

# Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School

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Term 2 -Week 6 - 31st May 2017



## From the Principal

As mentioned on previous newsletters there is a special Mass being held in St Joseph's Church next Thursday June 8th commencing at 11:00 am. The Mass will celebrate the wonderful work done by the Sisters of Mercy in the Bathurst Diocese over 150 years. The retirement of Sr Carmel Quade from our teaching staff last year was the end of the formal connection of the Sisters in Catholic Schools.

In 1866 seven Sisters set sail from Ireland to commence their work in the Bathurst Diocese. The boat trip took the sisters 3 months. When they arrived in Sydney they got the train as far as Penrith and from there boarded the Cobb and Co coach to Bathurst. The heat and the dust of the Australian bush was a far cry from the cold Irish climate. In the years that followed convents and schools were established in towns that included Dubbo, Mudgee, Wellington, Narromine and of course Orange. In 1966 there was a combined total of 68 sisters in the Wellington, Forbes, Orange and Dubbo convents. For many of the Irish nuns who left their home country at an early age (in their teens) many of their as yet unborn siblings were actually grandparents when they first met upon their return to Ireland!"

I invite all members of the community to join us in the Celebration Mass.

**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



It is for God we serve the poor  
and not for thanks.

**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

**Kindergarten 2018:** Please remind friends and family if they would like to have their child start at Catherine McAuley in 2018 to contact the school office ASAP. Interviews are well under way for children starting Kindergarten in 2018. It is an extremely exciting time for the children and their family as they begin their "big school journey".

**First Communion:** A big congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion during the Parish Masses last weekend. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers and Priests for making these celebrations a success. It is a very special time for the children and their families. It was great to see so many young families at weekend masses.

**Whole School Assembly:** 5F will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall.

**Peer Support:** This week in Peer Support children looked at some of the reasons why bullying occurs and what sort of activities could be undertaken instead. Bullying behavior is often the result of anger, loneliness, boredom or the desire for fun or attention. It is also linked to a lack of empathy by those doing the bullying. If children can encourage one another to engage in more productive activities then the incidence of bullying behavior in our school may decrease.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July in Canowindra. *Notes will be sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the carnival in coming weeks.*

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** This year the Parent Teacher Interviews will take place in Weeks 9 and Week 10 this term once reports have been sent home. You will be invited to attend a meeting for your child, this invitation will include the details of dates and venues for your child's grade.

**Behaviour at School:** It is important to acknowledge that the the majority of children at Catherine McAuley exhibit excellent behavior at all times. From time to time we all make mistakes and children must learn that there are consequences for these mistakes and then we begin with a fresh start. School rules and discipline are very different to the home situation. Due to the number of children in our care it is important that school rules are followed and supported by parents. All incidents reported to teachers by children or parents are investigated and dealt with. The school rules are designed and enforced to ensure the safety of the whole school community.

**DIBELS:** A big thank you to our Student Assistants who are testing the children this week for accuracy and fluency in reading. All children are tested individually three times a year using DIBELS a measure used by the Bathurst Catholic Education Office (CEO) throughout the Diocese. Sarah McDonagh from the Bathurst CEO has been working with our teachers to help them analyse the results and put things in place to improve the students accuracy and fluency in reading.

**Winter Uniform:** Term 2 is when children begin to wear their winter uniform. During Term 2 & Term 3 children must have their shirt tucked in (except for when they are on the playground) and wear the school tie. The children do not have to wear a hat while outdoors during Term 2 & Term 3.

**An important reminder that extreme hair cuts and hair colouring are not permitted and all hair below the shoulders (for boys & girls) must be tied off their face.**

Steve Maguire

## FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

### **"Keep the playground clean and tidy."**

In class and at school this week we will remind all of our school community of the importance of keeping our playground clean and tidy. This comes from our school rule of service. Please help us by talking to your children about the importance of this at home. You may even extend our focus to keep your room (or home) clean and tidy! It is important that we respect our environment and take pride in our surroundings. Lately there has been a lot of rubbish and a lot of lunch boxes left on the playground. It is up to us all to keep our environment clean and tidy even if we didn't drop the papers or leave the lunch boxes lying around. It is important that children take their class lunch tub out to put lunch boxes and drink bottles in when they move off to play.



