

Mrs Jeanette Refalo | Assistant Principal Mission

Catholic Education Week

Next week is Catholic Education Week. I hear you say; "Is not every week Catholic Education Week?" I agree, however having this event annually in week three of term three, provides an ideal opportunity for all 313 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote our distinctive mission and ethos.

As a Catholic school we endeavour to make a difference in the lives of the students in our College and in the wider community by challenging them to have the courage to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Events planned for this coming week, include:

- Monday - Year 8 students cooking up a sausage sizzle storm for the Year 7 students. (Sausage Sizzle free for all students)
- Wednesday – Student V Staff Netball game
- Friday – Staff breakfast, cooked and served by the College Leadership Team
- Friday – Student Council Bake Sale – please encourage your child to contribute baking toward this event. Proceeds raised will go to Mercy Works

Catholic Education Week
23-29 July 2023

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Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Appreciating Adolescents

I came across an interesting quote when reading a recent reference - "By the time your kids are 12, you have already had half of the time in hours that you will ever spend with them. By 15, you've used up 75 percent of your time with them. By 18, it was north of 90 percent. That is, as kids make their way through their teens, they simply need you less. They want to spend more time with their friends and less time wanting your input on their life."

I know from my personal perspective that our kids grow up so quickly. I guess we should appreciate what we've got and remember to live in the moment.

Parenting; the most important job in the world.

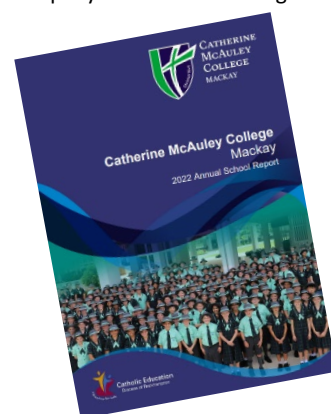
CMC July Board Report

Budget (\$) – Mrs Paula Bell – Business Manager, presented the College budget to our Board members this week. While the College runs at an overall loss in our initial years, this deficit rapidly diminishes as we grow. Despite this fiscal stringency, we have acquired significant improvements to resources in learning programs.

CMC Annual School Report – Board members perused this comprehensive document on the full range of services, curriculum and extra curricular activity that is on offer. Strategic plans for 2023 are included in this informative brochure.

Semester 1 Summative Reporting Analysis. – Board members previewed the results summary for Year 7 and Year 8. Results for Year 7 are outstanding in achievement, effort and behaviour. Year 8 results in effort and behaviour are good with a couple of subject areas reflecting a step up in level of difficulty. Version 9 of the National Curriculum is challenging.

Uniform Issues – Board members discussed recent concerns with items of the girl's uniform. Discussion affirmed that the new dress with a substantial hem has addressed that issue. There is still a concern with the fit and hem of the skirt. Mrs Jeanette Refalo and two Board members will consult with the uniform shop to put a solution in place for next year.



Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN

Results are due to be released in the coming weeks. The 2023 reports are quite different to those to which you will have become accustomed to in year 3 and 5 testing. Instead of students being placed on a 10-band scale, there will be four proficiencies.

- Exceeding: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.

- Needs additional support: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing.

Importantly, the results in 2023 will not be comparable to results from 2008 to 2022. Basically, there is a new "line in the sand", and ACARA are "starting again".

Student reports will be made available on Parent Lounge as soon as the College is able to upload them. You will receive a confirmation email once they are available, and we encourage you to discuss the report with your child. Please keep in mind that it is a point in time test, and while important, doesn't define them or their abilities in any way and the most important aspect of their schooling remains their consistent effort and application towards their studies each week.

Student-Led Conferencing

Student-Led Conferencing will again run this term, on Thursday 27 of July. Bookings via Parent Lounge for all core subjects (Religion, English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Health & Physical Education) from Wednesday 19 July and close on Tuesday 25 July. Parents wishing to meet with their students PC or elective subject teacher will need to make email contact with that teacher to book sessions individually.

Please refer to today's email for information on extra sessions being offered.

Mrs Paula Bell – Business Manager

School Fees

- Statement of Accounts (as of 30 June) were emailed to all families on Friday 7 July
- Current balances can be viewed on Parent Lounge (Tass)
- All fees must be paid by Friday 17 November, 2023

If you have any queries, please contact the Office 4994 9200.

Miss Eleanor Woodman | Debating Coach

Champion Team of Two

Congratulations to Ruby and Llandyn who defeated the Whitsunday Anglican School debating team in the *Interschool Debating Competition*. With just the two-man team debating, it was a hard-won victory. We are now through to the Grand Final which will be held on Tuesday evening at Whitsunday Anglican School.



Miss Eleanor Woodman | Teacher

We Rocked, We Popped and We Mimed

At the annual Rock Pop Mime held last weekend, CMC presented a moving production called 'Bullying- no way' showcasing the wonderful talented members of our Dance Team. Congratulations to all the students involved.



Quote "Put your whole confidence in God. He never will let you want necessities for yourself or children."

Catherine McAuley



Date Claimers

- 23-29 July – Catholic Education Week
- Thursday 27 July – Student Led Conferencing
- Tuesday 1 August – Additional Student Led Conferencing session
- Tuesday 8 August – Year 9 Subject Selection Evening
- Wednesday 9 August – Parent Engagement Group meeting 5:30pm
- Wednesday 9 August – Board meeting 7:00pm
- 14-18 August – National Science Week
- 21 – 25 August – Book Week
- Friday 25 August – Book Week Dress Up Day
- Friday 1 September – Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 12 September – Mercy Mass at CMC

Catherine's Café | Mrs Frances Deguara

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS Needed

Catherine's Cafe

We are seeking helpers
TUESDAYS to FRIDAYS
8:30-11:30am
(lunch provided)

Contact Cafe Convenor
Mrs Frances Deguara
if you are able to assist

CMCM_cafe@rok.catholicedu.au
or 4994 9200



WEEK 3 & 4 ROSTER



WEEK 3

- TUESDAY 25 JULY**
DENIS
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEDNESDAY 26 JULY**
RENAE
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- THURSDAY 27 JULY**
NERISSA
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- FRIDAY 28 JULY**
LEE-ANNE
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

WEEK 4

- TUESDAY 1 AUGUST**
DEBBIE
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST**
JENNY
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- THURSDAY 3 AUGUST**
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
- FRIDAY 4 AUGUST**
JAIME
CHRIS