Just when we thought we had expired all the ways that Catherine McAuley can be present in the community our school equestrian team (I think that means horses!) will make its maiden appearance at the Forbes show this weekend. I congratulate all the parents and students who have organised for this to happen. We will even have special McAuley saddlecloths. I am nervous that they may name the horses after certain staff members and also ask the principal if we can keep the horses in the school grounds!!!

Michael Croke
**NAPLAN Online:** Next week the students in Year 3 and 5 will be practising for the implementation of online NAPLAN testing. This year students in Year 5 will complete all of the Mathematics, Reading, Language Conventions and the Writing test using computers, while the Year 3 students will complete all but the writing online. Year 3 will still use pen and paper for their writing test. The official NAPLAN tests will take place next term in May, but in order to familiarise the students with the process, and to make sure that our computer equipment is up to the task, both Year 3 and Year 5 will sit a practise test next week. A separate note went home to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students last week outlining the test procedures. This practise test will not form part of the marking for NAPLAN, but be an opportunity for the school to make sure that our computers are running at suitable speeds and are capable of allowing students to complete the online tests.

**Athletics Carnival:** Our Athletics Carnival for students in Year 2 to Year 6 will be Friday of next week, 5th April at James Sheahan Catholic High School. Thank you to all who have offered to assist with the many jobs that need to be done for a carnival to be successful. We look forward to having as many parents and friends join us for a great day! Our Infants Athletics Carnival will be held early next term at School.

**Arriving at School:** We take the safety of our students very seriously at McAuley, and have been concerned at how early some students arrive at school. Our student supervision does not commence until 8:35am, therefore there are no adults in the playground until this time. We understand that parents find it difficult with work commitments to keep children at home until this time, but with our new Before School Care on the premises, students can be looked after from very early in the morning. This is a very inexpensive service, and provides both entertainment and safety for students. This can be used on a regular or casual basis. If you need to drop children off early or you are going to be late of an afternoon, please investigate this option for the safety of our children. Further details for Before & After School Care including pricing can be found on Page 11 of this newsletter or by contacting Contact: 0439 631 686 or email: mcauleyoshc@centacarebathurst.com.au

**Assembly:** We are looking forward to our final assembly for this term, which will be hosted by Year 4G this Friday, 29th March at 2:15pm. Once again, we love having parents, friends and family members join us for our Assemblies, so please come along, but remember that bus zones will be in place during Assembly time so please park around the corner in March or Byng Street to avoid parking in the Bus Bay and receiving a fine.

Robyn Petty
Assistant Principal
Sacraments 2019

All families who are requesting a Sacrament (First Communion or Confirmation) for their child this year must attend a Family Faith Meeting. Please ensure that you book a meeting time as soon as possible. The website to make a Family Faith Meeting Booking is: schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code: 9usvf

If you have any questions regarding the sacraments please email Shannon Cain at: sacraments.orange@cdob.org.au

Holy Week and Easter Celebration Day

We invite families to join us on Friday 12th April in St Joseph's Church, 12:30pm for our Holy Week Liturgy. During this liturgy students will reflect on the events leading up to the death and Resurrection of our Lord.

As this celebration takes place in the reflective season of Lent, we will keep our McAuley Easter celebrations until we return in Term 2. Thursday 2nd May will be our Easter Celebration Day which will begin with Mass at 9:30am prepared by Year 4, followed by Easter hat making and our Easter Hat Parade. Families are invited to join their children in the classrooms on this day to assist in the making of Easter hats and also to join us for the parade. We will send out more information about this day in the coming weeks.

We as Christians are Easter people, we believe in the Resurrection of Christ and as such hold Easter as the pinnacle of our Church year. We look forward to celebrating with you next Term and invite you to join our Parish in the Easter celebrations over the holidays.

Mother’s Day

We will celebrate Mother’s Day together on Friday 10th May with a Liturgy in the Church at 10:30am. Kindergarten will prepare the liturgy and all families, particularly mothers, grandmothers and those who care for our children as a mother does are invited to join us. The Liturgy will be followed by a cup of tea and a plant sale in the playground. We will send more details about this event in Week 1 of next Term.

Photos for Mother’s Day

In McAuley tradition, we would like to collate a powerpoint of photos with students and their mothers/mother figures to be presented at the Mother’s Day Liturgy. As this is such a large undertaking can you please send photos of you and your child to the school email address before the end of term so that I can put the powerpoint together over the holiday break. Please send photos to mcauleyorange@bth.catholic.edu.au with Mother’s Day Photo as the subject heading.

