School Hours and Supervision of Students
Lessons commence each morning at 8.50am and conclude at 3.00pm on Mondays to Fridays. The school grounds are open to pupils from 8.20am each morning and remain open to pupils until the last bus leaves each afternoon. At all times outside the period from 8.20am to approximately 4.00pm, the school grounds are out of bounds to all pupils.

Normal supervision of pupils by the school will be undertaken between the hours 8.20am - 3.30pm Mondays to Fridays, however, we are aware that some students arrive earlier than this because of bus timetables. Therefore an executive member of staff is on the playground from 8am to supervise these early arrivals.

Would you please assist the school in the interest of the pupils’ safety by endeavouring to ensure that your child does not attend or remain in the precincts of the school outside the hours of 8.20am to 3.30pm on Mondays to Fridays, unless and only if they are arriving by bus or waiting for buses in the supervised bus lines. If any parent or guardian has difficulty in ensuring that their child does not attend school until 8.20am and / or ensuring that their child leaves school by 3.30pm (bus passengers only excepted), kindly contact the school in order to discuss what special arrangements might be made for their child.

The school will not be responsible for supervising or caring for students outside the school premises unless the students are engaged in a school sponsored activity e.g. an excursion or a sporting event. The school will not be responsible for supervising or caring for students on their journey to and from school. In particular, the school will not be responsible for supervising students at bus stops either on their way to school or on their way home from school. Each student's journey to and from school shall be the responsibility of each student’s parent or guardian.

Special arrangements will be made in relation to authorised school activities, which require the attendance of students at the school outside of these hours.

It is important that children arrive at school on time for the assembly bell at 8.50am.

Census Day - Friday 12th February
Tomorrow Friday 12th of February is Census day. If your child is absent on the day, please email the school by 10:00am on Friday 12th February simply advising your child’s name, class, the reason for their absence and the date you think they will return.

Email: stmadeleines@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please note
Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is mandatory. This is a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Fees 2016
School fee accounts for 2016 have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. As in the past, families have the choice to either pay their account within the current school fee payment terms of 30 days or choose a flexible payment plan (FPP) in which payments are made weekly, fortnightly or monthly spread over a six month period from March to August 2016.

To make FPP payments families are to complete and lodge a direct debit authority with the Catholic Education Office Parramatta before 26th February 2016. Please note that previous flexible payment plans do not carry over from last year. A new arrangement must be set up each year.

There is no additional administration fees to families accepting the FPP offer, however if a payment is rejected then fees may be incurred.

If you do not receive a school fee statement by Wed 17th February please contact the school office and a copy can be emailed to you. Phone 9654 6751.
**KISS & DROP ROSTER**
Term 1 Week 4 2016
Contact: Lorine Niezabitowski
MB: 0413 808 840

| MON 15/2 | Meagan Rogers & Christine O’Brien |
| TUES 16/2 | Leanne Calleia & Maria Kenchington |
| WED 17/2 | Lucinda Musolino & Lorine Niezabitowski |
| THUR 18/2 | Angela Paki & Karlee Wade |
| FRI 19/2 | Rita Vumbaca & Grainne Bolland |

**OPAL CARD (Bus Pass)**
Ph: 131 500
New students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website transportnsw.info/school-students then send it to the school office and your bus pass will be sent to your home address.
Swimming Carnival Program 2016

Tomorrow's Swimming Carnival will be held at YMCA Hawkesbury Oasis Leisure Centre, cnr Church and Drummond Streets, South Windsor. All students are to catch the bus to the pool in the morning. The electronic roll needs to be taken before the students leave.

Overall ribbons will be given out tomorrow throughout the day.

Overall Champions medallions and trophies will be presented at the Assembly on Friday 19th February.

