FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Unfortunately this week it is sad news that we bring.

Last week we learned of the passing in a car accident of Bradley Eather, a Grade 6 student of the school in 2006. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Eather and Hunter family as they deal with this tragedy. May God comfort them during this difficult time as they mourn the loss of their son, brother, nephew and cousin. They are in our prayers.

We are also saddened and shocked by the events last weekend in Paris. It does beggar belief that any human being could organise and premeditate to take the lives of fellow human beings on such a large scale. We pray for all families touched by this tragedy.

Remplis nos coeurs de paix. Fill our hearts with peace.

Michael Croke

COMING EVENTS
Friday 20th November
2nd Kinder Orientation Morning
Wednesday 25th November
1st Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass 10:00am
Friday 27th November
3rd and Final Kinder Orientation Morning
Wednesday 16th December
Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 28th January 2016
1st Day Term 1 2016 for students Year 1 - Year 6
Friday 29th January 2016
1st Day Kindergarten

NOTES OF THE WEEK
School Disco

Holy Inspirations
Let us attend carefully to holy inspirations, saying fervently that petition: “From the neglect of Thy holy inspirations, Jesus, deliver us.”

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following students who were awarded student of the week: Aira Nugroho, Harry Kingston, Ruby Draper, McAllum Cole, Leo Vauhgan, Juliyat Jojo, Charlize Spurr, Patrick Gray, Cooper Lawry, Max Vaughan, Heath McAtamney, Archie Dunn, Molly Dean, James Gibson, Claire Finley, Patrick Haydon, Jose Pantoja –Tito, Sam French, Dale Pangilinan, Patrick Joyce, Tyler Bartimote.

Staffing For 2016: We are currently working with the Bathurst CEO to finalise our staffing for 2016. As soon as we are in a position to do so we will announce the teachers and grades for 2016 in a coming newsletter.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & 6 children without a hat will sit in front of the Year 5L & 5H classrooms undercover and Year 3 & 4 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” or stay under the shade cloth in “Area D” on the Byng St site.

Morning & Afternoon Routines:

Morning Routine:
Please note that the gates on Byng St will not be open until 8:35am when the teacher arrives on duty. If children arrive earlier than 8:35am they are to enter through the gate between Kenna Hall and the school. Please note there is new parking signage in Hill Street, it is now no restriction parking, however please be aware that there are “no stopping” zones close to the pedestrian crossing.

Wet Weather and Afternoon Routines:
If it is raining in the afternoon the following applies:

Hill St Pick up: The children will be waiting in the Kindergarten to Year 2 eating area in Area A. Parents walk in and pick them up. If they haven’t been picked up by 3:20pm they are walked to in front of Kenna Hall to wait with the bus children.

Bus Children: Early bus children are walked to their bus as normal. The later bus children wait in the hallway near the Year 2 exit. They are walked out by the teacher on duty.

Byng St Pick up children: Wait for the teachers on duty under the cover in front of 5L & 5H. They are walked over as normal by the teachers on duty. Any children who are not picked up immediately wait in the Foyer of the Byng St building.

School Disco: Thank you to the committee of teachers who are organising the McAuley Disco on Thursday 26th November. I’m sure this event will create a lot of excitement in our school!

Out of Bounds: Occasionally balls will be kicked or thrown over the fences surrounding the playground. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds to get a ball. If a teacher has time they may be able to retrieve it otherwise parents can go and ask the neighbours if they can retrieve it after school. Often the neighbours will throw balls back over the fence or return them.

Rewards Day: As the Year draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of year Reward Day to the pool, movies, ten pin bowling or something similar. Any child who has been on a Level 4 OR has received 10 Level 1’s OR 3 Level 2’s during the year will not be eligible to attend the Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

Before School Routine: A reminder that teachers are busy preparing for lessons before school. This is not the time to come and discuss your child’s progress or concerns you may have with the teacher. If you have something urgent to share with your child’s class teacher it would be appropriate to come to the main office and a message can be given to the teacher or an appointment made. By this time of the year all children including Kindergarten children are capable of bringing notes and lunch orders into the class on their own.

Technology at School: A reminder that students are not to have mobile phones, ipods and other technology at school. If it is necessary that they bring such a device then it is to be given to the class teacher at the beginning of the day and collected at the conclusion of school. Important messages can be delivered via the school office.

Steve Maguire
These are the gifts that we presented to our Kindergarten parents at the information evening last Thursday. We presented to our parents the gift of learning from our family to theirs. Handmade by the teachers of Catherine McAuley.

Their gift was tied with the thread of learning…learning for all.

In our gift was a Catherine McAuley rose, representing our new little Kindergarten students. Supporting the delicate petals of the rose we placed hardy leaves. Each rose propped up by the high expectations of our school, expectations that translate to an unrelenting commitment to the academic growth of each little rose. Each rose supported by the commitment of our teachers to inspire and engage all in learning.

At the centre of each little rose we placed the light of Christ. Christ at the centre of each child. This light will be surrounded and supported by Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School and continue to be fuelled by the love and support of the children’s family.

We hope that families will use their gifts to create a prayer focus in their homes.

Lucy Connor
 Feast of Christ the King: This weekend we celebrate the end of the Church’s Liturgical Year, with the Feast of Christ the King. This special feast honours Christ as our Universal King; one who, unlike many in powerful positions, loved people more than material things, spoke the truth with love, and died that we might live. Perhaps we could take time this weekend to reflect on Jesus’ unselfish love, and see where we could try to follow his example in our own lives.

