FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Firstly I would like to thank all parents for the wonderful spirit of cooperation and patience that has been shown with our new bus / pickup procedures. There were a few procedures that need slight modification and we are sure that over the trial period we will reach an outcome that is best for all. One of the things that has been noted is that those parents picking up in Hill St may like to consider the Byng St option. Byng St now has 20 additional parking spaces immediately in front of the school and if parents (especially of those children in Grades 2 to 6) waited until 3.15 to pickup it would be much easier than Hill St which essentially has no parking. On a minor note if parents are waiting under the tree in Byng St for students if they could remain there until students come to them.

I also remind parents that whilst the new procedures this week seem to have students on some "long treks" it is all preparation for when they will be "residents" of our new buildings in Hill St at the commencement of next term.

Please return all ticket buts and money for the Monster Raffle to school as soon as possible.

Michael Croke

PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

For All Eternity
My God, I am thine for all eternity. Teach me to cast my whole self into the arms of thy providence with the most lively, unlimited confidence in Thy compassionate, tender pity ....

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Lara Horan, Isabella Garnaut, Harry Kingham, Lucy O’Keefe, Molly Haydon, Alex Campbell, Emily Caufield, Riley Nunn, Thomas Horan, Koby Reid, Dashiel Bootsma, Riley Doherty, Maya Budd, Jessie Tudor, Hope Gibson, Jack Martyr, Nick Bennett, Noah Daley Beggs, Tara Robertson, Sean McNeill & Athuai Aluk.

Change of Routines: Thank you for your understanding and patience with the change of morning and afternoon routines due to the completion of our new building.

Morning Routine:
Teachers commence duty at 8:35am. It is important that parents realise children who are dropped at school before this time will not have direct teacher supervision. Any child at school before 8:35am MUST be seated undercover in front of the Year 5L and 5H rooms.

Entry Point before 8:35am: - Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school

Entry Points after 8:35am: - Byng St Site - Two gates open
- Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school
- Gate into Area A adjacent to the staffroom

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2:
* Children put their bag under the COLA in Hill St on their class line.

Year 3 & Year 4:
* Children put their bag at the back of the Byng St building on their class line.

Year 5 & Year 6:
* Children put their bag on class lines adjacent to Kenna Hall.

Afternoon Routine:
Byng St Site – Parent pick up only:
All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent in the Byng St site meet the teacher on duty near the Year 5 Year 6 green area. They are walked over to the Byng St site. Parents are to meet children under the big tree on the Byng St site. If parents are not there children wait with the teacher on duty on the old infants bus lines.

Please note there is ample parking in Byng St.

Hill St Site - Parent pick up:
All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent in the Hill St site meet the teacher on duty in Area A. They are walked to the gate in Area A and leave with parents. Parents must wait inside the gate to ensure the safety of children and parents. If parents are not there children walk with the teacher on duty to in front of Kenna hall at 3:20pm.

Hill St Site – Bus exit:
Children meet the teacher on duty adjacent to the Year 2 exit in the new building and exit between Kenna Hall and the school. They wait in front of Kenna Hall in designated areas and must be walked to the bus by a teacher on duty.

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 11th September and will be organised by Year 3. Commencing at 12:00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: Preparation has begun for the Year 6 Canberra excursion that will take place on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th of November. As it is a big responsibility to take over seventy children away over night all Year 6 children will have to agree to a contract of expected behaviour.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is coming to an end please return sticker sheets to school. This is a fantastic way to earn equipment for our school that we don’t have to pay for out of school budget! Extra sticker sheets can be obtained from the office. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive one sticker to stick on your sheet. Please return the completed sheet to the school office. The more stickers we collect the more equipment will be donated to our school.

Steve Maguire
Mary, Mother of the Church: Yesterday, Tuesday, 8th September, was the birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Throughout her life she always had complete trust in God. He asked so much of her, without any explanation, and she was always willing to follow His will. Perhaps over the next week we could spend a little time reflecting on the life of our Blessed Mother, and looking for inspiration to cope with all the difficult and unexpected things that happen in our lives today.

Fathers’ Day: Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate Fathers’ Day last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many dads and other special men in our children’s lives able to join us for this lovely Liturgy. The children were so proud to have their fathers, grandfathers and families with them. I hope everyone had a lovely celebration last Sunday.

Catherine McAuley Celebration Day: This time next week, Wednesday 16th September, we will be celebrating McAuley Day, and honouring our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley. We will start with Mass at 10:00am, followed by a host of activities. We would love you to join us for Mass on this very special day, and stay for some of the fun!

