What’s been happening in Year 1?

Year 1 has had a brilliant start to the school year. Last week we learnt all about why we celebrate Lent. We wrote our Lenten promise, knowing that we must try to be more like our good friend Jesus.

I will be more like Jesus by...

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In class we have been exploring why God made us and what makes us special. We read and watched *You are Special* by Max Lucardo. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our Science lessons... as we are now Year 1 Scientists exploring how changes are happening all around us. Last week we were detectives and discovered what happens to Zooper Doopers when they melt!

Oh we just adore our buddies. Thank you for being such beautiful ROLE MODELS.

Miss Williamson and the Year 1 little butterflies!
A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Throughout this year you will notice a focus on the safety culture of our school. With the planned refurbishment works commencing in Term 2, there is an even greater need for safety to be a priority for us all. As Principal, I am deeply committed to ensuring that provisions are in place to provide a safe environment for our learners to thrive in. This of course is a reflection of our Mission Statement that aims to ‘maintain and develop a safe and stimulating learning environment’.

A school with a strong safety culture considers both the emotional and physical aspects of safety. In a school such as ours, there are many policies, practices and procedures that support this. You will notice throughout the year that I will include regular updates and messages around a ‘safety focus’ for our community. The beginning of the new school year has provided us with an ideal opportunity to revisit safety expectations. We have started 2016 with a strong focus on:

- **Sun Safety**
  Students need to develop responsible sun safe habits. The expectation is that every child wears their hat before school, during breaks and after school. Those students without a hat are required to play in fixed shade areas. Class teachers and teachers on duty will continue to be vigilant with these safety expectations.

- **Before and After School Safety**
  It is expected that both before and after school, our students will wait in the appropriate areas. Before school, students are to move to the shelter shed adjacent to the office where they remain seated until supervision commences at 8:15am. At the end of the school day students are to move to their designated space for pick up. A teacher supervises the walk to the collection point on Ferndale St each afternoon.

  Please note: **Students are not permitted to use Camden Court after school due to safety concerns.**

Student Protection

An essential aspect of developing a strong safety culture is being clear with Student Protection procedures for volunteers. Any parent wishing to volunteer in any capacity in the school must take part in the Student Protection Induction Training for Volunteers. This Volunteer Induction package is available from the office. Parents wishing to volunteer must read the information, fill out the forms and return the signed section to the office so that the details can be added to the Volunteer Register. Although parents volunteering in the school do not need to have a ‘Blue Card’ (working with children check), grandparents or other family members wishing to volunteer must have a ‘Blue Card’.

Please note: **Parents who have completed this training previously do not need to complete it again.**

Welcome BBQ

It was wonderful to see so many families attend last Friday’s ‘Welcome BBQ’ organised and coordinated by our P & F. There was plenty of positive feedback regarding the food options available this year and the students enjoyed playing safely in Camden Court, enjoying the company of friends! A special thank-you to the P & F volunteers who contributed to the first event of the school year!

Industrial Action

In the coming days you will know doubt hear via the media that some Catholic school teachers will be taking industrial action in the form of a ‘work stoppage’ next Thursday 25th February. Please note that no such work stoppage will take place with teachers from Mary Immaculate. The school will run as per normal despite teachers from some other schools engaging in the industrial action.

An “Incline Your Heart Award” is given each week to one student in the school. Staff members will be watching for a student who is demonstrating attitude and behaviour (social and academic) that reflects the elements of our code. “Incline our hearts to work in harmony with others embracing the gifts and talents of all in our school community”.

The recipient of this award will be presented with a certificate. The name and photo of the award winner will be in the newsletter each week. This week’s winner is Daniel Year 5/6.

God bless.

Mike Armstrong  Principal

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NEWS FROM THE APRE

Dear Parents,

How are your Project Compassion boxes going? At Assembly on Monday we watched a video about Doney and her family. Doney lives in Malawi, where the average wage is $1.25 a day. Through Caritas and the Project Compassion Appeal, Doney was able to learn farming skills so that she can grow crops to feed her family. She was also able to sell some of the crops to buy materials for her husband who is a tailor. He was then able to sell the clothes he made. This allowed them to pay for school fees for their children. Without the support of Caritas Doney and her family would not have been able to survive. This very real story is just one of many. Pope Francis has appealed to all people to show mercy.

Helping Caritas is a way that you can fulfil the request of our leader, Pope Francis.

On Tuesday 23rd Feb at 9am we celebrate our Opening School Mass. At this mass we welcome all new members of the Mary Immaculate community. You are all invited to join with us as we embark on a new school year.

Have a wonderful week, God bless

Catie Kelly, APRE

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TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES …Fee statements have been issued and are due by **Monday 29th February**. If your email address is registered with the office your fees will be emailed to you. Please check your email / junk / spam folders. If you would like to apply for a concession, please call into the office and collect an **Application for Concession** form ASAP. Please bring in this completed form with any relevant documentation plus any rent/mortgage documents. Mr Armstrong will assess your eligibility for a concession and contact you with the outcome. Any questions, please come and see me.

_Laura Richards — Finance Secretary_

**TUCKSHOP…..**The Tuckshop will be up and running tomorrow. They have a new item to add to the menu: Ice Polo Lemonade Raspberry and Cola Flavour. All natural and only 80 cents each. _Alex Wruck—Tuckshop Convenor._

**LIBRARY NEWS….**Well, we are right into the swing of all things Library. Borrowing has begun! Please note the borrowing limits for the different year levels as listed here.

Prep and Year 1: 1 book per fortnight.  
Years 2, 3 and 4: 2 books per fortnight.  
Years 5 and 6: 3 books per fortnight.

_The children in Years Prep - 3 MUST have a library bag to borrow from the Library. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are responsible for looking after their books and returning them in the condition they were borrowed. If the books are not returned by the designated date, you, as the parents, will receive an email, letting you know that the book/s are Overdue. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BORROW IF THEY HAVE OUTSTANDING OVERDUE BOOKS.** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel the book/s have been returned. If the books are lost or damaged, you are responsible for replacing the copy of the book._

**MARYMAC BOOKCLUB:** This term we are offering the MaryMac Bookclub again, for Years 4 - 6. The book that we will read is _Holes by Louis Sacher_. Please see the attached flyer if your child is interested in joining. The permission slip needs to be returned by next Wednesday, 24th February. Next term, our book is the _BFG by Roald Dahl_, and will be offered from Years 3 - 6. Have a great week

_Keep reading!_  
_Mrs Delaney, Mrs Henschke and the Library team._

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**PLAYGROUND USE AFTER SCHOOL.**

Please note that all playground areas including the handball courts are **CLOSED** after school (3.00pm).

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**SCHOOL BANKING…** Mary Immaculate is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. **School Banking day at Mary Immaculate Primary is Tuesday.** For any students wishing to start banking, please contact the office or contact your local Commonwealth Bank for an application form.

On Monday 7th March we will have a representative from the Commonwealth Bank speaking on Assembly about the program and the rewards that the students can gain once they reach certain banking targets. We are also hoping to have a special visitor as well. Following on from this visit, a Commonwealth Banking staff member will be available on Thursday 10th March from 8.00am to answer any questions that you may have or to assist with opening an account for your child.

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**PREP ENROLMENTS 2017**

If families have a child born between 1/07/2011 & 30/06/2012 he/she is eligible for Prep 2017. **Please call into the office to collect an enrolment form. Interviews will begin late April.**

Children born in the month of July 2012 (turning 5 by the 31st July) could be eligible for consideration for Prep in 2017. There is a special criteria that must be addressed. If interested, please call into the office to obtain a parent information sheet.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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