FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Melbourne Cup Trifecta fundraiser for 2016.

To all who purchased tickets, to the many people who sold large numbers of tickets and to our helpers in the office who count and distribute additional tickets. Thank you!

Once again, it was a huge success and we look forward to seeing our fundraising dollars converted to artificial grass on our playground in the Christmas Holidays.

Congratulations to the major prize winner Mrs Catherine Bishenden (Catherine joked that she could have bought a horse with what she has spent on tickets over the years). We still have 5 minor prizes that are unclaimed. If you have 1st, 2nd & 3rd placegetters on a ticket you are eligible for a $50 prize. The numbers you need are 17, 13 and 6.

Michael Croke
Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly: Asha Priest, Ella Mustac, Belvia Bryant, Isla Curtis, Ben Matthews, Alexander Fraser, Meagan D’Ombrain, Hans Pangilinan, Cooper Baird, Jayden Jomon, Ruby Dover, Bobby Schmidt, Riley Buss, Mason Everett, Amelia Gersbach, Paityn Klaare, Lyla Budd, Wil Kennedy, Bailey Gardiner, Edwina Johnson, Chloe Cox, Matilda Cheney, Spencer Wilde, Selena Livermore, Tomma Tancred, Molly Haydon, William Wythes, Jackson Plante, Imogen Shaw, Riley Nunn, Lilly Hannelly, Sonja Loecker, Micaela Pantoja, Riley Allen, Emily Brindley, Harrison Stedman, Matthew Kennedy, Alex Tang, Noah Richards, Bridie Corby, Evie Nunn, Isabella Budworth, Aldrian Bangayan, Olivia Tilston, Darcy Kelly, Tess Hazzard, Millicen Klaare, Lucy Cook, Dane Medlyn, Max Bevan, Will Rodwell, Nida Rasheed, Antonia Lander, Ethan Dillon, Emma Kennedy, Emmasen Buesnell, Laura Cooper, Kiera Ditchfield, Jorja Scott-Robertson, Ellie Kostitch and Sam French.

McAULEY SCHOOL RULES:

**FAITH:**
God’s rules are:
1. Love God
2. Love others – Treat others how you want them to treat you.

**JUSTICE:**
- Make positive choices

**RESPECT:**
- Respect yourself, others and the school environment

**SERVICE:**
- Help others in our school and the world

**LEARNING:**
- Learn and let others learn

**FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:** “Keep your hands and feet to yourself”
This is a very important rule at school. Many problems start with pushing, shoving hitting or kicking. At home or at different settings outside school it is often acceptable to wrestle and tackle as a form of play or mucking around. This is often in a controlled environment and usually supervised. However, in a school of approximately 540 children this sort of play is not allowed. There is no reason why a child at McAuley should hit or kick others. We need to make allowances at times for kindergarten children who are still learning and are often physical when trying to get the attention of adults or other children. If a child is upset or frustrated with another child they should talk to a teacher rather than use their hands and feet to solve the problem themselves. Keep your hands and feet to yourself comes from our school rule of Respect.

**Staffing for 2017:** We are currently working with the Bathurst CEO to finalise our staffing for 2017. We will announce the teachers and grades for 2017 in next week’s newsletter.

**NAIDOC March & NAIROC:** Our Indigenous students and some classes will represent McAuley at the NAIDOC March and Awards on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising this. Mrs Aumuller will take a group of students to perform at NAIROC on Tuesday. We are very proud of these students and wish them the best of luck with their performance. All grades have an Aboriginal focus in many Key Learning Areas. This year our Year 2 classes visited Glenroi School and Year 4 classes had an incursion with Mark Saddler to learn about some Aboriginal culture and practices.

**Year 6 Orientation Visit to James Sheahan:** The children from McAuley commencing Year 7 at James Sheahan in 2017 will attend their final orientation on Thursday 10th November. This visit includes placement tests. There is parent Information Evening commencing at 7.00pm in Mercy Hall on Thursday 12th November as well.

**Out of Bounds:** Occasionally balls will be kicked or thrown over the fences surrounding the playground. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds to get a ball. If a teacher has time they may be able to retrieve it otherwise parents can ask the neighbours if they can retrieve it after school. Often the neighbours will throw balls back over the fence or return them.

**Technology at School:** A reminder that students are not to have mobile phones, ipods and other technology at school. If it is necessary that they bring such a device then it is to be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected at the conclusion of school. Important messages can be delivered via the school office.

**Trial changes to Behaviour Management Policy:** It is time that we review the McAuley Behaviour Management Policy, particularly the levels system. **We will trial a new way of dealing with unacceptable behavior at McAuley for the remainder of 2106.**

We will not use levels. If student makes a wrong choice or there is an incident on the playground or in the classroom the teacher will give them a logical consequence for their action (eg.) sitting out of play, picking up papers, a letter of apology, missing out on a reward in class. The teacher will then inform me of the incident or issue and what they have enforced as a consequence. I will keep a record of the incidents. If any of the incidents are major or warrant contacting parents or if a child builds up a number of incidents, I will contact the parents. The end of year reward will now become the end of Term 4 reward. A decision will be made on the end of term reward considering a students behaviour and in consultation with the class teacher at the end of the term.

