Dear Parents and Friends,
What a wonderful event Grandbook Day is! It’s a fun day celebrating reading and stories and also the perfect event to invite our Grandparents and special friends to St Madeleine’s. It is particularly important to honour the role of grandparents and elderly friends in our lives because they essentially “book—end” the family with their wisdom, support and unconditional love. I regard St Madeleine’s as a community that loves learning and loves being together. Today we shared our stories and celebrated being together in community. Thank you Mr Hatcher for preparing this important event in our school year.

In the next few weeks each family will receive a copy of a prayer book *God is With Us*. This publication responds to our commitment to support parents who are the first models of faith for their children. The prayer book aims to assist parents, in the family home to be leaders of prayer. We teach prayer in many forms here at school eg. meditation, song, giving thanks, praising, asking. In essence, prayer is our way of forming and growing our relationship with Jesus. As with all relationships, we need to be in touch with people in order to have a relationship with them.

*Jesus said, “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.”*  Luke 11

Which kind of prayer do you most often pray? Praise?, Thanks?, Asking?, Forgiveness?

Mr Hatcher has sent home the Prayer Tubs this term and each family has the opportunity to establish a prayer focus and pray together as a family. Have a look on Facebook for some photos families have sent in of their prayer focus.
You will be impressed!
Have a wonderful week.

Jeanette Black
Principal

Communication / Technology Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 6th August at 7pm all parents will have the opportunity to learn about how our children are using **EDMODO** to share information with their teacher and classmates. We have also decided to use a new phone app called **SKOOLBAG**. This app is used in many schools throughout the diocese and is a fantastic way for parents to be up to date with all school events and information.

Please come along to see Edmodo and Skoolbag in action.
You will love these new ways of communicating as much as we do! We will have handouts on the evening and these notes will go home with all students on the Wednesday.

Jeanette Black
Principal

**Staff News**

**Mrs Mazzacuva** is taking 5 weeks long service leave from next week till the end of week 7. We wish Silvana a wonderful time with her family and look forward to her return in Week 8. Our groundsman, **Ian MacDougall**, has taken 4 weeks leave and Mr John Hammond is taking his place. Please introduce yourself to John and make him welcome as he maintains our lovely grounds here at St Madeleine’s.

**John Perry**, our counsellor, has taken long service leave this term and Katherine Stevenson is taking up John’s position for the term.

Jeanette Black

**NOTES SENT HOME OR EMAILED THIS WEEK**

1. Kindy Morning Tea
2. Year 5 & 6 Marian College PEN
3. Year 4M Mrs Mazzacuva Long Service Leave
4. Specialty Group photos
5. Year 3A Reading Rosters/Groups
6. Gold Coast Raffle Tickets
**Do I Correct All Reading Mistakes?**

When children are reading, they will make mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes when they read, and we usually get by with it unless it’s a favourite book that your child has memorised! It isn’t important to correct every mistake that the child makes if it doesn’t change the meaning of the text, but children shouldn’t get in the habit of reading inaccurately either. Help your child make corrections by asking if what they read makes sense and by sounding out the words. Keep it fun so children enjoy reading and aren’t worried about making a mistake.

**How Do I Correct Reading Mistakes?**

You can help your child make corrections while reading and still keep it positive. After your child has read to the end of a paragraph or page you might say, “Look at all of the words that you read correctly. Let’s go back and look at this word again to see if we can figure out what it really is.”

Be specific in your praise as well. Instead of saying “good job” try “I like the way you made your voice sound mad when the character was angry” or “You read a lot of hard words in that story.” Your child will repeat the behaviours that you praise.

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**TSA Band Camp – 19-20 October 2013!**

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ’s for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff V students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practice to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have been received late last term outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If your child did not receive this note or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp is now being finalized.

