

February 2011

**McAuley High School offers quality Catholic Education, in the tradition of Mercy, which challenges young women to strive for standards of personal excellence.**

Dear friends and family of McAuley High School

Tena Kotou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni Sa Bula, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei

Welcome to 2011. We are thrilled to welcome our new Year 9 students and enrolments at all levels. In addition, we welcome a returning staff member, Mrs McCamish, as Head of ESOL. She returns to the school after a break being at home with her young children. We are delighted that she chose to return to McAuley High School.

We trust that 2011 will be a year of recognising the gifts of the Spirit in each other. In St Paul's letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 verse 4 he states:

*“There is a variety of gifts but always the same spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.”*

The Spirit is the power of faith; it reveals and searches out the deep things of God. The Spirit is the principle by which the Christian lives. As a school we exist because of Christ Jesus. As a school we strive to recognise the gifts we each bring to our community. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, we aim to recognise and appreciate the gifts we bring and the gifts that our students bring. Catherine recognised that by developing the gifts of students, we lift them to empower them. Our Year 13 students were encouraged at this year's leadership camp to recognise their gifts and appreciate how they can use these gifts for the benefit of our community.

We appreciate the sacrifices made by our parents to provide the gift of a Catholic education to their daughters. School, home, church and environment all contribute to our students recognising their gifts and developing them. We pray that in 2011 our students will strive to develop their talents and succeed.

This year our theme and value is “Justice.” Our liturgical celebrations will explore this value and endeavour to deepen our understanding of how we can contribute to promoting justice in our community. We pray that in 2011 we may remember the words of MICAH:

*“This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.”*

## **Congratulations to our students for their NCEA results in 2010**

We are very proud of the achievements of our students in 2010. At NCEA Level 1, approximately 86% of our students achieved the qualification. 24 Year 11 students gained a Merit Endorsement and three gained an Excellence Endorsement. At NCEA Level 2, approximately 85% of our students achieved the qualification, with 10 Year 12 students gaining a Merit Endorsement and one an Excellence Endorsement. At NCEA Level 3, approximately 60% of students achieved the qualification. Three Year 13 students gained a Merit Endorsement. 54 students also gained a Merit Endorsement retrospectively, and four an Excellence Endorsement during 2010. Special congratulations are extended to the Mathematics Department as our students at Level 1 had a 100% success rate in meeting the numeracy requirement. 88.6% of our students met the literacy requirement at Level 1, with 72% of our students meeting the University Entrance requirement for literacy.

### **Congratulations to the following Year 11 students for achieving NCEA Level 1 with a Merit Endorsement:**

Joanna Antonio, Stephanie Bartley, Sarah De Guzman, Naomi Fruean, Latoya Huch, Koloti Kamoto, Jasmine Liki-Faalenuu, Tusi Lauina, Flora Lesoa, Alison Lopati, Mary Maguet, Moalapau'u Maka, Evo Malifa, Ngaitematetoru Parima, Stephanie Paulo, Philomena Petaia, Lisa Po'e, Mataniu Samu, Fouaina Sa'u, Vanessa Seau, Diana Sisel, Eirenei Tauai, Anna Taufao, Filisita Tuioغو.

### **Congratulations to the following Year 12 students for achieving NCEA Level 2 with a Merit Endorsement:**

Aira Galsim, Christina Huch, Rizzi Maravilla, Siifua Mau'u, Letania Mikaele, Bernadette Robertson, Mercy Su'a, Hazel Tafa, Dillys Takau, Denise Venu.

### **Congratulations to the following Year 13 students for achieving NCEA Level 3 with a Merit Endorsement:**

Tinei Alaelua, Inna Schwalger and Karlina Tongotea.

### **Congratulations to the following students who achieved Excellence Endorsements:**

Myra Fa'amausili, Carmelita Maletino, Edwina Smith and Roseanne Ulunga.

### **Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award for earning 10 merit slips in Term 4 of 2010:**

Faith Alauni Papalii, Soloaina Fiu, Ana Fukofuka, Anny Gaga, Lose Halatoa, Hillary Khan, Lupi Latu, Iolenese Lemalie, Maria Manutoifo, Regina Namulauulu Uli, Ilaisaane Pongi, Arietta Puava, Tara Soe, Lei Taliaoa, Carrisse Utai, Samantha Zamora.

## Leaders for 2011

Congratulations to our Leaders for 2011. We share the pride of the parents in these fine young women.

