The Catherine McAuley dinner is on Friday 29th July. Whilst I realise and accept that many parents and school staff have other commitments on that night I do ask that you consider attending this event. Because we are human, it is easy to say we are often too tired on Friday night or this just isn't my thing. I do believe that school involvement must be much more than simply having a child in the classroom.

I would simply say that it is a wonderful night attended by many teachers and parents (130 at this stage) and is a real chance to consolidate the Catherine McAuley community. Grade 2 parents have put a lot of effort into making sure it will be a wonderful night of fun and frivolity (as was last years) and it is a chance to socialise and meet other members of the school community, especially those who are new citizens to Orange!

I am hoping that parents from other classes can reward their hard work by attending the night. Such participation has great benefit to your child. Tickets are available from the front office and the rule of the night will always be "what goes on tour stays on tour!!!".

Michael Croke
Congratulation to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly: Austin Brooking, Belvia Bryant, Marley Farrell, Toby Dickinson, Isla Curtis, Ben Matthews, Cameron Fieldus, Patrick May, Phoenix Zinga, Macey Lenehan, Ruby Dover, Chad Weekes, Ava Duffy, Annabelle Griffiths, Kody Wasow, Levi Zinga, Wil Kennedy, Samantha Stiller, Jorja Mascord, Liam Fraser, Ethan Wasow, Beau Jeffery, Milla Sampson, Selena Livermore, Molly Haydon, Heath Vaughan, Lara Vardanega, Ella Williams, Jackson Plante, Seth Vardanega, Ruby Wythes, Caiden Hoy, Akok Aluk, Amelia Lieben, Jack Coffey, Noah Richards, Euhanna Ramos, Ancilin Alson, Lavinia Culmone, Harry Dean, Lillian Townsend, Jack Judge, Koby Phillips, Olivia Tilston, Kaitlyn Edwards, Josh Brind, Jack Dean, Lilly O’Brien, Riley Clarke, Natalie Joyce, Millie Hogben, Jonty Middleton, Farrah Gaffe, Darcy Schofield, Ethan Dillon, Chloe Jaques, Kallum Sullivan, Billy Tilston, Lachlan Wykes, Noah Daley-Beggs, Abby Jones and Tim Abbo.

Whole School Assembly: KD will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly next Friday 29th July commencing at 12.15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Southern Region Athletics: McAuley will be well represented by 59 students at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival in Canowindra next Friday 29th July. The students will be accompanied by Mrs Da Silva Tavares, Mrs Pellow and Mr Hudson. The competition will be of a very high standard and we wish these students the very best of luck.

ICAS Tests: Nominations for ICAS Maths & English Tests have closed. The children from Year 3 to Year 6 who nominated for these will sit them on the following dates: * English - Tuesday 2nd August * Mathematics – Tuesday 16th August. These tests are not compulsory or set on the Australian Curriculum that we implement. They are one way of acknowledging the achievement of students who are working above grade level.

Year 3 – Year 6 Winter Sport: Our highly anticipated Winter Sport Program for Year 3 – Year 6 students begins tomorrow. Year 3 & Year 4 participate on Thursdays and Year 5 & Year 6 participate on Friday. The children take part in a variety of sports including squash, fitness, ten pin bowling and dance. All activities take place indoors to ensure our children are active despite the often wet and cold weather during winter in Orange. A huge thank you to Mrs Bettizoli for organising this for the children, it is a massive job.

Challenging Behaviour Management at McAuley: Mrs Croke and Mrs Carpenter attended the next session of the Challenging Behaviour In-service that they are taking part in today. I am extremely pleased to inform parents that we have been granted a teacher for Term 3 to work with children displaying Challenging Behaviours who have been referred to the Bathurst Catholic Education Office (CEO). Due to the content of what some of the groups will be doing children who are experiencing difficulty with social interaction on the playground or displaying signs of anxiety will be included in some of these groups. Mel Fuller from the CEO and Natalie Single our school counsellor from Centacare are putting together programs on mindfulness and social stories that the teacher will go through with the selected children in small groups. Natalie Single our school counsellor has a waiting list at the moment and several of the children on the waiting list will benefit from work on mindfulness and strategies for social stories. The CEO have been very proactive in helping us identify and help these students.

