

Year 6, 2017

About Me

Who am I?

Name: Alex Paljetak

Previous school: St Kieran's Catholic Primary School Tuart Hill (Taught Year 2 and 4)

Sporty- Cricket, Football, running, being healthy in general

Enjoy using technology and integrating it into the curriculum. I'm keen on trying new things all the time.

Love getting away down south

Lots of weddings to attend this year

Teaching Philosophies

- Communication and building rapport with students/parents.
- The only person that benefits from the hard work put in the classroom is the students.
 - Building strong relationships where the students feel safe. That's half your job done.
 - It's **OK** to make mistakes! The unknown is ok.
- Giving students choice and being flexible. As adults, we like to have options. The same goes for children.
 - Don't be afraid to let me students teach me.
 - Creativity.
 - Students becoming confident, independent learners.
 - Be prepared to try new things, even if you failed on your last try.

4 Levels of Learning



Expectations of Year 6 Students

- Be role models for others throughout the school
 - Work with others in a cooperative manner
 - Be comfortable with making mistakes
 - Be organised and punctual
 - Show respect to others
 - Present work neatly and to the best of their ability
 - Be the best person that you can be
- Be willing to take feedback on board and push the boundaries with their learning
 - Take responsibility for own learning

Behaviour Management

As mentioned previously, we have one overarching rule in Year 6. That is to ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’. This is God’s greatest commandment and essentially covers the way that we need to act in the classroom. This not only means treating each other with respect but the classroom and the belongings around us as well.



Classcraft will be a way of rewarding students for positive behaviour in the class. This is something new that I am trying this year in an attempt to ‘gamify’ the classroom and make behaviour management engaging and fun. This will also be integrated into the schools Magic 1, 2, 3 technique.

ST Pius X Values & Leadership

Service, Excellence, Authenticity, Relationship, Courage, Hope.

In the first week of the year, students nominated themselves to a leadership committee. These are Christian, Sport, Environment, Events, Technology and Bookworms. Students will rotate through these on a termly basis. We will also be creating a 'Leadership Portfolio' where students can document some of the leadership activities that have partaken in.



Important Dates

Leadership Conference at Convention Centre- 10th of March

Parent Interviews- 3rd to 7th of April

Confirmation Commitment Mass- 20th and 21st of May

Confirmation Workshop- 11th of May

Confirmation Mass- 18th of June

School Camp- 8th to the 11th of August. To be held at Forest Edge.



Homework



- Homework will be set nightly via Google Classroom. The reason for this is to develop effective organisation skills and to be prepared for the rigours of high school
- 30-45 minutes Monday-Thursday.
- Homework should be **nothing new** and should be a chance to **practice** and **revise** the topics covered in class.
- Homework will consist of Studyladder, Mathletics, Reading, revision of basic facts, finishing off tasks and assignments, pre teaching grabs via Educreations, Edpuzzle, studying for tests, vocabulary
- Remember that Homework is in place to benefit the students. It is up to the student to be organised.
- If you have tutoring or other activities that prevent your child from doing homework, please email me or see me.

Specialist Subjects

LOTE- 1 lesson

Sport- 2 lessons

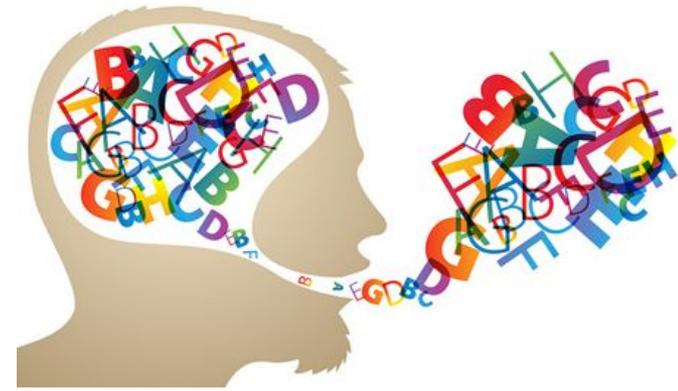
Science- 1 lesson

Music- 1 lesson



English

- Diana Rigg Spelling
- Comprehension strategies (Into the Book)
- Book study using I am Jack
- Guided Reading with Mr.P
- Punctuation/grammar- commas, adverbs, adjectives
- Poetry- what types of figurative language is being used by the writer to get their point across- similies, metaphors
- Different types of sentences- simple, compound, complex
- Alternate weeks- Reading week, writing week
- Analysing media texts and the use of camera angles and shots to convey a message



Maths



- Pre-testing to determine groups
- Mental Maths, Explicit teaching, groups, reflection
(Mathletics/Studyladder/topic appropriate games and worded problems)
- Be given back tests marked, with answers so that you can sit with your child to identify what they did well but what needs work. You can also view improvement this way.
- No pigeon holing- build confidence
- Mental Maths- practicing concepts using the four operations.
- Use of Educreations and EdPuzzle as pre-teaching grabs
- Can you teach me or others in the class about how you found the answer

Religion

First 5 weeks- Guided through Prayer (Prayer)

- How to live by the Ten Commandments
- Develop Virtues

Second 5 Weeks- Celebrate Jesus as Lord (Lent)

- Exploring how we are unique
- The triumph of Jesus through the Resurrection



Health/Technology

Technology

Students will begin the year by looking at coding using a device. We will be using Micro:bits and Spheros.

Health

Cybersafety and Highway Heroes. Highway Heroes is a new program that deals with emotional intelligence and giving students the language and strategies to deal with problems that can arise at school.

Healthy lifestyle choices- healthy eating and strategies to keep fit

iPad use

The iPad will be used 20% of the day as a guide. The iPad is in place to be used as a creative tool as well as a learning aid to enable the students to become independent learners.

Can you please ensure that iMSG is turned off while the students are at school.

Regular checks of student history usage.

Please make sure that it is in a case and if a breakage occurs, please attempt to get it fixed as soon as possible



How can you contact me?

By email

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Come in and see me- I aim to be at school by 7.10am.

Blog- updated regularly with some of the activities we have been doing in class. Class timetable will be posted in the coming days.

<http://paljetakspost.weebly.com/>

Twitter

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Please feel free to check these out to get a snapshot of what exciting activities your child might participate in this year.

Questions

