FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Within the next week all families will be distributed with some tickets in our Monster Raffle. Tickets are $1 each and there are an amazing array of prizes suitable for students and parents. From a Cricket bat to a load of wood, from a dozen wines to a water slide!!! The family that sells the most tickets will win a colour television! As a school we are fairly low key as far as fund raising is concerned. We endeavour to keep events to a minimum and keep ticket prices low. McAuley is a very large school and just like in the household budget where most of the income is spent paying bills that keep people fed and clothed, educated and warm there is not much left over.

Most school revenue also heads in the same direction remembering we are a 50 bedroom house with 600 family members with up to 30 in some rooms!! Having in school fund raising allows us to spend the funds raised on additional school resources that can't be managed within the normal school budget. The funds from our Monster Raffle and our Melbourne Cup trifecta will be used to buy computer equipment for students. In 2014 and beyond having up to date technology in the classroom is essential.

Michael Croke

In God’s Service
When we are truly holy, our days are consumed gently, noiselessly in God’s service.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
From the Assistant Principal

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Katiza Hillier, Ella Jones, Roxy MacDouall, Mia Fabar-Roby, Amelia Lieben, Koby Reid, Darcy Kelly, Eliza Brooking, Ramsey Tilston, Montana Johns, Sophie McFarlane, Hope Gibson, Ryan Downie, Hamish Gibson, Rhiannon Millar, Elizabeth Gibson, Rowan McFarlane, Ella Kingham, Rohan Bouffler, Lachlan Wright & Henry Bouffler.

Catherine McAuley Disco: A big thank you to the teachers for supervising the children at the Disco last Thursday night. The music was excellent and we appreciate Mr Wayne Cowan’s effort to ensure the success of the night. The children were extremely well behaved and had a great time. There were lots of great dance moves on display!

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 29th August and will be organised by Year 3. The Assembly will commence at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Mornings & Afternoon Traffic Reminders: At the moment there are a number of cars not obeying the traffic conditions and rules when dropping off and picking up children from school. There are many cars double-parked and in the wrong zones, particularly in the afternoon. These rules and regulations are in place to ensure the safety of our children and must be obeyed. Non compliance with regulations could otherwise end up being an expensive morning or afternoon as the police do have a blitz on school zones from time to time.

Please refer to http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/demerits-school.pdf for penalties. Please note the following rules as per RMS Road Users Handbook:

- **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.
- **No Stopping/No Standing:** These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: We have a large number of old single school desks under Kenna Hall. If anybody would like one they are FREE. Please contact or visit the school office if you would like to take a desk (or desks).

ICAS Mathematics Competition: Students who have nominated for the ICAS Mathematics Competition will sit this on Tuesday 12th August.

DIOCESAN Athletics: Congratulations to the 26 children who will represent the Southern Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival this Friday 8th August in Bathurst. We wish them the best of luck and know they will represent the Southern Region and their school with pride. Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Covelli, Mr Hudson and myself will be attending the carnival as McAuley is the school organising this carnival.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015: We are in the process of finalising Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015. Offers of places for 2015 in Kindergarten will be posted early next week.

SABBATICAL WEEK: Next week is Sabbatical Week a chance to take a breath in the busy life of the school. There is no homework and we do try to keep meetings and disruptions to a minimum during week 5 of each term. Enjoy!

Steve Maguire
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: This Friday, 8th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of our very first and only Australian Saint. Mary MacKillop was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph order, and a remarkable woman. Through unbelievable adversity she travelled the Australian outback to bring education and the gift of faith to the children and families of the land. She died on the 8th August 1909, and was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010. This Friday each class will honour St Mary of the Cross MacKillop during their Religion lesson. For more information on St Mary MacKillop, please visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au

First Reconciliation: Thank you to the parents of our Year 2 students who were able to attend the Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation last night. During this meeting, parents were given an overview of how the ceremonies would take place, and ways to assist your child prepare for this special Sacrament. Enrolment forms for the Sacrament will be sent home with Year 2 children today and must be returned to the Parish House by next Friday 15th August. If your child is in Year 2 and is not a Catholic they will not receive a form and are not expected to attend the ceremonies, although they are very welcome to come along and support their friends while they are making Reconciliation. Preparation for the Sacrament will take place in the classroom during daily Religion lessons. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jeans for Genes Day: What a great day we had last Friday with our Jeans for Genes Day! Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity in supporting this great cause. We raised over $720, which has now been sent off to the Children's Medical Research Fund to assist with the research into prevention of childhood diseases. What a great result!

