FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term 2 which signifies we are half way through the school year. We are certainly experiencing a Christmas Eve excitement in this school as we can literally see our new classrooms being finished before our eyes and are very optimistic about being in the rooms by the middle of next term at the latest. When the classrooms have been completed and the last of the builders has left the site we will then look at making our playground a school showpiece of the city with plans for new play equipment, green areas, educational interactive spaces, astroturf and the like. To this end we will be asking parents to join with the staff in giving us advice and labour (and even materials) to make our plans come true! The money raised at the Dinner and Art auction will be the beginning point of these plans.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Michael Croke
Congratulations to the following children who received merit awards at our last assembly: Riley Buss, Amelia Gersbach, Lucy Nunn, Willow Clarke, Harry Kingham, Benji Caltabiano, Ava Elmes, Lyla Budd, Chad Weekes, Isabella Stedman, Billy Littlefield, Charlie Downey, Chloe Cox, Abby Gregory, Ethan Wasow, Roxy Macdouall, Ruby Kind, Jayden Summerell, Dallas George, Molly Haydon, Sophie Bouffler, Alex Campbell, Bailey Gardiner, Selena Livermore, Charlie Sharp, Ella Williams, Emily Brindley, Brydon Sherwood, Joseph Clark, Riley Bollinger, Olivia Burns, Alyssa Acheson, Harrison Stedman, Caiden Hoy, Jayden Innes, Miles Chen, Tully Livingstone, Sophie Ziola, Imogen Shaw, Ben Bouffler, Koby Phillips, Ruby Fischer, Austin Fitzpatrick, Kaiden Cole, Cooper Lawry, Georgie Halls, Max Vuaghan, Ryder Arden, Charlene Bilal, Chelsea Finley, Kaitlyn Edwards, Millicen Klaare, Cruz Jordan, Orlando Manca, Sean Dwyer, Lucy Cook, Charlotte George, Natalie Joyce, Laura Carman, Tallis Thomas, Makayla Milne, Peta Shields, Kallum Sullivan, Alex Vardanega, Ryan Downie, Charlie Sutton, Sam French, Hamish Gibson, Noah Daley-Beggs, Kate Wykes, Nic Bennett, Eve Davison, Laura Cooper, Henry Madigan, Antonia Lander, Patrick Joyce, Archer Casey, Julia Johnsen, Elizabeth Gibson, Ella Kingham, Sean Donato, Malachi Collins, Aaron Cox, Claudia Waterman and Kaliopi Karamanolis.

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week:

Week 9: Julia Loecker, Ted Madigan, Mason Everett, Maddison Lawry, Jorja Mascord, Audrey Seale, Lachlan Mason, Alexander Morley, Amelia Lieben, Diya Gigi, Eliza Brooking, Ally-Rose Madden, Lara Bingham, Kelvin Tang, Rhiannon Millar, James George, Riley Sutherland, Sienna Belmonte, Jack Halls, Kyle Gummer and Anaok Wei.


Music Manifesto: Congratulations to the Concert Band and Senior Choir who performed at the Music Manifesto at Kenna Hall last Friday night. Thank you to Mrs Aumuller and Mrs Allen for supervising and providing the children with this wonderful opportunity.

Kindergarten 2016: As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2016 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews conclude this week.

June Reports: Thank you to the teachers for all the effort they have put into the students reports for the first two terms of 2015. A lot of thought and effort goes into making each report a true reflection of the child. Please ring the office if your child’s teacher requested an interview to organise a suitable time.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24th July in Canowindra. The back up date is Friday 31st July. Thank you to Mrs Kylie Jordan for training our relay teams at Jaeger Oval. Please return note tomorrow so children can take part.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday. See you next term.

Steve Maguire
Ordinary Time: After the completion of so many feasts, the Church now returns to Ordinary Time. This is made known by the use of green vestments.

Last weekend we heard in Mark’s Gospel the story of the sleeping Jesus accompanying his disciples in the boat during a wild and furious storm. The apostles were terrified that the boat would sink, but comforted themselves, by saying that with Christ with them, surely this would not happen. As the storm grew worse and the boat filled with water, they started to panic, and went to Jesus to wake him up. His response of course was to calm the storm and return things to normal. This passage shows us that even though we can be at our wits end, we are not at our faith’s end. The apostles called on Jesus for help when there was nothing they could do, and he calmed their fears and settled their hearts. When we feel all is hopeless, don’t forget Christ is there for us too, to settle our panic and offer us support and strength to face what ever will be thrown our way.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all our students who made their First Holy Communion. We are very proud of them as they take the next step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. Thank you once again to Mrs Church and the Year 3 teachers, for all the wonderful work they have done to help these children prepare for this special occasion.

