

# Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School

Orange

McAuley VI

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Term 4 -Week 9 - 6th December 2017



As this will be our final newsletter for the year I do want to take this opportunity to thank all those who make the McAuley family what it is. We are indeed fortunate to have a wonderful committed hard working staff in both teaching and administration. The latter includes secretaries, tuck shop staff, grounds people etc.

Whilst it may sound a simple statement they are all dedicated and committed people whose main endeavour is to make the day for the students both challenging and comfortable. A school should always be a place where children can operate to maximum capacity but it must always be a place where children can express themselves and that also means it must be a place where it is safe to fail.

The atmosphere at McAuley is one of care and concern for all ages and stages. We are very grateful to those who contribute to that be they student, staff member or parent. The Orange school scene is a very robust marketplace and whilst it is great to have up to date facilities including the latest technologies, the word will soon seep through the city if any school does not complement such facilities with a caring atmosphere and a strong community.

**Michael Croke**  
**Principal**



## EXECUTIVE STAFF

### Principal

Michael Croke

### Assistant Principal

Steve Maguire

### Religious Education Coordinator

Robyn Petty

### Primary Coordinators

Belinda Forbes

Camille Da Silva Tavares

## Catherine McAuley



### *Catherine McAuley 1778-1841*

How can we teach the love of God if our own hearts are cold?

**Catherine McAuley**

## 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

#### **Staffing for 2017: Grade Teachers - 2018:**

Please note that the McAuley policy is not to change classes once they have been finalised. Classes for 2018 have been finalised and will be sent out with the students reports this Friday.

#### **Kindergarten:**

- Mrs Margret Wright
- Mrs Sue Derwin
- Mrs Catherine Sutton

#### **Year 1:**

- Mrs Debbie Prestwidge
- Miss Maddi Colquhoun
- Mrs Brooke Church / Mrs Shannon Cain

#### **Year 2:**

- Mrs Jennene Carpenter
- Mrs Helen Cracknell / Mrs Lucy Connor
- Mrs Bel Forbes / Mrs Peta Lidster

#### **Year 3:**

- Mrs Georgie Haydon
- Mr Mark Sheridan
- Mrs Trish Aumuller

#### **Year 4:**

- Mrs Eleanor Bettinzoli
- Mr Gerry Gough
- Mrs Robyn Petty / Mrs Anne Mulligan

#### **Year 5:**

- Ms Sharyn Fitzgerald
- Mrs LeeAnn Hazelton / Mrs Kim Pellow
- Mrs Helen Croke

#### **Year 6:**

- Mrs Camille da Silva Tavares / Mrs Kate Wright
- Mr Scott Hudson
- Mrs Rebecca Hughes

#### **Before & After School Care and Vacation**

**Care at McAuley:** We have sent an application for funding for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care at McAuley. It is envisaged that through Centacare we will offer Before & After School Care and Vacation Care at McAuley in 2018.

We will inform you of the outcome as soon as we hear any information. It would be a wonderful asset to our school and a big help to the families in the McAuley and wider community.

**End of Term Reward:** Grades are busy preparing for their end of year reward. The parents of any child that has had several breaches of school rules throughout the year and may miss the Grade Reward will be contacted by the class teacher to be put on a behavior contract for the reward.

Grades will be taking part in the following rewards:

Kindergarten: Christmas activities at school - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1: - Movies - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2: - Movies - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 3: - Movies - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4: - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 5: - Blayney Pool - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 5 Leadership Morning:** Last week our Year 5 children attended a leadership day with the students from James Sheahan. The day was very worthwhile and a big thank you to Mrs Amber Calleja and her team for all their time and effort in ensuring the Year 5 children are aware of the traits of a good leader. Following the session, the Year 5 children and all teachers voted for the 2018 McAuley Captains and Vice Captains. It is important to acknowledge that although four children receive official badges ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN are considered leaders in our school and are expected to set a good example for all. The Captains will be announced at our final school Mass on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**House Captains:** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December the children from Year 3 - Year 5 will vote for the House Captains for 2018. These captains will assist with the sports carnivals and also assist the School and Vice Captains. The House Captains will be announced at our final school Mass on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00pm.

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

"Children who arrive at school before 8.35am sit calmly and talk quietly in the Eating Area in Area A."

