FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is almost the "season" of mid year reports which will indicate your child's progress in the 9 to 3 environment that is Catherine McAuley School. There are a thousand or more theories about how and what we provide for our children when they are at home and what is acceptable behaviour and parenting. It is a bit like being told that eating chocolate and drinking red wine is good for your health only to be told a week later that it is not. I personally prefer the first advice!

I do agree with parenting expert Justin Coulston who says that "punishing children especially in the heat of the moment teaches them the opposite lessons of what parents are trying to enforce. Discipline means teaching, instructing and guiding, whilst punishment means hurting someone because we don't like what they have done"

Coulston says "youngersters need a guideline of expected behaviour and an understanding of why it is important. Teaching them empathy, compassion and perspective makes them think twice before acting up. When it comes to raising children who are truly mature, kind and contributing human beings, we want them to have these qualities and they don't learn them when we are yelling at them or withdrawing privileges or sending them to their room." Professor Mark Dadds says "try to keep the discipline or consequence short and snappy so they can get over it quickly". Children will learn more from this situation. I suggest telling them they can't watch television for the next 12 months will have no effect improving behaviour!

All of these parenting suggestions would assume that as parents (and teachers) we are always relaxed, cool, calm and collected and every day is a "rainbow" day. This is not always reality and we are now back to the chocolate and red wine story!

Michael Croke

McAuley Dinner
Canobolas Hotel Friday July 29th
Tickets available soon!
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL


Sabbatical Week: As always Week 5 at McAuley is Sabbatical Week an opportunity to stop mid term and enjoy a little rest to recharge the batteries for the second half of the term. Meetings are kept to a minimum as are extra curricula activities and there is no homework.

Bathurst Diocesan Spelling Bee: We wish Sam French, Alan Pariyal, Johnty French and Mia Fabar – Robey the best of luck when they compete in the Bathurst Diocesan Spelling Bee this Thursday at St Mary’s School Wellington. Mr Croke will attend to support the children.

Whole School Assembly: 4B will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly on Friday 3rd June commencing at 12.15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Peer Support: Peer support sessions begun this week. A huge thank you to the Year 6 Teachers and Leaders who have made Peer support possible in 2016. Students will be using a new module; Taking opportunities which focuses on resilience. The experiences presented in the module help children develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In this session each group will establish group agreements so they can work well together. Children will share some of their favourite things and learn about the other members of their group. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do this week to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

Behaviour at School: It is important to acknowledge that the the majority of children at Catherine McAuley exhibit excellent behavior at all times. From time to time we all make mistakes and children must learn that there are consequences for these mistakes and then we begin with a fresh start. School rules and discipline are very different to the home situation. Due to the number of children in our care it is important that school rules are followed and supported by parents. The McAuley Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy outlines expectations, rewards and consequences. All incidents reported to teachers by children or parents are investigated and dealt with. The school rules are designed and enforced to ensure the safety of the whole school community.

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

June Reports: The teachers are currently assessing the children and will begin to write reports on the children’s progress for the first half of the year. All classes from Year 1 – Year 6 use the A-E reporting scale and the Reporterpro format. Kindergarten do not use the A-E reporting scale and we are currently working with the Bathurst Catholic Education Office IT Department to get the Kinder report in the Reporterpro format. If you have any questions or queries regarding report formats or the reports please contact me through the school office to discuss them.

Please see the following explanation on the A-E Grading used in Year 1- Year 6.

A-E REPORTING SCALE
The A-E scale used in Years 1-6 is different to the scale used when you were at school. There is no bell curve and ‘A’ does not mean 100:100. If you get a ‘C’ means a sound understanding of the stage outcome, and to maintain a ‘C’ throughout the year is difficult. At GLOW we refer to the A-E scale using the following terms and to put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it helps to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

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Looking at this like a driving licence
A person on their L plate will always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
A person on their P plate is still learning and developing their skills.
A person who has their full driver’s licence drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills.
An advanced driver can navigate through many obstacles and has extra skills.

A Formula One driver drives for excellence – conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next and even bigger challenge.

Steve Maguire

A very good website for looking at work samples & A-E grading of tasks can be found at http://sec.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/gp/k-6 just click on the stage link for work samples, activities and tasks.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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: It is almost time for our Year 3 students to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in Holy Communion. They have been working hard to prepare for this very special moment in their lives, and we congratulate them and their teachers for all the work they have put into this preparation. The children will receive the Sacrament at all Parish Masses on the weekend of 4th and 5th June. As part of their preparation for the Sacrament, Year 3 will receive the Second Rite of Reconciliation next Wednesday morning.

Parish Mass Celebration: The McAuley School Community has been invited to assist with the Parish Mass this Sunday, 29th May at St Joseph’s Church at 5:00pm. We will be responsible to providing the music and helping with some of the different ministries throughout the Mass. A note went go home earlier this week asking if you would be able to attend this Mass. This is for the purpose of giving students opportunities to take on the various ministries. Unlike School masses, there are only a few ministries our students can perform in a Parish Mass, so if you are able to attend could you please return the slip indicating this so I am able to offer these to students who will be in attendance. Mrs Trish Aumuller has been working with the Choir on some of the new music we will be singing at Mass, so attendance of Choir members would be very much appreciated. Even if you don’t return the note, it would be lovely to see many families at Mass supporting our school and students. Our last two Parish Masses have been beautiful, and once again I encourage all families to consider attending this Mass.

