“God never refuses grace to those who ask for it”

Catherine McAuley

Prayer

STARTING AFRESH FROM CHRIST

Gracious God, you have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people. We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of Sr Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

I take this opportunity to thank Mr Michael Johnston for his work as Acting Principal whilst I followed the footsteps of St. Paul on Enrichment Leave. I thank the staff, parents and students who supported him at this time.

It is wonderful to be back at the College and to be rewarded each day by the positive responses and good humour of the staff, students and parents. One only has to be away for a short time to appreciate how wonderful our community is.

As I wrote the reflection of the Scriptures for Sunday, I could not stop myself thinking of how the seed of youth in our community, starting in Year 7 matures so well, and so quickly, into even greater gifts of God by Year 12. Last Tuesday and Wednesday I saw many happy Year 7 students greeting the ‘future stars’ of the College and witnessed Year 9 students happily escorting our visitors to different activities. Whilst these were special occasions, I realise that our students share their joy with others every day. Truly this is a great grace!
PLEASE PRAY
Please pray for Mrs Sieweng Tan, the mother of staff member Mrs Cheung.

We pray that Sieweng is now at peace. Let us lift up our eyes to the stars and remember that the God who made them has called Sieweng by name. May our prayers and support strengthen Mrs Cheung's family especially at this time of sadness.

WEEKLY MASS AT THE COLLEGE
Congratulations to 10 Silver on their leadership of the Tuesday morning Eucharist last week at 8.15 a.m. 10 Orange invite parents, grandparents, students and staff to join with them in the celebration tomorrow morning.

BUILDING PROGRESS
Progress continues with the construction of the Chapel. The Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Denis Hart, has agreed to Consecrate and Open the Chapel on September 21, the last day of Term 3. Please note this date in your diary.

DEBUTANTE BALLS
The first of the Debutante Balls was held on Saturday with two more Balls to be held on Friday and Saturday of the coming week. I thank the Parents and Friends and staff who ensured that the students had the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful community event in the presence of their parents, families and friends.

WORK EXPERIENCE
Best wishes to Year 10 students for your Work Experience. I urge you to make the most of the opportunities provided by this experience and to return to the College in Term 3 determined to strive even harder with your studies so that you will open up for yourselves exciting and challenging careers.

Bernard G Dobson
Principal

FROM THE REGISTRAR - Ms Mary Ryan

Last week we welcomed Grade 5 'Future Stars' to the College. The students attend the Priority Catholic Primary Schools from which we receive many of our students. The aim of the day was to show the students some of the subjects we offer and to give them 'hands-on' experiences. They enjoyed playing many different musical instruments, made slime in Science, a door-stop in Woodwork, a brooch in Textiles, manipulated famous faces on the computers in Art, mime in Drama and the Gangster dance. Moving from one class to another was a new experience for them and this was simplified by some of the Year 9 leaders showing them around the school. The young students really enjoyed themselves and were also happy to catch up with Year 7 students.

The Parents and Friends Uniform Shop is open this Thursday (and every Thursday in Week B) from 12 noon until 1.30pm.
A reminder that the next Parents and Friends meeting will be held next Tuesday 26, June at 7.30pm in the Staff dining room in Mount St Joseph building. All welcome.

FROM THE LOTE FACULTY LEADER - Salvatore La Fauci

LOTE - Italian
Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition
Last week saw the culmination of the Semester for our Year 9, 10 and 11 Italian classes. Their hard work and practice finally paid off as they attended the traditional, annual and long running Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition. The day began at Melbourne University where the students congregated alongside other nervous Italian students from various secondary schools in Melbourne. One by one the students recited their particular poem and were judged on their performance. The look of relief and joy on the faces of each student at the completion of the task was priceless.

