Dear Parents and Friends,

This week I have the opportunity to be with our Year 5 students and teachers at The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. It is a wonderful facility staffed with young, energetic camp leaders who instruct the children in each activity and encourage them to participate to the extend that they feel comfortable. Of course the point of the camp is for each child to step outside their comfort zone and to experience challenge in a safe and structured environment. Yesterday we tackled the low ropes course and the flying fox. Children had to wear the appropriate safety gear and then work together to support each other through the activities. After lunch the children went to "Lost Island" where they experienced a "mud run". Some children relished the opportunity to be wet and filthy and others found it challenging. But they all loved it! The camp leaders drilled the children like a commando unit in the military. It was all very entertaining.

We see the children encouraging each other, helping each other and giving advice to each other and then celebrating when they have achieved their goal. There are moments of grace such as these all day. You would be proud of your children and so pleased they have this opportunity to extend themselves, to learn more about themselves and their capabilities, and to have so much fun along the way.

This morning we had our dunes and beach morning and then rock climbing, dual flying fox, the giant swing and archery this afternoon and Friday morning. Check out our photos on the school's Facebook page!

Yesterday at 11am our school community remembered all those who fought in wars over the past 100 years all around the world. I'm sorry to have missed this service that was so beautifully prepared by Mr Gerecs. In September I spent a few days visiting the war graves on the Western Front in Europe. The red poppies grow like wild flowers in the trenches and in and around the cemeteries. It is sobering to see manicured cemetery after cemetery on hillsides and along the roadways. Many graves have engraved "Unknown Soldier" on the white tombstone. All that is known is that they were Australian. Some villages and towns in this region were bombed and destroyed and never rebuilt. It is, however, extraordinary to see what has been restored and rebuilt since the devastation of the world wars. Yesterday we spent a moment to remember them.

I despair when we think that the act of war is still continuing in places around the globe in the hope of conflict resolution.

Let us all pray for peace in our hearts, our families, our community and our world.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.
Kind regards
Jeanette Black

CHANGE OF ARRIVAL TIME HOME FROM CAMP

Dear Parents,

The bus will be leaving camp at 12.30pm Friday and our anticipated arrival is 3pm. If there are any changes to this it will be advised through Skoolbag.

Year 5 Teachers
## EVENT CALENDAR
### Term 4 2015

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<td><strong>2016 Term 1 K-6 Students Return</strong></td>
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### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2015

#### RECESS 10:50am—11:20am

| Week 6 Thursday 12th Nov | Fri 13th Nov | Tamara Palmer  
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Week 7 Thursday 19th Nov | Fri 27th Nov | Michelle Gil  
| Week 8 Thursday 26th Nov | Fri 27th Nov | Barbara Tannous |
| Week 9 Thursday 3rd Dec | Fri 4th Dec  | Michelle Gil  
| Week 10 Thursday 10th Dec| Fri 11th Dec | Leah Mair      

Volunteer Helpers for 2016 needed, please ring and let the school office know if you can HELP.

Thank you  
Tracey Hinchliffe  
Ph: 9654 6751

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### CANTEEN CLOSED

on  
Tuesday 17th November due to the PIZZA DAY

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### NOTES OR EMAILS SENT HOME:

1. Christ the King Feast Day  
2. Kindy Family Christmas Picnic  
3. P&F Nominations
Car Park Reminder (During building program)

Fine weather morning drop off:
• Until 8.30am all students (including Marian College siblings) are to be dropped off at the netball court Kiss & Drop zone.
• From 8.30am students in Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 are to be dropped off at the canteen drop off zone. Students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 continue 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As you are aware we have been using an online attendance program for the last 12 months. Each day the teachers take the role electronically at the beginning of the day.

If you are late to school you must accompany your child to the office and complete a late slip. This is entered into the system by the office staff.

At regular intervals we will send out reminders to parents if you have forgotten to send in a written explanation for an absence.

Occasionally as with all systems please forgive us if we ask twice.

We thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards
The St Madeleine’s Teaching Staff

Junior Minister Training
There will be Training for Junior Ministers on Sunday 15th November, 4.30pm at the church.
If you are in year 3 or older, and have already received Communion, we would love for you to join the Junior Ministers team!
All Junior Ministers will be commissioned at the 10am Mass on 22nd November
For more details contact Lisa at the Parish House, Linda Noy 0425223978, or speak with Ellyse Noy (6G)

Note for Kindy Parents
We are also asking each family to donate cakes / slices for the Kindy 2016 Orientation Day. These can be dropped of to the St Josephs Centre either Tuesday afternoon (17th Nov) from 2.45pm - 3.15pm or Wednesday morning (18th Nov) from 8am.

We also still need helpers to assist with pack up after the orientation (after 10.30am). If you are able to help, please contact Karlee 0410 648 030.

We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Thanks again
Your Kindy contact mums
### Rosters, Awards

#### UNIFORM SHOP
**OPEN Wednesdays**
8.30am—10.30am
**Summer Term 4**
Term 4 Week 7 Melanie Talbot

Volunteer helpers for 2016
*Helpers are needed to assist in the Uniform shop each week, please ring or email me if you can help, much appreciated.*

Manager Tracey Hinchliffe
Email: thinchliffe@parra.catholic.edu.au
MB: 0412 264 200

A BIG THANK YOU to our lovely parents Lorine Niezabitowski, Barbara Tannous, Tanya Leahy & Amanda Fradd for all your help in the Uniform Shop on Monday and Tuesday fitting out our Kindy’s for 2016. I really appreciate it!!!

Tracey Hinchliffe
Uniform Shop Manager

#### St Madeleine’s Achievement Award

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#### Book Club

If you did not receive your order from the previous book club could you please get in contact with Tracy Holm 1H with what you ordered and the amount, if possible. I apologise for the delay and will rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Tracy Holm
Book Club
2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families,

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus180, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements
We are committed to ensuring that no child will be refused enrolment due to a family’s financial situation. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016
Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016
The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by $33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be $735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal. We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

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LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED!

A big, big "Thank You" to the lovely parents who have helped cover newly purchased readers for our children.

We have many more books for the children that need to be covered and are seeking more helpers. The books come with pre-cut contact. If you are able to help please contact the library or call in on Monday or Wednesday mornings before school commences.

We are seeking volunteers to help in our “New Library” for 2016!

If you can spare any time to:

- Cover new books (this can be done at home) or help shelve books

Please complete the following:

Parents /helper’s name: .................................................................

Contact number: .................................................................

Children’s names: .................................................................

Children’s class (2015) .................................................................

Covering books once a: Week / Month / Term

(Please circle your preference)

Pick up books or have them sent home

Shelving Books Before School, 9-10am Or 10-11 am

(Please circle your preference)

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Child Protection

Please note: It is a requirement that child protection training and Working With Children Check be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school. Please check the website for details www.stmadeineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au

Thank you in anticipation students and staff of St Madeleines!
Last Friday, the St Madeleine’s Performance Band embarked on a day trip visiting 2 other schools to combine with their music programs.

They travelled by coach to Fivedock and Stanmore, which are suburbs close to the city. The objective of the excursion was to mentor the students we met and give them the experience & confidence to perform with a balanced band.

All of our band members displayed wonderful leadership throughout the day, not only during the workshops but also during our breaks in the playground.

The concerts that we performed were outstanding given the challenges that we were faced with.

Congratulations to our band members and thank you to Mrs. James who gave up her time to accompany us for the day.

Lucia Bichara
Band Director

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**KIMBALL PIANO FOR SALE**

- Excellent condition one owner
- America Oak
- Price to be negotiated
- Please contact Louise Allen (Teacher) on Mb: 0422 717 972
  - Available Now!!
  - Offers over $500.00
Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the school student transport scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.

School Opal card can be used:
- On approved travel on school days between the student’s home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).

Who is eligible?
To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:
- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:
- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student’s travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only. For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?
Students with school travel passes this year will be not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7. Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2018.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transpontnsw.info/school-students
After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant’s home address.