

Term 1
Week 5
1st March 2017

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NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

Monday 6th March

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7th March

Beginning of Catholic
Schools Week

Wednesday 8th March

Catholic Schools Week
Mass 12:15pm

Dio Swimming Carnival in
Dubbo

Friday 10th March

6H Whole School Assembly
12:15pm

NOTES OF THE WEEK

Year 6 - Wizard of Oz

Kindergarten - Parent/
Teacher Conversations

Year 3 - Zoo Excursion

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Parent meeting to discuss parent social events
(and some fundraising).

All parents are invited to a meeting in the school staff room Tuesday 7th March at 7:30pm to discuss fundraising and parent social events for 2017.

Michael Croke

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 6TH MARCH



*Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but
slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn.*

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

McAULEY SCHOOL RULES:

FAITH: God's rules are: 1. Love God

2. Love others – Treat others how you want them to treat you.

JUSTICE: - Make positive choices

RESPECT: - Respect yourself, others and the school environment

SERVICE: - Help others in our school and the world

LEARNING: - Learn and let others learn

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: "RESPECT THE RIGHT OF OTHERS TO LEARN"

This week's focus of the week comes from the rule of **LEARNING:** Learn and let others learn. It is so important to focus in class and learn to the best of your ability. Quite often a student who is disruptive or "just mucking around" not only prevents their own learning BUT also robs the other children in the class of the opportunity to learn as well. It can also put the teacher under pressure if they continually have to stop the flow of learning to correct the inappropriate behaviour of a few children in the class.

Congratulations to the following children who received merit awards at our last assembly: Elias Rivas, Zachary Waters, Lilly Fieldus, Enzo Crombie, Oliver Gersbach, Billy Dean, Zara Purvis, Susanne Moody, Indy Murray, Ryan Neich, Elsie Dunn, Henry Seale, Taylor Davis, April Gardiner, Brodie Nunn, Toby Dickinson, Ruby Hilder, Michael Tang, Zoe Taberner, Thomas Wythes, Ben Mulhall, Madelin Duffy, Peter Scott-Robertson, Francesca Martelli, Charlie Downey, Harry Kingham, Billy Littlefield, Sienna Vaughan, Tyler McGovern, Thomas Cain, Lyla Budd, Tyse Rolton, Ella Callow, Ollie Schofield, Emerson Allen, Riley Baird, Sage Fabar-Robey, Hamish O'Brien, Travis Wright, Jorja Mascord, Seth Vardanega, Feba Babu, Alyssa Acheson, Mia Fabar-Robey, Don Jimmon, Harrison Stedman, Mason Douglas, Noah Lyons, Molly Dunn, Harry Madigan, Adelaide Graham, Charlie Westgeest, Ryan McNeill, Ally-Rose Madden, Poppy Wishart, Jordan Wykes, Ruby Fischer, Matthew Torres, Kashae Gentles, Lara Bingham, Lachlan Chellas, Jeron Sijo, Henrietta O'Brien, Lucy O'Malley, Lucy Cook, Jonty Hatch and Moyia Vidler.

Whole School Assembly: 5C will present their work at the first Whole School Assembly this Friday 3rd March commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

James Sheahan Year 7 Enrolment Procedure for 2018: An information evening will be held in Mercy Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday 15th March for all parents wishing to enrol their children at James Sheahan Catholic High School in 2018 or considering this option. The enrolment process will be outlined during the evening and parents will be given a hands-on insight into 21st Century learning through a series of engaging classroom experiences. Enrolment packs / information will also be available at the 15th March Information Evening or alternatively from the School Administration Office. Enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 close on Tuesday 4th April 2017. All parents seeking enrolment for their children in 2018 need to have an enrolment interview on Saturday 6th May, Monday 8th May or Tuesday 9th May. Interview bookings can be made when submitting enrolment applications.

Southern Region Swimming Carnival: Congratulation to the 46 children who represented McAuley at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival last Friday. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped out and supported our swimmers. Please read the report from Miss Colquhoun. **Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on Wednesday 8th March.**

Diocesan Spelling Bee: Year 3 to Year 6 children will begin to focus on Spelling in order to select one child from each grade to compete in this years Diocesan Spelling Bee.

The final for Primary will be on Thursday 1st June Week 6 of Term 2.

McAuley Athletics Carnival: The McAuley Year 2 – Year 6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 21st March at James Sheahan Catholic High School. This Year the Year 2 children will join with the Primary Carnival. Kindergarten and Year 1 will have a separate Carnival at a date and venue to be confirmed. Year 3 – Year 6 classes have begun to practise field events in sport time. We are lucky to have our new artificial grass areas suitable for some field events practice. Long Jump and Discus Finals will be held at school. Discuss on Thursday 9th March with Mr Sheridan. Long Jump on Friday 10th March with Mr Hudson. Shot Put and High Jump will be run on the carnival day.

