FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I realise that the Australian government has been busy this week preparing to deliver a budget but a window into our school will realise that schools are also very busy places!

Firstly the front office ladies have been busy taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. Students have been away from the school at the Diocesan Cross Country in Coolah. Others (with Mr Maguire) were in Tamworth representing the Bathurst Diocese in Winter sports. Last Friday Kindergarten visited the Bathurst Sheep & Cattle Drome. We had a visit from the Sydney Conservatorium Brass Ensemble on Friday who were able to give Mrs Bishenden a stirring rendition of "Happy Birthday". On the local stage front Mrs Aumuller has a starring role in the musical "Chicago" and many of the staff were in the audience on Friday night to cheer her on. NAPLAN testing is taking place this week for Grades 3 and 5. Some teachers will also be involved in a Reading inservice in Orange on Thursday and Friday. On Sunday some Grade 6 students will be in Wellington training with the Bathurst Diocese Touch Football Team.

All of this proves that schools and education in 2014 are very much a moveable feast and learning will take place on a variety of fronts and settings.

Michael Croke

Catholic Parish of Orange Sesquicentenary 150 years (1864-2014)

CONFIDENCE IN GOD

While we place all our confidence in God, we must act as if all depended on our exertion.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Daisy Bohringer, Mia Milne, Milla Sampson, Ruby Wythes, Mia Sciuto, Gemma Wilson, Millie Rose Brodbeck, Georgie Halls, Rachel Masling, Alexander Halls, Nida Rasheed, Joseph Murphy, Lachlan Wykes, Riley Sutherland, Mitchel Crean, Liam Hurley, Emily Bekavac, Ella Kingham, Emily Hennessy, Abuk Dut and Nikyha Gentles

NAPLAN: This week the children in Year 3 & Year 5 will take part in NAPLAN on Tuesday - Language Conventions & Writing, Wednesday - Reading and Thursday – Numeracy. Thank you to the Year 3 & Year 5 teachers for providing the children with the support to ensure all students completed the papers to the best of their ability.

Peer Support: Students are working through the Peer Support module, taking opportunities which focus on resilience. The experiences presented in the module help children develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In this session each group established their group agreements so they can work well together. The children shared some of their Favourite things and learnt about the other members of the group.

UNSW Tests: As last year students will be able to nominate and sit for the ICAS tests. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 29th July and Mathematics Tuesday 12th August. A note was sent home last week, asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $9.00 per test.

Professional Learning: Mr Croke attended a Catholic Education Office Leadership Committee Group Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mrs Derwin, Mrs Pellow, Mrs Cracknell, and Mrs White will attend the next two days of their Reading to Learn Course this Thursday and Friday.

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

FUNDRAISING MATTERS

The Year 3 Pie Drive Order forms have gone home this week. Please consider supporting this fundraiser and return your orders as soon as possible. Don’t forget there will be a prize for each grade to win book club vouchers for all orders returned by Tuesday 20th May. Year 6 are also having a Cake Stall this Friday. Cakes, biscuits and slices will be sold for 50 cents each. A reminder that Year 5 & 6 students and parents are providing the goods for the Cake Stall and we thank them for the time taken to bake the goodies.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

There are two rhymes in English for purple: curple, a strap passing under a horse’s tail, and hirple, to walk along dragging one leg behind the other.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Jesus said to her,

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

Confirmation: Confirmation is getting very close, with only a little over two weeks before the Bishop confers the Sacrament on our Year 6 students. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive the Holy Spirit. All enrolment forms should be at the Parish Office (between St Joseph’s Church and Kenna Hall) by now, however if you have not enrolled for Confirmation, please do so as soon as possible. If you require further information or a form, please do not hesitate to contact me. The practice for Confirmation will be on Thursday, 29th May in St Mary’s Church at 7.00pm. This practice will be for all Candidates receiving Confirmation this year, regardless of which Mass or Church they may be receiving the Sacrament. There are several aspects to receiving the Sacrament, and this practice is to assist candidates with the processes involved in the Confirmation Ceremony. All Candidates are encouraged to attend.

Project Compassion: Thank you to all who have donated so generously to Project Compassion this year. We have a final total of $2089.75 being sent from Catherine McAuley to Caritas Australia to assist with the wonderful work they do throughout the world. Each year I am continually amazed at how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful supportive community. Thank you.

Liturgies For This Term: Next Tuesday, 20th May, Year 6 will be receiving the Second Rite of Reconciliation as part of their preparation for Confirmation. On Wed, 28th May, Kinder will have their Grade Liturgy at 12.30pm in the Church. Everyone is invited to join Kinder for this Liturgy.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Week 3 is here already. Some exciting news from the Byng Street site is that our hens Kerry and Tilly are now laying eggs. Last week we collected 3 eggs. Each week a class is rostered on to check the hens and collect the eggs. The students are really excited and it has promoted lots of discussion in the classrooms and the playground.

Another reminder about LOST PROPERTY. There are a number of boys jumpers and other clothing building up without names on them in the Byng Street site, all unlabelled. If you are missing something at home please come and check or send a note with your child to their class teacher so that we can check for you. On a positive note the students look lovely in their winter uniforms which is a credit to you as parents.

This week the Primary Students are busy with the NAPLAN Testing. We encouraged each student to do their best. Remember it is not a TOTAL reflection on their progress but an indicator for teachers and parents as to where they may need help in the coming weeks. We congratulate all students for giving their best.

Until next week remember a smile and a hug goes a long way.

Belinda Wilson
MINI VINNIES

On Tuesday, 6th May, the Mini Vinnies Group very generously gave up some of their lunch time play to read picture books to the students in Year One. They thought it was a good way for the primary students to spend quality time with the infants students and share a yarn as well! From all accounts it was a raging success. So much so, they decided to share stories with Kindergarten this week. Well done to the Mini Vinnies children who are really living the spirit of Catherine McAuley and St Vincent De Paul in our school.

Mrs Mulligan

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children:  Laura Daniel, Jessie Dean, Edwina Johnson, Ellie Pearce, Cooper Monk, Jackson Rodwell, Brydon Sherwood, Tara Yeghoyan, Sophie Hogben, Hope Gibson, Julia Scott-Robertson

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