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Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Ni sa bula, Marhaba, Namaste, Mabuhay.

Congratulations to the 400 girls and their whanau who achieved over 90% attendance in Term 1 AND less than 3 lates. Our expectation is that all students attend school every day, and it is fantastic that students are making a real effort with attendance. There is still some work to do on being on time to school with up to 70 students arriving after 8.40am. We would appreciate whanau making arrangements to get their student to school on time if this is a problem.

No doubt you have heard through the media that the free school lunches are changing from 2025. Our students have been lucky to have been provided a hot meal every day since 2021. While it is unclear at this stage about what will be provided from 2025, we know that hot meals and our caterer will no longer be funded. I have attended a couple of meetings about this and there is a lot more discussion to be had as Principals respond to the Government decision. Hopefully by Term 4 we will know exactly what our students will be receiving each day.

While I am on the topic of food, McAuley High School has a healthy food policy. Part of this policy is that takeaway or fast food and soft drinks such as chips, KFC, McDonalds, Coke are not allowed on site. Please remind your daughter about this. If you drop this type of food off to your daughter, they cannot pick it up until after school.

Last week 15 McAuley students took part in the Pompallier Shield which is a competition between all the Catholic secondary schools in the Auckland Diocese. I extend my congratulations to all these students who represented us with pride, enthusiasm and performed well. A number of other Principals have commented on how lovely our girls were.

The highlight of the year for many seniors, the school ball, is coming up at the end of term. While this is an exciting event, it cannot dominate the term! Students need to be focussed on their school work and completing their assessments as well as maintaining high attendance. Please talk to your daughter to ensure she has her priorities in the right order!

Winter sport has begun and we wish our teams all the best, play hard and play fair, be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. I also remind spectators to follow the same mantra.

Spectator's Code of Conduct

- Applaud good performances from each team. Congratulate all players regardless of the outcome.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Never ridicule or scold a student for making a mistake during competition. Be positive.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents, without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to obey the rules and decisions of officials.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

We are enjoying beautiful days at present but the mornings are cold. Please ensure your daughter has a jumper and a jacket to keep her warm. Scarves are also available for purchase. Please name every uniform item. It is very difficult to return lost property when we have 800 students with the same clothing!

We had wonderful attendance by parents at our year level talanoa in Term 1. These are about to start again for term two and I strongly encourage you to attend as you are presented with relevant information for your daughter's year level, and an opportunity to speak with the dean. Please also take a note of all the other important dates for this term, as usual our calendar is full.

Finally, thank you for your unwavering support for your daughters, and for their gift of a McAuley education. We educate amazing young women!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, parents who parent alone and are both Mum and Dad to our girls, and those special people who nurture our girls. I hope you get to feel appreciated and loved on Sunday!

God of Mothers, When our treasured mothers are tired, God, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.



Domine in te speravi

Jan Waelen
Principal

Special Character

Prefect Mass at Holy Cross Papatoetoe



Holy Thursday Mass



Cecilia Maher Sculpture Unveiling



Anzac Day





Congratulations

The following students have received Aroha badges during Term 1. These are awarded to students displaying aroha, compassion, empathy and kindness.

Abigail Alo, Malama Amani, Shanelle Chand, Tayla-Rose Collins, Maria Elisala, Josipa Elone, Cerenity Fa'alili, Lucialle Faalogo, Tule Fakauho, Jo-Anne Finau, Charlotte Fuimaono, LucyAnne Fusitua, Paris Gaugau, Helen Halatanu, Petasaiale Hifo, Lo'Real Ikitule, Priyanka Jaclyn Ioane, Fetalai Isara, Temara Isara, Priscilla Kaihau, Juliet Kolose Asi, Katherine Lafililo, Jenna Lam Shong, Maryla Lam, Soana Latu, Isabella Leauai Pailegututu, Faneli Leota, Mere Lesavua, Adowl Loloa-Manumu'a, Moala Ma'u, Kasanita Manu, Agnes Matapula, Adrianna Mateo Halafihi, Onosa'i Muliaga, Nariah Papalosa, Saumaleula Patea, Guadalupe Patolo, Loudeen Pau, Jayla Penn, Sofaea Penn, De'ette Penu, Kalehi Perez, Susana Perea, Theresa Perez, Pisila Polo, Emalata Pouanga, Madison Pua, Matile Puletua Lealaiauloto, Selina Raki, Arishma-Jade Singh, Etesa Suapaia, Empress Ta'ale, Ma'ata Tahaafe, Uini Tai, Momota Taufa, Hannah Tausinga, Maryanne Te'o Vitolio, Jemma Tonu'u, Mya Tony, Angelina Tran, Oalii Tui, Miracle Tupua, Verozzi Vaaiva, Roana Vaasili, Pelenaise Veamatahau, Lovely Vehikite, Krystle Vitolio, Marineta Watta, Vanessa Whittingham, Alvira Zaia.

