

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School Orange

McAuley VI

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Term 3 -Week 4 - 9th August 2017



From the Principal

Last weekend most of our Grade 6 children received the sacrament of Confirmation, a time when they became adult members of the Catholic faith. I thank all those members of staff and parish who prepared the children for the sacrament and all parents and family members who took part in the celebration and we congratulate the children.

Whilst we realise that not all families and members of our school community are formal participants in the Catholic faith it is wonderful to see the faith, spirit and gospel values that the children in our school display. We encourage a personal faith and connection with God and for children, despite their youth, to have a spirit of connection with others and to be aware of others and most importantly to be aware of their own spirituality.

Michael Croke

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Principal

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Assistant Principal

Steve Maguire

Religious Education Coordinator

Robyn Petty

Primary Coordinators

Belinda Forbes

Camille Da Silva Tavares

Catherine McAuley



The proof of love is deed.

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

Protected Learning Time: It is wonderful to walk around our school during Protected Learning Time (9:00am - 11:00am Monday to Thursday) and see the uninterrupted focus on learning. The high expectations on students who are working at their individual level is obvious as is the variety of activities, engagement of students, teachers and student assistants.

This week I have been working with Kindergarten children with sound blends, reading and subtraction. Also with the Year 6 children with adding and subtracting fractions.

A big "SHOUT OUT" TO THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND CHILDREN FOR HOW FAR THE CHILDREN HAVE PROGRESSED IN TWO TERMS TO HEAR THE KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN READ AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE WRITING IS SO IMPRESSIVE. WELL DONE KINDERGARTEN.

*Learning for all...
EXPECT, INSPIRE, ENGAGE.*

ICAS Tests: The children from Year 3 to Year 6 who nominated for the Mathematics ICAS Test will sit it on Tuesday 15th August. These tests are not compulsory or set on the Australian Curriculum that we implement. They are one way of acknowledging the achievement of students that are working above grade level.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival:

Children who were successful in being chosen to represent the Southern Region Team at the Bathurst Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 18th August will receive information by early next week.

Chess: Thank you to Miss Colquhoun for organising our school chess club this year. Last Tuesday the children travelled with Miss Colquhoun to Millthorpe Public School to participate in an inter school chess competition. Thank you to the parents for transporting these children. The children had a great day and participated with great enthusiasm and were all well behaved.

Issues in the Classroom or on the Playground:

It is important for parents to be reminded that if they have an issue or query with an occurrence in the classroom or school regarding their child the first point of contact should be the class teacher. If necessary the Executive will assist whenever needed. It is not necessary for parents to contact teachers on behalf of children other than their own. Parents are under no circumstances allowed to approach children other than their own on the playground if they are doing something wrong. Please inform the teacher on duty or the class teacher so incidents can be investigated properly and appropriate action taken.

FOCUS FOR THE FORTNIGHT:

Always play appropriately on the playground:

The focus this fortnight is on how children behave on the playground. With approximately 530 children on our playground during breaks we have a relatively small amount of incidents, accidents and arguments! However, from time to time we do have issues on the playground. The children will be reminded to:

- keep your hands and feet to yourself
- play appropriately
- treat others how you want to be treated
- inform a teacher if someone is being hurt physically or emotionally.

Woolworths Earn & Learn: The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program begun last Friday.

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 will bring home a sticker sheet this week. You can pick up extra sheets from Woolworths or the school office. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths until Tuesday 19th 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's foyer of the school office to put the completed sheets in.

Just Like Me: Over the past two weeks the Year 5 children have taken part in the Just Like Me Program that helps them appreciate the challenges faced by people living with a handicap. It also points out that these people are just like them. Thank you to Prue McArthur for presenting this program to our Year 5 children.

Steve Maguire



From the Religious Education Coordinator

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Yesterday, 8th August, we celebrated the Feast Day of our very first and only Australian Saint. Mary MacKillop was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph order, and a remarkable woman. Through unbelievable adversity she travelled the Australian outback to bring education and the gift of faith to the children and families of the land. She died on the 8th August 1909, and was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010. Students have spent some time this week looking at the life of Mary MacKillop, and getting to know our one and only saint a little better. For more information on St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, please visit:

www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Confirmation: Last weekend we welcomed Bishop Michael McKenna to our Parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on over 120 Candidates from our Parish. The Masses were beautiful and truly Spirit-filled. Congratulations all those who were Confirmed. This is a very special time for both our students and our Parish, as these candidates are the future of our Church and the blessings bestowed upon these children are some of the many signs of hope for our Catholic future. We were also very lucky to have Bishop Michael McKenna spend some time with our Year 6 children last Friday morning, as part of their final preparation. A very special thank you to our Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Shannon Cain for all her hard work behind the scenes, which allows all to experience such reverent and uplifting ceremonies.

Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass: Thank you to all who joined us in celebrating our thanksgiving for Confirmation today. It was a lovely Mass, filled with the Spirit. The children also enjoyed their little 'party' after Mass. Once again, we were blessed with a beautiful cake, which was made, beautifully decorated and very kindly donated by Mel Milne. Thank you once again to Mel for her wonderful generosity. Thank you also to the Parents who were able to join us for photos and a cup of tea.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Gracious God,

We thank you for making Mary MacKillop

Strong in faith and conviction.

Inspired by her example

May we, the people of Australia

Endeavour to make our country

A place free of poverty and injustice,

A place of wisdom and learning

Where you are praised in peace and love.

Amen

Jeans for Genes Day: Thank you so much for the incredible support you gave us last Friday for **Jeans for Genes Day!** We raised over \$600, which will go to the Children's Medical Research Institute to fund research into cures for childhood diseases. Once again, a massive thank you for your amazing support!

Feast of the Assumption: Next Tuesday, 15th August we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption with Mass in St Joseph's Church at 12:15pm. This is a very important Feast in the Church's year, and a great celebration of our heavenly mother, Mary. This feast is seen as such an important feast by the Church that it is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, one in which we are expected to attend Mass. We would love you to join with us to celebrate the entry of Mother of Jesus into Heaven, body and soul.

Fathers' Day Liturgy: Fathers' Day is on the first weekend in September. This year we will celebrate with a Fathers' Day Liturgy on Friday 1st September at 2:20pm. We are in the process of making plans for a lovely Fathers' Day celebration, culminating in our Liturgy. Here is a little advance notice so you can start to look for and send in photos of our children with their dads, grandads, uncles, and special men in their lives for the powerpoint at the liturgy. These can be sent in through email, USB or hard copy, and I will begin the lengthy process of organizing this presentation. I am happy to send hard copy photos and USB's home again the same day. My email address is: r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au

Wishing you a wonderful week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty



Schools Cup Regional Finals: Congratulations to the Year 6 girls, Mrs Hazelton and Mrs Connor who won the Regional Final of the Schools Cup Netball yesterday. This is an amazing achievement and we are extremely proud of the girls. Thank you to the parents supporters and umpires who were there with the girls on the day.

Southern Region Athletics Carnival

As you are aware on Friday 28th July some of our students competed in the Southern Region Athletics Carnival. We did place a piece in last weeks newsletter listing our results however we have inadvertently put Michelle Hayes as Senior Champion and Hope Gibson as Runner Up Senior Champion when we should have placed Hope Gibson as Senior Champion and Michelle Hayes as Senior Runner Up. We apologise to Hope and Michelle for this error and relist our results as follows:-

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

Junior:

Freya Bryant

Taj Jordan

11 Years:

Rachel Masling

Senior:

Hope Gibson

Congratulations to the following Runners Up Age Champions:

11 Years:

Cruz Jordan

11 Years:

Rachel Masling

Senior:

Michelle Hayes

Steve Maguire

Model of Christ-Centred Learning Awards

For Weeks 3-4 we will start back in the Orange dimension of the model; **Engaging, Adaptive Environments that energise and empower the learner.**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards from their teachers in Week 3: Archie Markwick, Charlotte McLeish, Jude Marriage, Romey Westgeest, Ruby Hilder, Xavier Sherwood, Jaiden Rogers, Robert Schmidt, Paityn Klaare, Tomma Tancred, Max Plokstys, Micaela Pantoja, Ruby Wythes, Joey Clark, Elle Johnson, Mat Rogers, Alexander Hobbs.

