FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Melbourne Cup is now won and run and I thank all parents, family members, students and staff who helped make our Melbourne Cup Trifecta fundraising event another great success. It is our biggest fundraiser for the year and as mentioned before our students and families will be able to see the fruits of their labours when the new playground is constructed and developed in the coming months. By parents buying all their tickets we are able to avoid weekend and afternoon parent and teacher selling rosters in supermarket carparks and other areas of Orange which was the norm when the case when the competition first started. We believe the competition is now very parent friendly.

On other matters I congratulate one of our parents Mr Matthew French on being appointed the new principal of St Joseph's Molong. Matthew will do an outstanding job and I look forward to a wonderful relationship on all levels with Matthew's new school in the years to come. Given that most of our students and those from St Joseph's Molong will be together at James Sheahan it will be important that such connection take place. Given that Matthew was at Manildra and now moves to Molong the principal of this school may have cause to feel a little uneasy in his chair!!!

Michael Croke

PARKING REGULATIONS

No parking

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only. (Information obtained from RMS Website)
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Annabelle Griffiths, Addison Gardner, Chloe Cox, Jorja Mascord, Audrey Seale, Madeleine Clarke, Feba Babu, Millie Rose Brodbeck, Nicholas Johnsen, Koby Phillips, Arabella Gibson, Kelvin Tang, Walker Gaft, Adithya Biju, Elizabeth Gibson, Emily Irwin & Claudia Waterman

Staffing For 2016: We are currently working with the Bathurst CEO to finalise our staffing for 2016. As soon as we are in a position to do so we will announce the teachers and grades for 2016 in a coming newsletter.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & 6 children without a hat will sit in front of the Year 5L & 5H classrooms undercover and Year 3 & 4 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” or stay under the shade cloth in “Area D” on the Byng St site.

Morning & Afternoon Routines:

Morning Routine:
Please note that the gates on Byng St will not be open until 8.35am when the teacher arrives on duty. If children arrive earlier than 8.35am they are to enter through the gate between Kenna Hall and the school. The area in front of Area A is a no parking area which allows it to be drop off zone.

Wet Weather and Afternoon Routines:

If it is raining in the afternoon the following applies:

Hill St Pick up: The children wait under the COLA near Area A. 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 & 5H. 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.

Year 6 Orientation Visit to James Sheahan: The children from McAuley commencing Year 7 at James Sheahan in 2016 will attend their final orientation on Thursday 12th November. This visit includes placement tests. There is a parent Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm in Mercy Hall on Thursday 12th November as well.

Summer Sports Trials: Fourteen Children from Year 5 will travel to Dubbo on Tuesday 10th November for the Summer Sports Trials. Parents will transport the children to and from the venues. Thank you to Mrs Mulligan for organising this for our children.

School Disco: Thank you to the committee of teachers who are organising the McAuley Disco on Thursday 26th November. I’m sure this event will create a lot of excitement in our school!

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The children and Year 6 teachers will travel to Canberra this Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November. This is always a great excursion and a valuable learning experience. It also ensures the children and teachers sleep well into Saturday morning!

Steve Maguire
Remembrance Day: Next Wednesday is Remembrance Day. Each year we stop at 11:00am on the 11th day of the 11th month, to remember those who have served our country, and in many cases, given their lives for our independence. It is a time to honour them, and thank them for their sacrifice. Many of us wear poppies to show that we still think about, and pray for, the men, women and children who died in the first and second world wars, and all wars around the world – including ones that are still going on. The poppy is symbol that we have not forgotten these brave men and women – Lest We Forget.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls: We are now into the month of November, and traditionally this month is dedicated to remembering the Holy Souls. We began the month with All Saints and All Souls Day, when we honour those who have gone before us to their eternal reward. Throughout the month of November, we are asked to pray for the Holy Souls. There is a ‘Book of Remembrance’ in each Parish Church where names may be placed, of those we would like prayed for during this month.

