FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this is the final newsletter for the term and all students and staff are in need of a break and perhaps a little "watching of sport" by the fire, I do want to point out that we may not (yet!) be the most talented sporting staff in the world but our family sporting links are very strong. Some things you may not know about the Catherine McAuley staff and their sporting relatives!!

Which staff member's grandfather captained the Wallabies?
Which staff member's uncle played in an NRL grand final for Cronulla?
Which staff member's uncle played cricket for NSW?
Which staff member's brother in law played in an AFL grand final for North Melbourne?
Which staff member's brother played in the victorious 1974 Western Division Amco Cup team?
Which staff member's sister played netball for Australia?
Which staff member's mother in law played Evonne Cawley in the Australian Open tennis?
Which staff member's daughter represents Australia in triathlons?
Which staff member's brother represents Australia in triathlons?
Which staff member's daughter is in the NSW All Schools Netball team?
Which staff member's cousin plays first grade for the Rabbitohs?
Which staff member's husband still believes the North Sydney Bears will re enter the NRL!
Should I start a parent challenge? Happy holidays to all!

Michael Croke

McAuley Dinner
Canobolas Hotel
Friday July 29th
Tickets available at the Office now!
**Whole School Assembly:** 1W will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 1st July commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome!

**End of Term Reward:** As the term draws to an end the teachers are planning an end of term reward. Any child who has had three Level 1’s or a level 2 or higher level this term will miss out on this end of Term reward. A reminder that 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 End of Year Rewards Day. Rewards are a major part of the Behaviour Management Policy at McAuley. It is important that children are rewarded for displaying the expected behaviour at school.

**Geography Pupil Free Day:** It was a wonderful day last Friday (in the snow) with all staff working hard to organise the new Geography Unit for their grade. Thank you to Rose Marie van Raad from the Bathurst Catholic Education Office for leading us on the day. Next term the children will benefit from the teachers hard work last week. One aim was to bring the units alive and make them more interesting for the children.

**Term 4 Pupil Free Day:** in Term 4 we will devote half the Pupil free day on Monday 10th of October to developing consistency across the grades and school in regard to report grades and comments. The teachers have only just begun using the reporterpro format and will appreciate the time to become more familiar with the program which will improve the standard of our reports. The second half of the day will be spent working on the new History unit in grade groups familiarising themselves with the unit and improving it ready to teach during Terms 1 and Terms 2 next year.

**Reading / Literacy Work with Sarah McDonagh:** This week Sarah McDonagh is working with Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5 teachers on developing children’s fluency & accuracy with reading and looking at what these grades are doing in their Literacy blocks. She will also work with our PLC facilitators Mrs Tavares & Mrs Mulligan on putting our DIBELS results on our data wall. Next term Sarah will be back to work with other grades.

**Student Assistant Meeting:** Today our Support Teachers and Student Assistants met to discuss their roles and how they can best help our students. We are extremely fortunate to have such professional, dedicated, hard working Student Assistants. We thank the following Student Assistant for all they bring to McAuley.

KM – Julie Hunter / KW – Kate Budworth / KC - Shannon Jones
Year 1 - Maria Schmich
Year 2 - Jane Moriarty
Year 3 - Louise Buckland
Year 4 - Leanne Middleton
Year 5 - Liss Ryan
Year 6 - Dion Corby
SWD - Cathy Taylor

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday. See you next term.

*Steve Maguire*
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: When we were Baptised, we became part of the family of God in a special way. We were called to be disciples of Christ, to minister to the needs of others and spread the Good News. It is our job to reach out to others and be the face of Jesus through our actions, using whatever abilities we may possess. Even a friendly smile, a word of gratitude or a gentle touch can be enough sometimes to show someone this face of Jesus. In Luke’s Gospel this week, Jesus sends his followers out to ‘have a go’ at being disciples, letting them know that with God working through them, great things can be accomplished! How often do we give God a chance to achieve great things through us? Perhaps we could take a little time to reflect on how we allow God to work through us to make another person’s life a little better, and give them the chance to encounter Jesus through our actions.

“Assist – a – Student” Casual Clothes Day: This Friday 1st July, is casual clothes day to raise money to assist with the education and living conditions of the children we are sponsoring in Fiji. All children are invited to wear casual clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation. We began to assist several families through this program three years ago, and now some of these children have finished school, and in some cases, gone on to University! This program, which runs in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul, helps cover the educational expenses of these children in Fiji, assisting students with the costs entailed in completing their primary and secondary education. This year because of the devastation caused by cyclones, we will also be helping literally put a roof over the heads of some children. The money raised on Friday will go directly to these families in need. We have received lovely thank you letters from the students, along with updates on their educational progress. I have put these together in a presentation, which our children will see, so they can understand just how much help we can offer for so little. Once again, could I please ask you to continue your support for this wonderful program by sending children to school dressed in casual clothes, for a gold coin donation.

