FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I extend a very warm (is that not the truth!) 2014 welcome to all members of the Catherine McAuley community as we commence the school year. I extend a special welcome to those who are joining us for the first time, especially our Kindergarten students. I am very confident that you will find Catherine McAuley School a very warm and caring community laced with lots of laughter and much teaching and learning on all fronts.

As principal I make no excuses for the standards we set and expect all members of the community to meet those standards, whether it be in matters of being concerned for others, playground language or the correct wearing of uniform. We also have high expectations in classroom standards and hope that all children will give and present their very best work and ideas.

Because we are a school in the (Sisters of) Mercy tradition we aim to be the most caring community that we can be and the culture of our school is underpinned by helping those in need from those in our classroom and school to the needy in our city and world.

I again invite all members of our community to join us on Sunday morning at our welcome barbecue brunch. It will be a great chance to see teachers in their "unnatural" habitat and meet and welcome those new members of our school community. It will also save cooking lunch!!

Michael Croke

LIKE GOD

Be always striving to make yourself like Him—
You should try to resemble Him
In some one thing at least, So that any person who sees you,
Or speaks with you, May be reminded of
His Blessed life on earth.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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 - 6.

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Heath Vaughan, Jorja Mascord, Riley Baird, Maddie Clarke, Molly Dunn, Jessie Bush, Johny French, Alexandra Milne, Cooper Agland, Archie Dunn, Sean Dwyer, Claudia Horan, Matthew Allen, Molly Edwards, Judah Bennie, Joshua Karbowiak, Jack Mulligan, Abby Dean, Chloe Kearins, Thomas Dews, Megan Hall

Polding Trials: We wish Thomas Dews (Tennis) and Leo Ferguson (Softball) the best of luck when they travel to Newcastle to compete in the Polding Summer Sports trials this Friday. This is a great achievement. The Polding Touch Trials will take place in Term 2.

Uniform Policy:
A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. However the expectation will be 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:
* Children who arrive before 8.35 are to be seated in the Year 5/6 Courtyard Area.

Afternoon Routine:
Byng St Site: Kindergarten – Year 1: All children catching buses are to wait on the bus lines in front of the Byng St 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 St Site: Year 2-6: All children catching buses are to wait in the Year 5/6 Courtyard Area when they are dismissed. Children are to sit on the seat designated for their bus 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.

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 St site to the Byng St 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 20th February. Mrs Carpenter is 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.

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 and Vice Captains on their election. We look forward to their leadership, along with all our Year 6 students.

**Conversations With Catholics:** Once again we are 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. These four sessions, which will be run for about an hour each Wednesday morning starting next week, are 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. If you have some time from 9.30 on a Wednesday, you are very welcome to join in our group discussion, led by Sr Helen Saunders. If you would like more information, or a form, please let me know and I will send one home.

**Liturgy and Masses for this Term:** Here are the Liturgies and Masses for this term. Please feel welcome to join us at any or all of our Liturgical celebrations.

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Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

**CLOTHING POOL**

The Clothing Pool will be open on the 1st Monday of the month from 8.30am—10.30am. For February only it will be open this coming Monday 10th February, 2014. If you have any items for the Clothing Pool, they can be dropped into the school office.

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

Paddington Bear was originally ‘from darkest Africa’ until it was pointed out that there are no bears in Africa.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Just A Suggestion!

It is great to see our students wearing their hats in this very hot 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.

Clare Miller

First Day for Kindergarten

It was with a great deal of excitement last Thursday that our Kindergarten class for 2014 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, No Play” policy. When children forget their hat they are asked to play in the shade. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. Thank you for your support of this policy.
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

A reminder for band members. Band rehearsals begin this week.

Training band will be on Thursday

Concert band will be on Friday

Please come along even if you do not have your instrument yet.

_Anne Allan_

**LIBRARY**

Welcome back to the Library for 2014. Children began lessons this week and it was wonderful to see them all eager to borrow and read. Library lessons for 2014 are as follows:

Monday: 4T, 4S, 4G, 6C, 6H
Tuesday: KD, KC, Year 1, 3W, 5C, 5W, 5H, 6P
Wednesday: KM, Year 2, 3A, 3B

Occasionally lessons will be on another day due to school activities but students will be notified if they need to bring their bag in earlier in the week.

Kindergarten children begin borrowing in Term 2 and will be given their Library bag then.

_Catherine Bishenden_

**BIRTHDAYS**

_Happy Birthday to the following children who had birthdays in January and the past week:_ Max Hunter, Don Jimmon, Moyia Vidler, Jacob Smith, Jack Collins, Mark Jachi, Joseph Clark, Myles Sullivan, Henry Madigan, Alex Vardanega, Emily Bekavac, Rachel Masling, Greta McFarland, Emily Tilston, Bailey Gardiner, Beau Bollinger, Alex Campbell, Miles Chen, Jack Ryan, Gemma Wilson, Jeron Sijo, Millie-Rose Brodbeck, Vi Nguyen, Alice Commins, Aaron Cox, Vita Pappalardo, Darcy Schofield, Amelia Wilcox, Cameron Crump, Diya Gigi, Lucy Haydon, Millicent O’Brien, Ava Corby, Max Bevan, Charlie Bevan, Dallas George, Freya Bieniek, Olivia Burns, Charlotte George, Eve Genrich, Alliyah Bush, Chloe Kearins, Joseph Madigan, Harrison Stedman, Abby Jones, Aaliyah Morgan, Caleb Phillips, Kallum Sullivan, Ella Williams, Cara Seale, Eden Parker, Saxon Jordan, Ella Kingham, Angus MacDouall, Ella Robins, Cleo McGinley, Micaela Pantoja

**TUCKSHOP**

_Friday 7th February:_

9.30—11.30am M Ward & D Smith

11.30am—2.00pm J Gummer, T Horan, J Cook & M Hurley

_Roster—Commencing Monday 10th February to Friday 14th February, 2014_

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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

THE CATHERINE McAULEY TEACHERS ARE COOKING BRUNCH

ON SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY!!

YOU ARE INVITED ...... AND the food is FREE.

On Sunday 9th February between 10.30 and 12 noon we will be holding a welcome brunch. Everyone is invited and we hope it will be a chance to welcome all new families.

Families are asked to bring their own drinks and fold up chairs.

Tea and coffee (yes, cappuccinos) will be on sale as well as snow cones and fairy floss. Jumping Castle will also be in action.