In recent times the staff of the school have been discussing our beliefs about learning and how children (and adults) learn. I list below some of their thoughts. More than anything else as an educational institution we hope that children at Catherine McAuley will gain knowledge, skills, experience and inspiration to become the best person they can be in every area of their lives.

- Children learn at different rates
- Engagement is the essence of learning
- Behaviour affects learning
- Learning is more relevant if there is a reason to learn something
- Students need to feel safe, secure and happy to learn
- Learning is empowering
- Learning is not confined to the classroom
- High expectations help students to achieve
- Children are capable of and should be encouraged to learn to their highest level/ability
- Children learn from each other
- Children need to see adults as learners too
- We are ALL responsible for the learning of every child
- Teachers must create a learning environment
- At the end of the day… What do students know at 3:00pm that they didn’t know at 9:00am
- Learning should be enjoyable, interesting and exciting
- Learning is acquiring skills to achieve
- All teachers in the school can help all students learn effectively
- Learning occurs in many different ways
**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Riya George, Lucy Nunn, Ava Elmes, Katiza Hillier, Oliver Schoield, Heath Vaughan, Sophie Ziola, Riley Bollinger, Emily Brindley, Cleo McGinley, Sophie Kearins, All of 4T, Jack Dean, Maddison Vaughan, Mackenzie Innes, Timmy Simpson, Annliya Rose, Sophie Beatty, Mitch Crain & Jamie Merchant.

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**The Season of Advent:** This weekend we begin the Church’s Season of Advent. This is the time we prepare for Christmas, and is a time to reflect on how we are travelling in our own relationship with God. The Advent Wreath with its four candles symbolise this special time. There are three purple candles and one rose coloured candle. The purple candles represent a time of reflection and acknowledgment of our need for God’s mercy, while the rose candle symbolises the hope of the Christ-child who’s birth will bring salvation. This Sunday we light the first purple candle and reflect on Luke’s Gospel, which reminds us to be ready in our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**Christmas Hampers:** With the beginning of Advent comes our realization that Christmas is really not that far away, in fact this time next month will be Christmas day! It is also time to start gathering items for our annual Christmas Hampers. Each year we ask families to send in non-perishable goods, which can be used to fill food hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. These hampers are then given to St Vincent de Paul for distribution around our local community, bringing the Spirit of Christmas to those who really need it. We will start collecting Hamper items this week, so when you are in the Supermarket, perhaps you could add just one more item to your shopping list, which you can send in for these hampers. If each child brings in just one item, our hampers will make a huge difference!

**Parish Mass Celebration:** A reminder that the Parish Mass we have been invited to assist with will be on Sunday, 6th December, at St Joseph’s Church at 6:00pm (not this Sunday 29th November as previously advertised). As with the last time we assisted with a Parish Mass, we will be responsible for providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries. I would encourage you once again to please consider attending this Mass and supporting our students, as it was just wonderful to have so many families join with us last time.

**November – the Month of the Holy Souls:** As this is the last week of November, could I ask you continue to pray for the Holy Souls. The Church asks us to remember and pray for all those we love and are no longer with us. In turn, these Holy souls are able to pray for us. The ‘Book of Remembrance’ is in each of the Parish Churches and is taken up in the Offertory Procession at each Mass during November, and all those recorded in the book are prayed for.

**Year 6 Farewell Mass:** Our Year 6 Farewell Mass this year will be on Thursday, 10th December at 6:00pm. This very special Mass will be followed by a celebration in Kenna Hall for our Year 6 students.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass today. It was lovely to have so many families with us. Our last Mass for the year, our **End of Year Mass** will take place on, **Friday, 11th December at 12noon**. During this Mass the Captains for 2016 will be announced. It has been wonderful having such support from parents, friends and families throughout the year, and we look forward to your continued presence with us.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Kindergarten Orientation

Over the last two weeks McAuley has welcomed 88 pre-school children to our school. By all accounts Kindergarten children for 2016 have been very settled and have thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Some of the fun activities have included making craft items, doing some writing, playing with the toys and becoming acquainted with their new surroundings. This Friday will be the last of the Orientation sessions.

