

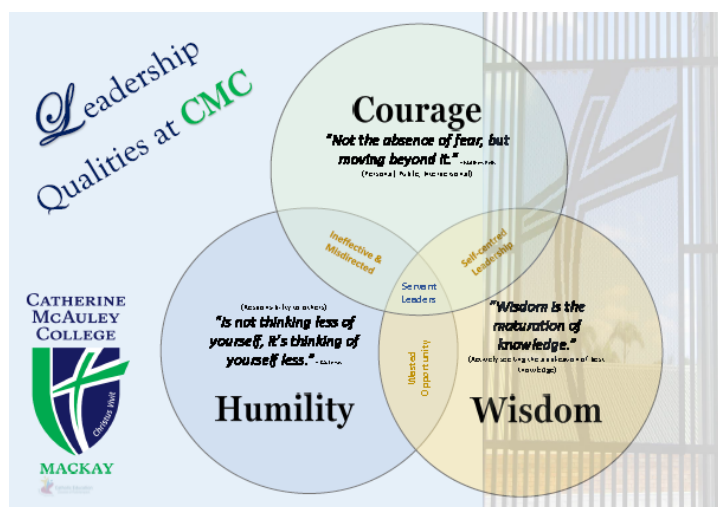
Week 4 Term 8 24 November 2023

Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Servant Leaders (The only model of leadership for a Catholic school)

Staff, Students, Parent Volunteers:

The personal qualities of humility, courage and wisdom are the engine room of service and conscious service to others is the leadership model we have developed at CMC.



Mrs Jeanette Refalo | Assistant Principal Mission

Advent ~ A Time of Preparation

This reflection, received from Mercy Partners is apt to share. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas and readying ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. One of the first items to appear in our homes and workplaces during the Advent season is the Christmas nativity scene.

The very first Nativity scene is attributed to St Francis of Assisi. In Greccio (origin of the word creche) Francis transformed one of the natural caves of the mountain into a chapel, and in that little space, he created a manger filled with straw. He brought in the ox and ass and lit the hillside with torches so that the people from the region would see the mountain filled with light ... At midnight a priest came forward to celebrate the Christmas mass beside the manger ... Francis created in a beautiful poetic tableau a vision of the incarnation that touched the hearts of people as never before and gave to the world the beautiful tradition of the Christmas Creche (*Stets OSF. 2022. Franciscan Feld Guide: Franciscan Places, Practices and Prayers. Franciscan Media: Cincinnati. 37*).



Holy One

Essence of Kindness

As we journey through this Advent Season

Inspire us to be bearers of love

through our messages of hope

our shared smiles

our generosity and forgiving hearts

our listening ears and words of understanding.

Help us to be living signs of your love dwelling amongst us. Amen

(Adapted from: Joyce Rupp. *Return to the Root*. 2021. 225)

Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Looking forward to 2024

Students are amid the busiest assessment period of the semester and as this period draws to a close, we turn our attention to 2024. Students in Year 8 will complete another fixed program, consisting of the 6 core subjects (Religion, English, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education and Humanities) for the entire year. Another 4 Elective subjects will be studied on a term rotation (Robotics, Spanish, The Arts & Food Technologies). Students in Year 9 will do the same 6 core subjects however, Humanities will occur for only one semester. Year 9 students have selected 3 elective subjects and will complete two of them in one semester and the other, along with their semester of Humanities, in the other semester.

All three-year levels will continue in their Pastoral Care class in the middle of the day and Clubs, Projects & Hobbies (CPH) will start in approximately week 5 of the first term. CPH will be slightly different, as we get bigger, student selections and semester choices have become necessary to ensure those very popular clubs are shared equally amongst all students that wish to participate.

Thank you for your support this year, from all the curriculum team and we look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

CMC Instrumental and Performance Program 2024

Music and the Performing Arts play a significant role in the life of Catherine McAuley College, we actively encourage our students to engage in our Co-curricular Instrumental Music and Performance Program. To enrol your child in our 2024 program, please click the link to fill out the google form.

<https://forms.gle/X178zZMd2rgodmKN9>



Maths

Science

English

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2025

Parents and Guardians of children currently in Year 5 who wish to be part of our Catherine McAuley College community are reminded to complete enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2025 by the end of March 2024! Interviews will commence in March 2024. Siblings of current CMC students are not automatically enrolled; an application must be submitted. Please do not hesitate to contact the College with any queries relating to enrolment. Visit our website to complete an enrolment application form **once you have received your child's Year 5 Semester 2 school report**. <https://cmcmrok.catholic.edu.au>



Non-State Schools Transport Assistant Scheme (NSSTAS)



The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) provides financial assistance to families transporting children to non-state schools in Queensland. The weekly threshold is reviewed regularly and for Semester 1 2024, the weekly family threshold will increase to \$35 (\$25 for a concession card holder). Applications for financial assistance can be made now for semester 2 2023 at [Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme \(NSSTAS\) \(schooltransport.com.au\)](https://schooltransport.com.au).

Around The Table Cookbook

Our Foundation Cookbook is available for sale over the counter at the Finance Office and would make a wonderful Christmas gift. Priced \$25.00, last day for payment and order, Tuesday 28 November 2023.



Quote "Now rapidly the days, weeks, and months are passing. Another month ended, that seemed but a few days begun. If we have not forfeited the friendship of almighty God, but have been trying to love Him more and more, and to serve Him faithfully, they were blessed days for us."

Catherine McAuley



Date Claimers

Wed 29 Nov - End of Year Mass (Whole School Event) 9:00am

Fri 1 Dec - Awards Morning 10:00am

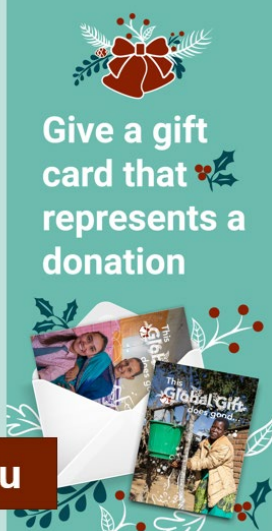
Fri 1 Dec - Last Day Term 4, students are to be collected by **11:30am** from the Field Street carpark. (Supervision will be provided for students who are unable to find alternate collection arrangements)

Community News



Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact.

www.globalgifts.org.au



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131 Army Cadet Unit Sarina

Expressions of interest are open now! Join 131 Army Cadet Unit Sarina for the 2024 intake!

Email: Amy.Bradford@armycadets.gov.au

- Recruit open day Friday 2nd February 2024 1530 - 1800hrs
- Recruitment sausage sizzle Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ Goode's Butchery 0800 - 1200hrs.
- First recruit parade Friday 9th February 1530 - 0900hrs Saturday 10th February.
- Follow us on Facebook @ 131 Army Cadet Unit - Sarina.
- Joining requirements; minimum turning 13 years old in the calendar year of their enrolment. The maximum joining age 16 years old.

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