Term 1
Week 11
9th April, 2014

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Words of Sister Joan Chittister

A Wise Heart

The years teach much which the days never knew.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

In the Book of Proverbs, we are instructed to “get wisdom”. Wisdom, in other words, is not a free gift. We are told to develop it. We are, then, required to seek meaning in life, to understand that life is not a series of events. Life is a series of learnings. Wisdom is what we are meant to cull from every event in life.

Wisdom is the depth of soul that enables us to understand what must remain in our lives when everything else - the job, the health, the security, the excitement - goes, as all those things someday, inevitably, will. Lin Tang says, “The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of the nonessentials”.

It is what we believe spiritually that carries us through life. It is the well of wisdom from which we are meant to draw.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday break.

Michael Croke

The Greatest Blessing

It is by being united to Jesus Christ that we will be united with each other.
The spirit of union is the greatest blessing Almighty God can bestow on a community……

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Ava Westgeest, Sage Fabar-Robey, Isabella Boyd, Emily Matthews, Sophie Ziola, Lydianna Meade, Elle Johnson, Koby Phillips, Maya Thompson, Lilly O’Brien, Molly Dean, Max Bevan, Henry Patterson, Kate Wykes (Week 10), Adithya Biju, Lucy Stewart, Archer Casey, Flynn Fisher, Callen Arden, Matt Swanson, Greta McFarland & Sean Carpenter

**NSW Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival:** We wish Lucy Nagle the best of luck when she competes in the PSSA Swimming Championship at Homebush today Wednesday 9th April. What an outstanding achievement.

**Diocesan Winter Sport Trials:** McAuley was well represented in Netball, Rugby Union, Soccer and Rugby League at the Diocesan Winter Trials in Bathurst last Friday. The downpour stayed away long enough for all Diocesan squads to be picked. Congratulations to Ella Robins & Amelia Wilcox – Netball, Sam Littlefield – Rugby League, Jack Ryan & Henry Bouffler – Rugby Union and Oscar Williams – Soccer who will represent McAuley School in Diocesan teams next term. This is a great achievement.

**Morning Routine:** Teachers have noticed children arriving at school very early. Please note the following that is in place to ensure the safety of students.

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. Year 2 – Year 4 students are to put their bag in their area and then walk to the Year 5 - Year 6 Courtyard area.

**Procedure if you have any concerns or issues:** A reminder to parents that if they have any concerns with their child’s progress in class or safety on the playground please contact your child’s class teacher via the school office to make an appointment to see them. Many issues can often be solved through communication and listening to both sides of the situation. The teacher will involve a member of the executive if they feel it is necessary. Please be assured all concerns from parents are investigated thoroughly and dealt with according to the school’s Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy. If the teachers are not aware of situations they cannot help your child. Discussing issues with the teacher will produce better results than discussing the issue with other parents.

**UNSW Tests:** As last year students will be able to Nominate and sit for the UNSW tests. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 29th July and Mathematics Tuesday 12th August. A note will come home asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $8.80 per test.

**Steve Maguire**

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

Historical Catholic clergy include: Bishop Boom, Bishop Broccoli, Bishop Bolognese and Bishop Bishop.
**Palm Sunday:** This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday). This weekend we hear the complete Passion of our Lord, and all He went through leading up to, and including, His Crucifixion. It is one of the most powerful weekends in the Church's year, and gives us once again a chance to really understand how much Jesus endured, of His own free will, in order to give us the opportunity of Eternal Life. Listening to His Passion can help us to see His humanity, and reassure us that when we are in need, or are hurting, He does truly understand our pain and what we are going through.

**Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies:** Here is the Easter Celebration Timetable for our Parish. Easter is the most important Catholic Celebration. Through the Resurrection, we are all able to have eternal life with Christ. Please take note of the times below and try to attend some of these beautiful celebrations.

### 2014 Easter Timetable

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:**
Mon. 14th April - St Mary’s Church at 7.30pm

**First Rite of Reconciliation:**
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April 12.30 & 5.30pm - St Joseph’s Church

**Holy Thursday:**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St Joseph’s Church - 7.30pm followed by Adoration until 10.00pm

**Good Friday:**
*Walk to the Botanic Gardens:* Commencing at 9.30am from St Joseph’s Church for Way of the Cross at 10.30am in Botanic Gardens.
If wet, this will be transferred to St Mary’s Church, Park Street.

**Passion of the Lord:**
St Mary’s Church 3.00pm (Park Street)St Joseph’s Church 3.00pm (Byng Street)

**Holy Saturday:**
Morning Prayer of Waiting; St Mary’s Church - 10.00am

**Easter Vigil:**
St Mary’s Church - 6.00pm

**Easter Sunday:**
St Joseph’s Church – 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm
St Brendan’s, Mullion Creek - 8.00am
St Mary’s Church - 9.30am

**Easter Monday:**
St Joseph’s Church - 8.30am

Wishing you a happy and Holy Easter, and a wonderful school holiday,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty

**Project Compassion:** Thank you once again for your wonderful support of Project Compassion this year. We are continuing to receive many Project Compassion boxes, and are busily counting the money so it can be banked and sent off to Caritas Australia. If you have not already sent in your boxes, could I please ask that you do so before the end of term. Once again, thank you for continuing to support this wonderful cause, and encouraging your children to do so as well.

