FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHERINE McAULEY DAY

Wednesday 17th September 2014

10:00am  Mass - including presentation of Catherine McAuley Awards

11:30am  Catherine’s Concert - featuring Trish Aumuller and the Staff Boys

12:45pm  Drawing of the Monster Raffle

1:00pm    BBQ - $1.00 payable on the day

2:00pm    Tug of War

Dress:    Casual Clothes

All Welcome!

Please return all tickets and money for the Monster Raffle to school as soon as possible. More tickets are available at the office.

Michael Croke

Practice the Word
If His blessed words ought to be reverenced by all, with what loving devotion should a Religious lay them up in her heart, and try to reduce them to practice.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Jack Collins, Charlize Acheson, Selena Livermore, Chayse King, Noah Lyons, Cameron Crump, Nicholas Johnsen, Freya Bieniek, Piper Draper, Connor Vardanega, Mitchell Price, Arabella Gibson, Henry Patterson, Arnold Tancred, Henry Madigan, Elizabeth Gibson, Flynn Fisher, Dale Pangilnan, Allen Baiju, Tara Yeghoyan & Jack Ryan

**Netball:** Our Year 6 Netball team competed in the Catholic Schools Netball Competition in Sydney yesterday. Once again they performed brilliantly winning all their games. They are now preparing for the finals day of the School’s Cup on Tuesday 16th September.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** We have a large number of old single school desks under Kenna Hall. If anybody would like one they are FREE. Please contact or visit the school office if you would like to take a desk (or desks).

**Personal Learning:** Tomorrow the teachers will meet with Mrs Tonia Flanagan in Stages to work on developing Professional Learning Communities at McAuley. This is valuable time spent learning and developing the concept that will have a real impact on learning in our school.

**Polding Athletics:** Good luck to Chloe Jaques, Mackenzie Innes, Liam Kennedy, Amelia Wilcox, Jack Ryan, Cara Seale, Nyibol Got, Mr Gough and Mr Hudson who will travel to Newcastle as part of the Polding Team for the Athletics Carnival this Friday. As it is an all weather track the carnival will proceed regardless of the weather. Individual events may be postponed or called off in the event of lightning.

**Multi Lit Reading Program:** Our volunteer Tutors will finish the Multi Lit Program next week. We thank all the tutors who have been giving up their time to help children in the program develop basic reading skills. We appreciate their time and effort and they have made a positive contribution to our school. A big thank you to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Sands our Support Teachers for coordinating the program.

**St Mary’s Gala Day:** This year the children have nominated for soccer, netball or to stay at school to be in mixed groups for a variety of activities. The children attending soccer and netball will receive a permission note this week. This Gala Day is a wonderful initiative from the St Mary’s Staff and one, which we are very keen to support. It not only gives the children the opportunity to play sport, be active and develop skills, it also gives them the opportunity to mix with the St Mary’s children. **WE REQUIRE A LOT OF HELP AND SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AT THE SOCCER AND NETBALL ON THE DAY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND EVEN FOR A WHILE PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR TEACHERS HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD’S TEAM.**

**Busy End of the term:** Over the last three weeks of the term we will be involved in…… Year 4 Reconciliation, Professional Learning Communities Workshops, Father’s Day Liturgy, Polding Athletics Carnival, Year 6 Golf Sessions, First Reconciliation, Year 6 Mass, Multi Lit Tutor Morning Tea, Year 6 Debating at St Mary’s, Netball & Soccer Gala Day, Mini Vinnies visit to St Francis, Schools Cup Netball Finals, Catherine McAuley Day, Year 2 Excursion to the Cowra Japanese Gardens. We will need a two week break at the end of all that!

**Steve Maguire**
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Mary, Mother of the Church:  Next Monday, 8th September, we celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary.  Throughout her life she always had complete trust in God.  He asked so much of her, without any explanation, and she was always willing to follow His will.  Perhaps over the next week we could spend a little time reflecting on the life of our Blessed Mother, and looking for inspiration to cope with all the unexpected events in our lives today.

First Reconciliation:  Our Year 2 children are almost ready to make their First Reconciliation, with this very special Sacrament taking place next Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th of September. They have been working hard in their classes, preparing for this Sacrament, and as a school family, we are very proud of them.  Please keep them in your prayers over the next week as they finalise their preparation and receive this very special Sacrament.

Fathers’ Day:  Thank you to all who have sent in or emailed photos for our Fathers’ Day Liturgy this Friday.  It is great to be able to have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our fathers and father figures during this Friday’s Liturgy, and I would encourage all families to join us if at all possible this Friday 5th September at 12.30pm in the Church.  If you have not been able to send photos in yet, please do so by tomorrow.  I will not have time after tomorrow to include them in the powerpoint.  Please either email them to me or send them in on USB or as a hard copy and I will return hard copies and USB’s the same day. The children love to see photos of the special men in their lives, and this Liturgy is such a special event for the children.  Email: r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au

Catherine McAuley Celebration Day:  It is not long now until we celebrate our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley.  On Wednesday 17th 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:  Year 4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation today.  Next Wednesday Year 6 will be celebrating their Grade Mass.  It is always great to have family and friends join us for our celebrations, and we look forward to seeing you at our Liturgical celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week and wishing all dads a Happy Father’s Day on Sunday.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The human eye can detect 10 million different shades of colour.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Kindergarten Orientation For 2015

Our classes for Kindergarten 2015 are now being finalised. Over the past couple of months we have seen many excited pre-school children and their families who are new to our school taking a tour of our school. We now begin to the next phase of our orientation process. During Term 4 there will be an Orientation Evening for parents on the 6th November at 6:30pm, followed by 3 opportunities for our new students to visit the school.

