FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I welcome everybody back for the start of the final Term. I would like to make a comment about the beautiful sunshine and warm conditions but alas we may need to wait a few days for that! The only sunshine we have seen so far is the smiling Mr Maguire who is still basking in the Cronulla Sharks premiership. Having grown up in the Shire we must concede Steve is a genuine bona fide Sharks supporter!

On other things sporting I do want to mention that our major fundraiser, The Melbourne Cup trifecta competition, is about to commence. It is our major fundraiser for the year and all families are given $30 worth of tickets to sell to whomever they wish. The first prize is $2,500 which will be handy for the holiday season. I do ask that all families make a special effort to sell at least their initial $30 worth of tickets as all funds raised will be used to purchase our new Astro/Tigerturf which we are hoping to lay during the Christmas holidays. Please keep tickets but return money by 24th October.

Michael Croke

Charity
Let charity then be our badge of honour ... so that it may truly be said, there is in us but one heart and one soul in God.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our assembly last term:


Whole School Assembly: 6C will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly next Friday 21st October commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Professional Learning: On Monday’s pupil free day the staff worked in grades and stages on refining report comments and parent teacher meetings before working on their grades History Unit. The time for collaboration on both tasks was invaluable and I am sure the children will benefit from this opportunity for the teachers to work together.

Next Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th Mrs Forbes, Mrs Miller and myself will attend the Bathurst CEO Assistant Principals and Primary Coordinators Conference in Bathurst.

ICAS Mathematics Tests: Congratulations to the following children who received Distinctions, Credits and Merits in the ICAS Mathematics Test this is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of these students:

Distinction: Emma Kennedy, Mitchell Crean, Jack Dean, Jack Judge.
Merit: Molly Edwards, Jessica Richards, Molly Dunn.

Uniform Policy: A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform in Term 4. A further reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle. Please note children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year (unless they bring a note explaining why they are out of uniform) and to present themselves in line with school dress policy, which stipulates:

- acceptable hairstyles. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted, these include coloured hair and haircuts or undercut less than a ‘two’ or rat’s tails. Hair below the shoulders must be pulled back off their face.
- no bracelets, bangles, necklaces or anklets - a religious medal on a fine chain may be worn
- one small ring only
- no nail polish
- one set of earrings only sleepers or studs; boys: one single sleeper or stud
- T-shirts under short sleeved shirts are not permitted.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Kindergarten & Year 1 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 and Year 6 children without a hat will sit in front of the Year 5L and Year 5H classrooms undercover and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” or stay under the shade cloth in “Area D” on the Byng St site.

It is great to see everybody back in full school uniform ready to start the new term after their break.

Steve Maguire
Mission Week: Over the next two weeks our whole school focus will be on Catholic Missions. The theme this year is “Just As You Did It To One of the Least of These, You Did It To Me!” During this week, children will join with a partner class to learn about the work of the Catholic Missions, and in particular, the work being carried out in Cambodia. Here, people are still recovering from communist rule and a 20 year war. The need for education is desperate, as poverty has overtaken so much of the country’s population. Next week we will have various fundraising activities to both continue to raise our awareness of the desperate plight of these poverty stricken people, as well as assist them in a practical way. For more details, please refer to the Mission note, which will go home this week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: This term our Year 2 will be receiving their First Reconciliation on 14th and 15th November. Enrolment Forms for First Reconciliation for Year 2 were due in at the Parish House last week. If you have not already enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. If you have a child in a grade higher than Year 2 who hasn’t made their Reconciliation and would like to enrol them, please let me know and I will send home a form.

Liturgies and Masses: We have a very full term with a Mass or Liturgy scheduled for most weeks this term. We will be starting our Liturgy Celebrations for this term with our first whole school Mass next Wednesday, 19th October at 10.00am for the Missions. For those who may have missed it last term, below is a schedule for this term.