This is an important focus as it is necessary to ensure the safety of all students who arrive at McAuley before a teacher is on duty at 8.35am.

#### **Year 6 Mass & Farewell Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**December:** An invitation has gone home to the Year 6 Parents for the Year 6 Farewell night. Parents are asked to send in the \$25 to help with costs of the evening ASAP. A committee of Year 6 parents has been formed to organise the celebration following the Mass. If you indicated that you can help you will be contacted soon. A big Thank you to the Year 5 parents who have offered to help serve and clean up on the night. A note will be sent home closer to the date to inform you of the details.

**Christmas Cheer:** We are all getting very excited with Christmas fast approaching. Please do not send candy canes to school as they are often eaten at the wrong time and can lead to arguments in class or on the playground. They can be special treats to share at home.

**Happy Christmas:** I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday. I would like to wish the Year 6 children and their families, particularly those ending their association with Sacred Heart, St Joseph's and Catherine McAuley best wishes and happiness for your future. Thank you for your ongoing support in 2017 and I look forward to working with you again in 2018.

**Steve Maguire**



## From the Religious Education Coordinator

**The Season of Advent:** This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in the Church's Season of Advent. In St Mark's Gospel this weekend we are introduced to John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin who was the one to proclaim the coming of the Son of God and show how the prophecies were to be fulfilled. John is the messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ. He appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism for forgiveness of sins. John was seen as a bit of a rebel, living on wild honey and locusts out in the wilderness. He didn't conform to the expectations of the day. He offered people a challenge that made them slightly uncomfortable. This was a challenge that Jesus was to take up. As we continue our Advent journey, what challenges are we facing? Have we taken time yet to start to prepare for Jesus to come to us at Christmas? Maybe this week we could spend a little time thinking about how we will "prepare the way of the Lord."

**Christmas Giving:** Thank you so much to those who have already sent in gifts for St Vincent de Paul this year. It is a change from the usual hampers, and one where we can make

such a difference to the lives of the children we help. If you have not done so already, could I ask you to please send in a **small Christmas gift for a child**. It would be wonderful if each family could send in one small gift, wrapped and with a gift tag indicating if your gift is for a girl or boy, and what age (1-12 years). Even though Christmas is about celebrating the birth of our Saviour, as

parents, we know that on Christmas morning, children long for the excitement of the presents under the tree. This is our way of bringing Christ to those for whom Christmas will hold little hope. The joy of sharing is the true meaning of Christmas. We will take these presents up during the End of Year Mass next Wednesday, so you could please send in one (or two) presents per family, we can truly bring Christ's presence this Christmas to those who really need it. Your generosity will make a huge difference!



**Changes in Mass Times for 2018:** As we will only have two priests to look after our Parish and all the small towns around Orange next year, Fr Greg has had to reconfigure the weekly Mass times to try and accommodate all our needs. Next year all our School Masses will be on a Thursday morning at 9:30am. This will commence with our Opening Mass, which will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am. I will send out a list of Masses and other Liturgical celebrations for the whole year during our first week back.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Our last Mass for the year, our **End of Year Mass** will take place on, **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon**. During this Mass the Captains for 2018 will be announced. It has been wonderful having such support from parents, friends and families throughout the year, and we look forward to your continued presence with us.

**Year 6 Farewell Mass:** Our Year 6 Farewell Mass this year will be on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm. This very special Mass will be followed by a celebration in Kenna Hall for our Year 6 students.

**Thank you:** This year we have had many, many occasions for parents to show their support by attending functions. It has been wonderful to see how generously you have given of your time and come along to share these events with your children. We truly enjoy seeing parents and families able to enter into the successes of their children, and love having you with us. We try hard to schedule events at times when parents may be able to come along and give you as much notice as possible so you are able to join us. We feel blessed at Catherine McAuley by the amazing support we receive from our parents and general school community and truly appreciate all you give. Thank you for all you do for your children and for our Catholic school community. We look forward to your continued presence and support in 2018.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Dates and times for Christmas Masses are on the back page of this newsletter and separate flyer will be sent out next week with Mass & Reconciliation times. Please take note of these times, as they are slightly different to normal weekend Mass times.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, and all the Blessings of the Season.

