Dear Parents and Friends,

I am delighted to let you know that the builders will be finished their work on time and we will be moving into our new learning spaces on Wednesday 23rd March. We can now go ahead with our planning to welcome our new families to St Madeleine’s at our Welcome Drinks and Canapes in the Library at 7pm on Friday 1st April. During the evening we will be conducting tours of the completely refreshed learning spaces. You are all invited to attend to meet up with the parents in your children’s grade and also to meet our 17 new families.

The Country Fair is on Sunday 1st May and promises to be another great day for our Parish and School community. A note went home yesterday detailing the stalls we will be managing and Barbara Tannous will be in touch with all the Contact Parents to ensure they have the support they need to run their stall.

Catholic School’s Week is next week and the theme is one of being an inclusive Catholic community ~ I belong. You belong. We belong!

You are welcome you to watch the Dance Fever lessons in the hall on Wednesday (timetable in this newsletter) and then come to Mass with us on Friday at 9.15am. The children will have some fun after lunch with a movie and popcorn afternoon.

This week Mrs Pittas conducted two information meetings explaining the Maths Assessment Interviews that took place in the first week this year. She also explained the Growth Points ~ that is the “stepping stones” along the way of conceptual understanding of number concepts. They were very well attended meetings and parents felt they had a much better understanding of the complexities of teaching and learning the number domains of Counting, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.

We are planning to have an Open Day on Wednesday 11th May 9am—10am to showcase our school for any prospective family considering enrolment in 2017.

Wishing you a wonderful week!
Jeanette Black
Principal

Are we a Church where the call of God dwells, where one cares for the other, where one prays for the other?

Pope Francis General Audience 2013
Car Park Reminder

Fine weather morning drop off:
• All students are to be dropped off at the netball court Kiss & Drop zone.
• Under no circumstances are St Madeleine’s children to be dropped off anywhere other than at the official drop off zones where the volunteers are placed to assist the children and they are then in supervised areas. This is to ensure the safety of our children.
• Please drive up around the loop before coming down into the Kiss and Drop area. It means that the queue to drop off does not extend down into the main driveway.

Wet weather morning drop off: Children are to be dropped off at the canteen drop off zone in wet weather when the volunteers are in that location and the children can walk under cover to the supervision areas.

Afternoon pick up: The following are a few rules that all parents and children need to observe at the afternoon pickup to ensure the safety of our children and smooth operation.
• The driver is not to get out of the car.
• The car is to stay close to the timber sleepers and bollards at the edge of the bitumen so that cars can pass if necessary.
• Make sure that your family name can be seen – perhaps use tape to hold it onto the windscreen.
• Children are to get into the car on the passenger side – they are not to go around the front or the back of the car to get in on the driver’s side. If this is a problem to any family then that parent will need to park and pick the child up.
• Bags are to go in the cabin of the car with the child – not in the boot.
• If you are entering through the main gate please do not queue across the driveway for the parish house.
• If you are entering through the second gate in the afternoon please do not queue across the driveway for the house. The occupants of the house must have access at all times.

There is no right turn from the second gate. If you want to turn right then you need to go out the main gate. There is no right turn into the second gate from Annangrove Road. If you are coming from the west you must make your right turn into the main gate.

Parents please use common sense and courtesy when using our driveway and parking areas. Please don’t block driveways or roads to allow the traffic to flow. Please adhere to these rules. They are in place to provide safety for your children.

Staff Development Day –
Tuesday 29th MARCH

Term 2 AFL After-School Program at the School:
In Term 2, AFL NSW/ACT will be hosting an After-School Auskick Program exclusively for students of St Madeleine’s Primary! Students will enjoy a safe, fun and action-packed 4 weeks of games and skill development PLUS they will receive the Auskick Lunch Pack which includes an AFL football and much more.

For more information, or to register, please visit www.aflauskick.com.au and enter ‘St Madeleine’s Primary’ into the centre locator, or contact us on 8867 7416. The AFL will also be speaking to students at a Term 2 assembly prior to the program and distributing further information for children and parents.

