We are a Catholic School founded by the Josephite Sisters. We carry out the mission of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We try to instil into our students the importance of helping others and “Never see a need without doing something about it.” Children will be expected to participate in class prayer and school Masses, as this is an essential part of our school and our beliefs.

**A day in the Year Six Class**

- Jobs to be done first thing and at the end of the day
- Morning fitness on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Line up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Literacy and Numeracy lessons in the morning
- History, Science and Geography between recess and lunch
- Design and Technologies, The Arts and Religion after lunch

### Curriculum Information

#### Literacy
- Exposed to a number of genres throughout the year
- Spelling incorporated into Literacy lessons – Sound Waves based
- Speaking and Listening

#### Mathematics
- Maths Mental – homework and Friday test
- iMaths and Core Skills Maths based
- QuickSmart program for those eligible

#### History
- Australia as a Nation
- Famous Australians
- Migration to Australia
- Federation

#### Geography
- We are all connected
- Comparing trends around the world

#### Religion
- Project Compassion
- MITIOG
- Crossways
- School Masses

#### Science
- Chemical Changes
- Natural Disasters
- Survival

#### The Arts
- Footsteps
- Guitar on Thursdays
- Visual and Media Arts
- Concert

#### Design and Digital Technologies
- Making and critiquing
- Safety methods
- ICT

#### Civics and Citizenship
- First year in the curriculum

#### Japanese
- Tuesdays with Briony Ackland

#### Health and Physical Education
- Wednesdays with Peter Shearer
- Health lessons in class
- Morning fitness

### Classroom Expectations

- Our motto is *Work hard and be nice to people*
- We believe that if we do these two things we are bound to succeed
- Expect best of student abilities to be given at all times
- Be organised and ready to go in the morning (fruit, diary, water bottle, notices all to be done **before** going out to play)
• Diaries to be signed at least twice a week
• Spelling test scores and Maths Mental scores to be recorded in diaries
• Everyone to help out by performing their role for the week

**Homework**

• Not intended to be an arduous task
• Learning spelling list words, complete Maths Mental and read for twenty minutes
• Occasionally finishing off may need to be done (can be dependent on how much work students complete in class i.e. off task = more work to complete)
• Please see me if this is not working at home
• Do your best to get involved with your child and the work they are doing

**LEAD**

• Student elected
• Meet every two weeks after lunch on Tuesdays

**Camp**

• Port Vincent Aquatics Camp
• Week Two, Term Four, Wednesday – Friday
• May need parent help
• Usual procedures will be applied when selecting parents

**Communication**

• Vital for helping student achieve success
• Make an appointment to see me or email me
• Please *read* all newsletters and correspondence home
• If you misplace any notes they can be found on the website or in the front office
• Please regularly check diaries and website for any important information
• If I don’t know about a problem I can’t try to fix it

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