FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the staff and students I wish everyone a happy and holy Easter and a restful holiday.

Michael Croke

Prayer
Pray for your portion of Easter Grace, before the extra Treasury is closed. Pray fervently and constantly, do not give up until all is given you.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at this week’s assembly:** Tyse Rolton, Ruby Draper, Matilda-Rose Cheney, Jack Foran, Cassidy Hanrahan, Ella Jones, Max Fisher, Leo Vaughan, Austin Dews, Annabel Dunn, Monyping Malual & Jaiden Rogers.

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Annabelle Griffiths, Ruby Davison, Marco Chen, Katiza Hillier, Lillian Burman, Sophie West, Alan Parayil, Lily Davis, Harrison Bray, Mia Scuito, Joseph Madigan, Cleo McGinley, Jorja Taberner, Kaitlyn Edwards, Molly Dean, Ethan Dillon, Darcy Schofield, Hannah Edwards, Sean McNeill, Mitchell Crean & Tyler Bartimote.

**ICAS Tests:** As in previous years students will be able to nominate and sit the ICAS tests for Mathematics and English. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 28th July and Mathematics Tuesday 11th August. A note was sent home last week asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $9.00 per test.

**Appointments with Teachers:** Parents are reminded that if you need to see a teacher about your child’s progress or behaviour please make an appointment through the front office (phone 63613344) or write a note to the teacher to request a meeting and they will contact you with a time and date. Please do not go straight to the classroom without making an appointment first.

**Athletics Carnival Records:** Congratulations to the following children who broke records at our 2015 Athletics Carnival - Freya Bryant (8yr girls 100 Metre), Jayden Innes (8yr boys 100 Metre), Rachel Masling (9yr girls 100 Metre), Jack Dean (9yr boys 100 Metre), Mackenzie Innes (10yr girls 100 Metre), Marley Cardwell (11yr girls 100 Metre), Olivia Collins (12yr girls 100 Metre), Aden Fraser (12yr boys 100 Metre), Athuai Aluk (13yr boys 100 Metre), Cruz Jordan (8-10yr boys 200 Metre), Chloe Jaques (11yr girls Long Jump), Olivia Collins (12-13yr girls Shot Put), Mackenzie Innes (8-10yr Long Jump), Mackenzie Innes (8-10yr girls Shot Put) and Saxon Jordan (11yr boys Discus Throw).

**Diocesan Winter Sport Trials:** Congratulations to the children who represented McAuley at the Bathurst Diocesan Winter Trials last Friday. Special mention to the children who were selected to represent the Diocese at the Polding Trials in Tamworth on Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th April.

Rugby Union will be held on Monday 22nd June at Forbes congratulations to Aden Fraser, Noah Fraser & Blair Ward.

**McAuley Cross Country:** We had a great morning for our cross country last Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Gough and Mr Dean for organising and running the event. Thank you to all the parents who helped supervise on the day. The results were:

- **9 Years Boys:**
  1st - Jack Dean
  2nd - Matthew Kennedy
  3rd - Harry Dean

- **10 Years Boys:**
  1st - Cruz Jordan
  2nd - Jack Petty
  3rd - Oliver Livingstone

- **101 Years Boys:**
  1st - Agieg Aluk
  2nd - Charlie Sutton
  3rd - Tate Rowland

- **12 Years Boys:**
  1st - Tyler Bartimote
  2nd - Athuai Aluk
  3rd - Blair Ward

- **12 Years Girls:**
  1st - Abbey Dean

Notes have been sent home to the children who will represent the school at the Bathurst Diocesan Carnival in Coolah on Tuesday 28th April.

**Year 7 – 2015 Enrolment at James Sheahan Catholic High School:** A reminder to parents of Year 6 children, enrolment applications for Year 7 at James Sheahan in 2015 were due to the James Sheahan front office on Tuesday 31st March. Enrolment in Catherine McAuley or St Mary’s Catholic Schools does not guarantee enrolment in James Sheahan. Children need to take part in the enrolment process including having their application in on time.

Steve Maguire
Holy Week: Well, Holy Week is finally here! This is the most important week in the Catholic Church’s year. We all look forward to Christmas and all the celebration it brings, but Easter is far more important than Christmas. It’s a lot more than the chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday! During this week the Parish will have many opportunities to participate in Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, including the “Mass of the Lord’s Supper” on the evening of Holy Thursday, the “Way of the Cross” on Good Friday morning, and the “Passion of the Lord” at 3.00pm on Good Friday. I would encourage your family to try to get to one or more of the ceremonies during this week, as preparation for the great joy of Easter Sunday.

Project Compassion: Thank you so much to those who have already sent in their Project Compassion boxes. Could I ask that these be returned before the end of this term, so that we are able to forward on the money to Caritas Australia to continue their vital work with those who so need their assistance. Our school community has always been very generous towards Project Compassion and I thank you in anticipation once again for your continued support.

