FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I offer special congratulations to all those students (mainly from Grade 3) who made their First Eucharist last weekend. It is indeed a special Sacrament and enables these children to be more fully engaged in their faith and most especially their participation in the Mass as they receive the Eucharist at school and weekend liturgies.

It was wonderful to see families celebrating the First Eucharist with their child, grandchild, cousin, niece or nephew. Some relatives came from far away to be present. It is truly an important event in the spiritual and religious life of each child. I would hope that once the "glitter and sparkle" of the First Communion subsides that all families make a special effort to attend where possible a Saturday night or Sunday Parish Mass to consolidate the sacrament. It is very easy in the busy world we live in to make attending Sunday Mass a low priority but it is important for children to worship as a community and most importantly receive the Eucharist with the adult members of their family.

Congratulations to our McAuley Netball team who won the Central West Regional Division of the NSW Schools Cup. They now progress to play in the NSW State Netball Gala Day at Penrith in September. Well done girls!

Michael Croke

The Ways of God
You should now enter on the ways of God ...
You should then endeavour to know what are His ways.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Ryan Williams, Beau Jeffery, Sophie West, Jake McNeil, Taj Jordan, Harrison Telford, Elle Johnson, Matthew Torres, Joe Madigan, Jerin Joe, Jonty Hatch, Maddison Vaughan, Charli Hobbs, Abby Jones, Mitchell Layzell, Hannah Edwards, Chloe Jones, Analea Bevan & Sara Madden.

**Catherine McAuley Disco:** The McAuley School Disco is tomorrow Thursday 31st July in Kenna Hall.

- Kindergarten – Year 2: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Year 3 – Year 6: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Parents are to drop children off in the foyer of Kenna Hall. The children will pay their $2 and have their name marked off. At the conclusion of each disco the children will wait with their teacher in the Year 5/6 eating area **between Kenna Hall and the school** the child’s name is to be marked off the teachers list before they leave with their parent. Thank you for your assistance. I hope the children have a great time.

**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.

**ICAS English Competition:** Thirty-nine children from Year 3 – Year 6 sat the ICAS English Competition paper this morning. I would like to congratulate them on the manner in which they got organised and sat the test. I look forward to sharing their results in the coming weeks.

**ICAS Mathematics Competition:** Students who have nominated for the ICAS Mathematics Competition will sit this on Tuesday 12th August.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** Congratulations to the fifty-four children who travelled to Canowindra to compete in the Southern Region Athletics Carnival last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Carpenter, Mr Hudson & Mr Corby for accompanying the children and helping out on the day. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend to support and cheer on our athletes.

**School’s Cup Netball:** The Year 6 Netball Team and (stand in coach) Mr Hudson attended the second stage of the Schools Cup Netball Competition yesterday. They played all games with true McAuley spirit. Congratulations to the team in winning the final, the team will now progress to the third phase of the NSW Schools Cup Competition at Penrith in September.

**House Points:** Last term we introduced a House Points System to encourage and recognise expected, positive behaviour at McAuley. The winning house last term was Woomera on 174 points followed by Bennelong on 161, Kabbabli on 134 and Euroa on 105. When a child receives ten points they will be awarded a special award at our Monday Assembly. The first of these special awards will be given out very soon.

**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 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.

Steve Maguire
First Communion Thanksgiving Mass: It was so lovely last weekend, to have 150 children from our Parish receive their First Holy Communion. We will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion tomorrow, Thursday 31st July. We would love to have families and friends join us for this special celebration, and after Mass all children who made their First Communion will have a little party in Kenna Hall, 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.

Jeans for Genes Day: Don’t forget this Friday, 1st August is “Jeans for Genes Day”. We are inviting the children to wear their denim jeans to school and donate 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. This will be a casual clothes day with the emphasis on wearing denim, however if students would like to contribute to this worthy cause and don’t have denim, they are welcome to wear other appropriate clothing. 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.

