

1 November 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

It is wonderful to see all around us the signs of Spring. The colourful blossoms, sound of the bird song and the tiny flowers remind us of regrowth and new opportunities. At this time of the year we farewell our senior students, first to their examinations, and then to new doors opening for them. It is a time for them to say farewell. As they leave us they go with our supportive prayers to grow and flourish. We have loved having them here and, as they go, we pray that they may open their hearts to God's love and that they will be open to the Spirit working in each one of them.

The following prayer is by Rosemary Wass.

*The blessing of the signs of spring be yours today:  
The new life visible in the fields be a sign of new life in you,  
The birds building nests be a sign of belief in the future for you,  
The tiny flowers on grassy banks be a sign of the small but  
Significant things in your life.*

*May the blessing of God,  
Sower of seed,  
Nurturer of hope and  
Gardener of harmony,  
Stay with you today and always.*

## **Senior Students Commence NZQA Examinations on 10 November**

A copy of the NZQA timetable follows in this newsletter.

**Students need to present to school at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time.**

All morning examinations start at 9.30am and all afternoon examinations start at 2.00pm. Please note that students have to be on time for all examinations. Each student will be given an individual timetable and instructions for the examinations.

Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	Scholarship
<b>Thur 10 Nov</b>	am	Media Studies			Drama
	pm	Art History	English		English
<b>Fri 11 Nov</b>	<b>NO EXAMINATIONS ON THIS DAY</b>				
<b>Sat 12 Nov</b>	am				Statistics and Modelling
	pm				Science
<b>Mon 14 Nov</b>	am	Mathematics	Art History	Spanish / Home Economics	
	pm	Dance		Statistics and Modelling	
<b>Tues 15 Nov</b>	am	German	Accounting	Science	
	pm	Accounting	German / Te Reo Rangatira	Biology	
<b>Wed 16 Nov</b>	am	English	Latin / Media Studies	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Classical Studies
	pm	Chinese	Physics	Art History	Physics
<b>Thur 17 Nov</b>	am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Mathematics	Dance	Te Reo Māori
	pm	French	Te Reo Māori	Economics	Art History
<b>Fri 18 Nov</b>	am	Biology	Education for Sustainability	English	
	pm	History	Biology	Agricultural & Horticultural Science / Japanese	German
<b>Sat 19 Nov</b>	am				Chemistry
	pm				History
<b>Mon 21 Nov</b>	am	Science	Chemistry	Chemistry	Latin
	pm	Samoan / Te Reo Rangatira	Drama	German	Music
<b>Tues 22 Nov</b>	am	Chemistry	Geography	Health	Biology
	pm	Classical Studies	Samoan / Spanish	History	
<b>Wed 23 Nov</b>	am	Geography	Dance / Home Economics	Geography	Accounting
	pm	Home Economics	Japanese	Classical Studies	Samoan
<b>Thur 24 Nov</b>	am	Japanese	History	Accounting / Latin	Te Reo Rangatira
	pm	Physics	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Mathematics with Calculus	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
<b>Fri 25 Nov</b>	am	Economics	French	Physics	Spanish
	pm	Social Studies	Science	Drama	Media Studies
<b>Sat 26 Nov</b>	am				Mathematics with Calculus
	pm				Geography
<b>Mon 28 Nov</b>	am	Drama	Classical Studies	Making Music / Te Reo Māori	French
	pm	Te Reo Māori	Music	Media Studies	
<b>Tues 29 Nov</b>	am	Business Studies / Spanish	Social Studies	Social Studies	Chinese
	pm	Health	Chinese / Health	French	Physical Education
<b>Wed 30 Nov</b>	am	Music	Economics	Music Studies	Economics
	pm	Latin	Business Studies	Chinese	Japanese

## Important Dates for Term 4

- **28 October** Senior reports posted
- **28 October** Sports Prize Giving
- **8 November** Thanksgiving Mass  
Seniors leave for study leave
- **10 November** **NCEA examinations commence**
- **11 November** Orientation tests for Year 8 students
- **14 November** Junior examinations commence
- **22 November** AIMHI Award night
- **23 November** Teacher Only Day. Seniors continue with examinations.  
No school for Junior students.
- **28 November** **Senior Prizegiving at 6.30pm**
- **2 December** Junior reports posted
- **7 December** **End of Term 4 - Junior Farewell Liturgy at 10.00am followed by Junior Prizegiving**

**Our Thanksgiving Mass** is on Tuesday 8 November at 9.30am. After this senior students will be released for study leave. We ask parents to please ensure that this time is used wisely.

**Our Senior Prizegiving** is on Monday 28 November at 6.30pm. Due to the changes of the term dates to allow for the Rugby World Cup, we have moved this to the evening to allow more class time for students.

### Mercy Day 2011

One of the highlights of the McAuley High school year has to be Mercy Day. This celebration reminds us of the special relationship that we, at McAuley High School, have with the Sisters of Mercy and Catherine McAuley. Our liturgical theme for 2011, Justice, featured in the celebration of the Eucharist where our celebrants were Fr Mike Wooller and Fr John Jolliffe. During the Prayers of the Faithful, members of the junior school and Ms Crawford read beautifully in different languages that reflected the variety of cultures represented at McAuley High School. The mass was made even more special with the beautiful singing by the students. We were led by the wonderful cantors: Mr Bower, Mr Radcliffe and Khona Va'aga-Gray. Mr Goliath lead our singing. At the end of the Celebration of the Eucharist, the Mercy awards were presented. These awards are awarded to those people who have reflected in their lives, the Mercy Values. This year the award was a cup and saucer. I explained that the Sisters had gathered around Catherine McAuley's death bed to say prayers and bid her farewell. After a long day Catherine turned to the Sisters and requested that they have a 'comfortable cup of tea after she had gone'. Since then a comfortable cup of tea has been a telling symbol of Mercy Values.

The following staff and students were awarded our most prestigious award - the Mercy Award:

- Felicia Afoa
- Carmelita Maletino
- Meressapinni Pupuali'i
- Palepa Ioane
- Ms McCoy
- Ms Williams
- Mrs Palamo
- Mrs Munro



Congratulations to those who have reflected Mercy in the way they live their lives.



## **Congratulations**

- Hinemoa Finau for coming first in the recent Auckland Junior Tongan Speech competitions – Faufaua - and gaining a prize of \$300.00.
- Janice Lagaali-Schuster who came third in the New Zealand Year 11 Young Historians competition. Janice presented a museum presentation on the role of women during WW1. The judges commented on her in-depth ideas. This is the first time we have entered and for a student to gain third place throughout New Zealand is a wonderful achievement. Janice received \$100.00.
- Congratulations to the following students who have gained 10 Merit Awards: Paea Afu, Angela Benjamin, Maxine Carter, Savina De Guzman, Ryanne Inoncillo, Julie Kearns, Penina Koale, Hilda Palu, Sallyrose Paulo, Catherine Petaia, Veronica Petelo, Bouesha-Joyce Pomare, Jennifer Ramlose, Araliina Sawa, Lilly Tuli, Laumanu Tupou, Angeline Williams

## **Congratulations to the following leaders who have already been selected for 2012:**

Myra Fa'amausili	Head Girl
Philomena Petaia	Deputy Head Girl
Filisita Tuioga	Head of Liturgy
Chante Sua	Deputy Head of Liturgy
Elizabeth Tolova'a	BOT representative

We are extremely proud of them all. Our other leaders will be selected after the leadership camp at the start of next year.

Thank you for your support of the school.

Anne Miles  
Principal