FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last Friday Catherine McAuley School and St Mary's School gathered for a combined Mass in St Mary's Church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. As far as the logistics were concerned it was a wonderful testimony to "precise preparation" from those responsible in organising the Mass and having 900 children plus 100 adults gathered in the one venue for one hour. For those of us who still wear a watch, the Mass ran like clockwork!

I have already spoken to the children and congratulated them on their reverence in the church and their respect for the occasion of the Eucharist. As a Catholic school worshipping as a community is central to our existence and the students from both schools were a great example of the spirit and purpose of a Catholic school in a church setting.

In our day to day lives it is very easy to be busy with the machinations of our lifestyle and all that involves and demands. From household chores to not being late for soccer and netball training. It is important to take some time in the week to be still and calm and be prayerful to take stock of who we are and what we are trying to achieve with those around us.

We often need a quiet place to do this. Rugby League coach Wayne Bennett often talks about the peacefulness he feels when he's alone in his thoughts with his cows on his farm. He commented that the cows don't care if his team won or lost!

Michael Croke

Today

The simplest and most practical lesson I know... is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow. Let us take one day only in hand, at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow. Thus we may hope to get on, taking short, careful steps, not great strides.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Jayden Summerell, Tyse Rolston, Jack Gow, Lewis Budworth, Juliyat JoJo, Ereny Aziz, Isabella Budworth, Charlie Westgeest, Jade Edwards, Amelia Hogben, Arkie Prisk, Jose Pantoja-Tito, Ben Hoskin-Murphy, Mitchell Layzell, Olivia Collins, Aaron Cox, Sophie Tyquin, Vita Pappalardo & Emily Shields.

**Whole School Assembly:** The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 29th August and will be organised by Year 3. The Assembly will commence at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Polding Representative:** Ella Robins in Year 6 is currently representing Polding in a three day State Touch Competition in Wagga. The standard of this competition is extremely high. The Polding team is performing brilliantly, being undefeated after seven games. With six games remaining Polding, MacKillop and North Sydney appear the teams to beat. The Finals will be played tomorrow after all the round games are completed. Ella has scored 8 tries, a remarkable achievement considering there are only approximately twenty girls out of all the Catholic schools in the state selected to play at the carnival in the Polding or MacKillop Teams.

**Year 3 Excursion:** The Year 3 children will travel to Dubbo for their excursion to Western Plains Zoo this Friday. **Children are to wear their sports uniform to the zoo and can therefore wear normal school uniform on Thursday to ensure their sports uniform is ready for Friday.**

**Netball:** Our Year 6 Netball team will be busy in the coming weeks travelling to Sydney on Tuesday 2nd September to compete in the Catholic Schools Netball Competition. They travel to Sydney once again on Tuesday 16th September to compete in the Finals of the Schools Cup Netball Competition. There are only eight teams remaining in this state-wide competition. Thank you to Mrs Connor for coaching the girls and to Mr Hudson and Charlotte Jazprizza who have been assisting with the organisation and preparation of the team. Thank you to the parents who will travel with the girls to feed and support them.

**Diocesan Athletics:** In last week’s newsletter we listed the children who gained selection in the Bathurst Athletics Squad to compete in Newcastle on Friday 5th September. Cara Seale was also selected to compete. Congratulations to Cara.

**Debating:** The first round of the Year 6 Debating Competition between Catherine McAuley and St Mary’s Schools took place yesterday. Our teams will compete both at McAuley and St Mary’s schools. Thank you to Mrs Rosser and Mrs Connor for their efforts in organising this wonderful opportunity for the children.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion:** Preparation has begun for the Year 6 Canberra Excursion that will take place on Thursday 30th & Friday 31st of October. Notes have been sent home with the children. As it is a big responsibility to take over seventy children away over night all Year 6 children have agreed to a contract of expected behaviour.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** We have a large number of old single school desks under Kenna Hall. If anybody would like one they are FREE. Please contact or visit the school office if you would like to take a desk (or desks).

**Personal Development:** All classes in our school take part in Personal Development as part of Health studies in PDHPE. The Year 6 the program covers the changes that will occur to them as they develop into adolescence. **The Year 6 parents and children are required to attend session on Monday 25th August commencing at 6.00pm in the Year 6 classrooms. Please enter via the side doors between the Library and the Sr Clare Murphy Room.**

**Professional Learning:** On Monday Kellie Baker from 3P Learning (Reading Eggs & Mathletics) worked with a teacher from each grade to highlight the benefits of these programs. Mr Croke will attend the Principal’s Retreat this Thursday and Friday.
The Assumption: Last Friday we had a lovely celebration for the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. The children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed visiting St Mary's School and joining with them for this very special Feast Day. A huge thank you to all at St Mary’s for their wonderful warm welcome. The task of transporting our children there and back with lunchboxes, jumpers etc intact took a lot of work and I would like to thank all our teachers who took on this mammoth task with such ease. We look forward to joining St Mary’s again next year for this very special celebration.

