

## FROM THE REC

It is with great pleasure that I report that the National Launch of Catholic Mission Month at St Stanislaus College was a great success. Mr Mark Elliott and Fr Doug Akehurst, in collaboration with the schools of Bathurst, prepared and facilitated a wonderful liturgy to celebrate and promote the 175th Anniversary of Catholic Missions in Australia, and the beginning of Socktober, a fundraising initiative. The theme for this year's appeal is:

*"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Matthew 25:35*



I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Mr Paul Hughes, who masterfully coordinated the talented singers and musicians from both Stannies and MacKillop, and Mr Chris O'Rourke, who directed the Year 10 Drama class in a dramatisation of the Gospel and facilitated transport.

There were numerous other young ladies involved on the day, all who made themselves, myself and the College, immensely proud. I would like to make special mention of Brittany Reece and her team of girls (Jessie Tyrell-McPhillamy, Georgina Wills, Kirsten Fitzpatrick, Breeanna McLachlan, Jemima Corney and Sophie Williams) who engaged in the liturgy through a meaningful and beautiful liturgical movement.

Watch this space for the exciting ways we will propose to raise money for those in need.

In other news, Year 8 and Year 10 classes will sit an externally set Religious Education exam in week one of term four. All Catholic high schools in the Bathurst Diocese are asked to participate in this testing. The RE test covers areas of Catholic faith and practice, and literacy and numeracy that is subject specific.

### *A Prayer for Spring*

*Dear God:*

*Spring is a metaphor for change.*

*Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor.*

*Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited.*

*To all these changes we ask the gift of*

*Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.*

*May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that*

*You are at work renewing the earth.*

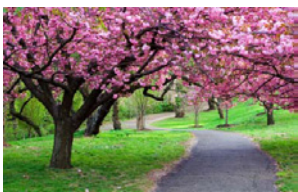
*As a God of renewal,*

*You are ever at work in our lives, too.*

*Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this  
Spring.*

*Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*



*Rev. Mark Bekkedahl*

Many Blessings,

*Tina Watson*