

21 April 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 5 Students,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope every family has had a chance to relax, unwind and stay safe over the holidays, and that you are all ready to go for this exciting and busy term!

We would like to welcome Mr. Michael Houstoun, a 4th year QUT student, into the Year 5 team for the next 5 weeks as he completes his professional experience. It will be exciting to have a new face in our classroom!

Important dates this term will include:

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| Week 1: | Friday 22 April Friday 22 April | School Anzac Service Northern Cluster Cross Country |
| Week 2: | Monday 25 April Tuesday 26 April Wednesday 27 April | Anzac Day Public Holiday Year 5 Street Science Incursion Busking @ St. Paul's |
| Week 3: | Monday 2 May Tuesday 3 May Wednesday 4 May Thursday 5 May Friday 6 May | Labour Day Public Holiday District Cross Country Mother's Day Stall Mother's & Son's Event Years 4 to 6 District Sports Gala Day 1 |
| Weeks 4 & 5: | | NAPLAN |
| Week 4: | Friday 13 May | Years 4 to 6 District Sports Gala Day 2 |
| Week 6: | Wednesday 25 May | National Simultaneous Storytime |
| Week 7: | Thursday 2 June | Family Book Club - Movie Afternoon |
| Week 8: | Monday 6 June Friday 10 June | Years 3 to 6 Dirty Beasts Drama Incursion Years 3 to 6 Inter House Athletics Carnival |
| Week 9: | Monday 13 June Thursday 16 June Friday 17 June | School Photo Day 1 Twilight Music Recital 1 Twilight Music Recital 2 |
| Week 10: | Thursday 24 June and Friday 25 June | World of Maths Workshop Incursion |

For new families to Year 5, and as a reminder for all families, here is a daily breakdown of what students should be prepared for from week-to-week:

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| Mondays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Uniform Day |
| Tuesdays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Uniform Day • P.E. and Japanese Specialist Lessons |
| Wednesdays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Uniform Day • Chapel – 8.35am; if your child wishes to bring an offering for our school service project, it will be collected on this day (please ensure that your child brings their library bag to school on this day). • Music and Library Specialist Lessons |
| Thursdays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Uniform Day |
| Fridays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Uniform Day • Senior Assembly – Fortnightly at 8.35am |
| Everyday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School hat – remember 'No hat, no play!' • Water bottles, Crunch & Sip • iPad – fully charged every day! • Mobile phones to be handed in to the office before school each morning |

Home Learning

We will begin structured Home Learning tasks this term.

This will consist of two components:

- 15 minutes compulsory reading each day, which will be followed up in class with a fortnightly reading response (like a book review);
- An optional task that will be sent out to your child on Seesaw. This will be posted on Seesaw each Thursday and due the following Thursday.

As discussed at Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of last term, students have access to iPad Spelling and Maths activities on the Essential Assessment app, and Maths activities on the Think Mentals app. These are optional, additional, and targeted activities that students can complete if they have free time in school or at home.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please contact your child's teacher.

iPads

iPads are used **every day** in the classroom. We refer to the iPads as a learning tool, similar in importance to a pencil. Please ensure that your child brings their iPad to school **fully charged**, and please assist your child in regularly checking that their iPads are updated to the latest iOS software version.

In Year 5 we have a strong open-door policy. We encourage any parents who may have queries or concerns about their child to make an appointment with us to discuss the matter as soon as it arises. Email is the best way to communicate with us, and we aim to reply within 24 hours. Our email addresses for parent contact are driley@stpaulslps.qld.edu.au and aseemann@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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Year 5 Agile Learning Lab Teachers