

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

I wait quietly before God,

For my victory comes from him.

Let all that I am wait quietly before God.

For my hope is in him. (Psalm 62:1,5)

If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen: for in the silence of the heart, God speaks. And to be able to see that silence, to be able to hear God, we need a clean heart. Let us listen to God, to what He has to say. We cannot speak unless we have listened, unless we have made our connection with God. (Mother Teresa).

In this period of Lent one of the things that we can do to prepare for Easter is to increase our prayer life. This is a perfect time to make time to make 'our connection with God'.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important Season in the Christian calendar. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and climaxes during Easter Week. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. We try to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare for the celebration of new life through Christ's resurrection at Easter. Penance and reconciliation are central to our Easter preparations.

Caritas

Mr Brian Sullivan and Miss Kirsty Robertson, representing Caritas Australia, addressed the school assembly on Tuesday 15 March. Kirsty spoke about the important work of Caritas, made possible through the Project Compassion Appeal (Australia's largest community engagement campaign and aid and development fundraising appeal). Families are encouraged to make donations to this appeal throughout Lent, especially in response to self-denial efforts and our school fundraising activities. Project Compassion boxes are available from the school and from parishes.

McCarthy Association

The Annual General Meeting of the McCarthy Association (P & F) was conducted on Monday 14 March. The following appointments have been made for 2011:

President: Tracey Carrington

Vice President: Lynda Dehm

Treasurer: Laura Hughes

Secretary: Joan O'Sullivan

Board Representative: Laura Hughes

Publicity Officer: Emma Swivel

General Committee: Donna Forrest, Louise Henry, Gail Smyth, Carol Tallar, Andrew Dehm, Annette Berthaly, Leanne Hannaford, Jacqui and Jerome Wong.

Parents are welcome to attend meetings. There will be time dedicated to presentations and Q & A at each meeting. They will be held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Staff room at 7.00pm. Please note that there will be no meeting in April due to the school holidays.

Board

The Annual General Meeting of the College Board was held on Tuesday 22 March. The following parents were elected to the Board for a two-year term: Trish Thornberry and Jonathan Beckett.

Board membership is as follows:

Fr. Richard Gleeson, Fr. Ross O'Brien (clergy), Mrs Kate Rayment (Principal), Mrs Sally Sparke (Assistant Principal), Mrs Susan Barrett (Staff Representative), Mrs Laura Hughes (McCarthy Association representative), Mrs Vicki Cooper (parent), Mrs Trish Thornberry (parent), Mr Jonathan Beckett (parent) and Mr Adam Green (parent and Financial Adviser). There remains one vacancy for a parent representative on the Board. Please contact me on 67610800 or principal@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au if you are interested in the position. The Board is fundamental to the school's support and accountability structures.

New Winter Jersey

A sports jersey will be available for this winter from Tuff-N-Tidy (Peel Street). The jerseys have been specially designed for the school and are only to be worn with the sports uniform. Tuff-N-Tidy will measure for sizing and orders will be placed. This will need to be done promptly.

Diary Dates

24 March: Year 8 Science & Engineering Challenge
 25 March: Year 12 English Day
 25 March: Manilla Horse Sports
 25 March: Diocesan Basketball
 26 March: Election
 28 March: School Social 6.30pm
 29 March: CCC Netball 15s
 30 March: CCC Netball Opens
 30 March: Lenten Group 7.00pm
 31 March: Year 10 Mass 9.30am
 1 April: Theatre Sports
 4 April: CCC Basketball Penrith
 5 April: Year 12 Senior Success Program
 6 April: Country North Rugby League trials
 6 April: Lenten Group 7.00pm
 8 April: Round 1 Enrolment Applications Close
 8 April: End of Term 1

Online Survey

Parents are invited to take part in an online survey. The survey aims to examine the perceptions of the school by students, staff and parents. The website is: <http://survey.arm.catholic.edu.au/mm-parent> and will be activated on Monday 28 March until Friday 8 April. Please consider responding to this survey.

Enrolments 2012

Enrolment applications for Round 1 are currently being accepted. Please note that the first round applications close on Friday 8 April, the last day of Term 1. The second round of applications closes on 30 June 2011.

