FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school is scattered with some very strange looking characters today as we celebrate Book Week. It does seem that whilst there have been changes to the educational landscape in recent years one thing that has stood the test of time is "Book Week" and the reading of books. There is no shortcut to learning to read...except reading!

When children learn to read it is indeed a very liberating moment and opens up the world of libraries and bookstores and a whole new world! For those who doubt the popularity of children's books we only need witness the Harry Potter phenomenon of recent years and the image I have recently of children walking around our playground reading the new book like ancient monks at prayer time!

I do encourage parents to foster reading in the home, purchase books (or magazines) for children and visit the local library. Children will be enthused about reading when the text of the book is something they are interested in from motor bikes to ponies, from mystery stories to fables!

"There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favourite book" Marcel Proust.

P.S On other matters I do remind parents about the parking and drop off rules at the school. "No stopping" and "no parking" means just that. So that the safety of children is ensured, police have been vigilantly patrolling the school areas.

Michael Croke

Humble and Sincere
If we are humble and sincere,
God will finish in us the work
He has begun.
He never refuses His grace
To those who ask it.
Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Whole School Assembly:** 4G will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 26th August commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome!

**Senior Choir:** We wish our Choir the best of luck when they perform at the Orange Eisteddfod this Thursday. A big thank you to Mrs Aumuller for all the time and effort she has put into the choir to ensure they sound so good.

**Diocesan Athletics Carnival:** Congratulations to all children who represented our school at the Bathurst Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Thursday. It was a beautiful day and the facilities were outstanding. There were some amazing performances in both track and field. Congratulations to the following children who made the Polding Team that will compete at Newcastle on Friday 9th September: Freya Bryant 100M, Holley Dunn 100M, Hope Gibson 800M, Chloe Jaques High Jump, Taj Jordan 100M & Rachel Masling High Jump. This is a fantastic achievement well done kids.

**Touch Footy Star:** We wish Hope Gibson the very best of luck when she represents Polding at the PSSA Touch Championships in Coffs Harbour this week, details to follow.

**Morning Routine:** Teachers commence duty at 8:35am. It is important that parents realise children who are dropped at school before this time will not have direct teacher supervision. Any child at school before 8:35am MUST be seated in the designated areas. Any children who are not seated before 8:35am will receive a Level 1.

Steve Maguire

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**MONSTER RAFFLE COMING SOON!**

**TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME WEEK 8**

1ST PRIZE - $1000 VOUCHER FROM HARVEY NORMAN

2ND PRIZE - FAMILY POOL PASS TO ORANGE AQUATIC CENTRE
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: This week’s Gospel from St Matthew calls us to act with humility. None of us should act in a way that makes it seem we are deserving of special attention or in a way that puts others down. All too often in our world we hear and see people trying to make others feel small through their put-downs or jokes at others’ expense. Our television screens are full of it. Do we really need to do this in order to make ourselves feel more important? God loves us, so we are already special. But God loves everyone with the same kind of love, and God has promised to reward us when we act with humility and love. Perhaps this week we could spend a little time reflecting on how we treat others, and how humble we really are.

Confirmation: It is now only a little over two weeks before our Bishop, Michael McKenna joins us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not returned your enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please do so immediately. Bishop Michael will be talking to our Year 6 students about their upcoming Confirmation on Thursday 8th September when he visits Kenna Hall to officially open the Christmas Art Competition. Please keep all our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this very important step in their Sacramental life. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 10th and 11th September.

Fathers’ Day Liturgy: Thank you to all who have sent in photos for our Fathers’ Day Liturgy already. If you haven’t done so, could you please send in photos to me through email, USB or hard copy. I am happy to send hard copy photos and USB’s home again the same day. My email address is: r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au. This year we will celebrate our Fathers’ Day Liturgy on Friday, 2nd September at 12:15pm. We would love to invite all dads, grandads, uncles, and special men in our children’s lives, as well as families to join us for this lovely liturgy.

Christmas STORYTELLING ART Competition 2016 Opening of Exhibition: Each year all students in Year 5 and Year 6 throughout the Diocese work on pieces of art for this competition. This year the exhibition will be held in Kenna Hall on Thursday, 8th September, with the official opening to take place at 11:00am. All family and friends of our School and Parish are invited to attend. Following the Official Opening on Thursday, the Exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Friday as well.

Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of “Mother Teresa of Kolkata”: Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael McKenna in St Mary’s Church on Thursday, 8th September at 5:45pm to celebrate the Church’s official recognition of this wonderful woman. All members of our school and Parish families and friends are invited to celebrate this Mass with our local Missionaries Sisters of Charity.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty
INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

In 1979, debris from NASA’s space station ‘Skylab’ crashed in Esperance, WA. The town then fined NASA $400 for littering.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: CHESS COACH

Catherine McAuley chess club are looking for a volunteer who may like to coach our chess students next year. A love of chess and a sound knowledge of the game are the only prerequisites! Chess club meet every Thursday lunchtime in the library from 1:30 to 2:10pm during Terms 2 & 3. If you cannot make every session that is ok as Mrs Mulligan will be present at all sessions. Please contact the office if you are interested. Ph: 6361 3344

Thankyou!

Anne Mulligan
Chess club co-ordinator

PLC CLUSTER MEETING BLAYNEY

On Tuesday, 16th August, we travelled to St Joseph’s school in Blayney and met with other PLC facilitators in the region to discuss matters related to Professional Learning Communities in our schools.

It was quality time spent sharing ideas and brainstorming ways to improve our current practice. Pauline Walkom from the CEO was present to give us additional support and shared some valuable online resources that we can use to help us on our PLC journey.

Throughout the day we were able to explore different ways of recording data on our data walls. We also discussed creating avenues in which staff can share their skills and knowledge with their peers so that our schools are true Professional Learning Communities.

We would like to thank Robyn Cannon and Joel Hartman for being such welcoming hosts on the day.

Anne Mulligan & Camille Tavares
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**IT’S PLAYTIME:** Year 4 have been rehearsing their class play, "Robbing Hood of Sherbet Forest" during the term and are now looking forward to performing for their school friends and families. The plays will be performed in Kenna Hall and will take approximately 20 minutes. All costumes will be supplied but children have been asked to make a simple wooden sword. Everyone welcome!

- **4T** - Monday 22nd August 1:00pm
- **4B** - Thursday 25th August 1:00pm
- **4G** - Wednesday 31st August 1:00pm

**BAND PERFORMANCES:**
Both school bands will be performing in the coming weeks and we’d love parents and friends to come and enjoy the music.

**TRAINING BAND:** Our next school assembly on Friday 26th August will be the Training Band's first public performance this year. In just a few months, Mr Love has guided the new recruits from barely being able to make a sound to now playing recognisable tunes! Come and enjoy on Friday at 12:20pm.

**CONCERT BAND:** The Concert Band will be performing at the Orange Eisteddfod on Friday 2nd September at the Orange Function Centre. A separate note will be sent home this week with all the details. Please return the permission note promptly.

Anne Allan

**LIBRARY**

A huge thank you to all parents and families for the wonderful effort for today's Book Week dress-up day. The children had a wonderful time together dressed up as book characters and really showed off their literature knowledge at the trivia session in Kenna Hall. Well done everyone. Check out our facebook page for some great photos.

The winner of the Year 6 bookmark competition is Ellie Kostitch from Year 6H. Congratulations Ellie. Ellie's bookmark was printed and every student received a copy to colour and take home.

The winner of the Picture Book Category for this year was "Flight" by Nadia Wheatley and Armin Greder. The winner of the Early Childhood category was "Mr Huff" by Anna Walker. The shortlisted books will soon be in the library for students to borrow.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has come to an end and the children eligible for certificates will receive these in early December. Congratulations to those students who completed the Challenge.

Thank you

Catherine Bishenden

**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:

**TUCKSHOP**

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
REGISTRATION ADVICE 2016/17 SEASON

Sign-on / Information Dates:
Tuesday 30th August, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Kenna Hall (Hill Street) & Thursday 1st September, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
St Mary’s School Hall (Byng Street)

How to Register:
Visit www.cymsjcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
You will find a link to **online registration** under ‘Events’ on the right hand side of screen. Please see the website for more information

Registration Fees:
T20 Blast – U16 $120
Family discounts: 2 children $160, 3 or more children $210

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**Thunder Girls Cricket League**

- Girls only Cricket League
- Thursday afternoons/evening
- Spring League (Oct - Dec)
- u13 and u17 comps
- ODJCA Thunder Girls Cricket League Contact - Jo Hunter
- Ph: 0414 450 368 Email: johunter20@bigpond.com