

24 April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 5 Students

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that every family had a safe and relaxing holiday, and that you are all refreshed for this busy term!

In Christian Studies this term, the students will inquire about the importance worship has in the lives of Christians. In this unit, the students will investigate why Christians worship God, where this would take place, and the important features of a Church service. They will consider the differences in worship between the various Christian denominations.

In English, our writing focus will continue to be Persuasive and Narrative Writing in preparation for the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) in Week 4. We will then move into the text type of Information Reports.

Our Maths program will continue with the Daily 3 routine using iMaths and Envision resources and iPad applications to support the program. The students will be able to apply and show their learning in some Maths Investigations.

For our Inquiry Units, we will be studying the significant events that caused migration to Australia in the 1800s. The Students will examine what the Europeans were greeted with when they arrived in the Moreton Bay Region in the 1800s and how the colonies were initially set up and developed. This unit will involve elements of History, Science, Geography and the Arts.

Also later this term, we will begin an exciting focus on 'Earth's Place in Space'. The students will conduct investigations and research on the Solar System, analyse features of seasons and look at historical impacts of significant people and events.

Other important dates this term will include:

- School ANZAC Observation – Wednesday 24 April
- ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April
- Labour Day Holiday – Monday 6 May
- Mother's Day Stall – Friday 10 May
- Mothers and Sons Event – Thursday 9 May : 4:00pm – 5:30pm
- National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) – 14 to 24 May
- Years 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival – Thursday 30 & Friday 31 May
- Teachers Proofing Semester 1 Reports – Friday 28 June (Pupil Free Day)

Students are reminded that they are required to check and pack their school bags daily so that they are organised with the necessary items to begin each day. They will need to bring a freshly filled water bottle and hat each day, especially on Tuesday which is our P.E. day. They should bring a suitable bag for borrowing library books on a Thursday.

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We will be having a camp meeting in the first half of this term to discuss fundraising initiatives. We will send home a notice with more details about this. Our Year 5 camp will be in Week 5 of Term 3 (August 13-16).

Students are also encouraged to participate in Crunch and Sip, and also to remember our school's Peanut and Tree Nut Free Zone Policy.

A reminder that it is the schools expectation/procedure that any student departing early needs to be collected from the student's classroom with an early departure slip received from the front office. This departure slip needs to be given to one of the teachers [or the specialist teacher] as per our duty of care.

Students are reminded to wear correct Formal Uniform on Mondays and Thursdays, with Sport Uniform to be worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

As we have a strong open door policy we encourage any parents who may have queries or concerns about their child to make an appointment to discuss the matter as soon as it arises with their teacher. Email or Seesaw is the best way to communicate with us. Our e-mail addresses are mnicholls@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au, dcottrell@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au and mkerr@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

We are really excited about the variety of activities that this term holds, and the wonderful experiences the students will be exposed to.

Kind regards

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