FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As most parents would well realise we are currently in the throes of parent teacher interviews. With our current enrolment and given that most interviews stick to the 10 minute limit (!) it should equate to almost 90 hours of discussion between teacher and parents. As I talk to parents pre and post interview their major hope is that their child is well behaved in class and mirrors those same values of respect and kindness that are taught and modelled at home. Learning will follow this.

The learning and teaching process is a partnership between the school and home. Because children (and adults) are human beings there will be times when they fail in some areas and make mistakes. It's OK to fail. As parents and teachers it is important that we recognise this and make sure we don't underplay such events by defending behaviour at all costs or conversely making a mountain out of a molehill and administering a punishment that is well beyond the "crime". Children, like adults, are very conscious of being fairly treated and from a young age know when they are being wronged. It is important that children develop coping skills to deal with problems they may encounter and to develop resilience to life's slings and arrows. They don't need to be "rescued" from their humanness.

It is also important as parents and teachers we do not clutter children's lives by wanting to fill their every waking moment with structured activities. I am reminded about a comment made by rugby league coaching legend Jack Gibson when asked by a parent what training should her 9 year old son be doing to ensure he became an NRL star.

Jack's droll reply "Go down to the nearest creek and catch tadpoles"!

Michael Croke

The Person of the Poor
What a consolation to serve Jesus Christ Himself in the person of the poor, and to walk the very same path He trod!

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Matilda-Rose Cheney, Ava Martyr, Molly Haydon, Micaela Pantoja, Alice Commins, Ereny Aziz, Ancilin Alson, Ally-Rose Madden, Max Vaughan, Lara Bingham, Patrick Crump, Charlie Bevan, Abby Jones, Kali Karamanolis, Rowan McFarlane, Lily Wykes, Reba Scott, Aislyn Arden, Sara Madden

Whole School Assembly:
Our next Whole School Assembly will be presented by Year 1 on the 4th April at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Year 2 - Year 6 Parent Interviews: This week it is the Year 2 – Year 6 parents who will be having interviews to discuss the progress and behaviour of the children in these classes. This is a great opportunity to touch base and ensure the students are being catered for in all classrooms.

Professional Learning: Mrs Petty attended the Religious Education Cluster Meeting on Tuesday. Mrs Pellow will attend the Bathurst Diocese Science Working Group days on Wednesday & Thursday this week.

Diocesan Winter Sports Trials: We wish the children in Year 6 and the Rugby League 11 years boys from Year 5 the best of luck when they trial for Bathurst Diocesan teams in winter sports at Bathurst on Friday 4th April.

McAuley Athletics: The K-6 Athletics Carnival will be held at Norton Park at James Sheahan on Monday 31st March. The finals for field events for students in Years 3-6 are being held at school.

    Thursday 20th March – Shot Put & Tuesday 25th March – High Jump

Steve Maguire

AUDIO SYSTEM UPGRADE – ST MARY’S CHURCH

Late last year we upgraded the audio system in St Mary’s Church at a cost of $32,000. This new system will be of advantage to all users of St Mary’s over many years – for Masses, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. Costs such as these are met by the parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme in the Parish. But there are only 389 of these givers. There are many more users of St Mary’s than 389 people.

Would you consider making a ‘one-off’ donation to the parish to help share the financial burden of this cost a little more widely? Every little bit helps.

If you can help out, please drop your donation in to the parish office (84 Hill Street) or in the mail (PO Box 44) or you can donate via internet banking. Our parish bank details are:

BSB: 032 814
Account No: 321993
Orange Parish
Reference: SJO <your surname>

Thanks kindly,

Fr Paul Devitt
**Harmony Day**: This Friday, 21 March is Harmony Day. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Within our school we are blessed with children and families who have a wide diversity of cultural backgrounds, all enriching our school community. This Friday we have the opportunity to celebrate this diversity and embrace all our multiculturalism.

