FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those people who made last Friday's McAuley Dinner such a great success. A very special thank you goes to all those Grade 2 parents who organised the auction items and other prizes on the night, set up the tables and made sure the night ran smoothly. I also thank auctioneers, flower arrangers, musicians and others who helped make the night a great success, and a big thank you to all teachers and parents who attended the night.

On a foot (ball) note the South Sydney Rabbitohs framed jumper was not purchased on the night. This jumper will now be raffled with only 20 tickets being sold at $50 per ticket. All proceeds from this raffle will not go to the school but to Ronald McDonald House. This is the charity that our Mini Vinnies group has nominated to receive the funds. If you or your business would like to make a donation to Ronald McDonald house by purchasing a ticket at $50 each please contact Robyn Basha at the school office. 5 tickets have already been sold! Only 15 left! As well, the Rabbitohs jumper goes to the winner.

Michael Croke

Charity
Remember, if there were a hundred regulations to be observed, the most important of these is Charity.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly: Callum Harvey, Gus Bohringer, Lilli Duffey, Connor Slattery, Natalie Gavin, Ruby Hilder, Matthew Crump, Monique Vardanega, Lynk Wright, Lara Horan, Jayden Jomon, Oliver Nunn, Mason Everett, Thomas Cain, Addison Gardner, Menphis Diduszko, Lyla Budd, Jaimie Sijo, Edwina Johnson, Charlene Acheson, Lillian Burman, Ruby Kind, Matilda-Rose Cheney, Jack Bingham, Sage Fabar-Robey, Max Plokstys, Maddison Lawry, Imogen Shaw, Don Jimmon, Logan Wilde, Lily Davis, Mia Scuito, Domenic Belmonte, Maddie Clarke, Henry Baker, Riley Bollinger, Angel Tom, Alex Tang, Ryder Arden, Cooper Agland, Wendy Ou Yang, Maya Budd, Sophie Kearins, Charlie Westgeest, Ally-Rose Madden, Will Campbell, Marc Mabalo, Lucy Cook, Maddison Vaughan, Angus MacDouall, Patrick Crump, Will Rodwell, Makayla Milne, Claudia Johnston, Lucy Dean, Ned Ryan, Adithya Biju, Ethan Wilde, Hannah Daly-Beggs, Laura Cooper, Rhiannon Miller, Tate Rowland and Noah Daley-Beggs.

Whole School Assembly: 6H will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 5th August commencing at 2.20pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Southern Region Athletics: Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Southern Region Athletics Carnival in Canowindra last Friday. It was a great day despite the cold, rainy conditions. Thank you to Mr Hudson, Mrs Pellow, Mrs da Silva Tavares and the parents who supervised and cheered for our students.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival: Children who were successful in being chosen to represent the Southern Region Team team at the Bathurst Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on Thursday 18th August will receive information by early next week.

ICAS Tests: Nominations for ICAS Maths & English Tests have closed. The children from Year 3 to Year 6 who nominated for these sat the English Test yesterday Tuesday 2nd August and will sit the Mathematics Test on Tuesday 16th August.

Chess: Thank you to Mrs Mulligan for organising our school chess club. Today the children travelled with Mrs Mulligan to the Orange Christian School and next Wednesday Mr Croke will accompany them to Millthorpe Public School to participate in an inter school chess competition. Thank you to the parents for transporting these children. We wish the children the best of luck.

Behaviour Management: A reminder that as part of our school Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy any child who reaches Level 2 in a term will miss the end of term reward. At the end of the year any child that has not been on Level 4 OR has not received 10 level ones OR 3 level twos throughout the year joins in a grade reward decided by the teachers. If a teacher or member of the executive is concerned about a student’s behaviour the student may be placed on a contract signed by the teacher / parent / child / member of the executive, stipulating the circumstance that they will miss the reward or an excursion even though they have not reached the required levels to be exempt.

Issues in the Classroom or on the Playground: It is important for parents to be reminded that if they have an issue or query with an occurrence in the classroom or school regarding their child the first point of contact should be the class teacher. If necessary the Executive will assist whenever needed. It is not necessary for parents to contact teachers on behalf of children other than their own. Parents are under no circumstances allowed to approach children other than their own on the playground if they are doing something wrong. Please inform the teacher on duty or the class teacher so incidents can be investigated properly and appropriate action taken.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017: The enrolment process has finished and letters of offer should be sent out at the end of this week. Orientation for Kindergarten students will begin on Thursday 3rd November with a parent evening. The children will then visit the school for three consecutive mornings on Friday 4th, Friday 11th and Friday 18th November.

