

31 January 2019



Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 5 Students

Welcome to the 2019 School year. We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a lovely restful break and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are. 2019 sees the ongoing implementation of Agile Teaching and Learning at St Paul's with this colourful, engaging and flexible learning environment reflected in Year 5 classrooms. The team for 2019 is:

Classroom Teachers: Mr Matt Nicholls, Mrs Deborah Cottrell & Mrs Mel Kerr

Teacher Assistants/learning support: Mrs Carissa Klinge

This term we will be inquiring and investigating into the following:

English: Our English unit plan, *Recount on me to persuade you!*, looks at recount and persuasive writing genres. Our *Daily 5* activities; read to self, read aloud, listen to someone read, word work and writing continues to support the development of students' reading fluency and comprehension. Further details will be discussed at the Parent Information Night in Week 3.

Christian Studies: Our unit, *Are we all Spiritual Beings?* encourages students to explore and reflect on expressions of Christian spirituality as described in the New Testament and experienced in the school community.

Health: Our unit *Youniqueness*, covers the topics of health, safety, being active and effective interaction/communication with others for good health and emotional wellbeing.

Science: *Light Fantastic* is a unit where students explore the everyday phenomena associated with the transfer of light.

Health & Social Science: Our Unit, *Migration is a response to human circumstance and challenges*, encourages students to learn and reflect about Australia's multi-cultural nature and heritage.

Maths: *Daily 3* - Developing students' proficiency, understanding, fluency and problem solving and reasoning across all strands of Mathematics using various resources such as iMaths and Envision.

Home Learning: The primary focus of home learning will be to ensure your child is reading every night. Further details regarding home learning will be discussed at the Parent Information Night in Week 3.

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General Information:

- Parent Information Night Tuesday 12 February 2019, Week 3 at 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the Year 5 Agile Learning Space.
This evening will provide you an opportunity to learn more about the Year 5 Agile Teaching and Learning program for 2019 and ask any questions that you may have.
- Physical Education, Library, Music and Japanese are the specialist subjects for this year.
- Sports Uniform: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
- Formal Uniform: Monday and Thursday
- Chapel Year 3 – 6 : Wednesday at 8:35am
- Assembly Year 3 – 6 : Thursday at 8:35pm
- Senior Swimming Program Year 3 – 6 : Monday – Friday of Week 2 & 3 (4 February – 15 February) 10:45am-11:25am
- Senior Swimming Carnival : Week 4, Friday 22 February
- School Photos : Week 7, Thursday 14 March
- Inter-House Cross Country : Week 8, Monday 18 March
- Tuckshop: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – Orders are due by the Tuesday of each week. All orders need to be placed through our online ordering system which can be accessed via the school app or website.
- Year 5 School Sunday: Sunday 24 March – Please make the time to attend this important and enjoyable celebration.

Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer to assist within the Agile Learning Environment on a regular basis, please let either teacher know.

Crunch and Sip: Students are expected to have a water bottle and are encouraged to have some **cut** fruit or vegetables for *crunch and sip* (no dips). Please remember we are a **Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone**, so please do not send any food products with your student that contains nuts. We promote healthy food lunch boxes.

The school's learning programme begins daily at **8:30am**, however, classrooms will be open from **8:20am** allowing students to unpack and set up for start of program. Please ensure that your child comes prepared for school every day. School hats are compulsory and the school has a *No Hat No Play* policy. Please **name all items**, including clothing, as this makes recovery so much easier when items have been misplaced.

We look forward to sharing an enjoyable and rewarding year with you and your child.

Kind regards

Matt, Deb, Mel & Carissa

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