FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2014 MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER

Michael Croke

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY
The blessing of unity still dwells amongst us and oh what a blessing, it should make all else pass into nothing ....
This is the spirit of the Order, indeed the true spirit of Mercy flowing on us ....

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Heath Vaughan, Max Fisher, Ruby Kind, Chayse King, Lilly Hannely, Caiden Hoy, Callum Wilcox, Alex O’Brien, Montana Pearce, Will Campbell, Molly Dean, Jack Petty, Emmasen Buesnell, Ethan Kenney, Chloe Jaques, Athuai Aluk, Maeve Kennedy, Brodie Trajkovic, Jamie Merchant, Jack Crombie, Matt Swanson & Maddie Connaughton.

Sabbatical Week: This week is everybody’s favourite week. There is no homework, we try to have no meetings and catch our breath in the middle of the term. Enjoy!

Year 2 Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be organised by Year 2 Friday 14th November commencing at 12.00am in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Organisation for 2015: Teachers have begun organising classes for 2015. If you know you are moving please inform the school office ASAP so classes can be finalised in order to have them set when reports go home on the 12th November.

Kindergarten Orientation: Congratulations to the Kindergarten Teachers Mrs Sue Derwin, Mrs Jane Lenehan, Mrs Helen Croke & Mrs Clare Miller for all their time and effort to ensure the success of the first stage of the Kindergarten Orientation this week. There is a parent meeting tomorrow night Thursday 6th November at 6:30pm in Kenna Hall. The children will visit the school from 9.30 – 11.00am on Friday 7th, Friday 14th & Friday 21st November as part of their orientation.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The Year 6 teachers and children travelled to Canberra last Thursday and Friday to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The children were extremely well behaved and participated enthusiastically in all activities. They were a pleasure to take and a credit to their families and our school. A big thank you to the teachers for the time and effort they put into ensuring the success of the excursion. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families the Australian Government assists with the cost of the excursion under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Out of Bounds: Occasionally balls will be kicked or thrown over the fences surrounding the playground. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds to get a ball. If a teacher has time they may be able to retrieve it otherwise parents can go and ask the neighbours if they can retrieve it after school. Often the neighbours will throw balls back over the fence or return them to the School Office.

Leaving the School Grounds: A reminder that there are two exit points from our school. The Year 2-6 children wait for buses on the Kenna Hall steps and wait for parents to pick them up in the covered area adjacent to Kenna Hall. The Kindergarten and Year 1 children are picked up by parents at the back of the Byng St site and wait for buses in the area adjacent to the building on Byng St. If parents need to vary these arrangements on a regular basis or on a one off occasion we would appreciate this in writing so we are aware of your expectations. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CHILDREN LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS TO CATCH A BUS AT ANOTHER PLACE OR GO HOME WITH A FRIEND IF PARENTS HAVE NOT REQUESTED THIS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO ABIDE BY THESE ROUTINES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN. Please assist us in explaining the importance of this request to your children.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & Year 6 children without a hat will sit in front of Sr Clare Murphy Room undercover and Kindergarten & Year 1 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” on the Byng St site.

Year 6 Orientation and Placement Test: Our Year 6 children will visit James Sheahan Catholic High School tomorrow 6th November as part of the Orientation to High School. The children will leave school just after 9.00am and return in time for afternoon buses. There is a Parent Information Evening in Mercy Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Steve Maguire
Remembrance Day: Next Tuesday 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 a 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 Day, when we honoured all those who have made it to Heaven, not just the Canonised Saints of the Church, but all those who have reached heaven, as they are all Saints. On the 2nd November, we celebrated All Souls Day and throughout the month of November, we are asked to pray for the Holy Souls. There is a ‘Book of Life’ in each Parish Church where names may be placed, of those we would like prayed for during this month.

Rosary for the War in Iraq: We have been invited as part of our Diocese to join in saying the Rosary with the special intention of the innocent people in Iraq and Syria who are facing a horror that we could never imagine. People are displaced from their homes and are watching loved ones die around them at the hands of a group who show no tolerance or acceptance of those outside their beliefs. The power of the Rosary is wonderful and in light of the devastating situation in Iraq and Syria, could I please ask you if you could find the time to say even a decade of the Rosary with the special intention of these suffering people, and to pray for an end to this senseless war.

Liturgies and Masses: Our next celebration will be the Year 1 Grade Liturgy on next Wednesday, 12th November at 12.30pm. Once again, all parents and families are invited to join Year 1 for their Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week,
God Bless
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Kindergarten Orientation

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our Kindergarten class of 2015 on Friday between 9:30 and 11:00 to begin our Orientation process. Teachers are very busy preparing fun and engaging activities that will not only help our new students learn all about “big school” but will allow them to feel happy and confident in their new surroundings. Parents of our new Kindergarten students are also invited to attend a parent information evening on Thursday, 6th November at 6:30pm in Kenna Hall.

Life Education

Once again Catherine McAuley School has been fortunate enough to host the Life Education program. Due to the building work that is currently taking place, the van could not be placed safely in the school grounds so lessons were taught from Mrs Snowden’s music room. Each class attended and were engaged in many activities that aimed to teach general safety and healthy living.

Lucy Nowlan, our Life Education presenter asked me to congratulate each and every student on their enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour.

For those who have ordered merchandise from the van, it is due to arrive shortly and students will be notified then.

CSIRO Show

Last Monday, all students at Catherine McAuley School went to a science show presented by the CSIRO. The students were able to witness first hand the effect of many different forces such as gravity, push, pull, and centrifugal forces. The presentation was highly educational and entertaining. Congratulations once again to all students who represented our school with pride.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

In 1900, all the world’s mathematical knowledge could be written in about 80 books; today it would fill more than 100,000.
Just a reminder that our School Concert Band will perform at the Orange Regional Conservatorium Open Day this Saturday 8th November. Could all Concert Band members please assemble at the Conservatorium at 10:20am. Parents are requested to collect their children straight after their performance at 11:00am. Full summer uniform is required and children need to bring their music and instruments as per the note sent home last week.

**Anne Allen**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:*
Adool Mabior, Poppy Wishart, Arkie Prisk, Sabella Tyack, Mollie Patterson, Blair Ward, Charlene Bilal, Jack Halls, Charles Atkins, Jonty Hatch, Brodie Trajkovic & Oliver Taberner.

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**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 10th November to Friday 14 November, 2014**

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Do you recognise anyone?