Camille Da Silva Tavares
Religious Education Coordinator
**Project Compassion**

Thank you to all for your contributions to Project Compassion this year. Please return your Project Compassion boxes to school before the end of Week 10 so that money can be sorted and sent to Caritas to support their work with the poor and marginalised of Australia and some of Australia’s closest neighbours.

**Harmony Day**

On Saturday I joined with many other Orange residents to celebrate Harmony Day. I witnessed beautiful cultural dancing and sampled food from all around the world. I was delighted to see so many of our McAuley students and was reminded of the rich cultural make up of our school, our city and our nation. It’s so important for both ourselves and our children to recognise the fact that we all arrived from somewhere and that this diversity is something to be treasured and celebrated.

Camille Da Silva Tavares  
Religious Education Coordinator

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**Kindergarten Enrolments 2020**

**School Tours**

Enrolments will open on 29th April 2019 for Kindergarten 2020. We will be running school tours on the following dates for anyone who would like to have a look at all of our wonderful learning spaces and playground facilities.

- **Monday 6th May** - 9:30am - 10:30am
- **Monday 13th May** - 9:30am - 10:30am

Phone: 63 61 3344 If you are unable to come on the dates mentioned above please let us know and we can make other arrangements.

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**YEAR 6 PLAYS**

Each Year 6 class will be presenting their class play, "Paradise Island" next week in Kenna Hall. The children have been rehearsing enthusiastically and would love your attendance.

- **6R Wednesday 3rd April** - 1pm
- **6H Wednesday 3rd April** - 2.45pm
- **6T Thursday 4th April** - 1pm

I hope you can join us.

Anne Allan
**Reading at McAuley**

Over the past week our Leadership Team have been doing the rounds of our classrooms to observe our school wide Reading in action. We were delighted to see students participating in a range of activities including phonics, reading fluency and reading comprehension. Over the past few years McAuley has invested a great deal of time and money into this initiative and it was so delightful to see the fruits of this work in the classrooms. For the last two years we have invested money in the readers used in our classrooms and this year our focus is to build our supply of take home readers which will be available for use some time during Term 2.

**Reading in Kindergarten**

Over the past two weeks our Kindergarten students have been taking home their first home readers. These readers are decodable texts. Decodable readers are books that contain only letters, sounds, and irregular words that children have been taught. Decodable readers provide children with practice using the skills that they have been learning in phonics lessons to the reading of running text. The use of decodable books will provide children with valuable practice in laying the foundations of word reading for accessing harder text. It is expected that students will attempt to read these books independently, however they will need your support so please sit with your child as they read each evening. There are some tips below for using the PAUSE - PROMPT - PRAISE method.

Although your child may already recognise (by memorising) a number of words it is still important that they learn and practice decoding using decodable readers so that they are equipped with strategies for reading multisyllabic words in more demanding texts in the future.

At McAuley we use a phonics based approach to teaching reading. Phonics refers to an approach that teaches the relationship between the letters of the alphabet and the sound the letter represents. This helps children to read known and unknown words. With knowledge of phonics, a child can try to read the word by focusing on the specific sound of each letter or combination of letters, they can then put the word back together to decode the word. Rather than memorise all the words in the English language, phonics provides readers with a consistent and efficient approach to reading unfamiliar words. Research consistently supports teaching phonics in the process of learning to read. Teaching phonics in a systematic (carefully ordered) and explicit (clear and consistent) manner enables children to develop into successful and competent readers and spellers.

In our classrooms, our Infants teachers are using this information to plan and deliver systematic, explicit phonics lessons so children can develop into successful and independent readers.

**Picture Books and Story Books at Home**

Decodable readers are basic texts and rarely entertaining or exciting narratives. Their purpose however, is to give opportunities for students to practice the letter sounds and reading skills that they are learning at school. It is vital that you also provide opportunities to participate in shared reading with your child using picture books or story books.