Mr Nik Papas

Entertainment Books
Tanya Eberand of 4P will be selling The Entertainment books for 2016/2017 - $70.00 each
If anyone would like one please call her on 0412 171125 or email her at tanyaeberand@gmail.com
20% of the sales of the books will be donated to the Cancer Council.

Parramatta Soccer Team
Congratulations to Xavier Tsagaris for being selected in the Parramatta Soccer Team. There are an extraordinary amount of students trialling throughout the Diocese so to get selected into this team is an amazing effort. We wish you the best of luck for the MacKillop Trails Xavier!
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Term 1 2016

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KISS & DROP ROSTER
Term 1 Week 7 2016
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MB: 0413 808 840

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Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Friday 20th May - St Joseph Centre
Any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.
Tanya Eberand 0412 171125
Barbara Tannous

UNIFORM SHOP & ROSTER
OPEN Wednesdays 8.30am—10.30am
Michelle Gil

Winter Uniform Terms 2 & 3
Manager Tracey Hinchliffe
Email: thinchliffe@parra.catholic.edu.au
Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Lost Son

11 Jesus continued: ‘There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.
13 ‘Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.
17 ‘When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’
20 So he got up and went to his father.
21 ‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.
22 ‘The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’
23 ‘But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 24 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. 25 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.
26 ‘Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’
28 ‘The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’
31 ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

This week Year Five celebrated Mass with Fr Vince and we discussed the above reading. He raised the issues of jealousy and sibling rivalry. He brilliantly discussed how our parents / family love us and forgive us – just like God. He went on to say that the two clear lessons for today are:

– I can be absolutely sure of God’s mercy and forgiveness provided I turn back to him in true sorrow.

– I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.

In class we discussed these issues and concepts. As an adult we too are challenged to accept this challenge. During this year of Mercy maybe you can read the above piece of scripture and see how you can apply it to your life.

God Bless – Mr Hatcher
Religious Education Coordinator
Enrolments for Year 7 2017 will open on Wednesday 9th March, 2016. It is anticipated that all Year 6 students currently attending St Angela’s, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine’s and Our Lady of the Angels will receive an Enrolment Package at their school, in the two week period leading up to our Open Evening.

Applications should be fully completed and lodged at the College by Tuesday 26th April, 2016. Failure to provide a fully completed application form (including all necessary signatures) and copies of all relevant, supporting documentation may delay the processing of applications and enrolment offers. Late applications will only be accepted if there are unfilled places. Any enquiries can be directed to the Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

The enrolment period for Year 7 2017 will close on Tuesday 26th April, 2016.

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Marian Catholic College extends an invitation to prospective students and their families, to attend our annual Open Evening. This year there will be two repeated sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered by the College. The session times will be run at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Each session will commence in the Shared Hall, where the Principal and students will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.

Each information session will be followed by Guided Tours of the school. Visitors will be able to take part in the activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.

NOTE: Each session will follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you.
# Social Skills and Wellbeing

## Week 5 and 6

### Respect Yourself and Others

* Respect is treating others with consideration and regard, respecting another person’s point of view
  * Being yourself/being friendly
  * Approaching a group/joining in
  * Including everyone

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### St Madeleine’s Achievement Award

| KM       | Flynn Morris  
|          | Jade Anderson |
| KS       | Isaac Ellis  
|          | Claire Waldon |
| 1H       | William Talbot  
|          | Amelie Nash   |
| 1I       | Daisy Manassen  
|          | Eden Zahra    |
| 2F       | Charlotte Mah Chut  
|          | Ben Galea     |
| 2S       | Luke Nati     
|          | Alexis Mallia |
| 3A       | Sienna Angle-Corke 
|          | William Easton|
| 3GM      | Angelina El-Badaoui  
|          | Bianca Palacio  |
| 4C       | Sabrina Marino  
|          | Lucas Ilijanic |
| 4P       | Max Kuntze     
|          | Emilie Mifsud |
| 5H       | Oliver Scannone 
|          | Rachel Habkouk |
| 5W       | Jamie Peacock  
|          | Olivia Easton  |
| 6G       | Bradd Angioni  
|          | Isabella Jones-Gentle |
| 6LV      | James Constantinides  
|          | Rose Sakkal    |
| Music/Drama | Isaac Ellis KS  
| Mark.S.  |                |
| SPORT    | Lachlan Palmer  
| Nik.P.   | 6LV            |

