FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Annual Catherine McAuley parent fundraising/social meeting will take place in the staffroom next Tuesday at 7.30pm. At Catherine McAuley we do not have a structured P & F as such (so no scary executive jobs!) but we tend to align a grade group of parents to a particular function. At the moment Kindergarten parents are off and running with an Easter Raffle. Other events are a Monster Raffle, Art Auction and Dinner and Melbourne Cup Trifecta. We are restricted with the amount of fundraising we can stage but I do note that proceeds last year and this year were all used towards playground equipment and improved grass/turf areas. Whilst it is a bonus to raise money we do aim to provide social activities for parents to meet and greet.

So I invite all interested parents to attend the meeting next Tuesday night.

Michael Croke

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

Is for Attendance
Unless your child has an appointment, please make every attempt to have your child at school on time.

The school bell goes at 8:55am and our gates are locked at 9:05am. Students that arrive late are a disruption to the class for teachers and other students as the teacher has to then go back and adjust our electronic roll system. Children arriving late take up valuable teaching time for all students. Can we also please ask that all parents leave the school grounds before 8:55am so children can be ready to line up on their lines without delay, and also so the children who lock our gates are not late for their class because they are waiting for parents to leave the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews: Please note that parent teacher interviews will be held from Monday 7th March – Friday 11th March (Week 7). Details will be sent home on how to book your interview online. This information on how to book your parent teacher interview will be placed on our website and on our Facebook page as well.

Southern Region Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to those children who will represent McAuley at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25th February - Orange Aquatic Centre.

Whole School Assembly 6P to present Work: Friday 26th February 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.


McAuley Athletics Carnival K – 6: Tuesday 22nd March - James Sheahan Catholic High School.

James Sheahan Catholic High School Year 7 - 2017 Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 16th March 7:00pm in Mercy Hall (The James Sheahan Orientation process has changed this year. The Year 6 children will not visit James Sheahan until Thursday 10th November and there will be another information evening on this night).

No Hat Stay in the Shade: Children must wear a school hat during play and sport in Term 1. If a child does not have a hat they must stay in the designated shaded area during play.

Uniform Policy: A reminder that we have a “shirts out” policy for boys when wearing their summer uniform. However the expectation is that shirts are tucked in with the winter uniform. A reminder that sport socks must be above the ankle. The “Hair below the shoulders must be tied back off their face” does apply to boys and girls. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Children are expected to be attired in the correct school uniform each day of the school year and to present themselves in line with school dress policy.

Peer Support Training: The Year 6 children will take part in Peer Support Training Monday 4th April at Lake Burrendong and Tuesday 5th April in Kenna Hall. This training allows them to lead a small group of children from K – 5 in order to run the Peer Support Program in our school. We thank the Year 6 teachers and children for their time and effort to ensure the children in our school benefit from this valuable program.

Learning for all...EXPECT, INSPIRE, ENGAGE.

Steve Maguire

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The fastest 100 metres run by an eight-year-old today would have won bronze at the 1896 Olympics.

Orange Aboriginal Medical Service: Address: 27-31 Percy Griffith Way, Orange, and Unit 4 & 5 Gateway Crescent, Orange. Phone - 63939000
Services: - General Practitioner – 5 days a week
- Eye Clinic – 1 day a week
- Dentist – 5 days a week
- Speech and Hearing Assessments referred by the GP
- Bulk-billing.

This service is available to Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students and adults.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Third Week of Lent: This week we enter the third week of our Lenten journey. In Luke’s Gospel this weekend, we see God as the patient gardener. Through the parable of the fig tree which has yet to produce fruit, we see a God of second chances. Even though this tree has not born any fruit at all, he is prepared to prune it, nurture it and give it yet another chance to do so. Perhaps this Lent we could allow Our Lord to garden us, so that we may bear fruit which will bring us to our own renewed relationship with our Saviour.

Project Compassion: Thank you to all who have been encouraging their children to reflect on those in our world who are so in need, and who Project Compassion reaches out to each year. Education is the source of all forms of independence, and with the focus on educating people to give them a chance to break the poverty cycle and truly make the most of their lives, we can join with Pope Francis and see education as truly an act of hope. Please continue to talk to your children about how we can help those who are so vulnerable. More information is available from the Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au

Jubilee Year of Mercy: In keeping with the Year of Mercy, the Diocese has given all students a special prayer card with both the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy listed. These Works of Mercy are our call to help others. During this year, Pope Francis asks us to come out of our comfort zone, do a little more and be aware of how we too can show mercy towards those around us, especially those who really need mercy. This card will go home over the next few days, so please take the time to talk to your children about what these Works of Mercy mean to them, and look for ways of being able to offer Mercy whenever possible. “Be merciful as the Father is merciful to us.”

School Liturgies and Masses: We are looking forward to our next School Mass, which will be hosted by Year 5. They will celebrate their Grade Mass on Wednesday 2nd March at 12:30pm in St Joseph’s Church. All parents, families and members of our school community are very welcome to join Year 5 for this Mass.

Catholic Schools Week: This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday 6th to 11th March. During that week we will celebrate Mass on Thursday 10th March at 12:15pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honour all that makes our education system unique and we look forward to you joining us for our very special Mass.

