldogs supporter. I am very much looking forward to getting to know and work with everyone this year. Please stop by and say hello.

### **Ms Kristine Koutroumanis**



Welcome back to a brand new year! I have been at St. Elizabeth's now for 3 years now and am very excited to be in 5/6 again! I love spending time with my family and friends & I am probably the best shopper Chadstone has ever seen! I also love the beach and taking our families boat out around our Marina. I recently became a Godmother to Mrs Egan's beautiful daughter Milla and I cannot wait to spend heaps of time with her and watch her grow! She is getting so big already I don't know where all the time has gone! I look forward to another great year and getting to know you all as the year progresses.

**Ms. Ianthe Lim and Mrs. Cecile Claxton**



Hi everyone and welcome back to 2017! I am so happy to be back in the 5/6 area. I went away during the Christmas holidays to Cairns and had a lovely time exploring the Great Barrier Reef! I love singing, dancing and reading books. This year, I will be sharing the class with Mrs. Cecile Claxton. She will come in to 56CL every Thursday while I support Mrs. Popowycz with Religious Education. We look forward to working with you this year. Here's to a wonderful 2017!!

**Ms. Gabrielle Catania**



Hello everyone and welcome back to a new school year! This will be my second year working at St. Elizabeth's and I am very excited to be with the grade 5/6 students again. I will also be undertaking more study in Religious Education at Australian Catholic University (ACU) this year and I look forward to sharing on my new found knowledge with the grade 5/6 students. I love travelling, playing netball and most importantly barracking for the mighty Collingwood magpies. I look forward to getting to know you and your children this year!

**Specialist Program**

For the first 5 weeks of the term all students will need to wear their runners on Monday as they will be participating in the FOOTSTEPS dance program.

	<b><u>LOTE</u></b>	<b><u>Physical Ed</u></b> Wear runners	<b><u>Performing Arts</u></b>	<b><u>Media</u></b>
<b><u>5/6 GC</u></b>	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b><u>5/6 CL</u></b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b><u>5/6 KK</u></b>	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b><u>5/6 KD</u></b>	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday

## Interschool Sports Fixture

<b>Round 1</b>	16th February	St. Elizabeth's V Noble Park
<b>Round 2</b>	23rd February	St. Elizabeth's V Resurrection
<b>Round 3</b>	2nd March	St. Elizabeth's V Westall (No Cricket or Boy's Softball)
<b>Round 4</b>	9th March	St. Elizabeth's V Silverton
<b>Round 5</b>	16 March	St. Elizabeth's V St. Joseph's

## Special Dates

Date/Time	Event	Venue
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Monday 6th</b>	Footsteps Begins for 5 weeks	PAC
<b>Monday 13th</b>	BookFair (2 weeks)	Nook
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	After school Gymnastic begins (every Wednesday)	Level 4 Link
<b>Friday 17th</b>	Opening School Mass 9:15 - 10:30	Church
<b>Monday 20th</b>	Goal setting/Information Night 3:30 - 8pm	Classroom
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	Goal setting/Information Night 3:30 - 6pm	Classroom
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	Welcoming Mass & Picnic 10:30 - 12:30	Church
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	Shrove Tuesday - Burning of the Palms 10:30	PAC
<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15 -10:15	Church
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	School Photos	
<b>Monday 13th</b>	Labour Day Public Holiday - No School	
<b>Friday 17th</b>	Saint Patrick's Day	
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	Harmony Day	
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	Stations of the Cross	Level 3 Link

## Diaries

In order to assist your child develop their organisational skills, we have provided each student a school diary. This diary is a great learning tool and we encourage students to write their daily timetable, homework and reading in it each day so that they can learn to manage their time effectively and become better organised. It is also a very useful tool for parents to communicate to their child's teacher.

## Homework

It is expected that your child does 20 minutes of homework each night, which includes 10 minutes on both Literacy Planet and Mathletics. In addition, children need to be reading for at least 15 minutes every night. Students will also be given an individualised spelling list to practice and learn for a fortnightly spelling test. If you would like to check your child's progression on Mathletics, please click on the the following link:

<http://west.core.mathletics.com/ParentCentreService-R164/ParentRegistration.aspx>

Please ensure your child fills out his/her diary with their reading each day. They are required to write the title of the book they read and we ask that you sign the diary each day. **Diaries will be checked and signed by classroom teachers every Friday. If teachers observe that your child has not been reading, an email will be sent home.**

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## Literacy

We will be starting our CAFÉ Reading routines and discussing the habits of a real reader vs. a fake reader. Ask your child about this, as they will soon be experts in identifying the characteristics of a real reader. Good habits are essential at the start of the year so we want to take our time to instil good reading habits in our students. You can help us by encouraging your child to find a good "reading spot" at home when they read every night. And don't forget to have your child record this in their school diaries! We will also be learning new strategies to help us with our reading fluency and understanding.

This term, we are focusing on writing to inform. What do we mean when we write to inform? What kind of writing falls under the category of "informing?" This can include: letter writing, explanations, procedural, instructional text etc. Students will explore various types of writing genres that inform people and the world. This includes traditional texts, electronic texts and creative/artistic texts.

## Numeracy

This term, we will be learning about whole numbers and measurement. It is very important for all our students that their number skills are secure as this is the foundation that a child needs to improve their mathematical learning and growth. Knowing times tables is essential so we encourage students to revise these. We will be revising number patterns, the four operations, number sequences, place value and solving number problems. In measurement, students will use their number skills in the context of time. They will learn how to read a digital and analogue clock and tell the time. Students will also be learning about the various time zones around the world!

## Inquiry/Religion -

Our theme this year for RE and Inquiry is Belonging. We will be looking at how we are all part of a universal system created by God. If the system breaks down or an element is removed, the system ceases to function. We are all active, contributing members to the universal system (community) and our actions have consequences. Our Cross Arts will be based on this and how we belong to our world and the impacts humans have had on our world since creation.

## Friendly Reminder

Thank-you to all the families who have bought in their supplies to start the school year. Below are the items that your child needs to bring into school.

- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 packet of chux
- 1 tennis ball/high bounce ball

Your child will also need a pair of headphones to use with their ChromeBooks for when they are viewing educational videos and programs. If they have their own headphones, they are able to learn at their own individual pace and rewind/re-listen if they need to. Please be mindful that it is your child's responsibility to care for their headphones.

We look forward to working together to make 2017 a fun and successful year and we would like to thank you for your continuous support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Regards,  
Level 5/6 Teachers.

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