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# newsletter

## Principal's Message

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It is hard to believe that another month has flown by... and that we are about to enjoy the June / July holidays. It is certainly strange to be working in a school without the normal end of term pressure of exams, assessment, marking and reporting. We are enjoying it while we can.

It has been a highlight this month to be out and about connecting with members of our community. Deirdre and I enjoyed a visit to Centacare with Kylie Parnaby, Manager and Sr Catherina Robinson rsm. We were lucky to visit on a Tuesday and enjoy a scrummy morning tea. Thank you.

On Sunday 12 June I attended the Rotary Music Muster and it was great to meet many prospective families, as well as our local councillor, Cr Michael Enright. I congratulate Rotary and all concerned on a wonderful community event.

It was indeed a pleasure to join Mr Kevin Billion, Mrs Trish Dunn, and the St Mary's Primary School community for the blessing of their Marian Building, which will be the learning centre for their Year 3 students.

Earlier this month, I was also pleased to visit Hillview State School and I thank Mrs Sharon Ritchie, Principal for her welcome. What a beautiful school and reminder about what an amazing part of the world the Scenic Rim is and how lucky we are to call it home!

Enrolments continue to be strong with much interest shown in Year 7, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Keep spreading the good word! It was certainly lovely to meet with more prospective families at our recent Information Evenings in Beaudesert and Boonah.

Finally, I invite you to visit our website and take a virtual tour of our Stage One Buildings, or join us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening.

In Mercy,

**Deidre Young  
Principal**



*Look footings - how very exciting!*

### DATE CLAIMERS

**Enrolling now for  
2017, 2018 & 2019**

[Enrolment application form](#)

**Come and meet us at the  
Beaudesert Markets on  
Saturday 2 July**

**Woodhill Billy Cart Derby  
Saturday 23 July 2016  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
at the  
Woodhill State School**

## Out and About in the Community



*Having a great day at the Rotary Music Muster with Cr. Michael Enright*



*Pictured here with Paul Allen and Mary Wallis from BCE School Service Centre – Springwood, along with Kevin Billion, Principal and Trish Dunn, APRE of St Mary's Primary at the blessing of their Marian Building.*

## Welcome Michael Darcy and Gayle Nicholson...

Next term, McAuley College will double in size. Now that is what we call exponential growth! Deirdre and I are very excited.



**Michael Darcy** has been appointed to the role of Foundation Deputy Principal. Michael is currently the Assistant Principal Curriculum at Trinity College Beenleigh. Appointed to this position at the beginning of 2012, Michael has gained experience across all aspects of leadership including a six-month appointment as Acting Deputy Principal. Prior to this time, Michael has held Middle Leadership roles at both St Thomas More College and St Laurence's College. Michael is completing his Masters of Educational Leadership.



**Gayle Nicholson** has been appointed to the role of Foundation Business Manager. Gayle has worked across a number of schools both within the Catholic and Lutheran systems, including the role of Business Manager at Bethania Lutheran School. More recently, she has worked in a new, master planned school in Ormeau, Lutheran Ormeau Rivers District School.

We warmly welcome Michael and Gayle to McAuley College, and I look forward to the skills and expertise both will bring in their respective areas to help build this wonderful community in the Scenic Rim.

## Student Focus

We would like to introduce and focus on our wonderful students who will form the Inaugural Year of McAuley College. **Charlie Love** will go down in history as the first student interviewed for McAuley College and we are delighted to say that he has accepted our offer to join the McAuley College community. Charlie is currently enrolled at St Mary's School and enjoys participating in Rugby League and Athletics. Welcome aboard Charlie.



## McAuley College will run a bus each day from Boonah to the school.

Of course, the most exciting news in the past few weeks was that the College will operate a College owned bus that will support our families in Boonah. The bus will collect McAuley College students each day from All Saints' Primary School, Boonah and deliver them to the doorstep of McAuley College. The bus will operate on a user pay system and the College has attempted to keep these costs within reason whilst still trying to cover the cost of running a bus over 80 km each day.

Please refer to the website under Enrolments – Transport for further information about the Boonah Bus, [www.mcauley.com](http://www.mcauley.com).