FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mission Week: The focus in our school over the first two weeks of the term has been on learning about, praying for and helping people in our world that are less fortunate than ourselves. We are extremely lucky to live in Australia and often take many things for granted, that people in our world don’t have access to. Things like enough food, running water, clean drinking water, electricity, warm clothes and even shelter. The focus this year on Jamaica has really hit a chord with me, as Mrs Petty has explained to the children at assemblies and Mr Michael Deasey explained at Parish Masses on the weekend, we usually associate Jamaica with beautiful beaches, good cricketers and holiday resorts. The reality is many people are living in poverty, fear and danger in the Jamaican ghettos. This years slogan of “When I grow up I want to be alive” should not be in the minds of any children in our world.

During this week as a school community we pray for those in Mission Countries, raise money to assist the missionaries in their work and try to help our children understand what it is like to go without when they denied & donated their recess yesterday.

Please see part of our staff prayer for this week on the following page.

Steve Maguire

The Poor
The Sisters whom God has graciously called… shall animate their zeal and fervour by the example of their Devine Master Jesus Christ, who testified on all occasions a tender love for the poor and declared that He would consider as done to Himself whatever should be done unto them.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The following was part of our Staff Prayer this week:
We pray for all children
Who put chocolate fingers everywhere
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their pants,
Who sneak cake before supper,
Who can never find their shoes.

We pray for all children
Who have no blanket to hug,
Who go to sleep hungry,
Who have no room to clean,
Whose monsters are real,
Who no longer bother to cry.

Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Lilly Tyack, Ethan Wasow, Harry Johnston, Brydon Sherwood, Hayden Scrimshaw, Jackson Plante, Charlotte Lawson, Tess Hazzard, Lara Bingham, Dane Medlyn, Lucy Cook, Sam French, James George, Sophie Beatty, Milan Shaji and Mitchell Crain.

Year 5 Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be organised by Year 5 this Friday 17th October commencing at 12.00 noon in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Student Absences: We require a note explaining the reason if your child is absent from school. Please put a brief reason on the note, as the teachers need this information to allocate the appropriate code on the computer generated roll. For example “they were sick”, “we had a family commitment”, “they had a doctors appointment” are all appropriate however simply putting “they were absent” makes it difficult for the teacher to enter the correct code.

Student Exemption From School Forms: A reminder that if you are planning to take your children out of school for an overseas holiday you need to fill in an exemption from school form available at the office. This form may be requested at customs when leaving or re-entering the country. This form also needs to be filled in if students are going to be absent from school for an extended time because of a holiday, for example, travelling around Australia for a term. The forms are available from the school Office.

PSSA Athletics: We wish Amelia Wilcox the best of luck when she competes in the High Jump at the PSSA Athletics Carnival this Wednesday at Homebush. This is an amazing achievement to reach this level. Well done Amelia.

Christmas Art Competition: Congratulations to Isabella Joseph whose artwork from the Christmas Art Competition has been chosen to feature on the Diocesan Christmas cards. What an achievement.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & Year 6 children without a hat will sit in front of Sr Clare Murphy Room undercover and Kindergarten & Year 1 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” on the Byng St site.

NAIDOC MARCH: Unfortunately the stormy weather prevented our Year 5 and Indigenous students from Marching in the NAIDOC March on Monday. Congratulations to Caitlyn Shields and Ethan Dillon who won awards at the NAIDOC Ceremony on Monday. Congratulations to Ryan Downie who performed in in a Musical section of the celebration today.

Professional Learning: PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER – on assessment in line with Professional Learning Communities. Mrs Lorraine Short from the Bathurst CEO will lead our staff in an in-service on Tuesday 21st October focussing on Vocabulary at our Staff Meeting.

DIBELS & Year 1 Numeracy Testing: DIBELS Testing and the retesting of students who did not reach competency in the Year 1 Numeracy Test earlier in the year will take place over the next two weeks.

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, Jamaica. This week the excitement is building, with fundraising ideas flowing, and money for the missions coming in. 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! Lets have fun this week, while we raise money to help those with so little.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Our next Mass will be another Whole School Mass on Wednesday 29th October to celebrate our Year 2 children receiving their First Reconciliation. 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 First Reconciliation 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

So how did you go with the first week back at school?

This week I would like to give some information on Communication.

There are a number of different styles of communication from assertive, passive, aggressive and of course the use of body language. The way you communicate has a big impact on your ability to get on with people, receive message and give responses. Good communication skills can help you to avoid conflict and to solve problems. Open and honest communication is also important for making friends and having healthy relationships.

This is why the NEWSLETTER is such an important part of school communication, especially during our EXCITING building process. At times we cannot individually approach every parent in the school community to express what is happening in each grade or class so the newsletter makes communication effective for us as a school. As the world is also a changing place our WEBSITE and FACEBOOK are also great opportunities for you to see what is going on.

It is also in the forefront this week being Mission Week where we can communicate the needs of others in our community and wider world. So let us focus on the COMMUNICATION in all areas this week whether it be home, school, community, friends and family. What is really being Communicated in each of these areas? Can you recognise any styles of communication? Just a few things to think about.

Belinda Wilson

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On Monday we had two of our students receive awards as part of the NAIDOC week celebrations in Orange. Caitlyn Shields received her award for Reading and Writing which is a wonderful achievement. Ethan Dillon was away on the day however his award was for Excellence in Mathematics. Well done Caitlyn and Ethan.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The longest palindrome in the Oxford English Dictionary is ‘tattarrattat’. James Joyce used it in Ulysses: ‘I knew his tattarrattat at the door’.
Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Samantha Harvey, Will Warner, Tomasino Parolin, Coco Gibson, Will Munday, William Rodwell, Anaok Weiu, McCallum Cole, Brooke D’Ombrain, Chelsea Finley, Emily Ryan, Zali Burcher, Sam French & Charlie Westgeest.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October, 2014

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Orange CYMS Junior Cricket Club (formerly SJS-CYMS)

Registrations for the 2014-15 Cricket Season

T20 Blast is almost here – the first session will be held on THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER. At this point, we are expecting to nominate 5 teams. We currently have the base for what would be CYMS first ever junior girls team. If there are any other year 4, 5 or 6 girls who would like to play, we would love to have you sign up. You do not need to have had any previous experience – the T20 Blast sessions use a softer ball and the sessions are designed to provide a mixture of skills development zones and modified match play situations.

Cost: T20 Blast (U7-U10) – U16 $110 per player
Family discounts: 2 children $160, 3 or more children $210.

Please note that Proof of Age will be required at Sign-On for players that are NEW to our club.
An original or certified copy of a birth certificate (or current passport) will be required.
PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 24TH
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