The following **Service** groups have been awarded their badges also.

Special Character led by Prefects Marie Grace Rusia and Angel Tonga'uiha:

Chantel Luamanuvae Lokeni, Evia Manuatu, Leilani Monu, Olita Neli, Maryanne Niukapu, Nightingale Ofa, Rosaline Petelo, a'ata Tahaafe, Luisa Takai, Katherine Tenorio, Lusinita Tonga'uiha, Khloe Torillo, Uinise Tuinukuafe, Miracle Tupua, Talosaga Vise Muliaga.

Social Justice led by Rita Timoti-Hohaia and Madison Ulberg:

Athena Aholelei, Imelda Aiuta Apelu, Malo Apelu, Denise Bartley, Adrianna Fidow, Lolina Fufuimaave, Annalisa Iloilo, Jeevani Krone, Ivana Lautiiti, Angel Lautua, Onosa'i Muliaga, Revival Ngan Woo, Koloti Paongo, Bella Po'e-Davis, Prayer Tapuosi, Ayva Tautalanoa, Marieta Tevaga, Arotia Timoti-Hohaia, Ivona Utueli, Krystle Vitolio, Alvira Zaia.

Hauora led by Daesha Schuster and Tracey Lee Tangi:

Latara Ailao, Sharmaine Chand, Anastasia Faalili, Viniola Ha'ungatau, Scholastica Isitolo, Patricia Kaufusi, Ruth Anne Lavea, Margaret Mata'utia, Oriana Ngapoko, Lusitta Nonumalo Ieti, Caelyn Salima, Saima Shafil, Hannah Tausinga, Leilani-Rose Valeli, Regina Westerlund.

Polyfest Speeches

Three McAuley students entered the senior section on the Samoan stage, Lourdes Sa'olotoga for Year 12, Stephanie Luteru for Year 13, and Valo'aga Amani for the Year 13 Impromptu Section. There were 15 contestants in each section. All three did very well with special congratulations to Lourdes who came 2nd in the Year 12 Competition.

In the junior section, Katherine Lafililo (Year 10) and Jo-Anne Finau (Year 11) did really well also. They represented McAuley and Sāmoa well. Congratulations to Jo-Anne who placed 3rd out of 15 entries in Year 11. We are very proud of both girls.

First Foundation

This year, First Foundation celebrates 25 years of assisting in providing opportunities for students. McAuley students have been awarded 50 scholarships over the last 25 years - the highest number for any school in NZ. This year we have five recipients, Rita Timoti-Hohaia, Rayana Agalava, Angela Samoa Tuivaiti, Siofolau Pauanga and Alana Vaetoru. We congratulate them and wish them the very best.

Malo le tauivi.



Pompallier Shield

The annual Pompallier Shield competition was held at Rosmini College, Takapuna, on Friday 3 May. The Pompallier Shield competition is an event which gathers students from all Catholic secondary schools within the Auckland diocese in order to celebrate faith and compete in waiata, scripture and oratory. This year, we took an amazing group of 15 students away to compete in seven different categories. These included: Katherine Tenorio in Junior Scripture, Peivi Collins in Senior Scripture, Taranis McGreal in Junior Te Reo Māori Scripture, Eden Ineleo in Senior Te Reo Māori Scripture, Susana Perez in Junior Oratory, Stephanie Luteru in Senior Oratory, and our waiata, composed by Ms Hinemoa Finau was sung by Sisapina Sio, Abigail Alo, Isabella Leauai Paelegutu, Tiare Ineleo, Leony Macdonald, Rayana Agalava, Tapuaki Haunga, Charlotte Fuimaono, and Rosaline Petelo.

