Welcome to Year 1!

We would like to welcome you back to the school year. We hope you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We are really looking forward to a positive, fun and happy year! This note is to pass on important information concerning the day to day operations of Year 1.

Teachers
Mrs Emma Taylor will be in the class every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Sarah Sullivan will be in the class every Thursday and Friday. We are sharing the teaching on Wednesdays. Therefore, Emma will be teaching every Wednesday of the odd weeks, and Sarah will be teaching every Wednesday of the even weeks. We have both been at St Mary’s for 15 years. During this time, we have been team teaching for 11 years. We have taught a range of grades in this time.

Library
1ST will have Library every Monday. Please make sure all Library books are brought to and from school in a Library Bag.

Sport
The children will need to 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. Mrs Jacqui Bolger 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.

Curriculum
Our topics for this term are:
Religion- Prayer and Celebration
Maths- All strands
Science- Look! Listen!
PE- Games and Sports
English- Kaye Lowe inspired learning
Art- Real and Imaginary Experiences
Health- (Taught by Jacqui Bolger)
Music- (Taught by Mrs Jade Presser)

Contacting Us
If you have any concerns about your child or anything in Year 1, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can not take phone calls during class time, but can always return your calls. If it is easier, you can email us anytime and we will contact you as soon as possible. emma.taylor@cg.catholic.edu.au or sarah.sullivan@cg.catholic.edu.au

Parent Helpers
We are inviting parents to assist in the classroom with changing home readers, reading, sight words, Visual Arts etc. Parent Helpers will commence in Week 6. A volunteer note will be sent home with days and times in the future.
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. Alternatively, there is an absentee note available on the Skoolbag App. Any children who arrive at school after 9.30am, must sign in at the Front Office. Any children leaving school before 3pm, must sign out at the Front Office.

Fruit Break
St Mary’s has a mid morning Fruit Break. This will occur daily for approximately 5-10 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. We are unable to cut up fruit at school.

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 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
Wednesday 22/2/17- Opening School Mass Thursday 23/2/17- Family Fun Night

We hope this year is happy and memorable for you and your child. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you need any more information.

Kindest regards
Mrs Emma Taylor and Mrs Sarah Sullivan