First Communion Thanksgiving Mass: Thank you for helping to make our Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion so beautiful today. The children celebrated a lovely Mass, followed by a little party in Kenna Hall, including a Thanksgiving cake, kindly prepared and decorated by Mel Milne. It was lovely to have so many family members able to join us for this lovely celebration.

“Assist – a – Student” Casual Clothes Day: This Friday, 26th June, all children are invited to wear casual clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation to assist with the education of Fijian children. We began to assist three families through this program two 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 (Australian) per year, we are able to provide all that is needed for these children to attend school and gain an education. The money raised this Friday will go directly to the families we are now sponsoring. We 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, and offering a gold coin donation.

Term 3 Grade Masses and Liturgies: Here are the proposed Liturgies and Masses for next term.

| Week 2: | Wed 22nd July: Reconciliation for Yr 5: 10:00am |
| Week 3: | Wed 29th July: Reconciliation for Yr 4: 10:00am |
| Week 5: | Friday 14th Aug. Combined Schools Assumption Mass 12:00 noon St Mary’s Church |
| Week 6: | Wed 19th Aug: Year 1 Grade Liturgy 12:30pm |
| Week 7: | Wed 26th Aug: Year 2 Grade Liturgy 12:30pm |

Wishing you a very happy holiday,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Coats**
It is an expectation that all children in Kindergarten to Year 2 bring a coat to school each day during Term 2 and Term 3. Infants children are expected to wear a coat on the playground when it is particularly cold. Navy blue coats are preferred so if you are buying a coat for your child this winter, please buy a plain navy coat.

**Creative Kindergarten**
During Term 2, Kindergarten were engaged in the HSIE Unit “A Basket of Food From Orange”. The culmination of this unit involved a contemporary learning session where the children assisted teachers in making food from ingredients produced in the local area. The Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed making ice-cream, scones with jam or honey, apple crumble and apple juice. We thank the many parents who assisted on the day.

**Holidays!!!**
Term 2 at Catherine McAuley School has been very busy but very productive. It has been wonderful to see our students working and playing happily together this term. I wish all a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to all the wonderful things we will achieve as a school community next term.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.
CLASS OF THE WEEK - 2C

2C enjoyed designing and making boats that powered through the waters of our harbour and cars that zoomed along smooth roads and airships that glided around the room! This was all part of our learning in our Transport Unit in HSIE.

Helen Cracknell

CAKE STALL

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Year 6 cake stall on Friday 29th May. The stall was a huge success.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and during the school holidays: Lachlan Mason, Molly Dean, Isabella Boyd, Jessica Richards, Thomas Cain, Lara Horan, Zahli Bennett, Will Campbell, Archie Budworth, Lucy Cook, Millicen Klaare, Annabelle Ingeman, Matthew Merchant, Jamie Merchant, Emerson Page, Benjamin Caltabiano, Jonty Middleton, Teresa Hazzard, Georgia Wishart, Mia Fabar-Robey, Maggie May, Laura Cooper, Cory Griffiths, Audrey Seale, Claudia Johnston, Harry Johnston, William Tilston, Jack Bingham, Jayden Innes, Jack Foran, Ruby Kind and Tara Robertson.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2015

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RUGBY UNION

Last Thursday the Catherine McAuley Rugby Union teams ventured off to Orange Emus to compete in the Diocesan 10's tournament. Our Plate team coached by Mr Simpson had a great day of fun running rugby, with the boys 'loving the mud' and though they didn't win a game all were closely contested with some great tries scored.

The Cup team coached by Mr Gibson won all their pools games qualifying them for the final against Dubbo. At half time the score was tight with Dubbo leading 12-7, unfortunately in the second half Dubbo proved to strong running in 2 more tries.

The most pleasing aspect of the day was the sportsmanship and enjoyment both teams showed on and off the field. The school and the boys involved would like to especially thank both Dads for coaching the teams. It is greatly appreciated.

Scott Hudson

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

A Journey of Faith made with the Community

Are you from another faith Tradition who has children in Catholic schools?
Are your children asking you questions about the Catholic faith that you can’t answer? Would you like to know more?

If you are an adult who is interested in being baptised or becoming a Catholic through Confirmation and First Eucharist then come to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) ENQUIRY NIGHT – 7.30pm Wednesday 29th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. Contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378 for more information.