As we move very quickly towards the end of the term the time has arrived for the mid year reports to be distributed. I know that teachers have put in a lot of time and considered thought in writing the reports as a true reflection of your child's progress. Reports must be nothing short of exactly where a student is in relation to academic, social and other progress. Some reports are sometimes not always well received when they are first read and are often confronting. However, so that a child can make real progress, we would want our child's teacher to be nothing less than truthful when writing such reports and I have yet to read a report that is unfair or has not called the child's progress as it truly is. In saying this the majority of children will be delighted with what has been written about them and is a testimony to the hard work and effort they have put in. We do acknowledge these are half yearly reports and the 2014 race is only half completed!

Michael Croke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Of The Week: Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Ella Callow, Emi Parkes, Chelsea Turner, Feba Babu, Noah Lyons, Henry Baker, Euhanna Ramos, Sherwin Hogg, Montana Pearce, Nydier Wat, Madison Allen, Liam Kennedy, Jacob Wooding, Antonia Lander, Tate Rowland, Athuai Aluk, Henry Williams, Sophie Tyquin, Charlie Atkins, William Thomas and Austin Pearce.

Whole School Assembly: The next Whole School Assembly will be on Friday 27th June at 10.00am. (Please note the change of date to the last day of the term) It will be lead by Year 4 in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Professional Learning:

Last Thursday all teachers attended a session with Tonia Flanagan on developing Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) in our school. The sessions were in stages Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten – Year 2), Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6). Tonia is the PLC Educator assigned to our school as part of the CEO’s project to implement Professional Learning Communities in the Diocese. Tonia’s expertise and knowledge was appreciated by all staff members as she explained the process of implementing PLC’s and the benefits to the school community and in particular the children’s learning.

Yesterday Vicki Vance from the Bathurst CEO ran workshops on how to use the new chrome books we have purchased. Vicki worked with the teachers in Year 3 – 6 showing the benefits of the chrome books and how they can be used in class. Vicki also ran our staff meeting on the possible uses of google docs.

This Thursday and Friday Mrs Croke, Mrs Pellow, Mrs Cracknell and Mrs White will attend the next two days of their Reading to Learn Course in Bathurst.

Today Mrs Prestwidge & Mr Hudson attended the Bathurst CEO Hub & Spoke Curriculum Meeting focussing on the New Australian Mathematics Syllabus.

Music Manifesto: Our Senior Choir and Concert Band will perform in the Sheahan Music Manifesto on Friday 20th June. The students have attended two workshops with the musicians from James Sheahan. Thank you to Mrs Allan and Mrs Aumuller for providing the children with this experience.

Debating: Mrs Rosser took a number of Year 6 Students to St Mary’s School to attend a Debating Workshop ran by the teachers and students of James Sheahan. These children will form the Debating Teams that will compete against St Mary’s next term.

Just Like Me: The Year 5 children took part in the first session of the Just Like Me Program that helps them appreciate the challenges faced by people living with a disability. They will take part in the second session next week. Thank you to Prue and Tim from the Cerebral Palsy Association for conducting the sessions.

Polding Cross Country: Congratulations to Chloe Jaques, Lucy Stewart, Cara Seale, Amelia Hogben & Thomas Hogben who represented the Diocese at the Polding Cross Country at Eastern Creek last Friday. Cara Seale and another student from JSCHS were chosen to carry the flag for the Bathurst Diocese and did so with pride. They ran well and it was an amazing experience. Well done.

Year 6 Netball: Thank you to Mrs Connor for coaching the Year 6 netball team who took part in the school’s competition in Bathurst yesterday. From all reports they played well and represented our school proudly. Well done girls.

Steve Maguire
Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ: Last weekend we celebrated the feast of the Blessed Trinity, and this weekend we come to the end of the major feasts for this Liturgical year, with the celebration of the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This feast commemorates what is central to all Christianity – the Eucharist. Each time Mass is celebrated, we re-inact what Jesus did at his Last Supper. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the church for two thousand years. May our Eucharist this weekend really help us to be one with Christ.

First Holy Communion: Our Year 3 students have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. They will receive this Sacrament at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 26th & 27th of July. Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent Meeting last week. **Enrolment forms for First Communion were handed out to our children last week, and are due to be returned to the Parish Office by the end of this week.** This is a very important time for our children, so please keep them in your prayers as they begin on this next part of their faith journey.

Masses and Liturgies: Thank you to all who came along and helped the Year 6 students celebrate their Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass last Thursday. A very special thank you to Mel Milne and Woolworths who donated a beautifully decorated cake for our celebration. Today our Year 3 children celebrated a beautiful Grade Mass on the Eucharist, helping them with their preparation to receive First Holy Communion. Our final Liturgy for this term is next Wednesday, 25th June when Year 1 celebrate their Grade Liturgy at 12.30pm in the Church. You are most welcome to join Year 1 for this Liturgy.