Each student represented the college with spirit and demonstrated a true sense of pride after all the work and effort they had put in. The group then went on to have lunch in Lygon Street where the students enjoyed the culinary delights of Melbourne’s Italian heartland. A wonderful conclusion to the day as the students could take in the atmosphere and explore the numerous Italian shops and restaurants which were happy to take the many orders of pasta, pizza and gelato. Congratulations to all involved and thank you to the following staff members who assisted: Anthony Schepis, Marie Prusac, Lucia Tabacchiera and Amy Muratore.
This term is racing along at a fast pace for all in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students have been actively involved in a wide range of activities as well as studies in curriculum areas. We are again reminded that June marks the beginning of winter here in Melbourne. We can still see the remnants of autumn as the soggy leaves change from the memory of the coloured grandeur of our trees are swept away and piled in bundles to be returned to our lush gardens. How well may we be confused at the seasons as they merge through the year but we learn to adapt to each. And so it is with our daily life for it seems there is no seasonal existence which reflect the shifts of the natural world for the array of influences and conditions that we confront each day. Let us pray as we move through the seasons of our daily living we have blessings for each as we journey the seasons of our lives.

GOD OF WINTER

"May your belief in the God of Winter and your trust in the hidden growth of Winter, be, for you, a source of inner strength and sustain you through the difficult movement from the cold and darkness of your Winter time to the warmth and light of God’s Springtimes for you.

May the blessing of Winter be with you"

COMMUNICATION – McAuley Campus

It is timely to remind parents/guardians to please contact the College regarding any issue of concern that you may have about your son or daughter.

Guidelines regarding Academic Progress:

♦ Your first point of contact should be your son’s/daughter’s subject teachers.
♦ Their Home Room Teacher is also a useful person to speak to regarding academic matters.
♦ If your discussion with the subject teachers has not reached a satisfactory outcome, you may wish to speak to the Faculty Leader.
♦ The Learning Coordinators for Years 7-8 is Mrs Gail Preston and Years 9-10 is Mr Anthony Schepis. They are able to provide assistance to you and your child, especially in regards to matters extending beyond concerns in one subject.
♦ If you need further assistance after pursuing these options, you may wish to contact the Campus Director Mr Peter Molinari. These people may call on the assistance of the Acting Deputy Principal – Director of Studies, Mrs Janine Biggin in situations which are complicated in nature, you may also make direct contact with Mrs Biggin.

Guidelines regarding Wellbeing/Pastoral:

♦ Your first point of contact should be your son’s/daughter’s Home Room Teacher.
♦ If the matter is of a private nature or is very serious you may wish to contact our School Counsellors or the appropriate Wellbeing Coordinator – Year 7 Mrs Pisotek and Mrs Myers, Year 8 Miss Tineo and Year 9 Mr Hill.
♦ If you need further assistance after pursuing these options, you may wish to contact the Campus Director Mr John Rodgers. Further assistance may be gained from the Deputy Principal – Director of Students, Mr Michael Johnston in situations which are complicated in nature. You may also make direct contact with Mr Johnston.

NB: Reminder to please notify the College as soon as possible (9735 4022) if any contact details, including emergency contacts, have altered – it is important to have correct details at all times but especially in an emergency.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Students in the McAuley Campus are completing final Assessment Tasks and Coursework as Semester One concludes on Friday June 29 at 2.15pm. Staff are very busy at present working on Reports and they will be mailed out to all families in the first week of the holidays - week beginning July 2, 2012.

AWARD CEREMONIES TERM 3

After the school holidays each Year Level will gather in Centennial Hall to acknowledge and celebrate student achievement for Semester One 2012. We encourage all students to be positive in striving to do their best, to seek teacher assistance when difficulties arise and to make some progress every day.

An invitation is extended to all parents to attend the ceremonies in Centennial Hall commencing at 8.50am and concluding at 10am on the following dates:

Year 9 - Wednesday 18 July
Year 7 - Friday 20 July
Year 8 - Monday 23 July

A reminder notice will be included with the Semester One Reports which will be mailed out during the first week of the school holidays.
ICAS COMPETITION
On Wednesday June 6 the annual ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Science Competition for all Year 7, 8 & 9 students was undertaken. ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. Certificates are awarded for each level as follows:

- High distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Thank you to Mr Gravis and Mr Katzen for the organization and administration of the tests – results will be available in Term 3 and students will be acknowledged in a future newsletter and students with a HIGH DISTINCTION will be presented at the Term 3 McAuley Campus Assembly on Thursday September 20!

