FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER

Money Due Now!

Tuesday 1st November 2016

Thank you to all parents who have purchased tickets in our major fundraiser for this year. All money raised will go towards installation of some artificial grass in the school playground.

Please note all money or unsold tickets need to be returned to school urgently. If you would like to purchase more tickets (all tickets must be sold), please call in to the office or send your money to school in an envelope clearly marked with your name and the number of tickets you would like to purchase. Tickets will then be sent home with your child. Thank you!

Michael Croke

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


Focus for The Week: Our focus for the week will come from our new school rules that are displayed around our school. We have one rule sitting under each of our four big ideas: Justice, Respect, Service and Learning. Above our four big ideas are Gods rules. Each week this will sit in the newsletter above the focus of the week.

FAITH: God’s rules are: 1. Love God
2. Love others – Treat others how you want them to treat you.
JUSTICE: - Make positive choices
RESPECT: - Respect yourself, others and the school environment
SERVICE: - Help others in our school and the world
LEARNING: - Learn and let others learn

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: “Keep the playground clean and tidy.”

In class and at school this week we will remind all of our school community of the importance of keeping our playground clean and tidy. This comes from our school rule of service. Please help us by talking to your children about the importance of this at home. You may even extend our focus to keep your room (or home) clean and tidy! It is important that we respect our environment and take pride in our surroundings.

Trial changes to Behaviour Management Policy: It is time that we review the McAuley Behaviour Management Policy, particularly the levels system. We will trial a new way of dealing with unacceptable behavior at McAuley for the remainder of 2016.

We will not use levels. If a student makes a wrong choice or there is an incident on the playground or in the classroom the teacher will give them a logical consequence for their action (eg) sitting out of play, picking up papers, a letter of apology, missing out on a reward in class. The teacher will then inform me of the incident or issue and what they have enforced as a consequence. I will keep a record of the incidents. If any of the incidents are major or warrant contacting parents or if a child builds up a number of incidents, I will contact the parents. The end of year reward will now become the end of Term 4 reward. A decision will be made on the end of term reward considering a students behaviour and in consultation with the class teacher at the end of the term. Other measures will be put in place for individual students as necessary in consultation with their class teacher and parents.

Outstanding Athletic Achievement: Congratulations to Taj Jordan who represented Polding at the PSSA Athletics Championships last week at Homebush. Taj reached the final of the 100M which is an outstanding achievement. We are very proud of Taj’s achievements. Well done Taj!

Assistant Principal and Primary Coordinators Meeting: Last Monday and Tuesday Mrs Miller, Mrs Forbes and I attended the Assistant Principal and Primary Coordinators Meeting in Bathurst. The main focuses were the importance of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) subjects in education today. It is an area that has been identified as a weakness in education in Australia. This is a concern as it is where the focus of the majority of jobs the children in our school will be employed in the future, many of which aren’t even a reality now. At McAuley we are starting to provide a strong basis for development in this area with the focus of Professional Learning Communities, inquiry based, project based and contemporary learning being introduced and developed.

Fr Carl Mackander talked to us about Spiritual Formation. He emphasised that it is critical that we instill in the children in our care the need for Spiritual Formation which is just as important as the community based worship and knowledge of our faith. He explored many traditional forms of spirituality. The one that struck a chord with me was Ignatian Spirituality developed by St Ignatius of Loyola which calls us to be reflective. Fr Carl spoke of the benefit of us all reviewing the day….looking at how we handled situations and people and asking God for guidance and support to be a better person tomorrow. This is an Ignatian concept that I’m sure we would all benefit from in the hustle and bustle of today’s world.

Whole School Assembly: 3S will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 28th August commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Steve Maguire
**Mission Week:** What a Mission Week we had last week! The children had a wonderful day on Thursday with the “Fun Day” activities, and I think the Kinder children were totally fascinated by their first experience of these great activities. I just loved how everyone got into the spirit of things on Friday with their “Colour Explosion”! I looked at all the children while they were sitting in Assembly, and they looked amazing!

It was such a great week, and even more importantly, the money we raised for Catholic Missions was just wonderful. The ladies in the office are still busy counting the money, we will let you know how much we raised once it is finalised. Thank you so much for your fantastic support, and your wonderful generosity. I am always amazed at how giving our school community is.

