I welcome everyone back to the new term. As we have noticed it is anything but a warm welcome!!! The school does not really have a snow policy as such but I would simply say that the school will always be open, but for those children who are not able to leave their home premises because of road conditions etc the sensible thing would be for them to remain at home base.

I think we might need to label this term the "muddleheaded wombat" term as we come to the end of our building program and classes begin to occupy our sparkling new rooms. To this end there will be a lot of moving towards the middle of the term. The Catholic Education Office have granted us a pupil free day to finish the moving and organise the new classrooms. Unfortunately I can't give a definite date for this but we think it will be a Friday in mid August. I make mention of this as we also have an additional pupil free day on Monday August 31st. I realise two days per term may be an inconvenience to families and I do appreciate the patience and understanding of parents in these matters. It probably goes without saying there will not be too many complaints from children!!

Finally, as part of the school rearrangement we are currently looking at a situation whereby all school buses will drop off and pick up in Hill St only and Byng St will exclusively become the parent drop off and pickup area.

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten 2016: We are currently finalising the enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. The interest and large number of applications is extremely pleasing as it means Catherine McAuley is fast developing a good name in our community. This year was the first year we interviewed siblings and new families, as part of the enrolment process which meant 106 children and their parents have taken part in the interview and tour of our new classrooms. The parents reasons for applying to McAuley include: I want my child to be part of a Catholic community, I like the values and ideals of the school, it has a great reputation, the teachers are very caring and dedicated, I like the discipline and expectation on children’s behavior, the new classrooms and learning spaces will be amazing, you have excellent education programs.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: We wish our squad of over 50 athletes the best of luck as they travel to Canowindra next Friday 24th July to represent McAuley at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival. The back up date if needed is Friday 31st July. Children successful at this carnival will compete in the Diocesan Carnival at MacKillop School in Bathurst on Friday 7th August.

CPS Rugby Union: Congratulations to Noa & Aden Fraser who competed for the Bathurst Diocesan rugby team that made it through the NSW CPS rugby union trials held in Forbes on Monday 22nd of June, and into the Polding team to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships to be held in Warringah from 18th to 20th of August. Well done boys!

Chess: Next Monday and Tuesday Mrs Mulligan will take our chess teams to compete against other local primary schools in a chess competition. We wish our teams the best of luck as they compete against other schools for the first time and thank Mrs Mulligan for the time, effort and enthusiasm she puts into providing this opportunity for our children.

ICAS Tests: Students who have nominated and paid to participate in the ICAS tests for Mathematics and English will sit the English Tuesday 28th July and Mathematics Tuesday 11th August. Arrangements will be made during school for the children to sit these tests during school times on these days.

It is great to see everybody back in full school uniform ready to start the new term after a their break.

Steve Maguire

THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF A MASTERPIECE

Can you see these colours in your house?
Be ready to bid at the Student Art Auction at the McAuley Dinner.
Do you have your tickets yet?
5L Students at work.
Welcome back to Term 3. The year seems to be flying by so quickly. This term Year 6 will receive their Confirmation, we will have a combined Mass with St Mary’s School for the Feast of the Assumption, and we also celebrate our Patron, Catherine McAuley.

NAIDOC Week: Last week the our Nation celebrated NAIDOC Week, a time to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This celebration gives us the opportunity to recognise the contributions Indigenous Australians, past and present, have made to our country and our society. The theme for this year is “We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate” which highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

Confirmation: This term the Year 6 students will be preparing for and making their Confirmation. This is a very important part of their Spiritual journey, as they receive the last of the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 12th/13th September (end of Week 9 of this term). Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this term as they go through this preparation.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting next Tuesday, 21st July in St Mary’s Church for parents of those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will only be a short meeting, but a very important one. The meeting commences at 7:00pm and all parents are asked to attend as there is a lot of information that needs to be given regarding the Sacrament. A note went home yesterday with further details on the meeting.

“Assist – a – Student” Casual Clothes Day: Thank you so much for your amazing generosity with our Assist-A-Student fundraising on the last day of Term 2. We were able to raise $697.05, which is close to $1000 Fijian. This will go directly to these students to assist with the costs of their education as well as support their families to allow them the attend school. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The average Internet user goes online 34 times a day.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Musica Viva Performance

All students from Catherine McAuley School were entertained today during a performance from Musica Viva. The performance was an engaging session, where children were able to see and hear instruments such as the saxophone and the double base first hand. They were also encouraged to move to the music. During Term 2 students were prepared for the visit during Music and Drama sessions.

Just a Few Reminders:

- Because of the nature of the older building at Byng St, wet days cause much congestion as parents pick up children and teachers attempt to get children to buses safely. We ask that parents waiting for children remain outside at the back of the building and teachers will direct your children to you. On wet days Year 1 children assemble for parents in the back glassed area and Kindergarten students assemble in the KM classroom. Please do not wait in the front glassed area or use the front doors as this blocks the access to buses. Whilst this situation is not ideal, it is necessary to ensure the safety of children going on buses.

- In the interests of safety we ask that children do not play on the equipment after the home bell goes at 3:10pm. Teachers are not available to supervise these areas after school.

- Please label ALL articles of clothing. Teachers have already noticed many jumpers and hats without names. Please help us return these expensive items to the correct owner by clearly writing names on them.

iPad Loan

We are very fortunate at this school to have many ICT devices available for student use. iPads are used in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. For the next five weeks, however, there will be a bank of iPads available to our Primary Students. These iPads are on loan from the CEO in Bathurst. The loan system is designed to maximise the use of computer technology in all Diocesan schools. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will no doubt amaze us with their learning and creativity on the iPads in the next few weeks.

Clare Miller

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Benjamin Bouffler, Ryan Williams, Sonja Loecker, Mathew Rogers, William Wythes, Aweil Malual, Cruz Ryan, Amelia Gersbach, Shanika Mitchell, Johnty French and Nicholas Rowland.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th July to Friday 24th July 2015

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