Dear Parents and Friends,

Over the past few weeks the staff have been working together to prepare reports on each student’s learning over the past Semester.

The school report that you will receive in Week 8 is an assessment of your child’s learning for the first half of this year. It reflects both academic achievement and effort and is based on work samples, assessment tasks and observations of your child. The teachers use considerable professional expertise and judgement to arrive at each student’s allocated grades and they have been meeting regularly to reflect on, analyse and compare each student’s work against the syllabus standard.

Academic achievement is reported on using an A- E scale where the ‘C’ grade indicates a sound achievement of the syllabus outcomes for that stage. Please keep in mind that your child’s grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year. Below is an outline describing the level of achievement for each of the grades from A-E.

A describes students who have an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a very high level of competence and can apply the skills and knowledge to new situations.

B describes students who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a high level of competence and are able to apply the skills and knowledge in most situations.

C describes students who have achieved a sound understanding of the content and skills and have an adequate level of competence in these areas.

D describes students who have achieved a basic understanding and knowledge of the content and skills and have a limited level of competence.

E describes students who have achieved an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content with teacher support.

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<td>A person on ‘L’ plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</td>
<td>A person on ‘P’ plates drives independently but still learning.</td>
<td>Full driver’s licence like most of us.</td>
<td>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</td>
<td>Grand Prix racer!</td>
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To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

The reports will go home on Friday 21st June and the Parent / Teacher Interviews will take place throughout the following week. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for teachers to connect with each family and to share information about all aspects of your child’s learning and well being here at St Madeleine’s.

Wishing you a wonderful week and a very happy long weekend!

Jeanette Black
Principal
**State of Origin Result**

A win for NSW last night … but parents we have work to do. When the **captain of the team** is on report for a swinging arm and throwing two punches in the match ~ what hope do we have? The message we need to be constantly reinforcing is that violence is not to be tolerated in any team, at any place and at any time. Reacting in the heat of the moment can be the undoing of any great player. It’s our job to shape our children’s future and we have this limited window, while our children are still in primary school, to be the main influence in their lives. Please have this important conversation with your children.

Jeanette Black  
Principal

**Michael Carr-Greg Meeting**

What an inspiring meeting this was! Several St Madeleine’s families attended this important meeting with such short notice. I encourage you to visit Michael Carr- Greg’s web site and also read his blog. Visit also [www.happychild.com.au](http://www.happychild.com.au) ~ Andrew Martin’s site  

Some recommended reading for you

1. Any of Michael Carr Greg’s 8 books on raising resilient children and parenting  
2. *“How to Motivate your Child for School and Beyond”* ~ by Andrew Martin (really recommended for children who are disengaged or do not what to cooperate with homework!)  
3. “Learned Optimism ~ How to manage your mind and Your Life” by Martin Seligman  
4. “The Optimistic Child ~ A revolutionary approach to raising resilient children” by Martin Seligman

Jeanette Black  
Principal

**Working Bee Thank You!**

I would like to thank the parents who came to our Working Bee last Saturday and did such an amazing job getting rid of the dead and over grown bushes along the path and removing the internal wall in our resource room. Other gardening tasks were achieved as well ~ pruning and tidying up our Memorial Garden and also trimming bushes near the church. Our school grounds are looking so well cared for and I am indebted to all our generous families for helping out in so many ways here at St Madeleine’s.

Jeanette Black  
Principal

**Staff News**

Mrs Anne Davis will be taking Long Service Leave from next week until the end of the term. Mrs Tracey Hinchliffe will be replacing Anne for the 3 weeks leave. We wish Anne and her husband a very happy holiday and look forward to her return next term.

