FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Annual Parent meeting was held last week and some important and thoughtful decisions were made with regard to fundraising in the school. Those staff and parents at the meeting are very conscious that parents are more time poor than ever and most of the spare time that parents have must be prioritised towards family. With this in mind the discussion group endeavoured to make the fundraising events be a combination of minimal fuss for maximum "revenue" and a sharing of the workload.

Parents at this school, whilst they maybe unable to attend meetings or be part of organising committees, are very supportive of any fundraising events held in the school. Such generosity has meant we have been able to purchase items beyond the school budget. In recent years our money has been used towards the purchase of computers and in 2015 the funds will be used for the purchase of new playground equipment. We don't ask much from parents but we do ask that all help in some way with the fundraising events.

This year we will not be having a pie drive or hot cross bun drive. Such events take a lot to organise and in recent times have brought minimal profit. A new Ice Block drive will be tested and there are plans for a McAuley dinner dance with student art auction in the winter. All fundraising events for the year are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our Deepest Sympathy
Please remember the Grayling family in our prayers following the sudden death of their husband and father Scott. Our thoughts are with Scott’s wife Georgina and children Harry (4G) and Lana (2P).

Michael Croke

Notes of the Week
Term 1 Fundraiser - Iceblock Drive
Year 6 - Mao’s Last Dancer Movie Permission

The Holy Family
Our Blessed Lord, His Holy Mother and St Joseph, were in want of temporal comforts, and yet were always full of peace and joy.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Luciano Manca, Jaimie Sijo, Archie Adamson, Chelsea Turner, Hayley Hunter, Maeve Dean, Max Bevan, Ava Corby, Mia Bell, Ereny Aziz, Harry Dean, Kiara Scrimshaw, Isabella Budworth, Sophie McFarlane, Caitlin Cox, Charli Hobbs, Eve Davison, Ally Bush, Henry Williams & Will Bingham.

Parent Teacher Interviews: There will be an opportunity for one on one parent teacher interviews for Year 3 - Year 6 - Week 8 - Monday 16th - Friday 20th March – all Year 3 – Year 6 Interviews will be in Kenna Hall.

A big Thank you to the Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 teachers who are currently involved in those interviews this week. They give parents a valuable insight into their child’s progress in all areas of school life. It is important to spare a thought for our teachers as a class of 25 children equates to over 6 hours of face to face interviews, talking and listening! They deserve some pampering and a rest at the end of this week!

McAuley Athletics Carnival: Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 20th March at James Sheahan Catholic High School. Notes have gone out regarding information, permission, parent helpers and canteen information. This year it has been impossible to practise all field events at school as we have in previous years, due to the building work taking place. Therefore the Year 3 children have not had the exposure to the field events that we would normally provide. This will only occur this year and hopefully we will be back to normal next year. Parents will be asked to nominate children for field events. Please consider the disruptions and only nominate children if you feel they are competent in the event. Next year we will return to the idea that everyone has a go and is encouraged to participate.

Field Event Dates:
- Friday 13th March - Discus at Jaeger Reserve - Children in Year 3 & 4 who are competing may wear sports uniform on the day.
- Tuesday 17th March – Long Jump at school
- Friday 20th March – High Jump & Shot Put at the carnival

James Sheahan Catholic High School Year 7 – 2016 Orientation: Our Year 6 children travelled to James Sheahan yesterday as the first part of their orientation for Year 7 2016. A reminder to parents that there is a Parent Evening for Year 7 – 2016 in Mercy Hall tonight Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm.

Diocesan Winter Sport Trials: Children in Year 6 (with the exception of Under 11 Rugby League) will be given the opportunity to trial for Polding Teams in Bathurst on Friday 27th March. Sports include Rugby Union, Ruby League (Opens & Under 11’s), Soccer, Hockey and Netball. A letter will be sent home to children in our school who are invited to the trials. Students attending must play the sport and display above average skill level and ability.

Lunch boxes, containers & drink bottles: The number of lunch boxes and drink bottles that are left on the playground after recess and lunch is amazing. The teachers are currently having a blitz to ensure they are all picked up. New baskets for all classes to take out at recess and lunch have been purchased to try to fix this problem. The number of these items without names on them is disappointing. They are expensive items to replace. Please assist us in ensuring all items are labeled so they can be returned easily to the owner!

Steve Maguire
Catholic School’s Week
MORE THAN A GREAT EDUCATION!

Dear Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools. It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom. We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We thank you for the wisdom and understanding of teachers;
The enthusiasm and energy of students
the leadership of school Principals and executive staff;
The skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff
the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders, and
The support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.

We pray that each student’s learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen

Catholic Schools’ Week: This week we are celebrating all that makes our wonderful schools so good – “Educating for Today and Tomorrow”. We would love you to come along to our Whole School Mass tomorrow, Thursday 12th March at 10.00am to join us in our celebration.

