



14 July 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 Students

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope all families had a relaxing and safe break in preparation for the term ahead.

We will be returning to the teaching routine of Term 1, with Mr. Riley continuing full time in the learning space and Mrs. Cottrell will be job sharing with Mrs. Bowman, working 4 days per week and Mrs. Bowman 1 day per week.

With the information and government guidelines currently available to us, we expect the Year 6 Goondiwindi Region Tour from 11 to 15 October to go ahead as planned. However, it is likely that parent helpers will be unable to attend. We will be aiming to have a Year 6 Camp parent information evening in mid-late August. This will be led by Kangaroo Bus Lines. The date and time for this is yet to be confirmed by Kangaroo Bus lines; we will give you further details on this when we receive them. If you have any immediate questions or concerns about camp before this meeting, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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 is the best way to communicate with us. Our e-mail addresses for parent contact are:

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This semester, we will gradually make changes to the structure of the school day and the home learning tasks to start preparing the students for the high school environment. Any changes will be fully explained and discussed with the students prior to implementation, and posted on Seesaw for your information. Because of this, there will be an even stronger emphasis placed on punctuality and presentation of work in class and tasks to be completed at home. If work presented is unsatisfactory, students will be required to redo and resubmit. Please keep apprised of the School Calendar at <http://stpaulslps.qld.edu.au/calendar/> to see up-to-date Important dates for this term.

In Christian Studies, the students will be completing their exploration of the question 'What is the purpose of life?', investigate and understand that a strong healthy self-concept derives from a relationship with God and a positive community life. The students will then move to beginning to explore the basic belief systems of the Jewish, Islamic, and Christian faiths, describing the similarities and differences between these monotheistic religions.

In English, the writing focus will be poetry writing, and persuasive writing to tie in with our inquiry unit. The students will continue with the Daily 5 program which will cover writing, spelling and reading. Finally, there will be informal opportunities for the students to develop their public speaking and presentation skills, as well as a formal opportunity based around the Learning Expo on Thursday 20 August.

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In Inquiry, the students will study the key institutions of Australia's democratic government, including state/territory and federal parliaments, and the responsibilities of electors and representatives. They will learn how state/territory and federal laws are made in a parliamentary system. Finally, they will examine Australian citizenship and reflect on the rights and responsibilities that being a citizen entails.

Students are reminded that they are required to check and pack their schoolbags daily so that they are organised with the necessary items to begin each day. They will need to bring a **freshly cleaned and filled water bottle** and **hat** each day, especially on Tuesday which is our P.E. day. We hope to see all students participate in *Crunch & Sip*, which should consist of fruit or vegetables cut into pieces for easiness sake (no dips please). Please also remember our school's **Peanut and Tree Nut Free** Zone Policy.

Students are reminded to wear correct formal uniform on Mondays and Thursdays, with sport uniform to be worn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

May God's blessings be with you all,

Dom Riley, Deb Cottrell and Julia Bowman
Year 6 Agile Learning Lab Teachers