THIS WEEK IN YEAR 6

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

WEEK TWO - CURRICULUM

**Religion**

Daily morning prayer (looking at prayer intentions & school values)

Understanding the meaning of ‘moral choices.’

Matching Ten Commandments with moral choices.

**Maths**

Complete diagnostic testing.

Place value: millions to thousandths.

Mental & written strategies involving all four operations.

**Length & Area**

Mental maths (Signpost Book - Daily)

Basic Facts (Speed Tests - Daily)

**English**

Formal spelling lessons begin.

Noun Groups (Proper, Common: Abstract, Concrete, Collective)

Shared Reading begins

Writing - Biography Genre
MESSAGE FROM MR. HUGHES

Hello everyone, we survived the first week of 2015. It has been great getting to know this group of young people. I did reach my goal of knowing all names by the end of the week although I am having the occasional slip up, particularly with pronunciation. (Sorry Rafe - I will improve)

During Week 1, we spent a fair amount of time discussing classroom expectations and good learning behaviors. We definitely experienced some great progress as the days went on although we do still have plenty to strive for which is expected so early in the year.

One of my goals is to focus the students’ attention on being ready for learning through active listening (meaning eyes to the speaker whether that be me as the teacher or a student answering a question). This skill is also a simple display of common courtesy that is required to be a respectful human. During Week 2, active listening will certainly continue to be an area of focus.

Most students this week were able to successfully complete the set homework and I thank you for any support provided to the students. As they become familiar with the expectations for homework, students should generally be able to independently complete this and I know many would already be doing so. Homework will always be relevant to what is happening in class and never will it be a waste of time activity.

History

Significant people in Federation.
(Edmond Barton, George Reid, John Quick, Henry Parks)

Glossary Terms: Colonies, Federation, Convention, Conference, Referendum, Commonwealth, States, Constitution, Corowa, Oration.

Geography

Defining diversity and different ways to study diversity. E.g. Population, Income and Gross Domestic Product, Life Expectancy)

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