FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Catherine McAuley School will be involved in the 5 o’clock parish Mass this Sunday at St Joseph’s Church. I realise that families have Sunday afternoon commitments but it would be wonderful to see as many families as possible at the Mass. The Eucharist is the central theme of the Catholicity of our school and there is something special about a worshipping community. It adds another dimension to the wonderful community that already exists in our school.

As a school student growing up in Dubbo the winter Sunday ritual for most families was attending Sunday morning Mass (there was a Monday checklist in class in case anyone had missed!) going home for an early baked dinner then rushing to Number One oval to watch Dubbo CYMS in action. This Sunday the Orange CYMS manager and trainer (who shall remain nameless) will be rushing to the 5 o’clock Mass after the clash with Mudgee. Some things have not changed!

I look forward to seeing as many students and family members at Mass on Sunday. School uniform not required!

Michael Croke

PUPIL FREE DAY

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2015

(after Queens Birthday Long weekend)

Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Ruby Dover, Samuel Southwell, Georige Wishart, Abby Gregory, Jayden Summerell, Heath Vaughan, Charlie Bevan, Jack Coffey, Mica Pantoja, Prue McAtamney, Matthew Kennedy, Ally-Rose Madden, Lara Bingham, Will Warner, Chloe Jaques, Agieg Aluk, Abby Jones, Jack Halls and Brodie Trajkovic.

Whole School Assembly: Year 4 will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 12th June commencing at 10:00am in Kenna Hall. New class councilors will be announced at this assembly.

Exiting the School from the Hill St Site: As a result of the construction of our new building, it is very congested at the Hill Street exit gate. We ask for parent’s cooperation if they are waiting for their children to come inside the gate and the children will wait at that point with a teacher until the majority of parents and children have moved on. The children will then move up to the normal waiting place adjacent to the Kenna Hall steps. We will trial this to see if it alleviates the crowded footpath that leads to parents waiting on the road. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24th July in Canowindra. The back up date is Friday 31st July.

Diocesan Spelling: Congratulations to Milan Shaji (Year 6), Ellie Kostich (Year 5) Alan Parayil (Year 4), and Angel Tom (Year 3) who will represent Catherine McAuley at the Bathurst Diocese Spelling Bee in Wellington on Thursday 4th June.

Kindergarten 2016: As part of the enrolment procedure for Kindergarten 2016 the children and their parents will attend an interview and have a look around our school. These interviews continue next week.

June Reports: The teachers are currently assessing the children and beginning to write reports on the children’s progress for the first half of the year. This reporting period the majority of the teachers will use the new reporting proforma designed by the Bathurst CEO (reportepro). Kindergarten will use our traditional report as it was too difficult to make the necessary changes in the time that we had available. It is envisaged that all classes will use the reporterpro format for the report at the end of the year. If you have any questions or queries regarding report formats or the reports please contact me through the school office.

Steve Maguire
Trinity Sunday: This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when we acknowledge the Three Persons of the One God. Each time we pray the Sign of the Cross, we acknowledge the Blessed Trinity - God the Father, our Creator, God the Son, our Redeemer and God the Holy Spirit, our helper and guide. When prayed with meaning, even through this simplest of prayers to the Trinity, we are deepening our knowledge and love for our God.

Parish Mass Celebration: The McAuley School Community has been invited to assist with the Parish Mass this Sunday, 31st May at St Joseph’s Church at 5:00pm. We will be responsible to providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries throughout the Mass. A note has gone home this week asking if you will be able to attend this Mass. This is for the purpose of giving students opportunities to take on the various ministries. This is a wonderful chance for our students to be involved in a Parish Mass, so could I please encourage all families to consider attending this Mass and supporting our School and our students.

Year Five Grade Mass: Year Five celebrated a beautiful Grade Mass today, with the theme of Creation. Thank you to Year 3 for joining Year 5. This was a wonderful opportunity for Year 3 to see clearly the elements of the Mass they are learning about as they prepare to receive Jesus in First Holy Communion on 13th and 14th June. Thank you also to all families and friends who came and helped make this Mass so special.