9:00am Leave school by bus

9:45am Assemble at pool in colour teams

10:00am Welcome and first call

10:15am Event 1-4 100m Freestyle Junior, Senior Boys Girls

10:45am Event 5-16 50m Freestyle 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

11:30am Event 17-26 50m Backstroke 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

11:30am 25m Freestyle 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

11:30am 25m Backstroke 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

11:30am 25m Breaststroke 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

12:00pm Event 27-36 50m Breaststroke 8,9,10,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

12:30pm Event 37-42 50m Butterfly Jun,11,12 yrs Boys Girls

12.45pm Event 43-46 200m Individual Medley Junior, Senior Boys Girls

1.00pm Lunch

1:30pm Event 47 4 x 50m Freestyle Relays Jnr, Snr Boys Girls

1:50pm Event 48 Teacher/Captains/ Parent Relay Time permitting

2:15pm Clean Up

2:30pm Buses return to school
Dear Parents,

If your child has a medical condition e.g. Anaphylaxis, Allergies, Asthma and will require medication whilst at school, please send in your medication and medical paperwork to the school office This information is needed ASAP. Thanking you for your prompt response.

Jeanette Black
Principal

Sports Uniform

I have noticed that a few students are still wearing the old sports uniform. All students should now be in the new sports uniform as it has been 2 years since our changeover. Sport shoes should be white or almost white in colour - no fluorescent or brightly coloured sport shoes please. Thank you for your support!

Jeanette Black
Principal

Photo

From time to time group photos are taken of students in class and on the playground and sometimes we publish them in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. We do not name students in these group photos. If you DO NOT WANT photos of your child published in this way please write a note to my attention stating this request.

Jeanette Black
Principal

Coffee Friday

Will be starting back up again in the Staffroom from
Friday 19th February.

$4.00 for a coffee and brownie or
$2.00 for coffee only.

All Welcome!

Swimming Carnival -
Friday 12th February

Thank you to all students for returning their permission notes so promptly. It has allowed me to get in all selections into the computer already.

Please be reminded that the Carnival Completion is 2.15pm and ALL students are to remain at the pool until the completion of the Relays.

If your child is going home with another parent please forward a letter to your classroom teacher stating this.

Julia Morris
Sport Coordinator

Parramatta Trials

Parramatta Trials nominations for all sports have now closed. Over the next couple of weeks all the entries across the Diocese will be looked at and those students selected for the trials will be notified by letter. I am anticipating these letters to come to be around week 4/5. I will distribute to any successful students as soon as I receive them.

Julia Morris
Sport Coordinator

Oakhill College

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2017 will close on Friday, 19th February, 2016. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment for their sons at Oakhill College for Year 7, 2017, and who have not yet submitted a form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday, 19th February 2016.

Ph: Registrar Mrs Nicole Beamish 9899 2288
Email: registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au
India Club Indian Community Forum

Social Media & Safety
An understanding of social media in order to keep yourself and your children safe
< Free Event & Open to all >
Presented by
The New South Wales Police Force, The Hills Local Area Command
Overview: Superintendent Rob CRITCHLOW, Commander
Speaker ~ Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer

Cybersafety and bullying is the number one non-academic issue in schools today ~

Online behaviour may affect
Self-esteem, learning and relationships
The Internet exposes young people to inappropriate images, language, as well as criminal behavior

Some topics covered
How to keep safe online - the latest social networking sites - online gaming - cyber bullying - 'sexting' - cyber luring - Facebook/ Instagram / KIK/ Snapchat / Skype/ Google Plus - relevant laws and police action.

Sunday 6th March 2016
Assemble at 2 pm for 2.30 start to 5:30 pm
Wesley Castle Hill Uniting Church
32-34 Showground Road Castle Hill

We invite all in the area to benefit from the Forum presentation, open to all.
Spread the word & encourage your friends to attend
Snacks, Tea & Coffee to Enjoy

RSVP:
Get Mr G to WORLD YOUTH DAY!

