PRINCIPAL

Yesterday was indeed a sad day in the history of Catholic schooling in this building precint as it marked the final (formal) day for Mrs Carol Gill as school secretary after in excess of 25 years service. For the record we will be having a school farewell for Mrs Gill in the weeks to come. Carol has certainly seen many changes in her workplace in those years especially in regard to technology and her job. I could not count how many phone calls she has answered, sick children she has attended to and people she has chatted to and counselled as they have walked past her office. We look forward to her memoirs!

One of the things that has not changed during Carol’s reign and has been a feature of her stewardship has been her ability to be nice to people 24 hours a day. The modern corporate world espouses the importance of first contact with organisations as the key point in forming the lasting impression, whether that organisation be a private home, a restaurant, a motel, a mower shop or indeed a school. First impressions are lasting and we probably all have memories of ringing some organisation to be met on the end of the phone by a grumpy employee who has found helping us a great inconvenience!

I thank Carol for being the happy smiling and always helpful person she has been to many generations in this school. As the first point of contact she has helped people form an opinion that the school will be welcoming and friendly. We wish her and John the very best as they continue to be welcoming and friendly to all those they meet.

Michael Croke
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**No Hat Stay in the Shade**
Following a discussion at the Staff Meeting the following amendments have been made to the rule if a child does not have a hat at school. The focus of the rule is to ensure students understand the need to wear a hat and sunscreen to protect their skin and because it is part of the summer uniform. Any child who is not wearing a school hat must stay in the following designated areas before school, at recess & lunch:

* Kindergarten & Year 1 – under the tree
* Years 2 to 4 – in their covered eating area
* Years 5 & 6 - in their covered eating area.

The students are allowed to play passively in these areas as the areas are not suitable for vigorous games. Please write a note if your child has misplaced their hat and they are wearing an alternative, until you can purchase a new school hat or find the other one. If a child does not have a hat for a period of time the class teacher will send a note home alerting the parents to this.

**Year 2 Assembly**
The next Whole School Assembly will be organised by Year 2 on Friday, 15 November commencing at 12.00 noon in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Student of the Week**
Congratulations to the following who received Student of the Week award this week: Zak Wright, Lily Davis, Cameron Bray, Myles Sullivan, Harry Madigan, Hugh McAtamney, Emily Crain, Jaxon Guyer, Jessie Tudor, Lucy Dean, Ruby Redmond, AnniLiya Rose, Rowan McFarlane, Emily Bekavac, Chloe Jones, Rohan Bouffler, Simingaye Banda, Lily Sutton, Jaiden Collins & Travis Stewart.

**UNSW Tests**
A number of students nominated to take part in the UNSW Mathematics and English Tests this year. All students should be commended for their efforts with these tests. Congratulations to the following students for achieving Distinctions and Credits.

**Maths:**

- **Credit** - Maddalena Stone, Arnie Tancred, Mitchell Crean, Joshua Karbowiak, Maeve Kennedy, Sam Ward, Thomas Doble, Zac Hazzard, Oscar Williams, Jordan Wright, Alan Alson, Mitchell Anderson, Noah Bartlet, Mathew Price, Ben Crean, Aslam Rasheed, Aidan Seale & Greta Ward.

**English:**

- **Distinction** - Greta Ward, Mathew Price, Oscar Williams, Thomas Doble, Mitchell Crean.
- **Credit** - Sarah Thompson, Sydney Morelli, Noah Bartlet, Greta McFarland, Sam Ward, Tara Robertson, Maeve Kennedy, Hannah Edwards, Hugh Vaughan, Ellie Kostich, Emma Kennedy, Alliyah Bush & Lucinda Stewart.

**KLA Working Groups**
With the introduction of New English (2014) and Mathematics (2015) Syllabi and the need to develop assessment strategies for the new Religious Education Units written and endorsed by the Bathurst CEO, the staff has formed working groups utilising their skills, talents and expertise to ensure these documents are implemented to their full potential at McAuley.

**DIBELS Testing**
Over the next two weeks each student will be take part in the DIBELS Reading test which assesses students reading fluency and accuracy. There are strategies that can be utilised in class to assist students who require improvement in accuracy or fluency. Thank you to our Teacher Assistants and Support Teachers for testing the students.

**Steve Maguire**

**MERIT AWARDS**

Jake McNeill, Jaya Burcher, Imogen Shaw, Noah Richards, Charlene Bilal, Tess Hazard, Ancilin Alson, Alexandra Milne, Ella Williams, Piper Draper, Elle Johnson, Jack Judge, Kaitlyn Edwards, Sami Harvey, Orlando Manca, Molly Dean, Patrick Crump, Blake D’Ombraint, Makayla Milne, Arabella Gibson, Dane Medlyn, Agieq Aluk, Aowd Akon, Mackenzie Innes, Jorja Scott-Robertson, Noah Daley-Beggs, Meg Lenehan, Ellie Kostitch, Ryan Downie, Ben Hoskins-Murphy, Lance Edwards, Elizabeth Gibson, Damien Johnson, Malachi Collins, Isaac Cardwell, Manyol Kuol, Brodie Trajkovic, Harold Pangilian, Emily Irwin, Thomas Madigan, Nikkyha Gentles, Aislyn Arden, Thomas Hogben, Audrey Madigan, Thomas Dews, Austin Pearce, Oscar Williams, Samantha Medlyn, Anna Akimova.
**Mission Week**

All I can say about Mission Week, is **THANK YOU!** I have not yet finished counting all the money, but so far we are past $2200. I was so proud of the way the students embraced the missions this year, being able to share their thoughts about the situation in Mongolia, as well as being prepared to give generously to assist these children. This has been a great learning experience, but the children’s ability to raise money for Catholic Missions is only possible through your amazing generosity. Thank you so much for being prepared to assist our Mission effort and be wonderful role models to your children of our need to care for others.

