

Term 1

Week 7

15th March 2017

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NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 16th March

Rugby 7's Gala Day

Friday 17th March

3H Assembly 12:15pm

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 21st March

Athletics Carnival - Yr2-6

Wednesday 22nd March

Year 1 Grade Liturgy
12:45pm

Thursday 23rd March

Parent Social Gathering -
Parkview Hotel

Friday 24th March

2J Assembly 12:15pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The parent meeting last week was very well attended. There was great enthusiasm to support the school in any way and to have many inexpensive social events that allow parents the chance to meet and greet, especially those parents who are new to our school.

To this end I commend a get together at the Parkview Hotel next Thursday commencing at 6.30pm. A separate note (with a tear off section) has been sent home. As well, the McAuley dinner will be a more low key finger food gathering and will be held at the Canobolas Hotel on Friday night 23rd July. The cost for this dinner will be \$20 per head.

The student class art exhibition will be held in early August culminating in a wine and cheese night on Friday 4th August. Parents will have a chance to purchase (via silent auction) the class artworks.

I encourage all parents to be involved in as many social events as possible and help foster the McAuley community. We have many parents who are new to Orange and are depending on our school to begin their social and friendship network. I would also add that to celebrate the feast of St Joseph there will be a free sausage sizzle in the church grounds this Sunday following the 8:00am Mass at St Joseph's Church.

Michael Croke

May God in His mercy bless and protect you all.

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

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: "USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE"

This week's rule comes from "***RESPECT***" – ***Respect yourself, others and the school environment.***

There is no need for anyone at McAuley to use inappropriate language. Using inappropriate language shows a lack of respect for yourself and others. Occasionally children do use inappropriate language at school and it is dealt with an immediate consequence. INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE IS NOT TOLERATED AT McAULEY.

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly: Molly Spicer, Josef Scott-Robinson, Kaitlyn Ware, Emily Turner, Joshua Newman, Ava Sutton, Bridget Waters, Aiden McGuinness, Hannah Cantrill, Ben Delaney, Lola Short, Hamish Weekes, Phoenix Zinga, Georgia Buss, James Weston, Amelie O'Brien, Ellie Munday, Charlie Livingstone, Lachlan Gander, Austin Macdouall, Meagan D'ombrain, Cooper Eatell, Blake Durack, Imogen McGarity, Wil Kennedy, Lara Horan, Memphis Diduszko, Jayden Jomon, Luciano Manca, Addison Gardner, Sienna Murray, Heath Vaughan, Audrey Seale, Mia Johns, Grace Edwards, Charlize Acheson, Jack Bingham, Lara Vardanega, Lachlan Crump, Caleb Phillips, Maeve Dean, Lilly Nonnemacher, Duncan Hood, Tully Livingstone, Charlie Sharp, Jack Foffey, Melissa Gil Merchan, Zak Wright, Juliyat Jojo, Knox Gibson, Mia Sciuto, Freya Bieniek, Angel Tom, Noah Richards, Mark Jachi, Ben Bouffler, Max Vaughan, Lucy Haydon, Darcy Kelly, Harry Dean, Alexander Hobbs, Jonty Middleton, Arkie Prisk, Joseph Murphy, Makayla Milne, Riley Clarke, Hannah Page, Claudia Horan, Will Rodwell and Matthew Rogers.

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 have been held at school last week. Thank you to Mr Sheridan (discus) and Mr Hudson (long jump) for running these finals. Thank you also to Mrs Jordan from James Sheahan for organising students to assist with the Finals. Shot Put and High Jump will be run on the carnival day. There will be a canteen running at the carnival. A NOTE WILL COME HOME TODAY ASKING FOR PARENT HELP AT THE CARNIVAL. The date for the Kindergarten and Year 1 carnival will be announced ASAP.

Whole School Assembly: 3H will present their work at the first Whole School Assembly this Friday 17th March commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to the 21 swimmers from McAuley who competed at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Croke and the parents who transported and supported the children. Congratulations to the following children who will now represent the Bathurst Diocese at the Polding Swimming Carnival at Homebush:

Millie Rose Brodbeck - 50M Freestyle & 50M Butterfly

Thomas Horan – 50M Freestyle

Imogen Shaw – 50M Free style

Thomas Tallis - 50M Freestyle & 50M Breaststroke

Knox Gibson - 50M Freestyle & 50M Breaststroke

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 Winter Trials: The Diocesan Winter Trials for Netball, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Soccer will take place in Bathurst on Friday 17th March. We will send 26 children from Year 6 (and 3 boys from Year 5 boys to the Under 11's Rugby League) to trial for positions in the Bathurst Diocesan team in Rugby Union, Rugby League Opens, Rugby League 11 Years, Netball, Hockey and Soccer. We wish all these children the best of luck and hope they have an enjoyable day. Thank you to Mr Hudson for attending the trials to assist and supervise.