Lent: Lent, for this year, is quickly drawing to a close. This weekend, as we begin the fourth week of Lent, the Gospel is once again from St John. This Gospel contains one of the best known quotes from the Bible: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Jesus is described in this Gospel as the greatest gift of love that God has given to us, a light for the world. As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps we can look carefully at how well our daily choices are guided by Christ and what else we can do to deepen our belief in Him.

Project Compassion: Thank you so much for your continued support of Project Compassion this year. Through the resources we have, the children are able to see just how needy some of the people really are, and how money raised through Project Compassion brings not only food and clean water, but also educates people in sustainable food production, and most importantly, gives them back a sense of self-worth. Please continue to support your children and encourage them to donate towards this wonderful cause, and pray for the success of Project Compassion.

Liturgies and Masses: Next Wednesday, 18th March, Year 6 will celebrate their Grade Mass at 12.30pm in St Joseph’s Church. All family and friends of Year 6 are very welcome to join us in this celebration. The following week Year 2 will celebrate their Grade Liturgy at 12.30pm. Once again, all welcome to join us.

Holy Week: This year we will celebrate Holy Week on Thursday, 2nd April at 12 noon in St Joseph’s Church, where the children will enact the events leading up to Easter. All families are very welcome to join us on Holy Thursday for this very special Liturgy.

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Bully, No Way!

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday 20th March 2015.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say **Bullying, No Way!** and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

At Catherine McAuley school we continue to take a stand against bullying and violence. By registering for this initiative teachers are provided with resources to promote the message. Our assembly prayer for that week will promote the message and the students will wear wrist bands on the day. Parents are able to access this very worthwhile information on the link below.


**eSmart Digital Licence For Year 6**

When interacting online, children need to be educated on what to do if they are exposed to age-inappropriate content; encounter cyber bullying; or when they might be putting their privacy at risk.

Students in Year 6 have been registered to take part in an initiative from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation which educates them to stay safe online. This initiative provides children with eight learning modules that will equip them with the knowledge and skills they require to learn, play and socialise online safely. At the conclusion of the unit students will receive an eSmart digital licence.

Parents can read more about this worthwhile program on [https://www.digitallicence.com.au](https://www.digitallicence.com.au)

Clare Miller

KIDZLIT

A huge congratulations goes to our two KidzLit teams that competed yesterday at the Orange heat of the competition. This world wide competition gives children an opportunity to use their love and knowledge of literature in a quiz like setting.

Well done to Aaron Cox, Emma Kennedy, Laura Cooper, Charli Hobbs, Mitchell Crean, Kallum Sullivan, Tyler Bell and Adithya Biju. You all did a great job.

Catherine Bishenden

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Multiplying 21978 by 4 reverses the order of the numbers.
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder to parents of Year 3-6 children that bookings for parent/teacher interviews will close this Friday 13th March. Please go online to book your interview if you have not already done so. The website for booking is: schoolinterviews.com.au and our code is F5YSR. If you have any problems booking your interview, please phone the office and we can book it for you.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We were well represented at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 3rd March. A huge thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. Their support and help is very much appreciated. It is a wonderful achievement for these children to represent our school at this level.

FUNDRAISING 2015

This year we will have a number of fundraising events throughout the year. Each grade will have an event to contribute to as follows:

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**In 2015 all proceeds will go towards new playground equipment.**
SEVENS RUGBY UNION UNDER 10’S

Yesterday our Year 3 and 4’s played against the small schools of Orange in the under 10’s competition. It was great to see the sportsmanship and excellent behaviour the boys displayed. For the Year 3 side they showed plenty of character against their much bigger opponents and scored some outstanding tries. Dane Medlyn, Beau Bollinger and Jonty Middleton were outstanding in defence while the other boys Harry Dean, Lachlan Newman, Myles Sullivan and Cooper Lawry were great in attack and showed some great speed when they found space. Cooper Lawry and Lachlan Newman never stopped trying all day.

The year 4 side had to really work hard in the final to draw 4 all with the small schools. Connor Vardanega, Joe Murphy, Tallis Thomas and Max Hunter laid the foundation for the speed in Jack Dean, Oliver Livingstone, Finn Littlefield, Cruz Jordan, Will Warner and Lachlan Chellas. Great day and many thanks to the parents and friends who supported us on the day.

Mark Sheridan and Ben McAlpine

ICEBLOCK DRIVE

Please keep those Iceblock orders coming in. We can take orders up to Thursday 19th March. All proceeds go to buying new playground equipment for our children. They come in a pack of 20 tube unfrozen iceblocks and cost $7.00 per pack. If you have lost your note you can download another one from our website or just send a note with the number of packs you would like to order and the money. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Representatives

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Domenic Belmonte, Jorja Mascord, Aldrian Bangayan, Ruby Draper, Lachlan Chellas, Ryan McNeill, Oliver Schofield, Maddison Vaughan, Mason Everett, Nicholas Johnsen, Taj Jordan, Imogen Shaw, Feba Abby, Amelia Bartimote, Lara Bingham, Jaiden Rogers, Ella Rogers, Lillian Townsend, Duncan Hood and Bonnie Murphy.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 16th March to Friday Friday 20th March 2015

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