FROM THE PRINCIPAL

McAuley Monster Raffle is coming.. tickets sent home today!

Michael Croke

PEACE OF MIND

Never let anything cause you trouble or anxiety which is not an offence against God.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Ellie Pearce, Mia Johns, William Wythes, Knox Gibson, George Tancred, Ollie Taberner, Cooper Lawry, Jack Judge, Heath McAtamney, Makayla Milne, Charlie Ferguson, Lachlan Mason, Saige King, Darcy Schofield, Oliver Connaughton, Tara Robertson, Lucas Blashki, Lance Milne, Jada Hatch, Hannah Bartimote & Austin Pearce.

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 29th August and will be organised by Year 3 commencing at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: We have a large number of old single school desks under Kenna Hall. If anybody would like one they are FREE. Please contact or visit the school office if you would like to take a desk (or desks).

ICAS Mathematics Competition: Forty-Seven students sat the ICAS Mathematics Competition yesterday. We look forward to acknowledging and celebrating there results as soon as they are marked and returned.

DIOCESAN Athletics: It was a beautiful Bathurst day last Friday for the Bathurst Diocesan Athletics Carnival held at MacKillop College. Twenty-six of our students competed at the carnival. Special congratulations to Chloe Jaques, Mackenzie Innes, Liam Kennedy, Amelia Wilcox, Jack Ryan & Nyibol Got who gained selection in the Bathurst Athletics Squad to compete in Newcastle on Friday 5th September at the Polding Carnival. Mr Gough and Mr Hudson will accompany the Bathurst Squad to this carnival.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015: Offers of places for 2015 in Kindergarten at Catherine McAuley were posted on Friday of last week. We look forward to working with the Kindergarten children of 2015 and their families.

SABBATICAL WEEK: This week is Sabbatical Week, a chance to take a breath in the busy life of the school. There is no homework and we do try to keep meetings and disruptions to a minimum during Week 5 of each term. Enjoy!

Safety Procedures & Policies: It is mandatory for all schools to have evacuation and lockdown procedures. It is also mandatory for the staff and students to practise these regularly during the year to ensure everyone in the school is aware of what they need to do to stay safe if a situation arises. Last Wednesday the school had one of there regular practices of a lockdown.

From time to time the school does receive information about situations in the community from the police or the Bathurst CEO. These situations are assessed and appropriate action taken to ensure the safety of the school community. Parents would be notified of any situation if the police, Bathurst CEO or the school considered it necessary to ensure the safety of the children at McAuley. It is impossible and not advisable to contact parents during an incident that requires lockdown or evacuation as it would jeopardise the integrity of the procedures and could impact on the safety of the school community. Last Thursday the Bathurst CEO advised us of a minimal threat to the Orange community and suggested we take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our children. We did not need to go into full lockdown as it was a low level threat to the community.

Steve Maguire
The Assumption: This Friday we celebrate the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Mary is held up to the Church as a wonderful role model for all. Her faith was incredibly strong and she was always willing to listen to God and do as He asked. When she died, she was rewarded by being taken to heaven body and soul. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that Catholics are expected to attend Mass on this day, even though it is not a Sunday. In Australia, we only have two Holy Days of Obligation, with the other day being Christmas Day.

Mass at St Mary's Church this Friday: As mentioned previously, we will be joining St Mary's School to celebrate the Assumption this Friday. We will leave approximately 11:30am for a 12 noon Mass. After Mass we will stay and have lunch before returning in time for buses. Children are asked to bring their lunch on Friday, as there will be no canteen. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Parish Primary School community and both teachers and children are looking forward to it. Please remember to return the permission note by this Thursday. There is no cost involved.

First Reconciliation: Enrolment forms for the Sacrament went home last week with the Year 2 children. If you did not receive a form or need another, or if you have a child who is older than Year 2 who would like to make their First Reconciliation and has not received a form, please let me know as soon as possible. These forms are due to be returned to the Parish House by this Friday, 15th August 2014. Preparation for the Sacrament will take place in the classroom during daily Religion lessons. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 5 Grade Mass: Year 5 will celebrate their Grade Mass next Tuesday, 19th August at 12.30pm. All families and friends of Year 5 are very welcome to join them for this Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty

James Sheahan Catholic High School - iPad Expo

James Sheahan Catholic High School are having an iPad expo for students entering Year 7 2015. This will be held at JSCH on 26th August, 2014 at 7:00pm.
Welcome to Sabbatical week. We hope you are enjoying the NO HOMEWORK this week. Homework can come in many forms from art projects, drill and revision of spelling words, reading and working on mathematical problems. Homework can also and should include time with family, playing games outside or inside, talking about the activities of the day and making time for each other as a family.