Masses and Liturgies for Term 3: I will place a complete list of our Masses and Liturgies for next term in the Newsletter next week, after I have confirmed them with Fr Ephrem.

Assist-A-Student Casual Clothes Day: Assist-A-Student is a St Vincent de Paul initiative where people in Australia help with the educational costs of children in Fiji to allow them to be able to attend school. We have been involved with this project for the past three years, raising money which goes directly to help Fijian children to be able to receive an education. Although the costs are not high compared to Australia, many Fijian families struggle to find the money for their children to attend school, and therefore many do not even finish Primary school. This year we are once again raising money to assist these students. **We will have a casual clothes day on the last day of term, next Friday, 27th June.** Please bring in a gold coin donation, which will go to this most worthy program.

Wishing you a great week ahead.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty

PARISH MATTERS

If you are an adult who is interested in being baptised or becoming a Catholic through Confirmation and First Eucharist, then come to the R.C.I.A. Enquiry Night at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th July in Kenna Hall Meeting Room. For more information contact Sr Helen at the Parish Office on 6362 2378.
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Vicki Vance from the CEO visited our school yesterday to run some workshops on how to use Chrome Books. Year 3 were given the opportunity to see how they can benefit from the use of Chrome Books.

NSW SCHOOLS CUP NETBALL DAY

Congratulations to our Catherine McAuley Netball Team who participated in the NSW Schools Cup Netball Day yesterday. Our girls had a very successful day winning all of the 7 games they played against Lithgow, Bathurst and Orange. Thank you to Mrs Lucy Connor for coaching the team and to all the parents who came along to support them. The girls showed great sportsmanship on the day and they now progress to the next stage to be played in Orange on the 29th of July.
CLASS OF THE WEEK 6P

Lots of exciting things have been happening over the term in Year 6P!

**Debating:** Yesterday 15 Year 6 students in the Debating Team travelled to St Mary's School for a workshop on Debating Skills. There are five people from our class involved in the teams: Georgia, Isabel, Joseph, Aidan and Sascha. We learnt how to write and present a debate, and then we saw a debate performed by some of the Year 7 & 8 students from James Sheahan. At the end of the day, we all presented the debate we had been working on all day.

**Sport:** Several of our Year 6P students have been involved in many sporting events over the past two terms, and can be proud of their achievements. Henry, Jack and Leo have participated in the AFL, Rugby 7’s, Rugby 10’s, Rugby League. This has been a great learning experience for the boys, and an opportunity to meet many students from other towns. Both Henry and Jack will also be involved in the Diocesan Ruby Carnival, and we wish them well.

**Art:** Art this term has given us some great opportunities to use *lots of* different types of media. We produced a “Dinosaur Wonderland” with pastels and created an optical illusion with icebergs. Using marbling paint, we created fossil fish. Our use of blending to help create wonderful penguins, and our lighthouses were a mix of original art and copied stencils. We have gained many valuable learning experiences from these activities.

**Confirmation:** Recently the Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop, Michael McKenna conferred the Sacrament on the weekend of 30th May & 1st June. Last week we celebrated with a wonderful Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass, followed by a little party and a great cake, chips and pizza! Year 6 are now filled with the Holy Spirit.

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK

The human brain takes in 11 million bits of information every second, but is only aware of 40.
MUSIC & DRAMA

Choir and Concert Band Performance: This Friday evening, 20th June, our Senior Choir and Concert Band members will be performing at the James Sheahan Catholic High School's "Music Manifesto" in Kenna Hall. A separate note was sent home on Tuesday with all the details. Concert Band members are reminded to be at the hall at 6.30pm. Choir and Drum Corps members are to arrive at Kenna Hall at 7pm. **Concert Band members are reminded to bring their instruments and music to school tomorrow (Thursday 19th June) for a final rehearsal.**

**Training Band Performance:** They're ready! The Training Band will be performing for the school for the first time at next week's assembly on Friday. Parents and friends are most welcome.

MINI VINNIES

Mini Vinnies Group had great success selling handmade bookmarks at recess yesterday. They raised an amazing $55.40.

Congratulations to all involved.

Anne Mulligan

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**Roster—Commencing Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June, 2014**

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**Happy Birthday to the following children:** Molly Dean, Isabella Boyd, Jessica Richards, Phoebe Showell, Zahli Bennett, Will Campbell, Lucy Cook, Millicen Klaare