FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Orange Eisteddfod is rapidly coming to a close and our school has been represented by many students in all the wonderful disciplines that the Eisteddfod caters for. From Dance to Verse Speaking from Choirs to Instrumentation. Eisteddfods originated in Wales many hundreds of years ago and the English translation of the Welsh word "eisteddfod" is "session". The Welsh Eisteddfod is still held every August and mainly involves verse speaking, all in native Welsh!

I congratulate all of our students who have been part of the Orange Eisteddfod both as private competitors or representing the school. Behind every stage performance there is hours and hours of disciplined practice that requires great determination and skill. For better or worse we often only associate such characteristics with our sports people.

I do need to make special mention of the great success that our school choirs have had at the Eisteddfod. It is a big commitment for students and teachers to give up their lunch times to be part of our choirs. Our junior choir was successful in winning their section and such success was indeed a tribute to the enthusiasm of the students in the choir and those responsible for them getting to such a high standard. We congratulate them and especially their “choir directors” Trish Aumuller and Gabriel Bieniek.

On Catherine McAuley Day we will have performances from those groups in our school who competed in the Eisteddfod in Kenna Hall from 11.45am.

Michael Croke

Slow to Condemn

Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 11th September and will be organised by Year 3 commencing at 12:00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Pupil Free Day: On Monday of this week our staff participated in an in-service called Assessment for Learning and we would like to thank Rose Marie van Raad, Pauline Walkom and Di Scullard from the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst for running this session for us. Please note that the last day of term, Friday 18th September will also be a Pupil Free Day.

Steve Maguire

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sunday Session

Sunday 30th August 2015

2:00pm-3:30pm St Mary’s Church

FREE babysitting and afternoon tea

Topic: Wellbeing, Mindfulness and Meditation.

Special Guests:

Simon and Majella Price run retreats at Shalom House. Simon is the principal of St Mary’s in Wellington.

Dave Duncan is the nutritionist at The Wellness House. Dave is currently teaching science at James Sheahan.

For more info please join us at www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW

MONSTER RAFFLE

The sale of our Monster Raffle tickets is well and truly underway. Please return your raffle ticket buts to school together with your money as soon as you can. Please contact the office if you are able to sell more than your 1 raffle book. The more we can sell, the more money we will raise towards our new playground equipment. Thank you to the many people who have already returned their tickets. All tickets will need to be returned prior to McAuley Day on Wednesday 16th September.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The polar ice cap is melting so quickly that, by 2050, ships will be able to sail to the North Pole.
Launch of National Catholic Missions: Yesterday our Captains and I joined representatives from James Sheahan and St Mary’s and travelled to St Stanislaus College in Bathurst to join with other schools in our Diocese for the National Launch of Catholic Missions for 2015. It was a wonderful gathering of Catholic Community, celebrating one of the key missions of the Church – helping those in need. Congratulations to our students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Fathers’ Day: Thank you to all who have sent in or emailed photos for our Fathers’ Day Liturgy tomorrow. It is great to be able to have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our fathers and father figures during this week’s Liturgy, and I would encourage all families to join us if at all possible tomorrow, Thursday 3rd September at 10:30am in the Church. Unfortunately I don’t think I will have time to include any more photos after today, but a huge thank you to all who have sent them in.

Confirmation: It is now only a little over a week before our Bishop, Michael McKenna joins us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates in Year 6. Please keep all our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this very important step in their Sacramental life. Confirmation will take place during all Parish Masses on the weekend of 12th and 13th September.

Catherine McAuley Celebration Day: It is not long now until we celebrate our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley. On Wednesday, 16th September we will start with Mass at 10:00am, followed by a host of activities. We would love you to join us for Mass on this very special day, and stay for some of the fun!

Grade Liturgies: Congratulations to Year 3, who celebrated a lovely Grade Mass today. Next Wednesday Year 6 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their Confirmation next weekend.

Have a fantastic Fathers’ Day!

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
From the Primary Coordinator

Our Creative Learners in 3-6

Do you remember the week 6 Newsletter and how I shared with you the many creative things going on in the K-2 classrooms. Well this week it's the 3-6 students turn. And I must say WOW!. These students have surely grasped the idea of using their creativity within their work in so many ways.

As we grow older and get a better understanding of who we are and what we like and dislike we are able to establish our creative habits. Take this picture for example. Yes it’s an apple.

Who would have thought that we could see it in a different way with a butterfly spreading its wings. There you have it CREATIVITY, like spreading your wings to see how you can explore the world and how you can become a part of it.

You can tell our year 3-6 students are beginning to work on this mastery. Here is some of their fabulous creativity.

Belinda Forbes
CHOIR: Our congratulations to the Year 3/4 Choir on their First Place at the Orange Eisteddfod last Friday. The children sang beautifully and represented the school with pride. Special thanks to Mrs Aumuller for her tireless efforts in training the children. We look forward to hearing the choir at a special concert as part of the McAuley Day celebrations.

BAND: A reminder that the senior Concert Band will be performing at the Eisteddfod this Friday 4th September. Children are reminded to wear their complete Winter uniform, including maroon ribbons and polished shoes please. The children have been rehearsing enthusiastically under Mr Love's direction and we wish them all well.

Mrs Anne Allan

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Lewis Budworth, Matthew Torres, Agieg Aluk, Judah Bennie, Annabelle Griffiths, Athuai Aluk, Matilda-Rose Cheney, Henry Williams, Koby Phillips, Laura Price, Noah Richards, Peter Scott-Robertson.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September 2015

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NOTICES

Orange CYMS Junior Cricket Club (formerly SJS-CYMS)

Registrations for the 2015-16 Cricket Season

We will be holding two sign on days this year. The first will be Monday August 31st at Kenna Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The second will be held outside of the St Mary’s school hall on Wednesday the September 2nd again from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will also be a joint sign on day for all clubs at Riawena Oval on Sunday 6th September between 10am and 2pm. The joint sign on day will also be a chance for anybody looking to sell or buy or donate used cricket equipment.

We will be running a minimum of twelve teams this summer from T20 Blast through to U16. To do this we need volunteer coaches and managers for all sides including T20. Please indicate when registering if you are willing to fill one of these roles. All volunteers will need to have a current Working with Children number prior to the season.

Cost: T20 Blast (U7-U10) – U16 $110 per player
Family discounts: 2 children $160, 3 or more children $210.

Registration Application Forms will be available and MUST be lodged with the Club at one of the Sign-On days, together with Proof of Age and payment.

ORANGE DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE Trials for the 2016 Rep Season, for boys and girls in age divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18, at the Sir Neville Howse Stadium (Anzac Park).

The dates for the trials are:

Sunday 30th August (this weekend)

Sunday 6th September (note this is father’s day)

Sunday 13th September 2015