FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we immerse ourselves in Catholic Schools Week, it is worthwhile stopping and thinking about some of the extra things we do inside and outside the classroom to make ourselves a vibrant and busy community. For starters I offer.....

- Diocesan AFL trials.
- Inschool Rugby league coaching clinics for all classes.
- Presentation to Fr Paul and his dog!
- Some teachers in Sydney at McAuley seminar.
- Catholic Schools Week Mass.
- Diocesan Swimming at Dubbo.
- The arrival of the school chickens!
- Whole school assembly.
- Pasta lunch using tomatoes from school gardens.
- Peer Support training for Year 6.
- Mini Vinnies.
- Book club.

None of these take place unless we have a staff that is completely dedicated to the welfare of the children, parents and each other. As principal of Catherine McAuley I am proud to work with the best school staff in the known world!!!

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Daisy Bohringer, Layla Duffy, Ruby Kind, Ethan Baiju, Jaya Burcher, Claire Gibson, Beau Bollinger, Dashiel Bootsma, Jordan Wykes, Jade Edwards, Caitlin Cox, Braiden Jordan, Ryan Downie, Charlie Sutton, Jorja Scott–Robertson, Cooper Turner, Anoak Weiu, Harold Pangilinan, Adool Mabior, Lucy Nagle, Cody Burcher

**Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at assembly:** Cassidy Hanrahan, Jay-den Summerell, Ryan Williams, Emi Parkes, Vi Nguyen, Akol Akon, Lual Thit, Edwina Johnson, Jack Gow, Brooke D’Ombraint, Seth Vardenega, Mia Fabar-Robey, Taj Jordan, Madison Newman, Akol Aluk, Joseph Clark, Lydianna Meade, Patrick Gray, Charlie Westgeest, Lucy Haydon, Poppy Wishart, Cooper Lawry, Euhanna Ramos, Sophie Kearins, Maya Thompson, Matthew Kennedy, Maya Budd, Cruz Jordan, Will Campbell, Hayley Baird, Jeron Sijo, Emily Crain, Madison Allen, Maddison Vaughan, Zali Burcher, Angus MacDouall, Bradley Rhind, Henry Madigan, Bonny Murphy, Sienna Belmonte, Claire Finley, Darcy Schofield, Kate Wykes, Beth Hazzard, Matthew Allen, Nyakot Malual, Sean Donato, Jack Halls, Isaac Ross, Elizabeth Gibson, Tara Robertson, Noa Fraser, Emily Irwin, Aaron Cox, Maddison Connaughton, Nyibol Got, Georgia Bennett, Jada Hatch, Ryan Mimmo, Oscar Williams

**Whole School Assembly:**
Our next Whole School Assembly will be presented by Year 1 on the 4th April at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

**Year 7 - 2014 James Sheahan Orientation Program:** The Orientation for our Year 6 children into High School will begin on Tuesday 18th March when they spend the day at Sheahan. There is a Meeting for parents at 7.00pm in the Mercy Hall on Tuesday 18th March.

**Professional Learning & Development:** Last Wednesday Mrs Sands and Mrs Kelly attended the Support teacher in-service to ensure children in our school requiring learning support are catered for. Mrs Bettinzoli, Mrs Croke & Mrs Bishenden attended a Mercy Retreat last Tuesday & Wednesday to ensure the Mercy Spirit is alive in our school. This Friday Mr Hudson, Mrs Hazelton, Mrs Haydon, Mrs Connor and Mrs Petty will attend the Diocesan Christmas Art in-service to assist them in preparing the children for the Christmas Art Competition in Term 4. Mrs Miller, Miss Wilson, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Aumuller, Mrs Derwin & myself will attend a PETA in-service on the new English Curriculum.

**Kindergarten & Year 1 Parent Interviews:** Thank you to the teachers and parents who took the time to meet to discuss the progress of the children this week. These are invaluable opportunities, which assist with the learning and development of each child. **Interviews for students in Year 2 – 6 will take place next week.**

**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 Wednesday 4th April. 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.

**Diocesan AFL Trials:** Congratulations to Ryan Mimo and Austin Pearce who attended the Diocesan AFL trials in Bathurst on Tuesday. Austin will now represent the Diocese at Polding Trials. Well done.

**McAuley Athletics:** The K-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at Norton Park at James Sheahan on Monday 31st March. The finals for field events for students in Years 3-6 are being held at school. The Discus final will be held on the school playground tomorrow 13th March. Thursday 20th March – Shot Put & Tuesday 25th March - High Jump

Steve Maguire

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

20% of people in the UK believe they have a food allergy, but only 2% actually do.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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

CWS Mass: Thank you to all who came along and joined us for our Catholic School’s Week Mass. It was a lovely celebration of Catholic Education, and a great opportunity to show how proud we are of our students. It is always wonderful to see so many parents at occasions like this, and to feel your very valuable support.

