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KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS – UPDATE 3



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Dear Community,

RETURNING TO FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING & TEACHING

On Tuesday May 26 our Prep & Junior School (Year 1 & 2) students will return to school. After six weeks of learning at home and teaching remotely, students & staff will again be together in their classrooms. This will happen for our students in Middle School (Year 3 & 4) and Senior School (Year 5 & 6), on Tuesday June 9.

Students, parents & guardians and teachers have done their very best, in the most trying and uncertain of circumstances – and for this we should be rightfully proud. The challenges & mistakes, along with the successes & achievements, of a new way of learning & teaching, have helped us all to work together to overcome and to keep moving forward in education.

We're Going Back To School



Now it is time to return to what I am calling our 'new normal'. None of us can describe what this new normal will be like – we just have to trust in one another, support one another and together take that first step on a new learning & teaching journey. There will be twists & turns and potholes & bumps along the way but together we will deal with and overcome these journey-challenges, to create a new way forward.

As Principal I cannot find the words to thank you all enough for your support, trust, courage and perseverance, in dealing with what we have dealt with together. This is what makes St. Paul's unique and very much a 'family' and for that I say a heartfelt, "Thank you".

NEW DROP OFF & PICK UP DETAILS

Please work with us to make sure your children arrive safely at school and leave safely at the end of the school day. The following drop off & pick up arrangements are to be implemented to ensure everyone's safety:

Morning Drop off

- Staff to park in the basketball court: closed at 8:30 am
- 8:30 am -8:50 am: vulnerable children and children of essential service workers + families with multiple children in different year levels
- 8:50 am - 9:10 am: Year 1 & 2 children
- 9:10 am - 9:30 am: Prep children
- Parents park, let children out of the car and direct them to the staff member at the closest crossing
- 3 staff members at crossings
- **IF THERE ARE NO PARKS IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK OR MAIN CAR PARK, EXIT THE CAR PARK, U -TURN AND RE-ENTER**
- **NO DOUBLE PARKING**
- All children enter the main gate, between the hall & library

Afternoon Pickup

- Starting from 3.00 pm onwards for Prep + families with multiple children and essential service/vulnerable children; children called out using the microphones.
- 3:15 pm - 3:30 pm for Grades 1 and 2; After School Care children called over at this time
- **Parents park and wait for a staff member to walk over to confirm students for pickup; the microphone is used to call children over.**
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- **NO DOUBLE PARKING**

If there are no parking spaces please consider parking across the road or in surrounding streets and walking in to drop off or pick up your children.

Making a u-turn out the exit gate and back onto the service road to re-enter the car park, is illegal and highly dangerous.

Please follow the staggered drop off and pickup times to ensure a smooth and SAFE travel to and from school.

BORROWED CHROMEBOOKS

Parents & guardians of students in Prep, Year 1 & Year 2, who borrowed Google Chromebooks, are asked to return them to the school next week, in the bag you received them in,

OUR STAFF

As a staff team we will return to school next week and continue to support your children's learning in class and at home. Thank you again to those of you who have emailed or posted affirming & positive comments to us. We very much appreciate your support and the time you have taken to let us know that. It makes a difference to our work in developing a love of learning in your children.



BACK TOGETHER!

As we begin the return to face-to-face learning & teaching, let's be sure to celebrate what we have achieved and overcome, as well as not losing the many new ways of learning & teaching that we have developed and mastered.

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Principal