FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU to all who attended the McAuley Parent Teacher Dinner. THANK YOU to all the students and teachers for their work with the Artworks. THANK YOU to those parents who purchased the work. THANK YOU to Fr Garry for saying grace. THANK YOU to all our sponsors on the night. THANK YOU to the Canobolas Hotel for providing a wonderful venue and wonderful food. THANK YOU to Rachael Brooking for the wonderful table decorations. THANK YOU to Jane Cook, Tracey Horan and Rowena Livingstone for organising the night. For the record...the night raised in excess of $6,000.

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Student of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Jacob Southwell, Ava Duffy, Will Kennedy, Tyse Rolton, Jack Gow, Jayde Spicer, Madison Allen, Ollea Iffland, Noah Lyons, Paige Gibson, Georgie Halls, Maya Thompson, Charlene Bilal, Annabelle Ingeman, Jack Petty, Jorja Scott-Robertson, Matthew Allen, Lucas Blashki, Thomas Madigan and Callan Arden.

**SABBATICAL Week:** Next week is the halfway point of the term. As always we don’t have meetings and try to keep extra curricula activities to a minimum. *The best part of the SABBATICAL week for many is that there is no homework!*

**House Points:** Congratulations to Kabbarli and Euroa who were joint winners of our House Points shield last term this was presented to the house captains at last Monday’s assembly. It is pleasing to see the number of children who have received a certificate for ten house points. A special congratulations, to the students who have received a certificate for twenty and even thirty house points!!!

**Diocesan Athletics Carnival:** Congratulations to the 22 children from McAuley who will represent the Southern Region at the Bathurst Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Bathurst on Friday 7th August. The Back up date if required is Friday 21st August. *It was a wonderful achievement to get all four of our relay teams through to the Diocesan Carnival.* We were extremely proud of the 53 students who represented our school at the Southern Region Carnival last week. They all performed well on the track and field as well as being true ambassadors of our school displaying great sportsmanship.

**Professional Learning:** On Tuesday of this week Mrs Bettinzoli, Miss Colquhoun and myself attended a mentor day that focused on coaching teachers to set goals to improve their effectiveness in the classroom. It was a very interesting, valuable day that will assist us to become more effective in our school. The Bathurst Diocese focus on teacher mentoring and coaching is. very valuable.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn:** The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is under way this year. This is a fantastic way to earn equipment for our school that we don’t have to pay for out of school budget! Each child brought home a sticker sheet last week with the newsletter or you can pick up the sheets from Woolworths and for every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive one sticker to stick on your sheet. Please return the completed sheet to the school office. The more stickers we collect the more equipment will be donated to our school.

**ICAS Tests:** The children who have nominated and paid for the ICAS Mathematics Test will sit this on Tuesday 11th August during the school morning session.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016:** The enrolment process is in its final stages and letters of offer should be sent out in the second week of August. Orientation for Kindergarten students will begin on Thursday 12th November with a parent evening. The children will then visit the school for three consecutive mornings on Friday 13th, Friday 20th and Friday 27th November.

**Peer Support:** We are currently finalising Peer Support Groups so the program can begin when the new building is complete. This is a wonderful program that supports the development of relationships within our school.

**Whole School Assembly:** The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 11th September and will be organised by Year 3. Commencing at 12.00pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Steve Maguire
**From the Religious Education Coordinator**

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop:** This Saturday, 8th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of our very first and only Australian Saint. Mary MacKillop was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph order, and a remarkable woman. Through unbelievable adversity she travelled the Australian outback to bring education and the gift of faith to the children and families of the land. She died on the 8th August 1909, and was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010. We will honour St Mary of the Cross MacKillop during class Religion lessons next week. For more information on St Mary MacKillop, please visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au.

**Jeans for Genes Day:** Just a reminder that this Friday, 7th August, is Jeans for Genes Day! Children are invited to wear their denim jeans to school and contribute a gold coin to raise money for the Children’s Medical Research Institute. This money will assist with the funding of research into cures for childhood diseases. Students are not expected to wear any part of their uniform, this is a casual clothes day. If students wish to participate and do not have jeans, they are welcome to wear other appropriate clothing and donate their money to this very worthwhile cause.

**Feast of the Assumption:** On Friday, 14th August we will be joining St Mary’s School to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is a very important Feast in the Church’s year, and a great celebration of our heavenly mother, Mary. We will be travelling to St Mary's to join them for Mass at 12.00 noon and staying for lunch and a play before returning to school in time for buses. Permission notes to travel to St Mary's were sent home today and need to be returned by next Wednesday, 12th August.

