FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Please keep the Fraser and Croke families in your thoughts and prayers as it is with deep sympathy I inform you that Mrs Helen Croke’s father passed away this week. We pray that the families are strong and support each other in this difficult time.

Every time we read the newspapers, watch the news on television, hear it on the radio or talk to our friends we seem to be hearing stories of destruction, despair and sadness. The hardest ones to accept are the stories of people going out of their way to hurt other people.

As the McAuley School Community, it is our responsibility to help our children understand sympathy, feel empathy and to help those who are in most need. For example the French man who helped the young Australian girl in the Nice attacks a few weeks ago. He simply stayed with a stranger in trouble holding her hand comforting her. Something I’m sure that Jesus would have done.

Our children must see us model compassion and help to those who are sick, or hurting emotionally or physically. They must see us treat other people how we want to be treated. Which will ensure the world is a better place.

Steve Maguire

God’s Greatest Designs
God wonderfully assists the humble, and makes use of them for His greatest designs, as they never subtract from His glory, by attributing their success to themselves.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Congratulations to the following students who received merits awards at our last assembly: Asha Priest, Brodie Nunn, Callum Harvey, Hunter Tarleton, Halle Bain, Lily Kelly, Eden Lyons, Kaylee Anderson, Cameron Fielius, Peter Scott-Robertson, Georgie Wishart, Archie Budworth, Jacob Southwell, Cruz Ryan, Luciano Manca, Isabella Cheney, Nate Kenney, Isabella Stedman, Jackson Rodwell, Brooklyn Ryan, Audrey Seale, Katiza Hillier, Ava Westgeest, Tyse Rolton, Lachlan Crump, Vi Nguyen, Heath Vaughan, Alice Commins, Tully Livingstone, Miles Chen, Claire Gibson, Chayse King, Patrick Gray, Drew Scott, Lilly Nonnenmacher, Amelia Lieben, Harrison, Stedman, Alex Milne, Bridie Corby, Will Munday, Kaiden Cole, Nicholas Johnsen, Georgie Halls, Lachlan Newman, Jordan Wykes, Ruby Fischer, Caitlin Cox, Claudia Horan, Luke Van der Westhuis, Tallis Thomas, Montana Johns, Madison Allen, Farrah Gaff, Bella Gibson, Max Bevan, Kate Wykes, Matthew Allen, Tyler Bell, Hannah Daley-Beggs, Mitchell Crean, Billy Tilston, Maddie Stone, Oscar Mullins and Alex Duffy.

Whole School Assembly: KW will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 16th September commencing at 2:20pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Senior Choir: Congratulations to our Senior Choir and Mrs Trish Aumuller who received a highly commended at the Orange Eisteddfod last Thursday. From all reports they were outstanding. Thank you for all the hard work you put into the performance and for all the lunch times you gave up to ensure you delivered such a polished performance. We are very proud of our Choir.

McAuley Bands: It was fantastic to hear the Training Band play for the first time at our Whole School Assembly last Friday. It was their first public performance and they were outstanding. Our Senior Band will compete in the Orange Eisteddfod this Friday and we wish them the best of luck. Thank you to Mr Love and Mrs Allen for giving the children this wonderful opportunity.

Touch Footy Star: Congratulations to Hope Gibson who represented Polding at the PSSA Touch Competition last week in Coffs Harbour. Hope’s Team were undefeated until the Grand Final where they were beaten 4-2. What an achievement!

Professional Learning: On Monday Mrs Petty and Mrs Church attended the Stage 3 Science and Technology Day in Bathurst. This Week Mrs Sands attended the Support Teacher Cluster Meeting in Cowra.

