Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Week 3. It was great to see so many of you last week at the parent information night. I look forward to catching up with more of you as the term progresses. The Senior AB students have made a very positive start to the year. They’ve shown some real enthusiasm, some excellent focus and some great organisational skills.

We’ve had a busy start to the year. Last week was a big week for our student leaders, as they were installed at Friday’s chapel. Congratulations to Elijah Hermann (school captain), Georgia Shorland, Tom Kleemann and Ethan Zumbo (house captains) and Georgia Squires and Owen Dowling (SRC representatives). This week we had our Ash Wednesday chapel service in place of Friday chapel. On Friday we have our cultural infusion day, with visitors from Japan, Brazil, India, and the Middle East who will share some of their culture with us. Students are encouraged to wear clothes from a different culture for this day.

Curriculum Information
We are currently working on:
Unit of Inquiry – We have commenced our unit on choices and we spent some time this week looking closely at just what our unit might involve and what the terminology means. This is an important process and one which will be significant when we take part in our exhibition.
Maths – We are working on patterning – finding patterns, copying and making patterns, explaining patterns and trying to predict them.
English – We have spent some time establishing routines for word study and spelling activities.
The Senior AB students also completed some fantastic work with reading and creating a visual representation of their thinking.

**Christian Studies** – We have begun our unit on religious beliefs and ideas by looking at different ideas people have about life, and the ideas students in the class might have about life.

Verse to Remember:
*Carry each other’s burdens.*

*Galatians 6:2*

Have a great week.

Andrew Boesch

**Notes**

There are just a few items to bring to your attention this week:

Students are getting into the habit of filling in diaries this year. Each week they should be filling in the reading they have completed in the allocated space in their diary. You can help by reminding your child to read and fill in their reading record, and by signing their diary once a week (Thursday night is the best night for this, as diaries are collected on Friday).

If you have not been receiving the school newsletter by email, please see Robyn Naughton in the office and let her know.

This week agreements will be sent home for students to read and sign, covering use of information technology in the school. Can these please be returned as soon as possible?

Thanks to those families who have donated tissues for use over the course of the term. Any further donations would be very welcome.

Chapel collections this term are going toward supporting our school sponsor child, Parn. We are thankful for any contributions students make to help Parn.