It is with much sadness I officially inform the families of our school of the passing of former student Lachlan Connaughton.

Lochie's passing has been extremely prominent in the media and on social media. It was a tragic accident on a family holiday. The support the Connaughton family has received has been overwhelming.

As a school community we wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to Ollie (6H), Maddie (Year 8 at James Sheahan) and Lochie's parents Cindy and George.

Lochie was a spirited young man with an infectious smile and he will be greatly missed by family and his many friends.

Lachlan's funeral will be held at St Joseph's Church at 11:00am on Tuesday 10th May.

As a sign of support for Ollie and the Connaughton family the children are asked to wear casual clothes to school on Tuesday 10th May. We ask that the children wear green if possible as this was Lochie's favourite colour. There is no cost for the casual day.

Please keep the Connaughton family in your prayers.

Steve Maguire
**Winter Uniform:** Term 2 is when children begin to wear their winter uniform. During the first two weeks of the term students are permitted to wear their summer uniform if the weather permits. However, students must be in full summer or winter uniform not a mismatch of the two. During Term 3 & Term 4 children must have their shirt tucked in (except for when they are on the playground) and wear the school tie. The children do not have to wear a hat while outdoors during Term 3 & Term 4. An important reminder that extreme hair cuts and hair colouring are not permitted and all hair below the shoulders (for boys & girls) must be tied off their face.

**NAPLAN:** The children in Year 3 & Year 6 will sit the NAPLAN on Tuesday 10th May - Language Conventions & Writing, Wednesday 11th May - Reading and Thursday 12th May - Numeracy. It is important to acknowledge that these assessments on Mathematics, Writing, Reading and Language Conventions test basic skills and knowledge. Teachers do not teach to the NAPLAN however they do give the children practice with past papers to ensure they are as relaxed and as comfortable as possible to achieve the best they can on the day. It is also important to acknowledge that the children are being assessed on what they have been taught from Kindergarten not just what they have been taught in the first two terms of Year 3 or Year 5.

**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 August and Mathematics Tuesday 16th August. A note will come home with children in Year 3 - Year 6 today asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $9.00 per test.

**Diocesan Cross Country:** Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country in Coolah yesterday. Special mention to the following children for making the Diocesan Team to compete at the Polding Carnival. Agieg Aluk, Oliver Livingstone, Molly Dean and Nick Rowlands. Thank you to Mr Gough, Mrs Petty and the many parents who transported and supported our runners.

**Peachey Shield & Richardson Cup Rugby League:** We were well represented by keen footballers in the Peachey Shield (Year 5/6) & Richardson Cup (Year 3/4) today. A big thank you to Mr Hudson, Mr Sheridan & Mr Corby for organising this opportunity and coaching the boys. Also Thank you to the parents and supporters who were with our boys today.

**Southern Region Athletics Carnival:** The Southern Region Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 29th July in Canowindra. *Notes will be sent home with the children who will represent Catherine McAuley at the carnival today.*

Steve Maguire

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

3D printing means NASA can email tools into space.
The Ascension of our Lord: This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of our Lord’s Ascension into heaven. The Ascension commemorates Jesus’ return to heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Traditionally we have celebrated the Ascension exactly 40 days after Easter Sunday, on the Thursday, however because of the importance of the feast, it’s celebration has been moved to the following Sunday. This feast also prepares us for the day of Pentecost, which will be celebrated next weekend.

First Communion: Thank you to all parents who were able to come along to the First Holy Communion Parent meeting last Wednesday. Forms for the Sacrament were given to our Year 3 students last week, and these forms need to be returned to the Parish Office (not the school) by this Friday, 6th May. If you did not receive a form, or if your child/ren are in a different year and you would like them to receive the Sacrament, please let me know and I will send forms home with them. However, please note, if your child has not yet made First Reconciliation, you need to contact the Parish Office and make an appointment with Fr Garry. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of June 2016.

