FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It with great pleasure that I congratulate Isabel Joseph from Grade 6 who last Sunday at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney was presented with the very prestigious Catholic Weekly Religious Art Prize by the new Archbishop, Bishop Anthony Fisher. This was a state wide competition and details of Isabel’s entry are on the back of today’s newsletter.

Michael Croke

Passing Events
Try to view passing events as you will in a year hence, or as if they had happened a year ago.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Chloe Cox, Anaka Douglas, Brooklyn Ryan, Nicholas Rowland, Emily Brindley, Lilly Nonnenmacher, Ancilin Alson, Dashiel Bootsma, Peta Shields, Laura Daniel, Joshua Brind, Henry Patterson, Nicholas Ryan, Jorja Scott Robertson, Elizabeth Gibson, Thomas Caulfield, Jack Halls Audrey Madigan, Lucy Warner & Dominic Gibson.

**End of Year Rewards Day:** As the Year draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of year Reward Day to the pool, movies, ten pin bowling or something similar. Any child who has been on a Level 4 OR has received 10 Level 1’s OR 3 Level 2’s during the year will not be eligible to attend the Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

Kindergarten – Friday 28th November at the Botanic Gardens  
Year 1 – Year 3 – Thursday 4th - Movies & Adventure Playground  
Year 4 – Monday 15th December - Ten Pin Bowling  
Year 5 – Tuesday 16th December - Blayney Pool  
Year 6 – To be confirmed

**Christmas Cheer:** We are all getting very excited with Christmas fast approaching. Please do not send candy canes to school as they are often eaten at the wrong time and can lead to arguments in class or on the playground. They can be special treats to share at home.

**Year 5 Leadership Morning:** Last Thursday the Year 5 teachers and I worked with the Year 5 children on identifying Leadership qualities in others. The children identified leaders in our homes, schools, community, country and world. However the focus of the morning was on Jesus as a leader. Following the session the Year 5 children and all teachers voted for the 2015 McAuley Captains and Vice Captains. It is important to acknowledge that although four children receive official badges, ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN are considered leaders in our school and are expected to set a good example for all. The Captains will be announced at our final school Mass on Friday 12th December at 12.00pm.

**House Captains:** On Monday afternoon all children from Year 3 – Year 6 voted for House Captains for 2015. These captains will assist with the running of our House Points System, sports carnivals and also assist the School and Vice Captains. The House Captains will be announced at our final school Mass on Friday 12th December at 12.00pm.

**Year 6 Mass & Farewell Thursday 11th December:** A reminder to the Year 6 Parents to send in the $25 to help with costs of the evening. A committee of Year 6 parents has been formed to organise the celebration following the Mass. If you indicated that you can help you will be contacted soon. A big thank you to the Year 5 parents who have offered to help serve and clean up on the night, a note will be sent home closer to the date to inform you of the details.

Steve Maguire
The Season of Advent: This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in the Church’s Season of Advent. In St Mark’s Gospel this weekend we are introduced to John the Baptist, Jesus’ cousin who was the one to proclaim the coming of the Son of God and show how the prophecies were to be fulfilled. John is the messenger, sent by God to ‘do the groundwork’ preparing the people for the coming of the Christ. He appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism for forgiveness of sins. John was seen as a bit of a rebel, living on wild honey and locusts out in the wilderness. He didn’t conform to the expectations of the day. He offered people a challenge that made them slightly uncomfortable. This was a challenge that Jesus was to take up. As we continue our Advent journey, what challenges are we facing? Have we taken time yet to start to prepare for Jesus to come to us at Christmas? Maybe this week we could spend a little time thinking about how we will “prepare the way of the Lord.”

Christmas Hampers: Thank you to those who have already sent in items for our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each year we ask families to donate non-perishable food and Christmas items that can be placed in hampers for St Vincent de Paul to distribute around our Orange district to those who would normally not be in a position to celebrate Christmas. It would be wonderful if each child could bring in just one item to place in the hampers. To ensure we are able to provide a variety of items to St Vincent De Paul, we have allocated a theme to each class for you to buy food for the Hamper appeal.

Please have look to see what grade your child is in, find the theme and buy an item to donate. These are only suggestions, you may have a much better idea. Please remember that we need all donations at school by **this Friday, 5th December 2014**.

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Year 6 Farewell Mass: Our Year 6 Farewell Mass this year will be on Thursday, 11th December at 6.00pm. This very special Mass will be followed by a celebration in Kenna Hall for our Year 6 students.

Liturgies: Kindergarten celebrated a beautiful Grade Liturgy to conclude our class celebrations this year. Thank you to all parents and friends who were able to join them for this lovely Liturgy.

