FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school year for 2015 is off and running. I welcome the many many children and families that have joined with the Catherine McAuley community for the first time and I welcome back those children and families who are already part of our family. For the record we have 130 new students and a student population of almost 550 students which makes us one of the biggest Catholic primary schools in country N.S.W. Despite having such a large number we do pride ourselves on the school community that we endeavour to foster and the personal care and concern that every child receives especially from their class teacher. I wish everyone the very best for 2015 in all areas.

To start fostering our sense of community I invite all family members to attend our welcome barbecue in the school grounds this Sunday commencing at 10.30. The teachers will be doing all the catering and ...it's free!!!

Michael Croke

God Alone
God and God alone must be the principal motive of all our actions - it is this pure intention of pleasing God that renders the good works valuable and meritorious.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Welcome back to the to the first term of the new school Year. It was wonderful to welcome back all the familiar faces as well as the new Kindergarten children, and the new children in Years 1 – Year 6. It was very exciting for the Year 2 children and teachers to move in to their new rooms yesterday. We still have to be very flexible while the Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 4 classrooms are being built. It will all be worth it when we begin to operate all classes on the Hill St site, hopefully by Term 3 this year!

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Matilda Rose Cheeney, Isabella Waters, Selena Livermore, George Tancred, Lyla Budd, Montana Johns, Oliver Schofield, Myles Sullivan, Alex Duffy, Evie Nunn, Charlize Spurr, Lydianna Meade, Marc Mabalo, Malachi Collins, Lance Milne, Harry Mulligan, Jack Dean, Cooper Turner, Saige King, Isaac Sewak, Connor Gillard.

**New Grant Committee:** There are many grants that are offered by Government, Local Council and private enterprise that benefit school communities. We are looking at setting up a committee involving parents who are interested in applying for these grants on behalf of the school. If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact me via the school office.

**Parent Information Nights:** There will be a change to how these Meetings will run this year. Kindergarten was held on Tuesday 3rd and Year 1 Wednesday 4th February in their classrooms. The Year 2 – Year 6 Night will be held Tuesday 10th February Week 3 in Kenna Hall commencing at 6:30pm. General information will be given to all the Year 2 – Year 6 parents then teachers will be available to meet the parents of children in their classroom.

**Uniform Policy:**
A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. However the expectation is that shirts are tucked in with the winter uniform. **A reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle.** Please note children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year (unless they bring a note explaining why they are out of uniform) and to present themselves in line with school dress policy, which stipulates:
- acceptable hairstyles. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted, these include coloured hair and haircuts or undercut less than a ‘two’ or rats tails
- no bracelets, bangles, necklaces or anklets - a religious medal on a fine chain may be worn
- one small ring only
- no nail polish
- one set of earrings only sleepers or studs; boys: one single sleeper or stud
- long hair to be tied back with ribbons or scrunchy in school colours or pink checked in Summer
- T-shirts under short sleeved shirts are not permitted.

**Sport Uniform:**
Kindergarten – Year 2: Friday
Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday & Friday

**Morning Routine:**
Teachers commence duty at 8.35am.

**Kindergarten & Year 1:**
* Children who arrive before 8.35 are to be seated on their class line.

**Year 2 – Year 6:**
* Year 2 - 6 children who arrive before 8.35 are to be seated on the steps outside the Year 5 rooms.

**Afternoon Routine:**
**Byng Street Site: Kindergarten – Year 1:** All children catching buses are to wait on the bus lines in front of the Byng Street site when they are dismissed. Children are to sit on the line designated for their bus until the teacher on duty calls their bus. Children being picked up by parents are to wait on their class lines.

**Hill Street Site: Year 2 - Year 6:** All children catching buses are to wait on the Kenna Hall steps when they are dismissed. Children are to sit on the steps until the teacher on duty calls their bus. Children being picked up by parents are to wait behind the brick wall in the gate area. The teacher at the gate area supervises these children. They leave the area when they see their parents. Children are not to wait for parents outside the school grounds as they are not supervised.