Steve Maguire
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel this weekend is taken from St Luke. Like last week’s message, it is a reminder that we really don’t know what the future holds. Jesus presents a parable about being a faithful follower of God, telling his disciples to always be ready. It is not so much a message of doom and gloom, but rather a reminder for us to not wait to do the kind deeds or the good things we often put off, but rather live our life as people who are always generous with our gifts and ready to help others. It is about living a life of faith and putting our trust in God. After all, God can achieve extraordinary things through us.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: Thank you so much to those who were able to attend the Confirmation Parent Meeting last night. We will be sending Enrolment forms for Confirmation home with the children in Year 6 in the next few days. Please return these forms to the Parish House, not the school, by Friday 12th August. The form has much more detail this year as the parish is using a new program for data collection. It is important that all details, including Sponsors name and the student’s Confirmation Name are included on this form. If you need any information regarding the reception of this Sacrament, please contact me.

Jeans for Genes Day: This Friday, 5th August, we will be once again fund-raising for Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to wear their denim jeans to school and contribute a gold coin, which will be sent to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. This money will assist with the funding of research into cures for childhood diseases. Students are not expected to wear any part of their uniform, as this is a casual clothes day. If students wish to participate and do not have jeans, or are involved in winter sports that require a different form of dress, they are welcome to wear other appropriate clothing. Your gold coin donation is important to this very worthwhile cause.

Reconciliation: Year 5 celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation today. This was a lovely service, and a wonderful opportunity for the children to share this special Sacrament of healing. Year 4 will receive this beautiful Sacrament next Wednesday.

Assumption Mass: We will once again be travelling to St Mary’s to join with them for the Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, 15th August. Mass will take place at 12 noon and parents are invited to join us, although room in the Church will be rather limited! This is a beautiful feast of Mary being taken to heaven, body and soul. As we did last year, we will stay after Mass for lunch and a play with the students of St Mary’s before coming back to school.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Playground Development

Our playground committee has continued to meet throughout this year and there have been some very obvious changes along with some more subtle ones. Our achievements so far this year include:

- The ongoing development of modified playground rules. (To be unveiled this term)
- The ongoing development of a Playground Policy.
- Further development of Pop-Up Play (Now located near the tuckshop) and a workshop from Malarki (experts in this area)
- Provision of more passive play spaces such as dress up clothes, and toy trucks and cars.

Once the weather improves we will also see:

- Installation of new seating in the Year 5 and Year 6 eating area.
- Painted games on cement areas throughout the school. This will include the “olympic blue marathon line” which will be a painted running track around the school playground.

Of course our major undertaking this year will be the installation of artificial grass on the large green area. This will effectively become our “oval”. Thank you to all for your support of our fundraising efforts so far this year.

Calling For Donations

Unused android phones that have a touch screen and are in working condition. (Chargers would need to be included). This will allow us to use “google cardboard” at the school.

https://vr.google.com/cardboard/

- Old clothes that would be suitable for children to play “dress-ups”.

Google Apps Inservice

Last week I was given the opportunity to attend a day in Bathurst presented by Chris Betcher, a teacher who now works full time presenting google education innovations. I look forward to introducing some very exciting apps and extensions at the school. Some applications have the potential to assist our study of Geography (Maps, My Maps, Streetview, Expeditions and Cardboard), while others will enhance both student and teacher use of gmail and google drive.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The first flashing lights on Broadway had an attendant sitting on a nearby roof to switch them on and off.
LIBRARY - BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating Book Week 2016 in Week Six of this term. The theme this year is "Australia: Story Country" which involves, among other things, our story as a country and exploring stories fictional and non-fictional about Australia. The students will also be reading and exploring the shortlisted titles and deciding which books will be the winners. Have a look at the following website to see the full shortlist of books and other information about Book Week. [https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016](https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016)

To help us celebrate books and reading, I am asking the students to **DRESS UP ON WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST** as either a character from any story (eg Harry Potter, The BFG, Rainbow fairy) or a character from an Australian story (eg Ned Kelly, Captain Cook, Banjo Patterson, Blinky Bill, Possum Magic etc). Simple costumes are always the best, remembering the children will be wearing them all day. **Please also remember that it may be cold on the day and to wear closed-in shoes.** If you are stuck for an idea please don't hesitate to ask me.

Thank you

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

_Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:_ Tyler Bell, Hannah Page, Halle Bain, Alexander Fraser, Adelaide Graham, Lucy Dean, Sophie Kearins and Phoenix Zinga.

TUCKSHOP

_Roster - Commencing Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August 2016_

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
McAULEY FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER FOR 2016.

We again have a target of $35,000 for this year.