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***

Steve Maguire



‘Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again; but anyone who
drinks the water that I shall give will never
be thirsty again: the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up
to eternal life.’ (John 4:14)

Lent: This week’s Gospel from St John tells the story of the “Woman at the Well”. During this encounter, Jesus challenges the Samaritan woman, opening her eyes and ears to understand His message and transforming her heart through the comparison of water from the well and the ‘Living Water’ that He can offer. Perhaps during this week we could take a little time to reflect on what it is that stops us from truly receiving the “Living Water” Jesus has to offer.

Project Compassion: Please continue to encourage and support your children in contributing to Project Compassion, and to thinking about those who will benefit greatly from their generosity this Lent. Caritas Australia aims to assist people to become self-sufficient and able to proudly take care of themselves. Through effective partnerships in countries all over the world, they are making a real difference, and helping to end poverty and uphold the dignity of the people. This year, with your help, we can truly live the theme of Project Compassion ***“Love Your Neighbour”***.

Prayers: Could I ask you to continue to pray for the families in our school community who are going through difficult times due to illness. Your support at this time is greatly appreciated.

School Liturgies and Masses: Today Year 2 celebrated a beautiful Lenten Grade Liturgy. Congratulations to Year 2 and their teachers on the work they are doing to truly deepen their journey with Jesus. Next week on 22nd March at 12.45pm our Year 1 students will celebrate their Grade Liturgy. As always, you are very welcome to join us for these Liturgies.

Wishing you a great week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Nicholas Johnsen, Taj Jordan, Imogen Shaw, Lara Bingham, Ella Rogers, Jaiden Rogers, Lillian Townsend, Duncan Hood, Selena Livermore, Ramsey Tilston and Jessica Williams.

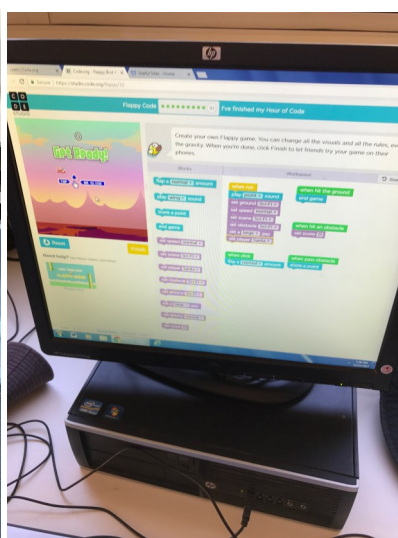
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

STEM / ICT: Last week I opened the computer room in Quiet area time so students could explore a computer coding class as a STEM activity.

There was so much interest and creativity, it was awesome to see.

Students had to write the codes for their game to make it work.

Here are some photos from the time.



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Forbes

Pop Up Play Resources: We are currently looking for more play materials for the school's Pop Up Play areas. Any unwanted kitchenware (plastic, wooden or stainless steel only) or laundry baskets would be gratefully accepted. Any items can be left at the front office.

Professional Learning For Growth in Reading: Last Monday our staff were extremely fortunate to spend the morning with Dr Sarah McDonagh. Sarah presented staff with an analysis of our DIBEL's reading results, acknowledging the solid results of our students and highlighting the areas in which we can improve our instruction. Sarah also stepped us through strategies to implement explicit phonics instruction. She will be back in our school in Term 2 to observe and offer feedback to teachers on how they are delivering this instruction.

