FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The eagle has landed! As displayed by our photo "supplement" last week all classes are now in the new premises and teachers and students are delighted by what they see and what surrounds them. We now have Kindergarten to Grade 6 all on the one block which is making life so much easier. I also need to point out that Mrs Bishenden, Mrs Allan and Mrs Snowden are back in library and music rooms respectively so these ladies also share in the excitement. Just like a new home we are currently installing framed pictures and the like to give the corridors a homely feel. As I have said in many forums whilst it is wonderful to have sparkling new facilities the relationship between the teacher and the student is the key to a good education and has been since the dawn of time when classroom floors were dirt and walls were timber logs. A new building with great decor does not make a good restaurant. I believe the teaching personnel at Catherine McAuley are of the highest quality in every department. On more mundane matters I do inform parents that it is essential we secure (locked gates) the school block (including Byng St) from after the morning bell and until the afternoon bell. The only entry will be through the Hill St foyer. This simply puts us in line with all other educational institutions in 2015, from pre-school to high school.

The Greatest Blessing

*It is by being united to Jesus Christ that we will be united with each other. The spirit of union is the greatest blessing Almighty God can bestow on a community ...*

*Catherine McAuley 1778-1841*
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Levi Zinga, Ruby Davison, Nate Kenny, Maggie May, Ella Callow, Ava Martyr, Mia Fabar-Robey, Domenic Belmonte, Lilly Nonnenmacher, Kaiden Cole, Charlotte Lawson, Ben Bouffler, Archie Dunn, Oliver Livingstone, Makayla Milne, Mitchell Crean, Beth Hazzard, Lucas Blashki, Lily Wykes & Lance Milne.

**ICAS Assessments:** Congratulations to all children who participated in the ICAS English and Mathematics Assessments last term. It is important to remember these tests are not set according to the National Curriculum or on what students have covered in class. Special mention to the following children, who received Merits, Credits or Distinctions.

**Mathematics:**

**Distinction:** Jack Dean, Noah Richards.

**Credit:** Maeve Kennedy, Saxon Jordan, Kyle Gummer, Hugh Vaughan, Chloe Jaques, Mitchell Crean, Jessica Richards, Alan Parayil, Archie Dunn, Riley Clarke, Cruz Jordan, Samantha Harvey, Max Vaughan, Toby Telford, Wendy Ou Yang, Jack Judge, Johny French, Maya Budd, Freya Bieneck.

**Merit:** Joshua Karbowiak, Hannah Edwards, Alanah Seale, Bonnie Murphy, Henry Madigan, Jeron Sijo, Laura Daniel.

**English:**

**Distinction:** Freya Bieneck, Riley Clarke, Mitchell Crean, Hugh Vaughan, Maeve Kennedy.

**Credit:** Jack Judge, Matthew Kennedy, Noah Richards, Max Vaughan, Maya Thompson, Charlie Westgeest, Archie Dunn, Alan Parayil, Arkie Prisk, Jessica Richards, Anniliya Rose, Emma Kennedy, Ellie Kostich, Henry Madigan, Hannah Edwards.

**Merit:** Angel Tom, Ally Bush, Kyle Gummer

**Morning & Afternoon Routines:**

**Morning Routine:**

Teachers commence duty at 8:35am. *It is important that parents realise children who are dropped at school before this time will not have direct teachers supervision. Any child at school before 8:35am MUST be seated undercover in front of the Year 5L and 5H rooms.*

**Entry Point before 8:35am:** - Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school

**Entry Points after 8:35am:** - Byng St Site - Three gates open
- Hill St - Gate between Kenna Hall and the school
- Gate into Area A adjacent to the staffroom

**Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2:**

* Children put their bag under the COLA in Hill St on their class line.

**Year 3 & Year 4:**

* Children put their bag on their class line at the back of the Byng St building on their class line.

**Year 5 & Year 6:**

* Children put their bag on class lines adjacent to Kenna Hall.

**Afternoon Routine:**

**Byng St Site – Parent pick up only:**

All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent in the Byng St site meet the teacher on duty near the Year 5 Year 6 green area. They are walked over to the Byng St site. Parents are to meet children under the big tree on the Byng St site. If parents are not there children wait with the teacher on duty on the old infants bus lines. **Please note there is ample parking in Byng St.**

**Hill St Site - Parent pick up:**

All children who have nominated to be picked up by a parent in the Hill St site meet the teacher on duty in Area A. They are walked to the gate in Area A and leave with parents. If parents are not there children walk with the teacher on duty to the front of Kenna Hall at 3:20pm.

**Hill St Site – Bus exit:**

Children meet the teacher on duty adjacent to the Year 2 exit in the new building and exit between Kenna Hall and the School. They wait in front of Kenna Hall in designated areas and must be walked to the bus by a teacher on duty.

