

# Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School

Orange

McAuley VI

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Term 3 -Week 8 - 6th September 2017



## From the Principal

In recent times in our school we seem to be interviewing lots of parents and children who want to be part of our school community from next year. The reasons for wanting to come to our school are not complex and varied. Whilst we are proud to have modern learning spaces and modern technologies and varied and practical playground areas, the reason that most parents are keen to enrol their child at McAuley is that they have heard our school has a welcoming and warm community and welcoming and warm school staff. Just like a restaurant and a hotel or any business it is pointless having glossy brochures trumpeting modern facilities unless such facilities are matched with good service and a welcoming spirit.

I will be on leave from the end of this week until Week 6 of Term 4. Mr Steve Maguire will be acting Principal during this time and Mrs Robyn Petty will be acting Assistant Principal.

On sporting matters, congratulations to our Year 6 Girls Netball team who were winners at the Catholic Primary Schools State Netball Gala Day in Penrith yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Hazelton and Mrs Connor for their coaching and to Mrs Haydon & Mrs Forbes for accompanying the girls to Penrith.

**Michael Croke**

### EXECUTIVE STAFF

#### Principal

Michael Croke

#### Assistant Principal

Steve Maguire

#### Religious Education Coordinator

Robyn Petty

#### Primary Coordinators

Belinda Forbes

Camille Da Silva Tavares

### Catherine McAuley



We should have the most tender devotion to the blessed Mother of our Redeemer.

***Catherine McAuley 1778-1841***

## 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.

### From the Assistant Principal

**Father's Day Celebration:** It was fantastic to see so many dads, grandfathers and family attending the Fathers Day Celebration last Friday. The dads appeared to love the donuts, tea, coffee and sharing lunch with their children. A big thank you to Mrs Petty for organising the Father's Day Liturgy. I hope everyone spoilt their dad last Sunday.

**NAPLAN School Readiness Test:** All schools are taking part in a NAPLAN School Readiness Test this term. The purpose of the test is to test whether schools have the capacity to move to online NAPLAN. As the data for Year 3 & Year 6 children was already in the system for this years NAPLAN they are the classes that will take part. Catherine McAuley will sit the SRT on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September in Week 9.

#### **Year 5 will complete two tests:**

- Thursday 14th - Morning session - Omnibus Test (which has a number of sections comprising the reading, conventions of language and numeracy domains).
- Thursday 14th - Middle session - Writing Test

#### **Year 3 will complete one test:**

- Friday 15th - Morning session - Omnibus Test (which has a number of sections comprising the reading, conventions of language and numeracy domains).

Please note Friday is not an issue as it is not testing student achievement BUT testing School Readiness to implement the NAPLAN online.

**All Year 3 and Year 5 children do require a set of earphones.** Most children already have a set at school but you might just ensure they do have a working set of earphones at school. They don't have to be expensive ones.

**McAuley Choir:** Congratulations to our school Choir and Mrs Aumuller for their performance in the Orange Eisteddfod last week. From all reports they were outstanding and it brought a lot of emotion out of proud family members and teachers. As a special treat they performed one of their songs at the Father's Day Liturgy. Once again the congregation were amazed at the the ability, skill and commitment of the choir and the expertise of Mrs Aumuller to bring them all together.

**McAuley Band:** We wish our school Band Mrs Allan and Mr Love the best of luck as they perform in the Orange Eisteddfod today. They are working hard and sounding wonderful. We look forward to hearing how they went in next week's newsletter.

**McAuley Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** We celebrate our school feast day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The day will include lots of activities about Catherine McAuley, tabloids, sports, McAuley Dash race, Mass, tug-a-war and families will be invited for a shared BBQ lunch. All children will wear sports uniform on the day. More details to be sent home in the coming weeks.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion:** The Year 6 teachers have begun preparation for the Year 6 Canberra excursion that will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As it is a big responsibility to take over seventy children away over night all 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 behavior will have to agree to a contract that stipulates that the child won't attend this excursion if their behavior continues to be unacceptable.

### **FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Show respect to parents and visitors:**

This fortnight our focus comes from "RESPECT" we have many parents and visitors in our school. Sometimes children may believe that showing respect to parents and visitors isn't important or is old fashioned. This couldn't be further from the truth. At McAuley we respect everyone to be polite and show respect to visitors, parents and teachers. In class and at home we should talk to our children about what respecting visitors and parents looks like.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn:** 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 has brought home a sticker sheet. You can pick up extra sheets from Woolworths, on the McAuley Website or from the school office. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 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. There is a box in the children foyer of the school office to put the completed sheets in.

