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KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS – UPDATE 9



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Dear Community,

As we come to the end of Term 3 I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our 'St. Paul's Family' – students, parents, guardians, family members & staff - for all that they have contributed to our learning & teaching community, throughout Term 3, in the most challenging of times.

I am grateful that I am a part of a community which is always looking out for its members – supporting & assuring, encouraging & motivating, reflecting & guiding and learning & teaching. Knowing that we are part of this 'family', in a small way, can be a source of comfort - even though we are apart, we still keep going, with the knowledge that St. Paul's is our school, our community and one of our safe places to be.

We are living in unprecedented times - with our children unable to come to school, with some parents & guardians losing jobs or having work hours drastically cut, with family members falling ill & passing away, with severe restrictions placed on our freedom and with the uncertainty of not knowing what lies ahead for us and our families.

Yet through all of this we remain together, as the St. Paul's Primary School learning & teaching community; we may be separated from each other physically at this time but we keep deep within us the knowledge that we are together as members of this community and that in time we will be back together in person.



Whilst the coming holidays will be spent in lockdown, I hope they are an opportunity for you all to take a break from learning & teaching, to be together as a family and to look forward with hope, that we will be back together sometime in Term 4.

Stay safe & well everyone and try, as best you can, to enjoy some 'family time' away from the busyness of learning & teaching at home.

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Principal

TERM 4 DETAILS

Term 4 officially commences on Monday October 5. The first week of the term is a Remote Learning week for all students. Students in Prep, Year 1 & year 2, will commence the term on Monday October 12, at 8.50 am. We still do not have a start date for students in Year 3 to Year 6.

Drop-off & pick-up arrangements will remain the same for Term 4, with parents & guardians needing to remain in their vehicles. Yard Duty staff will supervise the safe entry & exit of children into & out of the school. Temperature checks of students will continue on their arrival at school each morning. Children can be picked up after school each day commencing from 3.15 pm; parents & guardians are asked to remain in their vehicle until a member of staff approaches and asks which student they are picking up.

The wearing of masks will continue to be mandatory for all person 12 years of age and older, entering the school. Children may wear masks if their parents or guardians wish them to do so.

All parents, guardians & visitors who come onsite MUST report to the office and fill out a new 'Onsite Attendance Register'.



<u>THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU</u>

From The Year 6 Teachers & Students

As part of the Year 6 Inquiry Unit, students were learning about what it means to be more like Jesus. With the current health pandemic which has changed our world, the Year 6 teachers and students wanted to find a way to show gratitude for all people who are helping keep our families, friends and community safe and healthy.

Using designs and ideas gathered from most Year 6s, we created a large banner with the words 'THANK YOU.' This is displayed at the front of school and we dedicate this to all Essential Service Workers, including paramedics, police, emergency services workers, teachers and many more. We hope you will be able to find an opportunity to drive past the school to acknowledge and take a moment to be thankful for all our front liners in our community who have put us first.



COVID-19 essential services heroes



FAREWELL FOR NOW

Thank you to all teachers, families and students for your love and support throughout my 16 years here at St Paul's. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in this community and working with your children to help them learn to the best of their ability. I am going to miss you all but I am very excited for the next chapter in my life. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Regards Ms Luisa Calvano



SICK CHILDREN & COVID-19 TESTING

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. At this time of the year we can expect children to have coughs, sneezes, upset tummies & fevers; if your child has symptoms, no matter how small or mild, consider having them COVD tested and keep them at home until they are completely recovered. If your children, yourself or a family member who live in the your household, go to the doctor or a testing site for a COVID-19 test, please remain at home and keep your children at home until you receive the test results.

