



9 October 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 Students

Welcome to Term 4. We hope everyone had a happy and restful break and that the students are keen to begin their final term as Year 6 students at St Paul's.

We certainly have many opportunities packed into this 9-week term that will allow the Year 6 cohort to demonstrate and celebrate their abilities! Further information on the following dates will be given in separate letters closer to the events. Important dates this term include:

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| • Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 October | Year 6 Camp to Cooloola Coast |
| • Wednesday 28 October | Japanese Drumming Incursion |
| • Friday 20 November | Pupil Free Day (Semester 2 Reports Proofing and Editing) |
| • Tuesday 24 November (TBC) | End Of Year Excursion |
| • Monday 30 November | Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, Awards and Dinner (Sports Central Caboolture, 1-3 Hasking Street, Caboolture 6:00pm to 10:00pm) |
| • Tuesday 1 December | Final day of Year 6 |

End of Year, Graduation and Award Services 2020 - Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual End of Year, Graduation and Awards Service.

Taking this into consideration, it was decided that the Year 6 Graduation Dinner planned for Monday, 30th November will also serve as the Graduation and Awards evening.

Students will still be expected to attend school on Tuesday where a whole school acknowledgement of their graduation is planned.

In Christian Studies, the students will continue 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 be continuing with the *Words Their Way* program and the *Daily 5* program (including novel study through *Literature Circles*), which will cover writing, spelling and reading. There will be formal and informal opportunities for the students to develop their public speaking, presentation, grammar and editing skills. There will be a strong emphasis on presentation of work in class, as well as tasks to be completed at home.

In Inquiry, the students will continue to study the key institutions of Australia's democratic government, including state/territory and federal parliaments, and the responsibilities of electors and representatives. They will examine Australian citizenship and reflect on the rights and responsibilities that being a citizen entails.

Our Science unit this term will continue to focus on Biological Sciences. The students will continue their investigation of micro-organisms and learning how some can be helpful and some can be harmful.

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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 would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. 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 are driley@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au, dcottrell@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au and jbowman@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au.

We are looking forward to making this a memorable last term for all our Year 6 students!

Yours sincerely

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