

Term 1
Week 6
8th March 2017

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NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

Friday 10th March

6H Whole School Assembly
12:15pm

Wednesday 15th March

Grade 2 Liturgy 12:45pm

Thursday 16th March

Rugby Union 7's Gala Day

Friday 17th March

3H Whole School Assembly
12:15pm

NOTES OF THE WEEK

Rugby 7's Gala Day
Year 3-6 (selected students)

Dio Swimming (Selected
Students)

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It is a chance to remind us all about why we have enrolled our children in a Catholic School, why we work in a Catholic school and why we are a student in a Catholic School. The fact that our main celebration for the week is a school Eucharist gives a clear indication of the purpose of our existence. Our schools were founded by brothers and nuns who had dedicated their lives to the education of youth whilst being part of a very spiritual and prayerful lifestyle. Our school is named after and has the charism of the founders of one of these orders.

In Catholic schools week we recognise that at Catherine McAuley the academic formation of the student meets the moral formation of the student. The gospel values of love, faith, and compassion sit at the heart of what Catholic schools are all about. With that we engender knowledge, skills, intellect, values, purpose, social awareness and a moral grounding. And we endeavour to do all of this in partnership with parents....whilst still leaving enough time to be part of the staff footy tipping competition!

Michael Croke

If the love of God really reigns in your heart, it will quickly show itself in the exterior.

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.

Whole School Assembly: 6H will present their work at the first Whole School Assembly this Friday 10th March commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly: Harrison Shaw, Vittorio Manca, Xanthe Gardner, Annabelle Ferrier, Jessica Williams, Coco Rowland, Klay Oliver-Roach, Eamonn Danda, Sienna Gosper, Judd Zinga, Molly Wolf, Joshua Harris, Lynk Wright, Vaughn Bieniek, Tara Simpson, Eden Lyons, Lilli Duffey, Albie Robinson, Ben Mathews, Evie Tyack, Harry Grinter, Charlie Isaacs, Kody Wasow, Heidi Plokstys, Jaiden Rogers, Archie Budworth, Paityn Klaare, Lucy Nunn, Isabella Garnaut, Levi Zinga, Ruby Dover, Arliyah Geal, Katiza Hillier, Liam Fraser, Roxy Macdouall, Ryder Tilston, Selina Tang, Ruby Draper, Max Plokstys, Chloe Cox, Harry Johnston, Sophie West, Ruby Allen, Alice Commings, Charlotte Collins, Alexander Morley, Ollea Iffland, Gemma Armitt, Bede Marriage, Riley Nunn, Jaya Burcher, Sophie Kearins, Cooper Agland, Jorja Taberner, Alex Tang, Myles Sullivan, Alexandra Milne, Sheawyn Whitta, Maya Thompson, Isabella Budworth, Emily Caulfield, Jack Dean, Naomi Wright, Amelia Hogben, Hope Gibson and Cruz Jordan.

Pupil Free Day: On Monday the staff of McAuley had a pupil free day to work with Sarah McDonagh on how to teach Phonics. A big thank you to Sarah, Debbie Sands and Ann Kelly for developing a school scope and sequence to ensure the children at McAuley have a sound knowledge of phonics. Sarah explained that we must teach phonics to all Kindergarten to Year 2 children. She has given us an assessment to administer to children in Year 3 – Year 6 having difficulty applying phonics to help them decode in their reading. As a result of this assessment the teachers will decide where individuals or groups of students in Year 3 – Year 6 will need to revise phonics using our school scope and sequence. Sarah has also given teachers strategies to develop reading fluency in Literacy Blocks at school. Some grades are also sending home work to develop reading fluency for homework. During the afternoon Vicky Hagney & Pauline Walkom introduced the staff to School Based Positive Behaviour for Learning (SBPB4L). This framework for behaviour management has been used in the state school system for many years and has much to offer the McAuley community. More details on SBPB4L will follow.

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.

Diocesan Spelling Bee: Year 3 to Year 6 children have begun 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.

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.***

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL continued ...

Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on Wednesday 8th March: We wish the 21 children attending the Diocesan Swimming Carnival the best of luck. Thank you to the parents for transporting the children and Mr Croke and the parents for time keeping and supporting the children.

