FROM THE PRINCIPAL

One of the hallmarks of Catherine McAuley School is the wonderful parent connection that we have at the school. It is something we deliberately foster and is of great importance and highlights the fact that we believe that we are a community of all those connected with our school at all levels and (research shows) there is a direct correlation between the happiness and learning habits of the students and the level of parent and family involvement.

Since the start of school we have witnessed an extraordinary amount of parent involvement on many levels. We have had parent teacher nights that have been very well attended. The amount of parent helpers at the swimming carnival was extraordinary. Our opening Mass again saw great parent participation and finally our welcoming barbecue saw a great roll up of parents and teachers, despite the warm weather. I especially thank the teachers on this score.

As principal, I am very well aware that parents have different levels of time and commitment they can give the school and such time is very much dependent on work and family commitments. I realise that all parents do the best they can and always believe that family time must always be given top priority.

Michael Croke
McAULEY SCHOOL RULES:

**FAITH:** God’s rules are: 1. Love God
2. Love others – Treat others how you want them to treat you.

**JUSTICE:** - Make positive choices

**RESPECT:** - Respect yourself, others and the school environment

**SERVICE:** - Help others in our school and the world

**LEARNING:** - Learn and let others learn

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: “Keep the playground clean and tidy.”

In class and at school this week we will remind all of our school community of the importance of keeping our playground clean and tidy. This comes from our school rule of service. Please help us by talking to your children about the importance of this at home. You may even extend our focus to keep your room (or home) clean and tidy! It is important that we respect our environment and take pride in our surroundings.

**McAuley Swimming Carnival:** Last Wednesday we had a fantastic swimming carnival at the Orange Aquatic Centre. A big thank you to the staff of the Aquatic Centre for all their efforts in ensuring our school community was safe and had a great day. A big thank you to all the parent helpers and teachers for their efforts throughout the day. There was some fantastic swimming ability and sportsmanship evident throughout the day.

Congratulations to Kabbarli who were the winning House on the day.

**Broken Records:**

* Boys 100M All Age Free style  
  Tallis Thomas 1:17:43 Kabbarli

* Boys 8 Years 50M Freestyle  
  Jack Collins 45:59 Kabbarli

* Girls 9 Years 50M Freestyle  
  Imogen Shaw 43.52 Woomera

* Boys Junior Back Stroke  
  Thomas Horan 46.98 Woomera

* Boys Junior Breast Stroke  
  George Tancred 58:21 Woomera

* Boys Senior Breast Stroke  
  Tallis Thomas 49:44 Kabbarli

**Age Champions:**

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**Runners Up:**

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**Southern Region Swimming Carnival:** Friday 24th February at Orange Aquatic Centre.

**Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on Wednesday 8th March.**
Morning Routine: Drop and go at the gate: Parents are reminded that the routine in the morning is drop your child at the gate …give them a kiss and cuddle and let them walk into school. **EVEN FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN…the children will settle in quickly and it will stop congestion in the Kindy and Year 1 line up area of a morning.**

Parent Teacher Information Evenings: Thank you to the parents who came to the Parent Teacher Evenings last week. We appreciated the parents visits to the classrooms and I am sure you would have picked up on our whole school focuses:

- PLC – Professional Learning Community
- MCCL – Model for Contemporary Learning
- ICT – All things technical including computers and iPads
- STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- SPB4L - School based Positive Behaviour for Learning.

I thank all the teachers for the wonderful job they are doing. It really is an exciting time to be part of the McAuley School Community.

Protected Learning Time: It is wonderful to walk around our school during Protected Learning Time (9.00am – 11.00am Monday to Thursday) and see the uninterrupted focus on learning. The high expectations on students who are working at their individual level is obvious as is the variety of activities, engagement of students, teachers and student assistants. This week I worked with the Year 1 children: story writing in 1B, whole number in 1P, spelling and Go Noodle in 1W (where I showed off my dancing skills!) I look forward to working with Year 2 next week.

Learning for all...EXPECT, INSPIRE, ENGAGE.

Diocesan Spelling Bee: Year 3 to Year 6 children will begin to focus on Spelling in order to select one child from each grade to compete in this years Diocesan Spelling Bee.

The final for Primary will be on Thursday 1st June Week 6 of Term 2.

Whole School Assembly: 1B will present their work at the first Whole School Assembly this Friday 24th February commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome!

Steve Maguire

McAULEY WELCOME BBQ

Thank you to everyone who attended our Welcome BBQ on Sunday.
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time: We continue Ordinary Time for the next two weeks, leading up to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season on 1st March. In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus tells us to share his love with others, by not bearing grudges against those who have hurt us. We are not expected to be submissive to others’ bad behavior against us, but rather, take the ‘higher moral ground’ and not retaliate. Rather than instinctively seeking revenge when we are wronged, Jesus tells us that we are to try to follow the law of love, because this is how we participate in relationship with God. We should then, love our enemies and pray for them. As he points out, anyone can love those who love them. The challenge is in loving those who are unpleasant or unkind.

Opening School Mass: Thank you to those who braced themselves against the heat and joined us for our Opening School Mass last Thursday. It was a lovely Mass, and a great opportunity to acknowledge our new School Leaders for this year. Congratulations to our School and House Captains, and to all our Year 6 Leaders.

Prayers: There are several families in our school community who are going through difficult times due to illness. Could I please ask you to offer a prayer for those who need your support at this time.

Sacramental Dates for 2017: I am putting the Sacramental Information in again this week in case people missed it last week. Please take note of the Sacramental and Parent Meetings dates for this year, as all parents are expected to attend the Sacramental Parent Meeting. Unlike previous years, the enrolment forms for the Sacrament will only be given out at these meetings and not at school.

