As we wind down to the end of the school year for 2013, we are already in full swing with preparations for 2014. Please find listed below the classroom teachers for 2014. Some jobs are currently being advertised and appear in the TBA section until appointments are made.

**Classes 2014**

- KM  Clare Miller & Jane Lenehan
- KC  Helen Croke
- KD  Sue Derwin
- 1B  Belinda Wilson
- 1P  Kim Pellow
- 1W  Margaret Wright
- 2F  Sharyn Fitzgerald
- 2C  Helen Cracknell
- 2P  Debbie Prestwidge
- 3E  Anna English
- 3B  Eleanor Bettinzoli
- 3A  Trish Aumuller
- 4G  Gerry Gough
- 4T  Anne Mulligan & Marianne Niven
- 4S  Mark Sheridan
- 5C  Jennene Carpenter
- 5W  Brian Williams & TBA
- 5H  Georgie Haydon
- 6P  Robyn Petty & Gai Rosser
- 6H  TBA & Lee Ann Hazelton
- 6S  Scott Hudson

Michael Croke

**COMING EVENTS**

- **Year 6 Farewell Mass**
  - Monday, 9 December at 6.00pm
- **Whole School Mass**
  - will be our End of Year Mass Friday, 13 December at 9.30am
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student of The Week

Congratulations to the following who were awarded student of the week: Don Jimmon, Taj Jordan, Akok Aluk, Beau Bollinger, Olivia Tilston, Piper Draper, Hayley Baird, Kashae Gentles, Makya Wright, Lachlan Wykes, Alexander Duffy, Ben Hoskins-Murphy, Manyol Kual, Thomas Caulfield, Lily Wykes, Lucy Warner, Lucy Nagle, Joshua Streatfield, Jayde Finley, Jaiden Collins, Emily Wooding

Professional Learning

It is very exciting times at McAuley. We have received a grant through the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership to develop Literacy and Numeracy in our school. We have formed English and Mathematics Working Groups consisting of one teacher from each to develop a K-6 approach to Literacy & Numeracy at McAuley focusing on the New Australian Curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Pat Eakin (Maths) and Mr Chris Derwin (English) from the Bathurst CEO who have worked with our teachers. We will keep you up to date with any changes or developments as they happen. We have also formed a Religious Education Group to work with Mrs Robyn Petty to develop assessments for the new Religious Education Program To Know Worship and Love. Thank you to Mrs Lorraine Short from the Bathurst CEO who worked with our teachers at last Tuesday’s Staff Meeting to investigate this years NAPLAN results.

Summer Sports Trials

Yesterday 23 Year 5 students travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials. A report of how they went will be in next week’s newsletter.

Before School Routine

A reminder that teachers are busy preparing for lessons before school. This is not the time to come and discuss your child’s progress or concerns you may have with the teacher. If you have something urgent to share with your child’s class teacher it would be appropriate to come to the main office and a message can be given to the teacher or an appointment made. By this time of the year all students including Kindergarten are capable of bringing notes and lunch orders into the class on their own.

MERIT AWARDS


Steve Maguire

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

King of love,
Open our hearts so that we may love as you have loved.

King of peace,
Open our hearts that we may bring your peace to our world.

King of mercy,
Open our hearts that we may show forgiveness to all.

King of compassion,
Open our hearts that we may bring comfort and kindness to all who are in need.

Amen
**Feast of Christ the King**
This weekend we celebrate the end of the Church’s Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King. This special feast honours Christ as our Universal King; one who, unlike many in powerful positions, loved people more than things, spoke the truth with love and died that we might live. Perhaps we could take time this weekend to reflect on Jesus’ unselfish love, and see where we could try to follow his example in our own lives.

**Christmas Hampers**
Next week we will be starting to organise our annual Christmas Hampers. Each year we ask families to send in non-perishable goods which can be used to fill food hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. These hampers are then given to St Vincent de Paul for distribution around our local community bringing the Spirit of Christmas to those who really need it. A separate note will go home next week explaining how we collate these items. When you are in the Supermarket, perhaps you could add just one more item to your shopping list which you can send in for these hampers.

**Change of Date of Year 6 Farewell Mass**
Due to a clash of dates with St Mary’s School we have moved our **Year 6 Farewell Mass to Monday, 9 December at 6.00pm.** This will be followed by a special celebration in Kenna Hall for our Year 6 students.

**Liturgies and Masses**
Today Year 5 celebrated a lovely Liturgy as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Christmas Season. Next Wednesday our Year One students will celebrate the last of our Grade Liturgies for this year. Our next Whole School Mass will be our End of Year Mass on Friday, 13 December at 9.30am. As always, parents, friends and families are always very welcome to join us for our Masses and Liturgies.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

**PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

**End of Year Celebrations**
Our final Mass for 2013 will be held on Friday, 13 December at 9.30am in St Joseph’s Church. At the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a presentation of Year 6 awards, followed by the announcement of School Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. Families are invited to join the students for morning tea and to then visit classrooms to enjoy a final year presentation from the class.
You are invited to join the classes at the following times:

11.30am - 12.00noon Year 5
11.45am - 12.15pm Year 6
12.00noon - 12.30pm K
12.15pm - 12.45pm Year 1
12.30pm - 1.00pm Year 2

**LUNCH BREAK** (Picnic outside the music room with entertainment from the school bands.)

2.00pm - 2.30pm Year 3
2.15pm - 2.45pm Year 4

Clare Miller
MUSIC & DRAMA

Band 2014
Last Thursday there was an instrument demonstration and testing session run for any interested students currently in Years 2 to 5. In the next fortnight a letter will be sent home with each student with an instrument recommendation. There is absolutely no obligation to join the band next year but we welcome any student who has their parents’ support.

Combined Bands Performance
The combined Training and Concert Bands will be performing at lunchtime on Friday, 13 December following the Final School Mass and Open Classrooms. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the music.

Choir
Our senior choir will be performing at the St Francis Aged Care Christmas Party on Friday, 6 December at 6.00pm. In preparation for this combined presentation we will be travelling to James Sheahan High School for rehearsal next Wednesday, 27 November. A permission note will be sent home later this week.

Anne Allan

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations!
Jordan Wright, Olivia Casey, Ethan Dillon, Damien Johnson, Ellie Kostitch, Joseph Murphy, Natalie Karamanolis, Kaliopi Karamanolis, Isabella Bergmann, Clarie Gibson, Marley Takiari

TUCKSHOP

Roster – Commencing Monday, 25 to Friday 29 November 2013

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Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy
CLASS OF THE WEEK: 2C

In Science, the students in 2C have enjoyed demonstrating the things they have designed and made to show ‘push and pull’ forces.

We were excited to present our Grade Assembly with 2P and 2E last Friday and look forward to the second half of this final term together, including visiting and singing to some lovely elderly people at St Francis Aged Care towards the end of term. We will continue to work well in class and play happily with our friends!

Mathew is demonstrating his air ship

Emily and Hope are seeing how high they can push the balloon while Max looks on

Charlie shows Claudia how her spinning toy works

James proudly shows his balloon-driven boat!

We were very interested to see Mr Pappalado planting in our school vegetable garden. Mr Pappalado told us about the different vegetables in the garden.