



**McAuley
Community
School**
A Catholic school
in the Mercy tradition

McAuley News

Weekly Memo: Week 1, Term 3 2023



Welcome to Term 3!

This week, we welcome our new Reception learners and their families to our school community and to the Reception Neighbourhood. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for a coffee in the staffroom on Tuesday.

We also welcome Jian and his family into year 2. They are from South Korea and are visiting family here in Australia during term 3.

Belonging and clear, consistent routines are re-visited often, but especially at the beginning of each term. Educators spend elements of the day reviewing and re-teaching expected behaviours and revising and re-establishing what consistent routines look like and are in that PC, that Neighbourhood and in our school.

Last Thursday, a letter went out on Audiri welcoming you back to school for the term. Please check this out if you haven't already. It also contained a staffing list.



Reflection Day

On Monday, all McAuley Staff spent the day together at Nunyara. We explored Matthew 25 ('For I was hungry and I gave you food') and Isaiah 58 ('Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen.....to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?') as foundational scripture for the day.

Through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, we examined how Catherine McAuley acted on these scriptures in

Dublin 200 years ago, and how we can use these works and scripture today in our everyday lives. Presenter Maria Taylor inspired and engaged all staff with activities centred on these scriptures as well as reflective of the Works of Mercy, to ensure Catherine McAuley's legacy remains alive and contemporary at McAuley Community School.

Nude Food

As it is the beginning of Term 3, we would like to remind our families that we are a Nude Food School. Nude Food simply means food without excess packaging. If packaging is required there is an expectation that this packaging is returned back to the learners' lunch box. Thank you in advance for supporting this.

Learning

One of the many important roles you play as parents in your child's education, is to ensure your child / children is / are at school from 8:30am and ready to enter the neighbourhood at 8:45am. Routines and consistency is so important in terms of assisting children to reduce cognitive load, be ready for the day and be able to access the learning in order to practice and retain new concepts. Our roll is taken by each Educator and must be completed as soon as possible from 9am – 9:15am. If your child arrives at school after 9am, we ask with courtesy and respect, that you please come in via the front office and check in.

Mini Vinnies & Faith in Formation

On Friday night this week, 40 of our Learners will be having their 'Mini Vinnies' evening in various locations around the School. Having been presented to their peers and reciting their pledge, they are an excited and dynamic group, keen to lend a hand for the benefit of others. During the evening, they will be working with the Sacred Heart College Marist Solidarity Team, who will be taking our learners through a series of talks, activities and liturgy based on understanding their role and appreciating the needs of the less fortunate in our community, especially the homeless this winter.

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