Year 6, 2016
About Me

Who is your child's teacher?

Name: Alex Paljetak

Previous school: St Kieran’s Catholic Primary School Tuart Hill (Taught Year 2 and 4. Love integrating Technology into the Curriculum, however, this is only one of my many talents).

Family: Mum and Dad (Marisa and Peter), Sister (Rachel- getting married this year).

Hobbies: Fitness fanatic (running, footy, cricket- you name it, I do it).

Recently bought a house which I am slowly renovating. Best man for best mate in March.
Teaching Philosophies

- Communication and building rapport with parents/students.
- 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! That’s how we learn.
  - Giving students choice
- Don’t be afraid to let me students teach me.
4 Levels of Learning

Monitoring My Learning

1. I'm JUST learning
   [I need a re-teach/more help]

2. I'm ALMOST there!
   [I need more practice]

3. I OWN it!
   [I can work independently]

4. I'm a PRO!
   [I can teach others]
Expectations of Year 6 Students

- Be role models for others throughout the school.
  - Work with others collaboratively.
  - Be comfortable with making mistakes.
- To turn up to school everyday, ready to learn and understand that they are responsible for their own learning
  - Show respect to others.
- Present work neatly – always ruled up
At the beginning of the year, we sat down as a class and brainstormed rules that can contribute to the well-being of the class. These rules revolve around being respectful, safe and responsible for not only each other, but their learning. The school rules were incorporated into this along with my own golden rules.

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<td>Tuck your chair in</td>
<td>Stay on task</td>
<td>Trust others</td>
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<td>Hold scissors</td>
<td>Don't muck around</td>
<td>Listen to what people have to say</td>
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<td>Look where you're going</td>
<td>Putting things away</td>
<td>Don't tease</td>
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<td>Don't run in the classroom</td>
<td>Complete your jobs</td>
<td>Please and Thank You's</td>
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<td>Be aware of your surroundings</td>
<td>Using other peoples pencils</td>
<td>Take on board others ideas</td>
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<td>Don't throw stuff around</td>
<td>Commitment</td>
<td>Talking over people</td>
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<td>Don't go near dangerous things</td>
<td>Don't ignore the teacher</td>
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ST Pius X Values & Leadership

Service, excellence, authenticity, relationship, courage, hope.

In the first week of the year, students were nominated to cover 4 areas of leadership. The 4 areas of leadership are: Christian, Events, Sport & Environment Committee. Students will rotate through these throughout the year. Students will meet twice a week to make plans and put actions into place.
Key Dates

Confirmation Commitment Mass– 21st and 22nd of May

Confirmation– 10th of June

School Camp– Term 3. Fairbridge. 16th to 19th of August. Going with 2 other schools.

Leadership Conference at Convention Centre– 11th of March

Any other dates I will update you via my Blog.
Homework

- Homework will be set nightly via Google Classroom.
- 30–40 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, Pre-teaching grabs
- Remember that Homework is in place to benefit the students.
Specialist Subjects

LOTE - 1 lesson
Sport - 2 lessons
Art - 1 lesson
Science - 1 lesson
Music - 1 lesson
English

- Diana Rigg Spelling
- Comprehension strategies (Into the Book)
- Ongoing Book Club throughout the term
- Guided Reading
- Grammar– commas, adverbial phrases
- Biographies– descriptive language– tied into History
- Different types of sentences– compound and complex
- Alternate weeks– Reading week, writing week
Maths

- Pre-testing to determine groups
- Mental Maths, Explicit teaching, groups, reflection (Mathletics/Studyladder/topic appropriate games)
- 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
- No pigeonholing
- Mental Maths—practicing the 4 operations, place value games
History

- Four aspects to be covered this year—History, Geography, Economics, Civics and Citizenship
- Federation and some of the key people involved in making it happen
- Experiences of Australia’s democracy, including the rites of Women and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people
- Stories of people who migrated to Australia (Biography to be integrated into Literacy time)
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

Create a Blog Page using Weebly to update parents and other members about what’s happening in class. Students will be responsible for updating this.

Health

Cybersafety
I-Pads to be used about 20% of the day. The iPad is not only their as a creativity tool, but as a learning aid through Apps such as Educreations. Google Classroom will be used to communicate with students throughout the year. Any apps to be bought can be seen on the Weebly page. Apps can be found on the School Weebly page.

http://stpiusxipadapps.weebly.com
Class Timetable

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0By83g-zXRo9DdXVpbzFkelJOaXM
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Questions