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Circular No. 1 / Sept. 10

Dear Parents & Children,

A big welcome to all students and teachers especially new-comers. We have three new staff members this year who are Ms. Carmen Caruana, Ms. Michelle Mercieca and Mrs Marcette Vassallo. All three are Learning Support Assistants who will be helping children in Year 1 and Year 3. We would also like to thank Ms. Caroline Delia who resigned to continue with her studies.

We thank the Good Lord for all He has done for us during this summer and pray that during this scholastic year, we will be guided by His Loving Hand. We should always encourage our children to be happy and joyful.

Year 1 Students (Reminder) It would help teachers and the school administration if Year 1 students have a label attached to their uniform indicating their name and surname and bus driver. Only the name and surname of the child should be written on the given label if the student will be going with parents / relatives.

Name Tag for all other students It has been decided that it would facilitate dismissal time if **ALL** students wear a label with their name and transport details written clearly. So please, fill in the form attached and send it to the school as soon as possible.

Dismissal Time We would like to remind you that Brared Street will be closed for traffic between 1.15 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. Only van drivers will be allowed to pass. Those parents who come for their children with their own transport are to come for the children between 1.30p.m. and 1.45p.m. Please attach your child's name (printed in large letters) to the windscreen on the passenger side.

Healthy Food It is the school policy to encourage healthy eating habits. This means that parents are to provide healthy food for their children's lunches, eg. sandwiches, fruit, vegetables etc. No sweets or salty snacks are to be given to the students. On birthdays and other celebrations, it is important that cakes sent, are plain.

These are the timetables for Music, Computer/ Library and P.E. lessons.

| | Music | Computer / Library | P.E. |
|----------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Year 1 | Thursday | Monday | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Monday & Thursday |
| Year 3 | Thursday | Tuesday | Monday & Wednesday |
| Year 4 | Monday | Wednesday | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday | Thursday | Wednesday & Friday |
| Year 6.1 | Monday | Friday | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Year 6.2 | Monday | Friday | Wednesday & Friday |

Music Lessons

Mrs Veronique Degabriele Ferrante will be teaching Computer and Music. Music lessons have been included in our time-table for all students.

Computer / Library / Language Lab. lessons will also be starting next Monday 27th September except for Year 1 classes who will start their computer/library lessons after the mid-term holidays that is Thursday 4th November. All students participate in these lessons. Above is the Time-table for this scholastic year.

P.E. lessons will be starting on Monday, 27th September. Above is the Time-table for this scholastic year. **Students are to come in their full P.E. uniform on the days when they have their P.E. lessons.** The P.E. teacher would like to advise you parents, not to send your children with ear-rings and jewellery as these are not safe during the P.E. lessons.

Parents' Meetings We will be having Parents' Meetings during the first term. Please take note of the date and time.

| Monday 4 th Oct, 2010 | St Francis Holiday | |
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| Tuesday 5 th Oct, 2010 | 8.30 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. | Year 1.1 |
| | 10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Year 4.1 |
| | 12.00 p.m. - 12.45 p.m. | Year 6 (both classes) |
| Wednesday 6 th Oct, 2010 | 8.30 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. | Year 3.2 |
| | 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. | Year 3.1 |
| | 10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Year 5.1 |
| Thursday 7 th Oct, 2010 | 8.30 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. | Year 4.2 |
| | 10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Year 2.2 |
| | 11.15 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. | Year 2.1 |
| Friday 8 th Oct, 2010 | 8.30 a.m. - 9.15 a.m. | Year 1.2 |
| | 10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. | Year 5.2 |

As usual this year is going to be full of activities and hard work for all of us. Following please find programme for September and October, 2010.

September 2010

- 24th New scholastic year for Years 2 - 6
- 27th Start of Scholastic year for Year 1 students
- 29th Confessions for all students in preparation for St. Francis Celebration Mass
- 30th " " " " " "

October 2010

- 1st St. Francis Celebration Mass for all students.
Blessing of Animals. Students are to bring a photo of their pets for the Blessing.
- 4th **St. Francis Feast - Holiday**
- 5th Parents Meeting for Year 1.1 students at school at 8.30 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 4.1 students at school at 10.30 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 6 (both classes) at school at 12.00 p.m.
- 6th Parents Meeting for Year 3.2 students at school at 8.30 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 3.1 students at school at 9.15 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 5.1 students at school at 10.30 a.m.
- 7th Parents Meeting for Year 4.2 students at school at 8.30a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 2.2 students at school at 10.30 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 2.1 students at school at 11.15 a.m.
Confessions for Year 5 students.
- 8th Parents Meeting for Year 1.2 students at school at 8.30 a.m.
Parents Meeting for Year 5.2 students at school at 10.30 a.m.
Mass for Year 5 students.
- 14th Confessions for students of Year 4
- 15th Mass for Year 4 students
- 21st Confessions for students of Year 3
- 22nd Mass for Year 3 students
- 29th Parents Day - Details will follow

1st, 2nd & 3rd November 2010 Mid-Term Holidays

Whilst wishing all students a happy scholastic year, we hope that all families will be blessed with the Lord's Peace and Goodwill.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Giovannita Briffa
Head of School

Name tag to be worn by all students

Please cut outer box, glue back to front, fill in particulars and colour the driver box according to the table below, then laminate and attach a clip to it.

| Front | Back | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Student's Name _____ Transport <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Van: Yes _____ No _____</td> </tr> </table> | Van: Yes _____ No _____ | Address: _____ _____ _____ Home Tel. No. _____ Mob. Tel. No. _____ | | |
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*These are the names of the drivers: Please check who the driver is and colour accordingly the box where the driver's name should be.

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| Antoine Azzopardi | yellow |
| Walter Camilleri | red |
| Mgarr & Mellieha (Chris) | grey |
| Alfred Cassar | green |
| Daniel Cordina | violet |
| John Cortis (Charlie 2) | brown |
| Mariella Grech | pink |
| John Micallef | orange |
| Joseph Portelli | light green |
| Mario Polidano | light blue |