Week 2: Wednesday 19th October Whole School Mission Week Mass 10:00am
Week 3: Wednesday 26th October Year 1 Grade Liturgy 12:30pm
Sunday 30th October Parish Mass prepared by McAuley Students 6:00pm St Joseph’s Church
Week 6: Wednesday 16th November Kinder Grade Liturgy 12:30pm
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November – First Reconciliation
Week 7: Wednesday 23rd November First Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass 12:15pm
Week 10: Tuesday 13th December Year 6 Farewell Mass 6:00pm
Wednesday 14th December End of Year Mass 12:00 noon

Parents and families are always very welcome to join us for all our celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

God of love,
you want life to the full for each and every one of us.
Your Spirit, the Spirit of Christ the anointed one,
courses through us and with your Spirit living in us
you want to transform this world,
to evangelise it, to make it Good News for all.
Help us open our hearts and minds
to hand over our lives so as to be Christ in the world.
Help us to accept, appreciate and love differences
as blessings and riches created by you, to trust
in people’s nobleness rather than our own wealth,
power and might, and so make of this world
a Good News planet of life for all.
We as you this through Christ your Son, Amen
Arrival and Going Home Procedures

It is one year since we commenced operations in our new building which means it is one year since the start of new procedures for arriving at school and leaving the school. Although there have been a few “tweaks” along the way we have now reached a point where these procedures seem “automatic”. A big thank you to the whole McAuley community who have been so patient as our rules and regulations were finalised. Such procedures at school will need amending from time to time simply because schools are very dynamic places but it is wonderful to have the bones of our procedures working so efficiently.

New Playground Signs

Staff at McAuley have taken on the very involved task of redesigning playground procedures and rules. This has been a long process that has involved a great deal of consultation, feedback and investigating. We have now reached a stage where our Playground Policy has been finalised and we have reached consensus on the rules that make our playground a happy, cooperative and safe place. Yesterday many signs were installed around our playground that remind supervising teachers, students and visitors of the positive ways to behave during time on the playground.

Catherine McAuley - A “Sun-Smart” School

Just a reminder that we are a “Sun-Smart” school. This means that children are expected to wear a hat in Term 1 and Term 4. We have a “No Hat - Play in the Shade” policy. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. Thank you for your support of this policy.

Just A Suggestion!

It is great to see our students wearing their hats during the hotter weather. Many of the younger students have a hat which includes a cord. This cord provides minimal assistance in keeping the hat on, however, can be dangerous when playing on equipment. It would be better for the cord to be cut off to avoid this issue.

Clare Miller

Weekend Mass times

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SCHOOL FEES

School Fee account reminders have been both emailed and sent home in paper form this week. Please note that in the future we will only be sending accounts via email. If you have not provided us with a current email address, please do so as soon as possible. **If you are paying by direct debit, the account is just for your records so you can see where you are up to.** Please contact the office if you wish to make an adjustment in your repayment. If you would like to set up a payment schedule, we are happy to work out a repayment figure for you. Payment plans can be set up through Bpay in your internet banking or by direct debit by contacting the office. All accounts that do not have a payment plan in place are overdue and should be settled immediately. Thank you.

LIBRARY

Our annual Book Fair from Scholastic Australia will arrive next week with lots of wonderful books to buy. You are most welcome to visit the fair at the times listed below. Don't forget our **Open Night** on **Tuesday October 18th** between 5:30 and 8:00pm.

Enter the library via the large gates between the school and Kenna Hall and follow the signs.

The students are also able to visit the fair at lunchtimes.

If you are sending money into school with your child to spend at the fair please ensure it is either in a wallet, ziplock bag or envelope etc. Loose money tends to get lost!

**Opening Times**

- **Tuesday 18th October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm  **plus OPEN NIGHT 5:30-8:00pm**
- **Wednesday 19th October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm
- **Thursday 20th October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm
- **Friday 21st October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm

Thank you,

Catherine Bishenden

LIBRARY


TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 17th October to Friday 21st October 2016

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*12:45-1:45pm* - S Martyr

Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
PARISH OF ST MARY AND ST JOSEPH

Fundraising Luncheon

November for Prostate Cancer

DATE
VENUE
TIME
COST

Sunday 20th November 2016
Kenna Hall
12 noon for 12.30pm start
$60 per person (includes a two course meal and beverages)

Tickets for tables of 8 will be on sale at the Parish Office, Hill St, Orange
6362 2378 or helen.saunders@sosj.org.au