FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I welcome everyone back to the Catherine McAuley community for Term 2. Given the rain we have had to welcome us back I may need to instruct our builders to put a bow curve in our new building and start collecting animals two by two!

This Saturday many students and teachers from our school will be involved in the Annual ANZAC day march to be held in Orange. Given the amazing sacrifices made by our forebears in this regard as a school community we simply make a small gesture of acknowledgement for all their efforts by publicly remembering what they have done for our country. In case of inclement weather, an announcement will be put on both our facebook page and also on our website. We will endeavour to do this by 8:30am on Saturday.

I do ask us to remember in our prayers Mrs Debbie Prestwidge whose father (Eric Liverpool) passed away in recent weeks.

We are delighted to report that Mrs Anna White (English) gave birth to a baby boy in the holidays. Miss Maddie Colquhoun will be teaching Anna's class for the remainder of the year. We welcome Maddie to our staff community.

Michael Croke

In God’s Service

When we are truly holy, our days are consumed gently, noiselessly in God’s service.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  

**Professional Learning Community:** This week each of the teachers have been released for half a day together to plan for this Term’s Professional Learning Community (PLC) work. This is a valuable experience for our teachers, which ensures all children have the opportunity to learn essential learning for their grade. At the moment our focus in PLC is on Mathematics ensuring all children grasp basic concepts. Key elements of PLC’s are collaboration and teachers working together to ensure all children learn at a high level.

**ICAS Tests:** As in previous years students will be able to nominate and sit the ICAS tests for Mathematics and English. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 28th July and Mathematics Tuesday 11th August. A note was sent home last term and is available on the website, asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $9.00 per test.

**Appointments with Teachers:** Parents are reminded that if you need to see a teacher about your child’s progress or behavior please make an appointment through the front office (phone 6361 3344) or write a note to the teacher to request a meeting and they will contact you with a time and date. Please do not go straight to the classroom without making an appointment first.

**Diocesan Winter Sport Trials:** We wish the following children the best of luck when they represent the Bathurst Diocese in the Polding Winter Trials this Friday in Tamworth. Olivia Collins (Netball), Henry Williams (Soccer), Charlie Sutton & Jacob Smith (Under 11’s Rugby League), Malachi Collins (Hockey). This is a great opportunity and I am sure the sport will be of a high standard.

**McAuley Cross Country:** We wish our McAuley Cross Country Team the best of luck when they travel to Coolah next Tuesday to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country. Thank you to Mr Gough and Mrs Petty who will accompany the team. Also to the parents who will transport and support our runners.

Steve Maguire

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**ENROLMENTS OPEN MONDAY 27TH APRIL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016 AND CLOSE ON FRIDAY 29TH MAY**

PHONE: 6361 3344
Welcome back to Term 2! Once again we have a very busy term, with much to achieve. During this term our Year 3 students will prepare for and receive their First Holy Communion, and our Year 5 and 6 will participate in the ‘Christmas Story’ Inter-Diocesan Art Competition. We will be preparing the 5pm Parish Mass on Sunday 31st May and our Year 6 students will also sit the Inter-Diocesan Year 6 Religious Education Exam. And of course, we have our Mothers’ Day celebrations!

First Communion Parent Meeting: Our Year 3 children are about to commence their preparation for their First Holy Communion on the 13th and 14th June. There will be a Parent Meeting next Tuesday, 28th April at 7:00pm in St Mary’s Church Park Street Orange for all parents of children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year. It is very important that parents attend this meeting in order to receive the relevant information for preparing your child to receive the sacrament of First Communion. This will not be a long meeting, so please make every effort to be there.

Mothers’ Day Liturgy: Mothers’ Day falls at the end of Week 3. To celebrate Mothers’ Day this year, we would like to have a Mothers’ Day Liturgy Friday, 8th May at 10:30am in St Joseph’s Church. As usual, we would like to do a powerpoint in honour of our mothers, and those who are like mothers to us, therefore could you please send in photos of children with their mothers, grandmothers, families, etc to add to the powerpoint. These may be emailed to me or sent in on USB or as a hard copy. I will return USB’s and hard copies on the same day they are sent in. If you would like to email photos to me, they can be sent to r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au. This is a lovely way of paying tribute to some of the most important people in our lives, and the children really love seeing their mums and grandmas in the powerpoint. Could I please have these no later than Tuesday 5th May.