Diocesan Winter Trials: The Diocesan Winter Trials for Netball, Rugby Union, Rugby League and soccer will take place in Bathurst on Friday 17th March. Year 6 children will be invited to represent McAuley at these trials. To be eligible to attend the trials the children must be playing the sport and demonstrate a high skill level.

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 this week. Discus on Thursday 9th March with Mr Sheridan. Long jump on Friday 10th March with Mr Hudson. Thank you to Mrs Kylie Jordan for organising James Sheahan students to assist with the running of the Discus and Long Jump finals. Shot Put and High Jump will be run on the carnival day. The date for the Kindergarten and Year 1 carnival will be announced ASAP.

Steve Maguire

FACES OF McAULEY



Catholic School's Week
"GREAT LEARNING, GREAT COMMUNITIES"

Dear Lord,

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools.

It is a time to give thanks for the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place each day in every classroom.

We acknowledge and thank all who work in the service of Catholic education to create the opportunities for students that allow them to grow and thrive.

We thank you for the wisdom and understanding of teachers;

The enthusiasm and energy of students

the leadership of school Principals and executive staff;

The skill, care and commitment of administrative and support staff

the guidance of our pastors and religious leaders, and

The support and partnership of parents, carers and local communities.

We pray that each student's learning journey be inspired by a search for your wisdom and truth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Amen

Catholic Schools Week: This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week for 2017. Thank you to all who joined us at Mass today. It was lovely to have so many people able to show their support for both our school, and Catholic Education in general.

Lent: Our Lenten journey through the next 40 days leading to Easter, gives us the opportunity to take stock of our relationship with Christ. We see Him in all his humanness, as He fights temptation, hunger and other human frailties. As we travel with Jesus during these 40 days, we too are asked to leave the security of our spiritual comfort zone. Perhaps a good place to start is prayer. Spending even just a short amount of time in regular prayer allows Jesus to touch us and guide us. This year, may our Lenten Journey truly bring us to our own renewed relationship with our Saviour.

Project Compassion: Teachers have begun work in their classrooms on Project Compassion for this year, and most children will have brought home their boxes. The Project Compassion focus for 2017 is **"Love Your Neighbour"**. It throws a spotlight on various groups of people throughout the world who are struggling, and through support from Caritas are able to become independent and self-supporting. We can help these people through our contributions to Project Compassion. More information is available from the Caritas Australia website www.caritas.org.au. Please take the time to talk to your children about how we can help those who are so vulnerable.

School Liturgies and Masses: Next week we look forward to Year 2 celebrating their Grade Liturgy on Wednesday 15th March at 12:45pm in St Joseph's Church. Our Year 1 students will celebrate their Grade Liturgy the following week on 22nd March at 12:45pm. As always, you are very welcome to join us for these Liturgies.

Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

KINDERGARTEN FOCUS OF THE WEEK - Calming Down Strong Feelings

What is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning that sometimes feelings can be strong, and how to calm down strong feelings.

Why is This Important?

When children's feelings are very strong, it is hard for them to think clearly and pay attention. When children are calm, they are able to learn and get along better with others.

Ask your child: **When you are starting to feel a strong feeling, what should you do first?**

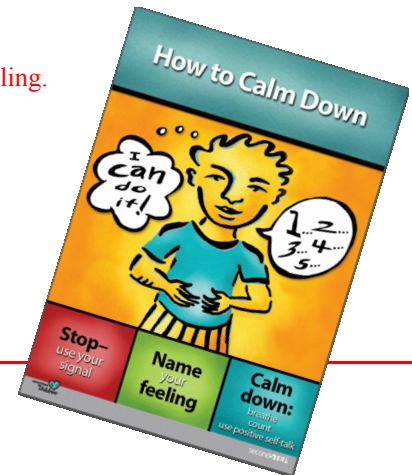
Second Step Answer: Put my hands on my tummy and say 'Stop'.

After you say stop, what should you do next? **Second Step Answer:** Name my feeling.

Then what can you do to calm down? **Second Step Answer:** Take belly breaths.

Can you show me how to belly breathe? Let your child lead you through belly breathing: Put your hands on your tummy. Focus on your breathing.

