Dear Lord,

We pray for all those families from throughout the world, especially Australia, who have been affected by last week's air disaster. May they be comforted in this time of grief and confusion. We continue to pray for peace in our world and pray also for those involved in the current middle eastern conflict.

We ask you to hear this and all our prayers.

Michael Croke

Love

Our love ought to be so firm, so cordial and so solid that we should never refuse to do or to suffer anything for the good of our Sisters.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Leo Vaughan, Lillian Burman, Lual Thit, Brooke D’Ombrain, Alyssa Acheson, Miles Chen, Sophie Kearins, Anika Ballard, Evie Nunn, Cruz Jordan, Jaxon Guyer, Alan Parayil, Nicholas Bennett, Ruby Redmond, Bonnie Murphy, Will Bingham, Thomas Caulfield, Jack Halls, Audrey Madigan & Sam Littlefield.

**Professional Learning:** The McAuley staff joined with the St Joseph’s Blayney staff for a full day of professional learning on Professional Learning Communities. The Pupil Free Day was organised and run by the Bathurst CEO Director and Consultants. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Allen, Mrs Rose-Marie van Raad, Mr Chris Derwin and Mrs Sue Dickson for sharing their expertise and knowledge with us on the day. The McAuley Staff is enthusiastic to face the many challenges and hard work to ensure Catherine McAuley is a true Professional Learning Community. Our Professional Learning Teams (teachers in grade groups) have begun to meet this week to begin to implement the three big ideas of Professional Learning Communities in their grade and classroom. The main focus will be on learning, collaboration and using data gathered to ensure all children are grasping the essential concepts.

Mr Croke will attend a Principal’s Meeting this Friday. Mr Hudson will attend the Sports Council Meeting next Wednesday. Next Thursday and Friday Mrs Croke, Mrs Pellow, Mrs Cracknell & Mrs White will take part in the next two days of the Reading to Learn Course.

**First Communion:** The First Communion candidates and their families are in my thoughts and prayers this weekend as the take the next step towards full initiation into the Catholic family. A lot of time and effort goes into preparing the children and organising the ceremonies for these special celebrations. Thank you to all the teachers and members of the parish who are involved in First Communion preparation this year.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** This Friday 54 children will represent Catherine McAuley at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival in Canowindra. Thank you to Mrs Carpenter, Mr Hudson and Mr Corby for attending the day and looking after our students. We wish all competitors the best of luck.

**Schools Cup Netball:** We wish the Year 6 Netball team and their coach Mrs Connor all the best next Tuesday 29th July when they compete in Stage 2 of the Schools Netball Cup. The tough competition against the teachers at the end of last term will have them sharpened up and well prepared!

**ICAS English Competition:** The children who have nominated and paid to take part in the ICAS English Competition will do so next Tuesday 29th July. We wish these children the best of luck.

**Catherine McAuley Disco:** We will have a School Disco next Thursday 31st July in Kenna Hall.

Kindergarten – Year 2: 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Year 3 – Year 6: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

There will be a separate note come home with details, cost and a permission slip.

**Whole School Assembly:** The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 29th August and will be organised by Year 3, commencing at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Peer Support:** This program will continue for another three weeks this term. Once again thank you to the Year 6 children and teachers for their commitment to this program.

Steve Maguire
**First Holy Communion:** This weekend is a very special one in our Parish, as our Year 3 children will receive their First Holy Communion. As part of their preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, today they celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation. Apart from our Year 3 students, we have seven other students in our school who will also make their First Holy Communion this weekend. We congratulate all these children on this very important milestone in their Catholic Faith, and ask that you keep these children and their teachers in your prayers. A very special thank you also to Mrs Bishenden for the amazing amount of work she does for all the Sacramental candidates in her role of Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator. It is thanks to Mrs Bishenden in a very large part that all our ceremonies run so smoothly and our children have the chance to truly enjoy these special occasions.

**Jeans for Genes Day:** On Friday, 1st August, we will be fund-raising for Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to wear their denim jeans to school and contribute a gold coin which will be sent to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. This money will assist with the funding of research into cures for childhood diseases. Students are not expected to wear any part of their uniform, this is a casual clothes day. If students wish to participate and do not have jeans, they are welcome to wear other appropriate clothing and donate their money to this very worthwhile cause. All children who participate will be given a special pin in recognition of their contribution. There will also be a very limited number of pens and pins available at Reception if any parents would like to buy these and assist with the fund-raising.