God Bless,

**Robyn Petty**



**The second purple Advent Candle –**

**The Candle of Peace**

**Come, Lord Jesus,**

**Come and visit your people.**

**We await your coming.**



## **Year 6 Lake Burrendong - Rewards Day**

*On the First of the December, Year 6 prepared for their great excursion to Lake Burrendong. We boarded the bus and one hour later, we arrived at our destination with a day full of fun right ahead of us .*

### **Rock climbing :**

*Arkie amazingly modelled as the first climber and helped her classmates with what to do. There were many different levels of intensity. Starting from a very simple one where the wall was tilted backwards so it was a breeze. Levels 2 and 3 were straight up and gave us a bit of a challenge but little did we know what we were in for when it came to level 4. The wall was tilted towards us so you were basically hanging upside down, the rocks were nearly impossible to grab and some had holes where only 2 fingers could fit in so it made it extremely hard to hold up your own body weight. We had some very good rock climbers who miraculously made it to the top of level 4 even though we were all covered in sweat, were in pain from the harness pulling on us and from holding up our teammates when they fell .*



### **Raft building:**

*After our delicious lunch: (Sausage sandwiches with a wide variety of sides and toppings), we went Raft Building. Jemma ran us through the instructions, what materials were good to use and some great techniques. We had 30 minutes to choose our materials, plan our designs and finally build our masterpieces. We chose different items such as surf boards, poles, pipes, barrels, ropes and a lot of knots . Next we had a competition in which teams could get from one end of the pool to half way with the most people on board, then raced to see which team could pull apart and put away their raft the quickest. We had 15 minutes left and had a ball playing water polo, boys VS girls, it was a draw, 3 all. Then we had to go which led us to our last activity which was certainly the most dangerous and yet still the most craziest fun .*



### **Slip 'n' Slide :**

*After Rock Climbing and Raft building the class went to the slip 'n' slide and it was awesome. Jemma ran us through the rules of the slide then it was on with the fun . We were soaked in washing detergent then sent all the way down the humongous yellow plastic tarp and at the bottom slid straight into a big pile of mud . The class slid down the slide for the rest of the day, diving onto the slide then running up the hill as fast as we could so we were able to get another turn. The class became very creative with their turns on the slide diving synchronized with each other , spinning, holding each other's feet and going down in a train .*



*In conclusion, year 6 had the best time and we are very happy yet sad to have nearly ended our time at this wonderful school with our fellow peers and great teachers to guide us along the way. The year 5's should be very excited for the end of year excursion next year.*

*By :*

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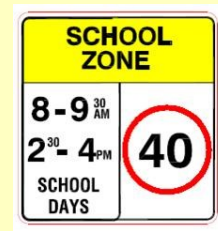
# Golf

Please note the  
last day for Year  
6 Golf.

8th December



## SCHOOL ZONES AND HOLIDAYS



*A reminder to all our parents ahead of the Christmas holiday break at the end of Term 4 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.*

*School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.*



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Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December 2017 are **Pupil Free Days** - will your infants or primary school aged child need care?

**Out of School Hours (OOSH) Care Services** will be providing care at the Calare Public School OOSH venue on both Pupil Free Days.

**OOSH will also be providing Vacation Care from Wednesday 3 January to Thursday 25 January 2018 at Calare.**

**Bookings for the Pupil Free Days and January 2018 Vacation Care will open from Monday 27th November to Friday 15th December 2017.**

For existing OOSH families, all booking documents will be emailed to you, and payment is 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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**Happy Birthday to the following students who have birthdays this week and during the holidays up to the end of the year:**

Ella Callow  
Lachlan Gander  
Olivia Tilston  
Finn Littlefield  
Mia Milne  
Harry Dean  
Isabella Cheney  
Thomas French  
Bed Marriage  
Grace Bjorksten  
Liam Fraser  
Cooper Lawry  
Macey Lenehan  
Amelia Hogben  
Thomas Wythes  
Lacey Omrod  
Cooper Eatell  
Charlie Isaacs  
Samantha Stiller  
Tynai Meyenn  
Ryder Myenn  
Lola Short

Riley Allen  
Jaimie Sijo  
Hugh Franklyn  
Francesca Martelli  
Addison Gardner  
Ruby Kingham  
Luciano Manca  
Chelsea Turner  
Daisy Bohringer  
Lachlan Newman  
Cooper Agland  
Joshua Harris  
Lucas Kelly  
Ally-Rose Madden  
Hans Pangilinan  
Ruby Dover  
Spencer Wilde  
Lillian Burman  
Charlize Spurr  
Angel Tom