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### Social Skills Award

| KM       | Amelie Easton |
| KS       | Thomas Baker |
| 1H       | Chayse Hope  |
| 1I       | Alessia Cutajar |
| 2F       | Maja Susnjara  
|          | William Powell |
| 2S       | Siena Arias   
|          | Jackson Santlemann |
| 3A       | Damien Hyde   
|          | Tarlia Hunter |
| 3GM      | Indie Henning |
| 4C       | Harrison Sheehan |
| 4P       | Isaac Vajda  |
| 5H       | Miranda Charge 
|          | Noah Jones-Gentle |
| 5W       | Annika Skjellerup |
| 6G       | Caitlin Andrew  
|          | Olivia Doughty |
| 6LV      | Georgia Bechara  
|          | Lachlan Palmer  |
Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 12 students represented the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival held at Blacktown Pool. The students competed brilliantly. Congratulations on your great swims and fantastic results. The following students placed in the top four overall.

- **Riley Abrahams** Senior Boys  
  50m Freestyle 2nd  
  50m Backstroke 3rd  
  50m Butterfly 4th

- **Jordan Stubing** Senior Boys  
  50m Butterfly 1st  
  200m Individual Medley 4th

- **Angus Budgen** Senior Boys  
  50m Breaststroke 1st

- **Cooper Fradd** 8 Years Boys  
  50m Freestyle 1st

- **Emily Knight** 8 Year Girls  
  50m Freestyle 1st

- **Grace Liddle** 9 Year Girls  
  50m Freestyle 2nd

- **Jonah Liddle** 10 Year Boys  
  50m Freestyle 1st  
  50m Backstroke 3rd  
  50m Breaststroke 2nd

- **Jordan Stubing** Senior Boys  
  Relay 1st

We wish all eight of you all the very best at the Catholic Primary Schools (CPS) Swimming Carnival on Thursday 21st March. We are so proud of your efforts.

Cross Country

Students should now be training for the Annual St Madeleine’s Cross Country. All students (K-6) will compete in the Cross Country on Friday 1st April on the school grounds. The distances are as follows: 500m, 1km, 2km and 3km depending on the age group. Both serious and fun runs are on offer to students. It is compulsory to enter an event. A note was sent home this week regarding the Cross Country. Please fill it in and return promptly to your child’s teacher.

Julia Morris  
Sport Coordinator
Catholic Schools Week @ St Madeleine's

'I Belong. You Belong. We Belong!'

One of the major objectives of Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is to raise public awareness of the strengths of Catholic schools and highlight the significant contribution the Catholic education sector makes to our state and nation. CSW is an opportunity to share with the broader community the great things that take place in our schools every day.

The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ which aligns with the Catholic Church’s strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community. The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees fleeing hunger and war.

St Madeleine's Catholic Schools Week Events

Monday 7th March

9.00am Catholic Schools Week Morning Prayer
Meet us in the morning line up area for our Flag raising ceremony and a special Catholic Schools Week prayer led by our student leaders highlighting the Year of Mercy.

Wednesday 9th March

All Day - Dance Fever Open Ballroom – Timetable on the reverse

Friday 11th March

9.15am Catholic Schools Week Mass
In the church, Fr Vince and the children will be leading us through a mass celebrating the life of the Catholic School.
We will have a special performance by Year One.

