Dear Parents and Friends,

Easter is here! It is time now to have a rest from our routines and reconnect with yourself and each other. I also hope you have an opportunity to spend some reflective time with the Lord ~ either at one of the Easter ceremonies at St Madeleine’s Church or in a quiet moment at home.

The Christian message of Easter is one of Faith, Hope and Love. We can wonder about this when we are awash with such trauma and tragedy throughout our world. But we are consoled by the words of Pope Francis.

**Pope Francis wrote in Evangelii Gaudium**

*Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the Resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit.*

God’s mercy and grace is working in our world but we need to be patient, to find the time to notice it, appreciate it and be grateful for it. God’s grace is usually evident in the small things in our life.

May the blessings of this Easter Season be with you and your family as you experience the Faith, Hope and Love that comes from sharing your life with God and with each other.

**Have a wonderful Easter holiday!**

Jeanette Black
Principal

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**SDD next Tuesday 29th March**

**Moving Day on Wednesday 30th March**

**Cross Country on Friday 1st April**

**Welcome Drinks and School Tours on Friday 1st April 7pm—9pm in the Library**

RSVP for catering please contact Julia Morris
Email: stmadeleinesfundraising@gmail.com

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**Staff Development Day – Tuesday 29th MARCH**
## Cross Country Program 2016
### Friday 1\(^{st}\) April

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Please note these times are only approximate and events will be called early if the carnival is running earlier.

Julia Morris  
Sport Coordinator
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 Madeline’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 Madeline’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

Social Skills and Wellbeing

**Week 9/10**

**Being Positive**

Train yourself to be a more positive person in 5 steps.
1. Believe a Positive Attitude is a Choice
2. Rid your life of Negativity
3. Look for the Positive in Life
4. Reinforce Positivity in Yourself
5. Share Positivity with Others

Believe in yourself and remember the most important lesson of all: A positive outlook is a choice that you can always make.

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**Allergies**

A reminder that we have several children at St Madeleine’s who are at risk of suffering a severe allergic reaction (Anaphylactic Shock) if exposed to eggs, nuts, horse hair, and other allergies. In order to help the school to manage allergies and to ensure that we provide our best duty of care, we would appreciate your cooperation in thinking about what food you send to school with your children.

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**Reminder: Year 3 Parents Morning Tea**

Wednesday 6th April 2016 - 9:30am

Fig Coffee House, 1A Annangrove Rd, Kenthurst

RSVP: Kelly McDonald - 0402392146

We look forward to catching up with you all!!

From your Year 3 Contact Mums
Kelly McDonald, Meredith Pancetta, Danielle Lawson, Karen Moseley
KISS & DROP ROSTER
Term 1 Week 9 2016
Contact: Lorine Niezabitowski
MB: 0413 808 840

| MON 28/3 | Easter Monday |
| TUES 29/3 | Lorine Niezabitowski & Amanda Fradd |
| WED 30/3 | Leon Burford & David Mah-Chut |
| THUR 31/3 | Kylie Powell & Teresa Sakkal |
| FRI 1/4 | Tori Papallo & Jasna Susnjara |

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2016
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Winter Uniform Terms 2 & 3
Manager Tracey Hinchliffe
Email: thinchliffe@parra.catholic.edu.au

MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Year 7 2017

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

An Enrolment Package may be collected from the Marian Catholic College Reception during school office hours (8:00am – 4:00pm each day). Year 6 students currently attending St Angela’s, Our Lady of The Rosary, St Madeleine’s and Our Lady of the Angels should have already received an Enrolment Package from their school.

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 Enrolment Officer on 9654 6700.

ST MADELEINES’ PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 11 May
9am – 10 am

Our main enrolment period is from 1 April to 31 May in the year prior to the child’s entry into Kindergarten. However, enrolments will be considered at other times for all grades depending on vacancies. Visit our website at www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au/enrolment. Click on the Parent tab for enrolment forms or pick up a pack from the office.

Jeanette Black
Principal
At the Country Fair, Year 3 will be running the Tombola Stall. Tombola is Italian for BINGO. This is a really fun stall where people buy a ticket with a number on it and win the item that has the same number on it.

To Support this stall could all children bring in any of the items pictured below.

Last year we received quite a lot of Out of Date and unusable items. Please bring in items that you would be happy to win.

Boxed Chocolates, Sharepack Chocolates/sweets, Gourmet biscuits, Gourmet foods (saucis, mustards, spices, salts etc)

These are just some ideas.

If you have any queries please contact;

Barbara Tannous - theprimemonster@bigpond.com
Grainne Bolland - Grainne_bolland@yahoo.co.uk