BLAST! 20th - 21st August 2016: BLAST is a festival of faith for young people in the age range of Year 6 to Year 9. It is put on by the Bathurst Diocese, and is a celebration and experience of an explosion of possibilities in their lives. This year the festival will be held at Ridgecrest Christian Education and Convention Centre near Wellington. BLAST’s main reason for being is evangelisation. The festival 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 For This Term: Our next Grade celebration will be next Wednesday 1st June with our Year 3 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for First Holy Communion. We are very excited that one of our students will also receive their First Reconciliation during this liturgy. Our next Grade Mass will be celebrated by Year 4 on 8th June at 12:30pm. We will then have a Whole School First Communion Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 15th June at 12:15pm. Once again, all family and friends are very welcome to join us for all our Masses and Liturgies.

Wishing you a great week ahead,
God Bless,
Robyn Petty
 Throughout our journey as a Professional Learning Community we strive to achieve high levels of learning for all our students. We encourage our students to have a growth mindset so that they can fulfil their potential.

“A growth mindset thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities.” (Dweck, 2006)

Everyone can change and grow through application and experience, regardless of their initial talents, interests and temperaments.

Parents, here are some tips to help develop a growth mindset in your child:

- Every word and action from parent to child sends a message. Tomorrow, listen to the messages you’re sending to your children. Are they messages that say: “You have permanent traits and I am judging them?” Or are they messages that say: “You’re a developing person and I’m interested in your development.”

- When praising your child instead of focusing on their intelligence and talent, try to focus on the processes they used - their strategies, effort and choices.

- Try and give your children constructive criticism when they make a mistake. It is feedback that helps the child understand how to fix the problem.

- Set goals for your children that they can work towards that expand their skills and knowledge, not just relying on their innate talent.

(Cited from Mindset: How you can fulfil your potential, Dweck 2006)
**SCHOOL BANKING**

We would like to remind parents that our school banking day is on Wednesdays. Please forward your child’s bank book to school on this day.

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**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of some more volunteers for tuckshop on Fridays. If you can even spare an hour between 12:45pm and 1:45pm we would be most grateful. Please contact the tuckshop if you are available. If you can not make your shift, can you please contact the tuckshop the day before so we can organise a replacement for your shift. We do however understand that when children are sick this is not always possible. Thank you for your understanding. Tuckshop Phone No: 6362 0942

Anne Benton

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**SCHOOL FEES**

We would like to remind parents that the 2nd Instalment of School Fees was due on 20th of May. If you pay by the term and have not settled your account, please do so immediately. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your school fees, please contact the office. We do offer payment plans which may make it easier to manage your fees.

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**MINI VINNIES COMMISSIONING CEREMONY**

A Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony will be held during the parish mass on Sunday 19th June 2016 at St Mary’s Church at 9:30am. Members of Mini Vinnies will receive their St Vincent De Paul badge and be officially commissioned by Fr Garry and members of St Vincent De Paul. Please come along and support the wonderful work these children are doing. Mass will be followed by morning tea on the church lawn.

Camille da Silva Tavares

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**KINDERGARTEN 2017 ENROLMENTS**

**Kindergarten 2017:** Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 close this Friday please remind friends and family if they are expecting to have a child start at Catherine McAuley in 2017 that enrolments close this Friday 27th May. Interviews are well under way for children starting Kindy in 2017. It is extremely exciting time for the children and their family as they begin their “big school journey”.

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**ICAS TESTING**

**ICAS Tests:** As in previous years, students will be able to nominate and sit the ICAS tests for Mathematics and English. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 2nd June and Mathematics Tuesday 16th August. The cost will be $9.00 per test. Notes were sent home with children in Year 3 – Year 6 and are available on the school website.

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**SOUTHERN REGION ATHLETIC CARNIVAL**

**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.
MUSIC & DRAMA

YEAR 6 PLAYS: The Year 6 classes will be performing their class plays in Kenna Hall over the next fortnight. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Each play runs for approximately 20 minutes and will begin promptly to accommodate those parents ducking out from work.

- 6H Thursday 26th May 12.55pm
- 6P Wednesday 1st June 12.55pm
- 6C Friday 3rd June 2.10pm

BAND

Children in the Concert Band and the Year 5 and 6 members of the Choir will be participating in a series of music workshops with teachers and students from James Sheahan Catholic High School in coming weeks. Their work will culminate in a concert, "Music Manifesto" to be held on Friday, June 24th. A separate note went home last Friday and children are reminded to return the permission slip please.

McAULEY QUALIFY FOR NETBALL REGIONAL FINALS

Friday the 20th of May saw the Catherine McAuley netball team play the qualifying rounds of the School Cup in Bathurst.

After playing and defeating teams from Orange and Bathurst they then had to play defending Regional champions from 2015 Saint Raphael’s from Cowra. This game was to determine who would progress to the next level. After a tough tussle Catherine McAuley showed why they are one of the top netball schools in Orange coming from behind to win by 4 goals.

The Schools Cup has been running for 4 years. McAuley have qualified for the regional finals in all 4 years. This is a wonderful achievement.

The regional finals will be held in Orange on the Wednesday 10th August. This will be a great challenge that Mrs Dean (coach) and the girls look forward to.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week: Anika Ballard, Samuel Southwell, Jacob Southwell, Delinda Chamberlain, Matthew Crump, Tallis Thomas, Timothy Simpson, Montana Johns, Joshua Brind, Xavier Sherwood and Jaya Burcher.

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016

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