FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Melbourne Cup is almost upon us and the major school fundraiser is slowly drawing to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank firstly those ladies who have organised and ensured the smooth running of the fundraising event. It is an event that is certainly financially viable and will be responsible for putting many resources in our school.

I would also like to thank all parents for their patience in embracing two major fundraisers very close to each other, the first one being the Monster Raffle. I am well aware that some parents may find the closeness of these fundraisers inconvenient so I am grateful for the cooperation of all in these matters. Both events have a small amount of work relative to the amount raised. Whilst school fetes and trivia nights are wonderful events they do take a lot of work to organise at a time when most parents are time poor. The Monster Raffle and Melbourne Cup trifecta raise in excess of $20,000 which is an enormous amount of money for relatively little work. As well parents have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets and trifecta tickets to obliging neighbours, as long as they don't buy the winning Melbourne Cup ticket that pays $2,500!

Michael Croke

Charity
Let charity then be our badge of honour ... so that it may truly be said, there is in us but one heart and one soul in God.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week:


**WEEK 4:** Jorja Mascord, Jayden Summerell, Isabella Boyd, Brooke D’Ombrian, Ava Corby, Jayden Innes, Zac Irwin, Lachlan Chellas, Millicen Klaare, Laura Carmen, Toby Telford, Meg Lenehan, Ruby Redmond, Paddy Haydon, Lowana Marwick, Sam Littlefield & Leo Ferguson.

**Organisation for 2015:** Teachers have begun organising classes for 2015. If you know you are moving please inform the school office ASAP so classes can be finalised in order to have them set when reports go home on the 12th November.

**ICAS Tests:** Congratulations to all students who took part in the ICAS Maths and English Tests. Special congratulations to the following students:

**Maths:**

**Distinction:** Jack Dean, Hugh Vaughan & Oscar Williams.

**Credit:** Alan Parayil, Lachlan Mason, Laura Daniel, Riley Clarke, Henry Madigan, Emma Kennedy, Mitch Crean, Sam Ward, Maeve Kennedy, Kyle Gummer, Sarah Madden, Isabel Joseph & Zac Hazzard.

**Merit:** Kelvin Tang, Jeron Sijo, Maddalena Stone, Alannah Seale, Ann Liya Rose & Chloe Jaques.

**English:**

**Distinction:** Riley Clarke, Mitch Crean, Emma Kennedy & Hugh Vaughan

**Credit:** Will Campbell, Archie Dunn, Alan Parayil, Ellie Kostich, Ally Bush, Lucy Stewart, Sam Ward, Isabel Joseph & Oscar Williams,

**Merit:** Laura Daniel, Jerin Joe, Jerin Sijo, Alannah Seale, Greta McFarland, Millicent O’Brien & Cara Seale

**Year 2 Assembly:** The next Whole School Assembly will be organised by Year 2 Friday 14th November commencing at 12.00am in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Term 4 Hat Policy:** Children must wear a school hat during Term 4 or stay in the shade during any play time. Children in Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 without a hat will stay under the COLA. Year 5 & Year 6 children without a school hat will sit in front of the Sr Clare Murphy Room undercover and Kindergarten & Year 1 children without a school hat will sit under the “big tree” on the Byng St site.

**Professional Learning:** Miss Belinda Wilson attended an ICT Educational Advisory Committee organised by the Bathurst CEO on Monday.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion:** The Year 6 children and teachers will travel to Canberra to consolidate their learning on Parliament and Democracy. It is an exciting trip and I’m sure a lot of learning will take place!

**Year 5 Excursion:** Yesterday the Year 5 children travelled to the Bathurst Goldfields as part of their work on The Discovery of Gold in Australia. We thank the teachers for the wonderful opportunities they have provided the Year 5 & Year 6 children.

Steve Maguire
1st November: All Saints’ Day: This Saturday 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 on 2nd November. This Feast honours all who have lived good lives and are no longer with us. All Souls’ Day is a time to pray for those who are known as the “Holy Souls”, awaiting their eternal reward.

Mission Week: Well, it’s all been counted and just about finalised, and thanks to your wonderful generosity, we have reached another new record in Fund Raising - $3600! I really am so grateful for your wonderful support, and I thank you so much on behalf of those who will benefit greatly from this wonderful donation. I look forward to sending a cheque off very soon.

October, the Month of the Rosary: A reminder that October is known as the Month of the Rosary. It is the month the Church dedicates to our Blessed Mother, Mary, and we are asked to join together to pray her special prayer, the Rosary. 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. If you would like to take one of these sets home, please either contact me, or let your child’s teacher know, and I will organise a time for your family to borrow one set.

Rosary for the War in Iraq: We have been invited as part of our Diocese to join in saying the Rosary with the special intention of the innocent people in Iraq and Syria who are facing a horror that we could never image. People are displaced from their homes and are watching loved ones die around them at the hands of a group who show no tolerance or acceptance of those outside their beliefs. The power of the Rosary is wonderful and in light of the devastating situation in Iraq and Syria, could I please ask you if you could find the time to say even a decade of the Rosary with the special intention of these suffering people, and to pray for an end to this senseless war.

