FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I'm sure I am not the only member of the McAuley community who is finding hard to believe that we are already up to Week 5 and there are already some murmurings that Easter is not far away! For those parents who are new to our school they have had 5 weeks to observe what our school is about and to experience its character and spirit. It is fine to have new buildings and lots of computers and lots of wonderful playground equipment and teachers who are highly qualified. All of this means nothing unless the school is underpinned by strong and caring relationships at all levels. I'm sure no parent chose Catherine McAuley because we have new computers or a nice uniform.

At the school swimming carnival last week the spirit of the McAuley family was truly on display. The willingness of parents and friends to be involved in helping out at the carnival, the enthusiasm of the students at all times, the manners exhibited by the children (and parents!) throughout the day all become part of a school building block. I was very heartened by those parents who commented to me about students who congratulated each other at the end of a race no matter where they were placed. Such affirmation is often not seen in adults and contributes to the sort of school spirit that no amount of money or government grant can buy.

Michael Croke

As the Compass
(We should be) as the compass that goes round its circle without stirring from its centre. Our centre is God, from whom all our actions should spring as from their source.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Cruz Ryan, Wil Kennedy, Lucy Nunn, Ella Callow, Anaka Douglas, Jack Foran, Ethan Baiju, Chayse King, Don Jimmon, Jack Amies, Charlie Westgeest, Sophie Kearins, Zali Burcher, Nida Rasheed, Orlando Manca, Antonia Landers, Meg Lenehan, Maddi Stone, Kali Karimanolis, Milan Shaji, Coco Gibson.

ParentTeacher Interviews: There will be an opportunity for one on one parent teacher interviews in the coming weeks.

- 3B - Week 5 - (Monday 23rd - Friday 27th March) in the Hill Street Meeting Room
- Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 - Week 7 - (Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March) In their classrooms
- Year 3 - Year 6 - Week 8 - (Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - venue to be confirmed

Instructions for online bookings have been sent home today with the newsletter. If you do not have access to the internet you are able to book through the school office.

Southern Region Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to the children who represented McAuley at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival today. Thank you to Mr Hudson and Mrs Haydon for supervising and helping at the carnival.

Peer Support Training: The Year 6 children will take part in Peer Support Training this Thursday in Kenna Hall and Friday at Lake Burrendong. 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.

James Sheahan Catholic High School Year 7 – 2016 Orientation: Our Year 6 children will travel to James Sheahan on Tuesday 10th March as the first part of the Year 6 Orientation process. Children will come to school as normal on the day and will catch a bus to and from James Sheahan. They will return to school in time to catch afternoon buses. There is a Parent Evening for Year 7 – 2016 in Mercy Hall on Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm.

Professional Learning: Yesterday Mrs Forbes and Mrs Haydon were released to work on Pat Maths to ensure that teachers will have an understanding of the results they receive from this test. They will present the work at a Staff Meeting this week.

Steve Maguire
Lent: Our Lenten journey through the next 40 days leading to Easter, gives us the opportunity to take stock of our relationship with Christ. We see Him in all his humanness, as He fights temptation, hunger and other human frailties. As we travel with Jesus during these 40 days, we too are asked to leave the security of our spiritual comfort zone. Perhaps a good place to start is prayer. Spending even just a short amount of time in regular prayer allows Jesus to touch us and guide us. This year, may our Lenten Journey truly bring us to our own renewed relationship with our Saviour.

Project Compassion: Teachers have begun work in their classrooms on Project Compassion for this year, and most children will have brought home their boxes. Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Throughout Lent, we will look at how Caritas Australia is helping people in six different countries throughout the world, including Indigenous Australians, to access sustainable food sources. We can help these people through our contributions to Project Compassion. More information is available from the Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au. Please take the time to talk to your children about how we can help those who are so vulnerable.

School Liturgies and Masses: Our next School Mass will be hosted by Year 4, when they celebrate their Grade Mass next Wednesday, 4th March at 12.30pm. All parents, families and members of our school community are very welcome to join Year 4 for this Mass. For anyone who missed the list of Masses and Liturgies for this term, they are listed below.

