St Madeleine’s School  
Update  
Term 3 Week 9  
Thursday 12th September 2013

Afternoon Pick – Up

In the afternoons our students move to either the netball court to wait for the buses (PMPA if it is raining) or the pickup area near the canteen for car pick up. **Please do not ask your child to meet you at any other location.** We have a duty of care to supervise all children waiting for buses or parent pick up and we have teachers on duty in designated places to ensure all students are supervised as they leave the school grounds. Please co-operate with us to ensure we maintain a safe environment for all our children.

Jeanette Black  
Principal

NEW SPORT SHIRT & SHORTS

Over the past few years there has been conversation about the possibility of updating our Sports Uniform (shirt & shorts). Mrs Hinchliffe and other parents have investigated options using our school colours and emblem.

The P&F met last Monday evening to consider various designs, fabrics and suppliers. After a great deal of consideration we agreed on a style for the sport shirt and shorts. We have decided to move away from using the four house colours and have one school sport shirt for all students. We will have a two year change over time period to accommodate the roll out of this new sports uniform.

Mrs Hinchliffe is working to have the new items in the uniform shop part way through Term 4.

I thank Mrs Hinchliffe and the parents who have helped us make this important decision for our school community.

Jeanette Black  
Principal

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Change to Band Lessons ~ Week 10

Band lessons will be on NEXT TUESDAY in the **Learning Support room**. All band students should have received information about this adjustment to the routine for next week only.

NOTES SENT HOME OR EMAIL THIS WEEK…

1. Year 3 Mum’s Morning Tea
Complaint Handling
At St Madeleine’s Primary School the dignity of each individual is valued and the rights and beliefs of all members of the community are respected. From time to time concerns may arise between different parties. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address those concerns.

**Parents**
Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents or their children with the intention of resolving the issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

- The first point of call is the child’s class teacher. Contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.
- If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal or Principal to discuss the issues further.
- If the matter is not resolved by the school Leadership Team, parents will be offered a number to contact the Catholic Education Office.

**Students**
The recommended procedure for students is:

- If issues arise in the classroom students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in order to seek assistance in finding a resolution.
- Children encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.
- Children have the right at all times to speak to the Principal, Assistant Principal or any other staff member about issues, complaints or grievances they might have.
Year 3 Mums Morning Tea

Monday 16th September
Mother Earth Café
Kenthurst
9.00 am

Come and catch up with everyone
We would love to see you!!

RSVP - Danielle 0400413522
Amy - 0417064002
Erin 0407364279

OAKHILL COLLEGE

Oakhill College Day will be held on Sunday 20th October, 1.30-3.30pm. All families interested in the college are welcome to attend. Tours of the college and facilities will be held intermittently throughout the afternoon. A special welcome is extended to Year 5 students and their families who may be interested in the Year 7, 2015 intake. For further information please contact the Registrar, Mrs Maryanne Maree on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au Booking is not required.

Remembering Hearts®
Launch Event
Twilight Picnic

You are invited to join us to celebrate the memory of a loved one who has died.
Presented by the National Centre for Childhood Grief, ‘A Friend’s Pace’
Special Guest
The Voice Sensation
Darren Percival

Bring your own picnic, blanket, chair
Food and drinks will be available for purchase
No alcohol or glass
Saturday, 12 October 2013 - 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Pirrama Park, 22 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont
FREE EVENT FREE EVENT FREE EVENT FREE EVENT
open to the general public
Register at Free event - click here to register
For more information, email or call
e: afriendsplace@me.com
p: 1300 654 556
w: childhoodgrief.org.au
The National Centre for Childhood Grief
funds raised to help bereaved children
Twilight Picnic
Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a diocesan-wide review of religious education. Religious education is part of the core business of any Catholic school. As first heralds of the faith to their children, parents have the right to expect that their children are receiving the best Catholic education possible. With this in mind, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked the Catholic Education Office, in association with academic partners the University of Notre Dame Australia, to take a close look at religious education curriculum, resourcing and teacher formation. Your participation in this process is vital.

A key part of the data gathering process will be through an online questionnaire. The questionnaires are for students from years 5 & 6; teachers, Religious Education Coordinators, principals, alumni, parents and clergy. There is a different questionnaire for each group. Religious education lessons will also be observed in some schools.

You are invited to contribute to the review process by responding to the online questionnaire for parents. The questionnaire is located through the following URL and will be available to the 20th September 2013.


Please contact myself for assistance if you have trouble locating the survey or do not have easy access to the internet. A hard copy can be requested through the University of Notre Dame by contacting Professor Kevin Watson on 8204 4128 during business hours.

Thank you for the ongoing support you give to our school and your contribution to this significant project.

Mr. J Hatcher
Religious Education Coordinator