BLAST! 20th – 21st August 2016: The festival is an initiative of the Bathurst Diocese and is aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 9. BLAST provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith. Online registration is open on the diocesan website, www.bathurst.catholic.org.au. The cost of the camp is $100. Once registered, you will receive regular email updates about attendance, what to expect and what to take to BLAST 2016.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

When was the last time you …

Slid down a slide, climbed a tree, rolled in leaves, swung high on a swing, played hide & seek?

Had a ‘Pyjama Day’, made a cubby out of blankets draped over chairs and tables in the lounge room (and kept it up all weekend) and had an indoor picnic?

Visited the Orange Art Gallery or Library?

Spent the day Making and Doing?
Craft doesn't have to mean spending money - collect paper rolls, paddle pop sticks, cardboard boxes, string, natural materials (bark, leaves, bark, twigs), wool scraps, cotton wool etc Anything that allows for open-ended play.

Sat down and drew or coloured in with your child?

Had a cooking afternoon?

You now have the chance. Enjoy this special holiday time with your child. They have worked hard at school and deserve the down time as much as you.

Belinda Forbes

Professional Learning Communities

Year 2 Intervention team meeting

The school intervention team, which comprises of Mrs Ann Kelly and Mrs Debbie Sands, has been meeting with the Professional Learning Teams (PLT’s) of each grade throughout the term to identify and provide support for children who are academically, behaviourally and/or socially in need.

By meeting and planning collaboratively, the staff are able to use the strengths, skills and insights of each teacher to provide a more focused approach when meeting the needs of the students in their care.

Anne Mulligan & Camille Tavares - Learning for all ….. EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The first-ever mobile phone network could handle a maximum of three calls at the same time in any given city.
All teachers in the Diocese of Bathurst have been contemplating their teaching practice through the lens of this model for contemporary learning. It is a model on which we are focusing the student’s learning in five main arenas:

- A rich Catholic Curriculum
- Engaging, Adaptive Environments
- Personalised Learning
- Expertise and Collaboration
- Insight and Meaning

It is indeed exciting to see so many new and wonderful learning tasks taking place around the school; creating websites, cultural learning days, engineering challenges, rotating science lessons/theme days, exploring web2 tools just to name a few. These tasks lend themselves to collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and student engagement - which are precisely the skills our 21st Century Learners require.

Next term, the teachers will be involved in a day where we will look more deeply at the dimension of **Insight and Meaning**; a learning culture that encourages students to use active techniques (experiments, real world problems) to create more knowledge and then to reflect on and talk about what they are doing and how their understanding changes.

We look forward to sharing more of the MCCL journey with you.

**Trish Aumuller**

**MCCL Facilitator**
Masses and Liturgies for Term 3: In case you missed these in last week’s newsletter, here are the Masses and Liturgies we have planned for Term 3.

Week 3: Wednesday 3rd August: Reconciliation for Yr 5: 12:10pm
Week 4: Wednesday 10th August: Reconciliation for Yr 4: 12:10pm
Week 5: Monday 15th August Combined Schools Assumption Mass
12:00 noon St Mary’s Church
Week 7: Friday 2nd September: Whole School Fathers’ Day Liturgy 12:15pm
Week 8: Wednesday 7th September: Year 6 Grade Reconciliation 12:10pm
Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th September: Confirmation
Week 9: Wednesday 14th September: Whole School Confirmation Thanksgiving
Mass: 12:15pm
Week 10: Wednesday 21st September. Whole School Catherine McAuley Celebration Day Mass 12:15pm

Robyn Petty

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week and during the school holidays: Brodie Nunn, Georgie Wishart, Mia Fabar-Robey, Maggie May, Timothy Abbo, Laura Cooper, Cory Griffiths, Demo Demo, Audrey Seale, Harry Johnston, Claudia Johnston, Luke Van Der Westhuis, Taylor Davis, William Tilston, Jack Bingham, Patrick Gray, Ruby Kind, Benjamin Bouffler, Ryan Williams, Abhijith Biju, Sonja Loecker, Mathew Rogers, William Wythes, Aweil Malual, Cruz Ryan and Amelia Gersbach.

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