Feast of the Assumption: Next Friday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption. This is a very important Feast in the Church's year, and a great celebration of our heavenly mother, Mary. We will be celebrating this special Feast by travelling to St Mary's to join them for Mass at 12.00 noon. We will stay for lunch and a play before returning to school in time for buses. Permission notes to travel to St Mary's will go home tomorrow, Thursday 6th August and need to be returned by next Thursday, 14th August.

Year 6 Diocesan Religious Education Test: Recently our Year 6 students sat a Diocesan Religious Education Test conducted by the University of NSW. This test was designed to see how well students in the Diocese have built upon their understanding of the Church's Doctrine throughout their primary school years. Our students did very well in this exam, with four students receiving a High Distinction for being in the top one percent in our Diocese, and another four students receiving Distinctions for being in the top five percent in our Diocese. We also gained 21 Credits for other students who were in the top thirty percent of the Diocese. Congratulations to our Year 6 students on this very impressive result!

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Gracious God,

We thank you for making Mary MacKillop

Strong in faith and conviction.

Inspired by her example

May we, the people of Australia

Endeavour to make our country

A place free of poverty and injustice,

A place of wisdom and learning

Where you are praised in peace and love.

Amen
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Reminder
Children in the Infants grades can easily become confused about their going home arrangements. Please ensure that you send a note with your child if routines have changed.

Year 6 Playground Assistance
A big thank you to those Year 6 students who have volunteered to referee the younger children’s ball games and to teach them new games. Not only does this allow for more harmonious relations on the playground but also fosters that wonderful relationship between our younger and older students.

Clare Miller

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION - MR McGEE & THE BITING FLEA PRODUCTION

Last Friday Kindergarten were treated to the very grown up experience of live theatre at Orange Civic Theatre. The production was Mr McGee & the Biting Flea but also included other texts by Pamela Allen including Alexander, Mary Elizabeth and Brown Bread and Honey. It was a very imaginative production with props appearing from boxes and suit-cases. The rhyming and humour were assisted by songs and repetition. While the audience enjoyed all texts the crowd favourite was certainly “The Biting Flea!” Lastly the children are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. Despite wearing casual clothes we proudly showed our Catherine McAuley colours. Well done Kinder!

Sue Derwin

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Paper can only be recycled six times. After that, the fibres are too weak to hold together.
CLASS OF THE WEEK 1B

1B have started the term in great learning fashion.

We have been studying the Novel Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl in English which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

The students have written stories, completed cloze activities, learned to spell words from the book and dramatised the chapters.

We have also continued the Fox theme in Creative and Practical Arts where they have depicted scenes from the book, learned to draw a fox, created WANTED posters for Mr Fox and drawn their own fox pictures.

It has been a wonderful start to the term.

Belinda Wilson

LIBRARY

Book Week

Just a reminder that it is only 2 weeks to our Book Week parade! The children are starting to get excited and have been planning what character they will come to school as and what they will wear. They are to dress up as a character from a book they have read, a book they have had read to them or a book they would like to read.

The parade is on Wednesday, 20th August at 12:00 noon in Kenna Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Please remember that children must be dressed warmly with closed in shoes.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Lucy Dean, Sophie Kearins, Abby Dean, Cooper Corcoran & Brooklyn Ryan.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 11th August to Friday 15th August, 2014

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**Crokeson Cup**

Monday 4\(^\text{th}\) August saw the Grand Final of the “Ping Pong” Championships known as the **Crokeson Cup**.

The series involved over 30 table tennis enthusiasts from Year 6, who competed in a knockout series during Term 2. The worthy finalists were Brendan Dwyer and Thomas Dews.

Both gentlemen fought hard in the final of this highly respected tournament, named after the founders Mr Croke and Mr Hudson. However in the words of the **Highlander** “There can be only one”.

The winner after a 3 set marathon went to Brendan Dwyer.

**Scott Hudson**

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**McAULEY**

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**Monster Raffle**

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**TICKETS GOING HOME SOON**