FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dare I steal the thunder of the Prime Minister but it is indeed an exciting time to be a member of the Catherine McAuley family! In recent times (years) our school has been a mix of tradesmen trucks and... patience. Our wonderful new school is all completed (except for a new Infants playground that is nearly finished) and we are enjoying the peacefulness of completed premises. I congratulate all staff, students and families in making sure 2016 has had a smooth start. I know that we all share in the pride of being a member of Catherine McAuley and I welcome all new students and families.

I don't really want to talk about things past but I do want to acknowledge the end of 2015 and the wonderful messages and gifts of "thank you" that teachers received from the parents and family of the children in their class. At this school we take great pride in the relationship between staff, students and parents and it is always heartening for teachers to feel their efforts with the students are well appreciated by word or kind. On that score the teachers would like to return the compliment by inviting all parents and friends to the welcoming barbecue breakfast this Sunday commencing at 10:00am. Bring welcoming spirit and appetite!!!

Michael Croke

God’s Blessing
May He bless and protect you, and make you the instrument of His glory.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
OUR NEW SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2016

School Captains
Saige King
Hamish Gibson

Vice Captains
Meg Lenehan
Kallum Sullivan

Bennelong House Captains
Molly Edwards
Henry Madigan

Euroa House Captains
Bonnie Murphy
Lachlan Wykes

Woomera House Captains
Chloe Jaques
Tate Rowland

Kabbarli House Captains
Lucy Dean
Darcy Schofield

CONGRATULATIONS!
Protected Learning Time at Catherine McAuley:
As part of our commitment to become a Professional Learning Community (PLC) the staff have committed to Protected Literacy & Numeracy Learning Time. Which means there will be no interruptions to learning time between 9:00am and 11:00am Monday to Thursday. “Protected” means no interruption - No messages / phone calls / PA announcements unless it is an emergency. There is minimal teacher release during this time. There will also be a focus on Reading from 11:20am – 12:00pm in all classes across the school on Monday to Thursday. We do encourage parents to make appointments for their children outside these times if possible.

To implement this we have made the following changes:

Change to bells and school routines:
- A warning bell will go at 8.55am and children will begin to move in to class and the Kindergarten & Year 1 children move to their lines
- 9:00am – 11:00am – first session
- 11:00am – 11:20am – recess
- 11:20am – 1:20pm – middle session
- 1:20pm – 2:10pm – lunch
- 2:10pm – 3:10pm – afternoon session
- Time for fruito will be at the discretion of the class teacher
- Daily PE could move to second session

There will be no more Monday Assembly. Friday assembly will be (roughly) every two weeks (see term calendar for dates) a class will be responsible for showing work (not a grade). Assemblies will include a prayer, class showing work, awards, messages from teachers, Hymn practice for Masses (liturgies), National Anthem etc. Assemblies will be Friday from 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. Parents are welcome.

Each grade from Year 1 – Year 6 will have a Student Assistant for three days a week during the Protected Learning and Reading time. Kindergarten classes have a student assistant for 3 hours Monday to Friday.

As well as our wonderful new Learning Spaces, commitment to Learning and now protected Literacy & Numeracy time, we are focused on working collaboratively to ensure all children reach their potential.

Learning for all...EXPECT, INSPIRE, ENGAGE.

Parent Teacher Information Evenings:

Last Tuesday there was a Kindergarten Parent Information Evening. Next week we invite parents from Year 1 – Year 6 to attend an information evening as below:

Year 1 – Tuesday 9th February at 6:30pm in the Year 1 classrooms
Year 2 to Year 6 – Wednesday 10th February at 6:30pm in Kenna Hall

Uniform Policy (Hairstyles):

Please find the following extract from our uniform policy. The “Hair below the shoulders must be tied back off their face” does apply to boys and girls. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4.

Children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year and to present themselves in line with school dress policy, which stipulates:

- Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted, these include coloured hair and haircuts, undercuts or patterns less than a ‘two’ or rats tails. Hair below the shoulders must be tied back off their face.
- 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
- T-shirts under short sleeved shirts are not permitted
Morning & Afternoon Routines:
Please be aware that these are the current routines. As soon as the new playground site is clear of tradesman this will be amended and parents will be informed of the new routines.

