FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school community of Catherine McAuley is about to enter an amazing phase in its life story with the building project about to commence. As I have mentioned to many people who have asked me about what is happening, I reply that the "old" St Joseph's School is effectively being knocked down and refurbished. For those who have done home renovations and realise the folly of definite construction deadlines and parameters we know that patience and understanding will be two virtues we will be calling upon in the next 12 months. I have spoken to the children and told them that the Hill St site that is presented to them on Day 1 Term 4 will be a building site and will contain scaffolding etc. So we may have to workshop entries and exits on the day depending on what sections of our front "yard" is being used.

On other matters I invite all members of our school community to join us for the Catherine McAuley Celebration Day next Wednesday. The day commences at 10am with Mass and continues into a performance by the staff band, drawing of the Monster Raffle, barbecue lunch and tug of war.

Michael Croke

AT ALL TIMES

Try to act at all times and places, that if our Divine Lord were to appear on earth again, He might not be ashamed to point you out as one intimately united with Him.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Maddison Lawry, Dallas George, Winnie Johnson, Feba Babu, Duncan Hood, Sage Annis-Brown, Harry Madigan, Will Kingham, Hunter Priest, Charlotte George, Emilia Takiari, Riley Clarke, Beth Hazzard, Lucy Dean, Maddalena Stone, Hannah Edwards, Thomas Madigan, Abby Dean, Maria Torres, Ryan Mimmo & Joseph Talidong.

**Professional Learning:** Last Thursday Mrs Tonia Flanagan from Hawker and Bronlow, visited our school as part of the Bathurst Diocesan Professional Learning Communities initiative. It is a wonderful experience for our teachers to benefit from Tonia’s experience and knowledge of how to transform McAuley into a PLC school. Mrs Robyn Petty and Miss Belinda Wilson have been in Canberra on Monday and Tuesday to listen to Austin Buffin on differentiation for children in line with Professional Learning Communities.

**Catholic Schools Art Competition Awards:** Congratulations to Cara Seale and Isabel Joseph on receiving prizes in the Catholic Schools Art Competition. Cara received the award for first place in Year 6 and Isabel was awarded the Directors Award. Their art will now be sent to Sydney as part of the next stage in this competition.

**Polding Athletics:** Congratulations to Amelia Wilcox who will now represent Polding at the PSSA Athletics Carnival in October at Homebush in the High Jump.

**St Mary’s Gala Day:** This year the children have nominated for soccer, netball or to stay at school to be in mixed groups for a variety of activities. The children attending soccer and netball must return their permission slip by Thursday 11th September. This Gala Day is a wonderful initiative from the St Mary’s staff and one, which we are very keen to support. It not only gives the children the opportunity to play sport, be active and develop skills, it also gives them the opportunity to mix with the St Mary’s children. **WE REQUIRE A LOT OF HELP AND SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AT THE SOCCER AND NETBALL ON THE DAY. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND EVEN FOR A WHILE PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR TEACHERS HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD’S TEAM.**

**Communication:** A reminder that newsletters come home on a Wednesday afternoon with the eldest child. **If ever your child is away or the newsletter is misplaced they are posted on the school’s website.**

**Morning Routine:** Teachers commence duty at 8.35am.

**Kindergarten & Year 1:** Children who arrive before 8.35am are to be seated on their class line.

**Year 2 – Year 6:** Children who arrive before 8.35am are to be seated in the Year 5/6 Courtyard Area.

**Afternoon Routine:**

**Byng St Site: Kindergarten – Year 1:** All children catching buses are to wait on the bus lines in front of the Byng St site when they are dismissed. Children are to sit on the line designated for their bus until the teacher on duty calls their bus. Children being picked up by parents are to wait on their class lines.

**Hill St Site: Year 2-6:** All children catching buses are to wait in the Year 5/6 Courtyard Area when they are dismissed. Children are to sit on the seat designated for their bus until the teacher on duty calls their bus. Children being picked up by parents are to wait behind the brick wall in the gate area. The teacher at the gate area supervises these children. They leave the area when they see their parents.

* Some children will have permission to walk from one site to the other to meet siblings. It is preferred that children walk from the Hill St site to the Byng St site. Please send a note into your child’s class teacher if you wish your child(ren) to catch a bus or be picked up from the other site with their brothers and sisters.

* Children are not permitted to walk out of the school grounds without an adult unless they have given a note to their teacher stating this.

**Pupil Free Day:** Friday 24th October is a pupil free day where the staff will focus on Assessment in line with Professional Learning Communities.

**Netball:** We wish our Year 6 Netball team and Mrs Connor the best of luck when they compete in the finals day of the School’s Cup on Tuesday 16th September in Sydney. Thank you to their parents for transporting and supporting them.

