Dear Parents and Friends,

Our building work for Stage One of the $2.9m refurbishment is almost complete. Some staff members had a walk through with me and the builders last Tuesday and spent time admiring the work that has been done. Mrs Monti and Mrs Stone began to think about the learning spaces that they will occupy first day back next term. We have quite a bit of work to do, though, before then.

Tomorrow is “Moving Day”. Between 9 am and 11am our Kinders and Year Two classes will be moving their classroom items down to the new spaces. Between recess and lunch, Year One will move up the Music demountable. At this stage the new rooms are not quite ready. The joinery, tiles, and carpet will be installed in the holidays. Our first day back next term ~ Tuesday 6th October ~ is a Staff Development Day and Mr McDougall will be very busy on this day positioning desks and chairs in readiness for the students return on Wednesday 7th October. I am a little disappointed that I won’t be here on this day to welcome you and your children to their new learning spaces at St Madeleine’s.

Many people have asked about the new plans for the learning spaces and classrooms. It has been a project that Mrs Beggs and I have been working on for about two years now. We have been in dialogue with educators, architects and builders. Our main focus all along is to cater for the students and their learning. What do teachers need? What do students need? What do they need to have in their classrooms? Can we imagine the needs for the next 20 years?

We have been charged with the responsibility of creating learning spaces that support the way teachers now teach and the way we know students learn. Children co-construct knowledge. They learn in relation with each other and so our rooms need to be places where children work “silent/solo” on their own, with a partner, in a small group, with the class and sometimes with the grade. Our classroom spaces need to be flexible enough to accommodate all these different grouping structures. Teachers are now “adaptive experts”. Learning groups are fluid and teachers are constantly changing their instruction and the groups to meet a need.

Stephen Heppell, Chair of Learning Innovation at Camilo Jose Cela University in Madrid, says

“We are preparing our students for an uncertain future and we need schools unlike the ones that prepared their parents. We need larger classrooms areas where groups can work together but we also need areas for quiet concentration. Areas with access to rich technology, agile layouts with quite nooks and thoughtfully designed acoustics. Teachers can no longer spend their days retelling facts to students who sit behind straight rows of desks and copy down notes. Certainly there will be times when it remains appropriate for a teacher to stand in front of the class and offer old school instruction (we call it explicit teaching). But this can’t be the only tool in the teacher’s kit bag.”

We have this opportunity to provide learning environments that support our teacher’s work and enhance student learning now and for their future. I certainly wish my classroom looked like this 50 years ago when I was at school. Please call in next term when you have an opportunity. I’m sure you will be as pleased as we are of the project thus far.

Whilst I am on leave for the first three weeks of next term the staffing arrangements will be

Acting Principal ~ Mrs Beggs
Acting Assistant Principal ~ Mrs Fisher
Acting REC ~ Mrs Willard

Please direct any compliments or concerns to these fine leaders for this time.

I wish you all a wonderful spring holiday with your family and friends and I will look forward to being back with you all beginning Week 4 next term.

With my best wishes
Jeanette Black
Principal
TERM 4

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

STUDENTS RETURN
WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER in Summer Uniform

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Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival

We would like to congratulate Thomas Colcomb who represented the Parramatta Diocese at the Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival last Monday. Thomas competed in the Senior Boys Discus and placed 14th. We are very proud of your success on the day.

Julia Morris
Athletics Coordinator

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HILLSBUS

Please be advised that due to bus routes in the Sydney CBD, Hillsbus has implemented minor changes across its network which will commence on the 4th October. Should you have any questions regarding the timetable, please call customer service on 8889 7000 or visit the website at www.cdebus.com.au

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Marian College Demountables

Marian College need to install several demountable classrooms and we have decided that the most appropriate location for these rooms is to run them parallel to the existing demountable classrooms at the end of the oval.

We will be extending the oval playing space at the other end of the oval to make sure we have enough room for all the PE lessons and recess and lunch time games. We are not able to place the demountables parallel to the fence line on the other side of the oval as we need a 50m fire protection zone between vegetation and classrooms.

Jeanette Black
Principal

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NOTES SENT HOME OR EMAILED
This week

1. Year 3 Pioneer Village
2. Sandpit Photos
EVENT CALENDAR

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**Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying**

At St Madeleine’s Primary School we aim to provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment in which everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Each student has the right to feel safe, happy and valued.

**What is Bullying?**

Bullying is repeated incidents involving:
- a bigger, stronger or more powerful child on a smaller or weaker child, or
- a group of children on a single child

These might be:
- Verbal: the child is called names, put down, threatened.
- Physical: the child is hit, tripped, poked, kicked, or belongings are stolen or damaged.
- Social: the child is left out, ignored, or rumours are spread.
- Psychological: the child is stalked or given dirty looks.