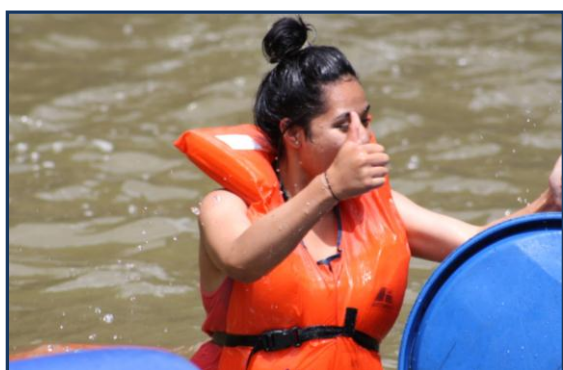
Head Girl		Carmelita Maletino
Deputy Head Girl		Lepetimalo Filo
Liturgy Leader		Meressapinni Pupualii
Deputy Liturgy Leader		Palepa Ioane
Board of Trustees Representative		Teuila Fotu-Moala
Student Council Leader		Giovana Sua
World Vision		Juliana Mataia
Peer Support		Paris Stowers
Ball Committee		Siifua Mau'u, Salevalasi Vitale
Head of Choir		Sonia Prasad
Head of Health Council		Vika Pasa
Careers Leader		Kalolaine Lolo
St Vinnies Leaders		Denise Venu, Laisene Emelio
Amnesty International		Dillys Takau
SADD		Rosally Alesana
Library		Meressapinni Pupualii
Sports Captain		Christina Huch
Deputy Sports Captain		Philomena Petaia
House Captains	Carlow	Leader - Teresa Talanoa
		Deputy - Tala Autagavaia
	Coolock	Leader - Jackie Bourne
		Deputy - Atina Lipa Patau
	Stormanstown	Leader - Tulisa Fifita
		Deputy - Anne Emelio
	Tullamore	Leader - Bernadette Robertson
		Deputy - Sharnequar Ngani



## Year 13 Leadership Camp

This year our Year 13 leaders for 2011 participated in “Camp ELIJAH - (Empowerment Leadership Identity Justice Advocacy Honesty). Leadership Camp was an opportunity for our Year 13 students to acknowledge our individual gifts and realise the significance of our role this year as the leaders of our school. We were put into groups and participated in various activities, each with its own challenges. Most of the activities emphasised leadership qualities: TRUST, TEAM WORK, ENCOURAGEMENT & SUPPORT. Many girls were pushed to their limits, especially in activities like high ropes and low ropes, where we were made to climb up the high beam, or fall back in the hands of our group members. Team work was evident in activities like kayaking, raft-building, and problem solving where we got to know each member of our group and share ideas.

Leadership Camp to most of our Year 13 students was more than identifying ourselves as leaders, it was helping us realise our own individual gifts. In our reading during our Mass, we were reminded that despite our differences and having various gifts, at the end of the day we are all ‘members of the one body’. We reflected on our aims and goals for 2011, and on our last night, as a way of accepting the challenges and leadership for 2011, we washed each other’s hands, our pledge to serve our school and be an example for the future leaders of our school.



## Prime Minister’s Youth Programme

From 24 to 28 January, myself, Seini Sofele, Susana Nimo, Cassandra Fotu-Moala and Meleane Taufu were invited to join 100 students from other Auckland schools to participate in the Prime Minister’s Youth Programme. Once there, we were grouped according to the type of programme we chose, e.g. performing arts or sports.



Seini Sofele, Susana Nimo, Cassandra Fotu-Moala and I were in the performing arts group. The first day we met the other students in our group, were picked up by a hummerzine and were taken to a performance of the contemporary dance group Black Grace, which was awesome. A drumming workshop and lunch at Mission Bay didn’t happen due to the rain.

On Tuesday we had to be at the airport before 6.30am to catch a flight for our day trip to Wellington. This trip included breakfast at Mr Buns, a visit to Weta Workshop where *Avatar* was made, a tour around town, a visit to Te Papa and a tour of the Beehive.



On Wednesday we went to Auckland Museum to meet the cast of *Outrageous Fortune*. After lunch we headed to a recording studio where we recorded with David from Nesian Mystic, and Holly Smith.

On Thursday we were at Cut Above where we were given a makeover, then headed into the city to watch an orchestra and then off to Laser Tag. One of the best parts of the week was meeting and getting to know everybody, especially the tutors. By Friday nobody wanted to go home.

*Jordahna Ama*

## Measles

Health professionals are concerned about a current outbreak of measles in Auckland. Measles was once a common childhood infection caused by a virus. Most children are now vaccinated against measles with their MMR vaccine at their 15 months and 4 year old vaccine injections. Measles begins with the symptoms of a cold. Signs your child may have measles:

- headache
- fever
- runny nose
- dry cough
- watery, red, sore, puffy eyes
- sensitivity to light

The rash begins on the 4th or 5th day following the symptoms above and may appear as follows:

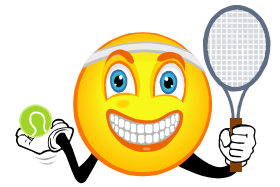
- a raised, red rash starts behind the ears or on the forehead and spreads to rest of face and body
- spots and blisters on hands and feet
- spots in the mouth that may make it difficult to eat
- koplik spots (tiny white spots inside the cheeks)

