FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last weekend was the final major weekend for the Orange Catholic Parish Sesquicentenary. The year has been a great celebration of the 150 years that the parish has been in existence. It is an interesting exercise to look back and imagine the early days of the Church in 1864. To imagine what Orange was like at that time and what the lifestyle was like in those times. No electricity to begin with. Perhaps in our homes we could have no electricity for one hour in winter to see what it was like!!

I would also suggest that the message of God and the Church has also changed during the 150 years. I think the fearful God has been replaced by a loving God in tandem with the atmosphere of the family that we promote. As principal of Catherine McAuley I am aware that the connection of our school community with the formal Church is not like days of old but I do witness a wonderful and renewed spirituality in our students, staff and parent community. We have many community liturgies and children have a chance to connect with their faith and their community both within and outside the classroom. There is certainly a religious and spiritual vibrance in our school. I think the forefathers and mothers of the Orange parish would be well pleased with where we have ended up after 150 years.

Michael Croke

LAST CALL FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE SECOND HAND SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR FREE. PLEASE CALL INTO THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

TOO MANY LAWS

Be careful never to make to many laws, for if you draw the string too tight it will break.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Jayden Summerell, Ali Gavin, Sophie West, Sonja Loecker, Amelia Lieben, Lily Davis, Henry Mulligan, Sheawyn Whitta, Lilly O’Brien, Madison Allen, Emily Caufield, Noah Daley-Beggs, Hamish Gibson, Mackenzie Innes, Olivia Innes, Olivia Collins, Emily Bekavac, Jamie Merchant, Eden Parker, Jada Hatch & Georgia Bennett

End of Year Organisation: Teachers are currently very busy finalising things for the end of 2014 and organising things for 2015. End of year reports are being finalised and will be sent home on Friday 12th December. There will be a note in the child’s report with requirements for 2015 and the class your child will be in for 2015. These classes must be finalised by Monday 1st December.

Pastoral Care, Student Welfare & Behaviour Management Policy: The McAuley Pastoral Care, Student Welfare & Behaviour Management Policy includes a combination of proactive and reactive measures. A number of awards and rewards are aimed at recognising and rewarding expected behaviour at school. When children do make a wrong choice there is a level system in place to ensure there is a consequence for the child’s action. At times particularly Kindergarten and Year 1 parents are very upset and concerned if their child receives a Level 1.

It is important to realise that Level 1 notes serve a number of purposes:
- to remind the child that they have made a minor wrong choice
- to inform the parents that their child has broken a minor school rule or expectation
- to have a record if the child repeats the offence or makes other wrong choices

If a child receives three Level 1’s in a term or a makes a serious wrong choice they are placed on a Level 2, which includes a lunch time detention and them missing out on the end of term reward. Level three is an afternoon detention, Level 4 is an in school suspension and Level 5 is where the child’s enrolment in the school is considered.

It is pleasing that we have had no child higher than Level 2 in the last two years. This is a direct result of the children being very aware of school rules, the consequences if they make a wrong choice, their rights and responsibilities. It is paramount that teachers, parents and the executive of the school work together to ensure that our school is a safe place for all students and they are all aware of rules, expectations and consequences of making wrong choices.

Rewards Day: As the Year draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of year Reward Day to the pool, movies, ten pin bowling or something similar. Any child who has been on a Level 4 OR has received 10 Level 1’s OR 3 Level 2’s during the year will not be eligible to attend the Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Pastoral Care, Student Welfare & Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

Professional Learning: Mrs Clare Miller and Mrs Sue Derwin attended a Pre-Lit Reading In-service in Canberra on Tuesday. Pre-Lit is a program we use in the Kindergarten classes to ensure children have the appropriate phonemic awareness skills to ensure reading success. This Thursday Mrs Annalisa Covelli and Mrs Camille da Silva Tavares will attend a Meet Manager Inservice to assist with the smooth running of athletics and swimming carnivals.

Summer Sports Trials: Last Tuesday we were well represented at the Diocesan Summer Sports trials. The competition is always of a high standard. Congratulations to Blair Ward on being selected in the Bathurst Diocesan Touch team that will take part in Polding selection trials next year. Well done Blair.

Steve Maguire
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The Season of Advent: This weekend we begin the Church’s Season of Advent. This marks the final lead up to 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 Boxing 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. Hopefully you received the note that went home yesterday regarding how we are organising hampers this year. To ensure we are able to provide a variety of items to St Vincent De Paul, we have allocated a theme to each grade for you to buy food for the Hamper appeal.