First Communion: (for children in Year 3 or older)
Parent Meeting: Wednesday 26th April 7:00pm at St Mary’s Church, Park St.

Confirmation: (for children in Year 6 or older)
Parent Meeting: Thursday 8th June 7:00pm at St Mary’s Church, Park St.

First Reconciliation: (for children in Year 2 or older – must have made this Sacrament before they can make First Communion)
Parent Meeting: Wednesday 11th October, 7:00pm at St Mary’s Church, Park St.
Sacrament: 14th and 15th November 2017

Liturgies and Masses for this Term: Here are the Liturgies and Masses for this term.

Week 5: Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 1st March @12:15pm. (Whole School)
Week 6: Catholic School’s Week Mass - Wednesday 8th March @12:15pm. (Whole School)
Week 7: Year 2 Grade Liturgy –Wednesday 15th March @12:45pm (in the Church)
Week 8: Year 1 Grade Liturgy – Wednesday 22nd March @12:45pm (in the Church)
Week 9: Year 6 Grade Mass – Wednesday 29th March @12:30pm (in the Church)
Week 10: Holy Week and Easter Liturgy – Thursday 6th April (time & venue to be confirmed)

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Prioritised Essential Learning Targets for Mathematics

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the information evenings last week. At the Monday Years 2-6 meeting I spoke about our school and its role as a Professional Learning Community. With our three focus areas of LEARNING, COLLABORATION and a RESULTS ORIENTATION, we aim to extend high levels of learning for all of our students.

Many of you would have heard commentators speak about our school curriculum in terms of being a “mile wide and an inch deep”...well that is precisely how you could describe the new syllabus documents with which we are required to teach from.

In many ways this is a positive trait of our documents as it gives great scope for students who are excelling and require greater depth in their learning. For many students though the breadth of the content is too wide and so some students never really master any of the skills or knowledge taught in the classroom.

For this reason, we have identified the essential learning targets for each grade. In grade collaborative teams (Professional Learning Teams) our school has prioritised the content from our Mathematics syllabus. In doing this we will ensure that all students in the grade are given the best possible opportunity to achieve the identified essential knowledge and skills required for them to advance to the next grade.

Through common formative assessments across the grade our teachers are able to identify the students who have reached proficiency in the target areas and who are ready to conquer the Mathematics syllabus in its entirety. Teachers are also able to identify those students who require more explicit instruction and in some cases a program of intervention.

Below are the identified prioritised essential learning targets for each grade for Term 1. These will not be the only content taught in Mathematics, however, these skills will be the focus for teachers to ensure that at the very least these fundamental skills and knowledge are learnt.

Please use this as a guide to reinforce the learning that is taking place in our classrooms. Students thrive when they are able to visibly see purposeful links between their work in the classroom and in their home.

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Camille da Silva Tavares
ABC Radio Visit

Last Tuesday Julie Clift from ABC Radio visited the school and interviewed students about what they like to collect.
SCHOOL FEES

Your 2017 Fees Account has been sent to you via email or a paper copy. If you have not received an account please contact us as soon as possible. We ask that a current email address is provided to us for both school fees and weekly newsletters. Our preferred payment option is bpay and payment plans can be arranged by contacting the office. Band and guitar group fees will be invoiced separately in due course.

Ms Annalisa Covelli

KOALA CLUB BANKING

Koala Club Banking will resume this week. Information packs can be collected from the main office.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

At the swimming carnival last week there were a number of items lost and we also have some items here at school that were left at the pool. Can you please check all items that came home with your child, particularly towels to check if they belong to your family. If you do have something that has been accidently picked up by your child, please return it to school as soon as possible. We do have a couple of towels, some thongs and some boardshorts here at the office. If your child is missing anything, please send them to the office to check if any of the items belong to them.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Archie Dunn, Maya Thompson, Jordan Wykes, Emily Mathews, Sage Fabar-Robey, Makayla Milne, Peta Morrison, Sienna Murray, Fergus Johnson, Arabella Gibson, Jayde Lewis, Sam Piggott, Bridget Waters, Annabel Dunn, Thomas Horan, Benjamin Mathews, Alex Tang.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2017

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2017

Claudia Horan - School Captain
Will Warner - School Captain

James Gibson - Vice Captain
Arabella Gibson - Vice Captain

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

KABBARLI
Cruz Jordan
Lucy Cook

BENNELONG
Finn Littlefield
Hope Gibson

WOOMERA
Oliver Livingstone
Arkie Prisk

EUROA
Jonty Middleton
Molly Dean
2017 Junior Hockey Sign-on Day

Sunday 19th February at Orange Hockey Centre
Moad Street, Orange
10am - 12:00pm

Competition starts 28th April 2017 and finishes 15th September 2017 (Joeys and Burras will finish 26th August 2017.

Joeys Girls & Boys (under 7’s) Saturdays
Burras Girls & Boys(under 9’s) Saturdays
Open Primary Girls & Boys(12 years and under) Wednesdays
Under 12 Girls (Mondays)
Under 14 Girls (Mondays)
Boys U14 (Wednesdays)
Boys U17 (Wednesdays)
Girls U16 (Fridays)
Girls U18 (Fridays)

If you cannot make sign-on, please contact us:  Helen - 0423 877 126
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MONDAY 6TH MARCH
PUPIL FREE DAY
CELEBRATE A WEEKEND OF RIDING
AND JOIN IN THE FUN

4KM KIDS RIDE  FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES  170KM CHALLENGE RIDE

NEWCREST
ORANGE CHALLENGE

2.00PM - 4.00PM
SAT 4 MARCH - SUN 5 MARCH 2017
Orange Velodrome, Moulder Park