Liam Lawton Music Workshop: Next Wednesday Mrs Trish Aumuller and I will have the opportunity to attend a workshop facilitated by renowned Liturgical musician, Fr Liam Lawton. This workshop will present an engaging music program for use in liturgy and prayer throughout the school and Parish. We will be offering the opportunity for the senior choir to attend this workshop as well and a permission note will go home tomorrow.

First Reconciliation: Next Monday and Tuesday (9th & 10th November) our First Reconciliation Candidates will be receiving this beautiful Sacrament for the first time. Please keep these students in your prayers as they finalise their preparations.

Parish Mass Celebration: The McAuley School Community has once again been invited to assist with a Parish Mass on Sunday, 29th November at St Joseph’s Church at 6:00pm. As with the last time when we assisted with a Parish Mass, we will be responsible for providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries. It was wonderful that so many families were able to join with us last time, and could I once again encourage all families to please consider attending this Mass and supporting our students.

Liturgies and Masses: Our next Liturgical Celebration will be the Year 4 Grade Mass next Wednesday, 11th November at 12:30pm. Once again, all parents and families are always invited to join us in our celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
WriteOn is an annual writing competition open to all primary students in Years 1 to 6. Using a photograph as a stimulus, students are asked to compose an imaginative piece of writing. The photograph this year was the one below.

WriteOn provides primary students with the opportunity to become published authors. Outstanding entries each year are published in the *Best of WriteOn* anthology.

This competition is a great way for students to interact with language and writing.

We are so pleased to announce that Molly Dunn in 2J received a Silver award this year for her piece of writing.

Molly wrote a great narrative on how her family went to the beach and interacted with this machine.

There were lots of other entries from Stage 1 and as we are only allowed to enter one student’s work per stage, it was very hard for me to choose which one to enter.

This is a huge achievement as Molly is now recognised in this state wide competition, and her work will be published in next year's Write on Anthology Book.

Congratulations to all the other students who submitted their work to me. It was wonderful to read such talented and inspiring work from our students.

**CONGRATULATIONS MOLLY**

*PLEASE REMEMBER US WHEN YOU ARE A FAMOUS WRITER.*

Belinda Forbes

**COMPLIMENTARY McAULEY DOCUMENT HOLDERS**

Over the next week or so we will be distributing complimentary McAuley document holders, one to each family. They are very handy for storing and keeping track of the never ending stream of notes that need to be sent home each week. They are magnetic and ideal for sticking on the fridge.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Next Friday, teachers from the Orange Regional Conservatorium will conduct instrument demonstrations for all Year 2 students and any student currently in years 3-5 who may be interested in joining the school band program next year. An information pack explaining the program, costs and commitment required to participate, will be sent home by the end of the month.

Students currently in the program, both Training and Concert Bands, will be automatically re-enrolled, unless I'm advised otherwise.

Anne Allan

GOLDFIELDS EXCURSION

On Thursday 22nd October Year 5 were lucky enough to travel to the Bathurst Goldfields for the day. Year 5 are learning about Gold in HSIE.

I loved it when we made damper with Molly. She let us put Golden syrup in it. It was delicious!  

Maddi Stone

The best part of the Goldfields excursion was making damper. It was very yummy.

Meg Lenehan

I really enjoyed learning how to work the bellows in the Blacksmiths.

Tim Abbo

I loved panning for gold on the excursion. I found a tiny bit.

Hamish Gibson

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Divaakara Nugroho, Poppy Wishart, Arkie Prisk, Sabella Tyack, Mia Bell, Blair Ward, Charlene Bilal, Jack Halls, Kiera Ditchfield, Jonty Hatch and Brodie Trajkovic.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November 2015

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McAULEY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

THE FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER FOR OUR MODULAR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

TARGET $35,000 by the end of the year.

- Current Amount
- Melbourne Cup
- Monster Raffle
- McAuley Day BBQ
- Dinner & Art Auction
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- Melbourne Cup Trifecta
- Year 6 Movie Day
- Christmas Fundraiser