Liturgy and Masses: Today we celebrated a beautiful Mass in thanksgiving for our Year 2 students recent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all who joined us to make this such a special Mass. Our next celebration will be the Year 1 Grade Liturgy on Wednesday 12th November at 12.30pm. Once again, all parents and families are invited to join Year 1 for their Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Music, Music, Music: Why is it so important to our students. Music can be shown in many forms and we are very lucky at Catherine McAuley to have Outstanding Music Educators. These music educators include class teachers, students, support staff and most importantly our FABULOUS Music Release Teachers Mrs Anne Allan and Mrs Karen Snowden. In the next few weeks our students have the opportunity to experience some amazing musical performances.

Firstly Richard Gill OAM will be visiting Orange between 19th and 22nd November conducting workshops for primary and secondary students in choirs, bands and orchestras. Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School is most fortunate to have approximately 27 students from Year 5 and 6 attend the Stage 3 Choir Workshop on Thursday 20th November from 10:00am-11:30am at the Orange Regional Conservatorium. Richard will also conduct an evening seminar for teachers, music educators and Principals proposing that “Without Music Education, there is no education.”

Mrs Aumuller will be working very hard preparing the choir students during their lunch times in readiness for the workshop that will be attended by most of the schools in Orange. Below is some information regarding Richard Gill. There is a great TED talk on YouTube where Richard explains the value of Music Education which would be worth a look.

Richard Gill, OAM, one of Australia’s most admired conductors is internationally respected as a music educator. Founding Music Director and Conductor Emeritus of Victorian Opera he is currently Artistic Director/Education Program, Sydney Symphony Orchestra. He has been Artistic Director of OzOpera, Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of Canberra Symphony Orchestra, Adviser for Musica Viva’s In Schools program and Dean of the West Australian Conservatorium of Music. His many accolades include the Bernard Heinze and Don Banks Awards, and Honorary Doctorates from the Edith Cowan University of Western Australia and the ACU.

Richard has also appeared several times on ABC’s ‘Spicks and Specks’ program.

We also had our very own Ryan Downie perform at the NAIDOC celebrations in which his singing was outstanding. The students and staff then got to witness this performance at our Year 5 assembly where there was not a sound in the hall and parents and teachers had tears in their eyes as it was just amazing. Well done Ryan.

So what can we do from here.

Sing….Dance……..and Enjoy the sounds around us.

Belinda Wilson

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The Antarctic is a continent entirely surrounded by oceans; the Arctic is an ocean almost entirely surround by continents.
Music & Drama

Music Count Us In
This Thursday the whole school will gather to participate in the "Music Count Us In" national singing event. An estimated half a million students will all join together in song at 12.30pm, linked by live webcast. Our students have enjoyed a variety of activities including playing percussion instruments and creating their own dances as well as singing the song, "Paint You a Song" for this year's event. Our Year 6 students will be in Canberra but assure me they will join in the countdown and burst into song at precisely 12.30pm!

Band
Our senior Concert Band have been invited to perform at the upcoming Orange Regional Conservatorium's Open Day on Saturday 8th November at 10.45am. A separate letter was sent home last Thursday. All interested parents, children and friends are most welcome to attend and support our band. A special thank you to Mrs Mulligan who will be there on my behalf.

Christmas Concert
Our Year 6 students have commenced rehearsals for a special end of year performance where they will entertain the school with song, dance and drama. The bands will also perform, so mark the date in your diaries: Tuesday, 9th December at 12.30pm.

Anne Allan

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Claudia Horan, Ethan Wasow, Grace Dickinson, Ali Gavin and Gabriella Biviano.

Tuckshop

Please note Banana Moove is no longer available at the tuckshop.

**Roster—Commencing Monday 3rd November to Friday 7th November, 2014**

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Tuckshop Ph: 6360 0942
"A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER"
with Nutrimetics
Let's join together to help

Leanne Middleton
Come along to a fun-filled

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING
and silent Auction

WHERE: Saturday 15th November
WHERE: Manildra Bowling Club
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Invite all your friends and family to this fabulous
night of Christmas cheer...

There'll be lucky door prizes,
Entry into a giant Christmas raffle,
PLUS displays and demonstration

Do some Christmas shopping and the proceeds will go to help Leanne's ongoing treatment

Please RSVP by 10th November to
Michelle or Merlene @ The Manildra store or by
Email manildrastore@llaa.com.au

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ORC OPEN DAY

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Music Workshops
Live Performances from our students
Busking
Market Stalls - Books, plants, art and more
Jumping Castle

Orange Youth Orchestra Concerto Concert
Featuring Concerto Competition Winner Isabella my

ENJOY A MUSICAL FAMILY DAY OUT

SATURDAY 8TH NOV
10AM - 3PM
CONCERTO CONCERT 2:30PM