Our team of girls showed tremendous spirit, resilience and positive participation in all seven categories. Although we did not place first, we won something more important, seeing the strong sisterhood of our girls and how proud they were of their performance in all categories and, what we asked for - to do their best and to let God do the rest.



PPTA UNION MEETING

Due to the teacher's PPTA union meeting taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 16th May, school will finish at 12.20pm on this day for all students. Students should be prepared for Period 1 to 3 classes. Please ensure that suitable arrangements are made to travel home because of the early finish.

Dates to Note

13th May	Rotuman Language Week begins
14th May	Aspire Evening 1
16th May	Teachers Union Meeting
17th May	Pink Shirt Day
22nd May	Year 11 Talanoa Evening
27th May	Gagana Samoa Week
28th May	Aspire Evening 2
29th May	Year 12 & 13 Talanoa Evening
30th May	Year 9 Talanoa Evening
31st May	Mid Term Break
3rd June	King's Birthday Holiday
4th June	Teacher Only Day
5th June	Hauora Week begins
11th June	Aspire Evening 3
13th June	Year 12 Retreat
18th June	The Big Sing Competition
25th June	Mercy Cup Challenge
27th June	Sacramental Mass
28th June	Matariki (no school)
3rd July	Teacher-Parent-Student Interviews
5th July	Term 2 Ends

Enrolment in 2025

Applications are open for preference students, i.e. those who have a connection to the Catholic church. Enrolment interviews have begun and we have received a good number of applications already. We encourage you not to leave it till the last minute. Enrolment applications will be taken until the roll is full.

PLEASE NOTE: Non-preference applications received from the beginning of Term 2 cannot be guaranteed a place and will not be confirmed until the end of Term 3.

Careers Corner

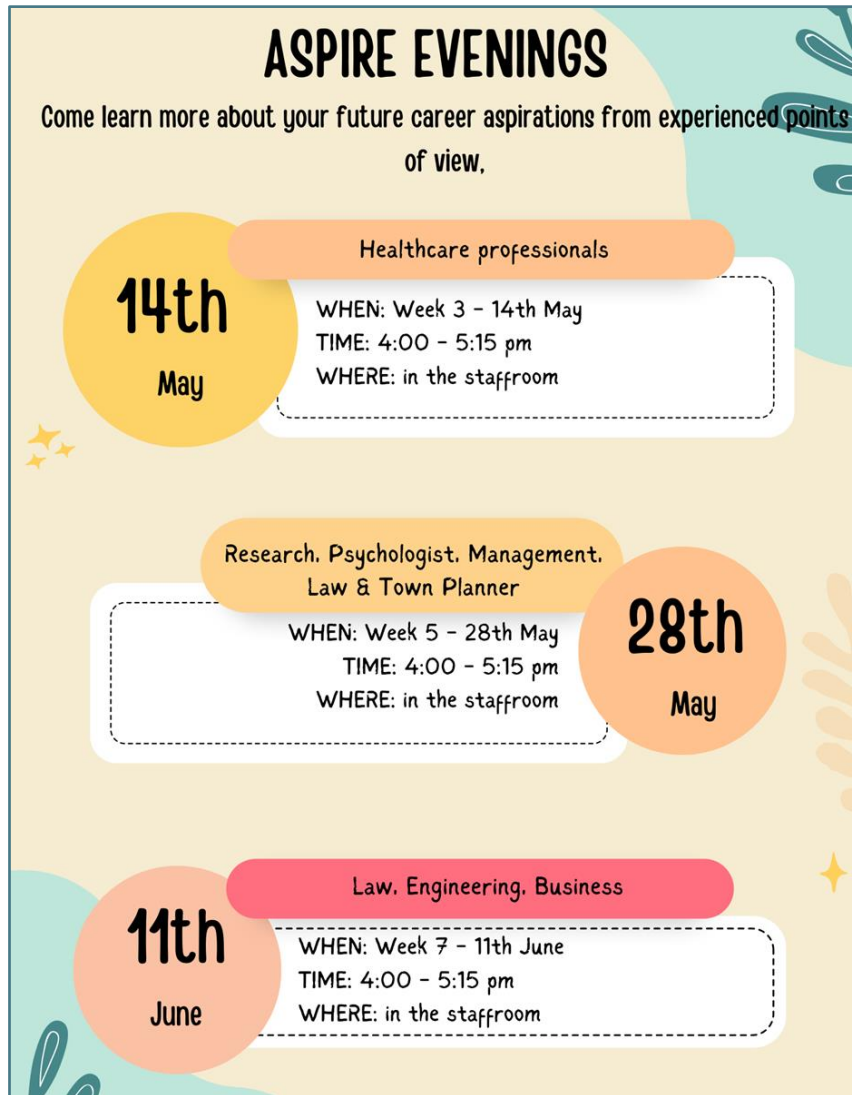
This term the Careers Advisor will be holding scholarship meetings for Year 13 students that are eligible to apply for university scholarships. A number of tertiary providers will be visiting during Term 2 and these open to Years 11 to 13. It is time to start thinking ahead and planning future study.

