FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I did notice on television last week an advertisement for "back to school supplies"! I'm hoping some energetic programmer has jumped the gun but it is a reminder about how quickly the 2014 school year is drawing to a close. At Catherine McAuley we are well and truly involved in a sprint finish as we finish the school year and all that means, and also monitoring a building program that involves vacating 10 classrooms by Christmas so that the second stage of our building program can commence. We are praying for the peacefulness of next August and beyond!

On the staffing front it is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Elizabeth Sergeant will not be continuing as the Infant's librarian. Elizabeth has decided that she would now like to visit some of the countries she has been reading about! We wish her all the best and thank her for her wonderful efforts and patience especially in the early days of Catherine McAuley. Mrs Catherine Bishenden will be the librarian for all students and all classes from next year.

I would also like to publicly acknowledge the whole staff of Catherine McAuley for their patience and efforts at the present time. When the building is finalised in July next year we will have a magnificent school but in the meantime we are operating out of makeshift staffrooms and classrooms yet I am observing a staff who are doing it all with good humour and a lot of cooperation and patience. We are also very aware that there are and have been generations of school children and teachers who put up with very spartan conditions without a complaint and we are very lucky to have the conditions we have, be they temporary or permanent.

FINAL CALL FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE SECOND HAND SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR FREE. THE SKIP BIN IS ON THE WAY!

Michael Croke

PRAYER

... Of all other gifts, prayer must come from God: hence, we must beg it continually, with a profound humility and untiring patience.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Oliver Schofield, Sophie Hogben, Caleb Phillips, Zak Wright, Freya Bryant, Drew Scott, Hayley Norris, Eliza Brookings, Will Munday, Jessica Richards, Max Bevan, Lachlan Wykes, Ben Hoskins-Murphy, Lucy Stewart, Liam Hurley, Saxon Jordan, Tyler Bartimote, Charlie Atkins, Joshua Streatfeild & Kiah Woodham.

**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.


**Summer Sports Trials:** Yesterday we were well represented at the Diocesan Summer Sports trials. It was a warm day and as always the competition is of a high standard. Congratulations Liam Hurley, Kyle Gummer & Brodie Trajkovic, Blair Ward, Kaelen Monk, Will Bingham, Isaac Rodd, Lucas Bashki & Henry Williams who represented our school at the trials.

**Schools Aquathlon Challenge:** Congratulations to Jesse Dean who represented McAuley in the Schools Aquathlon Challenge. She came 3rd in the Year 6 category and 7th overall. The challenge consisted of a 700m run, 200m swim followed by a 1.4km run. Well done Jesse.

**Mini Vinnies:** A big thank you to Mrs Mulligan for taking the Year 3 Mini Vinnies members to the St Francis Nursing Home on Monday. The residents appreciate these visits and the students benefit as well. Thank you also to Mrs da Silva Tavares for all the time and effort she puts in to ensure Mini Vinnies operates in our school.

**Year 5/6 Choir at the Conservatorium:** Our Year 5/6 Choir will visit the Conservatorium to attend a workshop run by Richard Gill OAM. Thank you to Mrs Aumuller for working with the Year 5/6 Choir and taking the children to the workshop.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Our final Orientation day for the Kindergarten class of 2015 will take place this Friday. A big thank you to the Kindergarten teachers for their efforts for ensuring this process has gone smoothly.

Steve Maguire
**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 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:** Next week we will start to organise our annual Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul. We are currently working with St Vincent de Paul to identify how best to assist them during this Christmas period. More details will be available in next week’s Newsletter.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Next Wednesday, 26th November, Year 4 will celebrate our final Grade Mass for the year, and the following Wednesday, our Grade Liturgies will conclude with our Kindergarten Liturgy. Our last Whole School Mass will be our End of Year Mass on Friday, 12th December at 12.00 noon (please note time - to avoid a clash with James Sheahan End of Year Mass). It has been wonderful having such great support from parents, friends and families throughout the year, and we look forward to your presence for our last few Liturgical Celebrations.