**October, the Month of the Rosary**

Throughout October the Church asks us to take time to think about our Blessed Mother, Mary and join together in praying her special prayer, the Rosary. If anyone would like to take home a little statue of Mary with some Rosary Beads to pray the Rosary together as a family, we have two sets that can be sent home for short periods. If you would like to take one of these sets home, please either contact me, or let your child’s teacher know and I will organise a time for your family to borrow one set. The Parish also has an opportunity for Parishioners to have Mary’s Statue visit for the purpose of having the Rosary in their home.

**Year 6 Religious Education Exam**

Earlier this year the Year 6 students sat a Religious Education exam which was designed to be suitable for a number of Dioceses in New South Wales. Its purpose was to test knowledge gained of Religious concepts and Doctrine taught throughout primary school. The test was conducted through the University of NSW, and all Year 6 students attending Catholic Schools in NSW were expected to sit this test. This week we acknowledged the excellent efforts of our students, with seven students receiving a High Distinction (between 45-50 out of 50) while another 23 Students received a Distinction (39-44 out of 50). Congratulations to our High Distinction students: Grant Geoghegan, Noah Bartlett, Greta Ward, Jan Fernan Lata, Isaac Bebbington, Owen Hogben and Jack McFawn.

**Liturgy and Masses**

Today our Year 4 students celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation as a Grade. Next Wednesday, 30 October we congratulate Year 2 on receiving their Reconciliation with a Whole School Mass at 10.00am. There will be a little party in Kenna Hall after Mass with a special cake. Parents and families of Year 2 are invited to both the Mass and to join us for the cutting of the cake after Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
**PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

**Life Education Van**
The Life Education Van will be at our school for the next few weeks. The students learn many things in the Life Education Van related to health and safety. The cost of the van is covered in your resource fee. Any operation such as the Life Education Van is very costly to run. You can support this very worthwhile program by purchasing items from the list below. If you do wish to purchase any items please send the correct money in to your teacher in an envelope that is labelled with the required item.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tattoo</td>
<td>50c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Sticky Note Pad</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Activity Book</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Key Ring</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Hand Ball</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Stationery Set</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Exiting the Byng St Playground**
Once again we ask that parents collecting their children from Byng Street in the afternoon use the gate in Sale Street or the gate closer to the play equipment. It is very difficult to safely move children to buses when the gate closest to the building is too crowded. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**REMINDER-THE LANE WAY NEXT TO THE BYNG STREET BUILDING IS NOT TO BE USED BY PEDESTRIANS.**
Please do not use the lane way next to the Byng Street building at any time. This lane way has a constant flow of traffic and is not safe for pedestrian use.

Clare Miller

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Book Club**
Any Book Club orders need to be returned by this Thursday, 24 October.

**Book Fair**
Our Annual Book Fair will commence next Monday, 28 October in the Hill Street Library. Everyone is welcome.

**Book Fair Opening Times**
- **Monday, 28 October**
  - 8.15am to 9.00am
  - 2.30pm to 4.00pm
  - 6.00 to 7.00pm (enter Library through glass doors on the Tuckshop side near Music Room – follows the signs).
- **Tuesday, 29 October**
  - 8.15am to 9.00am
  - 2.30pm to 4.00pm
- **Wednesday, 30 October**
  - 8.15am to 9.00am

Cash, Eftpos and credit card facilities are available.

See you there!

Elizabeth Sergeant & Catherine Bishenden
MUSIC & DRAMA

Music Count Us In
Next Thursday, our students are all participating in the national event ‘Music, Count Us In’. We will be singing the song "Keep on" at 12.30pm along with an estimated 600,000 students from schools around Australia. This event aims to raise awareness of the role that music plays in our lives, the benefits it brings and the possibilities it inspires. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for the countdown from 12.25pm in the Sr Clare Murphy.

BYO Maraca
All children (and parents) are encouraged to BYO homemade maraca or set of sticks/woodblocks for next Thursday's 'Music Count Us In' singalong.

Anne Allen

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations!

Brooke D’Ombrain
Sam French
Kaitlyn Edwards
Chelsea Finley
Charlie Westgeest
Lachlan Englert
Nikyha Gentles
Emily Ryan
Marley Cardwell
Kaelen Monk
Emma Kennedy

Zali Burcher
Juliya Jojo

TUCKSHOP

Roster – Commencing Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>9.30am-11.30am</th>
<th>11.30am-2.00pm</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>J Hobbs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>P Bartimote &amp; C Schafer</td>
<td>P Bartimote &amp; C Schafer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>S Duffy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>A Karbowiak</td>
<td>L Rodd &amp; A Edwards</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA

Please return Melbourne Cup money.
If additional tickets are required these can be obtained from the Hill Street office.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy
2E NEWS
At the end of last term, Year 2 travelled to the Japanese Gardens in Cowra as part of our HSIE unit on Japan. We enjoyed participating in calligraphy, origami and kite flying activities. We even got to sample some tea at a Japanese tea ceremony. We ate our lunch under the cherry blossom trees and had a great time exploring the beautiful gardens. Congratulations Year 2 on your excellent behaviour and manners on our excursion.

Annastasia English