FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday signals that we are half way through the school year and the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year) has passed us by. Mother Nature, it seems has forgotten to tell her friends that slightly longer days equals warmer weather! Let's hope some of the weather in these upcoming holidays is conducive to being in the outdoors. Although there is certainly much attraction in being indoors with hot food.

On a sad note I inform our school community of the passing of Mrs Marlene Christopherson who had for many years been the librarian at St Joseph's School and De La Salle college before then. I am aware that many McAuley parents would remember from their primary school days the much loved "Mrs Chris" for her cheeky personality and her quick wit. Marlene was small in stature but large in spirit and she would always be telling her students that she was over six foot tall before she became a teacher! May she rest in peace.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Michael Croke

Catholic Parish of Orange Sesquicentenary 150 years (1864-2014)

Implant Your Love
Lord Jesus, implant your love in my heart. It is all I desire in this world or in the next!

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Jackson Rodwell, Audrey Seale, William Wythes, Mia Fabar-Robey, Riley Allen, Marley Takiari, Kaiden Cole, Lucy Haydon, Ben Bouffler, Orlando Manca, Emily Crain, Claudia Johnston, Hannah Daley-Beggs, James George, Chloe Jones, Isaac Cardwell, Cooper Corcoran, Lucy Warner & Cooper Monk.

Professional Learning Communities In-service Day: In the past weeks we have been very creative in allowing all teachers to listen to visiting experts to develop our staff’s knowledge and skills in transforming our school into a Professional Learning Community (PLC) and on ICT. We have now been given the opportunity to spend a whole day as a staff developing an understanding of how Catherine McAuley can be transformed into a true PLC. Consultants from the Bathurst Catholic Education Office will work with the whole staff on Monday 21st July to further develop our school into a PLC. This will be a pupil free day.

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 27th June at 10.00am. (Please note the change of date to the last day of the term) It will be lead by Year 4 in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Just Like Me The Year 5 children took part in the second session of the Just Like Me Program that helps them appreciate the challenges faced by people living with a disability. Thank you to Prue and Tim from Cerebral Palsy Association for conducting the sessions.

Peer Support: This week the children were introduced to the recurring theme of taking opportunities. Children discussed ways of responding to difficult situations and they learnt they can cope by having a go, being positive and not giving up. This is called being resilient. The children constructed a “jack in the box” to remind them they can spring back when they feel under pressure in different situations. Encourage your child to discuss their understanding of resilience and the need to practise resilience whenever they get the opportunity.

Technology in Schools: As I take new families, who have a child starting in Kindergarten in 2015 on a tour of the school, I can’t help but be impressed with how far we have come with ICT in our school. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards, teachers all have laptops, we have a computer room that runs smoothly, all children have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs online programs, we have a number of Ipads in the K-2 rooms that can be accessed by buddy classes, Year 6 have access to Macairs and Year 3 – Year 5 are currently being set up with chrome books. This amazing transformation over a number of years is due to having key people who are talented and dedicated in this area. Thank you to Mrs Tavares, Mrs Miller, Miss Wilson and the team at the Bathurst CEO. Their efforts and planning have had a real impact on the children’s learning. Children do not need a device in front of them all day however the current structure and future plans ensure they have access to devices that will assist their learning when appropriate.

Responsibility with Technology in Schools: With the massive growth of technology in our school also comes great responsibility. Teachers and parents have the responsibility of monitoring the children’s use of technology particularly when using the internet, email and social media. The children have the responsibility to follow the school’s computer agreement that states that they are not to use personal emails at school or use the internet inappropriately.

They are to inform the teacher immediately if anything inappropriate appears on their screen. These measures and the installation of Zscaler by the Bathurst CEO are in place to ensure the safety of our children.

Steve Maguire
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

**God our Father,**

Through the Apostles Peter and Paul,

Your Church first received the faith.

We pray you keep us true to their teaching.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen

**Saints Peter and Paul:** This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of two of our very important Saints – St Peter and St Paul. St Peter was a fisherman named Simon before he met Jesus. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Peter), which means ‘Rock’, because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter followed the Lord boldly. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. Peter also made many mistakes, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and disowning the Lord on the night of His passion. Despite his human weaknesses, he was chosen to become our first Pope. St Paul was originally called Saul, and was a Jewish Pharisee who persecuted Christians, until his conversion. He became Paul, one of the Apostles, and was responsible for writing many of the books of the Bible. Together, the two saints are the founders of the Catholic tradition, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