MUSIC IN THE QUAD
On Friday June 8 the McAuley Campus students were entertained by the Tommy Noles Band featuring Troy Rimando, Anthony Corrone and Troy Corrone and the St Vinnies Group ably led by the Social Justice Prefect Hannah Dowling were selling Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows!

Overall it was a very successful lunchtime activity—music and singing was great and the hot drinks were much appreciated on a cold winters’ day@MLMC!!

There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the other”.  ANON

Peter Molinari and John Rodgers
Campus Directors - McAuley Campus

PASTORAL CARE REPORT
On the 30th May, all Year 8 Students had the privilege of watching an educational performance called Cybershorts. Cybershorts is a presentation that aims to deal with the many issues and risks that students are faced with in the “cyber world”. It looked at two major issues which were sexting and the use of social networking sites such as Facebook.

It was an engaging performance that used modern and real-life scenarios that the students could relate to. The performance raised many issues and facts of which the majority of students were not aware. Here’s what some of the students said about the performance…

“…The Cybershorts presentation on Wednesday was really interesting! I learnt so many things that I didn’t know before, like the dangers on Facebook and the outcomes of sexting. I give it 10/10 – I really liked it!”
- ASHLEY FRANKEN-REBECHI (8 PURPLE)

“… I thought the Cybershorts presentation was really good. It told us a lot about cyber-bullying and how it affects people. I had no idea that when you agree to create a facebook account, you are agreeing to let Facebook own everything you put up. I will definitely be a lot more aware of things I put on there. I gave the presentation 9/10…”
- HOLLY PURCELL (8 PURPLE)

“…The presentation on Cybershorts was great. I liked how they were straight with us and they didn’t treat us like kids. It was very humorous but we also learnt a lot about cyber-safety and Facebook. I give it a 9/10…”
- ADAM LAVORGNA (8 PURPLE)

A summary of these facts has also been provided for your information as to what was covered. It is very interesting, as well as eye-opening – a must-read for the whole family!

Marie Prusac
Pastoral Care Coordinator

UNIFORM
With winter now upon us and the transition into winter uniform complete may we ask for your assistance in ensuring the uniform is worn as intended. Our biggest concern is the length of the girls’ skirt. The length of the skirt as clearly outlined in the College planner and uniform guidelines is to the knee or longer. An inspection of skirts will take place soon. Students found to have a short skirt will receive the normal uniform infringement notice requesting the issue be resolved. Students who (after a negotiated period of time with parents), are noncompliant with this request will be asked to stay home until the matter is resolved.

As outlined last year and in a recent letter from Mr Dobson, the colour of girls’ tights / stockings is to be navy blue.

Once again our Year 9 students have risen to undertake leadership duties. A small group of students were entrusted to escort and assist over 200 Grade 5 students last Tuesday and Wednesday. I have been overwhelmed at how keen our McAuley Campus leaders have been to get involved and serve. There is a very strong sense of community with the Year 9s. Well done to all.
BULLYING - IS IT A CRIME?

Cyber bullying could be a crime. Knowing how to report it, how to block it and how to prevent it can help you to take action or assist your friends if it is happening to you or someone you know.

BLOCKING CYBER BULLIES

Often ignoring cyber bullying can be a simple way of making it stop. One way to ignore it is by blocking the communications from people who are cyber bullying you. ThinkUKnow has a fantastic step-by-step guide on how to do this across Facebook, MySpace, MSN, Bebo, Twitter, YouTube, mobile phones and other websites (see www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/stop.aspx).