**Lent**: This week’s Gospel from St John tells the story of the “Woman at the Well”. During this encounter, Jesus challenges the Samaritan woman, opening her eyes and ears to understand His message and transforming her heart through the comparison of water from the well and the ‘Living Water’ that He can offer. Perhaps during this week we could take a little time to reflect on what it is that stops us from truly receiving the “Living Water” Jesus has to offer.

**Class Liturgies**: Next Wednesday, 26th March, Year 5 will celebrate their Grade Mass at 12.30pm. All families and friends of Year 5 are very welcome to join them for this celebration.

**Project Compassion**: Please continue to encourage and support your children in contributing to Project Compassion, and to thinking about those who will benefit greatly from their generosity this Lent. Caritas Australia aims to assist people to become self-sufficient and able to proudly take care of themselves. Through effective partnerships in countries all over the world, they are making a real difference, and helping to end poverty and uphold the dignity of the people. This year, with your help, Project Compassion will go a long way to helping these people “Have life, and have it to the full”.

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless,

Robyn Petty

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**INTENSIVE READING PROGRAM**

**INTENSIVE READING PROGRAM – HELPERS REQUIRED**

“Multilit” Intensive Reading Program volunteers are still required. If you can spare an hour and a half, one morning per week (either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday), 9:30am until 11.00am in Term 2 and 3, please contact the school on 6363344 and leave your name, phone number, and the day you would be available to tutor by Monday March 24th. You will then be contacted regarding the training and commencement dates.

Many thanks,
School Support Teachers

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**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

Potatoes were illegal in France between 1748 and 1772.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Athletics Carnival**
In previous years children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been involved in a sports carnival on a separate day to the Primary School Athletics Carnival. This year all students from Catherine McAuley School will participate in the Athletics Carnival on the same day at Norton Park at James Sheahan Catholic School. As you would be aware, this will be held on **Monday, 31st March**.

Children from the Infants section of the school will be participating in running races, ball games and novelty events on the Western side of the field. Years 3 - 6 children will take part in activities on (and inside) the main athletics track. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2014 are eligible for representative selection and as such may choose to compete in events with students from Years 3 to 6.

Buses for Kinder - Year 2 children will leave school at 9.45am and will return the children to school for lunch. **Children will not be able to go home with parents at this stage of the day.** Year 2 children turning 8 in 2014 and competing in events with Years 3-6 children will travel to and from the carnival with the Year 3-6 children departing at 9.10am and returning by 3.10pm.

Please ensure that your child has fruito, morning tea and water as usual. The children will leave their lunch at school so it will be important to separate morning tea and lunch on the day.

Please ensure that all children wear sunscreen and a hat. With the changeable Orange weather it will be important to also pack a jumper. Please label all items.

If you are available to help please see your child’s class teacher on the day.

**Harmony Day**
Harmony Day will officially take place on March 21. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

During the weekly assembly students at Catherine McAuley School engaged in Harmony Day activities. This included a prayer from KM and an opportunity to celebrate the many cultures that enrich our school. At Catherine McAuley school we are pleased to include within our student body 40 students from 12 different countries who were born or who have parents who were born in a country other than Australia. We are very proud to have 11 students with an Indigenous background.

The singing of the National Anthem held particular significance and was led by students from all over the world.

**Google Apps For Education**
As we move closer to issuing students with email accounts, the following information from Google provides assurance to parents of the Security and Privacy of the system. Below, also is a link to the Privacy Statement from the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst.

Privacy Matters
https://sites.google.com/a/bth.catholic.edu.au/sharecloud-learning-centre/privacy-matters

The school will be holding an information evening on **Thursday 3rd April at 7pm in The Sr Clare Murphy Room.** The educational benefits of such a system will be presented at this session, along with information regarding the safety nets put in place by the School and the CEO.

