

29 January 2020



Re: Welcome to Term 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 1 Students

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. Year 1 promises to be an exciting, energetic and active year for your student. We will learn about many different topics, obtain many new maths and language skills and be challenged by various classroom projects.

Learning Assistant

In Year 1 this year, we will have a variety of Learning Assistants coming in and out, but you will see Mrs June Zanow around most frequently.

Bell Times

We would prefer our students to arrive at 8:20am ready for an 8:30am start. School finishes at 3:00pm and for the first couple of weeks, your child will be walked over by us to the undercover area where the children will sit on the large yellow and black painted squares. Please collect your child from there. If you need to chat to the teachers, please organise an appointment.

Chapel and Assembly Time

Junior chapel will begin at 9:05am on Wednesday mornings and Assembly will begin at 1:30pm on Friday afternoons. Please feel free to come along to these weekly events.

Library

The Library will be operating quite differently this year. It has been renamed the GLAD (Growing Learning And Discovering) Centre. Mrs Morris is now going to be working with the students each lesson on 'library' and inquiry skills. The students will change their Library books and Home readers on a Friday as a class. Please ensure both Library fiction/non-fiction books and readers are brought back to school on Friday morning. The GLAD Centre will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 8:30am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm if you would like to visit with your child- they are allowed to borrow library books at these times.

Home learning

Students are required to do 10 minutes of reading and practise provided sight words each night. Further information will be provided at our Parent Information Evening.

Date Claimers

- Tuesday 4 February : Year 1 Parent Information Evening (**please note that students and siblings are not to attend**) : 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the classroom.
- Tuesday 18 February : P&F General Meeting : 3:15pm
- Tuesday 3 March : Parent Workshop, VSC for Parent Volunteers : 2:00pm and 6:00pm
- Thursday 5 March : School Photo Day (Formal Uniform required).
- Friday 27 March : Cross Country Prep –Year 6
- Sunday 29 March : Year 1 School Sunday
- Thursday 2 April : Free Dress Day
- Thursday 2 April : Last day of Term 1 and Parent/Teacher Conversations : 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 3 April : Pupil Free Day and Parent/ Teacher Conversations : 8:00am – 12:00pm

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Uniform

The Uniform Policy can be found in the parent handbook. Please note that Year one students need to wear black lace up leather shoes for their Formal Uniform and white lace up joggers for Sports Uniform.

- Formal Uniform – Monday and Thursday
- Sports Uniform – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

iPads

The children will be using their iPads from Week 5, however, you are welcome to bring your child's iPad into Mrs Peta Hare (in the Uniform Shop on Monday, Thursday and Friday) prior to this week, so the iPad can be set up for use. Prior to Week 5, please do not bring your child's iPad to the Year 1 classrooms.

Crunch and Sip

- Students can bring a small, **named** container into the classroom containing only fruit or vegetables. Please do not send messy fruit such as watermelon and oranges. No crackers or yoghurt are acceptable for Crunch.
- Students are encouraged to drink water throughout the day for sip. They can bring a **water** bottle into the classroom. No juice or cordial is permitted.



Morning Tea and Lunch

- Students need to come to school with a healthy morning tea and lunch. Snacks like fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, crackers & dip are very appropriate for morning tea. A Bento Box, sandwich or salad are fantastic options for lunch time. Packaged items are not appropriate for during school hours and create unnecessary litter in the environment.

No Nut Policy

- St Paul's is a **nut-free school**. Please do not send any food products with your student that contains nuts.

We look forward to teaching your child and getting to know them and your family better through the duration of 2020.

Yours in Christ

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