

31 January 2019



Re: Welcome to Term 1, 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 1

Welcome back to the 2019 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.

Visiting Pre-Service Teacher

We are lucky to have a pre-service teacher, Holly Matthewman, to work alongside us in Year 1 for Term 1. Holly is completing her final university placement with us. Please make her feel welcome.

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

Library day is Wednesday, please make sure you return your child's borrowed books on Wednesday mornings. If you prefer, these could be returned on Tuesday. The Library will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am – 8:30am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm if you would like to visit with your child.

Home learning

Students are required to do 10 minutes of reading and practise provided sight words each night, including on the weekend.

Date Claimers

- Tuesday 5 February : Year 1 Parent Information Evening (**please note that students and siblings are not to attend**) : 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the classroom.
- Tuesday 19 February : P&F General Meeting : 3:15pm
- Tuesday 5 March : Parent Workshop, VSC for Parent Volunteers : 1:30pm and 6:00pm
- Thursday 14 March : School Photo Day (Formal Uniform required).
- Friday 15 March : Rainbow Accessory
- Monday 18 March : Cross Country Prep –Year 6
- Tuesday 2 April : Music Showcase
- Thursday 4 April : Last day of Term 1 and Parent/Teacher Conversations : 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 5 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 Friday
- Sports Uniform – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

iPads

The children will be using their iPads from Week 5, however, you are welcome to bring your child's iPad into Mrs Kerry Smith (in the Uniform Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) 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 2019.

Yours in Christ

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