



St Paul the Apostle

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PARENT - CHILD - TEACHER **AUGUST GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS**

Monday 10 August – Senior Level
Tuesday 11 August – Middle Level
Wednesday 12 August – Junior NM, ED, CI
Thursday 13 August – Prep Level
Friday 14 August – Junior JD, MK, ZW
9.00am – 4.30pm



Ten Minute Interviews held via Zoom

Friday 31 July 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

In early March, we held the first of our formal Child-Parent-Teacher Interviews to share information about your child's previous learning history and relevant personal background. These interviews played a very important part in helping us to better know and understand your child and their particular learning needs.

Unexpectedly, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic we then entered into Remote and Flexible Learning 1.0 for a number of weeks, until we welcomed back our children onsite towards the end of term.

In light of the disruptions to our school year to date, home-school communication and strong partnerships remain vital elements to ensure that our children have the best opportunities to grow and succeed and to showcase their growing resilience.

Resilience and what it means to be a resilient learner was a major focus for all children to explore and deepen their understanding during their Term One Inquiries (building upon our other learner dispositions here at SPA – in being a responsible, collaborative, inquiring and respectful learner). It would now be interesting to ask your children the following questions to evoke their responses: "What is a resilient learner? What does a resilient learner Look Like, Sound Like and Feel Like?"

Give them time to think and the expectation that you know that they have some opinion and try not to readily accept the age old escape line, "I don't know." You might then ask how have they demonstrated their own resilience this year or who else had they noticed demonstrating resilience perhaps in their own family. Their observations and thoughts might be quite insightful during these unprecedented times of uncertainty.

To support families at this half-way point of the school year we will once again be holding our Parent-Child- Teacher three party interviews but this time through "Zoom".

Families may need to download the ZOOM US app onto their device before the interview. If not they may be requested to download the app before they can be connected to the teacher at the time, thereby delaying the interview. If you aren't familiar with using Zoom, you may wish to load it onto additional devices and then zoom each other beforehand to familiarize yourself with the app, especially using the camera and microphone buttons.

The focus of the meetings this time, shifts to sharing information and evidence about your child's progress in this first semester of school. The teachers and the children will take time to explain the learning that has happened, the achievements and future learning that are planned.

Once again it is vitally important that all stakeholders are present (children, parents and teachers) as everyone has something to contribute and everyone needs to hear the same messages. As responsible learners, each child needs to be part of this conversation. However it also means that if there are issues that can't be discussed in front of the child, parents are asked to make a follow-up call or email with the teacher as the interviews will be limited to ten minutes of quality sharing time and listening to your child.

These interviews are designed to complement the information that is presented in your child's report. The interview allows the opportunity to review any samples and evidence of your child's learning. These samples and the conversation around them, will create a clearer picture of your child's progress and ways to further assist your child.

To register for an interview time, you can access the **ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM** (details on the accompanying sheet) or you can email the teacher or contact the school office to assist you or to discuss alternative arrangements.

For the thirty or so children of essential workers and those deemed vulnerable who may be supervised at school on their particular interview day, they will be given access to a device at school to enable them to join in with the interview.

The teachers look forward to meeting with you and remind you that you are always welcome to pop in to meet with the teachers throughout the year or email them during COVID-19 restrictions.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Doherty (Principal)



Helen Timmons (Learning & Teaching)



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Child – Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held from 10 to 13 August.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 4.30PM THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact the office and we will help you register a time. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

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We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.