**Year 6 Farewell Mass:** Our Year 6 Farewell Mass this year will be on Thursday, 11th December at 6.00pm. This very special Mass will be followed by a celebration in Kenna Hall for our Year 6 students.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
**FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR**

**Gardening Club**

We have a dedicated band of helpers from across the school who are doing a wonderful job helping Mrs Croke in our gardening group. The garden group meet once a week to plant and maintain our garden. This week the gardening team have been planting a herb garden.

**Catherine McAuley- A “Sun Smart” School**

Just a reminder that we are a “Sun Smart” school. This means that children are expected to wear a hat in Terms 1 and 4. We have a “No Hat, Stay in the Shade” policy. When children forget their hat they are asked to play in the shade. We also encourage students to apply sunscreen before arriving at school. Thank you for your support of this policy.

We continue to promote Catherine McAuley as a “Sun Smart” school with the very large shade areas throughout the playground.

**Clare Miller**

**PARISH CENTENARY ART COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following children who have won the Parish Sesquicentenary Art Competition for their year at Catherine McAuley School:

- Kindergarten - Ava Westgeest
- Year 1 - Lilly Nonnenmacher
- Year 2 - Jorja Taberner
- Year 3 - Finn Littlefield
- Year 4 - Xavier Bliss
- Year 5 - Elizabeth Gibson
- Year 6 - Hannah Bartimote

The children’s artwork will be displayed at the Parish Sesquicentenary Celebrations on Friday Evening.

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

When trying out a new pen, 97% of people write their own name.
MINI VINNIES VISIT TO ST FRANCIS AGED CARE

On Monday 17th November, the Year 3 group from Mini Vinnies walked to St Francis Aged Care to share some time with the residents. They made some very special chalk boards which they decorated themselves and had inspiring life messages written on them. The residents were thrilled to receive such special gifts. The children also took along a picture book story to read. The elderly people adored listening to the children read and to hear such lovely stories such as "Possum Magic" and "The Old Man who loved to sing!"
The children really loved spending time with the residents and were amazed at how many times the residents said thank you. A big thank you to Mrs da Silva Tavares for preparing the children so well for this special occasion.

Anne Mulligan

LIBRARY

As the end of year approaches quickly can we ask that all library books be returned to the library as soon as possible especially any overdue books. Thank you.

Catherine Bishenden & Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: William Bingham, Roxy Macdouall, Arnold Tancred, Emily Crain, Alexandra Milne & Saige King. We also wish a belated happy birthday to Kiera Ditchfield.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November, 2014

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Celebrating 150 Years
Sesquicentenary Celebrations
Catholic Parish of Orange

Celebrating our Heritage
Friday 21st, Saturday, 22nd and Sunday 23rd
November 2014.
Program of Events
Friday evening: 21st November:

7:00 to 8:30 pm  Kenna Hall, Hill Street, Orange:

Official Opening of Historical Exhibition ...............Fr Paul Devitt
Book Launch: “History: Parish of Orange” ........ Margaret Bastick
Children’s Art Exhibition.....Catherine McAuley & St Mary’s students
Wine and Cheese nibbles
Souvenirs and Orange Parish History Book on sale

Saturday, 22nd November:

11:00 am to 4:00 pm  Historical Exhibition in Kenna Hall
Tea/coffee and light refreshments
Souvenirs and Orange Parish History Book on sale

10:00 am  St Joseph’s Church Tour..........................Fr Paul Devitt
10:00 am  Orange Cemetery Tour (meet at gates).........Jeff Fardell
12:00 to 12:30 pm  Ecumenical Service St Joseph’s Church
2:00 pm  St Joseph’s Church Tour..........................Fr Paul Devitt
2:00 pm  Orange Cemetery Tour (meet at gates).........Jeff Fardell

6:00 pm  Mass St Mary’s Church
Followed by Sausage Sizzle

Sunday, 23rd November 2014:

11:00 am to 2:00 pm  Historical Exhibition in Kenna Hall
Tea/coffee and light refreshments
Souvenirs and Orange Parish History Book on sale

2:00 to 3:30 pm  Musical Concert (St Joseph’s Church)