**Some children will have permission to walk from one site to the other to meet siblings. It is preferred that children walk from the Hill Street site to the Byng Street site. Please send a note into your child’s class teacher if you wish your child(ren) to catch a bus or be picked up from the other site with their brothers and sisters.**
**School Swimming Carnival:**
Our carnival will be held on Thursday 19th February. Mrs Da Silva Tavares and Ms Covelli are extremely busy trying to organise such a big event so early in the new school year. Swimming Carnival notes were sent out yesterday. Please send those back to your child’s class teacher ASAP. We look forward to seeing many parents and supporters at our carnival.

**School Newsletter:**
The newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. If the eldest child in your family is away on a Wednesday a brother or sister can go to their class teacher to get the notes. All newsletters will be posted on the McAuley School website.

*Steve Maguire*

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**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

Welcome back to yet another very busy year! I hope everyone had a restful and refreshing break over the holidays.

**Opening School Mass:** Our Opening Mass today was just lovely. Thank you to all who were able to join us as we celebrated the beginning of the year. Congratulations once again to our School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains on their election. We look forward to their leadership, along with all our Year 6 students.

**Conversations With Catholics – Advance Notice!** Once again this term will be running our ‘Conversations With Catholics’ discussion groups for any parents who would like an opportunity to find out a little more about our Catholic faith, and why we do what we do. Quite often parents have not kept up to date with Church teachings, or are not Catholics and are not sure why we do what we do. The four sessions, which will run for about an hour each once a week, are designed to be an opportunity to find out a little bit about why we do what we do in Catholic Schools, and what some of the symbols we use mean. The group discussions will be led by Sr Helen Saunders. For those interested in joining these discussions, more information about times and dates will be given soon.

**Liturgies and Masses for this Term:** I am still waiting to confirm our Liturgies and Masses for this term, but hopefully will have a full list next week.

Wishing you a great week.

God Bless

*Robyn Petty*
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

First Day for Kindergarten

It was with a great deal of excitement last Thursday that our Kindergarten class for 2015 commenced their schooling life. Teachers were very impressed with their new young charges who showed that they were very ready for “big school”. A big thank you to our Year 6 leaders who welcomed the families to Catherine McAuley and ensured that the morning ran very smoothly. A highlight for the new kindergarten students was meeting their Year 6 buddy. It was very heartening to see our school leaders showing such maturity, kindness and leadership. Well done Year 6.

Catherine McAuley- A “Sun-Smart” School

Just a reminder that we are a “Sun-Smart” school. This means that children are expected to wear a hat in terms 1 and 4. We have a “No Hat - Play in the Shade” policy. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. Thank you for your support of this policy.

Just A Suggestion!

It is great to see our students wearing their hats during the hotter weather. Many of the Kindergarten students have a new hat which includes a cord. This cord provides minimal assistance in keeping the hat on, however, can be dangerous when playing on equipment. It would be better for the cord to be cut off to avoid this issue.

Medication Update

As we begin the new school year it is timely to ensure that all details for those students with “medical alerts” are current.

- Children requiring medication from time to time (such as antibiotics) must have parental consent and the action plan. Teachers will not administer medication of any kind without parental consent. The necessary form is available on the school website.
- All medication must be labeled with specific pharmaceutical details for the recipient.
- Children with life threatening conditions such as anaphylaxis or asthma must have a current action plan from their doctor.
- Please ensure that all medication is current
- Medication cannot be kept in student’s school bags.

If your child’s circumstances have changed in relation to a medical condition, it is important to contact the school office so that the appropriate procedures can be put in place.

Return of Documentation

Students will bring a number of notes home next week. These include:

1. A Computer Contract
2. Student Information Update (Simply sign and return if no change necessary or amend details, sign and return)
3. Medical Alert/Permission to Publish Photos of Students
4. The Standard Collection Notice
5. Going Home Arrangements (Infants Only)

These notes provide vital information and allow staff to operate the school efficiently and to ensure the well-being of all individual students. Please return these notes promptly to school.

