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COMING EVENTS

Thursday 7th May
JSCHS Production - Year 6 only

Friday 8th May
Whole School Mothers’ Day Liturgy
12th, 13th & 14th May
Naplan

Wednesday 20th May
School Photos

NOTES OF THE WEEK

HSIE Survey - Yr 1
Mini Vinnies students Morning Tea
Parent/Teacher Interviews Yr 3W only
Southern Region Athletics selected students only
Kinder Excursion Alteration to Venue
Yr 6 Personal Development Peachey / Richardson Shield Rugby League - Selected Students

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Blake Durack, Aiden Fieldus, Samantha Stiller, Ryder Tilston, Maggie May, Mia Milne, Miles Chen, Cameron Bray, Henry Baker, Laura Carmen, Charlotte Lawson, Heath McAtamney, Angus MacDouall, Dane Medlyn, Saige King, Eve Davison, Hamish Gibson, Dale Pangilinan, Matt Merchant and Isaac Cardwell.

NAPLAN: The children in Year 3 & Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. It is important to acknowledge that these assessments on Mathematics, Writing, Reading and Language Conventions test basic skills and knowledge. Teachers do not teach to the NAPLAN however they do give the children practice with past papers to ensure they are as relaxed and as comfortable as possible to achieve the best they can on the day. It is also important to acknowledge that the children are being assessed on what they have been taught from Kindergarten not just what they have been taught in the first two terms of Year 3 or Year 5.

Whole School Assembly: Kindergarten will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 22nd May commencing at 10:00am in Kenna Hall.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24th July in Canowindra. The back up date is Friday 31st July. Notes have been sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Carnival.

Diocesan Spelling: Children in Year 3 – Year 6 have been preparing for their grades spelling bee. The winner from each grade well represent Catherine McAuley at the Bathurst Diocese Spelling Bee in Wellington on Thursday 4th June.

Kindergarten 2016: As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2016 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews begin this week.

Year 6 Personal Development Evening: As part of the Year 6 Personal Development Program the Year 6 children and their parents will attend an information session on Monday 11th May commencing at 6.00pm in the Year 6 classrooms.

Indoor Sport: The children in Year 3 – Year 6 are enjoying their Indoor Sport this term. A big Thank you to Mrs Bettinzoli for organising this very worthwhile activity and the teachers who supervise and take the children outside the school to the venues for the 7 weeks of the program.

Steve Maguire

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

‘Misspell’ is one of the most commonly misspelled words in the English language.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Nepalese Earthquake: Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity towards our Nepalese Earthquake appeal. It is always humbling to see how supportive our parent and extended school community is when we ask for your assistance, especially financially. We aim to get these funds as quickly as possible to Caritas Australia, who is already working very hard in Nepal to help these victims. Please continue to pray for all those who have been so badly affected by this terrible natural disaster.

First Holy Communion: Please note that all Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion must be returned to the Parish Office by this Friday 8th May. Please contact me if you did not receive a form or have a child in a grade higher than Year 3 and would like them to make their First Communion. Please do so as soon as possible. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 13/14th June 2015.

Mothers’ Day Liturgy: Our Mothers’ Day Liturgy will be this Friday 8th May at 10:30am. Thank you for the wonderful support you have given our Mothers’ Day powerpoint. I have received a huge amount of photos, and unfortunately as I will be at a Religious Education Conference for the next two days, I am unable to accept any more photos after today. Fr Thuc and Mrs Miller will be running the Liturgy on Friday. I wish all Mums, Grandmothers and other special ladies, a very happy Mothers’ Day this Sunday.

Project Compassion: Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. I still have a few trickling in, so if you still have Project Compassion boxes at home, please send them in. I will let you know the final amount that we are sending off to Caritas for Project Compassion very soon. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity and continued support.

Class Liturgies: Congratulations to Kinder, who had a most beautiful Liturgy last Wednesday. It was so lovely to see so many family and friends join Kinder for this lovely celebration. Next Wednesday 13th May, Year One will celebrate their Grade Liturgy at 12:30pm in the Church. All family and friends are very welcome to join them.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

As we begin week 3 let us refocus ourselves on the Process of **EDUCATING STUDENTS** for their learning. At Catherine McAuley students and teachers have very busy days of learning as well as dealing with new buildings, different aspects of learning in new spaces and general tasks of everyday.

This term will be the same however the focus will be on continuing learning more as a school community to connect with every aspect of student learning and achievement.

We are members of a great school community that resembles what is found in a family, neighbourhood or closely knit group. Our bonds tend to be familiar to all.

Our primary students will be working towards completing the NAPLAN testing and the infants students will work towards improving their learning in all areas. The feedback from this testing gives teachers and students the opportunity to discover their needs for further learning. This is vital for all members of the school community especially parents to work together in collaboration with teachers and their child in order to have them achieve at their highest level. As the time for testing approaches remember that it is only one indicator of how your child is learning. There are so many other facets to learning that cannot be tested in a written form. If you have questions please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher.

Belinda Forbes

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5L CLASS OF THE WEEK

Term 2 is already busy and very productive in 5L. At the moment we are working on art pieces for The Christmas Story Art Competition. We really enjoyed performing our play for everyone in Kenna Hall and loved wearing casual clothes to school for our fundraiser to help the people in Nepal.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Year 5 Plays - ‘Tis the Land of Gold’

Last week our Year 5 children performed their plays ‘Tis the Land of Gold’ for family and friends. Thank you to Mrs Anne Allan for putting the plays together and to the children for their wonderful performances.

Year 6 will be performing their play ‘Aussie, Aussie, Aussie’ next week in Kenna Hall. Times are as follows: 6P Thursday 14th May 10:45am, 6H Thursday 14th May 2:45pm, 6C Friday 15th May 10:45am. Parents & Friends Welcome!

Anne Allan

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Maeve Kennedy, William Kingham, Kashae Gentles, Sage Annis-Brown, Joseph Brindley, Annabelle McNeill, Isaac Sewak, Ruby Wythes, Oliver Connaughton and Ted Healey.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2015

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CHESS CLUB IS ALIVE AND WELL AT CATHERINE McAULEY!