FROM THE PRINCIPAL

McAuley Dinner
Canobolas Hotel Friday July 29th
Tickets available soon!

"sometimes a picture speaks 1000 words"

Michael Croke

Behaviour at School: School rules and discipline are very different to the home situation. Due to the number of children in our care it is important that school rules are followed and supported by parents. The McAuley Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy outlines expectations, rewards and consequences. All incidents reported to teachers by children or parents are investigated and dealt with. The school rules are designed and enforced to ensure the safety of the whole school community.

Kindergarten 2016: As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2017 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews commenced this week. It is very exciting to welcome new families and children into the McAuley community. All families are very impressed with our wonderful new learning spaces and the Protected Learning Time. As I take families around our school I cannot help but be proud of the dedicated, professional teachers and the welcoming, friendly students. McAuley is a great place to be with our focus on learning, great learning spaces and sense of community.

Whole School Assembly: 2C will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 20th May commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall.

June Reports: The teachers are currently assessing the children and will begin to write reports on the children’s progress for the first half of the year. All classes from Year 1 - Year 6 use the A-E reporting scale and the Reporterpro format. Kindergarten do not use the A-E reporting scale and we are currently working with the Bathurst Catholic Education Office IT Department to get the Kinder Report in the Reporterpro format. If you have any questions or queries regarding report formats or the reports please contact me through the school office to discuss them.

Please see explanation below on the A-E Grading used in Year 1 - Year 6.

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A-E REPORTING SCALE
The A-E scale used in Years 1-6 is different to the scale used when you were at school. There is no bell curve and ‘A’ does not mean 100/100. In fact a ‘C’ means a sound understanding of the stage outcome, and to maintain a ‘C’ throughout the year is difficult. At OLIO we refer to the A-E scale using the following terms and to put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it helps to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

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Looking at this like a driving licence.

L = A person on their Learner’s must always be accompanied by a registered driver.

P = A person on their Provisional allows independently but is still learning and developing their skills.

A person who has their Full driving licence is independent to drive on their own without restrictions.

An advanced driver can manage through many situations and has extra skills.

Steve Maguire
Trinity Sunday: This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when we acknowledge the Three Persons of the One God. Each time we pray the Sign of the Cross, we acknowledge the Blessed Trinity - God the Father, our Creator, God the Son, our Redeemer and God the Holy Spirit, our helper and guide. When prayed with meaning, even through this simplest of prayers to the Trinity, we are deepening our knowledge and love for our God.

Parish Mass Celebration: The McAuley School Community has been invited to assist with the Parish Mass on Sunday, 29th May at St Joseph’s Church at 5:00pm. We will be responsible to providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries throughout the Mass. A note will go home this week asking if you will be able to attend this Mass. This is for the purpose of giving students opportunities to take on the various ministries. Our last two Parish Masses have been beautiful, and this is once again a wonderful chance for our students and families to be involved in a Parish Mass, so could I please encourage all families to consider attending this Mass and supporting our School and our students.

First Holy Communion: Our Year 3 students are in the process of preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 4th and 5th June 2016. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this very important Sacrament.

BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016: BLAST is a festival of faith for young people in the age range of Year 6 to Year 9. It is put on by the Bathurst Diocese, and is a celebration and experience of an explosion of possibilities in their lives. This year the festival will be held at the fantastic Ridgecrest Christian Education and Convention Centre near Wellington. BLAST’s main reason for being is evangelisation. The festival provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith. BLAST delivers the challenge to young people to claim the explosion of possibilities that living as part of the community of faith offers. The festival also offers contact with peers who are connected with their faith journey on a personal level, establishing a network of young people across the diocese and beyond. Participants are encouraged to continue their participation in the life of the Church through groups in their local parish or school. Contact: youth@bathurst.catholic.org.au, or like Bathurst Diocese Youth on Facebook for more information.

Liturgies For This Term: Our next Grade celebration will be on 1st June with our Year 3 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for First Communion. This will be followed by our Year 4 Grade Mass on 8th June at 12:30pm and our Whole School First Communion Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 15th June at 12:15pm. Once again, all family and friends are very welcome to join us for all our Masses and Liturgies.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Last week our year 3 and 5 students completed the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test.

In talking to teachers, parents and students about NAPLAN, it was good to hear some positive feedback on the importance of this test to identify students for Enrichment within the classroom.

There was also a lot of coverage in the news about schools who have given their students a letter prior to the testing. The letter is a great way for students to understand that their talents can be shown in many different ways.

Some parts of the school letter reads:

Dear Student,

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They don't know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you built a shed with your Mum and Dad, or grew vegetables in a garden last summer. They never saw the Science project you did last year. They do not know you are trustworthy, that you are kind, that you are thoughtful, or that you care about what happens to old people. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

They do not know you at all. But we who know you - your mums and dads, your family and teachers, your neighbours and friends - love you and are proud of all you are.

(taken from www.973fm.com.au)

So in reflecting on this letter, we need to remind our students that there are many ways that they can achieve their dreams. Our school Vision of Faith, Learning and Justice encompasses all that we want to teach our students. Not everything can be seen in the data collected via NAPLAN.

We appreciate all the efforts of our students and will continue to for many years to come.

Belinda Forbes

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Robin Williams improvised so much of Aladdin it became ineligible for the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.
Thankyou to all those who supported the plant stall. Almost $200 was raised for the Gardening Club to use. Thankyou to Gemma Dwyer for the initiative and organising us and for her lovely plants. Big thanks to Bunnings for the donation of soil to pot the plants.

Thanks also to Julie Gibson who helped and the teachers who donated plants.

The gardening club have their winter vegies in. They are growing very nicely however have had to put children on caterpillar alert to save our cauliflowers! The lovely soil for our vegie beds was very generously donated by Australian Native Landscaping. We are making lovely compost with our beautiful Autumn leaves.

Next week the gardening club will be cooking up a storm using the eggs from our chooks and herbs from our herb garden. Well done garden club!

Helen Croke

MINI VINNIES COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

A Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony will be held during the parish mass on Sunday 19th June 2016 at St Mary’s Church at 9:30am. Members of Mini Vinnies will receive their St Vincent De Paul badge and be officially commissioned by Fr Garry and members of St Vincent De Paul. Please come along and support the wonderful work these children are doing. Mass will be followed by morning tea on the church lawn.

Camille da Silva Tavares

PLC

“It has been said that collecting data is only the first step toward wisdom: sharing data is the first step toward community.” (DuFour et al 2010)

We were fortunate as a staff to have Sarah McDonough lead our staff meeting last week. She is a consultant from the CEO who was able to analyse and present to the staff this year’s results of our reading fluency and accuracy testing (Dibels) of our students across all grades. Our ability as a staff to collect data from our students is important. However, it is the sharing and the collaboration that comes from examining the data that will direct our future teacher practice, with the intent of improving the student’s learning. We achieve so much more by sharing our knowledge and working together, rather than in isolation.

Anne Mulligan (Professional Learning Community Team Facilitator)

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Brydon Sherwood, Sophie Hogben, Hope Gibson, Grace Edwards, Eve Gander, Awien Weiu, Riley Doherty, Ruby Redmond and Ollea Iffland.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY 27TH MAY.
PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR KINDY ENROLMENT PACK BY THIS DATE.