FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We were saddened last week to learn of the passing of Mr John Gill, husband of our former secretary Carol Gill and father of Mrs Georgie Haydon (Year 3 teacher). John has fought a very brave battle with cancer in recent years and during this time he demonstrated the courage and humour that marked his life. Despite his health battles John was still available to talk to other cancer patients both publicly and privately about his treatment and his progress. For those who knew John he was blessed with a very cheeky sense of humour coupled with a most infectious laugh. I once told him he and Kerry O’Keefe had the most famous laughs in Australia! As well he was also blessed with a wonderful warm and generous nature and a very sharp discerning mind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol, Georgie, Chris, Molly and Archie. The memory of their husband, father, father in law and grandfather will remain for a long time.

Please note change of Assembly time on Friday from 12:15pm to 10:00am. Thankyou!

Michael Croke

The Cross

When and how do we expect to take up our Cross and follow Christ, if we are not to meet with it in those with whom we are associated.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841

Term 1
Week 8
16th March 2016

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Steve Maguire
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Robyn Petty
Primary Coordinators
Clare Miller
Belinda Forbes

NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS
Friday 18th March
Winter Sports Trials
2J Whole School Assembly
10:00am
Clothing Pool Open
8:30 - 9:30am
Tuesday 22nd March
Athletics Carnival
Thursday 24th March
Easter Liturgy 12:15pm
d followed by picnic lunch in school grounds.
Easter Hat Parade &
Drawing of Easter Raffle in Kenna Hall at 2:15pm

NOTES OF THE WEEK
Year 6 Commemorative T-Shirt
Happy to Help your Grade note

Whole School Assembly 1B to present Work: Thursday 10th March 10.00am in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

James Sheahan Catholic High School Year 7 - 2017 Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 16th March 7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Parents should note that the evening does involve walking around the school and visiting a series of classrooms. The evening will run from 7:00pm to 9:15pm.

Diocesan Winter Sport Trials: Children in Year 6 (with the exception of Under 11 Rugby League where Year 5 students have been invited) will be given the opportunity to trial for Polding Teams in Bathurst on Friday 18th March. Sports include Rugby Union, Ruby League (Opens & Under 11’s), Soccer, Hockey and Netball. Students attending must play the sport and display above average skill level and ability. If there are not five talented Year 6 children in any sport an above average Year 5 student may be considered.

McAuley Athletics Carnival: Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at James Sheahan Catholic High School. Notes have gone out regarding information, permission, parent helpers and canteen information. All Year 3 – Year 6 children will run in a 100m race. They can then nominate to compete in 200m, 800m, Discus, Shot Put, High Jump & Long Jump. 100m events are in individual age groups 8 Years – 12 Years. All other events are in three divisions - Junior, 11 Years & Senior. The children in Kindergarten to Year 2 will come back to school by lunch time. Year 2 children turning 8 this year will be given the opportunity to compete in a 100m competitive race in the Primary Carnival with the idea of representing McAuley at the Southern Region Carnival at Canowindra. If they choose this option they will not run in the races at the K-2 Carnival but they will participate in all other events at the K-2 Carnival.

Field Event Dates:
- Thursday 17th March - Discus & Long Jump at school
- Tuesday 22nd March – High Jump & Shot Put at the carnival

Uniform Policy:
A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. However the expectation is that shirts are tucked in with the winter uniform. A reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle. The “Hair below the shoulders must be tied back off their face” does apply to boys and girls. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year and to present themselves in line with school dress policy.

Peer Support Training: The Year 6 children will take part in Peer Support Training Monday 4th April at Lake Burrendong and Tuesday 5th April in Kenna Hall. This training allows them to lead a small group of children from K – 5 in order to run the Peer Support Program in our school. We thank the Year 6 teachers and children for their time and effort to ensure the children in our school benefit from this valuable program.

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

Steve Maguire
Lent: Holy Week is almost upon us! This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Jesus’ final week here on earth. The Gospel this weekend is from St Luke, and relates the events leading to Jesus’ suffering and death – which is the culmination of the work he was born to do. As we prepare for this very special week, perhaps we could reflect on how Jesus must have been feeling at this time; rejected by those he was working to save, betrayed by one close to him and even his best friend denied knowing him. There are times in our lives when we too suffer these feelings of isolation and betrayal. We can truly be assured that Jesus understands our pain, and will be there for us in our need.

Project Compassion: It is now time to start returning our Project Compassion boxes. Thank you for all the support you have given this very special program. The work of Caritas Australia would not be able to be nearly as effective without the money provided through Project Compassion. Many, many people throughout the world have had both their dignity and independence restored through the wonderful work of Caritas Australia and you can be assured that you have played a role in this work through your contributions.

Holy Week Celebrations: Next Thursday, 24th March, there will be a whole school celebration for Easter. This will take the form of “Stations of the Cross”. We will begin our celebration in Kenna Hall at 12:15pm with Kinder and Year One leading us through Palm Sunday, before Year Two portray the events of Holy Thursday through Frozen Statues. We will then move into the Hill St building where each primary class will have created a tabloid portraying a different Station. Children will progress through the Stations in order, with grades buddied up with another in to move through the different displays. This should last approximately one hour. Our final station, The Resurrection, will take place in the Church on Easter Tuesday morning at 10:45am. You are very welcome to join us and walk with your child’s class through the Stations next Thursday. This will be a very quiet and reverent time, and we ask parents to help support this special time.