## Merit Awards



Zachary Waters	Liam Fraser
Enzo Crombie	Layla Duffy
Xanthe Gardner	Sophie Bouffler
Atticus McGuire	Cassidy Hanrahan
Bridget Waters	Beau Jeffery
Ava Sutton	Edwina Johnson
Gabrielle Cain	Emerson Allen
Cooper Judge	Riley Baird
Cynthia Palmer	Jorja Mascord
Ashton Eslick	Lauren Day
Sienna Lawford	Jack Gow
Joshua Harris	Kate McKendry
Ella Mustac	Cameron Bray
Brodie Nunn	Feba Babu
Azalyah Rolton	Cameron Crump
Phoenix Zinga	Harrison Stedman
Tynai Meyenn	Jack Coffee
Lilli Duffey	Grace Dickinson
Kai Plante	Claire Gibson
Toby Dickinson	Bede Marriage
Austin Brooking	Henry Baker
Austin Macdouall	Tess Hazzard
Meagan D'ombrain	Matthew Kennedy
Benjamin Caltabiano	Evie Nunn
Julia Loecker	Anika Ballard
Willow Clarke	Myles Sullivan
Riya George	Rachel Masling
Isabella Garnaut	Lachlan Newman
Harry Kingham	Piper Draper
Reese Board	Sheawyn Whitta
Lucy Nunn	Caitlyn Shields
Isabelle Waters	
Levi Zinga	
Sienna Murray	

## Model of Christ-Centred Learning Awards

**For Week 8 of Term 4** we will award students for the green dimension of the model; **Insight and Meaning.**

***Congratulations to the following students who received awards from their teachers in Week 7:*** Harry Church, Eamonn Danda, Ben Delaney, Matilda Spicer, Charlie Livingstone, Ben Mulhall, Alex Campbell, Isabella Stedman, Annabelle Griffiths, Tomma Tancred, Travis Wright, Selina Tang, Mia Sciuto, Koby Reid, Sonja Loecker, Charlene Bilal, Harry Madigan and Prue McAtamney.

**Trish Aumuller**  
MCCL Facilitator





All library books are now **overdue**. Please return any library books as soon as possible. If you have misplaced a book or you need to know what you are looking for please just send me a note.

It is great to see so many books being borrowed and read throughout the year and hopefully during the holidays you can access the Orange City Library to keep all the bookworms happy. Or maybe Santa will pop a book or two under the Christmas tree for you to read during the break.

Thanks

**Catherine Bishenden**

### **Koala Banking**

This week is the last week for Koala Banking. We will recommence in Week 2 of Term 1 next year.

*Thankyou!*

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>9.30am—11.30am</b>	<b>11.30am—2.00pm</b>
Monday	R Cox	-
Tuesday	-	K Cain
Wednesday	-	-
Thursday	K Daniel	A Meade
Friday	L Milne	M Vaughan / L Johnson / A Edwards / N Weston
		<b>*12:45 - 1:45pm: S Martyr</b>



**Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942**



# upcoming EVENTS

## Interesting Fact of the Week

To dringle is to waste time in a lazy manner.

### Tuesday 12th December

Year 6 Farewell Mass 6:00pm

### Wednesday 13th December

End of Year Mass 12 noon

### Friday 15th December

Last day of school for students.

### Monday 29th January 2018

Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 30th January 2018

First day for students in Years 1-6

### Wednesday 31st January 2018

First day for Kindergarten students



## Christmas Masses 2017



### Christmas Eve

6:00pm Mercy Hall

(James Sheahan Catholic High School)  
Orange

6:00pm St Columbanus, Cudal

6:00pm St Michael's, Manildra

7:00pm St Patrick's, Cargo

7:30pm St Laurence's Molong

7:30pm Carols, 8:00pm Mass St Mary's  
Orange

10:00pm St Joseph's Orange

### Christmas Day

8:00am St Joseph's, Orange

8:00am St Brendan's Mullion Creek

9:30am St Mary's, Orange

9:00am St Canice's, Millthorpe



### Mass Times

St Mary's Church - Saturday 6:00pm

- Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church - Sunday 8:00am

- Sunday 6:00pm

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