Monday 23rd January, 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would just like to introduce myself for those of you that may not know me. My name is Felicity Norton and this is my sixth year at Vienna Woods State School. I am looking forward to teaching a year 5/6 again and have some really wonderful things planned for the year. Although this first week is a short one, we will definitely hit the ground running. I do believe we will be in for a very big, but enjoyable, first term. I just wanted to touch base with all of you and inform you about a few things for the term and also provide you with a curriculum overview so you are aware of what we are learning about during Term One.

**Homework:**
We will start a regular homework routine in Week Two. Students will be issued homework on a Friday and it will be due back to school on the following Thursday. We understand students have many after school commitments and so we have included the weekend to complete homework. It is really important that the students complete this homework on time. It is not a particularly hard or time consuming task but with high school being just around the corner for some, and not too far away for others, it is an important way to build up stamina, solidify concepts learnt in class, provide them with responsibility and prepare good homework routines.

**Times Tables:**
We will be spending lots of time practising our times tables during class time but we would really appreciate some at home practice as well. Testing them while you are driving, or cooking dinner, is a really useful way for students to learn their number facts. As the year goes on, more and more of our maths concepts require knowledge of multiplication and it is imperative that the students know these tables by heart.

**Student Leaders:**
We are very excited to induct our student leaders officially into their positions and we will be holding a special assembly on Friday the 10th of February at 9am to hear them give their pledge and receive their badges. We would love to see you there.

**Important Dates:**
- Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 7th February
- Student Leaders Induction – Friday 10th February – 9am.
- Cross Country – Tuesday 14th March
## Curriculum Overview:

### Mathematics

**Unit One:**
- **Number and place value:** Identify and describe properties of prime and composite numbers, factors, multiples, triangular numbers, square numbers and problem solving.
- **Fractions and decimals:** Order and compare fractions with related denominators, add and subtract fractions with related denominators, calculate the fraction of a given quantity.
- **Shape:** properties of 2D shapes.

**Assessment Task:**
- Written task.

### English:

This term we will be combining Unit One and Two and investigating the Narrative Genre. Students will investigate a range of short stories, and practise the process of being an effective writer.

**Assessment Task:**
- Written Imaginative Text: Students will plan, draft and publish a short story.

### HASS Unit One:

This term students will be investigating Australia through the “My Place” story, investigating change, mapping, timelines, sustainability and geographical locations.

**Assessment Task:**
- Project: Collection of Work: MY PLACE Historical Narrative

### Science

**Unit One:**
In this unit students will investigate the cause and effect of natural disasters.

**Assessment Task:**
- Written task

### Design Technology and Media:

Students will be designing and creating a Multimedia Movie in conjunction with the Science unit on Natural Disasters.

**Assessment Task:**
- Multimedia Movie

### Contact:

Feel free to contact me via my email, fxnor2@eq.edu.au if you have any queries or information to pass on. I am often available to chat before school after exam and after school. Sometimes it may be easier to make a meeting with me, as I may have other meetings or events scheduled, so feel free to send me an email and I am happy to make a time with you. If you are interested in helping out in the classroom at any time you are more than welcome to come and see me.

Thankyou in advance for your support this year and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Sincerely,

Felicity Norton  
Classroom Teacher

Jacqueline Fiedler  
Principal