Other measures will be put in place for individual students as necessary in consultation with their class teacher and parents.

Steve Maguire
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

November: The Month of Saints: Today is the Feast of All Souls Day, following on from yesterday’s Feast of All Saints. During November, the Catholic Church takes the time to honour those who have lived faith-filled lives, and are now enjoying their reward of Eternal life. All people who have gone to Heaven are considered Saints – regardless of whether they have been Cannonised or not and these two feasts, All Saints and All Souls acknowledge and pay respect to all who have gone before us in faith. Throughout the month of November we are asked to pray for those who are no longer with us in this life. During this month, the Parish has a ‘Book of Life’ in each Parish Church. We are encouraged to place the names of those we love who have passed, and these people will be prayed for at each Parish Mass during this month.

Mission Week Money: Once again, a huge ‘thank you’ to all for the most fantastic Mission Week result. In case you missed it last week, we raised $3680!! This is by far the most we have ever raised. Your generosity as a community is just wonderful.

First Reconciliation: We are only a couple of weeks away from our Year 2 making their First Reconciliation this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very special time. The children will receive the Sacrament on either Tuesday, 15th November or Wednesday, 16th November. We will have a Whole School Thanksgiving Mass for these children the following week on Wednesday, 23rd November at 12:15pm followed by a little celebration in Kenna Hall. This is a very important time for these students and I thank Mrs Church and the Year 2 teachers for all their hard work in preparing these children for this beautiful Sacrament.

Parish Mass Celebration: Thank you so much for your wonderful support of our Parish Mass last Sunday evening. It was so good to have such a lot of families able to join us and participate in the various ministries of the Mass. A really big thank you to all our musicians and singers, the music sounded fantastic! I know there were a lot of families who were unable to be with us, and I thank you for returning the notes. It showed what a wonderful, supportive community our Catherine McAuley family really is. I look forward to our two Masses next year!

Liturgies and Masses: Our next Celebration will be our Kinder Grade Liturgy on Wednesday 16th November at 12:30pm. This will be followed by our Whole School Thanksgiving Mass for First Reconciliation the following week on Wednesday, 23rd November at 12:15pm. As always, parents and friends are very welcome to join Kinder for their Liturgy.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
**FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

**Maths Olympiad - Outstanding Results are in ...**

During Term 2 and Term 3 at Catherine McAuley, 27 Year 6 students took part in the Australiasian Maths Olympiad.

This competition runs all over Australia and New Zealand. Each month as published in past newsletters students are given 5 questions and a time limit to answer these. The results are submitted online. Each student competes as an individual as well as the team Catherine McAuley.

Our school did amazingly well as a team, we were placed in the top 10% of all schools who competed in the competition earning our school a special award.

Individually we had 8 students in the top 10% of all children who competed. With another 13 students in the top 20%, 7 of these missing a top 10% by 1 mark. We also had 1 student receive a trophy for being one of the top scoring students throughout the competition.

Mathematical problem solving is well and truly alive with these gifted and talented mathematical students. Recognition and awards will be given out at the Week 8 assembly.

Mr Hudson  
(Maths Olympiad Coordinator)

**SPORT**

**Touch Football:** We will be represented by two boys and one girl’s teams in the NSW Touch Gala Day on Thursday 10th November at Waratah Sports Complex. Thank you to Mrs Sue Dean and her Year 11 students for training the teams this Friday and coaching them on the Thursday. Unfortunately our Year 6 children were unable to participate because of their orientation day at James Sheahan.

**Summer Sports Trials:** Children in Year 5 will be invited to nominate for Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo on **Tuesday 22nd November.** Sports include cricket, softball, tennis, touch football & basketball. Children must be playing the sport and have above average ability to attend. Parents transport children to and from the venue. Information to follow.

Steve Maguire

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

Yawning cools your brain, like a fan cools the inside of a computer.
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair, from teachers to the parents and students who purchased items. It was a huge success and I’m sure many people are enjoying their new books.

Catherine Bishenden

CLOTHING POOL

On Friday, 4th November our clothing pool will be open from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Please enter through the office in Hill Street.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Elain Anup, Divaakara Nugroho, Poppy Wishart, Arkie Prisk, Sabella Tyack, Lynk Wright and Charlene Bilal.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November 2016

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WELCOME TO OUR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN 2017

KINDERGARTEN 2017 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2016
6.30PM IN KENNA HALL

1ST ORIENTATION MORNING FOR STUDENTS
THIS FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2016
9:30AM - 11:00AM