Morning Routine: Drop and go at the gate: Parents are reminded that the routine in the morning is drop your child at the gate ...give them a kiss and cuddle and let them walk into school. **EVEN FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN....the children will settle in quickly and will stop congestion in the Kindy and Year 1 line up area of a morning.**

Steve Maguire



Ash Wednesday: Today we celebrated the feast of Ash Wednesday. Today marks the beginning of the Church's Season of Lent. Lent is a wonderful time when we have the opportunity to really reflect on ourselves, and our relationship with God. For the next forty days we travel with Jesus as He prepares for His death on the Cross, and His triumph over sin through His Resurrection. Lent is a time when we are asked to do something that helps us to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for all. Often we are asked to 'give up' something for Lent. Perhaps this year instead, we could 'take up' something for Lent – take up visiting the sick, or take up praying for those who need it, or become more active in helping those in our society that need help. Perhaps we could reflect on “What is going to bring me closer to God” this Lent, and follow that path. A reminder that it is expected that adult Catholics abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as a form of penance.

Project Compassion: By now most students should have received their Project Compassion boxes. Each year in Lent we support the work of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. Caritas Australia is part of a global network that spans over 200 countries and territories. For over 110 years, Caritas has worked towards the creation of a just world. In 1964, Caritas began in Australia. A Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, Caritas is Latin for love and compassion – two qualities which are central to their work. This year Caritas has chosen as its theme for Project Compassion, “***Love Your Neighbour***”. Over the next few weeks at school we will be looking at various groups of people throughout the world who are struggling, and how through our generous donations, we are able to support Caritas to help these people become independent and self-supporting. Please take some time to talk to your children about how through our donations and prayers we can help those who are so vulnerable. More information is available from the Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au

Catholic Schools Week: Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We will be celebrating with a Whole School Mass on Wednesday 8th March at 12:15pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this very special celebration, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

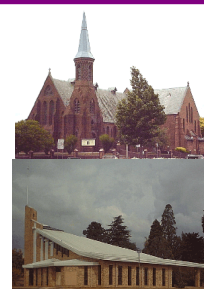
Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - St Mary's Church 6:00pm

Sunday - St Joseph's Church 8:00am

St Mary's Church 9:30am

St Joseph's Church 6:00pm



Pop Up Play

Last week we were very fortunate to have one of our extremely generous Catherine McAuley parents, Kristy Crump to speak to our staff about the research behind Pop Up Play and its many benefits for our students. Kristy is an early childhood educator who along with Mrs Brooke Church has been the driving force behind our Pop Up Play area which is located beside the canteen. The area is filled with lots of wonderful materials such as cardboard boxes, tables, chairs, crates & play food. Kristy conveyed to our staff the important way in which child centred experimental play creates students who are better able to solve problems, navigate relationships and build productive partnerships with their peers. We thank Kristy for her ongoing support in maintaining this play area and for sharing her knowledge and expertise with our teachers.



Mini Vinnies

It has been wonderful to begin the year with such an enthusiastic Mini Vinnies group. Our students have already voted in their leaders, set up their prayer focus and begun planning a cake stall.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by the group to lead Mini Vinnies for 2017:

President: Claudia Horan

Vice Presidents: Emily Caulfield & Arkie Prisk

Spiritual Advisors: Nida Rasheed & Jyothis Jojo

Secretaries: Lucy Cook & Ben Bouffler

Treasurers: Alan Tom & Cooper Agland

Publicity Officer: Angel Tom & Angus Macdouall



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James Sheahan Year 6 Information Morning

Last Thursday Year 6 were very fortunate to welcome principal of James Sheahan, Mr Pauschmann and a number of ex students from Catherine McAuley. Our students were able to learn all about James Sheahan and to ask lots of questions about high school. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear first hand about what they can expect in less than a year!

I have a special prize in my office for the first student to bring me the names of the four James Sheahan students (pictured to the right) who are also former students of Catherine McAuley.



Smashing Goals at McAuley

This week I would like to congratulate the teachers and students from Year 4 who were able to reach and exceed their Mathematics learning goal. Over the past two weeks Year 4 have focussed their learning on adding 5 digit numbers. After their first common formative assessment the Year 4 teachers examined the data and set a SMART goal. Their goal was to increase the level of proficiency across the grade by 11%. They devised a strategy to implement this learning which included grouping the students according to the skill which they needed the most assistance with and moving these students between the three classroom teachers accordingly. After the students completed their final common formative assessment the Year 4 teachers crunched the numbers and discovered that not only had they reached their goal but Year 4 had exceeded their goal, achieving an increase of 18% of students achieving proficiency in adding 5 digit numbers.

It is quite a confronting task to reflect on the success (and sometimes failings) of our own teaching and to set goals which challenge us to change our classroom practices to ensure that these goals are achieved. However, the research suggests that this is one of the most necessary tasks to improve student learning. While this week I have shared the success of Year 4, I would also like to congratulate all of our teachers who have taken steps to reflect, reassess, set goals and find new ways of doing in order to increase student learning.

