FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Please find below the grade teachers for 2017.

Kindergarten:
* Sue Derwin
* Margaret Wright
* Catherine Sutton

Year 1:
* Anne Mulligan & Anna White
* Belinda Forbes & Peta Lidster
* Debbie Prestwidge

Year 2:
* Jennene Carpenter
* Helen Cracknell
* Lucy Connor & To be interviewed

Year 3:
* Mark Sheridan
* Trish Aumuller & Shannon Cain
* Georgie Haydon & Monique Dunn

Year 4:
* Gerry Gough
* Eleanor Bettinzoli
* Clare Miller

Year 5:
* LeeAnn Hazelton & Kim Pellow
* Sharyn Fitzgerald
* Helen Croke

Year 6:
* Scott Hudson
* Robyn Petty & Gai Rosser
* Camille Tavares & Marianne Niven

Steve Maguire
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


McAULEY SCHOOL RULES:

FAITH: God’s rules are: 1. Love God 2. Love others – Treat others how you want them to treat you.

JUSTICE: Make positive choices

RESPECT: Respect yourself, others and the school environment

SERVICE: Help others in our school and the world

LEARNING: Learn and let others learn

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: “RESPECT THE RIGHT OF OTHERS TO LEARN”

The focus of the week comes from the rule of LEARNING: Learn and let others learn. It is so important to focus in class and learn to the best of your ability. Quite often a student who is disruptive or “just mucking around” not only prevents their own learning BUT also robs the other children in the class of the opportunity to learn as well. It can also put the teacher under pressure if they continually have to stop the flow of learning to correct the inappropriate behavior of a few children in the class.

Staffing for 2017: The teachers grades for 2017 are printed on the front of this week’s newsletter. It is important to remember that the McAuley policy is not to change classes once they have been finalised and parents are informed of the class their child will be in for the following year.

NAIDOC March: A big thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Bettinzoli, Mrs Sutton 4B and 2L for supporting our Indigenous students at the NAIDOC March on Monday. Special congratulations to the following students who received NAIDOC awards this year:

- Azalyah Rolton - KW - Excellence in oral expression.
- Zac Moore - 1B - Excellence in expressive dance and confident use of technology.
- Jacob Wooding - 6C - Excellence in research skills.

NAIROC Concert: Congratulations to Arkie Prisk, Sophie McFarlane, Kaitlyn Edwards, Emily Caulfield, Lily O’Brien, Millicen Klaare, Paityn Klaare, Nyidia Wattt Ryan Downey and Mrs Aumuller for representing McAuley at the NAIROC Concert yesterday. They were outstanding. The adjudicators thanked them for their efforts and praised their on stage ability. Special thanks to Mrs Kelly & Mrs Aumuller for transporting the children to and from the Function Centre.

Afternoon Routine: It is crucial that parents or carers get out of their car and come and collect their children from the pick up points in Hill St and Byng St. This rule is in place to ensure the safety of all children. Starting next week, the children being picked up at Byng St will wait under the big shelter at the back of the Byng St building on the coloured lines. If you need to change the afternoon pick up rules in any way please put your request in writing and send it to your child’s class teacher.

Year 6 Orientation Visit to James Sheahan: The children from McAuley commencing Year 7 at James Sheahan in 2017 will attend their final orientation tomorrow Thursday 10th November. This visit includes placement tests. There is parent Information Evening commencing at 7.00pm in Mercy Hall on Thursday 12th November as well.

Technology at School: A reminder that students are not to have mobile phones, ipods and other technology at school. If it is necessary that they bring such a device then it is to be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected at the conclusion of school. Important messages can be delivered via the school office.

Steve Maguire
Remembrance Day: This Friday 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 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 and All Souls Day, when we honour those who have gone before us to their eternal reward. Throughout the month of November, we are asked to pray for the Holy Souls. There is a ‘Book of Remembrance’ in each Parish Church where names may be placed, of those we would like prayed for during this month.

First Reconciliation: Next Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November our First Reconciliation Candidates will be receiving this beautiful Sacrament for the first time. Please keep these students and their teachers in your prayers as they finalise their preparations.

