FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I wish to congratulate Aden Fraser from Grade 6 who has been selected in the NSW Open Primary Rugby Union side. This is the first time any student from St Joseph's/McAuley has been selected in this team and we wish Aden well at the Australian Titles in Newcastle in October.

On other more mundane matters I wish to advise all parents and students that our new bus/pick up arrangements will commence on the Monday of the second last week of term (7th September). From this day all children in the school catching buses will do so in Hill Street and any children being picked up by parents will leave by Byng Street. An additional note will follow prior to the commencement of the new routine and we will be asking parents to advise the school which is the most regular routine (bus? or parent pickup?) your child will follow. This will assist teachers in knowing which side of the school your child should be leaving from and hopefully make for a smoother transition to our new school routine.

Michael Croke

In Expectation

It is not every one, even of those who are benefited, that feels thankful. If you work in expectation, you will often be disappointed.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Charlie Downie, Connor Gillard, Kaylah Myers, Brooklyn Ryan, Dallas Geaorge, Jackson Rodwell, Charlotte Collins, Feba Babu, Molly Dunn, Lavinia Culmone, Toby Telford, Ryan McNeill, Hannah Page, Amelia Hogben, Adut Thit, Patrick Haydon, Mitchell Layzell, Tara Robertson, Coco Gibson & Anaok Weiu.

**New South Wales Representative:** Congratulations to Noah and Aden Fraser who represented Polding in Rugby Union recently. Aden has now been selected to represent NSW PSSA at the State Championships. We are extremely proud of these two very talented brothers. We wish Aden the best of luck when he represents his State.

**Whole School Assembly:** The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 11th September and will be organised by Year 3 commencing at 12:00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**NAPLAN Results:** Last week the children in Year 3 & Year 5 brought home their NAPLAN results. NAPLAN is a useful tool for teachers, the school as a whole and our system to celebrate success of our students. It also highlights areas that need to be improved across a cohort or even across the school. The recent results will give McAuley some help in deciding the direction we take in our school and where we need to put our energy.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion:** Preparation has begun for the Year 6 Canberra excursion that will take place on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th of November. As it is a big responsibility to take over seventy children away over night all Year 6 children will have to agree to a contract of expected behaviour.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn:** The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is under way this year. This is a fantastic way to earn equipment for our school that we don’t have to pay for out of school budget! Each child already brought home a sticker sheet or you can pick up the sheets from Woolworths. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive one sticker to stick on your sheet. Please return the completed sheet to the school office. The more stickers we collect the more equipment will be donated to our school.

Steve Maguire

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**SUNDAY SESSIONS**

**Sunday Session**

Sunday 30th August 2015

2:00pm-3:30pm St Mary’s Church

FREE babysitting and afternoon tea

Topic: Wellbeing, Mindfulness and Meditation.

**Special Guests:**

Simon and Majella Price run retreats at Shalom House. Simon is the principal of St Mary’s in Wellington.

Dave Duncan is the nutritionist at The Wellness House. Dave is currently teaching science at James Sheahan.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B: This week we move away from St John’s Gospel, and we hear from St Mark. In this Gospel, the Jews are annoyed with the Apostles for not washing their hands and following traditions before eating. Jesus counters their complaints, pointing out that these practices are simply empty rituals that do not enhance their relationship with God. While they take offence to these actions, they are happy to continue going about their own lives causing harm through their thoughts and actions towards others. In short, Jesus calls them on their hypocrisy. Are there times when we too fall into the trap of hypocrisy? When we are happy to say things but are not willing to back them up with our actions? Perhaps this week we could spend a little time reflecting on what we hold as important, and if these values align with those of Christ.

Confirmation: It is now only a little over two weeks before our Bishop, Michael McKenna joins us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. All enrolment Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation must be in by today in order to be eligible to receive the Sacrament this year. 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 12th and 13th September.

Fathers’ Day Liturgy: Thank you to all who have sent in photos for our Fathers’ Day Liturgy already. Although I have quite a lot, I will continue to accept them until next Tuesday 1st September. These can be sent in 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 Thursday, 3rd September at 10:30am. We would love to invite all dads, granddads, uncles, and special men in our children’s lives, as well as families to join us for this lovely liturgy.