## From the Religious Education Coordinator

**Pentecost Sunday:** This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost. This feast is also known as the Birthday of the Church, as this is when the disciples took responsibility for continuing the Church after Jesus had ascended into heaven. It was on this wonderful feast that the disciples received the Holy Spirit, and were given His gifts, which enabled them to go forth and proclaim the Word of God.

### **First Holy Communion:**

Congratulations to all our students who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. We are very proud of them as they take the next step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. Thank you once again to Mrs Cain and the Year 3 Teachers, for all the wonderful work they have done to help these children prepare for this special occasion.

### **Confirmation:**

It seems that preparation for one Sacrament finishes as another begins. Our Year 6 children are about to commence their preparation for Confirmation, which will be on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017. As the way in which enrolment for all Sacraments have changed this year in our Parish, it is very important for parents to read all correspondence sent home regarding Confirmation. **As part of the enrolment process this year you are asked to make an appointment to meet with a priest.** This is a great opportunity to ask any questions about the sacrament or the faith journey of you and your child. **Your meeting will need to take place**

**before the parent meeting.** At this meeting you will receive a document that will need to be attached to your enrolment form. Below are times that have been set aside for these meetings.

Thursday 1st June: 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 11:30am - 1:00pm  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
 5:00pm - 7:00pm

**You are also expected to attend one of the Parent Information Meetings.** It is at this meeting that you will receive your enrolment forms. There will be two enrolment meetings **to assist parents to attend (you are only expected to attend one of these meetings).** These will be on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am in St Mary's Church and again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm in St Mary's Church. A separate note regarding this information was sent home with Year 6 students recently. If you did not get this note or require another one, please let me know. Please make sure you read the information and take note of the times, dates and procedures. Should you have any questions, these can be emailed to our Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Shannon Cain on [sacraments.orange@cdob.org.au](mailto:sacraments.orange@cdob.org.au)

**Robyn Petty**

## Prayer

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

### **Mass of Thanksgiving for the Order of the Sisters of Mercy:**

The recent retirement of Sr Carmel Quade from our school brought a new era in teaching to our Diocese. The Bathurst Diocese has had a very long history of teaching nuns from the Mercy order, founded by our school patron, Catherine McAuley, and Sr Carmel was the last of these serving Sisters of Mercy. We will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for their wonderful contribution to our Diocesan schools next Thursday 8th June 2017 commencing at 11:00am. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael McKenna to acknowledge the wonderful contribution the Sisters of Mercy have made to Catholic Education in our Diocese. All members of the educational and general public are invited to attend. Mass will be followed by a morning tea in Kenna Hall. If you would like to join us for this special Mass, please RSVP to the School Office for catering purposes on 6361 3344 or email:

[r.basha@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:r.basha@bth.catholic.edu.au)

by Friday 2nd June.

God Bless,

**Robyn Petty**



# 1ST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS

We had a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion today, and it was great to see so many families and friends able to join us. The children really enjoyed their little party after Mass in Kenna Hall. A huge 'thank you' for the cake, which was made, beautifully decorated and very kindly donated by Mel Milne. Thank you to the Parents who were able to join us for photos and a cup of tea.





## From the Primary Coordinator

### Arrival At School

There are some children arriving at school well before 8.35am. Please note that playground supervision does not begin until **8:35am**. Whilst we do understand that there may be occasional instances when arrival before this time is unavoidable, we cannot guarantee that the gates will be opened.

The first gate that will be opened is the gate between Kenna Hall and the school office in Hill St. Children who arrive prior to 8:35am are asked to move through this gate and directly to the undercover seats in Area A where they are to remain SEATED to wait for the teachers to arrive on duty. The remaining gates will be opened by the supervising teachers when duty commences at 8:35am.

Once again, students should not be arriving at school before 8:35am and if arrival before this time is unavoidable (**this should not be the normal routine**) then children must follow the above procedure.

### Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

On advice from the RMS we remind parents to collect children from the school grounds in the afternoon. (Either Byng St or Hill St pick-up locations) **Students will not be allowed to walk to parents waiting in cars.** As cars reverse park it is very difficult to see young children who are not in the presence of an adult and this creates a very dangerous situation.

If your child walks/ride home, a note must be sent in to provide permission for children to walk/ride home without an adult. Only these children are permitted to leave the school grounds without the supervision of an adult. In these instances please ensure that you have mapped the safest route for your child and that they are aware of safety protocols should they encounter any difficult situations on their way home.

Please note that no children are permitted to use the play equipment or to use sporting equipment (soccer balls etc) after the school day has ended even if they are in the presence of their parent or guardian. **We ask that you be diligent in reminding your children of this school rule.**

We thank you for your support in ensuring that our students are safe when arriving and leaving the school grounds.

### Reading Results

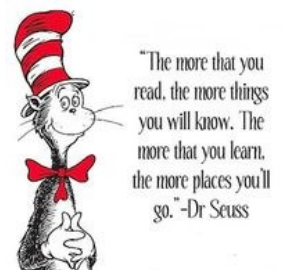
Over the past week, students in all grades have been tested using the Dibels Reading measure. Thank you to our student assistants who have worked so hard to ensure that this was completed.

Over the past year our school has re-engaged the help of Dr Sarah McDonagh who is an expert in field of reading development. Now, thanks to the targeted advice from Sarah, the amazing work of our teachers and student assistants and the determination of our students and the parents, we are pleased to announce that our school's Dibels reading data shows the biggest amount of reading growth in our school since the inception of Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School.

Last week Sarah visited our classrooms and gave specific feedback to teachers on how they can refine their practice. Teachers are now in the process of developing professional goals around the teaching of reading which will further refine their skills in this area.

Below are some photos from our Kindergarten classrooms. Sarah has been working very closely with these teachers. As you can see from the images, Kindergarten have developed a very tight schedule of learning whereby students are exposed to phonics based texts with the teacher and specific skills around reading are reinforced during group work with the student assistant.

#### Camille Da Silva Tavares



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

# A Model of Christ Centred Learning (MCCL)



## Model of Christ-Centred Learning Awards Week 6

The following students have received awards from their teachers this week:

Kaitlyn Ware, Tyler Jackson, Sienna Gosper, Gus Bohringer, Callum Harvey, Harry Grinter, Jaiden Rogers, Lyla Budd, Riley Buss, Lilly Tyack, Maeve Dean, Brooklyn Ryan, Jaya Burcher, Melissa Gil Merchan, Feba Babu, Sheawyn Whitta, Evie Nunn, Max Vaughan, Will Warner, Lachlan Chellas and Josh Brind.

For weeks 5-6 teachers will focus their attention on awarding students from the: **Personalised Learning** dimension; the blue section of the model.

Personalised learning requires:

- Recognitions of human uniqueness
- Flexible and negotiated pathways for learning
- Ownership of and responsibility for learning
- Use of data for learning
- An understanding of the attributes of expert learners and knowledge of the learning continuum
- Nurturing to the highest potential the learner's gifts and talents

As learners develop authentic ownership of their learning they are equipped to engage in the design of their individualised programs to build capacity. Continuous feedback from learning community deepens students' understanding, articulation and application of the attributes required to be an expert learner to enable them to participate in creating pathways for learning. There is acknowledgement that we learn resilience through failure and success.

*Learners grow to autonomy through personalised success.*

**Trish Aumuller**  
MCCL Facilitator

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**McAULEY PARENT**  
**SOCIAL EVENING**



**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR AN  
EVENING OF FUN TO CATCH UP AND MEET NEW  
FRIENDS IN OUR McAULEY COMMUNITY.**

**WHEN: Thursday 22nd June**

**WHERE: Hotel Canobolas**

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Cost: \$20 per head (for finger food)**

**Tickets Available at the Office**

**Kindergarten Aboriginal History**

Kindergarten had a wonderful guest speaker last week. Steve Stanton (Amarli's Dad KW) spoke about Aboriginal history and culture. He showed us some interesting artefacts and told us stories from his Aboriginal heritage. We all enjoyed his talk very much.