Liturgical Music Workshop: On Monday, 28th November, students and teachers from James Sheahan will conduct a Liturgical Music Day at the Conservatorium with both McAuley and St Mary’s students. This day will give our Year 5 & Year 6 students a chance to learn modern Liturgical music and experience an opportunity of being part of a large scale musical gathering. I will send out permission forms later this week. As there will be a limited number of places available (10 musicians and 30 singers from each school) it will be important for those who wish to attend to return permission forms quickly. Priority will be given to Year 6 students who will be attending James Sheahan next year.

Liturgies and Masses: Congratulations to Kinder on their beautiful Liturgy today. It was so lovely to see these little people praising God through word and song. Thank you also to the many parents and friends who joined Kinder for this beautiful Liturgy. Our next Liturgical Celebration will be our Whole School Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, 23rd November at 12:15pm. There will be a little party in Kenna Hall after Mass where parents are invited for the cutting of the cake. As always, parents and families are always welcome to join us in all our celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The earth’s atmosphere contains more than 15 trillion tons of water.
**SPORT & BALLS IN THE PLAYGROUND**

**Touch Football:** We will be represented by two boys and one girls team in the NSW Touch Gala Day on Thursday 10th November at Waratah Sports Complex. Thank you to Mrs Sue Dean and her Year 11 students for training the teams last Friday and coaching them on the Thursday. Unfortunately our Year 6 children were unable to participate because of their orientation day at James Sheahan.

**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.

Steve Maguire

**FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Last Thursday evening Catherine McAuley School welcomed the parents of our 2017 Kindergarten class. Families received some vital information to assist children to transition from preschool to “big school”. The presentation provided a taste of the “McAuley way”.

Last Friday we commenced our orientation program for the Kindergarten class for 2016.

During orientation visits the children spend some time with their new teachers and their new classmates and have the opportunity to visit special places in the school and complete some fun and engaging activities.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families.

**KINDERGARTEN READING HELPERS**

Thank you to all parents who have helped out with Kindergarten reading this term. Next week will be the last week for helping out in the classrooms. Thank you.

Clare Miller
School Concert: Our end of year concert "Carols in the Courtyard" will take place on Wednesday, 30th November in the school grounds, starting at 6:30pm. Every child will be involved and all families are invited to attend. Please see the separate note outlining costume requirements for each child.

Concert Band Program 2017: If you would like your child to participate in our school Band Program next year, please return the registration form to school as soon as possible. Information packs are available from the office and Mrs Allan.

Anne Allan

LIBRARY

Our last issue for the year of Book Club catalogues will be distributed this week. Could all orders be placed by **Tuesday, 15th November**, either by sending your order and money into school or online via the LOOP system.

A reminder to all students, who have overdue library books, to return them to the library as soon as possible. If a book has been misplaced, just send me a note regarding what is missing please.

Did you know that the library is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 - 8.55am for Early Bird Reader's Club? Come along and read a book or two or join in a game. So many children use this time to return and borrow. It is great to see so many children borrowing books and then recommending them to others.

Thank you

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Kiera Ditchfield, Jonty Hatch, Oliver Taberner, Alix O’Neill, Tobias Telford, Dashiel Bootsma, Eliza Brooking and Nida Rasheed.

TUCKSHOP

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NAIDOC MARCH

On Monday 7th November some of our students marched down Summer Street in support of our Indigenous students in the annual NAIDOC March. Congratulations to the students who received awards.

NAIROC 2016

On Tuesday 8th November, 9 students from Year 5, Year 6 and Year 1 competed in the NAIROC week competition 2016. All of the students had lots of fun competing. We have been practicing for 4-5 weeks. The song we performed was Yellow Bird with some poetry and the chorus from the song Black Boy. The students representing our school were, Nyidier Wat, Arkie Prisk, Emily Caulfield, Millicen Klaare, Paityn Klaare, Sophie McFarlane, Lilly O’Brien, Ryan Downie and Kaitlyn Edwards. The whole group enjoyed it.

A special thanks to Mrs Aumuller for organising our participation and teaching us the songs. This was a great competition that helped us enjoy the many talents of Indigenous people in our community and helps us understand and respect all cultures.

By Emily, Nyidier and Arkie

Weekend Mass times

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From the Writings of Catherine McAuley....

The Lord and Master of our House and Home is a faithful Provider. Let us never desire more than enough - He will give that and a blessing.

Catherine McAuley