We are all excited about our dinner and art auction on Friday night. At this stage we have in excess of 170 attending the function. The artworks look sensational and we do expect some willing bidding especially later in the night!! As principal I am aware that many parents will not be able to attend the function for a variety of reasons, especially those parents who may not have access to babysitting or simply have other commitments. The Dinner and Art Auction commences our main fundraising "season". This term also sees the staging of our monster raffle and the start of next Term is when our Melbourne Cup trifecta competition takes place.

I'm sure we would all agree with what we are about to offer our students in buildings and facilities, we are all getting good value for money and any extra pennies to put finishing touches for student facilities will be well received.

Michael Croke
Student of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Abbie–Rose Theobald, Reese Board, Stella Madigan, Ryan Willams, Riley Baird, Milla Sampson, Braiden Jordan, Imogen Shaw, Jaya Burcher, Lilly Hannelly, Feba Abbey, Henrietta O’Brien, Alex Vardenega, Ethan Kenney, Malachai Collins, Jack Mulligan & Athuai Aluk.

Behaviour Management: A reminder that as part of our school Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy any child who reaches Level 2 in a term will miss the end of term reward. At the end of the year any child that has not been on Level 4 OR has not received 10 level ones OR 3 level twos throughout the year joins in a grade reward decided by the teachers. If a teacher or member of the executive is concerned about a student’s behaviour the student may be placed on a contract signed by the teacher / parent / child / member of the executive stipulating the circumstance that they will miss the reward or an excursion even though they have not reached the required levels to be exempt.

Issues in the Classroom or on the Playground: It is important for parents to be reminded that if they have an issue or query with an occurrence in the classroom or school regarding their child the first point of contact should be the class teacher. If necessary the Executive will assist whenever needed. It is not necessary for parents to contact teachers on behalf of children other than their own. Parents are under no circumstances allowed to approach children other than their own on the playground if they are doing something wrong. Please inform the teacher on duty or the class teacher so incidents can be investigated properly and appropriate action taken.

Morning & Afternoon Traffic Reminders: At the moment there are a number of cars not obeying the traffic conditions and rules when dropping off and picking up children from school. There are many cars double-parked and in the wrong zones, particularly in the afternoon. These rules and regulations are in place to ensure the safety of our children and must be obeyed. Otherwise it could be an expensive morning or afternoon as the police do have a blitz on school zones from time to time.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is under way this year. This is a fantastic way to earn equipment for our school that we don’t have to pay for out of school budget! Each child brought home a sticker sheet last week with the newsletter (or you can pick up the sheets from Woolworths) and for every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive one sticker to stick on your sheet. Return the completed sheet to the school office. The more stickers we collect the more equipment will be donated to our school.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival: We wish our squad of 53 athletes the best of luck as they travel to Canowindra this Friday 31st July (as it was postponed last week) to represent McAuley at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Hudson and Mrs Dunn for travelling with the team and supervising them on the day, I will also be attending the carnival. If successful at this carnival children will compete in the Diocesan Carnival at MacKillop School in Bathurst on Friday 7th August.

ICAS Tests: Congratulations to the 48 students who sat the ICAS English Test yesterday. These tests are a wonderful opportunity for students to test their knowledge in Mathematics and English. We look forward to celebrating their success when the results are sent back. The children who have nominated and paid for the ICAS Mathematics Test will sit this on Tuesday 11th August during the school morning session.

Professional Learning: This week in Staff Meetings, the staff have been extremely busy plotting where they think we are on our Professional Learning Community (PLC) journey by plotting our progress on a continuum including collaborative culture, focus on learning and results orientation. The staff are also reviewing our year calendar and the discipline policy particularly focusing on how we can streamline and articulate our school rules succinctly.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016: The enrolment process is in its final stages and letters of offer should be sent out in the second week of August. Orientation for Kindergarten students will begin on Thursday 12th November with a parent evening. The children will then visit the school for three consecutive mornings on Friday 13th, Friday 20th and Friday 27th November.

Peer Support: We are currently finalising Peer Support Groups so the program can begin when the new building is complete. This is a wonderful program that supports the development of relationships within our school.

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 11th September and will be organised by Year 3 commencing at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Steve Maguire
**The Transfiguration**

In St Mark’s Gospel of the Transfiguration this weekend, Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the top of a ‘high mountain’ where He became ‘Transfigured.’ The Apostles saw Jesus’ clothes become dazzling white, and two of the Bible’s famous Prophets, Moses and Elijah, join Him. The Apostles were at a loss as to what was happening. They didn’t understand that this was all part of their preparation for Jesus’ coming in glory through his death and resurrection. The Transfiguration was a statement about Jesus’ authority over death, which would lead ultimately to His glory.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting:** Thank you so much to those who were able to attend the Confirmation Parent Meeting last night. We will be sending enrolment forms for Confirmation home with the children in Year 6 in the next few days. Please return these forms to the **Parish House, not the school.** It is important that details of sponsors and the student’s confirmation name are included on this form. If you need any information regarding the reception of this Sacrament, please contact me.

**Jeans for Genes Day:** On Friday, 7th August, we will be once again 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.

**Reconciliation:** Year 4 celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation today. This was a lovely service, and a wonderful opportunity for the children to share this special Sacrament of healing.

**Assumption Mass:** We will once again be traveling to St Mary’s to join with them for the Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Friday, 14th August. Mass will take place at 12:00 noon and parents are invited to join us, although room in the church will be rather limited! This is a beautiful feast of Mary being taken to heaven, body and soul. As we did last year, we will stay after Mass for lunch and a play with the students of St Mary’s before coming back to school.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

**Beating Around the Bush**

On Monday students were entertained by Mark Stewart from “Young Australia Workshop” in a performance called “Beating Around The Bush”. The show featured a huge array of percussion instruments along with the very latest in state-of-the-art electronic drums and percussion available today.

Let’s hope we have inspired our budding young musicians.

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**Developing The New Playground**

A committee has been formed within the staff to begin discussion about the redevelopment of the playground after the upheaval of the new build. Creating a safe, educational, fun and aesthetically pleasing playground is a major priority for the school as we move into our new building and is also the focus of fundraising this year. Our committee is very much in it’s infancy but we welcome input from interested parents. If you have any great ideas or special skills to offer please do not hesitate to contact me via the front office.

*Clare Miller*

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**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

In 2011, Australia minted a giant $1 million gold coin. It weighed over a ton and used gold worth $52 million.
MINI VINNIES

Congratulations to our Mini Vinnies children on their wonderful efforts in raising money for the RSPCA. The children presented a cheque to Gisela Deasey from the RSPCA last Wednesday and in return were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts. Well done Mini Vinnies!

Roster—Commencing Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August 2015

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YEAR 6 - MATILDA EXCURSION

We would like to remind Year 6 parents of children travelling to Sydney to see Matilda on Wednesday 2nd September, that the final payment for this excursion is due by Friday 21st August.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Adithya Biju, Olivia Collins, Henry Baker, Maya Budd, Sienna Belmonte, Hamish Gibson, Matthew Kennedy, Connor Vardanega, Tyler Bell and Hannah Page.

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McAuley Dinner & Student Art Auction
Place Your Bids Now!
Please contact the office if you wish to place a bid and you are not going to the McAuley Dinner.
Who knows, any of these artworks could be next century’s masterpieces!