Dear Parents and Friends,

World Youth Day (WYD) is one of the biggest, and greatest, international celebrations in the world today! The first official World Youth Day was in 1986 in Rome, Italy. Since then, millions of young people have celebrated World Youth Days every 2-3 years across the world including Sydney, Australia in 2008.

In 2016 World Youth Day returns to the home of its founder, Pope John Paul II, in Poland. WYD16 in Poland will carry on this legacy under the inspiration of Pope Francis. Mr Gerecs our Year Six teacher, has been selected to represent St Madeleine’s School at World Youth Day 2016. We are very proud of him for making it through the selection process and can’t wait to share this experience with him. Our students will benefit from his experience and we will follow his pilgrimage from Kenthurst to his mission work in the Philippines and then to WYD16 in Krakow, Poland.

Late last year World Youth Day raffle tickets were sent home to some families in our community. Now that we have Mr G attending WYD16 we are hoping the entire school community will get behind him and the school. **We now need your assistance to Get Mr G to World Youth Day!** Would you please consider selling a book of tickets ($20) or making a donation to assist our school in our mission? (More information about the WYD Raffle is on the reverse of this note.)

We ask that each family return the slip below to assist us in our Fundraising effort. Thank you for your generosity of spirit.

Mr Jason Hatcher
Religious Education Coordinator

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Get Mr G to WORLD YOUTH DAY Return Slip

Family Name: ____________________________________________

Eldest Child: __________________________ Class ________

- We are prepared to sell ______ books of WYD Raffle Tickets @ $20 per book.

- We would be happy to donate $________ to assist with WYD Fundraising.
  (Please send donations in a sealed envelope to the school office)

- We are unable to assist at this time.

Thank You

X ___________________
WYD 2016 RAFFLE

The World Youth Day Project in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta invites the community to make a small investment in the formation, faith development and leadership of our young people through the Diocese WYD Raffle. All pilgrims are expected to pay more than a third of their overall pilgrimage cost but your additional assistance will help to support them in their fundraising efforts.

Tickets are $2 each or a book of tickets can be purchased for $20.
Thanks to our generous sponsors the prizes are as follows:

First prize: Toyota Yaris 5 door automatic
(Supplied by Terry Shields Toyota, Parramatta)

Second prize: A Cosmos European 2016 Tour for two to the value of $6000 (Donated by Cosmos. This prize cannot be used towards any 2016 WYD pilgrimage)

Third prize: Apple IPad Mini (Donated by Campion College Australia – offering Australia’s first Catholic BA, in the Liberal Arts)

Fourth prize: Cash prize of $500 (Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu)

Fifth prize: Apple Watch (Donated by Catholic Church Insurance)

The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday/World Youth Day 2016.

Dear St Madeleine’s Community,

It is with a joyful heart that I share the news of my pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland as part of World Youth Day 2016. World Youth Day (WYD) is one of the biggest, and greatest, international celebrations in the world today! I will be joining other young teachers from the Parramatta Diocese on a 20 day pilgrimage beginning with three day mission encounter in the Philippines followed World Youth Day activities, including daily masses and catechesis in Krakow.

I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing my encounters with Christ with both the children and parents of the St Madeleine’s school community.

Mr Steve Gerecs
Dear parents,

This year we would like to introduce a parent-helper reading program across the school.

This would mean being available for the first 10-15 minutes of the school day (timetabled to suit your availability) where you would hear a child read 1:1. This would not necessarily be from your child’s grade. We are aiming to give children further opportunities to gain more time where they are able to read with an adult and encourage a love of reading.

To assist with implementing this program Mary Devane and myself would run a workshop on how to assist the children with reading before the program begins. You do not need any special qualifications for this role – just a love of reading and a willingness to assist.

If you are interested can you please fill in the slip below and return it to the office.

Happy reading
Melissa Beggs
Assistant Principal

I would like to assist with a parent helper reading program.

Name: __________________________________________

Child’s name: ______________________ Class: ________________
(for contact purposes)

I am available on these mornings (Please circle)
Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday