Welcome back to everyone for 2015. Click on the link below to listen to Mr Borg’s first message for 2015.

Listed below are the staff of Mother Teresa Primary for 2015. A big welcome to all our new staff which I am sure you will make feel welcome over the coming weeks.

**2015 staff — Mother Teresa Primary**

- **Principal** — Mr Gary Borg
- **Assistant Principal** — Mrs Megan Baird
- **Kindergarten** — Ms Kim Hutchings & Mrs Natalie Jackson
- **Year 1** — Mrs Samantha Cassar & Ms Louise Desira
- **Year 2** — Mr Greg Egan & Ms Jennifer Wheeler
- **Year 3** — Ms Melissa Staunton & Mrs Vicki Morgan
- **Year 4** — Mrs Maria Boyd &
  - Ms Crystal Wilkes/Ms Adele Violaris (job share)
- **Year 5** — Ms Julie Puckeridge
- **Year 6** — Mr Chris Maguire
- **Learning Support** — Mrs Gaye Dennis & Ms Katarina Tomasic
- **PE** — Ms Kelly Pisani
- **Creative Arts** — Ms Kimberley Law
- **Administration** — Mrs Judy Attard & Mrs Leslie Halligan
- **Teacher Assistants** — Mrs Violet Rawlings & Mrs Louise Bucholtz
- **Japanese** — Ms Anne Buttigieg
- **Maintenance/Grounds** — Mr Rob Stewart

**“Love is a fruit always in season, and no limit is set. Everyone can reach this love.”**

*Mother Teresa*

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**Important Dates**

- **Stage 3 Teen Ranch Camp** — 5th — 6th February
- **Opening School Mass** — 13th February
  - 11:05 — MLS
- **Meet & Greet Interviews** — 16th — 20th February
- **Opening & Blessing of Stage 1 Learning Studio** — 19th February — 10:00am
Every new year presents new possibility. At MTP we strive to live as Jesus showed us, inspired by the words and work of Mother Teresa, who spoke of reaching beyond yourself. The greatest things we can teach our children are love and empathy. If we have empathy for one another we can truly love. With empathy there is no bullying, no cruelty, no violence, no hatred. Let us dedicate 2015 as the Year of Compassion. Let us show our children in our actions and our words that empathy can truly change the world because it first changes our hearts. We will be celebrating our opening school mass on Friday 13th February at 11:05 in MLS, come pray with us.

Maria Boyd REC

Communication between School and Home

Our school uses a number of ways to communicate between our school and families.

Heartlinks Newsletter

Our newsletter will be placed on our school website fortnightly. You will be alerted when it is published. This provides valuable information about events at our school.

Skoolbag Smartphone App

The Mother Teresa Skoolbag mobile app communicates directly to your phone. It provides you with reminders, important alerts and information.

Mother Teresa Facebook page

This is another way to receive information about school happening and to share feedback on different school issues. The address is https://www.facebook.com/Mother.Teresa.Primary. ‘Like’ us and you will receive information and parenting ideas. I encourage to make use of these communication tools to keep yourself well informed about school events and news.

Important School Information

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child suffers from any medical condition, either it be Asthma, Allergies, you need to inform the school and have an action plan put in place. Asthma suffers need to have puffers with them at all times during school. SCHOOL HOURS—School starts at 8.35am and concludes at 2.45pm. **If your child arrives late to school a parent must walk the child into the office and sign their child in.**

ABSENTEES

If students are absent from school due to sickness, a note must accompany the child when they return to school.

SUPERVISION

Morning supervision begins at 8.05am. Some mornings children are arriving at school before this time. **If you need to drop your children early in the morning due to work commitments please look into before school care.**

TRAVEL

Please consider planning your overseas trips to coincide with scheduled school breaks. It can be very disruptive to your child’s learning if they miss a significant length of time away from school.

Due to changes in student leave, all leave periods must have approval from the Principal. Parents are required to inform the school in writing not less than two weeks before their intended holiday period.