1pm Movie and Popcorn afternoon - Meet The Robinsons!
This year at St Madeleine’s we have a strong “Growth Mindset” focus with our students. We have selected a family fun movie for the students to watch in their grade groups in the afternoon. This film also ties in with our Catholic Schools Week ‘We Belong’ theme.
Students will be given popcorn to eat and are invited to bring a drink to enjoy during the movie afternoon. (Please note this a pupil only event)

Please note that we will not be holding ‘open classrooms’ during Catholic Schools Week, we will be holding them early next term when all classes are in their new learning spaces. I hope that you can attend at least one of our Catholic Schools Week events and see what is happening in our school at St Madeleine's.

Thank You
Jason Hatcher
Religious Education Coordinator
Our Captains and Vice Captains attended the National Young Leaders Day at Homebush on Monday. They listened to some inspiring speakers. I asked them to share some of the messages that resonated with them. These fine leaders represented St Madeleine’s proudly.

Jeanette Black
Principal

Nathan ‘Dubsy’ used to be a personal trainer before he decided to be a leader and go around to schools speaking about his story. Dubsy was first a leader in his cricket team, where he chose who would bat or bowl.

The theme for Young National Leaders day was ‘master the little’. Work on the little things to make the big things. Well Dubsy definitely taught us to do that by becoming a person of focus. He said that it’s not easy but it’s worth it. He quoted “little things add up over time”. It was something I will remember forever and finally he said to remain determined, start where you are, hold strong and life should be enjoyed not endured.

By Ella Harris

One of the speakers was NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione. Mr Scipione taught us that good choices lead to a good life and bad choices lead the other way. We were told to live with integrity and not to make the most popular decision but the right decision. I have definitely learnt a lot from this message. He spoke to us about knowing right from wrong. We learnt even though they may not seem big that the littlest decisions can make the biggest difference to someone or something. The theme of this day was to “Master the Little”. Andrew Scipione taught us that if you hang out with good people this can influence you and you will become good. He taught us to work to the best of our ability and to always do the right thing. He taught us to also focus on the small steps to get to the big goal and if you skip the little steps you will not be able to make it to your goal.

By Madeleine Edwards

A memory that would stay with me from The National Young Leaders day was listening to Scott Tweedie. He explained that all the hard work you put in pays off at the end of the day. Everyone thinks he is a natural when it comes to using the mic but he always works behind the scenes to get the best possible outcome. Working in TV consists of teamwork. Cooperation is a big factor just like our roles as leaders. Listening to what the producers shout in the back of your earpiece is always important. This year the theme was master the little instead of going for the big thing because in the end big things are formed by the little.

By Akash Arnold

Ben Austin is a Paralympian swimmer who never gave up. He has 81 national records and 15 world records. When Ben got a bit older, he got a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sports, where all other Olympic swimmers swam. Ben has only one arm, even though he had one arm when he was little he beat all the two arm swimmers in his school. Although he wasn’t that strong he had to swim with his arm like a windmill to go that fast and he excelled at sport. When Ben was born he was lucky to survive. Two weeks after he was born, doctors found out that the circulation to his arm was cut and so the doctors had to amputate his arm. But he is ok and he is also one of the best swimmers in the world.

By Cooper Angles-Corke
**Parent Workshops ~ Mathematics**

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the MAI information parent forums this week. Nearly 100 parents attended our evening and morning sessions showing their support for the teachers and their dedication to the ongoing education of their children.

For those parents who were unable to attend the meetings but wish to be given their child’s growth points, an appointment must be made with the classroom teacher so that the teacher can thoroughly explain what the growth points mean and the importance of the Mathematical Assessment Interview. In Term 2 we will be holding workshops to help parents know and understand the efficient strategies that the children need to use to be numerate.

Look out in the newsletter for information that will help you work with your child as they grow in their conceptual understanding of all four Number Domains.

Pauline Pittas  
Mathematics Co-ordinator

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**Dance Fever ~ Term 1**  
**2016**

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*Dance Fever Showcase Evening to be held*  
*Wednesday Week 11 ~ 6th April*

*Lessons to be held in school hall*