Class Liturgies for Term 2: Please find below our roster for Masses and Liturgies for this term:

- **Week 2:** Wednesday 29th April 12:40pm: Kinder Grade Liturgy
- **Week 3:** Friday 8th May 10:30am: Mothers’ Day Liturgy
- **Week 4:** Wednesday 13th May 12:30pm: Year One Grade Liturgy
- **Week 6:** Wednesday 27th May 12:30pm: Year 5 Grade Mass
- **Sunday 31st May 5:00pm:** Parish Mass Prepared by McAuley Students - St Joseph’s Church
- **Week 8:** Wednesday 10th June 10:00am: Year 3 Reconciliation in preparation for First Holy Communion
- **Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th June:** First Holy Communion Weekend.
- **Week 10:** Wednesday 24th June 10:00am: First Communion Thanksgiving Mass

Project Compassion: Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. We had a very healthy total at the end of last term, but I am still receiving boxes this week, so I will be adding them to the final amount to be sent off to Caritas Australia. If you still have Project Compassion boxes at home, please send them in before the end of this week, so they can be included in our total. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity and continued support.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Welcome back to School and Term 2. It’s always great to start fresh after any break away.

This week our classrooms and learning will begin with further study as well as learning and participating in activities about ANZAC day. It is 100 years since Australia became involved in the First World War. The ANZAC Centenary will be commemorated from 1914 to 2018.

Learning about ANZAC Day helps our students to understand the life and times of Australia and its people. By building understandings about the traditions and facts of ANZAC Day, the many real life stories of sacrifices and heroism of everyday Australians will not be lost, but be handed down to future generations.

We understand that children learn best when they are highly interested, active and help make decisions about their learning. Children have a fascination with all things to do with the past. By learning through hands-on, sensory and real-life experiences about ANZAC Day, children will have an opportunity to understand the importance of this national day, and its role in building peace in communities today.

Once again our Catherine McAuley School will participate in the ANZAC Day March on Saturday. Your students participation in this march will consolidate their learning from this week as well as bringing us together as a school community once more. If you did not receive the notes or information regarding this please see your child’s class teacher. We look forward to having a great march to celebrate and commemorate our Australian Heritage.

Belinda Forbes

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The custom of giving teachers apples originated when public school teachers were paid with whatever the community could afford. This was often food.
KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

Kindergarten 2016 enrolments open on Monday 27th April and will close on Friday 29th May 2015. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office. All information should be read carefully and all forms filled out, signed and returned with your application. **Partial completion of enrolment paperwork will not be accepted and copies of birth certificate, immunisation certificate & baptism certificates must be submitted at the time of application.** There is a $50.00 application fee payable when enrolment paperwork is returned to our office. Enrolments are **not** accepted on a first in first served basis and every application will be assessed by the school. Every parent will have an interview together with your kindergarten child to assist in processing your application. Children must be age 5 by 30th April in the year they commence school.

COATS AT SCHOOL

A reminder that with the colder weather upon us that every child should come to school with a coat. If you need to buy your child a new coat this year, it is preferable that it be navy or maroon in colour. **Please label all clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.** We often have an incredible amount of lost property and it is very difficult to return lost property to the correct child if their items are not labelled.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Luke Hogarth, Madison Newman, Mason Douglas, Piper Draper, James George, James Gibson and Charlie Sharp.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May 2015

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
Your chance to win a BRAND NEW CAR and support the Cathedral Restoration Appeal

The Cathedral Restoration Committee wishes to advise that the draw date for the Art Union No.2 has been extended to Sunday 21st June 2015, as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst. The draw will take place after 10am Mass at the Cathedral Parish Centre.

This means there’s more time to buy your tickets which you can purchase at the Chancery Office, at the Cathedral Gift Shop or online at bathurst.catholic.org.au

Mothers’ Day
Sunday 10th May

A Cathedral Restoration Silk Scarf is a wonderful gift for your mum on her special day. Scarves are packaged in a stylish gift box and priced at just $30

Purchasae can be made at catholic.bathurst.org.au

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