FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank all parents for supporting Mission Week in our school this week. As usual we have had a wonderful show of support in all activities for this very worthy cause. Thank you!

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: The staff at McAuley have decided that it would be beneficial to have a “Focus for the Week” (maybe with a new catchy name in the future!) To help highlight to our school community the importance of good manners and respect. These values are often lost in society, our community, our school and even the home at times. We will begin “the week of focus” on a Wednesday by publishing what the new focus is to be. The first of our focuses is:

"Greet people appropriately"

In class and at school this week we will remind all of our school community of the importance of greeting people appropriately. Please help us by talking to your children about the importance of this at home. You may even role play greeting people so your children are confident when they meet different people. It is important to realise that we may change someone’s day simply by smiling and greeting them warmly.

Whole School Assembly: 6C will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 21st October commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Please ensure your child has their school hat with them as there are a number of children who are not wearing their hat so far this term. Children in Kindergarten and Year 1 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 2, Year 3 and Year 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.

Staffing For 2017: We are currently working with the Bathurst CEO to finalise our staffing for 2017. As soon as we are in a position to do so we will announce the teachers and grades for 2017 in a coming newsletter.

Formative Assessment: At McAuley as part of becoming a Professional Learning Community, our staff is focusing on formative assessment. It is a real change to our mindset. Providing instant feedback after using an assessment strategy in class that informs and directs the class and the individual child’s future learning. This can take the place of comments and grades on work that research tells us does not often have an impact on the child’s learning.

Summer Sports Trials: Children in Year 5 will be invited to nominate for Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo on Tuesday 22nd November. Sports include cricket, softball, tennis, touch football & basketball. Children must be playing the sport and have above average ability to attend. Parents transport children to and from the venue. Information to follow.

Year 6 End of Year Celebration: A note has gone home asking Parents of Year 6 children to get involved in the end of year dinner organisation following the Mass on Wednesday 14th December. If you are able to help please return the slip on the bottom of the note.

Year 5 Parents to Help at the Year 6 End of Year Celebration: A note has been sent home to ask Year 5 parents to assist with the serving and picking up of the food for the Year 6 dinner following the Mass on Wednesday 14th December.

Steve Maguire

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The longest word with all its letters in reverse alphabetical order is “spoonfeed”.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**Mission Week:** The children have been working really hard over the past week to learn a great deal about our Mission focus country, Cambodia. This week the excitement is building, with fund-raising ideas flowing, and money for the missions coming in. This week we have really seen the spirit of Catherine McAuley present through our Mission activities. Yesterday children gave up their Recess to “Deny and Donate” non-perishable items to children here in Orange who are struggling. This activity gave them a chance to both begin to appreciate what it must be like to have so little food available to them, as well as donate to others in our local community. Today we celebrated a lovely Mission Mass, highlighting the needs of these children in Cambodia. Thank you to all who joined us in our celebration.

**Fun Day** Tomorrow!! We are all excited about tomorrow and looking forward to all the wonderful activities of our ‘Fun Day’. Parents and families are very welcome to come along from 11:30am-1:00pm, and join in our wonderful activities. Each activity costs 20c so students can bring in coins that are lying around the house, (there will be a ‘change table’ operating if you happen to have run out of silver at home) or this year we are pre-selling Mission Cards worth $5, which means they don’t need to be worried about losing coins, they just get their card stamped at the different activities. If you would like a Mission Card please send in $5 and one will be issued to the students. These are available now and will still be on sale tomorrow. Our wonderful week will conclude on Friday, with “Colour Explosion Day”. Students are asked to wear clothes that are very colourful, which will look wonderful! Let’s have fun this week, while we raise money to help those with so little.

**Together For Humanity:** Today we were fortunate enough to have a multicultural group called “Together For Humanity” present a workshop on intercultural awareness to students from Year 3 to Year 6. The workshop was funded by the Department of Education and was aligned with our Australian Curriculum. This was a wonderful opportunity to raise student awareness of cultural diversity, especially as we look to help those in need in other countries.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** This term our Year 2 will be receiving their First Reconciliation on 14\(^{th}\) and 15\(^{th}\) November. Enrolment Forms for First Reconciliation for Year 2 were due in at the Parish House during the holidays. If you have not already enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. If you have lost your form I have them available in my office, just contact me and I will send one home.