**Steve Maguire**



### **HAIL MARY**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

And Blessed is the Fruit of your womb,

Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

Now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen

### **From the Religious Education Coordinator**

**Mary, Mother of the Church:** This Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Throughout her life she always had complete trust in God. He asked so much of her, without any explanation, and she was always willing to follow His will. Perhaps over the next week we could spend a little time reflecting on the life of our Blessed Mother, and looking to her for inspiration to cope with all the difficult and unexpected things that happen in our daily lives.

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A:** The Gospel reading this weekend is a very famous one. We have often heard the phrase 'Wherever two or three people are gathered together in my name, I am there with them.' This weekend, St Matthew presents us with this Biblical quote. It is set in a lesson about community and forgiveness, because we are human, we will always have different opinions about things. The Gospel this weekend offers advice on how to seek reconciliation with others when our paths differ. Treating each other with dignity and respect is so important, and one way to make sure we do this, is to pray and keep God with us throughout the process. We are assured that whenever we gather, God will be with us, guiding us and helping us through whatever difficulties we may have. We can not underestimate the value of Prayer.

**Fathers' Day:** Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate Fathers' Day last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many dads and other special men in our children's lives able to join us for this lovely Liturgy. The children were so proud to have their fathers, grandfathers and families with them. I hope everyone had a lovely celebration last Sunday.

**First Reconciliation:** As a Parish we are now starting to prepare for the Sacrament of First Penance, or as we commonly call it, First Reconciliation. This Sacrament is directed at our Year 2 students. We will be having Parent Meetings early next term. We understand that not all parents can get to an evening meeting, so this meeting will be repeated during a morning session.

**The dates for these meetings are:**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – St Mary's Church**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm – St Mary's Church**

As part of the enrolment process for this Sacrament, **prior to these meetings, parents are expected to make an appointment to meet with one of the priests.** This meeting provides an opportunity for you and the priest to get to know each other and is a chance for you to ask any questions about the sacrament or the faith journey of you and your child. At the meeting you will receive a document that will need to be attached to your child's enrolment form. A note has already been sent out to Year 2 students with further details of this process. If you did not receive this note, please see me and I will provide one for you.

**Diocesan Youth Festival:** The annual Diocesan Youth Festival **RISE** will be held at Ridgecrest Conference Centre, Burrendong from 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2017. **RISE** is a chance for Year 6 to Year 9 students to spend time together, have fun and learn more about their faith. It will be an unforgettable experience! For more information visit [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au) or contact Deacon Josh on 0458 261 513 or email:

[ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

**Christmas Art Competition 2017:** Each year students in Year 5 and 6 across the Diocese work on pieces of art for this competition. We were lucky enough to hold the exhibition last year, and saw the wonderful calibre of work offered by our Primary School children. This year the exhibition will be held in Mudgee. We have sent three works of art from both our Year 5 and Year 6 students. Congratulations to Maddison Vaughan, Lily O'Brien and Jyothis Jojo from Year 6 and to Charlie Westgeest, Cleo McGinley and Caitlyn Shields from Year 5 on your entries to this competition.

**Catherine McAuley Celebration Day:** It is not long now until we celebrate our Patron, Venerable Catherine McAuley. On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September we have Mass at 12:00pm, as well as a host of activities. We would love you to join us for Mass on this very special day and for some or all of the fun!

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless,

**Robyn Petty**





Last Thursday Mrs Aumuller invited me to accompany her to the Eisteddfod to help with the Choir.

Firstly it was an absolute pleasure to listen to these students perform with joy, happiness and spirit. Although they did not place OFFICIALLY at the Eisteddfod they won the hearts of the crowd, amazed their conductor Mrs Aumuller and created the tears in my eyes. Hence creating a huge FIRST PLACE PLUS for us.

There is an outstanding amount of work that goes into this performance. Mrs Aumuller has given up her lunch times nearly everyday to work with the students. From this passion the students are happy to give up their lunch to sing and learn as well.

It is not just about going and singing together. It involves listening to each other, watching their conductor, concentrating on their own voice and singing with happiness just to name a few. It also goes to show the amazing talent of Mrs Aumuller who trains these students. She has to get to know their voices and where they will work best as well as choosing a song that is appropriate for them. None of that is an easy feat.

Both the amazing Choir Students and Mrs Aumuller should be congratulated on their work.