**Uniform Policy:**

A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. *A 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 rats tails
- 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
- long hair to be tied back with ribbons or scrunchy in school colours or pink checked in Summer
- 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 & Year 2 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & 6 children without a hat will sit in front of the Year 5L & 5H classrooms undercover and Year 3 & 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 a their break.

Steve Maguire
Mission Week: The children have been working really hard over the past week to learn a great deal about our Mission focus country, Madagascar. This week the excitement is building, with fund-raising ideas flowing, and money for the missions coming in. This week we have really seen the spirit of Catherine McAuley present through our Mission activities. Yesterday children gave up their Recess to “Deny and Donate” non-perishable items to children here in Orange who are struggling. This activity gave them a chance to both begin to appreciate what it must be like to have so little food available to them, as well as donate to others in our local community. Thank you to all who joined us today, as we celebrated a beautiful Mission Mass.

“Fun Day” Tomorrow!! We are all excited about tomorrow, looking forward to all the wonderful activities of our ‘Fun Day’. Parents and families are very welcome to come along from 11.40am-1.00pm, and join in our wonderful activities. This is a great way of getting rid of all that silver from around the house, by putting it to good use. Each activity costs 20c, so the more silver we have, the better!! (There will be a ‘change table’ operating if you happen to have run out of silver at home). Our wonderful week will conclude on Friday, with “Crazy Hat, Crazy Sunglasses and Crazy Socks Day”. Students are asked to wear weird and wonderful socks, hats and sunglasses to school - the crazier, the better! Let’s have fun this week, while we raise money to help those with so little.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: This term our Year 2 will be receiving their First Reconciliation on 9th and 10th November. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the parent meeting last week. Enrolment forms for First Reconciliation are due in to the Parish House this Friday, 16th October. If you have a child older than Year 2 who have not yet made their First Reconciliation and would like to enrol them this year, please let me know as soon as possible and I will send home enrolment forms.

Liturgies and Masses: Our next Mass will be another Whole School Mass next Wednesday 21st October to celebrate our Year 6 children receiving their Confirmation. This Mass will take place at 10:00am and all are welcome to join us. There will be a little party for those who made their Confirmation in Kenna Hall after Mass, and parents are invited to join us for the ‘cutting of the cake’.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Arrival and Going Home Procedures

A big thank you and congratulations to all for your support and cooperation with our new arrival and going home procedures. It is encouraging to see over five hundred students moving to and from school in a safe manner. Just a couple of reminders:

1. The gates at Byng St will not be opened in the morning until the start of morning duty at 8:35am. The reason for this is that, potentially there may be no teachers in the Byng St building to provide supervision. Before 8:35, the gates between Kenna Hall and the school building are opened and children are asked to move straight to the steps at the back of the school building and wait for supervision to begin. Once again, we encourage students to arrive after 8:35 unless there are extenuating circumstances.

2. On advice from the RMS we ask that parents collect children from the school gates in the afternoon. Students will not be allowed to walk to parents waiting in their cars.

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 terms 1 and 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

PLC NEWS

On the first day of Term 4, Tuesday 6th October, one teacher per grade was given the opportunity to attend Professional Development in Dubbo focused on Formative Assessment, presented by Dylan Wiliam.

Formative Assessment is all of those processes by which teachers use information about student learning to make constant adjustments to improve student achievement. Formative assessment is about creating a culture of continuous improvement in our classrooms.

Over the next few weeks, teachers who attended the Formative Assessment Professional Development will be sharing knowledge and strategies with all staff to help on our Professional Learning Community journey.

Lucy Connor

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Early BBC TV showed pictures and sound alternately: they only had one transmitter so couldn’t do both at the same time.
MISSION WEEK THURSDAY “FUN DAY” PARENT LUNCH ORDERS

We have a number of activities happening this week for Mission Week. Tomorrow (Thursday) will be our “Fun Day”. We would like to let all parents know that if you wish to stay and have lunch with your child, lunch can be ordered from the Tuckshop. If you wish to do this, please send in your lunch order with your child in the morning in the same manner you do for your child on a brown paper bag with money enclosed. This will ensure that we have enough food available for everyone on the day.

FREE DESKS & CHAIRS

As part of the School refurbishment we now have lots of additional desks, tables and chairs for anyone who would like them. They are stored adjacent to the Tuckshop. Please pick up between 8:15 - 9:00am or 3:00 - 4:00pm or by appointment.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair from Scholastic will begin Tuesday October 20th in the School Library with an Opening Night from 5:30-7:30pm. All are welcome! Please come along and take a look at the wonderful selection of books for sale. There will be lucky door prizes on the night. A great opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas and birthdays. All other opening times are listed below:

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- Tues Oct 20th  
- Wed Oct 21st  
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BIRTHDAYS

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

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October 2015

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