The Autumn Term is now upon us and the school student community is looking resplendent in the crisp winter uniforms. I do thank all parents for making sure children have been presented in a polished and pristine condition at least at the start of the day! The 4pm reentry into the family home may be a different story. We are very proud of the McAuley uniform and the message it sends to all.

Thank you to all students and teachers who were able to be part of the Anzac March held on the last Friday of the holidays. It was wonderful to see so many students from all Orange and district schools pay tribute to those who fought for the freedom of our country in wars past. It is hard to believe that 72 million people died in World War 2 alone. Essentially more than three times the current population of Australia. Our freedom is something we must always cherish and never take for granted and to give thanks to God that we live in a country that enables to be and do what our heart desires.

I remind all families (and friends) who have children wishing to start Kindergarten in 2015 that Kindergarten enrolments are open next Monday and will close on Friday June 6th.

Michael Croke

The Practice of Virtue
No one becomes perfect at once; but as from little faults we fall into great, so by the practice of lesser virtues we ascend to the heroic.

*Catherine McAuley 1778-1841*
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. Please see the attached Uniform Policy. 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. An important reminder that extreme hair cuts and hair colouring are not permitted at McAuley.

NAPLAN: The children in Year 3 & Year 5 will take part in NAPLAN on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th May. We wish the children the best of luck. It is important to remember that these tests are useful to assist schools in catering for individual students needs, to identify areas of the curriculum at our school to celebrate and areas of the curriculum we need to improve on.

Peer Support: Groups have been finalised and the children met in their groups on Monday of this week. Peer Support will begin in Week 2 on Monday afternoons. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for organising this program and to the Year 6 children for leading these sessions.

Cross Country: Congratulations to the children who won the school Cross Country at the end of last term. Ribbons have been given out and the children who have been invited to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country received a note at the end of last term. This year we will travel to Coolah by private car not in a bus. Thank you Mr Gough for organising the Cross Country.

Morning Routine: Teachers have noticed children arriving at school very early. Please note the following that is in place to ensure the safety of students.

Kindergarten & Year 1:
- Children who arrive before 8.35 are to be seated on their class line.

Year 2 – Year 6:
- Children who arrive before 8.35 are to be seated in the Year 5/6 Courtyard Area. Year 2 – Year 4 students are to put their bag in their area and then walk to the Year 5 - Year 6 Courtyard area.

Procedure if you have any concerns or issues: A reminder to parents that if they have any concerns with their child’s progress in class or safety on the playground please contact your child’s class teacher via the school office to make an appointment to see them. Many issues can often be solved through communication and listening to both sides of the situation. The teacher will involve a member of the executive if they feel it is necessary. Please be assured all concerns from parents are investigated thoroughly and dealt with according to the school’s Pastoral Care and Discipline Policy. If the teachers are not aware of situations they cannot help your child. Discussing issues with the teacher will produce better results than discussing the issue with other parents.

UNSW Tests: As last year students will be able to Nominate and sit for the UNSW tests. Catherine McAuley will offer students the opportunity to sit the English Tuesday 29th July and Mathematics Tuesday 12th August. A note will come home next asking for nominations and payment for children wishing to sit these external tests. The cost will be $8.80 per test.

Steve Maguire
Welcome back to Term 2! This term is very short (only 9 weeks), but we have much to pack into that time. During this term our Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as sit the Diocesan Year 6 Religious Education Exam. Our Year 5 and 6 will participate in the ‘Christmas Story’ Inter-Diocesan Art Competition, and our Year 3 students will prepare to receive their First Holy Communion early next term. What a busy, but rewarding term it will be!

**Confirmation:** Thank you to those Year 6 parents who were able to attend the Confirmation Parent Meeting last night at St Mary’s Church. Today the Year 6 students received their Confirmation Enrolment forms. These need to be returned to the Parish Office by next Wednesday, 7th May. There will be a practice for Confirmation next Thursday, 29th May in St Mary’s Church at 7.00pm. This practice is for all Candidates, 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. As this involves familiarising candidates with the processes involved in the Confirmation Ceremony, all Candidates are encouraged to attend.