Jeanette Black  
Principal

**Athletic Carnival**  
**Friday 7th June 2013**  
**Whaling Reserve (known as Roxborough Park Baulkham Hills)**
# Athletics Carnival 2013

**Friday 7th June 2013**

**Whaling Reserve (known as Roxborough Park Baulkham Hills)**

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<th>Time</th>
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| 8.30am  |                       | 800m Heats  
8, 9, 10, 11, 12 years  
boys then girls  
straight final |
| 10.00am | 5 Years – 200m  
6 Years – Novelty  
7 Years – Ball Games | 8 Years – 100m/Ball Games  
9 Years – 200m/Ball Games  
10 Years – Shot Put  
11 Years – Long Jump  
12 Years – Discus |
| 10.40am | 5 Years – Novelty  
6 Years – 200m  
7 Years – 100m | 8 Years – Discus  
9 Years – 100m/Ball Games  
10 Years – 200m/Ball Games  
11 Years – Shot Put  
12 Years – Long Jump |
| 11.20am | 5 Years – 100m  
6 Years – Ball Games  
7 Years – Relay | 8 Years – Long Jump  
9 Years – Discus  
10 Years – 100m/Ball Games  
11 Years – 200m/Ball Games  
12 Years – Shot Put |
| 12.00pm | 5 Years – Ball Games  
6 Years – Relay  
7 Years – 200m | 8 Years – Shot Put  
9 Years – Long Jump  
10 Years – Discus  
11 Years – 100m/Ball Games  
12 Years – 200m/Ball Games |
| 12.40pm | 5 Years – Relay  
6 Years – 100m  
7 Years – Novelty | 8 Years – 200m/Ball Games  
9 Years – Shot Put  
10 Years – Long Jump  
11 Years – Discus  
12 Years – 100m/Ball Games |
| 1.20pm  | **LUNCH**                         | **LUNCH**                             |
| 1.50pm  |                       | 4 x 100m Circular Relays  
Juniors – 8, 9, 10 Years  
Seniors – 11, 12 Years  
Shuttle Relay  
Teacher/ Parent/ Captains |
| 2.15pm  | **Clean Up**                      | **Clean Up**                          |
Year 5 SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 27th May they tied first place but came 2nd after goal count. The children all had a wonderful day.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS
CONFIRMATION

Parent Information Evenings
The next Parent Information evenings will be held on Tuesday 18th June and Wednesday 19th June at 7.30pm in the Church. We ask parents to kindly attend one of these sessions as part of the sacramental program.

Presentation to the Congregation
The children will be presented to the congregation on Saturday 15th June at the 6pm Mass and Sunday 16th June at the 10am Mass. Please bring your child to one of these Masses for participation in this ceremony.

Help Needed
If there is a parent who is able to convert VHS to DVD for 11 old archives of concerts please contact Mrs Melissa Beggs.

Thank you

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Please remember to still send in your Woolworths stickers. Ends Sunday 9th June 2013.
Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and St Madeleine’s will be able to redeem these for educational resources. We will have spare sticker cards here at school.

Thank you for your support
Car Park Reminder

Fine weather morning drop off: Parents may drop off their children (including Marian College siblings) at our Kiss & Drop Zone. Under no circumstances are St Madeleine’s children to be dropped off anywhere other than at the official drop off area where the volunteers are placed to assist the children and they are then in a supervised area. 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: The only time when children are to be dropped off in the afternoon pick up area is 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.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Week 6
Helping Create the School-Parent Reading Partnership

Read with a child. It’s the most important 20 minutes of your day.

Importance of Reading at Home

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The answer to that question is both! When children learn to read by themselves it is easy to drop the read aloud habit. The reality is that until at least middle school, reading aloud is important.

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You model what good reading sounds like and expand a child’s vocabulary. It gives you a chance to talk about more complicated stories and ideas. You can read about things that your child may not choose to read on his or her own. When reading aloud together, you also give your child the attention from you that is so important.

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Grease the Musical is back!

Danielle Lawson (mum to Zoe in yr3 & Alexander in Kindy), on behalf of the P&F, has secured 50 A Reserve tickets at a great price, just $59.90 each. This includes an additional $10 which will go towards purchasing educational resources for our children. These tickets are normally priced at $99.90 & upwards, so this is a fantastic deal.

