FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHERINE McAULEY DINNER
THIS FRIDAY 29TH JULY AT THE HOTEL CANOBOLAS 6:30PM.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT!

Michael Croke

The Cross
In vain can we hope to be united to God in any other way than by the Cross.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
Whole School Assembly: KD will present their work at the next Whole School Assembly this Friday 29th July commencing at 12:15pm in Kenna Hall. All welcome.

Professional Learning: On Monday the staff took part in a fantastic in-service lead by Mrs Trish Aumuller (MCCL Facilitator) on the green dimension of the Bathurst Diocesan Model of Christ Centered Learning (MCCL). This dimension focuses on insight and meaning. Mrs Aumuller lead us throughout the day ensuring that as a staff we are committed to this aspect of contemporary learning. The discussion and enthusiasm were fantastic. The final part of the day saw the staff further explore their grades Geography unit with a matrix including Blooms Taxonomy and Gardiners Multiple Intelligences to ensure the work in Geography is engaging and has opportunities for the children to drive their own learning. Thank you again to Mrs Aumuller and to Mrs Brooke Church (MCCL Working Party) who assisted Mrs Aumuller on the day for sharing their expertise and knowledge in this area. Our children will benefit from the experience the teachers had on the day.

Southern Region Athletics: McAuley will be well represented by 59 students at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival in Canowindra next Friday 29th July. If the Carnival is postponed the back up date is Friday 5th August. A note will come home with the newsletter today with reminders, rules and order of events for the carnival. The students will be accompanied by Mrs da Silva Tavares, Mrs Pellow and Mr Hudson. The competition will be of a very high standard and we wish these students the very best of luck.

ICAS Tests: Nominations for ICAS Maths & English Tests have closed. The children from Year 3 to Year 6 who nominated for these will sit them on the following dates:
* English - Tuesday 2nd August
* Mathematics – Tuesday 16th August.
These tests are not compulsory or set on the Australian Curriculum that we implement. They are one way of acknowledging the achievement of students that are working above grade level.

Chess: Thank you to Mrs Anne Mulligan for organising our school chess club. For the next two consecutive Wednesdays our chess teams will travel to neighbouring schools to participate in an inter school chess competition. Thank you to the parents for transporting these children. We wish the children the best of luck.

Year 3 – Year 6 Winter Sport: A big THANK YOU to Mrs Bettinzoli for organising our winter sport program for the Year 3 – Year 6 children. It was a lot of fun. Thank you for the teachers who supervised the sports. Our next Winter Sport days are next week on Thursday and Friday.

Challenging Behaviour Management at McAuley: This week we welcome Mrs Julie Gibson (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Debbie Sands (Thursday & Friday) to work with children displaying Challenging Behaviours. This will continue for all of Term 3.

Peer Support: This week was our final official Peer Support lesson for the year. We will use the groups during the remainder of the year if we need the children in groups for various reasons. In the final session the children learnt the need to develop a range of coping strategies. In order to become more resilient, children need to have a number of different ways of coping with difficulties. Through the various activities, children learn to distinguish between helpful, resilient ways of coping and less helpful, non-resilient ways. A huge thank you to the Year 6 Leaders and their teachers for all the efforts they put into Peer Support this year.

Term 4 Pupil Free Day: In Term 4 we will devote half the Pupil free day on Monday 10th of October to developing consistency across the grades and school in regard to report grades and comments. The teachers have only just begun using the reporterpro format and will appreciate the time to become more familiar with the program which will improve the standard of our reports. The second half of the day will be spent working on the new History unit in grade groups familiarising themselves with the unit and improving it ready to teach during Terms 1 and Terms 2 next year.

Steve Maguire
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke’s Gospel this weekend brings us yet another reminder that earthly riches are, in the grand scheme of things, of little value. Luke gives us the parable of the rich man who built bigger and bigger barns to store his belongings, but when he died it was all for nothing. Obviously we can't ignore earthly things but we have to be careful that we don’t become too absorbed in them and exclude God. There are so many in our world who have nothing. This Gospel is a reminder of really how lucky we are, and of our need to share our wealth with those who are in great need.

