FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder that Kindergarten 2016 enrolments close Friday 29th May.

Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to our Mini Vinnies children on all their hard work. The children recently had morning tea at St Francis Aged Care with some of the residents.

Confidence in God

While we place all our confidence in God, we must act as if all depended on our exertion.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Isabella Stedman, Carly Bruce, Francesca Martelli, Isabella Boyd, Ruby Kind, Cassidy Hanrahan, Peta Shields, Lewis Budworth, Drew Scott, Mia Scuito, Aweil Malual, Angel Tom, Ancilin Alson, Chelsea Finley, Hope Gibson, Jacob Wooding, Imogen Jenner, Charlie Sutton, Sophie Tyquin, Elizabeth Gibson & Natalie Karamanolis.

**Whole School Assembly:** Kindergarten will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 22nd May commencing at 12:00pm in Kenna Hall.

**Exiting the School from the Hill St Site:** As a result of the construction of our new building, it is very congested at the Hill Street exit gate. We ask for parent’s cooperation if they are waiting for their children to come inside the gate and the children will wait at that point with a teacher until the majority of parents and children have moved on. The children will then move up to the normal waiting place adjacent to the Kenna Hall steps. We will trial this to see if it alleviates the crowded footpath that leads to parents waiting on the road. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**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 and policies are followed by the children 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.

**Netball News:** Congratulations to Mrs Connor and the Year 6 Netball team who were undefeated in the Schools Cup Competition. Well done girls on a great effort and we wish you luck as you progress in the competition.

**Professional Learning:** Mrs Forbes was part of the Bathurst Catholic Education Office ICT team who met on Monday this week. ICT in the Bathurst Diocese is moving at an incredibly fast pace as it is in our world today.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24th July in Canowindra. The back up date is Friday 31st July. Notes have been sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Carnival.

**Diocesan Spelling:** Congratulations to Milan Shaji (Year 6), Ellie Kostich (Year 5) Alan Parayil (Year 4), and Angel Tom (Year 3) who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Bathurst Diocese Spelling Bee in Wellington on Thursday 4th June.

**Kindergarten 2016:** As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2016 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews continue next week.

**Notes & Newsletters:** A reminder that all school newsletters and notes that are sent home are available on the school website.

**Steve Maguire**
Pentecost Sunday: This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost. This feast is also known as the Birthday of the Church, as this is when the disciples took responsibility for continuing the Church after Jesus had ascended into heaven. It was on this wonderful feast where the disciples received the Holy Spirit, and were given His gifts, which enabled them to go forth and proclaim the Word of God.

First Communion: Our Year 3 children have now begun their preparation for their First Holy Communion, which will be administered on the weekend of 13\textsuperscript{th}/14\textsuperscript{th} June 2015 at all Parish Masses. Enrolments for this Sacrament closed on Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} May, however if you have not yet registered you have until this Friday before you will have to wait until next year to receive First Communion. I have forms at school if needed, which are to be returned to the Parish Office. Notes went home this week with details of the information we have on candidates. Could these please be returned ASAP to school indicating if our information is correct. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this very important Sacrament.

Parish Mass Celebration: The McAuley School Community has been invited to assist with the Parish Mass on Sunday, 31\textsuperscript{st} 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. This is 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.

Liturgy For This Term: Year 5 will host our next Grade Mass, which will be on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} May at 12:30pm. Once again, all family and friends are very welcome to join us.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
Teaching resilience in any child is a healthy outcome. Here are some ideas that you can follow at home. Teachers also work on these ideas at school as it’s a great way to build positive student character.

- Give your child experiences to try new things.
- Give your child opportunities where they need to wait patiently.
- Help your child to identify struggles that they can overcome. It’s about choices and being positive.
- Resist the urge to rescue your child at every opportunity. They will work out how to put their clothes on or make lunch or clean their room.
- Introduce new experiences that put them out of their comfort zone. With your support they will see that things are possible.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their belongings. If they want to find something let them look for it.
- Let your child own their feelings and remind them it’s okay to have many different ones.

As parents and teachers we are always doing these things but it doesn’t hurt to be reminded sometimes. After all, life is not about figuring out how to turn off a thunderstorm or switch on the sun – no matter how much we would like this to be possible. Our children will learn to be much happier, more resilient people, when they can enjoy the sunshine when it is around and dance in the rain when there is no other choice.

Interesting Fact of the Week:

‘Bach’ means brook or stream. Beethoven once remarked that Bach should be known as ‘ocean’, not ‘brook’.
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**Choir:** This term, our Choir program has commenced under the co-direction of Mrs Trish Aumuller and Ms Gabriel Bieniek. We are extremely fortunate to have the expertise of both ladies. Mrs Aumuller is directing the Year 3/4 choir and Ms Bieniek, the Year 5/6 choir. Trish's credentials are well known to our school community and her skill and passion for music has benefited our students for more than a decade.

Gabriel Bieniek is a returned 'local girl', and alumnus of St Joseph's and James Sheahan. She is a classically trained vocalist and Music graduate of Wollongong University, and also studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. She has been teaching group singing since 1995 and has been involved with children's choirs since starting the Mitchell Young Voices in Bathurst in 2004. Gabriel has been both a teacher and performer in styles ranging from musical theatre to opera in Sydney, Bathurst, Brisbane and Canberra, most recently teaching Music Theatre Voice at the Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art. She is currently co-conductor of the Cantar ladies choir in Orange.

We look forward to hearing both choirs in the near future.

Year 6 enjoyed performing their multiculturally themed play "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie" for the school community last week.

**Anne Allan**

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Hope Gibson, Lucas Blashki, Eve Gander, Riley Doherty, Ruby Redmond, Ollea Iffland, Anika Ballard, Samuel Southwell, Jacob Southwell, Delinda Chamberlain and Tallis Thomas.

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2015**

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**Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942**
McAULEY NETBALL

It was somewhere up in the Western Region in a land of apples and scrub,
That they formed an institution called the Catherine McAuley Netball Club.

Nine Girls and a Legendary Coach set out to show that they could be the best,
Hoping at the end of the day they would be in front of the rest.

Maeve and Sophie proved to be sharp shooters on the day,
Goal after goal went in causing the opposition to comment on how well they could play.

Emily, Tara and Olivia stood firm in defence at the very back,
Making sure they defended and repelled; every single attack.

The midcourt of Emily, Elizabeth, Ella and Coco stood up very tall,
Intercepting for our team and always protecting and valuing possession of the ball.

So as the afternoon drew on it became evident coach and girls had done their part,
They had honoured their school and played with great spirit and heart.

As the teams gathered and the crowd dispersed,
The announcement was made “McAuley had come in first!”

by Scott Hudson