Reconciliation: Year 5 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 travelling to St Mary’s Church and School to join with them for the Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption. Mass will take place at 12.00noon 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 with the students of St Mary’s before coming back to school.

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 tonight Wednesday 30th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. For more information contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378.

Sr Helen
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Thank you so much to all the parents who have labelled all their children’s jackets, coats and equipment. We have had a decrease in the amount of lost property which is great. We are trying to teach the students about being responsible for their belongings and having all items labelled is a great help to students and teachers.

The first half of the year has been busy for myself as I have been able to do a lot of research and policy set up for our Gifted and Talented Students at Catherine McAuley. We have many talented students in many areas. During the next half of this year we will be able to explore the direction their learning will take, which all teachers are looking forward to. Of course this is a school community issue so all teachers, parents, and students will be involved which will make for an enriching learning environment. Look out for some great ideas in the following weeks.

Within this term there are going to be a few possible building changes which you will be kept informed about through the newsletter, so don’t forget to read it each week or go to the Webpage and view it again. It’s half way through the year and always a good time for a clean up in all areas. Maybe at home as well and donate some of our unwanted items to local charities. Have a think about it over the next couple of weeks.

Belinda Wilson

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, Leo Ferguson, Hannah Page, Jerin Joe, Adelaide Graham.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

If you could fold a piece of paper 51 times, its thickness would exceed the distance from here to the Sun.
SCHOOLS NETBALL CUP - CATHERINE McAULEY WINNERS

There was movement at the schools, as the word had passed around
That netball was to be played at the PCYC ground.
All the schools had gathered to see who would be the best,
Could Catherine McAuley be crowned the Champions of the Central West.

Game 1 saw Coonamble stand up and test our very might
Unfortunately for them, Lowana and Maddie took up our plight.
Both girls moved with grace, speed and skill around the court
Putting into practise what both Charlotte and Mrs Connor had taught.
When the game was ended, up came the score
McAuley 26 Coonamble 4

Game 2 and 3 Forbes and Dubbo came out to play
But neither of them troubled McAuley on this fateful day.
Lucy Warner and Nikyha showed they were up to the test
Running, passing and defending at their very best.

Game 4 saw Narromine step onto the court, McAuley’s holy place
Would they be the team to bring an end to our unbeaten race.
Ella and Sam made sure this would not be
Playing a perfect game of netball in positions of Centre and GD.

Warren in the Semi-final was our next foe,
Conditions on the court changed, clouds came over and the wind began to blow.
Chloe our GS however, decided this was her time to shine
Inspiring her team with goal after goal, every single time.

I team was left to defeat
St Mary’s from Orange who would be hard to beat.
The battle was hard fought, which gave the crowd a thrill
Every member of the team played with great skill.
But two girls in particular, really stood up tall
Lucy Nagle and Amelia answered the Catherine McAuley call

Time after time, St Mary’s were repelled
Finally the siren sounded and the trophy was ours to be held.
On this day we played netball better than all the rest.

Catherine McAuley were honoured to be crowned CHAMPIONS OF THE CENTRAL WEST

By Scott Hudson

The team would like to thank Mrs Connor and all parents who helped them on the day. Especially our lovely umpires and scorers.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August, 2014

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Orange Little Athletics** season commences Friday 10\(^{th}\) October 2014. Online registration opens on 1\(^{st}\) August. OLA accept online registrations only. Please register online at [www.laansw.com.au](http://www.laansw.com.au).

Collection days (to pick up numbers, uniforms and athlete booklet) are Sunday 7\(^{th}\), 14\(^{th}\) September and Sunday 5\(^{th}\) October 12\(^{th}\) at Waratah Sports Club between 2pm and 4pm.

For more information go to our website at [www.orangela.org.au](http://www.orangela.org.au)

**First time athletes please note:**

- You will need to provide proof of age when you collect your numbers (birth certificate, passport, blue book)
- Athletics requires parent assistance and attendance at competition nights
- Orientation Day 6\(^{th}\) October
- Unable to register online? Email registrar@orangela.org.au