FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone for joining us today to celebrate McAuley Day, honouring our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley. Today we honoured some special people in our school and community by awarding our McAuley Award to one child from each grade as well as a community member award. Please find listed below the very deserving winners for 2016. I wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to entering our final term of the year.

Kindergarten  Aimee Neich
Year 1        Divaakara Nughoro (Aira)
Year 2        Ali Gavin
Year 3        Don Jimmon
Year 4        Charlie Westgeest
Year 5        Claudia Horan
Year 6        Darcy Schofield
Community Award  Lorraine Flynn

Michael Croke

Mother of God

*Her dignity is expressed in one title - Mother of God.*

*Catherine McAuley 1778-1841*
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


Whole School Assembly: 3A will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 23rd September commencing at 2:20pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

ICAS English Tests: Congratulations to the following children who received Distinctions, Credits and Merits in the ICAS English Test this is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of these students:

Distinction: Alexander Morley, Freya Bieniek, Maya Budd, Henry Baker, Alan Tom, Mitchell Crean, Sam French & Ellie Kostich.

Credit: George Tancred, Matthew Kennedy, Myles Sullivan, Maya Thompson, Angel Tom, Charlie Westgeest, Archie Dunn, Arabella Gibson, Arkie Prisk, Hamish Gibson, Ben Hoskins-Murphy, Emma Kennedy and Maddalena Stone.

Merit: Lachlan Mason and Isaac Seewak.

Behaviour Management: Grades will have an end of term reward this week. If a child has been on Level 2 or higher this term they will miss out on the reward. This follows our school Pastoral Care & Discipline Policy that explains that we are proactive in rewarding expected behavior with rewards, awards and end of term awards. Children displaying unacceptable behavior receive a level. The level is a communication between teachers and parents informing you the child has made a wrong choice at school. The level system also gives us a record of unacceptable behavior which can be reported to the student and parents.

Uniform Policy: A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform in Term 4. A further reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle. Please note children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year (unless they bring a note explaining why they are out of uniform) and to present themselves in line with school dress policy, which stipulates:

• acceptable hairstyles. Extremes of hairstyle are not permitted, these include coloured hair and haircuts or undercut less than a ‘two’ or rat’s tails. Hair below the shoulders must be pulled back off their face.
  • no bracelets, bangles, necklaces or anklets - a religious medal on a fine chain may be worn
  • one small ring only
  • no nail polish
  • one set of earrings only sleepers or studs ; boys: one single sleeper or stud
  • T-shirts under short sleeved shirts are not permitted.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 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 3 & 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.

I wish everyone at McAuley a restful holiday and well earned break.

Steve Maguire
**Catherine McAuley Celebration Day:** Thank you so much for joining us today as we celebrated McAuley Day, honouring our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley. It was a very special day for all. Today was a celebration of our School community and a time to acknowledge all that is so good about our school, under the patronage of the Venerable Catherine McAuley.

**Mission Month:** When we come back to school next term, we will be focusing on Catholic Missions. Traditionally, the month of October is devoted to Missions, and we spend the first two weeks of next Term learning about the work of Catholic Missions and raising money for specific projects. This year, we will be focusing our attention the country of Cambodia. The students will be focusing on reaching out to the children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. This is one way in this Year of Mercy, to live out Pope Francis' call to be the hands of mercy. Please look for the separate information sheet which, which will be going home early next term, with details of events.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation:** Thank you to those parents who came along to the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting last night. At our meeting it was announced that the dates for First Reconciliation have been changed from those advertised. Year 2 will now be receiving their **First Reconciliation on 15th and 16th November.** Enrolment forms for this Sacrament will be sent home tomorrow and need to be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 30th September 2016.

**Proposed Liturgy and Mass Dates for Term 4:** Below is a proposed schedule for our Mass and Liturgies for next term. Please note these dates are yet to be confirmed.