Please have look to see what grade your child is in, find the theme and buy an item to donate. The suggestions are there only to give you some ideas. You don’t have to buy any of the listed items, they are there as examples. You may have some very clever ideas of your own! As our end of year is very busy with moving, could I ask you to please send all donations to school by next Friday, 5th December 2014. We will then have time to organise them before the end of year.

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FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Passive Play Areas**   Children like to play in many different ways. Many enjoy running around, kicking a ball or climbing on equipment. Some children prefer more passive play areas. At Catherine McAuley we are committed to providing as many different “play” areas as possible. A walk through the playground shows numerous active play spaces such as cricket nets, basketball hoops, handball courts and climbing equipment. Children in the Hill St site have the option of also using the “Quiet Area” where children are able to participate in a variety of activities such as games, Mini Vinnies and craft. At the Byng St Campus children may choose to play with matchbox cars, dress up clothes and other “pretend” play. When our new building is complete we will again have the opportunity to evaluate these playground areas and look to the future to create a playground that compliments our new contemporary learning spaces. The location of grade play areas may also change to allow close proximity to their classroom.

**Orientation**   The three day Orientation process for our kindergarten students has now been completed. Congratulations to all students, parents and teachers who made this process a very positive experience. Confirmation of classes for 2015 will be sent out this week.

**End of Year Class Visits**   Kindergarten parents are invited to join their child in their classroom on Thursday, 11th December at 12:40pm for a small Christmas and end of year presentation. The presentation will be completed by lunch time. Looking forward to your company on the day.

**Clare Miller**

KOALA BANKING

Please note that next week will be the last week for Koala banking.

LIBRARY

As the end of year approaches quickly can we ask that all library books be returned to the library as soon as possible especially any overdue books. Thank you.

Catherine Bishenden & Elizabeth Sergeant

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

If everyone in the world washed their hands properly, a million lives could be saved a year.
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**Christmas Concert**

The students of Year 6 will be entertaining the school in our end of year Christmas Concert in Kenna Hall on Tuesday, 9th December at 12:00pm. They will share with us the Christmas story through song, dance and storytelling. All children from Kindergarten to Year 5 have also been learning the songs, so we're looking forward to a wonderful celebration as the school year comes to a close. For those of you who remember the St Joseph's annual "Just an Hour" concerts, think of this as the inaugural "Just Half an Hour" concert!

The Concert Band will also be performing on the day so please join us for the occasion. All family and friends are welcome.

**Band 2015**

Last week, instrument demonstrations were conducted for our Year 2 students and other interested students in Year 3 and Year 5 who indicated their desire to join the Band program. Individual letters of recommendation will be distributed next week and if you would like your child to be involved, please sign the registration form and return it to the school office. Students currently in the Band do not need to re register.

*Anne Allan*

**COMPLETION OF SCHOOL BUS FORMS FOR THE 2015 YEAR**

Please be reminded that **any change of address** needs to be formally notified to Orange Buslines by completing a new bus form. If you have moved or had a change or circumstances, please update your details to ensure you receive your child's bus pass for 2015. Please note if your child is entering Year 3 or going into Year 7 a new form will need to be completed. Forms can be obtained from the school and will need to be completed and returned to school so we can signed off on them. If your child is entering Year 7, the form will need to be returned to your child’s new school for Year 7.

**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, Alexander Duffy & Riley Nunn.

**TUCKSHOP**

**Roster**—Commencing Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December, 2014

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**Tuckshop Ph:** 6362 0942

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

This year ….

Wednesday 3rd December  
Kinder Liturgy (Year 5 invited) 12:45pm

Tuesday 9th December  
Year 6 Christmas Concert (whole school) Kenna Hall 12 noon

Thursday 11th December  
Year 6 Farewell Mass & Dinner 6:00pm

Friday 12th December  
Final School Mass 12 noon, 4 Major Year 6 Awards Announced, School Captains for 2015 Announced

Reports go home

Monday 15th December  
Mini Vinnies Students to St Francis Aged Care

Wednesday 17th December  
Final Day for Students

Thursday 18th December  
Final Day for Staff

Next year …..

Tuesday 27th January 2015  
Teachers Resume

Wednesday 28th January 2015  
Students Year 1 - 6 Resume

Thursday 29th January 2015  
Kindergarten Students Commence

Back to Year 2 1972 ...