Peer Support: This week we further developed the idea of belonging in Peer Support. Having looked at the role of family in the last session, yesterday we looked at our network of friends. The children identified all the groups they belong to and the friends they have in each group. The activities are designed to encourage the children to appreciate the wide network of friends they have and the importance of humour between friends. At home this week you could discuss ways your child uses to show friends that they care about them and encourage them to do these things regularly.

Reading / Literacy Work with Sarah McDonagh: This week Sarah McDonagh is working with Year 1 teachers on developing children’s fluency & accuracy with reading and looking at what Year 1 are doing in their Literacy block. She will also work with our PLC facilitators Mrs Tavares & Mrs Mulligan on putting our DIBELS results on our data wall.

Term 4 Pupil Free Day: In Term 4 we will devote half the Pupil free day on Monday 10th of October to developing consistency across the grades and school in regard to report grades and comments. The teachers have only just begun using the reporterpro format and will appreciate the time to become more familiar with the program which will improve the standard of our reports. The second half of the day will be spent working on the new History unit in grade groups familiarising themselves with the unit and improving it ready to teach during Terms 1 and Terms 2 next year.

Steve Maguire
Welcome back to Term 3. The year seems to be flying by so quickly. This term Year 6 will receive their Confirmation, we will have a combined Mass with St Mary’s School for the Feast of the Assumption, and we also celebrate our Patron, Catherine McAuley.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: This week’s Gospel from St Luke invites us to reflect on prayer. Prayer is our way of recognising our need for God. In the Gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need, however, what we ask for is not always what God knows we really need. All things are in God’s hands and even if things don’t turn out how we would like them to be, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered. Perhaps this week we could recognise our need for God in our everyday lives, and spend a little more time in prayer.

Confirmation: This term the Year 6 students will be preparing for and making their Confirmation. This is a very important part of their Spiritual journey, as they receive the last of the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 10th/11th September (end of Week 8 of this term). Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this term as they go through this preparation.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August in St Mary’s Church for parents of those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will only be a short meeting, but a very important one. The meeting commences at 7:00pm and all parents are asked to attend as there is a lot of information that needs to be given regarding the Sacrament.

“Assist – a – Student” Casual Clothes Day: Thank you so much for your amazing generosity with our Assist-A-Student fundraising on the last day of Term 2. We were able to raise $811, which is close to $1000 Fijian! This money will go directly to help with the educational expenses of the Fijian children we assist, as well as helping those who were devastated earlier this year by cyclones. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all families. I trust that you enjoyed your time away from school routine and that you managed to stay warm throughout such a cold holiday. Just a reminder to continue to send in warm coats for children over the coming weeks. The preferred colours are either maroon or navy. As children come into the warm building they often shed layers so please label all clothing so that these expensive items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Wet Weather Procedures Before and After School

It appears that the very wet weather is set to continue. Therefore it seems timely to remind you of the procedures before and after school on wet days.

Before School

Please note that our morning school bell for students to move into class goes at 8:55am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. There is a teacher on duty in the morning from 8:35am.

- Children in Year 5 and Year 6 stay under cover at the back of the building in Area B. Children keep their bags with them.
- Children in Kindergarten to Year 4 stay under cover either under the COLA or in the eating area in Area A. Children keep their bags with them.
- When the weather is too inclement, for example very heavy rain or extreme cold or snow, children will be moved to the following indoor areas:
  - Kindergarten and Year 1 - The Kindergarten shared wet area.
  - Year 2 to Year 4 - The Year 3 shared wet area.
  - Year 5 and 6 - The corridor near 6C and 6P

After School

- Students who usually meet their parents/carers at Byng St are collected from the undercover area at the back of the school building.
- Hill St Pick up remains the same.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

When Columbus travelled to America, he thought he was sailing uphill.
Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Johnty French, Myia Gibson, Nicholas Rowland, Kaylee Anderson, William Vial, Matthew Allen and Robert Schmidt.

Roster—Commencing Tuesday 26th July to Friday 29th July 2016

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
McAuley Dinner

Friday 29th July 2016

Final call for ticket purchases.

We need final numbers for catering by this Friday 22nd July.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone and sent home with your child.

Please join us for this fun night!