- \* Measles is easily spread from one person to another.
- \* From the time the person comes in contact with the virus until the signs show is around 10 days.
- \* A person is infectious for one day before symptoms and for five after rash starts.
- \* Signs are coughing, sneezing, fever, sore red eyes, white spots in mouth.
- \* Authorities say to check with your GP that your family are immunised.
- \* If measles is suspected, phone your GP, or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

## School Tuckshop

Our tuckshop is an independent business operating in the school. Our school has a healthy food policy. I urge students to support our tuck shop as they comply with the healthy food guidelines and try very hard to keep prices at a reasonable level. The following is a list of foods available and prices:

Hot Foods:	Pies	2.80
	Sausage Rolls	1.60
	Panini (Hot Chicken)	3.50
	Burgers (Chicken/Fish etc)	3.30
	American Hotdogs	3.50
	BBQ Pork Riblet Rolls	3.50
	Pizza Sticks	2.00
	Bacon Egg McMuffins	3.00
	Toasted Sandwiches (2 fillings)	2.50
	- extra fillings	.10
	Quiches (Chicken or Bacon)	3.60
	Noodles (Chicken/Beef)	3.20
Meals to Order:	Spagetti Bolognaise	4.50
	Cottage Pie	4.50
	Butter Chicken on Rice	4.50
	Macaroni Cheese	4.50
	Nachos	4.50
	Spicy Wedges with Sour Cream	4.50
	Mince on Pasta	4.50
	Jacket Potatoes	3.00
Breads:	Long Filled Rolls (Ham/Chicken etc)	3.50
	Paninis Filled	4.00
	Sandwiches (Wholemeal)	3.50
	Sandwiches (Vogel)	3.50
	Sandwiches (Freyas)	3.50
	Egg, Lettuce, Ham, Tomato etc	2.80
	Naan Wraps	3.50
Snacks:	Yogurts	1.60
	Fruit	.80 – 1.00
	Muffins (Blueberry/Banana etc)	2.00
	Fruit Salad	3.00
	Rice Crackers	1.00
	Muesli Bars	1.50
Drinks:	Water	2.00 – 3.00
	Flavoured Milk	2.00 – 3.00
	Sharing Cans (Water)	1.60
	Slurpas	1.60
	Juicicals	.80
	Fresh Up Cans	3.50
	Nippy Drinks	3.50



## **Sports – Term 1**

The following sports are available for all students in Term 1.

### **Softball**

Trainings will be held on Tuesday, 3.30pm - 5pm. Games are played on a Wednesday after school and commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **Cricket**

Two team trainings will be held at lunch time. Games are played on a Wednesday after school and commence on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Touch**

Team training will be held on Monday morning, 7.15am - 8.20am. Games are played on a Tuesday after school and commence on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Tennis**

Coaching is held every Tuesday lunch time at the school tennis courts from 12 noon until 1.00pm. Commencement day was Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and this will continue until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Saturday games will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. Games commence at 8.15am, so team members will need to be at school at 7.30am.

### **Volleyball Premiers**

Trainings are held every Tuesday and Thursday in the school gym from 3.30pm. – 5.00pm. Competition games will commence on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Volleyball Zonal**

Trainings are held every Wednesday in the school gym from 3.30pm. – 5.00pm. The team will also have weekly lunch time training. Competition games will commence on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Kilikiti**

Trials are being held this week at school during lunch time. All future trainings will be held during lunch time unless parents are notified in writing. Tournaments will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (A Grade) and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March (B Grade) – students will only attend one of these tournaments.

### **Waka Ama**

Training for our two teams will be held every Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm - 5.00pm at Ian Shaw Park, Panama Road, Mt Wellington. The regatta will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Orakei Basin. Year 11, 12 and 13 students wishing to train for the regatta can attend trainings on a Saturday morning with their coach (Pam Hills) at Ian Shaw Park. These trainings will commence on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February. A meeting will be held at lunch time this week for interested students.

### **Golf**

Students wishing to play golf this term can obtain a permission letter from Mrs Robertson at the sports office in the gym. Coaching will commence next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at a local golf course.



## **Library**

Mrs Miers and the Library Team welcome all McAulians to another happy year of reading and library enjoyment. Constantly alive with the buzz of life, the Library is certainly a place to hang out and read or study quietly. With nearly 1000 titles added to our collection in 2010, the Library shelves are full and waiting for borrowers. Our Library is always open at lunchtime so come in and enjoy all these new books. At the moment the Library has 150 books overdue. "It is a far, far better thing to have returned books late than never return them at all."

We are currently looking for students to join the Library Team. This is a great opportunity to serve your school. Full training is given. Please see Mrs Miers if you are interested. The Library is open between 8.30am until 3.30pm.

*Mrs Miers, Librarian*

## **Strategic Plan**

Attached is the draft strategic plan for our school for the next three years. Please read and return to the school with any comments or suggestions. I am also happy to speak to anyone either by phone or in person if you would like anything clarified or wish to add comments. We thank you for your input.

**Congratulations to Mrs Palelei (Ms Houghton) on the birth of a healthy son.**

Thank you for your support of the school.

Anne Miles  
PRINCIPAL