Week 6: Wednesday 4th March: Year 4 Grade Mass 12.30pm
Week 7: Thursday 12th March: Whole School Catholic School’s Week Mass 10.00am
Week 8: Wednesday 18th March: Year 6 Grade Mass 12.30pm
Week 9: Thursday 26th March: Year 2 Liturgy: 12.30pm
Week 10: Thursday 2nd April: Whole School Holy Week Ceremonies (time to be advised)

Wishing you a great week,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

ICT at Catherine McAuley

At Catherine McAuley School we recognise the need for all students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies now and into their future. To support this we will be undertaking “Cybersafety” lessons during allocated Library times this term for students in Years 3 to 6. These sessions will explicitly teach students about safe and responsible online behaviours and raise students’ awareness of issues such as online privacy and intellectual property including copyright.

Wet Weather at Byng St

Because of the nature of the older building at Byng St, wet days cause much congestion as parents pick up children and teachers attempt to move children to buses safely. A big thank you to all parents for their management of these trying conditions. Just a reminder of the protocols in place to manage wet afternoons at Byng Street. Parents waiting for children remain outside at the back of the building and teachers will direct your children to you as quickly as possible. Year 1 children assemble for parents in the back glassed area and Kindergarten students assemble in the KM classroom. Please do not wait in the front glassed area or use the front doors as this blocks the access to buses.

Infants Hat Parade

Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are invited to attend an Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31st March at 2:30pm in Kenna Hall. All students will make an Easter hat at school but are invited to bring an Easter hat created at home if they choose.

Catherine McAuley - Proudly Multicultural

At Catherine McAuley we are blessed to include children from many cultures. We celebrate our diversity in many different ways and encourage students to be proud of their heritage and share their culture with others. At the Whole School Assembly on Monday we celebrated Chinese New Year with a dragon dance.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The man who sent the world’s first email in 1971 can’t remember what it said.
CATHERINE McAULEY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Age Champions

8yrs Girl
Millie-Rose Brodbeck

8yrs Boy
Thomas Horan

9yrs Girl
Hayley Baird

9yrs Boy
Riley Allen

10yrs Girl
Madison Allen

10yrs Boy
Tallis Thomas

11yrs Girl
Meg Lenehan

11yrs Boy
Timothy Simpson

Senior Girl
Abby Dean

Senior Boy
Henry Williams

House Champions - Kabbarli with Fr Garry
BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Orlando Manca, Hayley Norris, Hugh Vaughan, Patrick Haydon, Zachary Irwin, Jack Mulligan, Levi Zinga, Sophie McFarlane, Caitlin Cox, Cameron Bray, Harrison Bray, Sophie West, Jayde Spicer and Evie Nunn.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March 2015

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ORANGE CYMS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Orange CYMS junior soccer club will be holding sign on / information days at St Mary's School Hall, Cnr Byng & Park St from 11am-2pm.

- 21 February 2015, 11am-2pm
- 28 February 2015, 11am-2pm

On line registrations are open through www.myfootballclub.com.au

Information is on the website and Facebook
Website: www.orangecymsjuniorsoccer.sportingpulse.net
Facebook: www.facebook.com/OrangeCymsJuniorSoccerClub

ORANGE CYMS HOCKEY CLUB

2015 SIGN ON DAY
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 10AM – 1PM
Orange Hockey Centre, Moad Street Orange
News players, all age groups, welcome and encouraged to join a team
For some fun and fitness on the hockey field. Junior competition starts on 20th March
More information or forms for those who cannot attend can be found
On our website: http://ja3358.wix.com/cymshockeyorange
Or phone Janeen 0409 307 580 or Helen 0423 877126

LEANNE MIDDLETON GOLF & AUCTION DAY

All proceeds to Leanne Middleton & Family
Saturday 21st March 2015
Manildra Golf Club
12-2pm Tee Off Golf (4 person Ambrose)
- Mega Auction
- Children’s Rides & Games
- Face Painting
- Great Day Out For All The Family

Great Prizes & Mega Auction

For Catering Purposes Please RSVP by 14th March via Facebook at www.facebook/manildrafamilygolfday
or phone 0428 66 12 34