**Mrs Wright**



## Happy Birthday



Austin Brooking  
Madison Allen  
Ryder Arden  
Grady Chamberlain  
Euhanna Ramos  
Dane Medlyn



## MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our last assembly:

Ruby Kingham	Ethan Wasow
Atticus McGuire	Jayde Spicer
Lacie Zumbo	Selena Livermore
Harrison Shaw	Lauren Day
Coco Rowland	Travis Wright
Charlotte McLeish	Lilly Hannelly
Klay Oliver	Ella Williams
Aiden McGuinness	Brydon Sherwood
Elsie Dunn	Koby Reid
Henry Seale	Edwina Waterman
Lola Short	Luke Hogarth
Ryan Neich	Micaela Pantoja
Ryder Meyenn	Sophie Ziola
Ella Mustac	Oliver Taberner
Ainsley Hogarth	Evie Nunn
Asha Priest	Callum Wilcox
Paddy May	Tess Hazzard
Charlie Livingstone	Alex O'Brien
Grace Bjorksten	Maya Budd
Isaac Churchland	Ancilin Alson
Madelin Duffey	Will Munday
James Meade	Millie-Rose Brodbeck
Charlie Downey	Jack Amies
Riya George	Jack Dean
Jaimie Sijo	Caitlin Cox
Ted Madigan	Kashae Gentles
Harry Kingham	Mollie Duff
Emerson Page	Natalie Joyce
Bobby Schmidt	Oliver Livingstone
Aiden Fieldus	Moyia Vidler
Audrey Seale	Connor Vardanega
Arjun Reji	Jack Petty
Ollie Schofield	
Chelsea Turner	

## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

Please note the 2nd instalment of school fees was due last Friday. If you do not have a payment plan in place, please settle your account as soon as possible.

*Thank you!*





### A Message from our Tuckshop Ladies

Our school tuckshop is going to be renovated during the July school holidays. Due to the renovations we may not be able to stock all items on our tuckshop list and from this week we will have to let some items run out until after the renovations have been completed. When ordering for your child, please choose the item that you would *like* to order plus select an item from the list below as your child's 2nd choice in case we have run out of their 1st choice. Please just mark the 2nd choice on the bag. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Benton / Mrs Sullivan / Mrs Ziola

### Tuckshop 2nd Choice Options

Pies	Salad Tubs
Small Pies	Fruit Salad
Sausage Rolls	Soup
Hot Dogs	Drinks
Dino Snacks	Poppers
Gluten Free Nuggets	Glee
All Sandwiches	Moove
Wraps	Water
Noodles	Up & Go
Hot Cheese Rolls	Milkshakes

### Tuckshop Roster—Commencing Monday 5th June to Thursday 8th June 2017

Day	9.30am—11.30am	11.30am—2.00pm
Monday	-	S Bohringer
Tuesday	-	K Fischer
Wednesday	-	-
Thursday	T Scott-Robertson	-
Friday	Pupil Free Day	

**\*12:45 - 1:45pm**



**Tuckshop Ph: 6362 0942**

## PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 2017



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orange city council

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

**Vacation Care will be held from Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July 2017.**

*Please note - Calare Public School will be hosting a teacher staff development day in the hall on 17 July which is the pupil free day, so care on this day will be provided at Spring Street Children's Centre. Places for the pupil free day at Spring Street are limited.*

**Bookings for the July 2017 Vacation Care will open from Tuesday 13 June to Friday 30 June 2017.**

**Bookings for the pupil free day care at Spring Street can be made by contacting the Coordinator, Dale Lovett, on 63938791**

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!! 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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orange city council



# upcoming EVENTS

## **Friday 2nd June**

5F Assembly

## **Thursday 8th June**

Sisters of Mercy Mass 11:00am

Confirmation Parent Meeting at St Mary's Church 7:00pm

## **Friday 9th June**

Pupil Free Day

## **Monday 12th June**

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

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

If you say the letters  
S.O.C.K.S aloud in English,  
you will find yourself  
pronouncing the Spanish for  
'it is what it is' almost  
perfectly.

### **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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