Reading to (and ‘with’) your child from an early age fosters a love of reading and helps develop their oral language, vocabulary and oral comprehension skills. Picture books are full of entertaining stories with rich language which engages your child’s imagination and helps them learn the conventions of a story, such as character, plot and theme.
‘History Here’ - Master Class

On Monday, Year 6 welcomed Mr Paul Stafford and Mr Vince Lovecchio to Catherine McAuley. Paul is a well-known author of junior historical literature, such as ‘Ned Kelly's Helmet’ and ‘Captain Flinder's Map’. Vince is a producer and director of films and together the pair travel to a fortunate group of schools to implement writing and acting workshops. Monday was the first day of two days, where our ‘masters’ guided a group of 25 budding writers and actors through the process of writing a script on a prominent local historical figure.....can you guess who it is? (Hint: Look closely at the photos below.) The talented group of students worked all day on researching and representing a factual (but humorous) recount of this Orange icon. Stay tuned to see the final result, after we film in Week 11, when Paul and Vince return with a film crew! Our students are incredibly privileged to be part of such a unique experience, creating our very own Catherine McAuley version of Horrible Histories!

Mrs Wright

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Guest Speaker for Mini Vinnies

Last Thursday, Mini Vinnies welcomed Mr Errol McCann from the St Vincent de Paul society to speak to us about this charitable organisation. Errol was so informative and told the Mini Vinnie members about how the organisation emerged. It has been in operation for nearly 200 years! A lovely man named Frederic Ozanam saw a need in the community to help those families without homes or food and from this mission, the St Vincent de Paul Society was born. We learnt about the role of the volunteers at St Vincent de Paul about raising money and spending it to improve the living conditions of our local families in need.

Errol, a retired primary school teacher himself, was very impressed by all of the work Mini Vinnies has done and continues to do so willingly. He is looking forward to attending the Commissioning Mass for Mini Vinnies at St Joseph’s Church on 19th May at 5pm.

Kate Wright
David Peachey Shield - Cowra

On Tuesday the 26th of March the Catherine McAuley “Tigers” ventured off to Cowra to play in the qualifying round of the David Peachey rugby league competition.

The first game saw them come up against Saint Joseph’s Blayney. After an initial struggle the boys played extremely well and easily won the game without the opposition crossing the tryline.

Game two was a much more physical game against a much bigger team from Canowindra Public school, but Mr Mortimer had obviously instilled in the “McAuley Tigers” that size didn’t matter if you tackled and ran hard. Once again the boys were able to win without their opponents registering on the scoreboard.

The third game was against the Mighty Saint Raphael’s from Cowra, a school Mr Hudson knew very well. In this game the brilliant speed and attack of Catherine McAuley shone through and they kept the opposition scoreless again.

The Final was next against Mulyan Public also from Cowra, a renowned rugby league school. It was in this game that McAuley decided to play their best football as a team. Each member doing their job perfectly both in attack but also with bruising defence. Mulyan had no answer to the speed of the play of the ball, the umbrella defence and the passing by an extremely well drilled school team. The final score McAuley 20- Mulyan 0.

What an achievement to go through the whole day without a point being scored against them. An outstanding effort. They now will go off to Dubbo on the 5th of July to play in the Finals. So let me introduce you to the members of this outstanding team, we have:


Mr Mortimer and Mr Hudson would like to thank the team for the sportsmanship and behaviour during the day and also the parents for supporting their school at this event and we all look forward to the finals day in Dubbo. A whisper in the staff room was that Mr Croke might also be venturing up to Dubbo to see the McAuley Tigers play.

Scott Hudson
Primary Coordinator
Guys and Dolls!!!

On Friday, Year 6 were incredibly fortunate to be invited to watch the opening theatre show of ‘Guys and Dolls’ performed by the students of James Sheahan High School. We walked down to the Orange Civic Centre as a grade and got to sit in the first few rows to view the show. There was so much talent evident in the students of James Sheahan and we recognised quite a few ex-Catherine McAuley students among them. Thank you to Mr Hudson for organising this event for us.

Here are some comments from after the show:

‘My favourite part was when the actors were all running around in the opening scene. It was really confusing, but entertaining!’  
Chayse

‘I can’t choose my favourite part, it was all sooo good!’ Emily R
‘The singing was amazing! Such a great musical.’ Lilly Davis

EASTER RAFFLE REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN YOUR EASTER RAFFLE MONEY AND TICKETS DUE THURSDAY 4TH APRIL
MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR PLAYGROUND AREAS
ARE YOU CONSIDERING
CATHERINE McAULEY
FOR YOUR KINDERGARTEN
CHILD IN
2020?