Morning Routine:
Three Teachers commence formal duty at 8:35am. It is important that parents realise children who are dropped at school before this time will not have direct teachers supervision. Any child at school before 8:35am MUST be seated undercover in front of the Year 5L and 5C rooms.

Entry Point before 8:35am: - Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school
- Byng St - Gate closest to the building (NEW ARRANGEMENT)

Entry Points after 8.35am: - Byng St Site - Three gates open
- Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school
- Gate into Area A adjacent to the staffroom

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2:
* Children put their bag under the COLA in Hill St on their class line.

Year 3 & Year 4:
* Children put their bag on their class line at the back of the Byng St building on their class line.

Year 5 & Year 6:
* Children put their bag on class lines adjacent to Kenna Hall.

Afternoon Routine:
Byng St Site – Parent pick up only:
All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent at the Byng St site meet the teacher on duty near the Year 5 / Year 6 green area. They are walked over to the Byng St site. Parents are to meet children under the big tree on the Byng St site. If parents are not there children wait with the teacher on duty on the old infants bus lines. Please note there is ample parking in Byng St. If parents are not there by 3:40pm children walk with the teacher on duty to the front of Kenna Hall and stay under the supervision of the teachers on bus duty.

Hill St Site – Parent pick up:
All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent at the Hill St site meet the teacher on duty in the Kindergarten – Year 2 Eating Area. They remain seated undercover until they are picked up. If parents are not there by 3:20pm children walk with the teacher on duty to the front of Kenna Hall and stay under the supervision of the teachers on bus duty.

Hill St Site – Bus exit:
Children meet the teacher on duty adjacent to the Year 2 exit in the new building and exit between Kenna Hall and the School. They wait in front of Kenna Hall in designated areas and must be walked to the bus by a teacher on duty.

Afternoon Wet Weather Routine:
If it is raining in the afternoon the following applies:

Hill St Pick up: The children wait in the Kindergarten – Year 2 Eating Area. Parents walk in and pick them up. If they haven’t been picked up by 3:20pm they are walked to in front of Kenna Hall to wait with the bus children.

Bus Children: Early bus children are walked to their bus as normal. The later bus children wait in the hallway near the Year 2 exit. They are walked out by the teacher on duty.

Byng St Pick Up children: Wait for the teachers on duty under the cover in front of 5L & 5C. They are walked over as normal by the teachers on duty. Any children who are not picked up immediately wait in the Foyer of the Byng St building.

McAuley Swimming Carnival:
We had a fantastic day for our Swimming Carnival yesterday Wednesday 4th February. A big thank you to the teachers and many parents who helped run the carnival and supervise the children which ensured the day ran smoothly. The Orange Aquatic Centre Staff were excellent and were always on hand to assist. Thank you also to the Orange Swimming Club for loaning us their starting equipment and the clubroom. Congratulations to all our children; your behavior, effort, sportsmanship and swimming ability were all of an extremely high standard.

Congratulations to Kabbarli who were the overall winners of the day followed by Woomera, Euroa and Bennelong.

Please see the back page for our winners.

Children who are successful at our carnival will receive a note inviting them to compete at the Southern Region Carnival at the Orange Aquatic Centre on 25th February 2016.

Steve Maguire
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.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy:** Pope Francis has declared this year to be one of mercy, one in which we reflect upon what mercy means to each of us. What place does mercy have for us personally and in the wider community? How does mercy inspire us to reach inside ourselves so that we may be able to reach out to others with compassion? During this very special Jubilee year, we will have a number of opportunities for both Staff and Students to work though this beautiful theme, and the Parish will be providing opportunities for Parents to participate in various reflection programs. Details will be provided when available.

**Liturgies and Masses for this Term:** Here is a list of our Masses and Liturgies planned for Term One. We always love to have parents and friends join us at all of our celebrations, you are most welcome.

