A big thank you to all who participated in our Melbourne Cup Trifecta competition. The students and staff greatly appreciate your efforts in raising funds for school resources.

Michael Croke
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student of The Week
Congratulations to the who were awarded student of the week: Jaya Burcher, Ruby Wythes, Ollea Iffland, Georgie Halls, Ryder Arden, Dylan Reihana, James Gibson, Cruz Jordan, Lucy Cook, Lucinda Stewart, Kate Wykes, Matthew Allen, Sophie Beatty, Mitchell Crain, Manyol Kual, Sean Carpenter, Ella Robins, Reba Scott, Lucy Johnston, Sydney Morelli & Alan Alson

Sabbatical Week
This week is everybody’s favourite week. There is no homework, we try to have no meetings and catch our breath in the middle of the term. Enjoy!

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

Year 6 Orientation and Placement Test
Our Year 6 students will visit James Sheahan Catholic High School this Thursday as part of the Orientation to High School. The students will leave school just after 9.00am and return in time for afternoon buses. There is a Parent Information Evening in Mercy Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Planning for 2014.
It is hard to believe that there is only five weeks remaining in the second year of Catherine McAuley Primary. Teachers will soon be writing the final reports for 2013 are planning for 2014 ordering stores, resources and organising classes for next year.

Kindergarten Orientation
Congratulations to the Kindergarten Teachers Mrs Sue Derwin, Mrs Jane Lenehan, Mrs Helen Croke & Mrs Clare Miller for all the time and effort to ensure the success of the first stage of the Kindergarten Orientation last week. Thank you to our Year 6 Captains & Vice Captains for speaking to the parents on the Wednesday night. The Kindergarten students for 2014 and their families experienced a very welcoming, professional first experience of Catherine McAuley School. The students will visit the school again from 9.30 – 11.00 on Thursday, 7 & Thursday, 14 November to continue their orientation.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
The Year 6 teachers and students travelled to Canberra last Thursday and Friday to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students were extremely well behaved and participated enthusiastically in all activities. They were a pleasure to take and a credit to their families and our school. A big thank you to the teachers for the time and effort they put into ensuring the success of the excursion. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families the Australian Government assists with the cost of the excursion under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Steve Maguire
Remembrance Day
Next Monday is Remembrance Day. Each year we stop at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month, to remember those who have served our country, and in many cases, given their lives for our independence. It is a time to honour them and thank them for their sacrifice. Many of us wear poppies to show that we still think about and pray for the men, women and children who died in the first and second world wars, and all wars around the world – including ones that are still going on. The poppy is symbol that we have not forgotten these brave men and women – Lest We Forget.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls
We are now into the month of November and traditionally this month is dedicated to remembering the Holy Souls. We began the month with All Saints Day when we honoured all those who have made it to Heaven, not just the Canonised Saints of the Church but all those who have reached heaven, as they are all Saints. On the 2 November, we celebrated All Souls Day and throughout the month of November we are asked to pray for the Holy Souls, asking God to have mercy on them and take them home to be with Him. There is a ‘Book of Life’ in each Parish Church where names may be placed of those we would like prayed for during this month.

Liturgies and Masses
Thank you to all who came along to day to join Year 5 as they celebrated their Grade Mass on the “Church in Australia”.
Next week our Kindergarten will have their Grade Liturgy. This will be held at 12.30pm in St Joseph’s Church. All parents and families are very welcome to join Kinder for their Liturgy.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School,
Orange Years K – 6
TEACHER’S AIDE - KINDER
Part Time Temporary Position 30 hours per fortnight

Applications are invited for the above position from persons who demonstrate a commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic education.

Essential:
- A willingness to support students.
- Good communication skills and confidentiality are required.

Further details of this position may be obtained by contacting the school on (02) 6361 3344.

A valid Working with Children Check Number is required for this position and must be provided at the time of application. To obtain a Working with Children Check Number visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9286 7219.

Completed applications with the names of three referees (including a Priest of the Parish) to be sent to:

The Principal
Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School
PO Box 170
ORANGE NSW 2800
Phone: (02) 6361 3344 Fax: (02) 6362 0383

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BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations!