**Way of the Cross:** Each year we do something special to remember Holy Week and Easter. This year our celebration will take the form of a series of tableaus in Kenna Hall this Friday, 11th April. Starting at approx 12.15pm, the children will follow the events of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and concluding with the Resurrection. All families and friends are very welcome to join us.

**Confirmation:** I apologise for the incorrect Confirmation dates given last week. The correct dates are the weekend of 31st May and 1st June. It is very important that Parents of Confirmation Candidates attend the Parent Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 29th April, at 7.00pm in St Mary’s Church. The purpose of this meeting is to give Parents information relating to the reception of the Sacrament. The meeting is only expected to last for one hour.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

WOW it’s the end of Term 1 already what a fun filled, work orientated, prayerful and enjoyable time we have had. So much to remember and reflect on, such as our wonderful Kinder students starting, parent nights and interviews, sports carnival, lots of out of school sporting activities with many representatives doing a fabulous job, beautiful Liturgies and Masses, the parent barbecue, grade excursions, assemblies and visiting shows. Not to mention all our everyday teaching and learning activities. When we take the time to look back, 11 weeks has been very busy and rewarding.

A few little reminders to get ready for Term 2. If you have any small sized spare school clothing to donate to the Byng street site it would be very helpful. It might also be a good time to check the spare clothing in your child’s bag if they are in Kinder or Year One as accidents can still happen and this will make it more comfortable for your child if and when an accident does occur.

Please, please, please also remember NOT to use the driveway on the Byng street site to drop off or pick up your child. Just also be aware that your child or smaller siblings need to stay with you once picked up and walking back to the car via the entrance to the driveway, as cars, vans, and trucks could appear at anytime from this area. We appreciate your assistance as this is a HIGH safety risk and we need all our students and families protected at all times.

Have a Happy Prayerful Easter and restful holiday as we all look forward to Term 2 where the learning and fun begins all over again. Keep Safe and well.

Belinda Wilson

MINI VINNIES

On Wednesday 2nd April, 33 of our Mini Vinnies group (from years 3,4,5 & 6) visited St Francis Aged Care with Mrs Mulligan and Mrs Niven. We sang three hymns: Hearts on Fire, True Colours Shine and Many Roads One Journey. The old people really liked our singing. One lady told me that the children reminded her of when she was young. We really enjoyed the experience and it made their morning so exciting!

by Tara Yeghoyan Year 6
**Under 10’s Rugby Gala Day**

The two Under 10’s teams had a very enjoyable day playing Rugby. Marvellous weather assisted the day and all students played with much vigour and plenty of enthusiasm. Importantly, all students played their games hard but in a fair manner.

I was very impressed with the students who played only part of a game. This is what the word ‘team’ is all about.

We have some promising players ‘of the future’ which is great for Catherine McAuley School.

Well done boys!

Yours in Rugby,

Gerry Gough

**Rugby Union**

Last Thursday some of our year 3,4,5 & 6 students competed at the Rugby 7’s day at Waratahs. Blessed with a beautiful sunny day we competed against other primary schools in our district.

It was great learning experience with some of our players in our B team playing their first game of rugby. Oscar Williams, Zac Hazzard and Noa Fraser led from the front whilst Malachi Collins, Arden Callan, Isaac Cardwell, Liam Hurley and Jack Mulligan really accounted themselves against some tough opposition.

Our mighty A team had a favourable draw and reached the final against Kinross. However a very skilled Kinross proved too much for team. Sean Carpenter, Leo Ferguson, Jack Ryan, Blair Ward were busy all over the field. Henry Bouffler, Adool Maboir and Sam Littlefield showed great speed and were well backed up by Rohan Bouffler, Will Thomas and Charlie Atkins. In week 2, term 2 our A team will compete against the other winners from other districts at Endeavour Oval.

Mark Sheridan

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and during the school holidays:** Mia Johns, Emerson Allen, Jack Amies, Maeve Dean, Mitchell Layzell, Kelvin Tang, Lily Davis, Aowd Akon, Ryder Tilston, Liam Kennedy, Lucy Nagle, George Tancred, Ethan Kenney, Ancilin Alson, Luke Hogarth, Meera Nair, Madison Newman, Mason Douglas, Piper Draper, James George, James Gibson, Charlie Sharp, Jorja Taberner

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**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May, 2014**

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Emus Wallas & Juniors Rugby 2014 – Registration

Orange Emus Rugby Club
Wallas & Juniors Registration still open
Wallas U7’s - U11's and Juniors U13's - U17's
Wallas training every Friday 5pm – 6pm
Juniors Training every Tues & Thur 5pm - 6pm

Please call Jeff Ferguson on 0428 491 063 or
Geoff Potts on 0412 146 329 for more information