Bullying is different from teasing, rough-and-tumble or schoolyard fights. What makes it different is that the incidents are ongoing, and there is usually an imbalance of size, strength and power between the children involved.

**If you bully someone else...**

- You will be expected to stop it immediately.
- The Principal or Assistant Principal will be informed of your behaviour.
- An appropriate consequence will be given.
- Your parents will be informed.
- Your behaviour will be monitored.
- You will be assisted with changing your pattern of behaviour.

**If you are being bullied......**

**What to do**

- Avoid situations that may lead to bullying
- Look at your own behaviour and see if it is, in any way, causing the bullying
- Remain calm
- Tell the bully that he / she is annoying you and you want it to stop
- Look for support from others. (e.g. a friend, parent or teacher)
- Report the bullying to your class teacher, the teacher on duty, the Assistant Principal or the Principal

**What can parents do?**

- Listen to their children’s concerns. Ask them directly about their anxieties
- Work with the school to address the problem
- Develop your child’s skills and confidence so that they can interact with others socially in a positive way
- Praise your child’s efforts in self-control, non-violent and responsible behaviour
- Help your child to develop problem solving strategies
- Staff will ensure that procedural fairness applies in dealing with any incidents of bullying. Appropriate and timely support, management and resolution of reported incidents of bullying will be offered to all persons involved in these incidents including the bystanders who have significant influence on the outcome of a bullying issue.

**Hills Musical Theatre Company**

Zoe Lang (2S) will performing in a local production of Annie the Musical"with the Hills Musical Theatre Company. The performances are Friday 6 November at 8pm, Saturday 7 November at 8pm and Saturday 14 November at 2pm.

Tickets at [www.hillsmtc.com](http://www.hillsmtc.com).

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**Love Learning**

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UNIFORM SHOP & ROSTER
OPEN Wednesdays 8.30am—10.30am
Summer Uniform Term 4

Lorine Niezabitowski & Barbara Tannous
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Tracey Hinchliffe
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MB: 0412 264 200

KISS & DROP ROSTER
Term 4 Week 1 2015
Contact: Lorine Niezabitowski
MB: 0413 808 840

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The Gospel of Mark at St Madeleine’s

The *Gospel of Mark* scripture passages studied during Week 9:
- Mk Mk 16:1-8 Jesus Is Alive
- Mk 16:9-11 Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
- Mk 16:12-13 Jesus Appears to Two Disciples
- Mk 16:14-18 What Jesus' Followers Must Do
- Mk 16:19-20 Jesus Returns to Heaven

Please use and revere your Bible at home to support our journey with children in knowing God and building a personal relationship with a God.

**Kathy Fisher**

**Acting REC**
Professional photos in time for Christmas

The St Madeleine’s fundraising team is super excited to bring this opportunity to St Mad’s families: An individualised photography session for your family from Sandpit Photography (http://www.sandpitphotos.com.au/).

Don’t pay hundreds of dollars for a professional photography shoot! For just $20, you will receive a 15 minute photo session with one of Sandpit’s award winning photographers. During your session they will shoot 4 different poses of you and your family. Mix it up a little and have one with the whole family, another with just the kids, just mum and dad etc. The choice is yours! Appointments are available between 8am and 6pm to allow for busy family schedules.

Two weeks later, you will meet with them again and be presented with a free 10x13” photograph to keep AND have the opportunity to buy additional photographs of varying sizes in colour and/or black & white, either individually or as a part of a package. Packages are very reasonable and many include the images on CD.

The photo sessions will be held in a natural outdoor setting, at Elizabeth Chaffey Reserve, Kings Road, Castle Hill, 2154.

How to book:
The date allocated to us is Sunday 11 October (to ensure your photos are back before the overseas postal deadline for Christmas) and the time is chosen when you book
Go to http://www.trybooking.com/159629 and follow the prompts
Turn up 5 minutes before your allocated time and smile…. It’s that easy!

Get in quickly to reserve your spot, as 11 October isn’t far away and school holidays are almost upon us! If you experience any difficulties booking or have any questions, please call Grainne on 0468 424 378.

Thank you,

Grainne Bolland & Natalie Claps
Fundraising Coordinators
St Madeleine’s P&F Committee

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School Holiday Program @ Mary MacKillop Place!
28, 29 & 30 September

- Come and discover the story of Mary MacKillop - Australia's first Saint!
- Follow the Kids’ Trail with Mary’s pet dog ‘Bobs’
- Listen to stories
- Enjoy art and craft activities
- Explore Mary’s home and the School house
- Discover Mary’s Travelling Trunk

Session runs from 10.30 – 12.30

$8 per primary school aged child

Address: Mary MacKillop Place Museum, 7 Mount St, North Sydney

Enquiries & bookings: 02 8912 4883 or mackillop@sosj.org.au

For more information about Mary MacKillop Place, please visit our website www.marymackillopplace.org.au