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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 4 2019

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Year 4 Agile Learning Lab in 2019. We look forward to working collaboratively with you next year. Year 4 will be an exciting and rewarding experience as the children develop their independent learning skills and we will have lots of fun along the way.

The students of Year 4 will work together as one learning community for much of their learning experiences in 2019, but at times will work with their home classes. Students will therefore belong to either the 4A or 4B home class. The home class teacher for 4A will be Mrs Witham and the home class teacher for 4B will be Mrs Farrell. **Your child's home class is 4A.**

Since students will spend time constructing their learning with each Year 4 class teacher, we would like to share some information about ourselves to help you get to know us a little better.

From Mrs Witham:

I am a mother of three adult children, my youngest graduated high school this year. 2019 will be my ninth year teaching at St. Paul's. Consequently, I have a wealth of experience in raising children as well as teaching them. Teaching is my passion and working with children is one of my great joys. I have extended training in differentiation, inquiry learning strategies, The Arts and Mathematics and I have a passion for teaching reading and writing. I believe your child's primary education is foundational to their development both as a learner and as a successful member of society and will strive to help them develop socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically while still addressing the requirements of the curriculum.

From Mrs Farrell:

I'm a mother of two and grandmother of four. I love roller coasters, and my favorite adventure was going on a 120 metre flying fox, in a cave, in the pitch dark.

I taught Year 5 – 8 in New Zealand for nine years, taking a lead role in Literacy and Assessment, before coming to Queensland. I worked in Prep – Year 6 as a relief teacher for two years then joined St Paul's about ten years ago teaching Year 3. My love for teaching is as strong today as it was many years ago. I'm passionate about planning for all learners, diagnostic assessment, differentiation, reading, writing, maths and drama.

I'm excited about the coming year and fostering a love of learning and helping children in Year 4 to reach their goals, co-operate and encourage one another inside and outside the classroom.

We look forward to teaching your child in 2019 and getting to know you as we work together.

We would like to welcome you to the Family Administration Day on Thursday 24 January 2019 from 8:00am- 3:00pm. Please remember to bring all booklist items on this day. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the classroom and meet us as well as the Year 4 support staff. It is also a good opportunity to fill out vital paperwork for the 2019 year.

We hope you enjoy your Christmas break and look forward to catching up in the New Year.

Lynda Witham & Becky Farrell
Year 4 Agile Learning Lab Teachers 2019