Project Compassion: "Have life, and have it to the full". The theme of this year's Project Compassion invites all of us to a richness of life. Unfortunately not everyone is in a position to 'have life to the full', but with our help, many more people will be given assistance through the work of Caritas Australia. Each dollar we donate contributes significantly to assist the partnerships Caritas Australia has developed, and gives people the opportunity to become independent. “Through effective partnerships in humanitarian relief and development and by transforming hearts and minds in the Australian community, Caritas Australia helps to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.” (Caritas support material) More information is available from the Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au. Please take the time to talk to your children about ways in which we can support Caritas Australia.

Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

ST MARY’S CHURCH—AUDIO SYSTEM UPGRADE

Late last year we upgraded the audio system in St Mary's Church at a cost of $32,000. This new system will be of advantage to all users of St Mary's over many years – for Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. Costs such as these are met by the parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme in the Parish. But there are only 389 of these givers. There are many more users of St Mary’s than 389 people.

Would you consider making a 'one-off' donation to the parish to help share the financial burden of this cost a little more widely? Every little bit helps.

If you can help out, please drop your donation in to the parish office (84 Hill Street) or in the mail (PO Box 44) or you can donate via internet banking. Our parish bank details are:

BSB: 032 814
Account No: 321993
Orange Parish
Reference: SJO <your surname>

Thanks kindly,

Fr Paul Devitt
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

The week is here for Parent Teacher interviews for K-2. We appreciate your time to visit with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. It is a great opportunity to grow the connection between school and home as we work together for the benefit of your child.

I asked a few students in the playground about what their teacher will say about them. This was some of the responses:

"I am always good"

"I need to not talk much"

"I am really really good at reading"

"I am a fast runner and can catch great"

"I can help my teacher"

Some very interesting comments. It's great to hear that the students know where they are with their learning.

Some tips for after the Parent Teacher interview. Speak honestly with your child and let them know of the positives of their learning and any problems they may have. Also let them know how the problems are going to be worked out with the teacher and yourself. Check back in with your child's teacher in a few weeks to see how progress is being made with your child.

A successful education requires a strong partnership between the school and the home. What better way to establish that partnership than at the parent teacher interviews.

We look forward to seeing you.

Belinda Wilson

INTENSIVE READING PROGRAM

HELPERS REQUIRED

In Terms 2 and 3 targeted students from Years 1-6 will participate in a "Multilit" Intensive Reading Program. Volunteers are required to assist students progress through the program.

It involves:

- volunteering for an hour and a half one morning per week (either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday), 9:30am until 11.00am.
- the program running for 20 weeks – Terms 2 and 3.
- working with 4 children on a one-to-one basis for approx 20 minutes per child.
- working through a set program with each child.

This is not a difficult task and many people (parents, grandparents, and community members) have been involved with the program over the past few years. They have found it rewarding, as the improvement in the children’s reading has been evident.

For the benefit of new tutors, and to answer any of the questions of our experienced tutors, we will be running a morning training session towards the end of March or the first week in April (the date yet to be advised).

If you can assist with this important work in Term 2 and 3, please contact the school on 6361 3344 and leave your name, phone number, and the day you would be available to tutor, - all by Monday March 24th. You will be contacted then, regarding the training and commencement dates.

Many thanks,

School Support Teachers
1C NEWS

1C have been working hard so far this term. We have been becoming more familiar with the 100’s chart and using our knowledge of this for addition and subtraction.

We have been learning about Lent, making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which we all enjoyed.

In HSIE we have been discussing how we have an impact on the world around us, nude food (food without wrappers) and natural and built environments.

We look forward to continuing our learning journey together.

Hi from 1C

LIBRARY

Book Club is due back at school by Thursday 13th March.

Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:

Aldrian Bangayan, Ruby Draper, Lachlan Chellas, Oliver Schofield, Maddison Vaughan, Nicholas Johnsen, Taj Jordan, Imogen Shaw, Feba Abby, Amelia Bartimote, Lara Bingham, Reba Scott, Lillian Townsend, Duncan Hood, Bonnie Murphy, Abby Gregory, Selena Livermore, Ramsey Tilston, Lachlan Wright-Zerafa

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 17th March, 2014

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NEW RESIDENTS AT SCHOOL

Introducing our two new inhabitants at Catherine McAuley. Our beautiful hens Kerry and Tilly. From sales of our tomatoes and worm juice we have purchased our chooks and will hopefully be gathering eggs soon. A huge thank you to John Cook Real Estate for purchasing our yard and to Phill Horan and the garden club who helped put it all together!

Helen Croke