FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It seems we are now in the process of gathering animals two by two, such is the consistency of the wet weather!! It certainly is a chance to check every drain hole and ceiling leak that may or may not exist in the school precinct.

I do want to draw parents attention to matters of dropping off children and parking during these wet days and just gently remind parents that all parking and "No Stopping" rules are still in place. The local police/parking inspectors have been very vigilant in recent times in making sure the rules have been adhered to.

As mentioned before the drop off area in Byng St is much less congested and has more convenient spaces and times for student drop off. Hill St is very busy in the morning (and in the afternoon) around school drop off and pick up time.

I also remind parents about the uniform rules. The only piece of "non uniform" that is acceptable is a winter jacket, scarf and or beanie (preferably navy blue or maroon), if children need or desire one. All that is "under" the winter jacket (which is taken off as children enter classroom) must be acceptable school or sport uniform including McAuley tracksuit top or McAuley school jumper. I do ask parents to check that all items of clothing are labelled. We are in prime time "lose unlabelled clothing" season!

McAuley Dinner

Canobolas Hotel
Friday July 29th
Tickets available at the Office now!

Whole School Assembly: 1W will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 1st July commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

End of Term Reward: As the term draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of term reward. Any child who has had three Level 1’s, a level 2 or higher level this term will miss out on this end of Term reward. A reminder that any child who has been on a Level 4 OR has received 10 Level 1’s OR 3 Level 2’s during the year will not be eligible to attend the End of Year Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

Music Manefesto Workshop: Our Concert Band and Senior Choir will perform at the James Sheahan Music Manefesto this Friday night at Kenna Hall. Thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Aumuller for providing the children with this wonderful opportunity. The children have prepared well and are great ambassadors for our school. We wish the band and choir members luck for the performance and hope they have a wonderful night.

Professional Learning: Ms Covelli and Mrs Basha attended the Administration and Finance Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Bathurst and Mr Croke joined them on the Tuesday at the Meeting. Mrs Miller and I attended the Assistant Principal and Primary Coordinators in-service yesterday. These days are a wonderful opportunity to talk to other school leaders and secretaries to share ideas and initiatives that are happening in our schools. Mrs Aumuller and Mrs Church attended the second day of their Peer Coaching in-service in Dubbo today.

Pupil Free Day – Geography: Tomorrow Friday 24th June will be a Pupil Free Day that focusses on the new Geography units that each grade will study for the next two terms. There has been a lot of new Syllabi introduced in the last few years including Mathematics, English, History & Geography. Mrs Rose-Marie van Raad from the Bathurst Catholic Education Office will lead us on the day. There will be the opportunity for grade teachers to get together to collaborate on understanding the new unit and get ready to ensure they are well prepared to teach it for the first time.

June Reports: Thank you to the teachers for all the effort they have put into the students reports for the first two terms of 2016. A lot of thought and effort goes into making each report a true reflection of the child. The reports have been sent home today. Please ring the office if your child’s teacher requested an interview to organise a suitable time.

Peer Support: This week in Peer Support, we introduced students to the recurring theme of “Taking Opportunities; the Jack in the Box”. Children discuss the different ways of responding to difficult situations and learn that they can cope by having a go, being positive and not giving up. We have called this being resilient. The construction of their own Jack in the box serves as a reminder to the children that they can spring back when they feel under pressure from circumstances. Encourage your child to discuss their understanding of resilience and the need to practice resilience whenever they get the opportunity.

Steve Maguire
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In both the First Reading from the Book of Kings, and in Luke’s Gospel, we hear the call to follow God. This call is not always easy, and as Luke points out, nor is it something that can be done on an occasional basis. God wants our full commitment. This can be difficult while balancing the practicalities of life, however, with an awareness of God’s call to us, and a willingness to follow him to the best of our abilities, we can rely on God providing the support we need to follow our own individual call. As we have a loving and forgiving God, even if we fail, we can always start afresh and know that we are still loved.

Refugee Week: This week we celebrate Refugee Week 2016. With the theme of “With Courage Let Us All Combine”, the Refugee Council of Australia is encouraging organisations to celebrate the valuable contributions refugees make to our Australian society. Through better understanding between communities of cultures, there is a hope for successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

Mini Vinnies: Congratulations to our Mini Vinnies students who were officially commissioned during the 9:30am Mass at St Mary’s Church last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many there to support these students, who unselfishly give up part of their lunch time each week to look at ways of supporting people who are in need. We are very proud of all of them. A very special ‘thankyou’ to Mrs Tavares for all the time and effort she puts into her work with these students.

“Assist - a - Student” Casual Clothes Day: We will have a casual clothes day on our last day of the term, Friday, 1st July, to raise money to assist with the education of the children we are sponsoring in Fiji. All children are invited to wear casual clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation. We began to assist these families through this program three years ago, and now some of these children have gone on to University! This program, which runs in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul, helps cover the educational expenses of these children in Fiji, enabling them to complete their primary and secondary education. We all know the costs involved in our own children’s education, and for most Fijian families, just finishing Primary School often proves too costly, both financially and in terms of the time the children spend away from helping the family. For a very small amount of approximately $80.00 per year, we are able to provide all that is needed for these children to attend school and gain an education. The money raised next Friday will go directly to the families we are now sponsoring. We have received lovely thank you letters from the students, along with updates on their educational progress and photos of them proudly wearing their school uniforms. Once again, could I please ask you to continue your support for this wonderful program by sending children to school dressed in casual clothes, for a gold coin donation.

BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016: Last week Year 6 were lucky enough to see a live feed on BLAST presented by Bishop Michael McKenna and fed through Facebook to all in the Bathurst Diocese. This festival is an initiative of the Bathurst Diocese and aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 9. BLAST provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith.

The Bishop’s Office has sent through a notice suggesting students who are interested in going, show their parents a recording of the Facebook event, which can be found on the Diocesan website; www.bathurst.catholic.org.au. Online registration is now open on the website. The cost of the camp is $100. Once registered, you will receive regular email updates about attendance, what to expect and what to take to BLAST 2016.

Grade Masses: We concluded our Grade Masses and Liturgies for this term, with a beautiful Year 2 Grade Liturgy today. It was lovely to see so many families able to join us for this Liturgy and congratulations to Year 2 for their very appropriately themed ‘Water of Life’ Liturgy. We look forward to seeing parents, friends and families join us again next term for our Liturgical celebrations.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Reminder to Wear Coats

Now that winter has definitely arrived, please remember to send in a coat with your child everyday. It is very important to label all items of clothing as children take off coats and jumpers when they come into the classroom and these expensive items can easily become lost. If you are purchasing a new coat for your child, maroon or navy are the preferred colours for school coats.

Arrival At School

There are some children arriving at school well before 8:00am. Please note that playground supervision begins at 8:35am. While we do understand that there are some circumstances where arrival before this time is unavoidable, we cannot ensure that gates will be opened prior to 8:00am. Children who arrive prior to 8:35am are asked to move directly to the undercover seats in Area A and wait for the teachers to come on duty.

Clare Miller

Professional Learning Communities

Last Tuesday we had the pleasure of visiting St Mary’s in Wellington and St Laurence’s in Dubbo. We were shown the school’s data walls. These are walls which are used to display data which tracks the growth of students.

In visiting these two schools we aimed to discover how at Catherine McAuley we can personalise data for each child in our school. We viewed Literacy and Numeracy learning continuums and discussed ways that these schools unpacked assessment data to ensure that all students learn at high levels.

An important aspect of the day was hearing how each school organised their data and more importantly how, at a school level they used this data to inform their teaching.

Through our work as a Professional Learning Community we have become data rich. Over coming weeks we will begin to collaboratively unpack this data so that together, as a staff we can provide meaningful learning opportunities that will ensure academic growth in our students.

“By focussing on connecting all the dots between students and data, you can accomplish the ultimate goal of helping them learn.” Sharrat and Fullan 2012

Camille da Silva Tavares and Anne Mulligan - Learning for all… EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE
**MASSES & LITURGIES TERM 3**

| Week 3: | Wednesday 3rd August: Reconciliation for Yr 5: 12:10pm |
| Week 4: | Wednesday 10th August: Reconciliation for Yr 4: 12:10pm |
| Week 5: | Monday 15th August Combined Schools Assumption Mass  

12:00 noon St Mary’s Church |

| Week 7: | Friday 2nd September: Whole School Fathers’ Day Liturgy 12:15pm |
| Week 8: | Wednesday 7th September: Year 6 Grade Reconciliation 12:10pm  

Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th September: Confirmation |

| Week 9: | Wednesday 14th September: Whole School Confirmation Thanksgiving  

Mass: 12:15pm |

| Week 10: | Wednesday 21st September. Whole School Catherine McAuley Celebration Day Mass 12:15pm |

**RUGBY UNION YEAR 6**

Rugby Union Diocesan 10 a side (Year 6) has been postponed to the 30th June.

**MINI VINNIES**

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass

On Sunday we acknowledged the commitment shown by the children in our Mini Vinnies group in a special commissioning ceremony. We thank Fr Garry, Mr Errol MCann (St Vincent de Paul), our teachers and of course our gorgeous students and their families for such a beautiful morning.

**Mrs Tavares**

**BAND & CHOIR**

This Friday, our Senior Band and Year 5/6 Choir members will be performing at James Sheahan’s “Music Manifesto”. The children have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from the two combined workshops and are eager to delight on Friday night. A reminder that children need to wear Winter Uniform and be at Kenna Hall at 7:00pm and 7:15pm respectively and are to be collected at 8:00pm (Choir) and 8:40pm (Band). A separate note has also been sent home.

**Anne Allan**

**MULTILIT TUTORS**

Early in Term 3 the Multilit Reading Program for some students from Year 2 and Year 3 will commence. It is an intensive 15 week program targeting word attack skills and fluency. Volunteer tutors have assisted with the delivery of the program in the past. This entails tutors giving 1 1/2 hours of their time on one day of the week. If a parent or grandparent could volunteer his/her time this year, we would greatly appreciate your involvement. If you are interested please ring the school on 6361 3344 and leave your name. You will then be contacted.

With thanks,

**Ann Kelly and Debbie Sands**

**Support Teachers**
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:
Zahli Bennett, Will Campbell, Archie Budworth, Lucy Cook, Millicen Klaare,
Annabelle Ingeman, Emerson Page, Benjamin Caltabiano, Jonty Middleton and
Teresa Hazzard.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 2016

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