**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).

**Steve Maguire**
**First Reconciliation:** Congratulations to all our children who made their First Reconciliation this week. It was lovely to hear how reverent and respectful these children were, and how beautifully they embraced this very special Sacrament. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

**Fathers’ Day:** Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate Fathers’ Day last Friday. It was a lovely Liturgy, and 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:** Next Wednesday 24th September we will have a very special day of celebrations as we honour our Patron, the Venerable Catherine McAuley. We will start with Mass at 10.00am, followed by a host of activities. It would be great to have you to join us for Mass on this very special day, and stay for some of the fun!

**Grade Liturgies:** Congratulations to Year 6, who celebrated their Grade Mass today. As tomorrow is the anniversary of 9/11, their theme was on Justice and Peace. Perhaps you could take a few minutes tomorrow to pray for those who were affected by the events of this terrible tragedy. I hope to put a list of the Term 4 Masses and Liturgies in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to all who have come along over the term to celebrate with us, your presence has been greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
CLASS OF THE WEEK-KC

Life in KC has been very busy!!

Here are a few activities we’ve been involved in over the last couple of weeks.

In Maths, KC have been learning about money and recognising coins. At lunch time KC have been selling Middleton’s icy-poles to the infants children. This is helping us know our coins and how much they are worth!

Science has been fun in Kindergarten! After looking at different types of materials and their qualities, Kindergarten had to plan a shelter at home and then build it at school. Some of our shelters helped our toys stay dry. Some toys were kept out of the sun. Other shelters were made from recycled materials and very eco-friendly. They are in the glass area of Byng St for everyone to admire.

We loved making our Father’s Day presents. Here are a couple of portraits of some very handsome Dads from KC!

In Religion, we have heard stories about people who were chosen by God to be Prophets. We have learnt about Moses, David and Jonah. Here is David Moses – it’s really Liam-fighting that giant of a man, Goliath!

Chloe + Ellie
Selling icy-poles

Ryan

Tilly’s Dad

Maeve’s Dad

My shelter is for Jackson. It is to protect him from rain and heat. I recycled to be my creativity.

Jackson’s shelter.

Hayley’s shelter

Katiza’s shelter

This image contains a page from a document discussing various activities and projects undertaken by a class. It mentions learning about money and recognizing coins, participating in science projects involving shelter building, and religion lessons about prophets. There are also photographs of students and their projects, such as Father’s Day gifts and a shelter project. The text emphasizes teamwork and creativity in their learning activities.
INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Charles Dickens invented 959 named characters. Before deciding on the name Tiny Tim, he considered Small Sam, Little Larry and Puny Pete.

FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Year 6 Playground Helpers

During this term, students from year 6 have generously offered their time during lunch to guide the Year 1 and Kindergarten students in their play. It has been so wonderful to see the positive relationship between our youngest and oldest students and also the play strategies that have been developed. The younger students have been learning how to play new games and also strategies to play fairly. It is hoped that this initiative will continue into next term. Congratulations and thank you to our Year 6 students.

Visiting Educational Shows

In the early part of next term, McAuley will host two visiting educational programs. In Weeks 3 and 4 we will have the Life Education Van at our school and on the 27th October students will be involved in the CSIRO Science Show. Staff have carefully considered the value of both of these programs and firmly believe in the positive educational outcomes for both. Unfortunately the school has little input into the timing of these types of events, and in this case the shows are very close together. The combined cost for these two programs is $15. A permission note will be sent home early next term.

Life Education Van

Life Education offers programs geared to the appropriate age and stage of all students based on promoting healthy lifestyles and personal safety. Included in the cost is the Life Education Session, a student workbook and sticker. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase merchandise from Life Education in early Term 4.

CSIRO Science Show

On the 27th October all students at Catherine McAuley School will visit an interactive science show. CSIRO Education offers a program aimed at educating and entertaining students. The program is carefully designed to address outcomes from the NSW Science and Technology Syllabus. The theme of the show will be Forces and Movement and will include interactive activities such as pushes, pulls, gravity, balancing and friction.
MERIT AWARDS


KOALA CLUB BANKING

Monday was the last day for Koala Club Banking for Term 3, we will commence again in Week 2 of Term 4. Any books that are brought in will be held in the office until then. For those wishing to set up a Koala Club Account, information packs are available from the office. Thank you for your support again this Term.

Annalisa Covelli

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool for Term 4 will be temporarily unavailable due to the constraints of our Administration Block refurbishment. If however you are in grave need of clothing from the Clothing Pool we will have some items that we can access from the office.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Ruby Fischer, Maria Torres, Nicholas Ryan, Alannah Seale, Lilly Wykes, Meg Lenehan, Hayden Scrimshaw, Sophie Tyquin, Jack Coffey, Tully Livingstone, Jayden Summerell, Matthew Swanson.

TUCKSHOP

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