FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I'm sure many people have been following the school building progress with both anticipation and excitement. At the moment we are using the completed Grade 2 classrooms as our inspiration and calling card and an indication of what we are to expect from August onwards.

For those who may not be totally in the loop all classes from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be on the Hill Street site which will have many many benefits including some we may not have thought of! The Byng Street site (which currently houses Kindergarten and Grade 1) will become the sole domain of Music and Drama and Special Education. After the building completion there will be some moving to consider. We are all very excited about what lies ahead. Added to the building work we are also currently investigating new playground equipment.

It is the intention that there will be no more building or general disruption this century!!!

Michael Croke

Love of Silence

To obtain recollection, we must entertain a great love for silence.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Macey Lenehan, Kody Wasow, Addison Gardner, Thomma Tancred, Ali Gavin, Winnie Johnson, Maddison Allen, Sephie Coghlan, Akok Aluk, Shantelle Lavender, Will Munday, Joseph Brindley, Riley Clarke, Jacob Wooding, Emma Kennedy, Thomas Caulfield, Kaelen Monk and Claudia Waterman.

Sabbatical Week: Next week is Sabbatical week. This is the week in the middle of the term when we try to minimise activities and meetings. Another bonus is there is NO HOMEWOK for a week which always puts a smile on many faces at McAuley.

Winter Uniform: The cold weather has ensured all students are in winter uniform. During Term 2 & Term 3 children must have their shirt tucked in (except for when they are on the playground) and they do not have to wear a hat while outdoors. Please ensure your child’s name is on all jumpers, jackets, scarves and items of clothing that they may take off throughout the day. A reminder that in cold weather children are permitted to wear jackets, scarves and/or beanies in the playground. (Preferably navy blue or maroon.)

Professional Learning: We were fortunate to have Vicki Vance from the Bathurst CEO visit McAuley last Thursday to work with our teachers on Google docs and how to get the best results with technology for our students. Thanks to Mrs Miller and Mrs Forbes for running sessions as well.

NAPLAN: The children in Year 3 & Year 5 are taking part in NAPLAN this week. It is important that the children are encouraged to relax, do their best and not stress during the three days of tests. A big thank you to the Year 3 and Year 5 teachers who have helped the children prepare for the tests in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy.

Whole School Assembly: Kindergarten will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 22nd May commencing at 10:00am in Kenna Hall.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24th July in Canowindra. The back up date is Friday 31st July. Notes have been sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Carnival.

Diocesan Spelling: Congratulations to Milan Shaji (Year 6) and Alan Parayil (Year 4) who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Bathurst Diocese Spelling Bee in Wellington on Thursday 4th June.

Kindergarten 2016: As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2016 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews continue next week.

Year 6 Personal Development Evening: As part of their Personal Development Program the Year 6 children and their parents attended an information session on Monday 11th May. The children will continue to learn about the changes that are occurring to their bodies in lessons at school. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for their effort in helping the parents who are the first educators of their children with this important task. At McAuley this topic is taught with a strong catholic perspective. The children are encouraged to understand that they are a gift from God and they are all different and that they will go through the changes in their own time. At times we have to be counter cultural and challenge the ideals portrayed in the media, TV shows and movies.

Notes & Newsletters: A reminder that all school newsletters and notes that are sent home are available on the school website

Steve Maguire
The Ascension of our Lord: This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of our Lord’s Ascension into heaven. The Ascension commemorates Jesus' return to heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Traditionally we have celebrated the Ascension exactly 40 days after Easter Sunday, on the Thursday, however because of the importance of the feast, it’s celebration has been moved to the following Sunday. This feast also prepares us for the day of Pentecost, which will be celebrated next weekend.

Mothers’ Day Liturgy: Thank you to all who were able to come along last Friday for our Mothers’ Day Liturgy. Although I wasn’t able to be there, from all reports many mothers and other family and friends were able to be present for this special Liturgy. The students are always so proud to have you there, and especially to have your photos in the powerpoint. Thank you to all who sent in photos for the powerpoint as well. If you have not already received copies back, I will endeavour to return them today or tomorrow.

First Holy Communion: A reminder that Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion were due at the Parish Office last Friday. From the list I have received, there are still a lot of Year 3 students who have not enrolled. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

Project Compassion: Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity with your donations for Project Compassion. We have counted almost $1700 in donations! This money will be sent to Caritas Australia to assist with all their wonderful work around the world. Once again, thank you!