Christmas Hampers: It’s time again to organise our annual Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul. Each year we ask families to send in non-perishable goods, which can be used to fill food hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. These hampers are then given to St Vincent de Paul for distribution around our local community, bringing the Spirit of Christmas to those who really need it. We will start collecting Hamper items from the beginning of next week, so when you are in the Supermarket, perhaps you could add just one more item to your shopping list, which you can send in for these hampers. If each child brings in just one item, our hampers will make a huge difference!

Parish Mass Celebration: A reminder that the Parish Mass, we been invited to assist with, will be on Sunday, 6th December, at St Joseph’s Church at 6.00pm (not 29th November as previously advertised). As with the last time we assisted with a Parish Mass, we will be responsible for providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries. I would encourage you once again to please consider attending this Mass and supporting our students, as it was just wonderful to have so many families join with us last time.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls: Please continue to pray for the Holy Souls during this month of November. The Church asks us to remember and pray for all those we love who are no longer with us. In turn, these Holy souls are able to pray for us. If you haven’t done so already, please take the opportunity to record the names of those whom you have loved and lost in the ‘Book of Remembrance’, which is in each of the Parish Churches. This book is taken up in the Offertory Procession at each Mass during November, and those recorded in the book are prayed for.

Liturgies and Masses: What a lovely Year Five Mass we had today! Thank you to all who came along today to join Year Five as they celebrated their Grade Mass, and our final Grade Mass for 2015! Next Wednesday 25th November, we will have a whole school celebration in thanksgiving for the Year Two First Reconciliation. As always, families and friends are very welcome to join us for our Liturgical Celebrations. There will be a little party in Kenna Hall after the First Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass for the candidates. Parents and families of the candidates are invited to join us to ‘cut the cake’ in Kenna Hall.

End of Year Masses: Our Year 6 will celebrate their Farewell Mass on Thursday, 10th December at 6:00pm followed by a dinner in Kenna Hall. Our End of Year Mass will take place the following day, Friday, 11th December at 12noon. During this Mass the Captains for 2016 will be announced. It has been wonderful having such support from parents, friends and families throughout the year, and we look forward to your presence for our last few Liturgical Celebrations.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
Students and Fair Play

As the warmer weather is approaching and lots of students are now beginning to join sporting teams, which is great, it is also important to think about Fair Play. Some students don’t learn this on their own. They need to be taught what it looks like and what it feels like.

Playing fair is about learning the rules of the game and putting them into practice – whether they’re special family rules for card or board games, or the rules at Saturday football. This way, everyone gets to enjoy the experience. Fair play is also about learning social rules, like taking turns and being polite. For children, it might mean helping out another child who is having trouble with the game, or giving others a fair go at winning.

So what does that mean? How can we help? Have a look at some of these tips and allow your child to obtain more enjoyment out of their team play.

- Consider the age of your child. Children younger than about six or seven find it hard to see other people’s perspectives, so formal rules might not make sense until they’re older.

- The more experience and practice the better. Give your child the chance to play lots of different games. Try pretend play, board and ball games, competitive games of skill such as chess, competitive games of chance, and cooperative games such as charades.

- Find a range of playmates. It’s good for your child to play with children who are older or younger. For example, he can learn to be responsible by looking out for younger children and maybe showing them the rules. Older children can be good role models for younger students.

- Go over the rules of the game. Before kids start playing, make sure everyone knows the rules of the game. The younger the child, the simpler the rules need to be.

- Introduce some social rules. Let your child know that they need to wait for their turn. You might also need to reassure them that their turn is coming and keep the game simple, so they don’t have a long wait. Encourage them to be polite too. For example, remind them to congratulate others when they win.

- Point out what your child did well. For example, you can say, ‘I thought it was great the way you shook hands with the other team at the end of the game’.

- Give feedback. Praise your child for sharing, taking turns and other examples of fair play.

It’s not about winning or losing – it’s about how you play the game. Have you heard that before? Yes me too.

That’s something we want our students to feel. It means they’ll be good sports, and graceful winners and losers – and that’s a big part of fair play.

Winning is a great feeling, and children are entitled to experience pride in being the winner. Encouragement to be a graceful winner by showing sympathy and support to the losing team or player is very important. Discourage too much boasting and emphasise the fun that everyone had playing the game.

Sometimes it’s hard to turn losing into good news. But emphasising how well your child played is really important. Praise all efforts. For example, ‘You were great at helping the younger kids’ or ‘you followed the rules really well’.

Enjoy all the play learning times with your children. And maybe even join in the fun.

(some information gathered from raisingchildren.net.au)

Belinda Forbes
MUSIC & DRAMA

Instrumental Program 2016

Last Friday all Year 2 students and those students in Years 3 and 5 interested in learning an instrument, were given a demonstration and opportunity to play a variety of instruments, by teachers from the Orange Regional Conservatorium. A letter of recommendation and full details including costs of the Band and Guitar programs will be sent home with the children who attended in the next week. If you would like your child to take up one of these opportunities please return the registration form as soon as possible. Any student in Year 4, or anyone who was absent, who is considering joining the Band or Guitar Programs may collect an information pack from me during the week.

Music Recital

Kindergarten, Year 1, our Bands and Advanced Guitar Group are eagerly rehearsing for their performances to be held as part of a Music Recital afternoon on Thursday 3rd December at 2:00-3:00pm in Kenna Hall. Parents and friends are most welcome.

Anne Allan & Karen Snowden

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

There are whales alive today that were born before Moby-Dick was written in 1851.

LIBRARY

Please remember Book Club orders are due by Thursday 19th November by submitting online or bringing into school in a labelled envelope. Thank you.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Stella Madigan, William Bingham, Austin Dews, Roxy Macdouall, Emily Crain, Alexandra Milne and Saige King.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November 2015

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