- **Week 2:** Wednesday 19th October Mission Week Mass 10:00am
- **Week 3:** Wednesday 26th October Year 1 Grade Liturgy 12:30pm
  
  **Sunday 30th October Parish Mass prepared by McAuley Students 6:00pm St Joseph’s Church**

- **Week 6:** Wednesday 16th November Kinder Grade Liturgy 12:30pm
  
  **Tuesday15th & Wednesday 16th November – First Reconciliation**

- **Week 7:** Wednesday 23rd November First Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass

- **Week 10:** Tuesday 13th December Year 6 Farewell Mass 6:00pm
  
  **Wednesday 14th December End of Year Mass 12:15pm**

Wishing you a restful break, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
The Maths Olympiad has been won and run. Below is the final Olympiad Questions which were set to see how clever some of our Year 6 children were in solving these fantastic Mathematical Thinking Questions.

Answer the questions

(1) There are three possible modes of transportation in your state. You can travel by Roads, by Rail, or using Rivers. Your state has 4750 km of Roads, 11020 km of Rail, and 15390 km of Rivers. Taking the three ratios (distance covered by the networks of Roads:Rail:Rivers) what is the value of the highest consequent?

(2) The chart shows production of different vegetables in a farm. If production of potato was 14625 Kg, find the combined production of cauliflower and potato.

(3) When 16 is added to 80 % of a number, it gives the number itself. find the number.

(4) What are you left with when you take away One Hundredths six times from 1?

You Holiday Goal is to see how you can go as a parent.

Enjoy the break with your child/ren. Play games outside or try an indoor game like a puzzle or board game. At this time we all need to take some time to recharge ready for the final term of the year.

Be safe and happy.
Until Next term
Belinda Forbes

CHESS COMPETITION

The best chess minds of Catherine McAuley participated in the finals of the school chess championship this week. Congratulations to Tim Abbo who is our 2016 champion and to Charli Hobbs for her tenacity and cunning chess moves as she was a very close runners up!

The semi finalists were Darcy Schofield, Miles Sullivan and Alex Tang. Congratulations to these children and all the students in the chess club. It was a pleasure seeing your love for chess grow as the year progressed.

Mrs Mulligan

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Sweden has a ski-through McDonald’s.
CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be open the last day of school this Friday 23rd of September from 2:30pm till 3:30pm for anyone wishing to purchase second hand clothing. Entry should be made via the school office in Hill Street.

LIBRARY

As we come to the end of the term could I please remind all students to return any overdue library books.

In week two of next term our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the school library. Start saving your pocket money so you can buy a book or two. There will be the usual array of wonderful picture books, novels and non-fiction titles available for purchase. Details of opening times will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4. Looking forward to another great Book Fair.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and during the school holidays: Madeleine Clarke, Molly Haydon, Lydianna Meade, Riley Clarke, Mia Sciuto, Kate Wykes, April Gardiner, Alan Parayil, Sonnie Wenban, Katiza Hillier, Drew Scott, Emily Brindley, Darren Domin, Mollie Duff, Charlize Acheson, Ella Mustac, Jackson Plante, Abbie-Rose Theobald, Charlie Livingstone, Benjamin Mulhall, Henry Patterson, Charlie Downey, Charles Hood, Sienna Reid, Farrah Gaff, Caitlyn Shields, Alexander, Morley, Ellie Mulhall, Jack Gow, Daniel Cooper, Austin Macdouall, Hunter Priest, Sophie Bouffler and Chad Weekes.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Tuesday 11th October to Friday 14th October 2016

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VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

On advice from the RMS we remind parents to collect children from the school grounds in the afternoon. (Either Byng St or Hill St pick-up locations) **Students will not be allowed to walk to parents waiting in cars.** As cars reverse park it is very difficult to see young children who are not in the presence of an adult and this creates a very dangerous situation. We have made a decision that there will only be one gate open on Byng Street of an afternoon and one gate open in Sale Street at pick up time as it has become too difficult to supervise children if we have more than the two gates open. Hill Street gates will remain the same. We thank you for your understanding of this matter.

In some cases, a note has been sent in to provide permission for children to walk home without an adult. Only these children are permitted to leave the school grounds without the supervision of an adult.

FREE TO GOOD OFFICE

We have "free to a good business (or home) a compactor filing system (similar to one in photo). Please contact school.

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