FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of the strengths of Cartherine McAuley is the patchwork of programs that are on offer to cater for all students and the recognition of those students in what they achieve. Schools have often been one dimensional in their "star" students. I still have memories of school yearbooks that contained colour pages of the sporting prowess of the school and the academic feats consigned to back pages and black and white. Alas with sport in particular fame is fleeting but I would hope intelligence lasts forever. I would add students can have both.

In recent times some Grade 6 students have been involved in a debating competition with St Mary's School in Orange. To speak in front of your peers is never an easy task and to present arguments and think on your feet can even be harder. The students in the team are learning a wonderful life skill, whether they become politicians or any other job that requires clarity of thought whilst addressing a crowd.

I have been present for some of the debates and have noticed a tremendous improvement in the debating "troupe". I thank and congratulate Mrs Gai Rosser and Mrs Lucy Connor on their efforts in organising and coaching the 16 or so students and especially congratulate the students on their efforts. Being part of a competition with St Mary's will also benefit those students going to James Sheahan High as they have developed great camaraderie with each other.

The recently departed Gough Whitlam, a great debater and orator, would be proud of our school and its debating culture!

Michael Croke

CHARITY

Our divine Saviour’s example should always be before us under all circumstances, particularly in exercising charity towards our neighbour, and more especially towards those who are united with us in religion.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Abby Gregory, Emerson Allen, Thomas Horan, Olivia Burns, Cooper Johns, Angel Tom, Sherwin Hogg, Ella Williams, Kashae Gentles, Patrick Crump, Claudia Johnston, Emma Kennedy, Claire Finley, Oliver Connaughton, Damien Johnson, Nyakot Malual, Adool Mabior, Mitchell Kostich & Hannah Fitzpatrick.

Class Teachers for 2015: We can announce the class teachers for 2015. Teachers are currently finalising class lists for 2015. These must be finalised by Friday 5th December so that we can inform parents of which class their child will be in for 2015 when we send the reports home on Friday 12th December.

| KM – Mrs Clare Miller & Mrs Jane Lenehan | KC – Mrs Helen Croke | KD – Mrs Sue Derwin |
| 1B – Miss Belinda Wilson & Mrs Peta Lidster | 1C – Mrs Brooke Church & Mrs Kim Pellow | 1W – Mrs Margaret Wright |
| 2J – Mrs Jennene Carpenter | 2C – Mrs Helen Cracknell | 2P – Mrs Debbie Prestwidge |
| 3W – Mrs Anna White | 3B – Mrs Eleanor Bettinzoli | 3A – Mrs Trish Aumuller |
| 4G – Mr Gerry Gough | 4T – Mrs Camille de Silva Tavares & Mrs Marianne Niven | 4S – Mr Mark Sheridan |
| 5F – Miss Sharyn Fitzgerald | 5W – Mr Brian Williams & Mrs Lee Ann Hazelton | 5H – Mrs Georgie Haydon & Mrs Anne Mulligan |
| 6P – Mrs Robyn Petty & Mrs Gai Rosser | 6C – Mrs Lucy Connor | 6H – Mr Scott Hudson |

Year 2 Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be organised by Year 2 Friday 14th November commencing at 12.00am in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Leaving the School Grounds: A reminder that there are two exit points from our school. The Year 2-6 children wait for buses on the Kenna Hall steps and wait for parents to pick them up in the covered area adjacent to Kenna Hall. The Kindergarten and Year 1 children are picked up by parents at the back of the Byng St site and wait for buses in the area adjacent to the building on Byng St. If parents need to vary these arrangements on a regular basis or on a one off occasion we would appreciate this in writing so we are aware of your expectations. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CHILDREN LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS TO CATCH A BUS AT ANOTHER PLACE OR GO HOME WITH A FRIEND IF PARENTS HAVE NOT REQUESTED THIS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS TO ABIDE BY THESE ROUTINES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN. Please assist us in explaining the importance of this request to your children.

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.

Rewards Day: As the year draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of year Reward Day to the pool, movies, ten pin bowling or something similar. Any child who has been on a Level 4 OR has received 10 Level 1’s OR 3 Level 2’s during the year will not be eligible to attend the Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

Summer Sports Trials: Next Tuesday eight Year 5 students will travel to Dubbo to participate in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials. We wish them the best of luck and a fun day. A report of how they went will be in next week’s newsletter.

Before School Routine: A reminder that teachers are busy preparing for lessons before school. This is not the time to come and discuss your child’s progress or concerns you may have with the teacher. If you have something urgent to share with your child’s class teacher it would be appropriate to come to the main office and a message can be given to the teacher or an appointment made. By this time of the year all children including Kindergarten children are capable of bringing notes and lunch orders into the class on their own.

Steve Maguire
Remembrance Day: We had a lovely Remembrance Day Prayer Service yesterday, led by our Year 6 Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains. Thank you to all involved for a very reverent and respectful service.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls: The month of November provides a great opportunity for us to remember all those we love, who are no longer with us. The Church honours those whom we have loved, and asks us to pray for their souls. In turn, the Holy souls are able to pray for us. Please take the opportunity to record the names of those whom you have loved and lost in the ‘Book of Life’, which is in each of the Parish Churches. This book is taken up in the Offertory Procession at each Mass during November, and those recorded in the book are prayed for.

Orange Parish Sesquicentenary Celebrations - Celebrating our Heritage

On Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd November our Parish will be holding its major celebrations for our Sesquicentenary. All Parishoners, past and present, along with all members of our community are very welcome to join us in all or part of these celebrations. Please see the attached flyer for further details and agenda.