Grade Liturgies: Year 2 celebrated a beautiful Grade Liturgy today. Thank you to all in Year 2 for this lovely celebration. Next Wednesday 2nd September, Year 3 will celebrate their Grade Mass in the Church at 12:30pm. All families and friends of Year 3 are very welcome to join them for this Liturgical Celebration.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Playground Development

The McAuley Playground Committee has been meeting for some weeks now. We have great plans to make the McAuley playground a very special place for our children. Our first goal is to replace outdated modular equipment, particularly for the new Hill Street Infants playground. The next stage will be a large section of “astroturf” for Primary aged children so that they can play more physical activities on a softer, safer surface. To achieve these and many other projects we need the support of the McAuley community. The first way that families can assist is by supporting the fundraising activities planned for the rest of this year and beyond. Attached to this newsletter is a barometer which is a visual way of showing where we are with our fundraising so far this year and the target that we would like to hit by the end of the year. As the playground refurbishment gets into full swing we would love some input from parents in terms of skills that can be provided and simply general labour. We will keep you posted!!!!

Robotics for Primary Years

On Thursday 20th August, I joined a group of teachers in Bathurst to discover the intricacies of coding and robotics for primary years. The group explored BeeBots (for K-2); Lego WeDos (for Stage 2) and Lego NXTs for (Stage 3 and beyond) and were led by our colleague from Broken Bay Diocese, Geoff McIver. The end challenge was to program an NXT to knock off four bowls on a defined surface. Programs had to use light sensing technology and the construction of the robot was strictly confined to a certain size. Robotics is certainly the next stage in our ICT journey and we will be looking at ways in the future to provide kits within our school.

Computer Club

This Wednesday will be the first meeting of the McAuley Computer Club. A big thank you to Saxon Jordan, Archer Casey and Kyle Gummer from Year 6 who have kindly donated their time and expertise to train and lead some keen Year 5 students. This week the boys have prepared a session on iMovie.

Clare Miller

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Catherine McAuley is a Professional Learning Community (PLC). The school focuses on three big ideas. A focus on learning. A focus on collaboration and a focus on results.

There are four important questions that teachers focus on when planning for student learning.

1. What do we want students to know? (Guaranteed Curriculum/Essential Learning)
2. How will we know when they have learned it? (Assessment and Data Collection)
3. How will we respond when some students do not learn? (Remediation)
4. How will we respond when some students already know it? (Extension)

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The silent letters in words like ‘knife’ are called aphthongs.
This term in Kindergarten we have been focusing on writing. Here are some fabulous stories and labelling that we are proud of.  

**Sue Derwin - KD Teacher**
**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Chloe Jaques, Lara Vardanega, Menphis Diduszko, Tyler Bartimote, Emily Irwin, Sherwin Hogg, Lachlan Crump, Patrick Crump, Billy Littlefield and Harry Madigan.

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**TUCKSHOP**

*Roster—Commencing Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September 2015*

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*Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942*
THE FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER FOR OUR MODULAR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

TARGET $35,000 by the end of the year.

McAULEY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING

Fundraisers for 2015
- Iceblock Stall
- Cake Stalls
- Dinner & Art Auction
- McAuley Day BBQ
- Monster Raffle
- Melbourne Cup Trifecta
- Year 6 Movie Day
- Christmas Fundraiser

Current Amount
- Dinner & Art Auction
- Cake Stalls
- Iceblock Drive

Current Amount
Orange CYMS Junior Cricket Club (formerly SJS-CYMS)

Registrations for the 2015-16 Cricket Season

We will be holding two sign on days this year. The first will be Monday August 31st at Kenna Hall from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The second will be held outside of the St Mary’s school hall on Wednesday the September 2nd again from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will also be a joint sign on day for all clubs at Riawena Oval on Sunday 6th September between 10am and 2pm. The joint sign on day will also be a chance for any body looking to sell or buy or donate used cricket equipment.

We will be running a minimum of twelve teams this summer from T20 Blast through to U16. To do this we need volunteer coaches and managers for all sides including T20. Please indicate when registering if you are willing to fill one of these roles. All volunteers will need to a current Working with Children number prior to the season.

Cost: T20 Blast (U7-U10) – U16 $110 per player
Family discounts: 2 children $160, 3 or more children $210.

Registration Application Forms will be available and MUST be lodged with the Club at one of the Sign-On days, together with Proof of Age and payment.

Please note that Proof of Age will be required at Sign-On for players that are NEW to our club. An original or certified copy of a birth certificate (or current passport) will be required.

ORANGE DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTATIVE Trials for the 2016 Rep Season, for boys and girls in age divisions U12, U14, U16 and U18, at the Sir Neville Howse Stadium (Anzac Park).

The dates for the trials are:

Sunday 30th August (this weekend)
Sunday 6th September (note this is father’s day)
Sunday 13th September 2015

For further information please go to:
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