Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the beginning of an exciting school year! I am very excited to be teaching Year 1/2W and I am sure we will have a wonderful and productive year together.

Library

1/2W will have Library every Wednesday. Please make sure all Library books are brought to and from school in a Library Bag.

Sport

The children in Year 1 need to wear their Sport uniform on Monday and Tuesday.

Students in Year 2 will wear their sport uniform on Monday and Thursday.

Full sport uniform should be worn to school on these days. A hat must be worn when participating in sport outside. Mr John Keighley will be teaching PE on Monday with all students in 1/2W. Year 1 will have sport with the other Year 1 classes on Tuesday. Year 2 will have sport with the other Year 2 classes on a Thursday. I will take the students for sport and Mrs Leonne Challen will be teaching Mathematics to the students who are not a sport.

Mr Dan O'Brien will be teaching Personal Development and Health with assistance from ourselves.

Home Readers and Homework

Home Readers will be sent home in Week 3. Please ensure that your child has brought their Home Reader Folder (e.g. plastic folders) to school, otherwise they are unable to be provided with a Home Reader. Homework will commence in Week 4. Each week your child will be provided with their homework on Monday and asked to return it to school on Friday of the same week. Homework will consist of home reading, spelling, one unit form the Targeting Maths Book and Year 1 will also have sight words.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT CHILDREN WILL READ EVERY NIGHT!
Curriculum

Our topics for this term are:

Religion- Creation and Celebration
English- Narrative, sequencing and storytelling.
Maths- All strands
Science- Forces
Health- Taught by Mr O’Brien.
PE- Taught by Mr Keighley
Art- Real and Imaginary Experiences including painting, drawing
Music- Music Room Program

Absences and Notes

Written notes are required to explain all absences, including children who are arriving late or leaving early from school. This is a requirement for the class roll, which is a legal document.

Fruit Break

St Mary’s has a mid-morning Fruit Break. This will occur daily for approximately 10 minutes. If you could please ensure your child comes to school each day with a small container of cut up fruit, or a small serving of fruit. E.g. small apple or small banana.

News Days

Below are the news days for our class. News will commence in Week 2 with free choice. News topics will be sent home for the remainder of the term.

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Parent Helpers

We are inviting parents to assist in the classroom with reading. Parent Helpers will commence in Week 6. Parents are invited to come into the classroom between 9:30-10:15 Monday- Thursday to read with students. No prior arrangements are necessary.
Parent/Teacher Conference

We look forward to meeting with you in Week 3 at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Attached is a Parent Survey which will be discussed at the conference. Please return this to school by the 4th of February.

Afternoon Collection

We have a number of different areas and procedures for picking your child up in the Afternoon. We ask that no parents wait on the verandah outside the classroom in the afternoon. This is due to the limited space and the congestion it can cause. Please fill out the form below with your child’s normal afternoon collection arrangements and return it to school as soon as possible.

Pick Up

If you are picking your child up from the classroom, please wait at the play equipment. In the event of wet weather, please wait under the Kindergarten building. The children will be dismissed from the classroom and meet you there.

Carpark

This is where your child will meet you at the bottom playground (basketball courts) while you remain in your car. We do recommend that you remain in your car to assist with traffic flow. If you are getting out of your car to pick up your child, you will need to park your car in the middle of the basketball courts. The teacher on Carpark duty will ask the children to remain with them until your vehicle has stopped in front of the pickup point. PLEASE do not ask children to run through the carpark to your car. We ask that this be the only point you pick up your child if you are remaining in your car. There is no parking on Boothby Street or Elizabeth Street. Please do not ask the children to cross these streets to meet you.

Bus

Please notify us if your child is catching a bus home. We would like to keep a record of what bus your child will be catching this year.

Laneway

If your child walks to and from school, there is a teacher who will escort them down the through the Staff Carpark to Blackett Avenue and help them to cross the road. Once the children have crossed the road, they are by themselves.
Important Dates

Friday 6/2/15- Opening School Mass - St Mary's Church 9.15am
Monday 9/2/15 & Tuesday 10/2/15- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday 18/2/15- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Thursday 19/2/15- Family Fun Night
9/3/15- 13/3/15- Catholic Schools Week
Saturday 14/3/15- School Ball

I hope this year is happy and memorable for you and your child. I look forward to meeting you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any more information.

Kinedest regards

Miss Emma Fisher
Emma.fisher@cg.catholic.edu.au

Afternoon Collection Arrangements

Please tick the normal afternoon collection arrangements for your child. Please inform us if these arrangements change at any time.

Child's Name: ________________________________

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