WHEN: Thursday 24th October, 8pm
WHERE: The Lyric Theatre, Pyrmont
COST: $59.90 each
PAYMENT DUE: 8th August
Cheques to be made out to P&F Committee
CONTACT: Danielle Lawson 0400413522

daniellelawson115@icloud.com
**KISS & DROP ROSTER**  
**Term 2 Week 7 2013**

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**ST MADELINE’S P&F**  
**UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER & NEWS**

OPEN Tuesdays 8.30am—10.30am.  
Email: thinchliffe@parra.catholic.edu.au  
Roster: Tues 11th June Rita Vumbaca

**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**Term 2 Week 7 2013**

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**URGENT HELP NEEDED FOR CANTEEN**

The Canteen are in need of Canteen helpers for Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please contact Libby McGaw on 0400 461 413 or Catherine Croese 0403 194 124.

Thank you

**St Madeleine’s Value Awards**  
**Term 2 Week 6**

KF  Brianna Hunter  
KS  Jordan Hatcher  
1H  Brodie Evans  
1F  Liana Niezabitowski  
2GL  Oliver Scannone  
2M  Georgia Mouhayet, Christian Maait & Noah Jones-Gentle  
3A  Xavier Tsagaris  
3PL  Arielle Miller & Cooper Angles-Corke  
4SV  Adelina Barker & Gabriel Sukkar  
4M  Noah Hannah & Olivia Lukac  
5HK  Victor Goossens & Ben Dalton  
5LS  Michael Eid & Jacinta Mifsud  
6CB  John Pandazopolous  
6W  Emma Bourne

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

We are in need of some wonderful mum’s to cover books for the library, please see Mrs Beggs, Mrs Williams or Mrs Galea.

Thank you

**St Madeleine’s Achievement Award**  
**Term 2 Week 6**

KF  Evan Stanley  
KS  Eleanor Nassif  
1H  Jordan Stevenson  
1F  Max Kuntze  
2GL  Ben Creighton  
2M  Jamie Peacock  
3A  Max Covington  
3PL  Marcus Burford  
4SV  Stephanie Jakic  
4M  Neana Bonaccordo  
5HK  Patrick Atkins  
5LS  Ashleigh Panetta  
6CB  Riley Bonaccordo  
6W  Alannah Tuttle
Parramatta Eels Rugby League All Schools Gala Day North Region

On Friday 31st May, 35 students participated in the Parramatta Eels Rugby League All Schools North Region Gala Day at Kellyville Memorial Park. Our boys split into two teams, an Under 10’s team and Opens team. They played games on the day against other schools in the region. The boys played well with the Junior team making the Semi Final and the Opens side losing by just 6-0 to miss out on a semi final berth.

Our boys looked striking in their brand new jerseys and shorts.

I would like to thank Mr Arnold for the generous donation of the boys shorts. He also assisted with training the Under 10 side and organised the design and purchase of the jerseys.

I also would like to thank Mr Elias for his donation of football socks for each boy and for coaching the Under 10’s and to Mr Bereyne for coaching the Opens side.

A big thank you to the parents who supported and cheered on the boys throughout the day.

A special mention to the Parramatta Eels Development Team who organised one of the best sporting carnivals I have seen.

The Parramatta Eels are also generously donating money to go towards the purchase of our jerseys which I am sure the St Madeleine’s community appreciates.

Below is a list of names of the participants.

**Under 10’s Rugby League Team**
Xavier Tsagaris, Cooper Boffo, Akash Arnold, Elijah Elias, Angus Bugden, Johnny Polifroni, Connor Harvey, Jake Smith, Thomas McLaren, Jamie Donovan, Jacob Summerhays, Julian Isaac, Liam Bisoglio, Corey Evans, Jude Kean, Jack Brown, Tomas McNeil, Jake Cummins

**Opens Rugby League Team**

Yours in Sport
Mr Mark Staveley

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**SCHOOL FEE ARE NOW DUE**

Term 2 school fees are now due. Please organise to pay your fees if you haven’t already done so. If you are on a payment plan or an arrangement, please ensure your payments are up to date. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your fees or wish to discuss your fees or payments please do not hesitate to contact the School Office to speak to the Finance Secretary, 9654 6751.

Thank you to all those families who have already made their Term 2 school fee payments.