Mothers’ Day Liturgy: Our Mothers’ Day Liturgy this year will be on this Friday, 6th May at 10:30am. (Please note change of time) Thank you to all who have sent in photos already for the powerpoint. If you would like your photos included, please have them to me no later than 3:00pm tomorrow, 5th May. As I will be in Bathurst tomorrow, any photos that come in tomorrow will need to be emailed to me as I will not be back in Orange until after the Religious Educators’ Conference. My email is r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au

Project Compassion: Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you still have Project Compassion boxes at home, please send them in, so they can be included in the total amount we send off to Caritas Australia. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity and continued support.

Class Liturgies: Our next Class Liturgy will be our Year 6 Grade Mass next Wednesday, 11th May at 12:30pm. All Year 6 families and members of the school community are very welcome to join us for this Mass.

Wishing you all a very happy Mothers’ Day!

God Bless,
Robyn Petty
Year 6 Maths Olympiad

Our Amazing Year 6 teacher Mr Hudson who loves Mathematics is involving our students in an Olympiad. This is a great way to encourage a love of learning and challenges in mathematical skills.

So what is it all about? Here are the details.

**Who is involved.**

A number of our best Year 6 mathematical students for the very first time at Catherine McAuley will be competing in the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad.

**What is the Olympiad**

The Olympiad has been operating since 1987. Every year, schools from Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries take part. In 2015 - 41,000 students participated.

The Olympiad consists of 5 separate contests held one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills.

**Types of Questions**

*Can you solve this question which appeared in Last Years Olympiad*

In the expression SHE + THE = BEST, each different letter stands for a different digit. What number does the four letter word BEST represent?

The leading digit cannot be zero in any of the numbers.

As parents can you SOLVE this question?

**Belinda Forbes**

**WASTE 2 ART**

Catherine McAuley is participating in the Waste 2 Art competition. A competition all about recycling and coming up with something creative and fun. We will try!

Our project requires electrical cords from old computers, frypans, telephones, printers - anything that needs to be plugged in. Please leave the plug attached but you may remove the equipment at the other end.

We are also looking for clean plastic bags. Nice brightly coloured ones!

Please leave either of the above in 5C or KD.

For any children who would like to participate in this activity we will be meeting in the quiet area on Monday 2nd half of lunch.

**Helen Croke**
BATHURST DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

A group of 30 students from Catherin McAuley Catholic Primary School represented the school at the annual cross country event held in Coolah. It was a fine day for running and congratulations go out to Sacred Heart Coolah for organising this event. The following students from Catherine McAuley now go to Eastern Creek for the CPS Polding Cross Country on 17th June. They are Nic Rowland (3S), Oliver Livingston (5F), Molly Dean (5F) and Agieg Aluk (6P). Congratulations to all our runners on your effort and behaviour.

Keep running!

Gerry Gough

LIBRARY

Kindergarten Library

Children in Kindergarten will commence borrowing from the library this term. Library day for KM will be Monday and for KW and KD on Tuesday. Please help your child to remember to pack their library books on these days.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

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

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May 2016

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TO ALL OF OUR MUMS … HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY ON SUNDAY!

Happy Mother’s Day

Save the Date
Orange Palliative Care Forum
Sunday 29th May 2016
Orange Ex-Services Club
10am – 4 pm

Orange Push for Palliative together with Orange Health Service will present an informative day regarding palliative care & end of life issues.

It will aim to demystify palliative care and empower people to have critical conversations with their families about end of life choices.

There will be representatives from the State & Commonwealth to explain the complex issues that surround end of life care.

Guest speakers:

Gail & Juliette O’Brien: Gail is the wife of celebrated cancer surgeon. Since Chris’s death in 2009 from a brain tumour Gail has become a powerful advocate for “good palliative care”. Her daughter Juliette has just published a book on her life “This is Gail”.  
Dr Kerry Chant: Chief Health Officer, Public & Population Health, representing the Hon. Jillian Skinner Minister of Health  
Dr Yvonne McMaster: Retired palliative care specialist and mastermind of NSW Push for Palliative  
Professor Amanda Walker: Clinical Advisor CEC End of Life care, Senior Staff Specialist in Palliative Medicine, SWSLHD, Prof. Walker is a renowned speaker on the importance of Advanced Care Planning for people at the end of life.