**Mothers’ Day Liturgy:** Mothers’ Day falls at the end of next week. To celebrate Mothers’ Day this year, we would like to have a Mothers’ Day Liturgy next Wednesday, 7th May at 12.30pm in St Joseph’s Church. As usual, we would like to do a powerpoint in honour of our mothers, and those who are like mothers to us, therefore could you please send in photos of children with their mothers, grandmothers, families, etc to add to the powerpoint. These may be emailed to me or sent in on USB or as a hard copy. I will return USB’s and hard copies on the same day they are sent in. If you would like to email photos to me, they can be sent to r.petty@bth.catholic.edu.au. This is a lovely way of paying tribute to some of the most important people in our lives, and the children really love seeing their mums and grandmas in the powerpoint. Could I please have these no later than Tuesday, 6th May.

**Project Compassion:** Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes. We had a very healthy total at the end of last term, but I am still receiving boxes this week, so I will be adding them to the final amount to be sent off to Caritas Australia. If you still have Project Compassion boxes at home, please send them in before the end of this week, so they can be included in our total. Once again, thank you for your wonderful generosity and continued support.

God Bless,

Robyn Petty
FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

Anzac Day

It was a very proud moment for the Catherine McAuley community when we witnessed students from our school marching on ANZAC Day. Despite ANZAC Day falling within the school holidays, 177 students marched behind the McAuley banner. Congratulations to all students who behaved impeccably and wore their uniform with pride. Thank you to parents who made the effort to bring their children along and for the many staff that supervised on the day.

Clare Miller

ADMINISTRATION

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 open this Monday 5th May and close on Friday 6th June. Enrolment packs can be picked up at the school office from this date.

Facebook

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School now has "facebook". Our school is moving with the times and thought it may be beneficial for parents to be able to access information through our facebook page. It by no means becomes our only method of communication and all other lines of communication in the past will continue to prevail. It is simply another tool to convey information. If you have facebook, you simply need to search our school name.

BPay

BPay is now available for payment of all excursions etc. Please contact the office for your BPay reference number and our Biller Code. Please note this number is not the same number as for your school fees which are payable through the School Fees Office, the number we provide you with will be for payment of our excursions or music fees only. Similarly you cannot pay your school fees with the BPay number we provide you. If you wish to pay school fees by BPay, you will need to contact the School Fees Office or pay via the BPay instructions on your school fees account.

Robyn Basha (General Secretary) & Annalisa Covelli (Financial Secretary)
CLOTHING POOL

Our School Clothing Pool will be open this Monday 5th May from 8.30am until 10.00am. We have used items for sale at greatly reduced prices. All donations of school clothing are greatly appreciated and help our School community. Call in to the School Office for directions on where to go.

LIBRARY

Infants Library

It was with great excitement that the Kindergarten children began borrowing from the Library this week. Please take the time to enjoy the chosen book with your child and remember to return the book inside the Library bag each Tuesday in preparation for their Library lesson.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following children: Aden Fraser, Noa Fraser, Jaidyn Roach, Julia Johnsen, Oliver Livingstone, Freya Bryant, Charles Sutton, Sara Madden, Harold Pangilinan, Maeve Kennedy, William Kingham

TUCKSHOP

Roster—Commencing Monday 5th May to Friday 9th May, 2014.

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JAMES SHEAHOHAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL “BLACK DOG PRESENTATION”

James Sheahan is hosting a presentation by the Black Dog Institute, “Navigating Teenage Depression”.

This is a one hour presentation delivered by a trained presenter who has personal experience of a mood disorder or of caring for a loved one. It is suitable for parents, teachers and people who work with young people and provides a quality introduction to the subject. You will learn about: What is depression and bipolar disorder?, How to spot early warning signs in young people, When and where to seek help, How to support a young person you care about, How to build resilience.

Date: Monday 5th May, 2014  Time: 6:00pm  Location: JSCHS Library, Anson St, Orange
DRAWINGS OF OUR SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Hill Street West View

Hill Street North View

View from Kenna Hall