Book Week: We had a wonderful week celebrating books and reading last week. A big thank you to Mrs Bishenden for all her work bringing stories alive. There were many interesting characters roaming around our school last Wednesday including many crayons! The Trivia was a lot of fun as well. These are special days in our school.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The Year 6 teachers have begun preparation for the Year 6 Canberra excursion that will take place on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th of November. As it is a big responsibility to take over seventy children away over night. Year 6 children must behave appropriately at school and all school functions to experience the great privilege. Parents of children who are not exhibiting expected behaviour will have to agree to a contract that stipulates that the child won’t attend this excursion if their behaviour continues to be unacceptable.

Morning Routine: Teachers commence duty at 8.35am. It is important that parents realise children who are dropped at school before this time will not have direct teacher supervision. Any child at school before 8:35am MUST be seated in the designated areas. Any children who are not seated before 8:35am will receive a Level 1.

Steve Maguire
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: This week’s Gospel from St Luke calls us to discipleship. Luke uses harsh language to get the point across. We are asked to become very focused on our faith, and be aware that it is not always going to be easy to follow Jesus. Life is not always easy anyway. Each day we have different struggles we need to contend with, whether financial, family, health etc. This Gospel promises us that Christ will always walk beside, helping us to work through whatever we struggle with. During this week perhaps you could take a moment to reflect on how Christ is present to us, helping us to carry on as best as we can.

Confirmation: It is now only a little over one week before our Bishop, Michael McKenna joins us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be accepted after Friday this week, so if you have not returned your enrolment form to the Parish Office, please do so immediately. Bishop Michael will be talking to our Year 6 students about their upcoming Confirmation on Thursday 8th September when he visits Kenna Hall to officially open the Christmas Art Competition. Please keep all our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this very important step in their Sacramental life. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 10th and 11th September. Please Note: all Confirmation Candidates are expected to be at St Mary’s Church next, Wednesday 7th September at 7:00pm for a practice for the reception of the Sacrament. This is a very important practice, as there is quite a bit involved in the ceremony of Confirmation, and Candidates need to know the procedures involved. Sponsors are welcome to attend, but are not essential.

Fathers’ Day: Thank you to all who have sent in or emailed photos for our Fathers’ Day Liturgy this Friday. It is great to be able to have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our fathers and father figures during this week’s Liturgy and I would encourage all families to join us if at all possible on Friday, 4th September at 12:15pm in the Church. Unfortunately I don’t think I will have time to include any more photos after today, but a huge thank you to all who have sent them in.

Christmas STORYTELLING ART Competition 2016 Opening of Exhibition” Each year all students in Year 5 and 6 throughout the Diocese work on pieces of art for this competition. This year the exhibition will be held in Kenna Hall on Thursday, 8th September, with the official opening to take place at 11:00am. All family and friends of our School and Parish are invited to attend. Following the Official Opening on Thursday, the Exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Friday as well.

Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of “Mother Teresa of Kolkata”: Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael McKenna in St Mary’s Church on Thursday, 8th September at 5.45pm to celebrate the Church’s official recognition of this wonderful woman. All members of our school and Parish families and friends are invited to celebrate this Mass with our local Missionaries Sisters of Charity.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Attendance At School

The management of attendance at school is a very important and often laborious task. School personnel, the CEO, the police and parents have a significant role to play in ensuring that each child’s attendance at school is satisfactory.

Schools are accountable for ensuring satisfactory attendance and this includes ensuring that absence notes are received in a timely manner. (Within seven days of the 1st day of any period of absence with a written note or email to the school). It also involves ensuring children are at school before the start of lessons.