Staff Development

During Week 9 staff will be working with Ralph Pirozzo on curriculum differentiation. Ralph has provided high quality professional development in schools for many years and we are happy to have him return to McCarthy to assist with our literacy and numeracy development initiatives.

Staff News

The school community congratulates Mr Dan Mitchell and his wife Bernadette on the safe arrival of their third beautiful son, Gus Bernard.

New SLC Members

Congratulations to the following students on their election as SLC members for 2011.

Year 8: Madeline Davidson, Sophia Grady, Georgia King, Isaac Carr, Beau Alderton, Josef Almaleh

Year 9: Eliza Quinn, Hannah Gunning, Jayden Swain, Chris Ninness, Kate Spencer, Brittany Meissner, Madeleine Sanson, Madeline Doyle

Year 10: Mikala Dimmock, Lara Northey, Paige Berthold, Grace Mackley, Nathan Paff, Luke Dillon, Harry Vella, James Dunn

Year 11: Kathleen Ferguson, Sarah Haywood, Emily Murray, Anna Sleiman, Melissa Sweeney, Gemma Williamson, Richard Burke, Oliver Knight, Lachlan Maloney, George Rixon, James Tarte, Felix Bruno.

I look forward to working closely with these students.

Student Success

We congratulate our McCarthy representatives who attended various sporting events in the past few weeks including swimming, triathlon, equestrian, Show team, rugby league, hockey, touch football etc. Please see the Sports section of this newsletter and our Sport Page on Moodle for more information/reports.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**St Vinnies**

Sixteen Vinnies members, accompanied by Mr Bernie Williams, attended the Vinnies Youth Camp at Lake Keepit this week. It was very pleasing to have the participation of nine senior students as well as junior members from Years 7, 8 and 9. The group had a great time engaging in various activities with fellow Vinnies members from other secondary schools in the diocese. Thank you to Mr Williams for taking the students and to all who attended the camp and represented McCarthy admirably.

Caritas

The Diocesan Director of Caritas, Brian Sullivan, and a representative from Sydney spoke to students at assembly recently and outlined the contribution made by this organisation in many parts of the world, including in places like Christchurch and Japan, after the recent disasters. They also spent the morning in the school addressing classes about some of the many projects underway in places of need in the world.

Our Caritas fundraising efforts are well under way with students encouraged to contribute to Project Compassion each morning in Homeclass, hopefully after 'giving up' something they would enjoy. Funds raised on the St Patrick's Day mufti day will go to Caritas. We hope to be able to make a significant contribution to Caritas at the end of the term, to assist them in continuing their much needed work.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The media coverage of the activities of young people is all too often negative, and so it is a pleasure to be able to commend the initiative, commitment, skill and generosity of McCarthy students I witnessed at the recent Manilla show. Our students were involved in a number of areas – including parading cattle, Junior Judging and campdraft. They worked hard and had fun and I was proud to be associated with them all.

On Monday 28 March the Student Leadership Council are hosting a school social to raise funds for CARITAS. The social will commence at 6.30pm and conclude at 9.30pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be purchased at school during Week 8. The theme for the night is Jungle Safari. Come along, dress up, have fun and help raise funds for people who need a hand.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE**Condolences**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Adam Drew and his family following the death of his grandfather.

Theme for the Week

"Study Tips" was the theme for Week 7. Students were reminded of study skills and techniques and the importance of being organised and prepared for assessments.

In Week 8 students were asked to reflect on "Harmony", celebrating the different cultures and people that make Australia and McCarthy great. The importance of belonging to a family group, school, community and nation was also highlighted.

De-coding the Adolescent Mind Seminar

Well respected speaker and social researcher, Michael McQueen, will be presenting a parent/community session on Tuesday 29 March at the new Bullimbal School. The evening commences at 7.30pm followed by a light supper. Tickets are \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a family and are available at the door.