Clare Miller
Google Apps for Education - Security and Privacy

More than 30 million students, teachers and administrators rely on Google Apps for Education every day to communicate and collaborate more efficiently. We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of our users — and that includes students — to make sure their information is safe, secure and always available to them.

Here are a few important things to know about Google Apps for Education and student accounts:

**Ads in Gmail are turned off by default for Google Apps for Education and we have no plans to change this in the future.**

Gmail for consumers and Google Apps users runs on the same infrastructure, which helps us deliver high performance, reliability and security to all of our users. However, Google Apps offers additional security, administrative and archiving controls for education, business, and government customers.

Gmail scans and indexes email for multiple purposes, including spell check, virus and spam protection, features like Priority Inbox and auto-detection of calendar events, relevant search results and advertising; this scanning is done on all incoming emails, is 100% automated and can’t be turned off.

When ads in Gmail are turned off for Google Apps for Education, automated scanning that is done in Gmail is not used to target ads to Education users, whether inside Gmail or in other Google products (e.g. YouTube, Google Search, etc.).

We do not scan information stored in Google Drive or Docs (or Sheets, Slides, Drawings, Forms) to target ads to Apps for Education customers.

We do not share personal information with companies, organizations or individuals outside of Google unless one of the circumstances outlined in the Google Privacy Policy applies.

**The data schools and students put into our systems is theirs, and we believe it should stay that way.** If an education department, school or university decides to no longer use Google we make it easy for them to take their data away with them.

**Google Apps for Education offers schools a number of additional controls and security features.** These include a 99.9% uptime guarantee, 24/7 customer support, greater storage capacity and the ability for school administrators to turn certain features or services on or off. As with all our accounts, we keep our users secure by filtering out spam and looking out for viruses and malware.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday to the following children:** Riley Bollinger, Dominic Gibson, Baxter Cook, Zachary Hazzard, Feba Babu, Hayley Baird, Benjamin Hoskins-Murphy, Maddison Lawry

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**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 24th March to Friday 28th March, 2014**

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Orange Roosters

The Orange roosters are a newly formed Junior Rugby league club in Orange and are desperately searching for more players in the 5 – 9 years age groups. Please contact Wade Judd for more information.

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HOCKEY – New Players Welcome
If you would like to play HOCKEY and have missed sign on, forms and information are available on our website or TRAINING is on Tuesdays 5pm, Orange Hockey Centre
http://ja3358.wix.com/cymshockeyorange or phone Helen 0423 877 126

Age divisions for boys and girls - U9, U11, U13, U15 & U18

School Holiday Clinics

Hey mums & dads,

Are you looking for some great fun activities for your children to be involved in these April School holidays? AFL NSW/ACT will be running a school holiday clinic for boys and girls aged 4-12.

Bathurst: Mon Apr 14 - George Park, Browning Street – 10:00am-12:00pm
Orange: Mon Apr 14 – Jack Brabham Park – 2:00-4:00pm
Young: Tue Apr 15 – Burrangong Oval, Burrangong Hall Road – 10:00am-12:00pm
Cowra: Tue Apr 15 – River Park, Vaux Street – 2:00-4:00pm
Forbes: Wed Apr 16 – South Circle Oval, King Street – 10:00am-12:00pm
Parkes: Wed Apr 16 - Cheney Park, Station Street – 2:00-4:00pm
Dubbo: Wed Apr 23 – South Dubbo Oval, Boundary Road – 10:00am-12:00pm
Mudgee: Wed Apr 23 – Victoria Park, Perry Street – 2:00-4:00pm

* Venues subject to availability

COST: $30 includes a NAB AFL Auskick School Auskick bag with synthetic Sherrin football PLUS a drink/snack

Register by April 7, but pay on the day. To register, go to: www.aflcentralwest.com.au and complete the short online registration. It’s that easy!

No previous AFL experience required – just the willingness to have heaps and heaps of fun.

For more information, contact Kelsey Smith on 0417 808 646 or kelsey.smith.aflcentralwest@gmail.com.