**Day 1** Friday 7th November (9:30-11:00)
**Day 2** Friday 14th November (9:30-11:00)
**Day 3** Friday 21st November (9:30-11:00)

*If possible we would like the children to attend the three sessions however we do understand that this may not be possible for some families.*

More details will be available in the Orientation letter that will be sent out very soon.

Reading Levels

Kindergarten to Year 2 students bring home a new reader each week night. Our library of take home readers have been placed in levels according to the PM Benchmark scheme of books. This resource also offers a testing tool to ensure that students are placed on the correct level. Students are regularly reassessed to ensure that their reading level is correct for them. The decision to place a student on a particular level is based on fluency, word knowledge, word attack and comprehension.

Tips to improve children’s safety around your school

*(Safety around schools)*

- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in a forward facing restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’.
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together:
  - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
  - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
  - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
  - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
  - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
  - Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
  - Always obey parking signs as these signs help save children’s lives.
  - NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
  - Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school’s designated area, following your school’s road safety procedures with care and courtesy.

Clare Miller
Year 5H has been looking at descriptions, in particular Literary Descriptions. The whole of Year 5 walked to Cook Park and wrote notes whilst walking around. The children were asked to write a Literary Description about the park or their favourite beach.

Here are some of our descriptions.

**SANDY BEACH**

The beach that I love is Sandy Beach. It is located on the amazing North Coast of NSW.

I see the white fluffy waves crashing against the rocks, strongly making its way onto the sand and rushing back out into the sea.

I can feel the rocks underneath my feet and the sand squishing between my toes.

I can feel fish as large as a mountain swimming around my legs as I swim into the beautiful refreshing water. Soon I hop out of the water feeling the burning hot sun on my back as I rush over quickly slopping sunscreen all over my back.

I love spending time at Sandy Beach because it makes me feel happy and relaxed.

By Abby

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**COOK PARK**

The most magnificent park that I like to visit is called Cook Park. It is located in the centre of Orange, NSW.

I can see grey, green, yellow and blue budgies chirping like there is no tomorrow. Cheeky cockatoo screech at us and jump at the cage wanting food.

The parrots look like they are doing some sort of dance as they jump from tree to tree, bowing excitedly at their new audience.

I can hear the birds in the aviary. They are a group of singers performing in front of enough people to fill a football stadium. Tiny quails hop along the ground chasing each other. They look like children playing tip.

At the fernery the ferns are all shapes and sizes. The tall ones are leaning on each other in attempt to stand up straight. Little ferns are so close together that they look as though they are sharing millions of secrets. Tall ferns are bending down low, probably planning an escape outside to the sunlight and rain.

I really like visiting Cook Park because I feel like I am in a possum paradise!

By Lilly

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**MY FAVOURITE BEACH**

The beach I love to visit is Rio beach. It’s located on the eastern coast of Rio.

I see the waves crashing onto the beach and jellyfish on the burning sand. The sky was as bright as the stars that twinkle in the night.

I can hear the birds singing and the splash of water when dolphins dive.

The wind was as powerful as a hurricane.

I could feel the burning sand underneath my feet and the heat of the sun burning my skin.

I could smell the BBQ cooking the Brazilian style food and the natural smell of fresh air.

I could taste the saltwater in my mouth, as salty as the Dead Sea.

This is my favourite beach and I like going there because it makes me feel happy and relaxed.

By Dale

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**BONDI BEACH**

The beach that I love to visit is Bondi Beach.

I see the huge waves knocking surfers off their surfboards. The wind is gentle and the sun is warm. I feel like I’m in paradise.

I feel the tiny fish tickling my feet in the sparkling blue water. They are speedy and I catch them in my net.

I hear the swooping seagulls squawking and fighting over the fish in the sea. They swoop and dive straight into the water. They make me laugh.

I love going to Bondi Beach.

By Sophie
LIBRARY

We would like to thank the Orange Ex-Services’ Club for their annual library donation of $200.00 which will be put to good use replenishing library books.

Catherine Bishenden & Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Agieg Aluk, Mitchell Price, Austin Pearce, Judah Bennie, Athuai Aluk, Ereny Aziz, Matilda-Rose Cheney, Henry Williams, Koby Phillips, Laura Price, Noah Richards, Abuk Dut & Knox Gibson

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September, 2014

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942

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Last summer was a very successful one for the SJS-CYMS Junior Cricket Club. We are looking forward to yet another enjoyable and rewarding season of cricket in 2014/15. This year as a club, we will celebrate the renaming of our junior club as well as celebrating 70 years of cricket in Orange for our senior club.

There was a very good response to our two sign on days. We will be running a minimum of nine teams this summer from T20 Blast through to U16. If you were unable to attend our sign on days, but would like to register there are still limited spaces available in some teams. See us at the ODJCA sign-on days at Riawena Oval, Kooronga Ave. Sat 13/9 10am-12pm or Sun 14/9 12pm-2pm.

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

Please note that Proof of Age will be required at Sign-On for players that are NEW to our club. An original or certified copy of a birth certificate (or current passport) will be required.

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 are conducting Basketball REPRESENTATIVE Trials in September, for the 2015 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 7th, Sunday 14th and Saturday 20th September 2014*. The cost to attend all three trial sessions is only $20.

For anyone interested in more information, please see our Orange Basketball - NSW, website and Facebook pages, or email us orange.basketball@hotmail.com.