School End of Year Mass: Our Whole School End of Year Mass will be next Friday, 12th December at 12.00noon (please note time - to avoid a clash with James Sheahan End of Year Mass). At this Mass we will also announce our Captains for 2015. It has been wonderful having such support from parents, friends and families throughout the year, and we look forward to your presence for our last Liturgical Celebration.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Gmail Accounts For Students Entering Year 7 at James Sheahan - During 2014, students in Years 3-6 have been issued with a Gmail account. This has given our students access to email and to Google Drive within a secure CEO based system. The same Gmail accounts will remain with our Year 6 students as they enter Year 7 at James Sheahan Catholic High School. Throughout 2014, Year 6 students have been learning to use Gmail and Google Drive in readiness for Year 7. Parents would be aware that each student entering Year 7 at James Sheahan will be required to use an iPad at school. To allow access to their Gmail account, students will need to download Gmail and Google Drive. Both of these apps are free and available from the App Store. During the holidays some emails will be sent to the new Year 7 students. Students will need to check their emails from time to time.

Contacting Teachers - From time to time it is necessary for parents to speak with their child’s teacher either in person or via a phone call. It is important that contact with teachers is arranged through the School Office. Office staff are aware of teacher’s schedules and of their location across this very large site and can therefore arrange suitable meeting times. In the interests of safety it is important that any visitor entering the buildings is signed in and out at the School Office.

Kindergarten End of Year Class Visits - Kindergarten parents are invited to join their child in their classroom on Thursday, 11th December at 12:40pm for a small Christmas and end of year presentation. The presentation will be completed by lunch time. Looking forward to your company on the day.

Chewing Gum At School - Just a reminder that children are not to be bringing chewing gum to school.

MUSIC & DRAMA

Band 2015
Any child in Years 3, 4 or 5 who is interested in joining the School Training Band next year is reminded to return the registration form to the school office. Anyone still requiring an information pack may collect from me in the Music Room.

Guitar Group 2015
A number of students have expressed interest in learning to play guitar. In response, we would like to offer a new program for beginner guitarists in conjunction with the Orange Regional Conservatorium. It is proposed that this group would rehearse before school one morning a week from 8:15am. Lessons would cost $9 per student per week, in a group of 6 and run for 45 minutes. Interested students should collect an information and registration form from me this week.

School Christmas Concert 'A Christmas Story''
Presented by Year 6 and featuring the School Concert Band
Date: Tuesday 9th December Time: 12.00pm
Kenna Hall
Family and friends are most welcome!

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

It takes ten times as much energy to turn water into steam as it does to bring it to the boil.
REWARDS DAY YEARS 1, 2 & 3

Tomorrow, Thursday 4th December, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 will be attending their end of year rewards day. Please note children are to wear their sports uniform for the day. No lunch orders on the day. Children are to bring enough food and drinks for the day and please remember to bring a hat.

LIBRARY

Library

With the end of the school year almost here we would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their help with Library this year. For those who have read the Library books to their children, encouraged and helped the children to return their books each week or found missing books, we say a very big thank you.

We thank you also for supporting book club and the book fair we held this year. We are very grateful.

We would like to especially thank Gemma Dwyer for her never ending help with Book Club. Gemma gives of her time so generously to collate the orders, count the money, place the orders online and generally ensure the smooth running of book club. Thank you Gemma for your wonderful assistance.

With the school Libraries now closed we would like to remind you of the great facilities available at the Orange City Library. They have a wonderful array of books for all ages as well as DVDs. The Library is open 7 days a week and well worth a visit.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Catherine Bishenden & Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:

Charlotte Collins, Lucinda Stewart, Anaka Douglas, Milla Sampson, Eve Davison, Ella Callow, Rowan McFarlane, Olivia Tilston, Finn Littlefield, Mia Milne, Harry Dean, Austin Fitzpatrick, Nyibol Got, Lucy Basttaglini-O’Keeffe and Milan Shaji.

TUCKSHOP

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

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
ISABEL JOSEPH’S WINNING ENTRY

An Escape

ISABEL JOSEPH
Catherine McAuley Primary Orange

My art work is based on the Bible passage ‘The Escape to Egypt’ from Matthew’s Gospel 2:13-15.

My first inspiration came from Picasso and one of his famous art works ‘The Weeping Woman’. I didn’t copy his art work but I was able to use the same style and technique. It inspired me to think differently about how I designed mine and how I could use the cubism approach. I like cubism because it is a very good way to show all the different emotions going on in Mary and Joseph’s minds at the time. I used many different colours to represent that there wasn’t just one emotion.

I used acrylic paint on a canvas. I outlined my picture in white because it makes the colour stand out more and it represents that even on a scary journey there was still light in the world.

My aim was to create an effect in the sky where the colours slowly faded. The darker part of the sky represents Herod and his evil intentions. The sky was painted getting lighter to represent that the closer Mary, Jesus and Joseph got to Egypt the further they were travelling from evil.