First Reconciliation: If you have a child in Year 2 or older who will be making their First Reconciliation, and you still need a registration form, please let me know as soon as possible. These forms were due to be returned to the Parish House by last Friday, 15th August 2014. Preparation for the Sacrament will take place in the classroom during daily Religion lessons. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fathers’ Day: This year we will be celebrating Fathers’ Day with a Liturgy on Friday 5th September at 12.30pm. As I will once again be making a powerpoint with photos of our children and their fathers or other significant men in their lives, could I ask that you start sending in photos either by email, USB or in hard copy for the powerpoint. I will return hard copies and USB’s the same day. This is always a special part of our Liturgy, so could I encourage you to send these in as soon as possible please. My email address is: r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au

Grade Liturgies: Congratulations to Year 5 on their lovely Grade Mass, which they celebrated yesterday. Next week Kindergarten will celebrate their Grade Liturgy at 12.30pm on Wednesday 27th August. All families and friends of Kinder are very welcome to join them for this Liturgy.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

IPAD EXPO - JSCHS

IPAD EXPO for Year 7 - 2015
Date & Time: 7.00 pm Tuesday 26 August 2014
Venue: James Sheahan Catholic High School - Mercy Hall
Administration of Medication At School:

Many children at Catherine McAuley School require medication either regularly or from time to time. The following guidelines will assist parents when medication is required at school:

- Children requiring medication from time to time (such as antibiotics or asthma puffers) must have parental consent that includes the action plan. (Dosage, time to be taken and parental signature).
- Medication must be in the original packaging.
- All medication must be labeled with specific pharmaceutical details for the recipient.
- Children with life threatening conditions such as anaphylaxis or asthma must have a current action plan from their doctor and parental permission for the administration of medication.
- The necessary form is available on the school website.

- While we are not a nut free school, we do ask parents to consider children with nut allergies when packing lunches. Abstaining from nut products at school is recommended.

Walking and Riding Safely To and From School:

Students at Catherine McAuley School are to be congratulated on the safe and sensible way in which they arrive and leave the school grounds.

Just a reminder that children, both school and preschool age, should walk rather than ride a bike across the pedestrian crossing. There have been several reports of young children riding bikes or scooters across the pedestrian crossing. Please refer to the following link and excerpt from RTA: Road Safety Issues Around Schools.

....children should dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the usual 'Stop! Look! Listen! Think!' procedure.
Road Safety Issues Around Schools

Reading Eggs and Mathletics

As you would be aware, the school allocates a significant chunk of funding to provide Reading Eggs and Mathletics to all students at Catherine McAuley School. On Monday afternoon, many staff members were fortunate enough to receive some professional learning from Kellie Baker from 3P Learning. (The company responsible for the online resources). The aim of the session was to further our understanding of the way in which Reading Eggs and Mathletics can enhance teaching, and in particular, the many resources available. For anyone wishing to be reminded of their child’s login details, please contact Annalisa in the front office.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

If the mass in a one-kilogram bag of sugar could be converted into energy, it would be enough to drive a car non-stop for 100,000 years.
MUSIC & DRAMA

CLASS PLAYS: Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the Year 3 and Year 4 class plays over the next fortnight. All plays will be performed in the Sr Clare Murphy Room.

4G - Friday 22nd August at 10.45am
4T - Friday 22nd August at 12.45pm
3A - Monday 25th August at 12.45pm
3B - Monday 1st September at 12.50pm
3W - Wednesday 3rd September at 2.45pm

Anne Allan

BOOK CLUB VOUCHER WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for our school by buying pies last term. All the children will enjoy using the new equipment this money helps to buy. Winners of the Book Club Vouchers are:

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BOOK CLUB

*Book Club orders are due back at school tomorrow, Thursday 21st August. Please ensure all details are filled in on the order form before placing it and the correct money in a clearly labelled envelope.*

Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Hayley Hunter, Callan Arden, Ava Martyr, Shay-lea Iffland, Chloe Jaques & Lara Vardanega.

TUCKSHOP

*Roster—Commencing Monday 25th August to Friday 29th August, 2014*

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*Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942*
Orange CYMS Junior Cricket Club (formerly SJS-CYMS)

Sign-On Days for the 2014-15 Cricket Season

Last summer was a very successful one for the SJS-CYMS Junior Cricket Club. We are looking forward to yet another enjoyable and rewarding season of cricket in 2014/15. This year as a club, we will celebrate the renaming of our junior club as well as celebrating 70 years of cricket in Orange for our senior club.

The Orange CYMS Junior Cricket Club will be holding two Sign-On days for the upcoming Cricket Season as follows:

* Tuesday 26th August 3:30 – 5:00pm at Kenna Hall, Hill Street Orange
* Thursday 28th August 3:30 – 5:00pm at St. Mary’s School Hall, Byng Street Orange

Cost: T20 Blast (U7-U10) – U16 $110 per player
Family discounts: 2 children $160, 3 or more children $210.

Please note that Proof of Age will be required at Sign-On for players that are NEW to our club.

Registration Application Forms will be available and MUST be lodged with the Club at one of the Sign-On days, together with Proof of Age and payment.