**October, the Month of the Rosary:** Throughout October, the Church asks us to take time to think about our Blessed Mother, Mary, and join together in praying her special prayer, the Rosary. We have some statues of Mary and some Rosary Beads available at school. If you would like to take one of these sets home, please either contact me, or let your child’s teacher know, and I will organise a time for your family to borrow one set.

**Parish Mass Celebration:** Thank you to all who have sent back their notes indicating their attendance at our Parish Mass this Sunday evening 30th October at 6:00pm. It is a privilege to be able to be actively involved in a Parish Mass as a School Community, and the celebrations are always beautiful. If you are able to attend this Mass and haven’t done so already, please send back your note so I know who will be available to do the various Ministries that we look after in the Mass. Once again, this will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in a Parish Mass, so could I please encourage all families to consider attending this Mass to support our students.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Thank you to everyone who was able to join Year 1 today as they celebrated a beautiful Grade Liturgy. Our next Celebration will be our Kinder Grade Liturgy on Wednesday 16th November at 12:30pm. As always, parents and friends are very welcome to join Kinder for their Liturgy.

**First Reconciliation:** We are only a couple of weeks away from our Year 2 making their First Reconciliation this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very special time. The children will receive the Sacrament on either Tuesday 15th November or Wednesday 16th November. We will have a Whole School Thanksgiving Mass for these children the following week on Wednesday 23rd November at 12:15pm followed by a little celebration in Kenna Hall. This is a very important time for these students and I thank Mrs Church and the Year 2 teachers for all their hard work in preparing these children for this beautiful Sacrament.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

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Playground Development:

The Playground Committee, consisting of an enthusiastic band of teachers and parents, have been meeting twice a term to devise plans to make the playground as safe, fun, interactive and inviting as possible. Our major undertaking last year was the installation of play equipment for the Infant’s Playground. Thanks to the ongoing fundraising efforts of the McAuley community plans have now been drawn up for the installation of artificial grass on the large green area and also under the COLA. This will allow for a safer playing environment for the more physical activities at school. Installation is due to take place during the Christmas holidays.

Reading Eggs And Mathletics:

Students at McAuley will continue to be provided with access to Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Both of these online learning tools are very worthwhile for both the classroom and for home. For information regarding your child’s login details please contact me via the front office.

Life Education:

Once again Catherine McAuley School will host the Life Education Program. For over 35 years Life Education has partnered with schools across NSW to provide a unique, integrated learning experience that supports and strengthens drug and health initiatives. Programs are designed to empower children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices now and into their adult lives. Sessions will begin from Monday 14th November. For more information please refer to the following website:

https://www.lifeeducation.org.au

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Spring gets shorter by about 30 seconds every year.
Band Tryouts 2017:

Last week, under the direction of Mrs Donna Riles from the Orange Regional Conservatorium, children in Year 2 to Year 5 had the opportunity to try playing a number of Concert Band instruments. In the coming weeks, a letter of recommendation will be sent home to parents for you to consider, if you wish for your child to be involved in the School Band Program next year. Please be aware that there is NO compulsion to sign up, just an offer to do so.

Christmas Concert:

Save the date: "Carols in the Courtyard" Wednesday November 30th 6:30pm

All classes will soon begin rehearsals for our whole school end of year Christmas concert to be held in the school playground. This is designed as a low cost, family evening of entertainment featuring...your children! We hope to see you there. Details of the concert will be outlined in a separate note in a few weeks time.

Guitar Program 2017:

Our popular Guitar Program will continue next year. Lessons are held before school. Sign on details will be advertised later in the term. Watch this space!

Anne Allan

Year 6 Canberra Trip - Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Tate Rowland, Natalie Joyce, Claudia Horan, James Meade, Taylah Newman, Lucy Baker, Ethan Wasow, Grace Dickinson, Lily Kelly and Ali Gavin.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2016

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Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942
**ORANGE GIRLS ONLY MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE**

Program starts: Thursday 27th October with a **FREE** Come & Try Day  
Venue: Wade Park, Orange  
Time: 4:00pm – 5:15pm  
Cost: $99 including a participant pack and all equipment supplied  
**For more information or register online** by looking up postcode 2800 and click on “Orange MILO T20 Blast Girls Only” at playcricket.com.au

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**Weekend Mass times**  
St Mary’s Church  6:00pm Saturday  
                          9:30am Sunday  
St Joseph’s Church  8:00am Sunday  
                          6:00pm Sunday