FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It seems the school has won a few votes by combining the pupil free day with the long weekend as this enables families to have a longer break to go away for the weekend if they are able.

As a school we try to make any pupil free days as parent friendly as possible. Whilst we realise such days are often an inconvenience for many families we do endeavour to give early notice.

This Friday the staff will be at the staff retreat day. The retreat will be run by Natalie Acton who is a lady from Sydney connected with the Sisters of Mercy as an Ethos educator. Essentially the day will be a reminder for the staff of the work of Catherine McAuley our school founder. As well we will be introduced to all the various Mercy missions in Australia from hospitals to high schools. As mechanics have courses on the latest ways to fix a car, as teachers we need to be reminded and refreshed in our ministry of teaching, why we have chosen the career and some gentle reminders about what is the heart and soul of our job. Fr Garry will join us for the day and we finish our day with a staff Mass.

Michael Croke

First Communion: A big congratulations, to all the children who made their First Holy Communion during the Parish Masses last weekend. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers and Fr Garry for making these celebrations a success. It is a very special time for the children and their families. It was great to see so many young families at weekend masses.

Diocesan Touch Representatives: Hope Gibson and Lucy Dean represented the Bathurst Diocese last Friday 3rd June at Port Macquarie in the Polding Touch trials. Both girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school and displayed great touch skills. Special mention to Hope Gibson who was selected in the Polding team who will compete at the PSSA Carnival in Coffs Harbour in August. This is an outstanding achievement which our school community is very proud of.

Music Manifesto Workshop: Our Concert Band and Senior Choir attended a Music Manifesto Workshop at James Sheahan yesterday. Mrs Allan accompanied the students. Thank you to Mrs Allan and Mrs Aumuller for providing the children with this wonderful opportunity.

Professional Learning: Mrs Tavares and Mrs Mulligan will visit St Mary’s Wellington to view and talk about and view their “Data Wall”. We have a “Professional Learning Community Room” in the Byng St site that we also use for Staff Meetings. Mrs Tavares and Mrs Mulligan are leading us in the process of setting up Data Walls to help monitor the progress of all our students.

Quiet Area Duty: Each day we have a quiet area duty that allows the children to do something they are interested in during part of lunch time. Chess, knitting, art work and Mini Vinnies are some of the activities certain grades have the opportunity to participate in.

DIBELS: A big thank you to our Student Assistants who finished testing the children this week for accuracy and fluency in reading. All children are tested individually three times a year using DIBELS a measure used by the Bathurst Catholic Education Office (CEO) throughout the Diocese. Sarah McDonagh from Charles Sturt University and the Bathurst CEO has been working with our teachers to help them analyse the results from testing earlier in the year and put things in place to improve the students accuracy and fluency in reading.

Whole School Assembly: 5C will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 17th June commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome!

Peer Support: We are celebrating success in Peer Support this week. The children identify their strengths and achievements and the role of perseverance in achieving personal best. Ask your child to tell you which word they chose to best describe their own strengths and qualities so you can affirm them in this area.

Steve Maguire
Ordinary Time: After the completion of so many feasts, last weekend the Church returned to Ordinary Time. This is made known by the use of green vestments.

This week in Luke’s Gospel we are presented with the story of a sorrowful woman who has heard of Jesus’ great power and through washing his feet with oil and drying them with her own hair, seeks forgiveness for her sins. Those with Jesus are horrified that he would let this woman attend to him, but Jesus sees her need for forgiveness and allows this need to serve, as an expression of her sorrow, to proceed. Jesus crushed sin through his death and resurrection and is always ready and willing to forgive us our failings. Our gratitude for forgiveness is often shown through service to others. In this year of Mercy perhaps we could look at ways of showing our gratitude for God’s mercy for us by reaching out to those who need help, and offering ourselves in service.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all our students who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. We are very proud of them as they take the next step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. Thank you once again to Mrs Church and the Year 3 teachers, for all the wonderful work they have done to help these children prepare for this special occasion.

First Communion Thanksgiving Mass: We will celebrate our Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion next Wednesday, 15th June at 12:15pm in the Church. We would love to have families and friends come and join us for this special Mass. After the Mass, the First Communion children will have a little party in Kenna Hall, including a lovely cake. Parents are invited to come and take photos of the children with the cake, and stay for a cup of tea.

Photos of First Holy Communion: As part of the celebration, I would like to get a powerpoint together of the children from the Parish Celebrations. I have already received quite a few photos which is wonderful, but the more the better so could I ask anyone who took photos of First Communion to email or send in photos on USB by next Tuesday 14th June at the latest please. My email address is r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au

BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016: Yesterday Bishop Michael McKenna presented a live feed through facebook to all in the Bathurst Diocese regarding the upcoming BLAST festival. This festival is an initiative of the Bathurst Diocese and aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 9. BLAST provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith. For more information, or to register, please contact: youth@bathurst.catholic.org.au, or like Bathurst Diocese Youth on Facebook for more information.