This year 99 students registered to participate in the Gateway program. During the last term holiday, 29 senior students participated in the following courses: Retail at The Warehouse and Countdown, Hospitality at Cordis Hotel, Flight Attending at ITC, Radio Broadcasting at the NZ Radio Training School and Programming and Gaming at Techtorium. Students who completed and passed their course these holidays will earn credits on their NCEA records. We are now organising students for the July holidays. Please note, that we are at capacity for Gateway and will not be taking any more registrations for the year.

The bookings site for students to make Careers appointments is open, or they can visit the Careers Room during school break times. Parents are also welcome to book an appointment at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code **xw77v**.

Aspire Evenings

The purpose of the Aspire evenings is to empower and inspire our students and community by hearing the professional journeys of some of our ex-students. Families are encouraged to attend with students.



The poster is titled "ASPIRE EVENINGS" and features a light yellow background with decorative teal and orange shapes. It lists three events with their dates, topics, times, and locations. Each event is presented in a white rounded rectangle with a dashed border, accompanied by a colored circle containing the date and a pink bar with the topic.

ASPIRE EVENINGS
Come learn more about your future career aspirations from experienced points of view.

14th May
Healthcare professionals
WHEN: Week 3 - 14th May
TIME: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
WHERE: in the staffroom

28th May
Research, Psychologist, Management, Law & Town Planner
WHEN: Week 5 - 28th May
TIME: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
WHERE: in the staffroom

11th June
Law, Engineering, Business
WHEN: Week 7 - 11th June
TIME: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
WHERE: in the staffroom

Sports

We have a number of teams this year all getting ready for the start of their winter season, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Football, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Badminton and Golf.

Netball - This year we are organising and running our own Wednesday competition at our newly upgraded courts. The teams have almost been finalised, each having two senior student coaches, and their own umpire. Games will be held on a Wednesday, organised by our Sports Service Group and overseen by our Sports Co-ordinator. Students will be competing for trophies and certificates in each grade which will be presented at Sports Prizegiving later in the year.

Basketball has 3 teams this season, Senior A, U17 and Juniors. The two Junior teams are being coached by ex-McAuley students and they are very organised and disciplined with their teams.

All our other teams have full student participation and have all been training really hard and cannot wait until the start of their season. We wish our teams the best of luck for the winter season.

Premiere Senior A Basketball Team

Following a successful 2023 season in the Counties Manukau Open Grade, the team earned promotion to the Premiere Senior A grade for the first time in McAuley basketball history.

The season began last week. In our first game against Mt Roskill Grammar School, we secured a close 45-43 win. Even though we were behind for most of the game, we managed to turn the tables in the final minute, taking the lead and ultimately securing the win. Additionally, the team appeared exceptionally sharp in their fresh new uniforms. Our next game is scheduled for next Friday 10th May against Baradene College at Sacred Heart. If you're able to join us, we'd greatly appreciate your support.

Kilikiti Team



Geography Field Trips in Term 1

It was an exciting time for the Geographers in Term One with trips to Waihi Gold Mine and the Karangahake Gorge (Level 1), traffic studies in Otahuhu (Level 1), Huia Bay (River Studies for Level 2), Jones and Anchor Bay (Coastal Studies Level 3). The students were out there exploring the different environments with the attitude of *“What’s where? Why there? Why we should care.”* Field trips give the students a unique opportunity to explore the environment outside the class and develop new skills.



Student Absences

Please use one of the following ways to notify the school when your daughter is away:

- Phone the office - 09-2768715 to leave a message on the absentee answerphone or speak to office staff.
- Send an email to office@mcauleyhigh.school.nz

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