Clare Miller
A warm welcome back to school to all our musicians! Our school Band program will commence this week. The Training Band will meet tomorrow, Thursday, at 2pm for their first rehearsal with Mr Love. Hopefully most children will have their instruments but if not, they will still participate. The Concert band will rehearse on Friday at 2pm. Rehearsals will take place in Kenna Hall while the school renovations continue. Children are reminded to bring their instruments and music folders. All children are to wait at the base of the stairs until Mr Love, the conductor, arrives.

**Guitar Program**

Our new Guitar Program will commence next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school and on Wednesday after school. We are fortunate to have Mr Matthew Arthur from the Orange Regional Conservatorium teaching this program. Due to the large number of interested students, there will be four session times. Children have been allocated a lesson time following discussion regarding individual preferences. A separate, more detailed note will be sent home next Monday.

We all look forward to the sounds of music drowning out the sounds of building construction!

*Anne Allan*

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

When the Pyramids were built woolly mammoths still roamed the Earth.

**KOALA CLUB BANKING**

Koala Club Banking will recommence on Wednesday 11th February for both Primary & Infants children.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have had birthdays over the holidays and this week:* Max Hunter, Don Jimmon, Arliyah Geal, Sienna Vaughan, Antonio Martelli, Jacob Smith, Jack Collins, Mark Jachi, Joseph Clark, Myles Sullivan, Henry Madigan, Alex Vardanega, Emily Bekavac, Rachel Masling, Emily Tilston, Bailey Gardiner, Harold Grayling, Beau Bollinger, Alex Campbell, Miles Chen, Jeron Sijo, Millie-Rose Brodbeck, Vi Nguyen, William Boyd, Alice Commins, Aaron Cox, Darcy Schofield, Cameron Crump, Diya Gigi, Lucy Haydon, Ava Corby, Max Bevan, Charlie Bevan, Dallas George, Freya Bieniek, Olivia Burns, Charlotte George, Eve Genrich, Lucy Nunn, Alliyah Bush, Riley Buss, Joseph Madigan, Harrison Stedman, Abby Jones, Caleb Phillips, Jayden Jomon, Kallum Sullivan, Ella Williams, Riya George, Saxon Jordan, Ella Kingham, Angus Macdouall and Cleo McGinley.

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February 2015**

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**Tuckshop Ph:** 6362 0942
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL & HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2015

School Captains

Elizabeth Gibson

Jack Halls

Vice Captains

Maeve Kennedy

Liam Hurley

House Captains

Bennelong

Woomera

Thomas Madigan

Olivia Collins

Hannah Edwards

Henry Williams

Euroa

Kabbarli

Abby Dean

Rowan McFarlane

Emily Bekavac

Saxon Jordan
Council of Catholic School Parents has a newsletter available for parents to view. You will find it at the following link:


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**ORANGE CYMS HOCKEY CLUB**

**2015 SIGN ON DAY**

**SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 10AM – 1PM**

Orange Hockey Centre, Moad Stret Orange

News players, all age groups, welcome and encouraged to join a team

For some fun and fitness on the hockey field. Junior competition starts on 20th March

More information or forms for those who cannot attend can be found

On our website [http://ja3358.wix.com/cymshockeyorange](http://ja3358.wix.com/cymshockeyorange)

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**Have you purchased your ticket yet? Only 4,000 tickets to be sold.**

1st prize - Mazda Maxx3 Sedan or Hatch from Rosconi Mazda Bathurst

2nd prize - $5,934 Home-Makers Package at The Good Guys

3rd prize - $1,000 gift voucher at Coles

So either go online, [www.cathedralappealbathurst.org.au](http://www.cathedralappealbathurst.org.au) OR visit the Cathedral Gift Shop or CDF office and buy a $25 ticket

NEW DRAW DATE!

28 March ’15 at 12 Noon, at the Cathedral Parish Fete.

*Ticket sales close 4.00pm Fri 20 March ’15.*

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**Movie Fundraiser Night**

Friday 27th February at 7.00pm.

This year, the movie is a comedy!

Get ready to return to India for “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”. The brand new sequel to the smash hit comedy of 2012 starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith & Richard Gere.

Tickets $20 each - includes supper after at Kenna Hall.

Proceeds to Ronald McDonald House, Orange. Bookings at Parish Office - 6362 2378.