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty

SCHOOL FEES

A friendly reminder that Term 1 Fees are now due and payable. If you have not already done so, could you please arrange for payment, no later than Monday 29th February. Alternatively, please contact us to arrange a payment plan via BPay, Centrepay or Direct Debit.

Annalisa Covelli
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

STORY WRITING FOR OUR DIOCESES

Dear Parents this article was displayed in the Catholic Weekly for Teachers. It would be a great opportunity for our YEAR 5 & 6 students to enter. Check out the details below.

Storytelling Competition for Students

Do you know a child who likes telling stories? Can spin a good yarn? Here is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop arts literacy skills, self esteem and win wonderful prizes. Then here is a competition for them.

THE 2016 NSW Storytelling Competition for students in Years 5 & 6

This is the 7th year the competition is hosted by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) Inc www.storytellersnsw.org.au Over this time we have viewed entries of high quality from State and Independent schools that showcase young people's love of language and literature.

FREE ENTRY

What to submit?

A video storytelling performance of a published or well crafted original story that takes between 2 and 6 minutes to tell.

Students are encouraged to tell the story in their own words to capture the essence of the story rather than learn the story word for word. For this competition we are not accepting poetry or rhymed stories.

Conditions of entry

Storytellers may be filmed performing either in front of a live audience or directly to the camera. Filming should show the performer in a full body or half body shot so that the arms and hands are visible. Stories are to be told, not read. The story is to be no longer than 6 minutes

Deadline - All entries must be postmarked by Friday 6th May 2016 or earlier.
Finalists will be notified by 20th May 2016
Finalists will be invited to present their story at the Weaving Stories Together - Sydney International Storytelling Conference, Sunday afternoon family concert 29th May 2016.
All participants will receive a certificate of participation via email.

Prizes for the competition: 1st place $150, 2nd place $100, 3rd place $50

HOW TO ENTER

1. POST a USB stick with a video file of your performance accompanied by the following information: School name
   Story title and Student’s name
   Teacher’s name.... contact phone no.... and email address.
TO: Storytelling Competition for Students Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) P O Box Q274 QVB
Post Office NSW 1230
NB. (If a school has a number of entries they can all be placed on the one USB)
2. Send an email to nswstory2@gmail.com to let us know that you have posted your USB entry so that we can check and confirm its arrival.

The Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) is a not-for-profit association dedicated to the development of and advocacy for oral storytelling, literature appreciation and creative expression through story creation and performance.

If you would like to enter via the school. Send your USB stick into school and I will collate them all and place the entry for you.

Hope to see some great storytelling soon.

Belinda Forbes
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

We were lucky to have the Footsteps dance program last week under the capable hands of the instructor Michelle. The sessions were full of life, music and movement. The feedback from children and teachers has been unanimously positive.

**Karen Snowden**

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**LIBRARY**

Borrowing has commenced in the library this week for Years 1-6. **Kindergarten will begin borrowing in Term 2.** Grades from Year 1-6 are encouraged to borrow each week and return their books regularly to the library and with thousands of books to choose from, it is a great opportunity to read and discover many titles and authors on offer. We are very lucky at Catherine McAuley to have so many beautiful and interesting books to borrow.

Could each student please remember to bring along their library bag each week to their library lesson that is listed below. **Kindergarten students will be issued with a library bag in Term 2.**

- **Monday**: KM, 3S, 4B, 6P
- **Tuesday**: KD, KW, 1W, 5C
- **Wednesday**: 2L, 3A, 4T, 6C
- **Thursday**: 1P, 1B, 2C, 2J
- **Friday**: 3H, 4G, 5F, 5L, 6H

I'm looking forward to a year of sharing books and reading with your child.

**Catherine Bishenden**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Koby Bollinger, Orlando Manca, Hayley Norris, Hugh Vaughan, Patrick Haydon, Zachary Irwin, Tara Simpson, Levi Zinga, Sophie McFarlane, Vaughn Bieniek, Caitlin Cox, Harrison Bray, Cameron Bray and Sophie West.

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**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster—Commencing Monday 29th February to Friday 4th March 2016**

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**Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942**
PLC - Professional Learning Communities

Catherine McAuley Learning for ALL .... BREAKING OPEN THE RESEARCH

With our focus on learning for all, our staff have been evaluating their teaching practice in light of current educational research.

Last Monday our staff gathered to study the research of psychologist Carol Dweck and her work on developing a growth mindset in students. We also discussed the work of Dylan Wiliam and his research on how quality feedback affects student learning.

We encourage parents to learn along with us. Here are two brief clips which outline the work on growth mindsets and feedback which you may like to view.

https://youtu.be/wh0OS4MrN3E?list=PLblxzE4urplGGEOE6DgcbPESA3ysGujcb

https://youtu.be/MzDuiqaGqAY?list=PLblxzE4urplGGEOE6DgcbPESA3ysGujcb

Online registrations for the 2016 Netball Winter Competition will open on Monday 15th February at 3:00pm, links and registration information will be posted to our Facebook page and Website.

Web: http://cymsnc.nsw.netball.com.au
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CYMS-Netball-Club-Inc-196178600392795/
Email: cymsnetball@y7mail.com

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