I hope that I get to listen to them again, just to invigorate my soul and connect with the passion that they shine.

**Belinda Forbes**



# TERM 3 IN YEAR 6

**21st Century Learning at its best!**

## STEM

1. DESIGN A PADDLEPOP CATAPULT
2. CODE AN ANIMATION
3. BUILD A BRIDGE



“Most jobs need Science, English and Maths so we are getting ready for this.” Joseph B

“It makes you want to come to school (even on a Tuesday).” Will W

“I enjoyed working in groups.” Alexander H

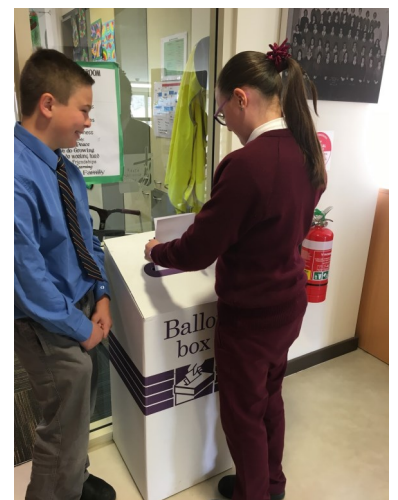
“It's fun and you get to work with different people.” Laura C

## PROJECT BASED LEARNING

**Researching the environmental issues that impact on Blackman's Swamp Creek.**

## PREFERENTIAL VOTING

Voting on the most significant issue affecting Blackman's Swamp Creek.



**Camille Da Silva Tavares**

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

### GUITAR CONCERT

All members of the School Guitar Groups tutored by Matt and Andrew, are reminded to keep practising in preparation for their concert on Tuesday 12th September. The Concert will be held at the Orange Regional Conservatorium commencing at 6:30pm. Parents are reminded to RSVP to their child's tutor as soon as possible, as places are limited. We look forward to a wonderful evening.



### YEAR THREE PLAYS

The Year 3 children are eagerly anticipating their play performances next week. Children are reminded to bring any costume items to school in a plastic bag with their name clearly labelled. It would be best to have costumes ready here at school this week to avoid forgetfulness on the performance day!

Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend in the Music Room, Sacred Heart Building.

3H Monday 11th September at 1:00pm

3S Monday 11th September at 2:35pm

3A Wednesday 13th September at 1:00pm.

**Mrs Allan**





## Happy Birthday

Matilda-Rose Cheney

Koby Phillips

Noah Richards

Ruby Davison

Meagan D'Ombrian

Knox Gibson

Ruby Fischer

Toby Dickinson

Albert Robinson

## Model of Christ-Centred Learning Awards

For Week 7 teachers will focus their attention on awarding students from the: **Expertise and Collaboration** dimension; the yellow section of the model.

Expertise and Collaboration requires:

- A shared vision of learning
- High expectations and standards
- Knowledge and skills through collaboration
- Inclusivity, equity and wellbeing
- Healthy relationships based on trust
- Productive partnerships



***Congratulations to the following students who received awards from their teachers in Week 7:*** Elias Rivas, Billy Dean, Maggie McRae, Zoe Taberner, Lilli Duffey, Patrick Cain, Riya George, Will Boyd, Archie Budworth, Charlie Armitt, Spencer Wilde, Grace Edwards, Nick Rowland, Sage Annis-Brown, Charlotte Collins, Evie Franklyn, Jorja Taberner, Myles Sullivan, Connor Vardanega and Jack Dean.

**Trish Aumuller**

MCCL Facilitator

**Don't forget to sell your tickets! More available at the office.**



**We have some great prizes up for grabs this year!**

**15 x \$100 vouchers from Big W**

**15 x \$100 vouchers from SportsPower**

**A \$200 voucher from Big W for the child/family who sells the most tickets**

**and.....**

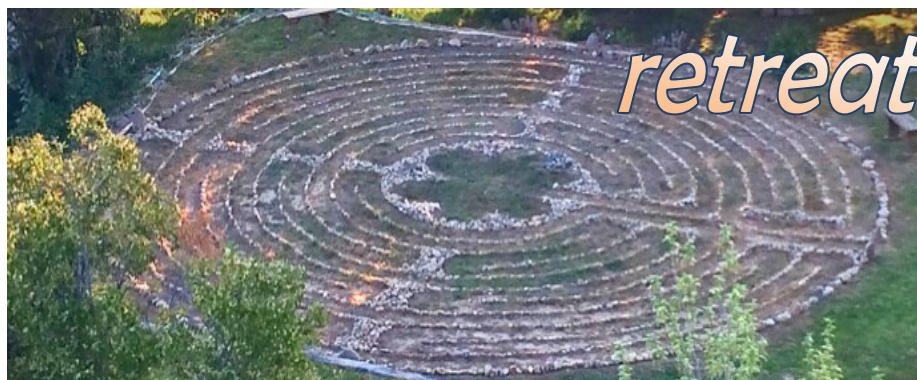
**Entry into a draw for each child/family at our school who sells 10 tickets for a chance to win a signed State of Origin Jumper. Wow!!**

