

# *The Leader*

## *Year 6, Term 2, 2018*

### **Welcome**

*Term 2 already? The year is flying by! We hope you all had a really lovely Easter and relaxing holidays. It's so important to spend time with the special people in our lives. This term is 11 weeks long, filled to the brim with activities and learning. So sit down, buckle up, hang on tight and enjoy the ride!*

### *Faith Life/Confirmation*



*During Faith Life sessions this term, the students will begin preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a significant celebration in their journey to becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. There is a huge amount of learning that accompanies this Sacrament and so this will be a whole term unit, and will continue next term. The dates for Confirmation are Wednesday, July 25 and Friday, July 27 at 7.00 pm.*

*The students will investigate the lives of saints throughout history and then make the important decision of selecting a saint with whom they feel connected and aspire to be like. They will have received an information pack outlining the activities, expectations and important dates that you will need to know leading up to Confirmation. Please ensure that you read this thoroughly with your child as it is imperative that you understand what is required and when it is to be completed.*

# NUMERACY

*This term Numeracy will consist of two major units covering a huge amount of the curriculum - Investigating Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and Units of Measurement which covers mass, length, perimeter, area, capacity and time. Please keep an eye out for these particular topics in your child's Maths Mate and when working with your child on their homework.*



# Literacy

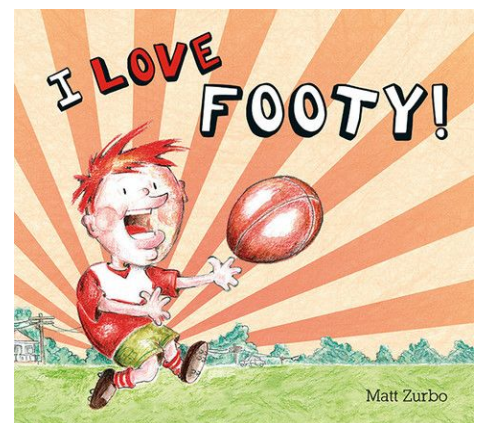
*This term in Literacy we will continue to build upon our reading comprehension, writing, and speaking and listening skills. Our focus for comprehension will be finding the main idea, summarising, understanding cause and effect, understanding sequence, learning to draw conclusions from a text, comparing and contrasting, finding the author's purpose, making predictions within a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion.*

*Our writing focus is information report writing. The students will use the framework to write a biography of the Confirmation saint and the spirit-filled person they have chosen.*



# WINTER SPORT

*This term the students will play in either Netball or Football teams against other local Catholic schools. Year 6 students are to supply 2 cut-up oranges every second week beginning in Week 3. This is a really good opportunity for the children to develop their organisational skills, ensuring that they are fully prepared with all the required equipment for each Friday.*



*If your child is playing football, it is imperative that they remember their mouthguard each week, as they are not allowed to play without it.*

# Homework

*Homework will continue to be on a fortnightly basis. It will be given out on a Monday and will be due in to school on Friday of the following week, with a couple of exceptions. It is St Finbar's Homework Policy that our parents are responsible for*



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
DO YOUR  
HOMEWORK**

*checking and correcting their child's homework and the teacher is to sight and sign once this has been done. Your child's diary is an important tool of communication and will also be used as a homework planner to help the children manage their time in preparation for Secondary School. The students have written due dates into their diaries as a reminder of when work is due. It is also a requirement that the students read every day for 20 minutes and that this is recorded in their diary and signed by a parent. Maths Mate will continue this year and will be due EVERY Friday (unless told otherwise). Homework will begin in*

Week 2.

## Uniform and Specialists Days



*As leaders of our school it is vital that all Year 6 Leaders are wearing correct uniform at ALL times. It is so important that they are wearing their uniforms with pride and modelling to the younger children the high standards that we uphold here at St Finbar's School. A reminder that nail polish, makeup and jewellery are not to be worn to school. Earrings must be plain sleepers or studs.*

*Please note that girls now have the option to wear the same tie as the boys.*

*Please note that Sport Uniform is to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays, for both 6H and 6M, as these are our sports days. Other Specialist Days are:*

6H

*Tuesday - Visual Arts, Italian and P.E  
Italian*

6H

*Tuesday - Performing Arts, P.E. and*

## Brighton Cluster Day

*As part of our leadership program, and as a means of further developing the children's social skills, we will be participating in another Brighton Cluster Day on Thursday, May 3.*

*These days have proven to be a valuable opportunity for the students to get to know other students with whom they might be going to Secondary School. Feedback from previous years tells us that these days make the transition to Secondary School easier as they have more familiar faces that they can identify with.*

## Communication

*If you have any concerns, please get in touch with us.*

*The best method of communication is via email:*

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*We are looking forward to a successful term as we support your children in their education. We also look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the term.*

*Thank you for your time and support.*

*Amanda McCurdy and Jo Howell*

*The Year 6 Team*