At Catherine McAuley School we have set aside the morning session as “protected learning time”. This means an uninterrupted focus is placed on the student’s learning of Numeracy and Literacy. Unfortunately there is still a large number of children arriving late to school on a regular basis. In addition to the obvious interruption to learning at this very important time, it also means added clerical time for office staff and teachers as each late arrival must be individually entered into the digital attendance register. Bell times for attendance at our school:

- Morning Bell: 8:55am
- Protected Learning Time: 9:00am - 11:00am (Monday to Thursday)
- Recess: 11:00am - 11:20am
- Lunch: 1:20pm - 2:10pm
- Dismissal Bell: 3:10pm

Whilst we understand that from time to time appointments for children can only be made in school hours, we do ask that you try and avoid making appointments in “Protected Learning Time” in that morning session from Monday to Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

Clare Miller

PLC - Professional Learning Communities

Professional Learning - DIBELS data

Our staff meeting in Week 6 was led by CSU lecturer and Bathurst CEO literacy consultant Sarah McDonough. She was able to guide the staff through the process of viewing the DIBELS results of our students online. Sarah showed us the value of analysing data from class and grade reports to see whether students are at risk of experiencing difficulty learning to read and how to monitor student progress and guide instruction.

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) is a series of short tests that assess childhood (K-6) literacy. It comprises of a developmental sequence of one-minute measures: In Kindergarten - Year 1 the skills examined include: recognising initial sounds (phonemic awareness), naming the letters of the alphabet (alphabetic principle), segmenting words into phonemes (phonemic awareness), reading nonsense words (alphabetic principle). From Year 2 - Year 6 the skills examined include: oral reading of a passage (accuracy and fluency), retelling (comprehension), and word use (vocabulary).

Sarah is a vibrant and engaging presenter and the staff gained valuable insight from the session.

Anne Mulligan - Learning for all … Expect Inspire Engage
YEAR 6 DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST

Recently our Year 6 students sat a Diocesan Religious Education Test conducted by the University of NSW. This test was designed to see how well students in the Diocese have built upon their understanding of the Church's Doctrine throughout their primary school years. Our students did very well in this exam, with three students receiving a High Distinctions for being in the top one percent in our Diocese, and another twelve students receiving Distinctions for being in the top five percent in our Diocese. We also gained 37 Credits for other students who were in the top thirty percent of the Diocese. Congratulations to our Year 6 students on this very impressive result! Children awarded a High Distinction or Distinction are listed below:

High Distinctions
Emma Kennedy
Anniliya Rose
Laura Cooper

Distinctions
Matthew Allen
Adithya Biju
Ethan Dillon
Walker Gaff
Bonnie Murphy
Ruby Redmond
Emmasen Buesnell
Mitchell Crean
Jeevan Siju
Sam French
Hugh Vaughan
Abby Jones

Robyn Petty

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The world’s oldest land animal is a 183-year-old giant tortoise called Jonathan. When Queen Victoria came to the throne, he was five years old.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Lewis Budworth, Ruby Hilder, Matthew Torres, Agieg Aluk, Judah Bennie, Annabelle Griffiths and Matilda-Rose Cheney.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 5th September to Friday 9th September 2016

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MONSTER RAFFLE COMING SOON!
TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK
1ST PRIZE - $1000 VOUCHER FROM HARVEY NORMAN
2ND PRIZE - FAMILY POOL PASS TO
ORANGE AQUATIC CENTRE
PLUS ANOTHER 20 GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING GAMES AND
SPORTING EQUIPMENT
RAFFLE DRAWN ON McAULEY DAY

Thunder Girls Cricket League
- Girls only Cricket League
- Thursday afternoons/evening
- Spring League (Oct - Dec)
- u13 and u17 comps
- ODJCA Thunder Girls Cricket League Contact - Jo Hunter
- Ph: 0414 450 368   Email: johunter20@bigpond.com

REGISTRATION ADVICE
2016/17 SEASON
Sign-on/Information Dates:
Tuesday 30th August, 3.30pm to 5:00pm
Kenna Hall (Hill Street) & Thursday 1st September, 3.30pm to 5:00pm
St Mary’s School Hall (Byng Street)

How to Register:
Visit www.cymsjcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
You will find a link to on-line registration under ‘Events’ on the right hand side of screen. Please see the website for more information

Registration Fees:
T20 Blast – U16 $120
Family discounts: 2 children $160,
3 or more children $210