**Assist-A-Student Casual Clothes Day:** This Friday, 27th June we will be having a casual clothes day to raise money for the “Assist-A-Student” program. Each year we raise money to assist several students in Fiji to gain an education. Our money is used to assist with the school fees and educational costs of these children, with the aim to give them a chance to finish high school. Although the costs are not high compared to Australia, many Fijian families struggle to find the money for their children to attend school, and therefore many do not even finish Primary school. This program is an initiative of St Vincent de Paul. We have been involved with this project for the past three years, raising money, which goes directly to help Fijian children to be able to receive an education. This Friday, we are once again raising money to assist these students. **Please bring in a gold coin donation, which will go to this most worthy program.**

**First Holy Communion:** Our Year 3 students will receive their First Holy Communion at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 26th and 27th July. **Enrolment forms for First Communion were handed out to our children, and were due to be returned to the Parish Office by the end of last week.** If you have not returned your enrolment form, or need another form, please let me know as soon as possible. As this is a very important time for our children, please keep them in your prayers.

**Masses and Liturgies:** Thank you to all who came along and helped the Year 1 children celebrate their Liturgy today. This was a lovely celebration, and a great way to finish our term. Our Liturgical Celebrations for Term Three are below:

**Term Three**

Wk 1:

Wk 2: Wed. 23rd July: Reconciliation for Yr 3: 10.00am

Wk 3: Wed 30th July: Reconciliation for Yr 5: 10.00am

Wk 4: Wed. 6th August: 1st Communion Thanksgiving Mass 10.00am: Whole School

Wk 5: Fri 15th August: Combined Schools Assumption Mass: 12.00pm St Mary’s Church

Wk 6: Tues. 19th August: Year 5 Grade Mass 12.30pm *(invite Yr 1)*

Wk 7: Wed. 27th August: Kinder Grade Liturgy 12.30pm *(invite Yr 6)*

Wk 8: Wed. 3rd September: Year 4 Grade Reconciliation 10.00am

Fri. 5th September: Whole School Fathers’ Day Liturgy 10.45am

Wk 9: Wed 10th September: Year 6 Grade Mass 12.30pm *(invite Kinder)*

Wk 10: Wed 17th September: Catherine McAuley Celebration Day Mass 10.00am: Whole School

Wishing you a wonderful holiday.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
PARISH MATTERS

If you are an adult who is interested in being baptised or becoming a Catholic through Confirmation and First Eucharist, then come to the R.C. I. A. Enquiry Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. For more information contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

Sr Helen

MUSIC & DRAMA

Music Manifesto

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the children in the Concert Band and Choir who performed beautifully in the Music Manifesto last Friday night.

Training Band are reminded of their performance this Friday at assembly.

Anne Allan

LIBRARY

Infants Library

As it is the end of the term all books need to be returned to the Infants Library this week. The Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Library bags will be kept at school over the holidays in readiness for next term. Remember that the Orange City Library is open 7 days a week and is a great place to visit during the school holidays.

Elizabeth Sergeant

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and during the school holidays: Matthew Merchant, Jamie Merchant, Jonty Middleton, Teresa Hazzard, Aaron Eade, Mia Fabar-Robey, Maggie May, Rohan Bouffler, Laura Cooper, Cory Griffiths, Emily Hennessy, Audrey Seale, Harry Johnston, Claudia Johnston, Ruby Capell, William Tilston, Jack Bingham, Patrick Gray, Jayden Innes, Thomas Dews, Ruby Kind, Tara Robertson.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July, 2014

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A unique opportunity exists to fulfill a critical role in assisting the road safety of school students who use a school crossing. The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) requires School Crossing Supervisors for the following:

- Orange Public School, Kite Street, Orange every morning from 8.30 – 9.30 am, a total of 10 hours a fortnight

- Orange Public School Anson Street, Orange every morning 8.30 – 9.30 am, a total of 10 hours a fortnight.

- Catherine McAuley Catholic School, Hill Street, Orange every afternoon 2.45 – 3.45 pm, a total of 10 hours a fortnight.

The key accountabilities for the position are to:

provide clear instructions to school students at the designated school crossing site to assist them to cross the road safely

direct and control the traffic to stop at the designated crossing to enable students to cross the road safely

Demonstrate safe working procedures such as arriving at the designated crossing site at the times specified by the RMS, to ensure the crossing is supervised and reporting site and safety issues to maintain personal safety and safety of school students at the crossing

Note: Applicants must be at least 18 years at the time of appointment and hold Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency

To apply for this position please contact Kristy Eagles at Smalls Recruiting on 02 9893 7555

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Two-thirds of the world’s population has never seen snow.
PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY
21st JULY, 2014

(SECOND MONDAY TERM 3)

McAULEY STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING PLC INSERVICE

Happy Holidays