For example, in Facebook you can:
- Go to the "Privacy" page and enter the person's name in the "Block" search field at the bottom of the page;
- Remove the person from your friend list;
- Save a copy and then delete any comments they have made on your profile;
- Save a copy and then delete any emails they have sent you through your Facebook inbox without opening them;
- If someone has posted an image of you without your permission and named you in the photo, you can remove your name from the photo by selecting the "Remove Tag" option. Ask the person who posted the image to take it down. Facebook cannot force people to remove photos unless they violate the Terms of Use. If someone is constantly tagging you in embarrassing or inappropriate photos, remove them from your friend list so that they will no longer be able to tag you in photos;
- If someone has posted an offensive note, you can report this to Facebook using the "Report this Note" link under each note.

Facebook administrators may also take action against the person who is cyber bullying. This might be temporarily banning them from the site, shutting down their account or even blocking them from starting up a new account. If it is occurring via your mobile phone, you can contact your mobile phone provider to report nuisance calls and/or text messages.

If someone sends you a link to a website which is cyber bullying someone, or an email which is spreading rumours about someone, don't forward it on. Delete the message and let the person know that you don't want to receive any more. If you are passing on these cyber bullying messages, you are contributing to the problem.

If the cyber bullying is occurring between you and someone who goes to your school, you can report it to the school. Schools often have policies and guidelines in place to deal with bullying and implement solutions. The most appropriate people to speak to include your teacher, school counsellor or pastoral care coordinator.

If the cyber bullying escalates and you are genuinely fearful for your safety and well being, you can make a report to your local police (find your local police via the White Pages).

It helps when reporting cyber bullying to have a record of what's been said/posted/texted. For example, chat logs, copies of emails or screenshots of websites. Providing this information will assist in investigating what has occurred and how to address the problem.

IS CYBER BULLYING A CRIME?

Many of the laws in Australia relating to threats and harassment were created before the internet became a part of our everyday lives. But these laws could be used in dealing with offensive behaviour online, such as serious cases of cyber bullying. In particular, where there is a specific threat to someone's physical safety and well being, state and territory laws relating to threatening and harassing behaviour might be used.

Police are often reluctant to charge young people with criminal offences where other, less punitive, measures can be used. This may involve the use of restorative justice, where the person who has been cyber bullied and the person doing the cyber bullying (as well as their support network) are brought together to talk through the issues and come up with an agreed solution. Other options include cautions or disciplinary action taken by schools or parents.

TOP TIPS FOR PREVENTING CYBER BULLYING

- If you're not friends with someone offline, don't add them as a friend online;
- Set your online profiles and accounts to private so that you can control who has access to them;
- Be careful who you share your phone number, email address and user IDs with;
- If a relationship ends badly, consider removing that person from your contact/buddy list;
- Think before you post! If you post something mean on someone's profile, it could encourage them to cyber bully you in retaliation;
- Learn how to block communications on the sites and applications you use and where to report cyber bullying;
- Find out your school's policy on cyber bullying and who you can talk to;
- Don't share your password with anyone, not even your best friend;
- Make sure you log out of your accounts properly so that someone can't access your accounts and deface your profile;
- Take a stand against cyber bullying. Talk with your school about what you can do to send the message that cyber bullying is NOT acceptable!

Cyber bullying can happen to anyone. It can be upsetting and stressful, impacting on different areas of your life, including self-esteem, relationships, work or study. But there is help available. Talking to someone is a good starting point, particularly if you are feeling unsafe or frightened. See www.headspace.org.au to find help and support.
Now that the College Play, ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ has finished, the Performing Arts Department is in full throttle mode for this year’s ‘Grease’. Rehearsals on Wednesdays and Thursdays are well underway. Scenes are being ‘blocked’. Songs being ‘choreo’ed’. Vocals being ‘polished’.