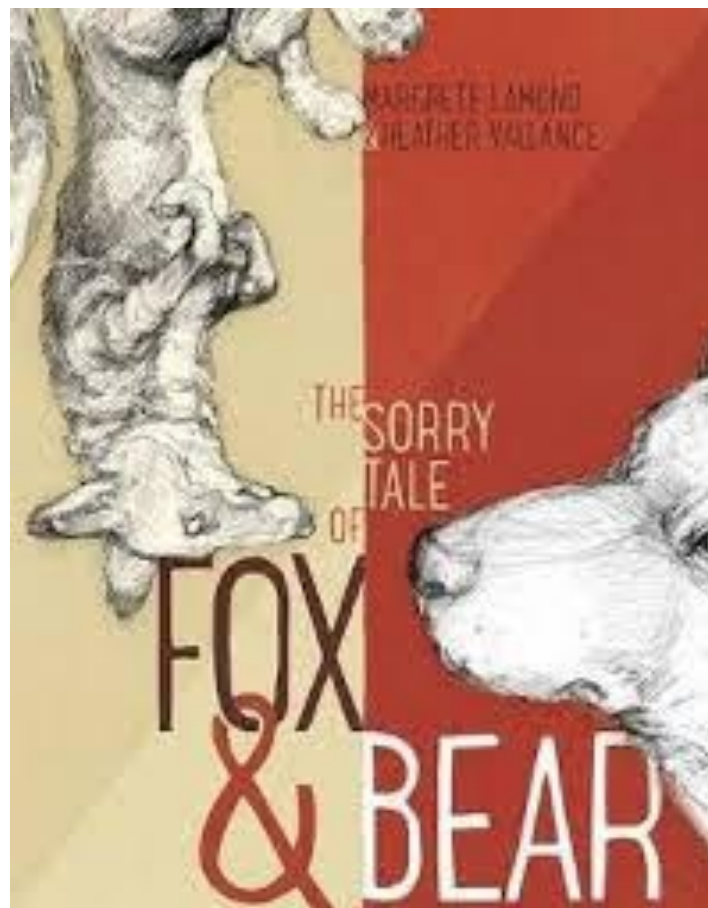
Trish Aumuller

MCCL Facilitator

Library News

Don't forget that all students are asked to come to school dressed as any book character on **Tuesday 22nd August** to celebrate Book Week 2017. Please wear closed in shoes. Parents are also invited to come along at 1:20pm on the same day to share lunch with your children in the playgroundweather permitting.

Do yourself a favour and go along to Botanica Flora (at the rear of Good Eddy) 187 Lords Pl and visit the wonderful **Art Exhibition by Heather Vallance**. Heather has illustrated the delightful children's book "The Sorry Tale of Fox and Bear" by Magrete Lamond. Both the illustrator and author are from the local area and we are so lucky to have these beautiful original artworks hanging in Orange for us to see. The exhibition will only be here for two weeks so don't miss out. **Opening times are: Tues-Fri 9am-5pm and Sat 9am-2pm.**



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

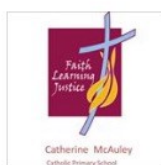
Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

New at our Tuckshop

The Catherine McAuley Canteen now has its own facebook page. Please like and share for updates.

Sparkling water is now available!



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Tuckshop Roster—Commencing Monday 14th August to Friday 18th August 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 Crain



Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942

Happy Birthday



Phoenix Zinga
Lauren Day
Charlotte McLeish
Brooklyn Ryan
Georgie Halls

School Fees

Term 3 statements have been either emailed or sent home.

The due date for Term 3 fees is the 18th August 2017.

Unless a payment plan is in place with the school, all other overdue amounts must be paid immediately.

If you did not receive an account, or have any concerns, please ring the office on 6361 3344.

Ms Annalisa Covelli Fees / Finance



PARISH PLAYGROUP

For children and their families, grandparents & carers.

You are warmly invited to STAY AND PLAY morning tea.

10:30 - 11:30am (held once a month after Sunday morning Mass)

To find out dates and more information:

www.facebook.com/CatholicOrangeNSW

or phone Anna 0448 441 556

James Sheahan High School

CLASS OF 1997

20 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 30th September 2017 | *Parkview Hotel Upstairs function room 281 Summer Street Orange* | *Start Time 6:00 pm*

SEE OLD FRIENDS AND RAISE A GLASS TO OUR CLASS

RSVP *to Shye Kennedy By August 31 via Facebook or skye07@yahoo.com.au*

COST *\$45 per person Includes finger food, dessert, music and a photo booth*

INFO *Cash Bar Partners welcome Limited to 100 tickets*

PAYMENT DETAILS *Please pay and reserve your ticket at www.trybooking.com/26517*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *Please send any old photos to Emma Korth em08@hotmail.com*

Family Picnic 10-11:30am 30th September 2017 Cook Park BYO Food etc

upcoming EVENTS

Thursday 10th August

Year 3 & Year 4 Winter Sport

Friday 11th August

Year 5 & Year 6 Winter Sport

Tuesday 15th August

Assumption Mass - 12:15pm

Friday 18th August

Dio Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 22nd August

Book Week Dress Up As Book Character

A message from Mrs Bishenden

Advance warning!! **Students and teachers** will be dressing up as book characters on Tuesday, 22nd August. Get your thinking caps on in the next few weeks to come up with that favourite person/animal/hero of yours. More details will follow.

Interesting Fact of the Week

If all the salt in the sea were spread evenly over the land, it would be 500 feet thick.

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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