- **Week 2:** *Thursday 4th February:* Whole School Opening School Mass 12:15pm
- **Week 3:** *Wednesday 10th February:* Whole School Ash Wed. Mass 10:00am
- **Week 6:** Wednesday 2nd March: Year 5 Grade Mass 12:30pm
- **Week 7:** *Thursday 10th March:* Whole School Catholic School’s Week Mass 12:15pm
- **Week 8:** Wednesday 16th March: Year 3 Grade Mass 12:30pm
- **Week 9:** *Thursday 24th March:* Whole School Holy Week Ceremonies (time tba)

Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
First Day for Kindergarten

It was with a great deal of excitement last Thursday that our Kindergarten class for 2016 commenced their schooling life. Teachers were very impressed with their new young charges who showed that they were very ready for “big school”. 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 have brought home a number of notes this week. These include:

1. A Computer Contract
2. Medical Alert/Permission to Publish Photos of Students
3. The Standard Collection Notice
4. Going Home Arrangements (Infants Only)

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

The Catherine McAuley Facebook Page

Most parents would be aware of the Catherine McAuley School Facebook page. Our page showcases and promotes the wonderful things that are happening at our school. From time to time we will use it as a forum to provide information but largely the Newsletter is used for this purpose. We invite parents to post comments but again we are trying to build a positive school community and the Facebook page is a vehicle for this. It is not a forum for negativity. We welcome diverse opinion at the school however any concerns you have are best raised with a executive staff rather than in this public forum.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Band: Training Band will commence this Thursday. Children are to bring their instruments to the Band room either before school or at the beginning of lunch please. Concert Band will commence rehearsals on Friday. A separate note with further information will be sent home this week.

Guitar Program: The Guitar Program will commence next week. Lessons begin at 8:15am in the Band room. The Byng St gate will be open early for parents' convenience. The Advanced group will be on Wednesday, Intermediate on Friday and Beginners in Years 4-6 on Thursday. A separate note will be sent home for Year 3 Beginners who will have a later start date.

Anne Allan

LIBRARY

Welcome back to Library for 2016. Our library is looking fabulous after a refurbishment during the holidays and the students are keen to commence borrowing in the next couple of weeks. Borrowing will begin once all the re-shelving of books is complete.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have had birthdays in January and this week: Isla Callaghan, Max Hunter, Don Jimmon, Arliyah Geal, Moyia Vidler, Sienna Vaughan, Jacob Smith, Jack Collins, Mark Jacki, Joseph Clark, Asha Priest, Myles Sullivan, Henry Madigan, Alex Vardanega, Rachel Masling, Emily Tilston, Bailey Gardiner, Beau Bollinger, Alex Campbell, Miles Chen, Jeron Sijo, Millie-Rose Brodbeck, Vi Nguyen, William Boyd, Alice Commins, Darcy Schofield, Cameron Crump, Diya Gigi, Lucy Haydon, Ava Corby, Charlie Bevan, Max Bevan, Dallas George, Akunyjok Baak, Freya Bieniek, Charlotte George, Lucy Nunn, Alliyah Bush, Joseph Madigan, Harrison Stedman, Abby Jones, Marley Farrell, Caleb Phillips, Jayden Jomon, Kallum Sullivan, Ella Williams, Dane Domin, Riya George, Angus Macdouall and Ronan O'Donnell.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February 2016

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Congratulations to the following students who broke records at the carnival:

Imogen Shaw - Woomera - 8 Years Girls 50M Freestyle - 45.78
Thomas Horan – Woomera - 9 Years Boys 50M Freestyle – 44.25
Tim Simpson – Kabbarli - Senior Boys 50M Backstroke 38.33
Tallis Thomas – Kabbarli - 11 Years Boys 50M Freestyle – 34.38
- 11 Years Boys 50M Butterfly – 48.19
- 11 Years Boys 50M Breaststroke – 52.26

Congratulations to the Following Age Champions:
8 Years Girl - Imogen Shaw
8 Years Boy - Tomma Tancred
9 Years Girl - Jessie Bush
9 Years Boy - Thomas Horan
10 Years Girl - Maddison Vaughan
10 Years Boy - Riley Allen
11 Years Girl - Lucy Cook
11 Years Boy - Tallis Thomas
Senior Years Girl - Alliyah Bush
Senior Years Boy - Tim Simpson

Congratulations to the Following Age Champion Runners Up:
8 Years Girl - Winnie Johnson
8 Years Boy - Taj Jordan
9 Years Girl - Freya Bryant
9 Years Boy - George Tancred
10 Years Girl - Arabella Gibson
10 Years Boy - Darcy Kelly
11 Years Girl - Madison Allen
11 Years Boy - Henry Madigan
Senior Years Girl - Meg Lenehan
Senior Years Boy - James George