Experience a tour during a typical school day
2019 Tour Dates
February 25 and 26
May 6 & May 13; May 13 and 14
Tours of school 9.30-10.30
Please ring office to book a tour

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2020 Year 7 - ENROLMENT INFORMATION

James Sheahan Catholic High School

An information evening will be held in Mercy Hall, James Sheahan Catholic High School at **7.00pm on Wednesday 27 March** for all parents wishing to enrol their children at James Sheahan in 2020 or considering this option. The enrolment process will be outlined during the evening and parents will be given a hands-on insight into 21st Century learning through a series of engaging classroom experiences. Enrolment packs/information will also be available at the 27 March Information Evening or alternatively from the School Administration Office from Monday, 18 March. The evening will conclude at 9.05pm. A representative from the Orange Clothing Company will be present from 6.30pm to answer any questions parents may have about the school and sport uniforms.

An Orientation Morning will be held at James Sheahan for Year 6 students from Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School on Wednesday, 27 March 2019. Students will be transported to and from James Sheahan by bus.

James Sheahan Catholic High School is a co-educational, Years 7 to 12 school. The School provides outstanding secondary education built on its De La Salle and Mercy traditions, the provision of a diverse curriculum recognising individual learning needs and interests, the pursuit of excellence and the development of the whole child in a caring, enriching educational environment. The School is committed to achieving high levels of learning for all students.

**Enrolment applications for Year 7 2020 open on Tuesday 19 March and close on Wednesday 10 April 2019.** Enrolment interviews will be held on Saturday 11 May, Monday 13 May and Wednesday 15 May. Interview bookings can be made when submitting enrolment applications.

*Mrs Michelle Whiteley*

*Assistant Principal*
Monday to Friday

Before School Care: 7:00-9:00am
Permanent booking $13.00
Casual Booking $15.00
*Nutritional breakfast included

After School Care: 3:00-6:00pm
Permanent booking $22
Casual booking $26
*Afternoon tea provided which includes seasonal fruit and a snack.

Vacation Care: 8:00-6:00pm
$47.50 for the first child $40.00 for each additional child.

*CCS applicable to eligible families reducing out of pocket expenses.

Enrol online at: https://mcauleyoshc.hubworks.com.au

For further information and to receive a booking pack
Contact: 0439 631 686 or email: mcauleyoshc@centacarebathurst.com.au

CLOTHING POOL OPEN

Wk 11: Wednesday 10th April 2:15pm to 3:10pm

With the change of season and change of uniform for Term 2, we would appreciate donations of winter uniform items. These can be dropped to the office.

Thank you!
Happy Birthday to the following students who have birthdays this week: Tahlia Swain, Peyton Taylor, Alan Thomas, Molly Spicer, Kody Wasow, Harry Kingham, Isabel O’Brien and Rosie Hamilton.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019

In the interest of giving parents as much notice as possible, please take note of the following dates scheduled as pupil free days. Please note one of the pupil free days previously listed has been cancelled (31st May).

Term 2
Week 1 - Monday 29th April
Week 6 - Friday 7th June (Queens Birthday long weekend)

Term 3
Week 1 - Monday 22nd July

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April 2019

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A Splash of Purple and Yellow Day

Students are asked to come to school on Friday 29th March wearing casual clothes with a “SPLASH OF PURPLE OR YELLOW” or bright colours.

Please note change of date to 29th March

Children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for the day.

If families wish to offer any additional financial donations, these can be forwarded to the school office.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Georgie Haydon
Interesting Fact of the Week
A smartphone contains more computer power than the whole of NASA had in 1969.

Dear Parents,
From the commencement of Term 2 I do ask that no student arrives at school before 8.15am. This is the time when the school gates will be unlocked to allow student entry. Supervision of students commences at 8.35am. If parents do need to have students at school at an earlier time I suggest contacting the Centacare Before School program. OSHC - 0439 631 686

With thanks,
Michael Croke

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT
IN ORANGE

WHERE: St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets, East Orange

WHEN: Friday 26th April 2019

TIME: 9:45 am to 3:30pm

ENTRY FEE: $10 [$5 for additional family member]

PRIZES: Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Under 18 and Under 12
Coaching Voucher for 1st place in U18 and U12

REGISTER BY: 24 April 2019 latest by contacting one of the following Junior Chess Coordinators:
1. Alexander Aich Mobile 0408 200 56
   alexander.aich@gmail.com
2. Joe Cummins Mobile 0411 271 224
   heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au

WHAT TO BRING: Your own lunch and refreshments

You don’t have to be good, this is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required and tournament conditions will be applied. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don’t worry if you have never played with clocks. You’ll be told how they work. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Chess the clever sport!