Charlene Bilal      Jack Halls      Charles Atkins      Jonty Hatch
Brodie Trajkovic   Oliver Taberner  Sarah Thompson      Lowana Markwick
Alix O’Neill       Dashiel Bootsma   Eliza Prisk        Nida Rasheed

TUCKSHOP

Roster – Commencing Monday 11 November to Friday 15 November 2013

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Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy
Class of the Week- 3A

Towards the end of last term, Year 3 travelled to Dubbo Zoo for an excursion. We had a fabulous time. Here are a few happy snaps to give you a glimpse.

This term 4 we’ve been completing some pretty cool art-works. Here’s a sample of two of them.
By Ben Hoskins-Murphy
by AnnLiya Rose.

We’ve also been writing some pretty amazing stories recently. We read the story “Sangita’s Singing” by Libby Hathorn. We then had to construct our own story using a different central character and location but using similar ideas and the plot from “Sangita’s Singing”.

See if you can pick up any similarities in these two stories.
**Tom’s Tricks**

By Jacob Wooding Age 9

There was once a little boy who lived in the bush. He had a brother who is one year younger. Every morning Tom and his little brother Locky would collect water from the dam far away. Each time, Tom would play tricks on Locky to keep him amused. However, the next day, Tom was ready to walk to a school to teach him how to hunt because his family wasn’t really good at hunting. Just before he was going to leave, his mum gave him a rabbit’s foot to take so he could think of his family.

When Tom gets to the hunting school, it is different to how he lives. There are toilets that you sit on and you flush it. There are showers that you stand under and they wash you. Tom couldn’t believe his eyes when he saw he got his own real bed.

Tom was a great listener and a good student and he could do funny tricks. But in the first few days of being there, Tom started to get bullied and it continued and didn’t stop.

Tom’s teacher discovered how good Tom was at doing funny tricks. But, when new kids came to the school, Tom was frightened to do his tricks and the teachers were a little bit disappointed in him. He was afraid for a few weeks because he thought the teachers would no longer want him at the school anymore.

One day, Tom found the bully crying because the bully thought he might be sent away for bullying other kids. So Tom performed a trick for the bully and made the bully happy.

When Tom got back to his home, he showed his family how to hunt and all his family were better hunters. Tom was glad to be back home. He knew he had learnt a lot at school, much more than he imagined.

**Shimmer’s Jewellery**

By Ellie Kostich Age 8

Tiki held Shimmer’s hand as they walked along the purple licorice footpath. “Make me a bracelet out of reeds Shimmer” Tiki pleaded as Shimmer plucked some reeds from a nearby bush. “OK. But tonight I will have to teach you how to weave jewellery because I’m going to the pretty palace to learn how to make REAL jewellery.” When they arrived at the cotton-candy fields, they got their baskets and filled them up with cotton-candy. They were collecting fairy floss for their pets’ feed.

When they got back, the pets were howling like mad. The dogs were barking and the horses were stomping their shiny, black hooves. Shimmer thought she saw a bit of yellow water come out of a goldfish swirling around in the bowl. Tiki fed the animals and Shimmer cleaned the fish bowl. “Yuck!” she said in disgust, as she cleaned the fish bowl.

Shimmer said one last goodbye, then hopped onto the butterfly and headed off. When she got to the palace, she met the House Fairy, Bluebelle. Bluebelle had kind eyes and a warm smile. Shimmer thought this was a good sign.

When she got inside the palace, she was amazed. She got a pink bedroom, a diamond jewellery box and her very own jewellery maker. “We’ll get started tomorrow at 9:00. The other girls will come and get you.” said Bluebell the House Fairy. Shimmer was excited but also scared. Would the other girls like her?

In the morning, a girl called Buttercup came in and sat on Shimmer’s fluffy bed. “Come and have some breakfast” she said. “You can sit next to me and share some fairy bread.” Shimmer followed Buttercup out of the hallway and into the dining room. To her surprise, the fairy bread was highlighter yellow with a bit of sparkles. The fairy chef gave her a whole pile of fairy bread but Shimmer didn’t want any because she felt like she had just eaten a Queen’s dinner. Then the bell rang, just as she was thinking all these things... the bell saved the day.

Shimmer worked hard for the whole week, but now she had to go home. She packed her bags and hopped on her butterfly. Soon she was back home. She gave every girl a bracelet and every boy a shark’s tooth necklace. Then they all settled back so Shimmer could tell everyone all about her trip.