End of the Liturgical Year: Christmas is drawing very close (we have only six weeks to go!) and this weekend the Church celebrates the last week in Ordinary time. Next weekend is the celebration of “Christ The King”, and we then begin preparing for Christmas with the Advent Season.

Christmas Hampers: With Christmas not so far away, we will soon be organising hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. Each year we proudly donate many boxes of hamper goods to St Vincent de Paul for them to distribute around our community. This year we hope to once again assist those who find the Christmas Season very difficult. More details regarding hampers will be given next week.

Liturgies and Masses: What a lovely Year One Liturgy we had today! Thank you to all who came along today to join Year One as they celebrated their Grade Liturgy. Our next celebration will be on Wednesday 26th November when Year 4 will celebrate their Grade Mass. As always, parents, friends and families are always very welcome to join us for our Masses and Liturgies.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
**FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

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**To the Wonderful community of Catherine McAuley**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the support and well wishes as I approach my last teaching days for the year in preparation for my wedding. It has been a very busy year in my new role as the second Primary Coordinator. The executive team, staff, students and parents have been very supportive especially Mrs Miller as my mentor. As I now prepare for the next chapter in my life, I have had so many excited students from Year 6 to Kinder talk to me about the big event. This has been very heartwarming from old and new students, from the many years I have been teaching, firstly at Sacred Heart and now at the amazing Catherine McAuley School. I am sure it will be talked about for at least one day next week until the next event occurs at our busy school.

I know it is early however I wish you a Safe and Happy Christmas full of joy, laughter, family and friend time and loads of love. Remember to share hugs and loving thoughts over the next few weeks just for me. I shall write again in 2015 as Mrs Forbes. Take Care.

Belinda Wilson

**Parent Information Evening**

Last Thursday evening parents of the Kindergarten class of 2015 were welcomed to our school for an information evening. It was wonderful to see such an overwhelming response and the positive way in which the new families embraced the school. A big thank you to the staff members who presented valuable information to our new families.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Last Friday we welcomed our Kindergarten Class of 2015 to their first Orientation Day. By all accounts the visit was positive and there were some very excited and happy children (and teachers).

Families will soon receive a letter containing confirmation of Kindergarten classes for 2015. Kindergarten will commence school on Thursday 29th January. (Full Day for Thursday and Friday)

**Congratulations To Our School Leaders**

At the Kindergarten Parent Information Evening our school leaders presented some valuable information regarding school life at Catherine McAuley. Lucy Nagle, Dominic Gibson, Ella Robins and Zac Hazzard all spoke confidently and eloquently. Congratulations to these fine young students.

During our first Orientation day the Sports Captains provided valuable assistance to Mr Maguire and Mrs Lenehan during tabloid sport with the current Kindergarten classes. Congratulations and thank you to Audrey Madigan, Mia Rowland, Sean Carpenter, Jesse Dean, Oscar Williams, Will Thomas, Cooper Monk and Amelia Wilcox.

AND…. It doesn’t end there. Students from Year 5 did an amazing job of welcoming the new families to Catherine McAuley School. These students greeted families, helped the new students pin on their name badges and showed them to their line.

I know I speak for all staff when I congratulate and thank all of these amazing school leaders.

Clare Miller

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**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

If all the Lego bricks ever manufactured were clipped on top of each other, they would make a tower ten times as high as the distance to the moon.
The Catherine McAuley Senior Band proudly represented our school at the Orange Regional Conservatorium Open Day on Saturday, 8th November. It was classed as an open rehearsal and the students sounded polished as they played a number of their pieces, and they were most importantly "in tune!" Mr Prem Love was very pleased with their performance and they certainly rose to the occasion, performing in front of quite a large audience. Congratulations to all students involved.

Anne Mulligan

**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**Tuckshop Ph:** 6362 0942

**BIRTHDAYS**

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


**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November, 2014**

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Days gone by.......
Celebrating 150 Years
Sesquicentenary Celebrations
Catholic Parish of Orange

Celebrating our Heritage
Friday 21st, Saturday, 22nd and Sunday 23rd
November 2014.

Program of Events
**Friday evening: 21st November:**

7:00 to 8:30 pm   Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange:

- Official Opening of Historical Exhibition  ..................Fr Paul Devitt
- Book Launch: “History: Parish of Orange” ............ Margaret Bastick
- Children’s Art Exhibition.....Catherine McAuley & St Mary’s students
- Wine and Cheese nibbles
- Souvenirs  and Orange Parish History Book on sale

**Saturday, 22nd November:**

11:00 am to 4:00 pm   Historical Exhibition in Kenna Hall
- Tea/coffee and light refreshments
- Souvenirs and Orange Parish History Book on sale

10:00 am   St Joseph’s Church Tour.................................Fr Paul Devitt

10:00 am   Orange Cemetery Tour (meet at gates).........Jeff Fardell

12:00 to 12:30 pm  Ecumenical Service St Joseph’s Church

2:00 pm   St Joseph’s Church Tour.................................Fr Paul Devitt

2:00 pm   Orange Cemetery Tour (meet at gates).........Jeff Fardell

6:00 pm   Mass St Mary’s Church
- Followed by Sausage Sizzle

**Sunday, 23rd November 2014:**

11:00 am to 2:00 pm   Historical Exhibition in Kenna Hall
- Tea/coffee and light refreshments
- Souvenirs and Orange Parish History Book on sale

2:00 to 3:30 pm   Musical Concert (St Joseph’s Church)