Breathe in through your nose, making your tummy (belly) move out. Breathe out through your mouth, letting your tummy move in.



Practice at Home

When you notice your child having strong feelings, remind him or her to use the Calming-Down Steps. Then, together with your child, practise belly breathing. For example.

Your child is starting to get frustrated. **I see you're having a strong feeling. Put your hands on your tummy and say 'Stop'.** Wait for your child to say stop. **What are you feeling?** Help your child name the feeling. **Now let's belly breathe together.** Practise belly breathing with your child.

KINDERGARTEN FOCUS OF THE WEEK - Handling Waiting

What is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning how to calm down and choose something quiet to do to make waiting easier.

Why is This Important?

Children who have good waiting skills tend to do better at school and have better social skills than those who do not.

Ask your child: **What can you do to make waiting easier for you?** **Possible Answers:** Take some belly breaths. Use self-talk ('I can wait.' 'Stay still.' 'Be patient.') Do something quiet that will not distract others (tap fingers together, count everyone in the queue, hum a song quietly.) Count.

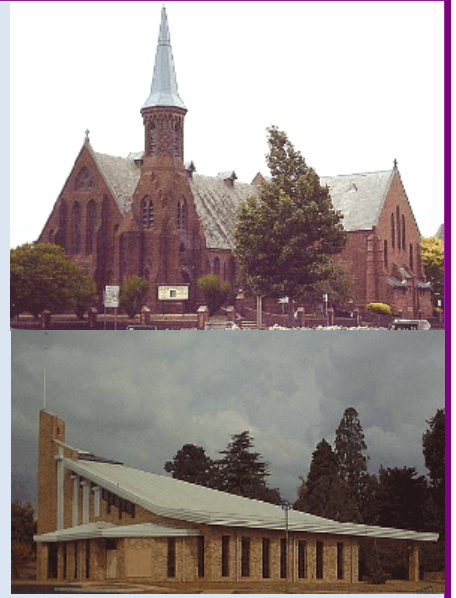
Practice at Home

During daily activities that require waiting, such as waiting for you to finish a phone call, waiting for dinner, or waiting for a friend to visit, remind your child to use one of the ways to make waiting easier that they learned in class. For example:

I am going to make a phone call. I need you to wait very patiently while I finish the call. What can you do to help you wait? Wait and let your child respond. Offer suggestions if needed, such as belly breathing, counting, using self-talk or doing something quiet that will not distract others.

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



INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

Vatican City is the only place in the world where cash machines offer instructions in Latin.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Zander Hainsworth, Max Vaughan, Jack Dean, Chloe Cox, Jaxon Guyer, Braiden Jordan, Ethan Turner, Domenic Belmonte, Jorja Mascord, Aldrian Bangayan, Ruby Draper, Lilli Duffey, Madelin Duffey, Lachlan Chellas, Patrick Coffey, Ryan McNeill, Oliver Schofield, Maddison Vaughan and Mason Everett.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March 2017

Day	9.30am—11.30am	11.30am—2.00pm
Monday		
Tuesday	-	S Cain
Wednesday	-	L Ralston
Thursday	-	H Rutherford
Friday	L Ryan / R Mulhall	A Cantrill
		*12:45 - 1:45pm V Page / B Scuito

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**Celebrating 30 years of the
Annual CWA Central Western Group Schools' Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday, 16th May 2017**

The upcoming CWA Central Western Group Schools' Public Speaking Competition will be held
in Orange at Kinross Wolaroi School, Bathurst Road, Orange, on Tuesday, 16th May 2017
between at 9am - 12 noon

This year the competition will be held two weeks earlier than usual. Entry forms for the
competition, are due on April 7. This is the last day of term one. For further information about the
competition including hints, topics & entry forms, please contact your local school.

The winners of each section will go on to compete in the Inter-Group competition in
Trundle during June, with competitors from the CWA Groups of Oxley and Far-West.

Phyllis Wheeler is the chairperson of the Public Speaking committee, if further information is required she maybe
contacted on: 0427 982 156



**ORANGE CYMS
JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**



Last chance for 2017 registration

**CYMS Junior Soccer Club still have spaces available
in some age groups**

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