**First Communion Thanksgiving Mass:** We have such a packed calendar this term, that we will be having our Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion next week on Thursday, 31st July. All children who have made their First Communion will join in a celebration in Kenna Hall after Mass where there will be a Communion Cake, pizza, hot chips and drinks. Parents are invited to come to the hall for the cutting of the cake after Mass. It is always wonderful to see our families supporting us at our Masses and Liturgies, and I invite all to join us once again for this Mass.

**Year 5 Reconciliation:** Also next week is the Year 5 Second Rite of Reconciliation. This will be celebrated on Wednesday, 30th July at 10.00am.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty

**PARISH MATTERS**

If you are an adult who is interested in being baptised or becoming a Catholic through Confirmation and First Eucharist, then come to the R.C.I.A. Enquiry Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. For more information contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

Sr Helen

“I am the Living bread from heaven,” says the Lord.  
“Whoever eats this bread will live for ever” 

*John 6:51-52*
Wow! Look at us using the chromebooks!

Last week, Mrs Aumuller shared a task with her class through google docs. The activity related to their study of mythical creatures and in particular the book “Burra The Bunyip Who Ate Australia.” Using google docs on the chromebooks, the students were asked to open a particular website and write 2 to 3 facts about a mythical creature of interest in a google doc file. Students were then able to share their work with Mrs Aumuller. Congratulations on your success 3A.

Abraham and Sarah

Kindergarten are learning all about special people from the Old Testament. Here is a wonderful response to the story of Abraham and Sarah created by Winnie Johnson. It is hard to believe she is only in Kindergarten!

“You will have more children than the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on a beach”.
(Based on Genesis 12-18)

A Few Reminders For Byng St

* Please send children with a coat each day.
* Some parents like to send in cakes for their child’s birthday. Just a reminder to inform your child’s teacher in advance.
* Moving children to buses on wet days is very difficult. Please remember to collect your child from the rear of the building. DO NOT walk through the front glassed area. It is also important for parents to wait outside the building as there is not enough room for children to wait. Teachers will attempt to direct children to their parents as quickly as possible.

Clare Miller
CLASS OF THE WEEK - 4G

Grade 4 have started work on their “Cooperating Communities” unit. In particular, we will be having a close look at the city of Orange, as a community. Orange has many “things” to offer us. Here is what 4G think of our city.

- Orange has lots of good things about it. One of these things are all the sites eg Mt Canobolas. Arnold Tancred
- Orange is a great place to live. My favourite thing about Orange is the hospital because you don’t have to go all the way to Sydney if you get really sick. Annliya Rose
- Orange is great when it comes to sport. There are so many sports to play like Rugby Union, League, Cricket, Soccer and many more. Hamish Gibson
- Orange is a great place. You can do lots of fun things like go to Gosling Creek. You can do lots of things like ride a bike. Antonia Lander
- What I like about Orange is that it has an Olympic swimming pool, a heated pool and some diving boards. Its always fun to go there. Kallum Sullivan
- I like Orange because it has lots of things we need to live and to be healthy. Lucy Dean
- Orange, what a place! Orange is where you can see and do things that you like, but it can get really cold in Winter and really hot in Summer. Abby Jones

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

Some of our students enjoying the snow we received last Friday.
NOTES AND BPAY
Just a reminder that when paying for excursions via BPay, permission notes MUST still be returned to your child's teacher. Permission notes are still required for your child to attend any excursion and he/she may miss out if one is not returned.

Also, all overdue Band Fees must be paid in full by 31.07.14. As per the Music / Band contract, signed at the commencement of each year, Band Fees are payable in full to guarantee your child’s future involvement in this programme.

KOALA CLUB BANKING
A Reminder that banking days are Fridays for years K-2 and Mondays for years 3-6.

MONSTER RAFFLE
Thank to those of you who have dropped in prizes for our Monster Raffle. Could all prizes / vouchers be dropped into the office as soon as possible. A voucher is necessary for services donated. Thank you!

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK
Cow’s hooves are used to make the foam in fire extinguishers.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Jessie Ostini, Joseph Talidong, Matthew Allen, Isaac Cardwell, Ryan Downie, Lilly O’Brien, Xavier Bliss, Megan Hall, Chayse King.

TUCKSHOP
Roster—Commencing Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August, 2014

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NOTICES
CITY OF ORANGE JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION
Sign on Day to be held at Waratahs Sports Club Grounds (North Orange).
Wednesday 6th August 4pm - 6pm
$45 per player
All registrations will be taken via an online registration system. All info and links for this process will be on our website and facebook page from Wednesday 23rd July 2014. Please look at these pages for all information. Payment will still be collected at our sign on day or before you play your first game.
For further information call 0403 641 059 or email orangejuniortouch@yahoo.com.au.
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