As mentioned in previous correspondence our Kindergarten 2015 enrolments opened on Monday. It is wonderful to see so many excited young children and parents being happy about wanting to be part of the Catherine McAuley family. I have asked many of these parents why they have chosen our school especially those having their first encounter with Catherine McAuley. All have answered that they have heard (from friends) it’s a happy place and children are happy here. No parents have indicated that the factor in enrolment has been new computers, good play areas, interactive whiteboards etc. Whilst these things are all part of our school tapestry it seems to be those things that involve relationships that are key thoughts in deciding where to enrol a child. Such relationships will hopefully grow stronger over time whilst some of the plant and machinery will become dated and fade away and often need to be replaced.

Michael Croke

The Kind Word

There are things that the poor prize more highly than gold, tho’ they cost the donor nothing; among these are the kind word, the gentle, compassionate look, and the patient hearing of their sorrows.

Catherine McAuley 1778-1841
**Student Of The Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were awarded student of the week: Maeve Dean, Ali Gavin, Harry Johnston, Lewis Budworth, Harrison Bray, Henry Baker, Ruby Fischer, Jack Amies, Piper Draper, Mathew Rogers, Dane Medlyn, Jessie Tudor, Saige King, Abigail Paul, Isaac Rodd, Matthew Merchant, Kyle Gummer, Eden Parker, Mia Rowland & Thomas Doble.

**Winter Uniform:** The colder weather has ensured the majority of students are in winter uniform. A correction from last week’s newsletter. **During Term 2 & Term 3** children must have their shirt tucked in (except for when they are on the playground) and they do not have to wear a hat while outdoors. Please ensure your child’s name is on all jumpers, jackets, scarves and items of clothing that they may take off throughout the day. A reminder that in cold weather children are permitted to wear jackets, scarves and/or beanies in the playground. (Preferably navy blue or maroon.)

**NAPLAN:** The children in Year 3 & Year 5 will take part in NAPLAN on Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} & Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} May. Interruptions to classes during these tests will be kept to a minimum.

**Peer Support:** There was no Peer Support this week due to the number of Year 6 Leaders at the Diocesan Cross Country in Coolah on Monday. Sessions will recommence next Monday.

**UNSW Tests:** As last year students will be able to nominate and sit for the ICAS tests. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} July and Mathematics Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} August. A note was sent home yesterday, asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $9.00 per test.

**Diocesan Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Diocesan Spelling Bee in Wellington on Thursday 29\textsuperscript{th} May. Thomas Dews (Year 6), Milan Shaji (Year 5), Lucy Stewart (Year 4) and Alan Parayil (Year 3). These students won their grade Spelling Bee. We wish them the best in the next stage of the competition.

**Diocesan Winter Trials:** We wish Ella Robbins, Amelia Wilcox (Netball), Sam Littlefield (Rugby League) and Oscar Williams (Soccer) the best as they travel to Tamworth to compete as part of Diocesan Teams in the Polding Trials this Friday.

**INTERESTING FACT OF THE WEEK**

If you drilled a tunnel straight through the Earth and jumped in, it would take you exactly 42 minutes and 12 seconds to get to the other side.
FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

God of love and nurturing care, we give thanks and praise for your gift of our Mothers, the women in our lives whom you give to us to love and care for us. Just as you have blessed Mary the Mother of your Son Jesus, bless in a special way, all Mothers and women who give themselves in love.

We ask this of you, our loving God. Amen

Mothers’ Day Liturgy: Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Mothers’ Day Liturgy today. It was wonderful to see so many present for this special Liturgy, and also to see how proud our students were of their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special friends. I hope I have returned all hard copy photos, but if not, please see me and I will get them to you. WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY THIS SUNDAY!

Confirmation: Our Confirmation preparation in Year 6 is now in full swing. Enrolment forms for the Sacrament were due to be handed in to the Parish House by today, 7th May. Please note that there will be a practice for Confirmation on Thursday, 29th May in St Mary’s Church at 7.00pm. This practice will be for all Candidates receiving Confirmation this year, regardless of which Mass or Church they may be receiving the Sacrament. There is no need for Sponsors to attend this practice, however they are very welcome to come along. There are several aspects to receiving the Sacrament, and as this practice is to familiarize candidates with the processes involved in the Confirmation Ceremony, all Candidates are encouraged to attend.

Project Compassion: Just a reminder to those who still have Project Compassion boxes to hand in, could they be back by the end of this week, as I will be sending off a cheque early next week. Thank you once again to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes, you have been so very generous once again.

God Bless,
Robyn Petty

CROSS COUNTRY - COOLAH

On Monday, May 5th, 32 students from Catherine McAuley travelled to Coolah for the Bathurst Diocesan Cross Country. At the conclusion of the day’s running, 5 students from our school will now travel to Eastern Creek on Friday June 13th for the NSW Catholic Primary School Cross Country.