Common Formative Assessment = An assessment that it is created by the grade Professional Learning Team. The same (common) assessment is administered to all students across the grade. A common formative assessment takes place throughout a learning cycle. The purpose of this assessment type is to: 1. Identify students who need additional time and support for learning. 2. Identify those students who have mastered the essential learning who can then move on to the remainder of the syllabus content and where necessary enrichment tasks. 3. Identify the teaching strategies that were most successful 4. Identify teaching strategies that were not successful.

SMART Goal = Goals that are Strategic and Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results-oriented and Timebound. SMART goals are created by PLT's to measure the success of their teaching and are used to determine if more and varied learning is required.

Camille Da Silva Tavares

SOUTHERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday last week, 37 of our wonderful McAuley students attended the Southern Region Swimming Carnival. Our students competed against students from Canowindra, Molong, Eugowra, Blayney and St Mary's Orange. St Mary's hosted the carnival which was well run and very efficient. It was once again a successful day for the Catherine McAuley community and the students in attendance can be proud of their participation and conduct.

The day was not only beautiful with Orange putting on spectacular weather but spending a day with students' from a variety of grades and classes showed just how well rounded and supportive McAuley students' are of each other. From competing in individual events to cheering their fellow students on McAuley shone as a school with well mannered and gracious sportsmen and women.

I am proud to say that every student who attended the carnival gave their very best. We had most students achieve placings and ribbons. A number of students have made it through to the following level which is held in Dubbo on the Wednesday 8th March.

We did have some students achieve some fantastic overall results such as Millie Rose Brodbeck and Thomas Horan who took out the Runners Up Champions in the Junior Girls and Boys age group. Tallis Thomas achieved Senior Boys Champion.

We also had some region record breakers amongst us such as Knox Gibson breaking two region records in the 50m breaststroke and the 50m freestyle.

Tallis Thomas representing the school for the last time at the regional carnival left his mark breaking the record in the 100m Freestyle.

The collective effort from the McAuley students who represented meant as a whole school we achieved second place in the Overall School Point score behind the host school St Mary's.

Thank you to the parents who attended, cheered and helped out we can see exactly where the caring and giving nature of our students' is fostered from.

I would like to wish all the students heading onto to next level in Dubbo the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their wonderful achievements on their return. I am positive they will represent McAuley and the Southern Region well.

Maddi Colquhoun





PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 6TH MARCH

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

A new skyscraper is built in China every five days. By 2016, there will be four times as many as in the whole of the USA.

KINDERGARTEN FOCUS OF THE WEEK - Feelings

What is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning how to pay attention to people's faces and bodies to figure out how they are feeling.

Why is This Important?

Children who can identify feelings tend to get along better with others and do better in school than those who can't.

Ask your child: **Show me a happy face. Does your body feel comfortable or uncomfortable when you're happy?**

Answer: Comfortable.

How does my face show I am happy? (Make a happy face.) **Possible answers:** Mouth is turned up into a smile. Cheeks are up. Eyes are small.

Show me a sad face. Does your body feel comfortable or uncomfortable when you're sad? **Answer:** Uncomfortable.

How does my face show I am sad? (Make a sad face.) **Possible answers:** Mouth is turned down. Eyes are looking down. Head is down.

Practice at Home

Help your child identify and name feelings, using physical clues to help. Name Feelings as you, your child or others are experiencing them. For example:

Your child is getting upset when you say it is time for bed. **I can see by the way your mouth is turned down and by your droopy eyes that you are feeling disappointed that it's time to stop playing and go to bed.**

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Caitlin Cox, Harrison Bray, Cameron Bray, Sophie West, Jayde Spicer, Evie Nunn, Henry Seale, Koby Reid, Monique Vardanega, Seth Vardanega and Ava Westgeest.

TUCKSHOP

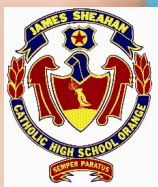
Roster—Commencing Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March 2017

Day	9.30am—11.30am	11.30am—2.00pm
Monday	-	Z Wells
Tuesday	P Bartimote	C Schafer
Wednesday	-	-
Thursday	-	K D'Ombrian
Friday	F Dunn / A Moody	J Griffith / R Fraser / T Webb / M Macdouall * 12:45 - 1:45 - S Mendel

Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942



PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 6TH MARCH



James Sheahan Catholic High School Presents The Wizard of Oz

Friday 3 Mar 2017 @ 7:00pm

Sat 4 Mar 2017 @ 12noon

Sat 4 Mar 2017 @ 7:00pm

Lauryn O'Shaughnessy as DOROTHY

Jack Daintith as the SCARECROW

Hamish Pankhurst as the TINMAN

Matthew Pell as the LION

Sarah Ziegler as the WICKED WITCH
OF THE WEST

Keele Hudson as GLINDA THE GOOD WITCH

Brenton Cox as PROFESSOR MARVAL & OZ

Tickets are now on sale

go to <http://m.ticketek.com.au>

Prices \$95 (2 adults & 2 kids),

\$30 Adult and

\$24 Pensioner,

Junior (3-17yrs) & student