**Year 6 Diocesan Religious Education Test:** Recently our Year 6 students sat a Diocesan Religious Education Test conducted by the University of NSW. This test was designed to see how well students in the Diocese have built upon their understanding of the Church's Doctrine throughout their primary school years. Our students did very well in this exam, with two students receiving a High Distinctions for being in the top one percent in our Diocese, and another eleven students receiving Distinctions for being in the top five percent of the Diocese. We also gained 29 Credits for other students who were in the top thirty percent of the Diocese. Congratulations to our Year 6 students on this very impressive result!

**Confirmation:** Just a reminder for students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please return forms to the Parish Office, not the school by Wednesday 12th August. It is important that details of sponsors and the student’s confirmation name are included on this form. If you need any information regarding the reception of this Sacrament, please contact me.

Wishing you a wonderful week, God Bless.

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Keeping our Precious ones Safe
With community safety in the media spotlight at the moment, it is always good to refresh and maybe create new plans to keep all our young people safe. School and home safety is always of importance when dealing with students or children. It is something you as parents and we as teachers should look at and review from time to time. All of our classes at Catherine McAuley include looking at safety in some form or another every term in the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Key Learning Area. The teachers are also very aware of safety issues everyday and remind students when it is necessary. We will be particularly focusing on this in the coming weeks with the completion of the new building.

So please think about this for a moment.

- What are your safety measures at home?.
- Does your child know what to do in an emergency at home?
- Does your child know how to ask for help?
- Does your child know what is safe and unsafe.?
- Does your child know their ADDRESS AND A PHONE NUMBER to which they can call for help?.

Many more questions could be asked here, however I would like you to think about them over the next few weeks and take some time to discuss them with your child.

Some Websites if you are interested which involve fun learning games about safety. There are many more if you wish to search for them.

There are also many books you can read with your younger child about issues of safety. Or find a book for your older child regarding these same issues. Book shops and Libraries are great sources of information.
Belinda Forbes

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The words ‘ace, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king’ contain 52 letters.
**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) foster learning for all (students and staff). As a staff we are committed to spending time in weekly meetings to develop our skills in the 3 BIG ideas of Professional Learning Communities. 1) Learning 2) Collaboration and 3) Results.

Recently, in our Monday meetings, teachers have dedicated time to collect and analyse perceptual data to help drive our McAuley PLC journey.

We have focused on the 3 Big Ideas and found that:

**LEARNING**
- Teachers are working in Professional Learning Teams (within grades) to identify essential learnings (the non-negotiable content of each stage).
- Teachers are developing strategies to assess student knowledge and ensure mastery of outcomes
- Intervention strategies are being put in place to support students who are not meeting proficiency

**COLLABORATIVE CULTURE**
- Teachers are meeting regularly in Professional Learning Teams
- Professional Learning Teams are working to achieve student focused learning goals

**RESULTS ORIENTATION**
- Professional Learning Teams are developing goals to improve student learning
- Professional Learning Teams are creating common formative assessments
- Professional Learning Teams are analysing data to help improve results

Over the next few weeks we will use this data to determine how we can create a stronger Professional Learning Community.

‘A key step in any effective improvement process is an honest assessment of the current reality’.  
*Dufour, Dufour, Eaker & Many, 2010*

Lucy Connor  
Project Development Teacher for Professional Learning Communities

**PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE - FUNDRAISING IN 2015**

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In 2015 all proceeds will go towards playground equipment.
CAKE STALL - THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

Year 6 will be holding a cake stall on Thursday 13th August as part of our fundraising efforts for this term. Cakes will be on sale for 50 cents each. We are asking Year 3 and Year 4 to bake the goodies on this occasion. A note will come home on Monday as a reminder for Year 3 and Year 4 to bake. Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY

*Book week* is nearly here! The children are very excited about it all. Students are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character on *Thursday 27th August*. So start thinking about a costume to wear. Any character from any book! There will be more information in the next few weeks. Just remember to wear closed in shoes.

YEAR 6 - MATILDA EXCURSION

We would like to remind Year 6 parents of children travelling to Sydney to see Matilda on Wednesday 2nd September, that the final payment for this excursion is due by Friday 21st August.

BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:* Adelaide Graham, Lucy Dean, Sophie Kearins, Monyping Malual, Abby Dean and Brooklyn Ryan.

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