These students are: Thomas Hogben, Cara Seale, Lucy Stewart, Chloe Jaques and Amelia Hogben. This is a wonderful result for our school. I would also like to thank Mrs Petty and Mrs Lenehan for assisting me on the day. I would like to congratulate all students on their behaviour and effort throughout the day.

Keep on running!
Gerry Gough
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

This week a few reminders are on the agenda.

We had lots of talk in the playground this morning about the snow over the weekend. The students were very excited so, as the weather has now changed each student needs to bring a coat/jacket to school everyday. Preferably we would like it to be navy blue however as long as they are warm and protected any jacket is acceptable at this time. Next time your child needs a new coat, look for a navy blue one to fit in with the school uniform.

Please also make sure all clothing is **LABELED** with your child’s name as we are gathering another pile of lost property on the Byng Street Site.

It’s only week two and already we have a few things planned for the coming weeks so make sure you check your newsletter regularly. You can also check out the Term Calendar on the school website.

Now take some time to enjoy the lovely trees of Orange.

**Belinda Wilson**

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**Protecting Students with Google Apps for Education**

Posted by Bram Bout, Director, Google for Education

Today more than 30 million students, teachers and administrators globally rely on Google Apps for Education. Earning and keeping their trust drives our business forward. We know that trust is earned through protecting their privacy and providing the best security measures.

This is why, from day one, we turned off ads by default in Apps for Education services. Last year, we removed ads from Google Search for signed-in K-12 users altogether. So, if you’re a student logging in to your Apps for Education account at school or at home, when you navigate to Google.com, you will not see ads.

Of course, good privacy requires strong security. We have more than 400 full-time engineers — the world’s foremost experts in security — working to protect your information. We always use an encrypted HTTPS connection when you check or send email in Gmail, which means no one can listen in on your messages as they go back and forth between your laptop, phone or tablet and Gmail’s servers — even if you’re using public WiFi.

Today, we’re taking additional steps to enhance the educational experience for Apps for Education customers:

We’ve permanently removed the “enable/disable” toggle for ads in the Apps for Education Administrator console. This means ads in Apps for Education services are turned off and administrators no longer have the option or ability to **turn ads in these services on**.

We’ve permanently removed all ads scanning in Gmail for Apps for Education, which means Google cannot collect or **use student data in Apps for Education services for advertising purposes**.

Users who have chosen to show AdSense ads on their Google Sites will still have the ability to display those existing ads on their websites. However, it will no longer be possible to edit or add new AdSense ads to existing sites or to new pages.

We’re also making similar changes for all our Google Apps customers, including Business, Government and for legacy users of the free version, and we’ll provide an update when the rollout is complete.

On Thursday, May 1 at 9:00 am PT, we’ll be hosting a Hangout on Air on our Google for Education G+ page with myself; Jonathan Rochelle, Director of Product Management for Docs and Drive and Hank Thiele, Chief Technology Officer for District 207 in Park Ridge, IL who uses Google Apps. We’ll be discussing these changes and answering your questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information about student privacy in Google Apps for Education, please visit our [website](#).
**MUSIC & DRAMA**

**Band News**
Both the Concert and Training Bands have been invited to perform in the Orange School Speck Concert to be held at the Orange Regional Conservatorium in Hill St on Wednesday 28th May at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform and for families to hear them! Please put the date in your diaries. A separate detailed note will be sent home with each child after this week's rehearsal.

Anne Allan

Year One participating with enthusiasm using their percussion instruments by following a music chart and enjoying a dance to 'Summer Holiday.'

Karen Snowden

**ORANGE APPLE FESTIVAL BIG CRUNCH**

This Friday 9th May is the Orange Apple Festival "Big Crunch" where all children in schools across our region will be given an apple to “crunch” on at school or they may bring their apple home. The festival is run to highlight the history of the apple growers in our region.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to the following children:* Kashae Gentles, Sage Annis-Brown, Damon Knott, Joseph Brindley, Annabelle McNeill, Oscar Williams, Ruby Wythes, Oliver Connaughton, Ruby Duffy, Jyothis Jojo, Ryan Mimmo.

**TUCKSHOP**

*Roster—Commencing Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May, 2014*

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TO ALL THE MOTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH
THE CATHERINE MCAULEY FAMILY

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

FIRE & RESCUE NSW OPEN DAY 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17th May 2014 between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose, get an information bag while enjoying a sausage sandwich and chat with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Orange Fire Station will be holding a rescue display where firefighters will be cutting up a car using the “jaws of life” at 10:45am and at 1:15pm during the open day as well as lots of other fun activities.

Orange Fire Station is at 79 Summer Street, in the top block, with ample parking behind the fire station off Little Summer Street.