**More tickets available at the office.**

**Raffle will be drawn Catherine McAuley Day on**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

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**Tuckshop Roster—Commencing Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September 2017**

Day	9.30am—11.30am	11.30am—2.00pm
Monday	-	S Bohringer
Tuesday	-	K Fischer
Wednesday	-	-
Thursday	T Scott-Robertson	-
Friday	K Callaghan / P Taberner	N Day / E Kingham



**\*12:45 - 1:45pm: T Newman / P Cain**

**Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942**



## St Mary's Patronal Feast Day Sunday 10th September 2017

\*9.30 Mass at St Mary's Church, Orange



\*Rosary & Procession to School Hall



\*Sausage Sizzle, pasta & Sweets -

\$2 per serve

\*Raffles and games —



From \$1 each



\*Free - Jumping Castle &

activities for Kids



\*Music & Entertainment



Celebrating our Lady with Love and Fun for the WHOLE family!

All money raised will go towards NEXT years festivities!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## SOFTBALL Registration & COME AND TRY DAY

If you have never played softball before or haven't played for a long time this is your opportunity to come and see if you enjoy it with no cost or commitment to register

**WHEN:** Saturday 23 September 2017

**WHERE:** Sir Jack Brabham Oval, Orange

TeeBall	Ages 5-10	9 am
Modball & U15's		10 am
Youth (U19) & Mixed Senior		11 am
Kandooz Disability Program		11 am
Competitive Adults (Opens)		11 am

**COST:** NIL and a free sausage sizzle will be available for all participants

**For more information please contact:**

Geoff 0412 785 656

Jacque 0407 934 471

Kelli 0447 224 813

Cathy 0407 450 260



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orange city council

**WOW! 2 more weeks until school holidays!**

**Out of School Hours (OOSH) Care Services** will be providing **Vacation Care** at the **Calare Public School OOSH venue** during the September/October school holidays.

**Vacation Care will be held from Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October 2017, excluding the public holiday on Monday 2 October 2017.**

**Bookings for the September/October 2017 Vacation Care will open from Monday 4 September to Friday 22 September 2017.**

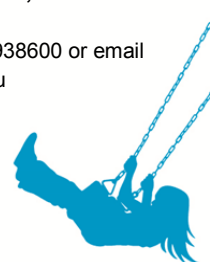
For existing OOSH families, all booking documents will be emailed to you, and payment is now available via credit card on the booking form and over the phone.

Payment in person can be made between 9.00am & 4.00pm during the booking weeks at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street, Orange.

**Bookings are limited, and fill up very quickly when booking week opens!!**

**Full payment must be made and all forms returned, at time of booking.**

For more information about bookings, please call 63938600 or email [childrensservices@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:childrensservices@orange.nsw.gov.au)



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**Date** *Week 2 Term 4* **Time** *Various times - TBA*

**Place** *Catherine McAuley School Library.*

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# upcoming EVENTS

## **Wednesday 6th September**

Year 5 Mass 12:30pm

## **Thursday 7th September**

Year 3 & Year 4 Winter Sport

## **Friday 8th September**

Year 5 and Year 6 Winter Sport

Polding Athletics

## **Monday 11th September**

3H Play 1:00pm

3S Play 2:35pm

## **Wednesday 13th September**

3A Play 1:00pm

## **Wednesday 20th September**

McAuley Day Mass 12:00pm

## **Friday 22nd September**

2L Assembly 12:15pm

Last Day of Term 3

## **Monday 9th October**

1st Day of Term 4

**Wednesday 18th October - Monday 24th October - Term 4**

Book Fair

**Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School**

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### **Interesting Fact of the Week**

The amount of water on Earth is constant, and continually recycled over time: some of the water you drink will have passed through a dinosaur.

### **Mass Times**

St Mary's Church - Saturday 5:00pm

- Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church - Sunday 8:00am

- Sunday 5:00pm

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