

# WELCOME TO YEAR 6 - 2020

## Welcome!

Welcome to Year Six!! We would like to welcome back our students and families.

We extend a special welcome to all new students and families. Welcome to Rooty Hill Public School!

Year 6 have already been busy getting to know their new classmates and teachers.

Thank you to all those students who have nominated themselves for a leadership role. All students will be notified of their roles in the near future.

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Class Teachers:

5/6B — Miss Nicole Boyle

6K — Mrs Caragh Karaka

6R — Mrs Braydan Robertson

6S — Miss Caitlin Smith

6T — Mrs Jackie Thomas

Grade Supervisor — Miss Karla Regan

If you have any questions or queries please see your child's class teacher or speak to Miss Regan the grade supervisor.

### Year 6 Shirts

To commemorate their last year of primary school, Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase and wear a specially designed red school shirt. **Notes will be handed out soon.**

All students will try on sample shirts and the suggested size will be recorded on their note. When suggesting sizing, the aim will be for students to be able to wear their shirt for the entire year.

### High School 2021!

You may be thinking, "...s/he has only just started Year 6!" and you'd be right, but in the coming weeks you will be asked to complete an Expression of Interest indicating the high schools you would like your child to be considered for in 2021.

You will be invited to attend an information session with Miss Regan to complete your child's Expression of Interest form. Please ensure you attend one of these sessions.

## YEAR 6 CAMP – Canberra!

Our Year 6 Camp this year will be held in Term 3, **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. We are very excited to be able to offer our students the opportunity to attend this wonderful camp with many activities and experiences.

**There will be limited spaces** and a payment plan will be available.

More information about deposits and payment plans will be sent home during Term One.

This will be a great opportunity for students to take part in unique experiences and create lifelong memories.

## HOMEWORK and HOME READING

As we would like to give students more time to take part in all the extra activities they might do outside of school, **homework will be handed out on Tuesday and returned on Monday.**

Home Reading is a very important part of homework and **we would like students to read every night and record their reading on their Home Reading Log**. They may read any text of their choice, e.g. a Premier's Reading Challenge book, a text from their Wushka online account, a magazine, the newspaper, a novel, a comic etc.

Home Reading Logs need to be handed in along with homework every Monday.

# THERE IS AN EXCITING AND BUSY YEAR AHEAD!

## Rooty Hill Public School App

Our school app is an alternative way to communicate with parents. By using our school app you can:

- ✓ Receive notifications and reminders about upcoming events
- ✓ Add upcoming school events to the calendar on your phone
- ✓ Download and read our fortnightly 'News From The Hill' Newsletter
- ✓ Download and read grade newsletters each term

The app is available for download from iTunes or Google Play, just search for Rooty Hill Public School. We look forward to communicating with parents using our app.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

All Year Six students are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The challenge opens on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, however students can start reading books now! Students are required to read 20 books – 15 from the PRC list and 5 of their choice. The challenge closes on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**. We hope that all Year Six students will complete the challenge!

## Soundwaves and Wushka

**Soundwaves** is an exciting and interactive spelling program which provides students with engaging activities to improve their spelling skills and strategies.

**Wushka** is a wonderful program with a large number of texts that students are able to access online. Students read texts at their level and answer comprehension questions about what they have read. These texts can be included on Home Reading logs.

Logins for both of these programs will be provided to students by class teachers. Both programs can be accessed at home and school.