Tonight will be the first Orientation event for parents of Kindergarten students of 2014 and they are probably a little concerned and even nervous about having their child (especially if it is their first child) becoming part of a big school. I will be telling them that they need not worry because more than anything else they will find a group of genuinely friendly and welcoming fellow students. I am continually delighted (if that is a phrase!) at the wonderful demeanour of the students at Catherine McAuley, especially towards others.

Last Thursday Mr Maguire and I were on Hill Street crossing duty as replacement lollipop men. Whilst it was the most stressful half an hour of work we had put in all week, it was truly heartwarming as students arrived at school amid a cacophony of “good morning” ”have a nice day” and students running to their fellow students and even class teachers to greet them and enquire about their welfare. A wonderful way to start the day.

One of the features of our school is the wonderful rapport between student and students and teachers and students. I am continually witnessing genuine care and concern, laughter, excellent manners, all of which engender a spirited community. In these days of mission statements, pastoral care policies, strategic discipline plans, etc. I honestly believe that "being nice to each other" and "treating others as you would like to be treated" probably covers all bases.

I know the new students and parents will see these guidelines in action.

Michael Croke
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Christian Values
It is with great pleasure that I recognise the following students for displaying outstanding Christian Values. Mitchell Reynolds and Audrey Madigan gave up the opportunity to represent our school at the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials that will be held later this term. Their unselfish act meant that other students do get to attend the trials.

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

Student of The Week
Congratulations to the following who received Student of the Week award this week: Gemma Wilson, Juiyat Jojo, Bella Tyack, Hailey D’Ombrain, Maya Thompson, Harrison Steadman, Matthew Rogers, Jyothis Jojo, Liam Kennedy, Ally Bush, Charli Hobbs, Charlie Sutton, Ella Kingham, Thomas Madigan, Tyler Bartimote, Mitchell Reynolds, Greta McFarland, Georgia Bennet, Ben Norris, Dylan Baker, Noa Clarke

Excursions
There are a number of major excursions taking place this term including Year 6 to Canberra this Thursday and Friday. Year 5 went to the Bathurst Goldfields last week and Year 4 will be travelling to the Blue Mountains next Wednesday. Thank you to the teachers for organising and accompanying the students on these excursions. They are great experiences.

Summer Sports Trials
Selected Year 5 students have received notes inviting them to Trial for Diocesan Summer Sports Teams on Tuesday, 19 November at Dubbo. Please ensure these students have returned their notes.

Professional Learning
Yesterday the staff took part in a Spelling In-service at our Staff Meeting with Lorraine Short from the Bathurst CEO.

Steve Maguire

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

God, help us to live our faith in service to others so that we may grow closer to you.
Help us to follow in the footsteps of the Saints, who have shown us how to serve the Kingdom of God right here on earth.
Help us to remember those who are already with you in heaven, and to pray for those who are still waiting to be with you.
We ask this through your Son Jesus, our Redeemer.
Amen
1 November: All Saints’ Day
This Friday, 1 November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints’ Day. This is a special feast in the Catholic Church as we take time to honour those who have lived faith-filled lives and are now enjoying their reward of Eternal life in Heaven. All people who have gone to Heaven are considered Saints – regardless of whether they have been Cannonised or not. The Feast of All Souls’ Day is on 2 November. This Feast honours all who have lived good lives and are no longer with us. As many of us are not completely pure when we die, we are told that we go to Purgatory in order to become ready for Heaven. All Souls’ Day is a time to pray for those who are known as the “Holy Souls” awaiting their eternal reward.

Mission Week
Well, it’s all been counted and just about finalized and thanks to your wonderful generosity we have reached a new record in Fund Raising - $3100! I really am so grateful for your wonderful support and I thank you so much on behalf of those who will benefit greatly from this wonderful donation. We were lucky enough to have Mr Michael Deasy, the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, visit us last week and I showed him our Mission Week agenda. He was delighted with how much work our students have done in raising awareness of the work of Catholic Missions and he, in turn, sends his thanks to you for your wonderful support. I look forward to sending a cheque off very soon.

October, the Month of the Rosary
A reminder that October is known as the Month of the Rosary. It is the month the Church dedicates to our Blessed Mother, Mary and we are asked to join together to pray 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 Christmas Story
This year our Years 5 & 6 students entered an Art competition ran by the Sydney Dioceses called ‘The Christmas Story’. This competition was designed to gather children’s thoughts on the relevant Christmas Story Gospels and present them in an artistic form. The competition started at a local Diocesan level, with entries from each school in the Bathurst Diocese being submitted to a judging panel who then chose our best Diocesan entries to be sent on to Sydney. From the entries we sent to Bathurst, several of our students were given prizes and their work has been included in the main competition in Sydney. Congratulations to: Gabriella Biviano, Sam Littlefield, Cara Seale, Grant Geoghegan, Ethan Rayner and Lily Sutton who all received acknowledgment of their works and entry to the Sydney competition.

Liturgies and Masses
Today we celebrated a beautiful Mass in thanksgiving for our Year 2 students’ recent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all who joined us to make this such a special Mass. Next week Year 5 will celebrate their Grade Mass at 12.30pm. Once again, all parents and families are invited to join Year 5 for their Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Kindergarten Orientation
It is with great pleasure that we welcome our Kindergarten class for 2014 to Kindergarten Orientation this week. Orientation this year will see the new students invited to attend three Orientation Sessions. The sessions will run from 9.30am to 11.00am on the following days

- Thursday, 31 October
- Thursday, 7 November
- Thursday, 14 November
Parents are also invited to attend a Parent Information Evening this Wednesday night at 7.30 in the Sr Clare Murphy Room.

Clare Miller

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Congratulations!*

Jessica Banks  
Oscar Vaughan  
Adool Mabior  
Brodie Chellas  
Tate Rowland  
Lily Sutton  
Poppy Wishart  
Mollie Patterson  
Claudia Horan  
Gabriella Biviano  
Arkie Prisk  
Blair Ward  
Grace Dickinson  
Tichaona Danda  
Sabella Tyack

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster – Commencing Monday 4 November to Friday 8 November 2013**

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**MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA**

Please return Melbourne Cup money and unsold tickets by this Friday, 1 November.
If additional tickets are required these can be obtained from the Hill Street office.

**CLOTHING POOL**

The Clothing Pool will be open on Monday 4 November from 8:30am to 10:30am for those needing clothing or have item to drop in.

*Catherine McAuley 1778-1841*  
*Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy*