FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER

PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY FOR OUR MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER IMMEDIATELY. ALL MONEY OR UNSOLD TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

$2,500 IN PRIZE MONEY. ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS OUR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL.

Michael Croke

Mother Catherine
She used often to say that common sense was one of the most necessary qualities for a Sister of our Institute.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Lual Thit, Grace Edwards, Ava Westgeest, Jack Bingham, Juliyat Jojo, Cameron Crump, Seth Vardanega, Alexandra Milne, Bridie Corby, Poppy Wishart, Joshua Brind, Max Hunter, Laura Carmen, Lachlan Wykes, Henry Patterson, Hamish Gibson, Lucas Blashki, Mitchell Crain & Emily Bekavac.

NAIDOC Week: Yesterday our indigenous students were joined by Year 4, 3W and 5L in the NAIDOC March. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising our participation and the teachers who accompanied the children to and from the march and ceremony. Special congratulations to Ryan Downie, Ethan Dillon and Tyse Rolton for receiving special school awards at the NAIDOC ceremony. Congratulations to Millicen Klaare and Ryan Downie who made our school and their families proud when they performed at NAIROC today. Thank you to Mrs Aumuller for organising this experience for them and for accompanying them to NAIROC.

Year 6 Orientation Visit to James Sheahan: The children from McAuley commencing Year 7 at James Sheahan in 2016 will attend their final orientation on Thursday 12th November. This visit includes placement tests. There is also a parent Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm in Mercy Hall on Thursday 12th November.

Summer Sports Trials: Children in Year 5 will be invited to nominate for Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo on Tuesday 10th November. Sports include cricket, softball, tennis, touch football & basketball. Children must be playing the sport and have above average ability to attend. Parents transport children to and from the venue. Thank you to Mrs Mulligan for organising this.

School Disco: Thank you to the committee of teachers who are organising the McAuley Disco. Details and the date will be sent out in coming weeks. I’m sure this event will create a lot of excitement in our school!

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The children and Year 6 teachers will travel to Canberra on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November. This is always a great excursion and a valuable learning experience. It also ensures the children and teachers sleep well into Saturday morning!

Coo-e March: Yesterday Year 5 and Year 6 were part of the Coo-e March. A group of men and women walked from Gilgandra to reenact the Coo-e March on its 100th anniversary. In 1915 young men from the bush walked to Sydney to join up to fight in the 1st World War. Many young men joined them as they yelled out coo-e throughout the towns as they passed through.

Term 4 Hat Policy: Children must wear a “SCHOOL HAT” hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & Year 6 children without a hat will sit in front of the Year 5L & Year 5H classrooms undercover and Year 3 & Year 4 children without a hat will sit under the “big tree” or stay under the shade cloth in “Area D” on the Byng St site.

Steve Maguire

Professional Learning Community: Learning for all … EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE

As a follow up from the Dylan Wiliam Formative Assessment Professional Development, our Staff Meeting this week involved teachers exploring different strategies of formative assessment. You may hear your child come home saying ‘We don’t use hands up in class anymore’ or ‘we used whiteboards instead of our work books today’ or ‘we used our fingers to answer multiple choice questions’. These are examples of ways we are assessing our students to help guide the future direction of their learning.

Lucy Connor
1st November - All Saints’ Day: This Sunday, 1st November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints’ Day. This is a special feast in the Catholic Church, as we take time to honour those who have lived faith-filled lives, and are now enjoying their reward of Eternal life in Heaven. All people who have gone to Heaven are considered Saints – regardless of whether they have been Cannonised or not. The Feast of All Souls’ Day is celebrated on 2nd November, and acknowledges all those who have died. Throughout the month of November we are asked to pray for those who have gone before us. There is a ‘Book of Life’ in each Parish Church where names may be placed, of those we would like to pray for during this month.

Mission Week Money: We are still in the process of counting our Mission Money, and will get you the final figure as soon as it is available. It has been a busy time in the office lately, but we are hoping it may all be done by next week!

First Reconciliation: If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year and have still have not returned the Enrolment Form to the Parish House, could you please do this straight away. Children who have not made their First Reconciliation will not be able to make their First Communion next year. If you need forms or other information, please feel free to contact me.

October, the Month of the Rosary: October is known as the Month of the Rosary. Each year the Church dedicates this month to our Blessed Mother, Mary, and we are asked to join together to pray her special prayer, the Rosary. Even though we are almost at the end of this month, if anyone would like to take home a little statue of Mary with some Rosary Beads to pray the Rosary together as a family, we have two sets that can be sent home for short periods. Either contact me, or let your child’s teacher know, and I will organise a time for your family to borrow one set.

Liturgy and Masses: Thank you so much to all who came to help Year 6 celebrate their Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass last week. A very special thank you to Mel Milne for the beautiful cake she decorated and donated, and which the Year 6 students thought was delicious! Kindergarten will celebrate their Grade Liturgy on creation tomorrow, Thursday 29th at 12.30pm in the Church, and our next Grade Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 11th November by Year 4 at 12.30pm. Thank you to all who join us at our liturgies and Masses, it makes our celebrations very special.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Playground Development

Now that we are in our beautiful new building, it is time to turn our attention to the redevelopment of the playground. The playground committee, consisting of an enthusiastic band of teachers and parents, has been meeting every Wednesday morning for the past few months to devise plans to make the playground as safe, fun, interactive and inviting as possible. Already we have seen the development of the front garden, the painting of lines and games throughout the playground and the installation of basketball hoops.

The next very important step will be the major undertaking of play equipment for the Infants playground. Plans are being finalised at the moment and hopefully installation will take place before the start of school next year. This development is thanks to the fundraising efforts of the McAuley community. The next major development will be a section of artificial grass that will allow a safer playing environment for the more physical activities at school.

Reading Eggs And Mathletics

Students at McAuley will continue to be provided with access to Reading Eggs and Mathletics for the next three years. Both of these online learning tools are very worthwhile for both the classroom and for home. For information regarding your child’s login details please contact me via the front office.

Life Education

Once again Catherine McAuley School will host the Life Education program. For over 35 years Life Education has partnered with schools across NSW to provide a unique, integrated learning experience that supports and strengthens drug and health initiatives. Programs are designed to empower children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices now and into their adult lives. Sessions will begin from Monday 9th November.

Clare Miller

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention by a number of parents, teachers and our Crossing Supervisor at Hill Street, the number of parents who blatantly ignore the rules and instruction by the Crossing Supervisor when crossing the road at the pedestrian crossing before and after school. Please wait until the Crossing Supervisor instructs you to cross, whether you are a student or a parent. We remind you that this is a legal requirement and you can be booked by the police who regularly patrol during school zone hours. This is for our own safety and parents should be a good role model for our children.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Colonel Sanders’ secret recipe for Kentucky Fried Chicken is written in pencil on a scrap of paper and kept in a high-security vault in Lexington, Kentucky.
In Year 1, we have been learning about ‘Places and Spaces’ in Science. Last week, Year 1W concluded this unit by creating a playground. We worked in groups and planned our playgrounds. Then we designed and built some equipment to use. We were proud of our designs.

YEAR 1W NEWS

Positive Parenting

This is a three-hour interactive seminar on positive communication and parenting techniques. Parents will learn to help their children grow and develop to the best of their abilities.

Parents will learn:
- how to acknowledge each child as an individual
- about the power of focusing on what children are doing well
- to help their children have better relationships with themselves and others

Tuesday 3rd November 2015
Cost: $25.00 per person
$15.00 concession
Venue: Interrelate Orange
Address: 108 McLachlan Street

Bookings Essential – Phone 02 6363 3650

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As part of celebrating NAIDOC week our indigenous students, Year 4, 3W and 5L took part in the NAIDOC march down Summer street. In our school studies we recognise tolerance, reconciliation and observance are important qualities in co-operating with other cultures. Ryan Downey, Millicent Klaare and Ethan Dillon also participated in the NAIDOC celebrations at Robertson Park.

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Natalie Joyce, Claudia Horan, James Meade, Ethan Wasow, Grace Dickinson & Ali Gavin.

A huge thank you to all families who supported the annual Scholastic Book Fair this year. We had a huge response and I’m sure there are lots of books being read out there!

Thank you

Catherine Bishenden

Roster—Commencing Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November 2015

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