Confirmation: We welcome Bishop Michael McKenna to our Parish this weekend to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our Year 6 Candidates. Today, in preparation for their Confirmation, Year 6 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep all the Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they finish preparing for this very special Sacrament. Please Note all Confirmation Candidates are expected to be at St Mary’s Church tonight, Wednesday 9th September at 7:00pm for a practice of the reception of the Sacrament. This is a very important practice, as there is quite a bit involved in the ceremony of Confirmation, and Candidates need to know the procedures involved. Sponsors are welcome to attend, but are not essential.

Grade Liturgies for Term 4: I am in the process of finalising our Masses and Liturgies for next term, and hope to have them to you on next week’s newsletter.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Trial Arrival and Going Home Procedures**

A big thank you to all for your patience this week with our trial of new procedures. As you would be aware, there are some major changes that are taking place in terms of available parking, bus procedures and drop off and pick up procedures. During this trial period you may find that the arrangements that you have indicated on last weeks note will no longer suit you. Please write a note to your class teacher if you wish to change your child’s going home arrangements.

Many of the changes that have taken place are recommendations from the RMS (Roads & Maritime Services). Staff from this organisation have had a presence in the last few days to ensure that procedures are safe for all students. On the whole they are satisfied with our procedures. They do advise that parents collect their children from the school and discourage children from crossing the road alone. This recommendation was given because of the risks associated with such busy streets and because of the number of driveways.

As we prepare for the “big move” in the next week, many of our procedures may appear to be moving children in the wrong direction. It is important however, that students are very confident in what they will do once we are moving to and from the new building. Once again, thank you for your patience.

**Absence Notes**

Over the last term there has been a great deal of sickness within our student population resulting in children missing days of school. Just a reminder to ensure that all absences have been explained via a written note to your child’s class teacher.

Clare Miller

Catherine McAuley Day Schedule of Events

**Wednesday 16th September**

10.00am  Mass Including Presentation of McAuley Awards 2015

11.45am  Kenna Hall - Concert of Eisteddfod performances

12.30pm  Drawing of Monster Raffle

12.45pm  BBQ Lunch

2.15-2.45pm  Netball game (Teachers v Teachers v students) Netball court

*Please return all ticket buts and money for the Monster Raffle to school as soon as possible.*

**Interesting Fact of the Week**

Four is the only number whose value is the same as the number of letters in its name.
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC)

**Catherine McAuley - Our Kids**

As our school focuses on becoming a highly effective Professional Learning Community (PLC) we are seeing a cultural shift from the traditional teaching model. Through a process of collaboration teachers are now focussing on the needs of their grade not just their class. The cultural shift sees a focus on 'our kids’ as opposed to the traditional teaching model whereby one teacher attempts to meet the varied needs of one class.

We are achieving this is by analyzing the data that we gather after common formative assessments. We use this data to determine how best the children learn. This includes learning styles and teaching styles. After quality instruction within the classroom, children may move into differentiated learning groups during Mathematics. These groups are fluid, so children can move between the groups as their needs change within a topic. This may mean that your child will not only receive instruction from their classroom teacher but may also be taught by other teachers from the grade and within the school. Your child may have one, two or even three different teachers to ensure they achieve the essential learning required in each area of Mathematics and to also ensure that more learning takes place if this essential learning is achieved.

"Quality teaching is not an individual accomplishment, it is the result of a collaborative culture that empowers teachers to team up to improve student learning beyond what any one of them can achieve alone.” (Carroll, 2009).

**Lucy Connor**

**MUSIC & DRAMA**

Please note there will be no Senior Band on Friday.

**KOALA CLUB BANKING**

There will be no school banking in week 10, the last week of term. School banking will recommence second week of term 4.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Ruby Davison, Knox Gibson, Ruby Fischer, Nicholas Ryan, Alannah Seale, Lilly Wykes, Meg Lenehan, Hayden Scrimshaw and Sophie Tyquin.

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September 2015**

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THE FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER FOR OUR MODULAR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

TARGET $35,000 by the end of the year.

Fundraisers for 2015
Iceblock Stall
Cake Stalls
Dinner & Art Auction
McAuley Day BBQ
Monster Raffle
Melbourne Cup Trifecta
Year 6 Movie Day
Christmas Fundraiser

Monster Raffle??
Current Amount
Dinner & Art Auction
Cake Stalls
Iceblock Drive