**Parish Mass Celebration:** The McAuley School Community has once again been invited to assist with the Parish Mass, this time on Sunday, 30\(^{th}\) October at St Joseph’s Church at 6:00pm. We will be responsible for providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries throughout the Mass. Once again, this will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in a Parish Mass, so could I please encourage all families to consider attending this Mass to support our students.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Our next Liturgy Celebration will be next Wednesday 26\(^{th}\) October when Year 1 have their Grade Liturgy at 12.30pm. As always, parents and friends are very welcome to join Year 1 for their Liturgy.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

At school we follow safety rules for teachers and students. With Term 4 now here and the days becoming warmer (we hope) it’s also important to keep up the sun safe rule for school which is **NO HAT PLAY IN THE SHADE**.

Along with this rule there are 5 other safety tips for school or home for you to consider.

1. Wear a hat, even on cloudy days.
2. Apply sunscreen well, and regularly when outside.
3. Wear sunglasses if you can.
4. Play in the shade on really hot days.
5. Cover up to avoid UV burn.
6. Lets all enjoy the warm weather.

Check out the sun safe competition on the last page of the newsletter. If you wish to complete it, the closing date is 28th October. Please return them to Mrs Forbes. There will be prizes.

Belinda Forbes

SEASONS FOR GROWTH - GRIEF & LOSS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Family and Carer Mental Health Program invites children, aged between 6 and 12, who have a family member with a mental illness to attend this free education program. Seasons for Growth helps children to come to terms dealing with grief, change and loss.

**Dates:** 3:30 - 5:00pm - Wednesday 26th October, Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 23rd November 2016.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

**Venue:** 24 William Street, Orange.

**RSVP:** Please register by Wednesday, 19th October by calling: Kathy or Els at CentaCare on 02 6360 0587.

*This education program is kindly supported by House With No Steps.*

PLC - Professional Learning Communities

Clarifying Essential Learnings

In Week 4, we will be sending home the Mathematics Essential learnings for each grade for Term 4. A reminder that the “Essential learnings are the critical skills and knowledge each student acquires as a result of each unit of instruction.” (Du Four, 2010).

In order for the teachers to clarify these essential learnings from the curriculum they go through a process of collaboration with their grade partners. For true clarity, the teachers seek answers to the following questions:

- **What is it we want all students to know and be able to do** as a result of this unit of instruction?
- **What knowledge and skills** pass the test of endurance, leverage and necessity for success at the next level?

How should we **pace the curriculum** to ensure that all students have the opportunity to master the essential learning?

(Learning by Doing, Du Four et al, 2010)

**Anne Mulligan - Learning for all…. Expect, Inspire, Engage**
LIBRARY

Our annual Book Fair from Scholastic Australia is here this week with lots of wonderful books to buy. You are most welcome to visit the fair at the times listed below.

Enter the library via the large gates between the school and Kenna Hall and follow the signs.

The students are also able to visit the fair at lunchtimes.

**If you are sending money into school with your child to spend at the fair please ensure it is either in a wallet, ziplock bag or envelope etc.** Loose money tends to get lost!

**Opening Times**

- **Wednesday 19th October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm
- **Thursday 20th October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm
- **Friday 21st October** 8:15-9:00am & 2:30-4:00pm

Thank you,

*Catherine Bishenden*

MINI VINNIES

Mini Vinnies are going to hold a book sale on the 24th of November. We would like your donations of any good quality preloved children’s books. Please send books in to school by the 18th of November.

Thank you!

*Imogen Jenner*

Spiritual Advisor for Mini Vinnies

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:*

McCallum Cole, Brooke D’Ombrain, Callum Harvey, Emily Ryan, Zali Burcher, Sam French, Charlie Westgeest, Marley Cardwell, Riley Baird, Kaitlyn Edwards, Ava Duffy, Nate Kenney, Zac Moore and Emma Kennedy

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016**

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*Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942*
HERE IS A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR K-2. FOR YEARS 3-6 YOU MAY COLOUR, BUT YOU ALSO NEED TO WRITE ON THE BACK YOUR IDEAS ABOUT SUN SAFETY.