Gold Coin Donations for Nepal: Along with our Project Compassion donations, you have also raised over $2700 for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake. With school funds, we will send a cheque of $4000 to Caritas for their work with these victims. We are always grateful for the amazing generosity of our school community, and your willingness to assist those who need your help. Once again, thank you!

Grade Liturgies: Congratulations to Year 1 who had their beautiful Grade Liturgy today. It was lovely to see so many family and friends able to join them for their celebration. Year 5 will host our next Grade Mass, which will be on Wednesday 27th May at 12:30pm. Once again, all family and friends are very welcome to join us.

Catherine McAuley Preparing Parish Mass: Both St Mary’s School and Catherine McAuley have been asked by the Parish to assist at two of the Parish Masses throughout the year. The first of the Masses that we have been invited to help with is on Sunday 31st May. The students of Catherine McAuley will assist with the presentation of the 5:00pm Parish Mass at St Joseph’s Church, and will be involved in the Music, Offertory and Commentary. We would love to have as many McAuley people at Mass as possible. I will be sending home a note in the next week asking those that may be able to come to that Mass if they would be willing to be involved in one of the Ministries mentioned. Please give consideration to attending this Mass, as it would be great to have our school community well supported.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Sabbatical

It has become a tradition at Catherine McAuley School that Week 5 is a rest week or sabbatical week. This means that students will not be given homework next week. Some classes will continue with a daily reader and sight words, however, written homework will not be sent home. Enjoy the break!!

A Big Thank You

Wet afternoons at the Byng St site are extremely difficult because there is very little shelter for parents as they pick up their children and many doors are not accessible due to the movement of students to buses. Staff would like to thank parents for their support on these difficult days.

Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten students have been learning about the types of food that can be produced and grown in Orange. To supplement this unit of work the students will be visiting a number of local sites to see food production and farming operations first hand. A big thank you goes out to The Beekeeper’s Inn, Mullion Produce Pets and Saddlery and Hillside Orchard for allowing us to visit. Parents, please take note of the following points:

1. Sports uniform to be worn.
2. Ensure children have warm clothing including a coat.
3. All articles of clothing must be labeled.
4. Students must bring recess and lunch.
5. Bring a drink of water.

In the case of wet weather, students are to come to school as normal and the excursion will be postponed.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

90% of all the data ever produced by humans was created in the last two years.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie Year 6 will be performing their plays tomorrow and Friday. Times are as follows:

6P Thursday 14th May 10:45am, 6H Thursday 14th May 2:45pm & 6C Friday 15th May 10:45am.

Parents & Friends Welcome!

Anne Allan

CLASS OF THE WEEK - 3B

Year 3 has had a very busy Term so far. We have been learning how to write persuasive texts, doing some great work with multiplication and division and are now getting ready for First Eucharist. This is some of the artwork we have produced this year.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Jyothis Jojo, Will Kennedy, Laura Daniel, Edwina Johnson, Ellie Pearce, Julia Loecker, Jackson Rodwell, Brydon

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May 2015

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942

* = 12:45 - 1:45pm
Dear Year 7 Parents

It’s time to order the school uniform.

**Fittings are compulsory for all Yr 7 students**
If you do not do a fitting & order, the correct size uniform items may not be available.

**Five Simple Steps**
1. Call now and make an appointment
2. We will assist with fittings
3. Place and secure your order with 20% deposit
   Blazers must be paid in full at time of ordering, blazer & deposit is refundable if you child doesn’t obtain a place at James Sheahan
4. Pay progressively (This is optional but preferred)
5. Final payment and pick-up after end of November

**Please Note:** Blazers if required must be ordered before 29th May 2015
Full payment for blazers is required at time of order

To ensure availability of correct sizing, orders must be placed during the fitting period

Fittings will commence
**Wednesday 1st April 2015** and continue until **Friday 29th May 2015**
and will be by **Appointment Only**

To make an appointment
Phone: 02 6361 1512
During Shop Hours
(Mon-Th 8.30-5, Sat 9-12)

**Orange Clothing Company**
33-35 Sale Street
Orange NSW 2800

Summer Uniform delivery into store will be **November 2015**
At this time your orders can be collected.
If your child has grown it may be possible to change sizes at this time.

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Catholic High School Orange

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**say cheese**
School Photo Day is:
20th May 2015

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

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**Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:**
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
  - Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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