FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This weekend sees our Grade 6 students partaking of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a formal acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit being part of the lives of these children and a wonderful conduit to all they do in life. As Christians our life is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The seven gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, courage and wonder and awe of the presence of God. A good checklist for all of us.

The sacrament of Confirmation is a timely reminder to us to stay connected to our faith by reflecting on how our lives are led in accordance with the 7 gifts. In the very busyness of our daily and weekly lives it can be very easy to move our connection to God into the background and have different priorities. Sometimes it is necessary to stop and pray in a quiet place so we can get in touch with ourselves and our God. We pray for all the children who are being confirmed as they become adult members of our Catholic faith.

Michael Croke

Catholic Parish of Orange Sesquicentenary 150 years (1864-2014)

A FAITHFUL PROVIDER

The Lord and Master of our House and Home is a faithful Provider.
Let us never desire more than enough - He will give that and a blessing.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Tomasino Parolin, Alex Campbell, Selena Livermore, Ollea Iffland, Akok Aluk, Grace Dickinson, Callum Wilcox, Jack Wilson, Adelaide Graham, Lachlan Chellas, Jeron Sijo, Joshua Brind, Billy Tilston, Arnie Tancred, Ellie Kostich, Damien Johnson, Blair Ward, Laura Price, Simi Banda, Oscar Williams & Samantha Medlyn.

**Peer Support:** We celebrated success in Peer Support this week. The children identified their strengths and achievements and the role of perseverance in achieving a personal best. This week you could ask your child to tell you the word they chose to best describe their own strengths and qualities so you can affirm them in this area.

**Notes & Newsletters:** A reminder that all school newsletters and notes that are sent home are available on the school website under the newsletters and notes tab. Click on the newsletters and notes tab once, then scroll down to find the current newsletters and notes.

**Sabbatical Week:** This week is Sabbatical week when we try to minimise activities and meetings. Enjoy the homework free week!

Steve Maguire
Feast of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven: This weekend is a very important one for all in our Parish. We celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, leaving behind his disciples to carry on his work. Having been his ‘apprentices’ for the past three years, it is now time for them to take over from Jesus and continue to spread the Word of God by what they do and what they say. This of course, is a terrifying thought, being left to do it all by themselves, but God has a plan for this. Next weekend we celebrate what is known as the Birthday of the Church, Pentecost. The coming of the Spirit fills the Apostles with all the gifts they need to continue Jesus’ work. This weekend, our Year 6 students along with many of our Parish will receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, therefore joining with the Apostles in continuing the work of Jesus. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this new part of their Faith Journey.

Confirmation: We welcome Bishop Michael McKenna to our Parish this weekend to bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation on our Candidates. Could all Confirmation Candidates please remember to attend the practice for Confirmation this Thursday, 29th May in St Mary’s Church at 7.00pm. This practice will be for all Candidates receiving Confirmation this year, regardless of which Mass or Church they may be receiving the Sacrament. There are several aspects to receiving the Sacrament, and this practice is to assist candidates with the processes involved in the Confirmation Ceremony. Sponsors are very welcome, but are not required, however all Candidates are encouraged to attend.

Liturgy For This Term: We had a beautiful Kinder Grade Liturgy today, and a big thank you to all who came along to help with our celebration. Next Wednesday, 4th June, Year 2 will celebrate their Grade Liturgy at 12.30 in the Church. The following Wednesday, 11th June will be a Whole School Mass in celebration of Confirmation, starting at 10.00am. We love to see parents and friends at all our Liturgies and Masses, and you are always welcome to join us.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

A medium-sized cumulus cloud weighs about the same as 80 elephants.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Its REST week for our students and teachers this week. Rest from homework and meetings that is. Some of our students are still taking home their readers, as reading is an important family activity and can happen anytime of the day, with any book or even a sign around the community. Have you ever thought of car games with your child. Such as to look at the number plate of the car in front and thinking of words that start with the letters. Its a great game and makes the car ride go quickly. Or even retelling a favourite story is good experience for both student and family member.

This week I have the pleasure of watching our CWA speech competitors at All Saints in Bathurst. They have prepared themselves well and have had great family support. We wish them well and will keep you updated on their results next week.

Year One have been very busy making a village of TASHI from the Tashi Book Series by Anna and Barbara Fienberg. They have really loved reading these stories. Look out for some photos in the following weeks.

Keep remembering to send a jacket/coat to school with your child now that the Orange weather is forever changing.

Remember, no matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of anyone who isn’t trying.

Have a great week.

Belinda Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Outstanding Accounts:

Could all outstanding Band Fees and ICAS Testing accounts please be paid in full by Friday 6th June 2014. BPay details appear on your account or please ring the school if you require further information. Many thanks,

Annalisa Covelli - Admin
MUSIC & DRAMA

Both bands will be performing at the Orange Regional Conservatorium's "School Spec" tonight. Children are reminded to arrive by 6.45pm wearing their School winter uniform. Parents and friends are most welcome.

**Music Manifesto:** Our Senior Band and Senior Choir will be participating in two workshops at James Sheahan Catholic High School next Tuesday 3rd June and the following Wednesday 11th June, in preparation for a performance at the 'Music Manifesto" evening on Friday, 20th June. A separate note was sent home last week and the permission notes need to be returned this week please.

Mrs Allan

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children: Montana Johns, Sophie Beatty, Joshua Brind, Jaya Burcher, Sean Carpenter, Charlie Ferguson.

TUCKSHOP

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Changes to Tuckshop Menu: LOL drinks are no longer available. We have a new drink call Glee which is available in Strawberry, Grape, Blackcurrant and Berry Blast. Cost: $2.00
Rugby Union Gala Day

Last Thursday Catherine McAuley Rugby Union competed in the annual 10’s Gala Day at Endeavour Oval. After two high scoring wins we came up against last year’s winners Assumption School from Bathurst. Our slow start where we let in two quick tries proved our downfall. Our last game against Mudgee St Matthews put us back in the winner’s list, but unfortunately this was not enough for us to make the finals.

The boys are to be congratulated on their fine sportsmanship and wonderful behaviour on the day. Many thanks to Rod Carpenter who helped on the day and we look forward to the Regional Finals Day for the 7’s on 4th June.

Richardson Shield Yr 4

Yesterday Catherine McAuley played 2 teams in the annual Orange Richardson Shield competition. Both teams represented the school with great sportsmanship and wonderful behaviour on the day. From all reports our blue team played some entertaining football and enjoyed the day. Our red team had some wins against Bletchington, St Mary’s 2, East Orange and Molong. In the semi-final against the St Mary’s 1 team, the boy’s defence was outstanding, however their attack proved too strong and they came out winners 4 tries to 2. Many thanks to all the parents and friends who enthusiastically supported the boys and to Dion Corby who managed the Blue team.

Mark Sheridan
Team Manager