FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Catherine McAuley Dinner will be held at The Canobolas Hotel on Friday night July 29th. I encourage all parents to make an effort to attend this function to meet other members of the Cartherine McAuley community. Tickets are now on sale at $50 per person.

There will be many activities on the night including a silent (and loud!) auction and a 100 club draw! We do intend to keep the auction items to a minimum with good quality so if you have a relative who is in the State of Origin team or plays first grade NRL (and can donate a signed jumper!) or you or your business would like to donate a dozen bottles of wine or a dinner for two or weekend for two...we would love to hear from you!!

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Bathurst Diocesan Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to Sam French, Alan Tom, Johnty French and Mia Fabar-Robey who represented our school at the Bathurst Diocesan Spelling Bee last Wednesday at St Mary’s School Wellington. Special mention to Alan Tom who came first in the Stage Three Spelling Bee. Have a look at the story on Alan in the CWD today!

**DIBELS:** A big thank you to our Student Assistants who are testing the children this week and next week for accuracy and fluency in reading. All children are tested individually three times a year using DIBELS, a measure used by the Bathurst Catholic Education Office (CEO) throughout the Diocese. Sarah McDonagh from Charles Sturt University and the Bathurst CEO has been working with our teachers to help them analyse the results from testing earlier in the year and put things in place to improve the students accuracy and fluency in reading.

**Whole School Assembly:** 4B will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 3rd June commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

**Peer Support:** This week in Peer Support the children learnt about the importance of having a go. The activities helped them identify what they have already learned to do and what things they would still like to learn. The children also explored their feelings when faced with difficulties and identified the need for courage when they are trying something new. During the week encourage your child to be aware of the importance of learning from their mistakes and trying new experiences.

**Notes & Newsletters:** A reminder that all school newsletters and notes that are sent home are available on the school website.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 29th July in Canowindra. *Notes have been sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the carnival.*

Steve Maguire

**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**Year 6 Plays:** A reminder that 6C will be performing their play in Kenna Hall on Friday 3rd June at 2:10pm. Year 5 will perform their plays as follows:-

5L Monday 6th June 12:55pm  
5F Wednesday 8th June 12:55pm  
5C Wednesday 8th June 2:10pm

All welcome!

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

Barbie and Ken are named after the daughter and son of the couple who invented them.
**First Holy Communion:** This weekend is a very special one in our Parish, as our Year 3 children will receive their First Holy Communion. As part of their preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, today they celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation. We congratulate all these children on this very important milestone in their Catholic Faith, and ask that you keep these children and their teachers in your prayers. A very special thank you also to our Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Brooke Church, for the amazing amount of work she has put in ‘behind the scenes’ so our Parish Sacraments can run smoothly and our children have the chance to truly enjoy this special occasion.

**Parish Mass Celebration:** A HUGE ‘thank you’ to all who were able to come along to the 5:00pm Mass last Sunday night. It was a wonderful, uplifting Liturgical celebration, and the presence of so many of our students and their families made it extra special. A very special ‘thank you’ to the ‘muso’s’ and choir, who really added to our celebration. We look forward to another School/Parish Mass in Term 4.

**First Communion Thanksgiving Mass:** We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Mass for First Communion children on Wednesday 15th June at 12:15pm. As part of the Mass, I would like to put together a powerpoint of photos of the children at their First Communion Masses this weekend. I would really appreciate any parents or family members emailing me First Communion photos. My email address is: r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au. We will also have a little celebration for children who have made their First Communion in Kenna Hall after this Mass, where there will be a Communion Cake, pizza, hot chips and drinks. Parents are invited to come to the Hall for the cutting of the cake after Mass. It is always wonderful to see our families supporting us at our Masses and Liturgies, and I invite all to join us once again for this Mass.

**BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016:** BLAST is an initiative of the Bathurst Diocese. This Festival of faith for young people is aimed at students from Year 6 to Year 9. BLAST provides an opportunity for young people to have a powerful religious experience and either kick-start or renew their engagement with their faith. BLAST delivers the challenge to young people to claim the explosion of possibilities that living as part of the community of faith offers. The festival also offers contact with peers who are connected with their faith journey on a personal level, establishing a network of young people across the diocese and beyond. Participants are encouraged to continue their participation in the life of the Church through groups in their local parish or school. Contact: youth@bathurst.catholic.org.au, or like Bathurst Diocese Youth on Facebook for more information.

**Liturgies and Masses:** Our next liturgical celebration will be the Year 4 Grade Mass next Wednesday, 8th June at 12:30pm. As always, you are very welcome to join Year 4 at their Grade Mass.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

God Bless,

Robyn Petty

“I am the Living bread from heaven,”
says the Lord.

“Whoever eats this bread will live for ever”
John 6:51-52
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

This week I had the pleasure of accompanying our primary students to Bathurst to compete in the CWA Speech competition. The group of students from all over our region numbered more than 40 in each year group, making this one of the largest group of entrants for many years.

Our students all performed exceptionally well. They were judged on their voice control, speed of voice, word articulation, capturing the audience's attention, facial expressions and eye contact just to name a few. While watching our students perform they were surely ticking all the boxes of what was required. Not only did our students perform well when delivering their speech they also showed lovely manners and thoughtfulness towards other which is a credit to them and our school community.

I would like to thank the parents for supporting this event with enthusiasm, their teachers for spending time with them polishing their speeches and of course our students.

A HUGE congratulations to:
George Tancred (Year 3)  Noah Richards (Yr 4)  Emily Caulfield (Yr 5) and Alex Duffy (Yr 6).

Well done to our Year Four student Noah Richards who received a highly commended.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Just on another note and looking out for the safety of our students, I would like to remind parents of the morning Hill Street Entry Routine. When entering and exiting the small Hill Street gate in the morning it is very important that this gate is closed on both entry and exit, so that our infants students remain safe within the school grounds. As we are now halfway through the year it is also important to drop your student at the gate and then exit. As teachers we understand that this can be daunting for you as parents. It does however teach our students a number of things including responsibility, resilience and separation (things we are doing in Peer Support). These character traits are important for everyday life as a child and as an adult. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Belinda Forbes

Professional Learning Communities

Student Success is a Matter of Mind-Set

Research around fixed and growth mindsets (Carol Dweck) suggests that a student’s success can be determined by their mindset. At Catherine McAuley we encourage a growth mindset in our classrooms and we encourage all families to do the same at home.

You may recognise your own child in the categories on the chart to the left?

The good news is, that we, as parents and educators can encourage a growth mindset in our interactions with our children.

Stay tuned for some more tips on how to encourage a growth mindset in your children.

Anne Mulligan and Camille Tavares - Learning for all... EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE
AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Catherine McAuley staff were very pleased to participate in Australia's biggest morning tea last week. $500 was raised on the day and we are grateful to all who took part particularly Mrs Lee Ann Hazelton who organised the event. If any parents would like to make a donation to our cause please contact the front office.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Austin Brooking, Madison Allen, Ryder Arden, Euhanna Ramos, Dane Medlyn, Beau Jeffery, Lilly Nonnenmacher, Lilly Tyack, Heath Vaughan and Leo Vaughan.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 6th June to Friday 10th June 2016

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