POSTER DESIGN & SPONSORSHIP?
A special thankyou to Ben Brice Head of the Visual Arts Department for his creativity and design of the musical poster! If you are interested in sponsoring the show through an advertisement in the show’s programme or if you have a shop in which you would be willing to display our fantastic poster as a way of support, please also contact me on 9237 1380 for details.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY REHEARSALS
For the final week of the June holidays, the entire cast will brave the frosty mornings to arrive at Centennial Hall for singing, choreography and acting rehearsals for the show. Costumes will be sewn and allocated, props assembled and gathered, sets constructed and painted. In the coming weeks, the students will be joined by technical and front-of-house crew to make the final polishes in preparation for the performance fortnight in which the show will be performed first before local primary schools, and then for the general public and College community. Special thanks to Emily Attardi, Natasha Pisotek, Dave Coy and Liz Van Oosterom for their enthusiastic support and hard work so far.

TICKETS
Please hurry and purchase your tickets via the College’s online ticketing system – http://www.trybooking.com.au/22792

Kamahl Russell
Director/Producer

LOTES TRANSITION EVENING
The 2012 Transition Evening saw the Barak Library and the Heath Lecture Theatre come into fruition, with the LOTE Department welcoming future students and their parents and offering them a chance to participate in Italian and Japanese activities. Along with the display of current student’s work, a slideshow of past Italy and Japan Study Tours was presented along with some modern music. The participants had a chance to involve themselves in a variety of different activities. The Japanese area allowed the newcomers to participate in fan making and calligraphy which was demonstrated by our resident Japanese Language Assistant Yuta Takahane. Participants also had the opportunity to take part in the creation of origami, a skill which requires both patience and precision. The Italian area allowed students the chance to explore the world of the “Commedia Dell’Arte” an ancient form of street theatre performed by players that are only distinguished by the type of mask they wear. This also led into the theme of the “Venice Carnevale” and the elaborate masks worn in the days leading up to Easter. The participants on the evening had a chance to make their own version of these masks. Much work went into the preparation of this evening and it was very much a great success and enjoyed by all present. A big thank you to our LOTE teachers for their work on the evening and more importantly to some of our students. Thank you to our Year 10 peer support leaders and in particular Isabella Preston (Year 7), Savanna Fanfulla and Sarah Byrne (Year 10) who helped with the activities.

Salvatore La Faucci
LOTES Faculty Leader
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Bec Dardengo continues her winning streak in football, having represented the Yarra Junior Football League in the Metropolitan Interleague Championships recently. Bec’s team were undefeated, beating teams from all corners of the state: Northern SL, SEJFL, and Western FL. This sets up a Grand Final between Bec’s YJFL and the team from SEJFL.

Naomi White and Meryl Dekker have enjoyed very good runs in the Equestrian field recently. Naomi was declared the winner of the Junior 1 Star Melbourne Three Day Event. This is an amazing achievement for Naomi. Meryl came 10th in the Open category of the 1 Star Melbourne Three Day Event. This is also an outstanding result for Meryl. It is great to see two of our Year 12 girls making the time in their busy year to not only enter such a competition, but to dominate it.

If you know of a student achieving in their chosen field of sport, please send us the details at lworrell@exchange.mlclilydale.catholic.edu.au or mflood@exchange.mlclilydale.catholic.edu.au

SENIOR EISM RESULTS
Senior Boy’s and Girl’s teams had a bye last week, however they were still invited to participate in the MLMC Cross Country run. In order to achieve a more realistic distance this was held on the Warburton Trail.

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Details of each week’s fixture, venues and results can be found at [http://www.eism.org/](http://www.eism.org/)

LOST PROPERTY
There are quite a few items in Lost Property at the moment including Mobile Phones, iPods, Watches, a Pandora bracelet, Sleeping Bags as well as Uniform items and Casual Clothing. Any items that have not been collected at the end of Term 2 (Friday 29 June, 2012) will be donated to a local charity. Lost Property is located in Student Reception and items of value are stored separately. Please encourage your children to see Mrs Gamble or Mrs Snell if you know they are missing anything.