Grade Masses: Congratulations to Year 4 on their beautiful Grade Mass today. With the theme of Pentecost, they shared a lovely Liturgy, and the music was great! Well done Year 4. Next week we look forward to the Thanksgiving Mass for First Holy Communion, and our final Grade Liturgy for the term will be on Wednesday 22nd June when Year 2 participate in their Grade Liturgy. As always, we love to see parents, friends and families join us for our Liturgical celebrations.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

ICT at Catherine McAuley

At Catherine McAuley School we recognise the need for all students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies now and into their future.

As you would be aware, all students in Years 3 to Year 6 are provided with a gmail account that allows them access to email and google drive. **This is for school use only.** To access these accounts, students are provided with a username and password. I urge parents to discuss the use of this worthwhile educational tool with their children. **Students have been encouraged to share their account details with parents.** This provides parents with the opportunity to ensure that children are using the tool in accordance with the Computer Contract signed at the beginning of the year. It also allows parents to view the work that is being done at school.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics

Every student at Catherine McAuley School has been provided with a Reading Eggs and Mathletics account. Reading Eggs promotes the development of literacy skills and knowledge at the level of the user while Mathletics promotes the development of mathematical understanding and skill at the level of the user. Students are given opportunities to access these worthwhile tools at school but they are also able to access their accounts from home. We are very fortunate at this school to have a number of devices available to students, however, these are shared at this stage. The most benefit that can be received from Mathletics and Reading Eggs would be from home. If you are not sure of your child’s login details, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Playground Progress

As you would all be aware, we are continuing to develop our playground to meet the needs of children in the 21st century. Last year saw the installation of the infants play equipment in Area A. We are very grateful for the ongoing support from the McAuley community who contributed the bulk of the cost through their fundraising efforts. Our major focus in 2016 is the development of a large expanse of artificial grass. This area would effectively become our “oval”. Along with this major project we are also seeing the ongoing development of Pop-Up Play. The work to manage drainage under the COLA has been completed. Over the next few months new seating will be installed for Year 5 and Year 6 in their eating area and games will be painted on the cement in Area A. For these projects to happen we do need the ongoing support from the community for our 2016 fundraising ventures. Already this year we have had the Easter raffle which raised $2920.00. In Term 2 we will have a silent auction that will be associated with the McAuley Dinner. Term 3 will see The Monster Raffle and Term 4 the Melbourne Cup Trifecta.

Clare Miller

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET**

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Here are a few ideas on thought processes that may help encourage your child to move from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.

**Camille Tavares & Anne Mulligan**

Learning for all... EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE
MUSIC & DRAMA

5L performed their play on Monday. The children did a wonderful job performing 'The fastest handbag in the west'. This was a comedy western and the children contributed writing some of the script. The costumes were a feature and the children really enjoyed this opportunity given by Mrs Allan. Thank you to all parents and friends that came along to watch.

Lee-Ann Hazelton

CLOTHING POOL

The School Clothing Pool will be open this Thursday 9th June from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. We have a number of items of second hand clothing for sale. The Clothing Pool is now located at the Byng Street site and entry can be made through the Byng Street gates or through the office.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:


TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Tuesday 14th June to Friday 17th June 2016

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Tuckshop Ph:  6362 0942

We are in desperate need of some more volunteers for tuckshop on Fridays. If you can spare even an hour between 12:45pm and 1:45pm we would be most grateful. Please contact the tuckshop if you are available. Tuckshop Phone No: 6362 0942

Anne Benton
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT
IN ORANGE

WHERE:  St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall
            Corner Dora and McCauley Streets
            East Orange

WHEN:  Thursday 14th July 2016

TIME:  9:45 am to 3:30 pm

ENTRY FEE:  $10  [5 for additional family member]

PRIZES:  Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
            in Under 18 and Under 12
            Coaching Voucher for 1st place in U18 and U12

REGISTER BY:  12 July 2016 latest
              by contacting one of the following
              Junior Chess Coordinators:
              1. Alexander Aich  Ph 6684 4961
                 alexander.aich@gmail.com
              2. Joe Cummin  Ph 6362 6862
                 heather.cummins@outlook.com.au

WHAT TO BRING:  Your own lunch  [soft drinks and bottled water for sale]

You don't have to be good. This is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required
and tournament conditions will be applied. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don't
worry if you have never played with clocks. You'll be told how they work. The results will be
sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Open the cover sport