The “Way of the Cross” on Holy Thursday: This Thursday, 2nd April, there will be a whole school celebration for Easter. This will take the form of the “Way of the Cross”, and will be held in St Joseph’s Church from 12.00 noon. You are very welcome to join us for our celebrations, which should last less than an hour. All children will be involved as we gather to once again tell the story of Jesus’ journey to Resurrection.

Easter Timetable: Please see below for Easter Mass times. Further details are available on the Parish Bulletin through the Parish Website: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/Parishes/orange.html

Class Liturgies and Masses: Congratulations Year 2 on a beautiful Grade Liturgy last Thursday. We are currently finalising our roster for next term’s Masses and Liturgies. This will be available on our website soon and in our Newsletters next term.

Wishing you a very happy and Holy Easter, and a wonderful holiday.

Robyn Petty

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 2nd April - Mass of the Lord’s Supper - St Joseph’s Church 7:30pm
Good Friday 3rd April - Passion of the Lord - St Joseph’s & St Mary’s Church’s - 3:00pm
Holy Saturday 4th April - Easter Vigil - St Mary’s Church - 7:00pm followed by supper
Easter Sunday 5th April - St Joseph’s Church 8:00am, St Mary’s Church 9:30am & St Joseph’s Church 5:00pm
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

The end of the first term is here and we have achieved so much. The students have been so busy learning and working it really is a credit to them. Over the holidays maybe some of the following activities might appeal to you and your family.

Visit the Art Gallery
Visit the Town Library
Walk around Gosling Creek or the Botanic Gardens
Take a picnic to the lake or Cook Park.
Visit some family and friends.
Sit and watch TV/DVD together and talk about it.
Play a board game together.

There are many more things I am sure you can come up with. These holidays are a time to catch up and reflect on what Easter brings to us and that is a chance at New Life and spreading our wings with family and friends.

Enjoy the break and stay safe.

Belinda Forbes

THANK YOU FROM THE MIDDLETON FAMILY!

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, and children for your prayers, thoughts and love over the past few months. What ever you have done for us, no matter how big or small, it has helped us get through this trying time. All your support has been wonderful. Thank you!

Leanne, Duncan & Jonty

PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 9TH JUNE
(day after Long Weekend)
BRITISH COLONISATION SHOW

Last Friday Year 4 enjoyed an incursion about the early settlers arriving in Australia and the many hardships they had to face. It was a valuable, interactive learning experience that Year 4 will find helpful with their HSIE unit on ‘Colonisation’. From sea sickness on the First Fleet to a public Flogging in Sydney, it was a highly entertaining and worthwhile experience. Many Thanks to the parents/carers who helped their children dress up in costumes for the day.

This is what our students had to say:

"The actors in the Colonial show showed us what life was like for a convict in colonial times. There were three actors who all played different parts."
(Connor Vardanega-4T)

"The Sergeant showed us some implements they used back then. One of them was a chain thing that went around your arms, legs and neck. Another was a "segregation" collar to keep the boy convicts away from the girls. The most powerful one of all was the cat-o-nine tails which was used to whip the convicts. They used all these weapons to keep the convicts under control."
(Cruz Jordan-4T)

"Then they separated us into six convict ships. They were called the "Friendship, the Alexander, the Lady Penrhyn, the Charlotte, the Prince of Wales and the Scarborough. "We learnt all about how the First Fleet travelled to Australia."
(Archie Dunn-4T)

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

95% of the underwater world is yet to be explored.
**WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Maeve Kennedy, Sophie Beatty, Olivia Collins and Elizabeth Gibson representing our school in the girls netball at the Winter Sports Trials.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and over the school holidays: Joshua Karbowiak, Harry Kingham, Hannah Daley-Beggs, Noah Daley-Beggs, Isabelle Waters, Cooper Johns, Elizabeth Gibson, Harry Mulligan, Tyse Rolton, Zak Wright, Darcy Kelly, Mia Johns, Emerson Allen, Theodore Madigan, Jack Amies, Maeve Dean, Mitchell Layzell, Kelvin Tang, Lily Davis, Ryder Tilston, Isabella Garnaut, Liam Kennedy, George Tancred, Blake Durack, Ethan Kenney, Ancilin Alson.

**TUCKSHOP**

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April 2015

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942

**NOTICES**

Orange City Junior Rugby
Union Club
Under 12 and 13 years
Players Wanted
Training at Waratah’s Pride Park
Tuesday and Thursday’s
5.00 to 6.00pm
Rego forms available on website or at training
Competition starts 18 April
For further details
http://orangecityjuniors.rugbynet.com.au
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