Welcome to the school year 2016! It has been a smooth and pleasant start to the new school year. The pupils have settled well into their new classroom routine. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families in St Joachim’s Primary. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Vivien Taylor who is working with the pupils in Grade 4 MVT. Thank you to all the parents that helped with our pancake making. It was an enjoyable experience for the children.

School times

Students are required to be at school at 8:30am. This will give students and teachers time to prepare for the day by conducting the prayer, taking the morning roll and organising themselves for the day. Important information is often given at this time so it is important that all students are present in order to start classes smoothly at 8:45am.

School Uniform

It is important that all children come to school in their correct school uniform. Sport uniform will be worn on the days that pupils have their sport lessons and on Fridays.

ICT

As part of our Information Technology lessons the pupils will be compiling a portfolio of their work for the year using Google Slides.
Homework / Reading

Homework for the term will be sent home in week 4 and it is important for the pupils to be supported with their activities. The activities need to be completed on a weekly basis. It is important that students work on homework activities for 10 -15 minutes nightly. This is purposely designed to encourage pupils to manage and organise their time over a longer period. If homework cannot be submitted on the due date, it is the responsibility of each pupil to negotiate an alternate date with the class teacher. Where homework is not able to be completed, please notify the class teacher in writing.

Pupils are also encouraged to read for 10-15 minutes each night. Reading is to be logged in the student diary, with parent signatures and will be presented to the class teacher each morning. The weekly comprehension focus will be documented in the diary to ensure students continue to practise the strategies at home. The diary is also used for communication between teachers and parents. Remember, absentee slips can be found at the back of the diary.

Library

Pupils will go to the library on the allocated days to borrow library books. It is important that pupils bring library bags to school on the days that they are borrowing library books.

Religious Education

This term the Middle School students will be preparing for their class Masses which will be held on a Thursday. Please check the dates on the calendar. An invitation will be sent out via Tiq Biz prior to each Mass. Our Religious Education topic this term will be Lent and Holy Week in preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal when we take time to reflect on our own lives and how we can positively contribute to our families, school and community.
# 2016 – Specialist Timetable

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If there are any questions or concerns about your child’s learning or wellbeing please don’t hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher. Alternatively, you may contact your child’s teacher by phone or via email.

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We are looking forward to working together this year!

Regards,

Middle unit teachers
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