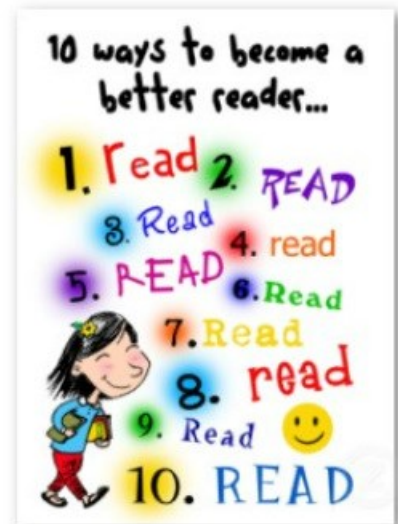
Last year we were able to improve our school's DIBELS's reading results by 12% by making key changes to our reading groups with the assistance of Sarah. Last year Sarah worked with our staff to improve the way we plan and implement our reading groups with a focus on reading fluency. This year Sarah will work with staff to improve our instruction in phonics. Through the tweaking of our teaching practice we aim to improve our reading results by another 10% by the end of the year.

To assist in this process we have recently purchased our new decodable phonics readers which will be ready to use in the classrooms in Term 2. Our learning support staff Ann Kelly and Debbie Sands have been working with Sarah to develop a Phonics Scope & Sequence to match these new readers. We are thankful that we have such a forward thinking staff who are able to evaluate their teaching and adjust it where necessary to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for our students.

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Targeted homework

Over the years there has been much controversy around the need for homework. Educationalist John Hattie suggests that the effect size of homework on student achievement is zero **UNLESS** the homework is targeted. At Catherine McAuley we encourage our students to participate in targeted homework to build good work habits in preparation for high school. We also ensure that our students are receiving **TARGETED** homework which includes activities that relate directly to the work that is being completed in our classroom. In doing this we aim to improve student achievement. One of the most important elements of each student's homework is **READING**.



We ask that every family, no matter how busy, takes the time each day to hear their child read. For the students in the younger grades try listening to your child before they are too tired and cranky (or in the morning when they are nice and fresh) and keep bedtime as an opportunity to develop a love of reading by modelling how to read with a story before bed. If your child is already demonstrating proficiency in reading fluency still take the time to hear them read, encouraging the use of expression. You may like to then engage in discussion about what they are reading.

For all children it is important to provide ample opportunity to develop a love of reading by participating in independent reading with texts of their choosing.

Mrs Bishenden also provides the Early Bird Reader's Club from 8:30am in the Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for any child wishing to enjoy a quiet read before school.

Camille Da Silva Tavares

Ukelele Group

2017 is the year of the ukelele at Catherine McAuley! We have 12 keen students from Year 3 to Year 6 who have joined our ukelele group and we meet once a week in the library. Going on the fact that we are already learning our fourth song it is clear that the enthusiasm and talent is at a very high level indeed. The teachers are learning a thing or two from the students too.

Keep up the great playing and singing kids and keep practising!

Mrs Mulligan & Mrs Bishenden



MINI VINNIES

This week in Mini Vinnies we have started planning a cupcake stall fundraiser to raise money for the RSPCA. We have started a plan in our meeting. We hope you look forward to our cupcake stall. We will try to provide all types of cupcakes. Be sure to come and buy our yummy cupcakes. We will let you know via the newsletter once we've picked a date.



Writing by Angus Macdouall - Publicity Officer

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Save the animals!

KIDSLIT

A huge congratulations to our two KidsLit teams who did a fabulous job on Monday representing our school in the Orange Heat of the competition. KidsLit is a worldwide competition and it is a great experience for these Year 5 students. Thank you Eliza Brooking, Matthew Kennedy, Joseph Madigan, Myles Sullivan, Maya Thompson, Max Vaughan, Charlie Westgeest and Poppy Wishart for your great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship!



This Friday, Jacqueline Harvey, author of the well-known Alice-Miranda books will be visiting our school to speak to Year 3 and Year 4 students. Her books will be available to purchase after the talk. **"Alice-Miranda Holds the Key" \$14 and Clementine Rose and the Paris Puzzle" \$12.50.** Please bring money in a LABELLED sealed envelope or bag on the day if you would like to purchase a book.

Book Club brochures will be going home this week. Please return orders or order online using the LOOP system by Wednesday 22nd March.

Thank you,

Catherine Bishenden

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March 2017

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

Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942



HAPPY FEASTDAY TO ALL !!!



**Feast of
St. Joseph
March 19**

To celebrate the **FEAST OF ST JOSEPH** Sunday 19th March, come along and join us for a **FREE Breakfast BBQ** after 8:00am Mass on the front lawn of St Joseph's Presbytery **ALL** parishioners welcome.

For all those parents who have been asking about the new seats and "where do you get it"...they are available from Mr Tim Symons on 0448 308 917.

Mention Catherine McAuley school!