Easter Timetable: A full timetable of Easter Celebrations in our Parish will be sent home this week. Further details are available on the Parish Bulletin through the Parish Website: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/Parishes/orange.html

Class Liturgies and Masses: Congratulations to Year 3 on their beautiful Lenten Mass today. The children from Year 1 and Year 6 joined Year 3, and enjoyed this lovely liturgy. Next week our “Stations of the Cross” will be our last Liturgical celebration for this term. I will publish Liturgy dates for Term 2 in our next Newsletter.

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

Easter Hat Parade

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March.

The parade will take place from 2:15pm in Kenna Hall. Parents are invited to attend and may take their children home at the end of the event from their child’s classroom.

At the conclusion of the Hat Parade, the Easter raffle will be drawn.

Each child will be making a hat during class time, however parents may wish to make a hat with their child at home to be worn during the parade.

We look forward to sharing this special Easter celebration with the Catherine McAuley community.

Athletics Carnival - Kindergarten - Year 2 (Infants Section)

All children are to come to school before the carnival.

- Children should wear sports uniform, including school hat & blockout/sunscreen.
- Bring fruito, recess, lunch and drinks for the day. Please separate lunch, recess, and fruito and label all items.
- All infants children will return to school in time for lunch at 1:20pm.

If there are any parents who are able to assist with the running of events, please see your teacher on the day.

A Few Reminders

- Please label all articles of clothing and equipment at school. Frequently hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles and ice bricks are left behind and far too often they are not labelled with the child’s name.
- We are very grateful to the parents who volunteer in the canteen. Just a reminder that children should not be in the tuckshop with their parents.

Clare Miller

Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** St Mary’s Church 6:00pm

**Sunday:** St Joseph’s Church 8:00am  
St Mary’s Church 9:30am  
St Joseph’s Church 6:00pm

Please see Parish Bulletin for Easter Mass times.  

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The technical term for sleep-talking is somniloquy.
**DUBBO ZOO EXCURSION - YEAR 3**

Year 3 will be travelling to Dubbo for an excursion to Dubbo Zoo on Thursday the 7th of April. Cost for the excursion has been pre-paid with school fees. A permission note will follow this week.

**CLOTHING POOL**

A reminder that our Clothing Pool will be open this Friday 18th March from 8:30am till 9:30am at the Byng Street Campus. Entry from 8:30am till 9:00am through Byng St gates and 9:00am till 9:30am through Hill Street Office.

**KNITTING CIRCLE**

We are asking for donations of 8ply or 12ply wool and pairs of knitting needles sizes 4.00 mm or 6.00 mm (for 8 ply wool) or size 7.00 mm needles (for 12ply wool) for our Knitting Circle in Terms 2 and 3. We are also seeking helpers. If you are a parent or grandparent and are able to assist at a lunchtime (day yet to be determined) from 1:30pm until 2:10pm, please let us know. All help will be very much appreciated.

**LIBRARY**

A huge congratulations goes out to our Year 6 KidsLit Quiz Team members that attended the Orange Heat on Monday at Kinross Wolaroi School. The students had a wonderful day answering 100 questions about children's literature as well as on the spot questions for a prize of a $5 dollar note. Adithya Biju is now $5 richer! Our Team members are Kallum Sullivan, Hugh Vaughan, Tyler Bell, Adithya Biju, Emma Kennedy, Laura Cooper, Charli Hobbs and Mitchell Crean. Thank you to the parents for supporting the children at this event. It was a great day and I was very proud of our Catherine McAuley Team. Take a look at the website [www.kidslitquiz.com](http://www.kidslitquiz.com) and see how you score with some of the quiz questions.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Feba Abby, Lara Bingham, Jaiden Rogers, Ella Rogers, Lillian Townsend, Duncan Hood, Bonnie Murphy, Selena Livermore, Ramsey Tilston, Riley Bollinger, Baxter Cook and Lavinia Culmone.

**TUCKSHOP**

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**Tuckshop Ph:** 6362 0942

**PARENTS:** PLEASE CHECK 2016 TUCKSHOP PRICE LIST AS THERE WERE SOME CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR. EG HOTDOGS AND SAUCE. AN UPDATED LIST IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. CLICK ON NEWSLETTERS & SCHOOL NOTES AND THEN TUCKSHOP. **Thankyou!**
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Rock the Rim Basketball are the proud providers of Vicinity Aussie Hoops, Basketball Australia's official junior development game in the Central West area for kids from Kindergarten through to Year 6. We run our program out of Sir Neville Howse (PCYC) in Orange of a Wednesday afternoon from 4:00pm till 5:30pm.

In Term 2 we will be running the program over nine weeks, each child that registers not only gets 9 weeks of quality coaching but also gets a ball, reversible singlet and a backpack included in the registration fee. Currently the fee is $75.00, they would need to register via [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au)