First Holy Communion: Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this very important Sacrament.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

New Technological Devices

As more and more learning experiences involve the use of technology, it is important for our school to continually update our bank of ICT devices. Recently we have seen the rollout of new iPads in our Infants classes and macbook airs in Year 6. McAuley school is now in the fortunate position where we can share a class set of iPads in all infants grades and a class set of macbook airs in Year 6. The students in Year 3 to Year 5 share a bank of chromebooks. It is important for students to learn to use a number of different devices and platforms when learning about and using ICT. This is why our planning for now and into the future involves the use of iPads, chromebooks and macbook airs.

Year 5 and Year 6 Choir

During the Kindergarten Assembly last week the audience was treated to a rousing performance from our Year 5 and Year 6 choir. Amazingly, the choir did not have musical accompaniment but were perfectly on key. We look forward to seeing this choir in many more forums in the future. A big thank you to Gabriel Bieniek and Trish Aumuller who are doing such wonderful work with these students and the Year 3 and Year 4 choir (who will perform at next assembly).

Kindergarten Excursion

On the 15th May Kindergarten students visited 3 local businesses to supplement work being done in the HSIE unit “A Basket of Food From Orange”. A big thank you to Hillside Orchard, Mullion Produce, Pets and Saddlery and The Beekeepers Inn. This was a wonderful experience for our students and the hospitality of these businesses certainly was central to the success of the day. The Kindergarten students were positive, polite and a credit to their families and school

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Everyone has at least 50,000 thoughts a day but 95% of them are the same as the day before.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Guitar Group Concert: Some members of the school guitar groups will be combining to perform in their first concert at the Orange Regional Conservatorium tonight from 6:00pm till 7:00pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. I'm sure you will be delighted to hear your children's progress.

Senior Choir and Concert Band Performance:
At our assembly last Friday, our Senior Choir entertained the audience with a delightful version of "Drunken Sailor".
In the coming weeks, both the Choir and Concert Band members will attend workshops at James Sheahan in preparation for a combined schools' concert "Music Manifesto" to be held on Friday 19th June. A separate note was sent home last Friday and a permission note needs to be returned to school this week please. Please note there was an error with dates on the note with regard to the Music Workshops at JSCHS. The correct dates are Tuesday 2nd June and Wednesday 10th June.
The Concert Band will also be performing at our next school assembly on Friday 12th June at 10:00am.

Anne Allan

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

We would like to remind parents that school starts at 9:00am sharp. Children who arrive after that time must be signed into school by a parent/carer through the school office. Similarly children must not be picked up directly from the classroom without first signing them out through the school office. It is a school requirement that rolls are marked accurately and this includes arrival and departure times from school. This information is documented on our sign in/sign out book. Parents should always make an appointment to see class teachers. Please do not go directly to classrooms without first seeing the office staff to make an appointment. Teachers often have other commitments and meetings they need to attend. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Timothy Simpson, Montana Johns, Sophie Beatty, Joshua Brind and Jaya Burcher.

TUCKSHOP

Please note we are running very short of volunteers on a Friday. If you can spare a couple hours, please consider putting your name down to help out at our canteen.

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4G KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING

As a school, we must keep it clean. It’s where we play. So we must put our rubbish in the correct bin. These 4G students are showing that recycling is very important. *So, let’s all put our rubbish in the correct BIN.*

MINI VINNIES VISIT TO ST FRANCIS AGED CARE

Mini Vinnies Thank You Morning Tea at St Francis Aged Care

On Monday the leaders of Mini Vinnies attended a Thank You morning tea at St Francis Aged Care Facility. To say thank you for all of our visits we had cake and lemonade with the residents and were presented with a beautiful thank you card that the residents had made themselves. After morning tea we went and talked to the residents and then joined them in the lounge room where they let us listen to and play their new pianola!

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