Clare Miller

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

William Shakespeare is an anagram of ‘I am a weakish speller’.
I enjoyed Canberra a lot. Everyone asked some really good questions. I enjoyed doing all the sport things at the AIS – that was the best! Brodie

Canberra was great! All the places we went were really fun, even the bus trip was good. I really loved the War Memorial. Lance

Canberra was probably the best experience of my Year 6 life! My favourite part of Canberra was Questacon because it is unique, colourful and has lots of fun activities and games there. My favourite ride at Questacon was the ‘Free Fall’ because it was new and exciting! I can’t really say that I didn’t like anything as I enjoyed all the experiences. The best part was that I could experience it all with my friends. Kali

At Canberra Mrs Lindsay was in line for the Metal Detector at Parliament House. She was bragging about how the machine would go off because of her halo. When she stepped through it, it went “Beep, beep, beep”! She turned around and said to the boys “Told you!!” Shanika

I enjoyed going to Canberra and the part that I liked best was the Sports Experience at the AIS. We got to play basketball and dodge ball. One thing that made me think was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the War Memorial because it made me think of all those who have gone to war for our country. Emily B

Canberra was so educational, yet so much FUN! My favourite thing we did in Canberra was going to Old Parliament House. We learnt about the first Prime Ministers to our current Prime Minister. We even met some faces from the past when we did a role play, as well as the Sargent–At–Arms and the Speaker of the House! All in all, Canberra was incredible! Jamie

Canberra was really fun! We got to go to the War Memorial, both Parliament Houses, the AIS, AEC and Questacon. My favourite part of the trip was when we went to Questacon. The ‘Free Fall’ was so fun and scary at the same time! Aaron

My favourite part about going to Canberra was the ‘Free Fall’ slide at Questacon because it was really fun and scary at the same time. The first time I went on it was the scariest, but then it was really fun. I also really liked the ‘Sports Experience’ at the AIS. We played dodge ball and basketball. It was really fun! Claudia

I really liked the Canberra trip because we went to a lot of places like Parliament House, Questacon, Old Parliament House and lots of other places. I had a lot of fun with the sport at the AIS. My favourite part was the ‘Free Fall’ in Questacon. Josh

I really like our excursion to Canberra. I really liked the Old Parliament House because we got to sit in the Senate and the House of Representative seats. I also liked or accommodation at the AIS as I got to relax and play sport. Athuai

Canberra was filled with fun. We went to lots of places, including the War Memorial and Parliament House. My favourite was the War Memorial because we got to go in a helicopter (on the ground!) Rowan
Music & Drama

Music Recital

Kindergarten, Year 1, the Training Band, Concert Band and the Advanced Guitar Group will be entertaining the school in a Music Recital next Thursday, December 3rd in Kenna Hall from 2:00 - 3:00pm. Parents and friends are most welcome.

Band and Guitar 2016

Information packs for our Band and Guitar programs have been distributed to all interested students today. If you would like your child to be involved please return the registration form to school by the end of next week. Anyone who missed out on the pack may collect one from Mrs Allan.

Karen Snowden and Anne Allan

School Banking

Next Wednesday 2nd December will be the last school banking for the year.

Pop Up Adventure Playground

A Pop Up Adventure Playground has started at Catherine McAuley using loose parts materials. The students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed creating play experiences using boxes, tubes, chairs, tables, material and plastic containers. Teachers on duty have seen students working cooperatively to create pirate ships, tanks, restaurants, schools and cubby houses. The two rules of the Pop Up Playground are that play has to be creative and caring. We can’t wait to see what they will make next!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Ethan Dillon, Damien Johnson, Ellie Kostitch, Joseph Murphy, Natalie Karamanolis, Kaliopi Karamanolis, Claire Gibson, Marley Takiari, Thomas Tancred and Alexander Duffy.

Tuckshop

Roster—Commencing Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December 2015

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