FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Holy Inspirations
Let us attend carefully to holy inspirations, saying fervently that petition: “From the neglect of Thy holy inspirations, Jesus, deliver us.”

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841

Catholic Schools Week 2016
7th March - 11th March

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our assembly last week: Patrick Cain, Vaughn Bieniek, Austin Brooking, Asha Priest, Isla Curtis, Connor Slattery, Ruby Hilder, Toby Dickinson, Albert Robinson, Ellie Munday, Harry Grinter, Eden Lyons, Chad Weekes, Macey Lenehan, Reece Board, Charlie Downey, Mayen Baak, Julia Loecker, Lual Thit, Annabel Dunn, Paityn Klaare, Cassidy Hanrahan, Mia Milne, Emily Tilston, Leo Vaughan, Matilda-Rose Cheney, Roxy Macdouall, Harry Johnston, Edwina Johnston, Maeve Dean, Madison Newman, Joseph Clark, Don Jimmon, Koby Reid, Lilly Hannelly, Daniel Cooper, Jack Coffey, Amelia Lieben, Ava Corby, Mark Jachi, Alexandra Milne, Cooper Lawry, Max Vaughan, Maya Budd, Evie Nunn, Prue McAtamney, Tess Hazzard, Myles Sullivan, Arkie Prisk, Sophie McFarlane, Annabelle Ingeman, Hayley Baird, Alan Parayil, Cruz Jordan, Will Warner, Jessica Richards, Mathew Rogers, Annliya Rose, Agieg Aluk, Bonnie Murphy, Eve Davison, Sienna Belmonte, Ethan Wilde, Marley Cardwell, Abigail Paul & Sam French.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Please note that parent teacher interviews will be held from Monday 7th March – Friday 11th March (Week 7). Details have been sent home on how to book your interview online. This information on how to book your parent teacher interview has also been placed on our website and on our Facebook.

Whole School Assembly 4T to present Work: Friday 4th March 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

James Sheahan Catholic High School Year 7 - 2017 Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 16th March 7:00pm in Mercy Hall. (The James Sheahan Orientation process has changed this year. The Year 6 children will not visit James Sheahan until Thursday 10th November and there will be another Information Evening on this night).

Southern Region Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to the 42 children who represented Catherine McAuley at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival last Thursday at the Orange Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Mrs Kerry Basha and her St Mary’s Staff for organising such a great carnival. The McAuley children aquitted themselves extremely well, with 26 of them being selected to represent the Southern Region at the Diocesan carnival this week in Dubbo. The spirit and skill was evident in the McAuley squad. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and supported our team of swimmers particularly Mr Horan, Mrs Lenehan and Mrs Dunn who supervised the team and ensured all competitors were ready for their races. Special Congratulations to the following children who were Runner Up Age Champion: Millie-Rose Brodbeck (Junior), Claudia Horan (11Years) and Tallis Thomas (11 Years).

Diocesan Swimming Carnival: Wednesday - 2nd March – Dubbo Pool. We wish our 26 children the best of luck today when they travel to Dubbo to compete in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Thank you to Mr Croke for traveling to Dubbo to supervise and support the children.

Uniform Policy: A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. However the expectation is that shirts are tucked in with the winter uniform. A reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle. The “Hair below the shoulders must be tied back off their face” does apply to boys and girls. Thank you for your support with this matter.
Children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year and to present themselves in line with school dress policy.

Peer Support Training: The Year 6 children will take part in Peer Support Training Monday 4th April at Lake Burrendong and Tuesday 5th April in Kenna Hall. This training allows them to lead a small group of children from K – 5 in order to run the Peer Support Program in our school. We thank the Year 6 teachers and children for their time and effort to ensure the children in our school benefit from this valuable program.

Professional Learning: All staff took part in a staff meeting on HAPARA run by Vicki Vance from the Bathurst CEO on Tuesday. This IT tool will make it easier when organising, collecting and supervising work in class. Mrs Belinda Forbes attended an IT inservice in Bathurst today. Mrs Debbie Sands, Mrs Ann Kelly and myself attended the Support teacher Conference today and Thursday in Bathurst.

Learning for all...EXPECT, INSPIRE, ENGAGE.

Steve Maguire
**Lent:** We are now entering our fourth week of Lent. This weekend in the Gospel we hear the story of the Prodigal Son. This is a story of reconciliation; of love and forgiveness. God allows us to follow our own dreams, is partial to no one and waits patiently for us to return to him. Through this parable God shows us once again his longing to be reconciled with us. As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps we could take a moment to reflect on where we are on our personal journey of Reconciliation with our Heavenly Father.

**Project Compassion:** It is lovely to see how much work is being done in rooms to assist students to understand the work of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. Thank you for continuing to support your children by talking to them and encouraging them to donate and pray for those who are so vulnerable.

**Catholic Schools’ Week Mass:** Next week we will celebrate ‘Catholic Schools’ Week’ for 2016. We will be having a **Whole School Mass next Thursday, 10th March at 12.15pm** in St Joseph’s Church. We would love to have as many family and friends join us as possible. This year’s theme is *‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’*

**Grade Liturgies and Masses:** Congratulations to Year 5 who celebrated a beautiful Mass today, focused on our Lenten Journey. We look forward to our Year 3 Grade Mass on Wednesday, 16th March at 12.30pm. All family and friends are very welcome to join Year 6.

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless,

Robyn Petty

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**Weekend Mass times**

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FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Athletics Carnival**

The Catherine McAuley School Athletics Carnival will be held at Norton Park at James Sheahan Catholic School on **Tuesday, 22nd March**.

The carnival will involve all children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Children from the Infants section of the school will be participating in running races, ball games and novelty events on the Western side of the field. While the Years 3 - 6 children will take part in activities on (and inside) the main athletics track. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2016 are eligible for representative selection and as such may choose to compete in the 100m with students from Years 3 to 6.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March.

The parade will take place from 2:15pm in Kenna Hall. Parents are invited to attend and may take their children home at the end of the event from their child’s classroom.

At the conclusion of the Hat Parade, the Easter raffle will be drawn.

Each child will be making a hat during class time, however parents may wish to make a hat with their child at home to be worn during the parade.

We look forward to sharing this special Easter celebration with the Catherine McAuley community.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Ancient Rome was eight times more densely populated than Modern Yew York.
**2C SCIENCE**

Have you ever wondered what mealworms prefer to eat? In Year 2 we conducted a Fair Test to find out! Firstly, we predicted what mealworms would prefer and then recorded our observations.

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

We have kicked off our first fundraiser for the year with our Easter Raffle and we have sent home a note and a book of 5 raffle tickets to sell at $1.00 per ticket. Please endeavour to sell all tickets. Further tickets are available at the school office. There will be some lovely “Easter Baskets” of goodies as prizes. All proceeds will go towards resurfacing some of our playground areas.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Jayde Spicer, Evie Nunn, Koby Reid, Monique Vardanega, Connor Slattery, Jessie Bush, Seth Vardanega, Ava Westgeest, Zander Hainsworth and Max Vaughan.

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**TUCKSHOP**

- **Roster—Commencing Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March 2016**

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**Tuckshop Ph:** 6362 0942
EASTER RAFFLE

Don’t forget to sell your Easter Raffle Tickets!
Raffle Drawn Holy Thursday after our Easter Liturgy and Easter Hat Parade.

Schedule for the day:
- Easter Liturgy at the School - 12:15pm
- Picnic lunch with children at the school.
- Kinder - Year 2 children participating in our Easter Hat Parade (whole school and parents invited to view) - 2:15pm
- Drawing of the Easter Raffle