As the year progresses and children mature we often see a change in friendships. This can be hard, for child, parent and teacher. Just remember this is all part of normal growing up. Below are some tips to help you get through this stage.

**BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN WITH FRIENDS**

- If possible, establish a dialogue with your child about friendships so that you can offer support when there are difficulties and provide some ideas when needed.
- Identify and discuss any behaviour, such as teasing, bullying or self-centredness that may prevent your child from making friends. Sometimes a child’s remarks can irritate others, which they may not notice.
- Teach some social skills such as how to start up a conversation and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.
- Provide opportunities for your child to make friends at your place after school or during weekends so that friendships can develop. An invitation to bring a friend along to a family outing can provide opportunities to strengthen friendships.
- Encourage your child to participate in ‘out-of-school’ activities or groups that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are very strong.
- Meals are great social occasions – more than just refuelling stops. They provide a great opportunity for families to get together and talk. Talk about each other’s day – the highlights and low lights. Share your own day with your children.
- If you have a ‘conversational clam’ in your family try talking over a snack, or while doing an activity. Boys, in particular, tend to open up more while their hands are busy.

Of course this is not the end of the list of helping your child deal with friendship changes as they grow. Look out for some more information and tips in the following weeks on different issues we often see at school.

**HERE IS A CHALLENGE.** How many words can you make from the big word: **Friendships**

Belinda Wilson

**Bledisloe Cup**

Last week we were happy to receive a visit from the Bledisloe Cup and some of the Wallabies players. Hopefully after next week we will have it as a permanent resident of Australia!

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

As a reward for winning the part of Harry Potter; the 11-year-old Daniel Radcliffe was allowed to stay up and watch *Fawlty Towers*. 
MUSIC & DRAMA

It’s Playtime!:
The Year 4 classes are ready and willing to perform their plays next week. Please come and enjoy their presentations of "The Minor Pirates" which will be held in the Sr Clare Murphy Room.

4S Tuesday 19th August 10.45am
4G Friday 22nd August 10.45am
4T Friday 22nd August 12.45pm

The Year 3 classes will perform their play "The Fairytale Princess" the following week also in the Sr Clare Murphy Room. The dates and times will be published in next week's newsletter.

Costuming requirements have been discussed with the children. There are no costs involved as all costumes will be readily available from the children's own wardrobes or from the school dress-ups.
Parents and friends are most welcome.

Eisteddfod-Band
The senior Concert Band will compete in the Orange Eisteddfod next Wednesday 20th August. Children are reminded to return their permission notes this week. Unfortunately the performance time clashes with the book week parade. However, those children who would like to dress up can bring their costume to school and they shall have their own exclusive parade around the classrooms in the morning.

Anne Allan

LIBRARY

Book Week
Book Week is almost here!
Next Wednesday, 20th August we will be having our Dress Up Parade. The children are to come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read, a book they have had read to them or a book they would like to read. Hopefully the children have their costumes almost ready!
The parade will take place at 12 midday in Kenna Hall and parents are welcome to attend.

Book Club
Book Club is being sent home this week. It is due back at school by Thursday 21st August. The brochures contain some great books for all reading levels. If your child is ordering from Book Club please be sure to fill in all details on the order form. Place the order form along with the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed and hand to the class teacher.

Catherine Bishenden & Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:  Georgie Halls, Jack Martyr, Sheawyn Whitta, & Jacob Wooding.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August, 2014

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LOOK AT SOME OF OUR GREAT PRIZES

THE FAMILY WHO SELLS THE MOST TICKETS WINS A COLOUR TV!

OUR MAJOR PRIZE IS A FRIDGE COURTESY OF ELECTROLUX VALUED AT $830