A Note on Confirmation from the Parish: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on the 10th - 11th September 2016. In order to be eligible to receive this sacrament students must be a baptised Catholic and have a Catholic Baptismal certificate in their name. Students must also have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Confirmation is a sacrament that can be received by students in Year 6 or older. An information meeting will be held on 2nd August at 7:00pm in St Mary's Church for parents and carers of students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: The Confirmation parent meeting is on next Tuesday, 2nd August in St Mary’s Church. Parents of those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are urged to attend. This will only be a short meeting, but a very important one. The meeting commences at 7:00pm and as there is a lot of information that needs to be given regarding the Sacrament, it is very important that all parents attend.

Jeans for Genes Day: On Friday, 5th August, (Friday next week) we will be fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to wear their denim jeans to school and contribute a gold coin which will be sent to 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.

Second Rite of Reconciliation: During this term our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students will all participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next week Year 5 will be celebrating this beautiful Sacrament of healing and peace.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Birthdays
If you would like to bring cupcakes to school for your child’s birthday to share with other members of their class, please send a note to the class teacher a couple of days beforehand. Cakes can then be sent to school on the day and we ask that they be dropped to the office and not the classroom.

Appointments
We would also like to remind parents that if they need to see their child’s class teacher, please make an appointment through the front office. Teachers often have other duties and meetings before and after school. We would prefer that parents do not come in to the classrooms before school at all and encourage you to adopt a drop and leave approach in the mornings.

Morning Arrival
Please note that there is no teacher on duty at school until 8:35am each morning. In extreme cold or wet weather, please be aware that children do not have the opportunity to come inside until 8:35am.

Clare Miller

Weekend Mass times
St Mary’s Church  5:00pm Saturday
                  9:30am Sunday
St Joseph’s Church 8:00am Sunday
                   5:00pm Sunday

INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK
When you’re talking to someone face-to-face, your pupils dilate to match theirs.
On Monday 25th July, our entire teaching and support staff were involved in a Professional Development Day on the Model of Christ Centred Learning. The day involved looking closely at one particular dimension of the model - the section titled **Insight and Meaning** and its ramifications for our teaching and learning.

Essentially, this dimension of the model prescribes a learning culture that encourages students to use active techniques (experiments, real world problems) to create more knowledge and then to reflect on and talk about what they are doing and how their understanding changes.

Teachers came away from the day feeling inspired and uplifted and with a greater thirst for trying new initiatives in this ever changing educational landscape.

**Trish Aumuller - MCCL Facilitator**

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**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

**Professional Sharing**

Our topic for our staff meeting in Week 1 was: “Quality Core Maths. What does a good maths lesson look like?” We looked at the research from “Response To Intervention Is a Verb” by Hierck and Weber and compared it with our own thoughts. From the research we outlined seven elements of effective instruction and devised strategies that could be used in a Mathematics lesson for each element. The elements are:

1. What are we learning?
2. Why are we learning it?
3. I do it (the teacher).
4. We do it together (teacher and students).
5. You do it together (students working with peers).
6. You do it alone (students working independently).
7. How did we do? (how effective was the learning?)

Our staff were able to share some valuable insights into their own quality teaching practices.

**Let's Celebrate Learning......**

Across Year 6 the children have been participating in reading groups with a focus on fluency and comprehension. After comparing the Dibels results from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year, the number of children who have reached reading fluency proficiency increased by 12%.

Congratulations to the teachers and students of Year 6!

**Anne Mulligan - Learning for all ..... EXPECT INSPIRE ENGAGE**
LIBRARY

We will be celebrating Book Week 2016 in Week 6 of this term. The theme this year is "Australia: Story Country" which involves, among other things, our story as a country and exploring stories fictional and non-fictional about Australia. The students will also be reading and exploring the shortlisted titles and deciding which books will be the winners. Have a look at the following website to see the full shortlist of books and other information about Book Week. [https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016](https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016)

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To help us celebrate books and reading, I am asking the students to **DRESS UP ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24th** as either a character from any story (eg Harry Potter, The BFG, Rainbow fairy) or a character from an Australian story (eg Ned Kelly, Captain Cook, Banjo Patterson, Blinky Bill, Possum Magic etc). Simple costumes are always the best, remembering the children will be wearing them all day.

Please also remember that it may be cold on the day and to wear closed-in shoes. If you are stuck for an idea please don't hesitate to ask me.

Catherine Bishenden

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children who have birthdays this week:

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**Roster—Commencing Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August 2016**

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