FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The new Term has greeted us with traditional Orange winter weather just when we thought we may have escaped the cold and wet and could get excited about some sunny dry days. As we had a slight hiccup early in the week with one of the classroom heaters not functioning properly I did think about how the schools of Orange would have managed their "climate control" in 1914.

Just like the homes of the time (very much smaller than the homes of today) the main school heating would have possibly been a stove fire positioned in the classroom. I'm also sure that the lads and lassies of the class would have been allocated a job chopping the wood and probably starting the fire. I'm not sure current school OH and S rules would allow such things to happen.

A home with only one fireplace would certainly have made for a challenging existence in the depths of the Orange winter given it was probably associated with no running hot water or sanitary system.

I'm not sure I would subscribe to the theory that these were the "good old days". Given snow is predicted on Thursday we might decide to turn all heaters off in the school for few hours to give children a taste of former conditions. Except of course in the principal's office!

Michael Croke

Catholic Parish of Orange Sesquicentenary 150 years (1864-2014)
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21ST JULY
Welcome back to Term 3. The year seems to be flying by so quickly. This term Year 3 will receive their First Holy Communion, Year 2 students will make their First Reconciliation, we will have a combined Mass with St Mary’s School for the Assumption, and we also celebrate our Patron, Catherine McAuley.

NAIDOC Week: Last week the our Nation celebrated NAIDOC Week, and under the theme “Serving Country – Centenary & Beyond”, honoured all those who have served our country in all wars. The beautiful artwork created by Harry Alfred Pit, titled “Those who Stand to Defend our Land” captures the essence of all our soldiers who have fought for our freedom. In his description of his work he explains “My artwork features three brothers with their land behind them and the horizon before them. Their Elders are reflected in the water, giving the brothers the strength to overcome what lies over the horizon. My work acknowledges the young men and women of today who are across the sea doing their very best to protect their home and serve their country, empowered by their ancestors. Our soldiers are embracing their heritage and protecting their homes, just as their ancestors did before them, only now they do this beyond the shores of their homeland.”

First Holy Communion: It is not long now until Year 3 receive their First Holy Communion on the weekend of 27th & 28th July. Next Wednesday they will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation to receive the Eucharist. They have been working very hard to prepare for this very important milestone in their Catholic Faith, and I ask that you keep these children and their teachers in your prayers during these next few weeks.

Change of Date for 1st Communion Thanksgiving Mass: Please note 1st Communion Thanksgiving Mass has been brought forward to Thursday 31st July at 10:00am and not 7th August as on the McAuley Calendar. We apologize for this change of date.

“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 $655.00, 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

PARISH MATTERS

If you are an adult who is interested in being baptised or becoming a Catholic through Confirmation and First Eucharist, then come to the R.C. I. A. Enquiry Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. For more information contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

Sr Helen
ADMINISTRATION

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:
Benjamin Bouffler, Ryan Williams, Sonja Loecker, Mathew Rogers, William Wythes, Aweil Malual, Allen Baiju, Johnty French, Nicholas Rowland.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July, 2014

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