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**NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

Next week will be marking National Literacy and Numeracy week. Here at St Madeleine’s the children are already given wonderful opportunities to investigate, analyse and work in teams to problem solve. We will be celebrating this national event by highlighting the importance of problem solving through special tasks during our daily Mathematics sessions. The children will be given further opportunities to collaboratively investigate and analyse open ended mathematical problems and share their range of responses under the umbrella of a national event.
St Bernadette’s Netball Gala Day

Last Tuesday we entered 6 teams in the St Bernadette’s Netball Gala Day. All the teams played well and in the spirit of the game. The children’s behaviour and sportsmanship were a credit to their family and school. It was a privilege to be associated with such a lovely community of children. Congratulations to our 12 yr Girl’s team on finishing runner’s up this year.

Of course the day would not have been possible without our dedicated coaches, thank you to Mrs Murdocca, Mrs Starr, Mrs John, Mrs Vella, Mrs D’Ambros and Mrs Coppini. I would also like to thank Mrs Abdilla for offering to umpire for us as well as the Marian Students Megan Close, Laura Shanahan, Natalie Warwick, Indianna Kirkland, Tamara Hulme and Jenna Bonnici.

Thank you also to all the parents who came along and supported our teams and helped out when possible, it was really appreciated.

Well done children
Thank you
Tracy Holm

Chicken Pox

Students in Kinder and Year 3 have been diagnosed with Chicken Pox. The symptoms are slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Children with Chicken Pox need to stay at home for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried. For more information visit http://www.health.nsw.gov.au

Jeanette Black
Principal

Australian Government Funding for Catholic Schools in 2014

Key Media Messages

- These funding arrangements now provide funding clarity for Catholic schools, allowing them to plan for 2014.
- We are confident that no school will be worse off under these arrangements.
- These funding arrangements will deliver significant funding increases over time for every child in the Catholic system.
- Under these arrangements Catholic education systems will maintain their autonomy and ability to distribute funds according to local need.
- Catholic education is appreciative of the constructive way that Minister Shorten and Prime Minister Rudd have engaged in discussions to resolve these matters.
- Catholic education acts in the best interests of its students, staff and families. It works constructively with governments and all political parties to best meet the needs of Catholic schools

23 July 2013
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Term 3 Week 3 2013**

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**ST MADELINE’S P&F**

**UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER & NEWS**

**Opens Tuesdays 8.30am—10.30am.**

**Email:** thinchcliffe@parra.catholic.edu.au

**Roster:** Tues 30th July Lorine Niezabitowski

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**KISS & DROP ROSTER**

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**St Madeleine’s Value Awards**

**Term 3 Week 2**

**KF**
- Isabella Brain

**KS**
- Jacqueline McDonald

**1H**
- Lucas Ilijanic

**1F**
- Andrew Waldon

**2GL**
- Lucy Dalton

**2M**
- Jack Manassen

**3A**
- Caitlyn Muscat

**3PL**
- Isabella Jones-Gentle

**4SV**
- Ellyse Abdilla

**4M**
- Analiese Sarkis

**5HK**
- Cara Donovan

**5LS**
- Mia Circosta

**6CB**
- Ally Gobbe

**6W**
- Connor Bishop

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**Kindy Morning Tea**

- **When:** Friday 2nd August
- **Where:** Flower Power
- **Time:** 9:00am
- **RSVP:** 31/7/13
- Sarah 0407944776 Deb 0402403384
- Barbara 0414361418 Danielle 0405183450

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**Child Protection — Volunteer Helpers**

Following are our current Child Protection procedures:

- All helpers (parents, grandparents, etc.) are to wear a “Volunteer Helper” badge while helping at the school.

Every two years volunteers must complete an online training module. This is emailed to us for our records. The module can be found at: [http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp](http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp)

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**St Madeleine’s Achievement Award**

**Term 3 Week 2**

**KF**
- Megan Calleia

**KS**
- Bradley Miller

**1H**
- Lily Paparro

**1F**
- Monica Bruggeling

**2GL**
- Ray Sherry

**2M**
- Tara Coddington & Tess Allsop

**3A**
- Luke Attard

**3PL**
- Sarah Touma

**4SV**
- Jasmine Bereyne

**4M**
- Austin Caruana

**5HK**
- Beunka Putman & Marcus Dosanjh

**5LS**
- Michael Eid

**6CB**
- Imogen Tuttle

**6W**
- Tony Tawfik