At present I am replacing Mrs McGregor who is on leave until the end of Week 1, Term 2. Please raise any pastoral care concerns/issues through me via the office or by email at s.stuart@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Sharon Stuart – Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

In the past two weeks, the following career related events were held:

- Career interviews with individual Year 12 students
- Work experience organised for eight Year 10 students last week
- Work experience being planned by some Year 10, 11 and 12 students for the April holidays
- Lunchtime presentation for Year 11 and 12 students on “What to do if you don’t know what you want to do?”
- Fifteen senior students attending the Health Careers Forum 2011 at the hospital
- Promotion of the Business Life Cycle Challenge to Year 10 and 12 students interested in a business-related career path
- Attendance at the inaugural Tamworth and District Careers Advisers meeting.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

PARENT INFORMATION

Election of New Committee

On the 14 March we farewelled and thanked all out going members of the McCarthy Association and welcomed the new committee for 2011.

President:	Tracey Carrington
Vice President:	Lynda Dehm
Vice President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Laura Hughes
Secretary:	Joan O’Sullivan
Board Representative:	Laura Hughes
Publicity Officer	Emma Swivel
Committee members:	Donna Forrest, Gail Smyth, Carol Tallar, Andy Dehm, Louise Henry, Annette Berthaly, Leanne Hannaford, Jacqui and Jerome Wong.

If you would like the position of Vice President or committee member, please contact Tracey Carrington or Lynda Dehm.

Family Fund Appeal Pie Drive Fundraiser will be on Friday 20 May. Watch for the order forms early in Term 2.

The next general meeting will take place in the Staff room, 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 May 2011. (No April meeting due to school holidays) All welcome to attend.



To keep up to date on topics covered at our monthly meetings please go to www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au and click on McCarthy Parents Association and follow the links to meetings.

LANGUAGE



Last Monday, if you were a visitor in our school, you would have been greeted with the sweet aroma of “Nasi Goreng” – Indonesian Fried Rice. The Indonesian Language students in 8C and 8H enjoyed the cultural experience of preparing and cooking Nasi Goreng. The students then had the pleasure of eating their own cooked dishes with an accompaniment of Krupuk (Indonesian Prawn Chips). The students displayed excellent manners and were given such awards as “Best Chef” – Andrew Galvin in 8H and Luke Guest in 8C, as well as other acknowledgements such as “Best Set



Table”. Recipes were sent home with the students. It is hoped that these students, with the supervision of their parents, will prepare a meal of Nasi Goreng in their homes.

Mrs Suzanne Perfrement & Mrs Lisa Lane – Indonesian Teachers

MANILLA SHOW



The McCarthy Show Team began the 2011 show season with the Manilla Show last weekend. A large team of McCarthy students and cattle competed in a range of activities such as stud and steer classes, junior judging and beef cattle paraders.

On Friday, Darcy Doyle and Daniel Johnson, several of the newer members of the show team, learnt about



preparing, washing and grooming the cattle before the team got to enjoy cheering on Ben Collett in the Horse-ball exhibition game. Saturday morning saw an early start, as the show commenced with the Stud Cattle classes. Kate Lumber exhibited "Fortune" successfully, winning his age class, Junior Champion and Grand Champion Simmental Bull. Our heifer entry, "Envy", went on to win Reserve Champion Simmental Female. In the steer class, "Jackson" placed 2nd in a competitive field, while "Diesel" unfortunately was unsuccessful on the day.

Taylor McAlister competed in Junior Paraders with "Jackson", a steer she has helped to train over the past month, and Maddy Doyle paraded "Diesel". Carly Barber had a great time participating in her first ever paraders class and Kate Lumber was successful in placing 2nd overall in the competition. Kate Lumber continued her success as she was awarded Grand Champion Junior Judge after correctly placing a very challenging group of steers. At the end of a long day, the team got to enjoy the social side of the show cheering on fellow McCarthy students, Nick Penrose and Sam Collett, in the Junior Steer Ride in the Saturday evening rodeo.

A big thank you to Rob Maxwell for organising and transporting the cattle and to Neville Farrawell and Chris Law for wonderful advice and the loan of cattle for Paraders.

Miss Leanne Sjollema

SPORT

NSW All Schools Triathlon

Congratulations to the team of Sophie Heeney (bike), Ellie Camilleri (swim) and Bronte Ellicott (run) for their efforts, on winning the silver medal in the CCC Junior Girls' Triathlon recently at Penrith. The team placed fourth in the All Schools competition. Sophie competed in the CCC Under 13 individual event, again winning the silver medal and placing a credible 7th in the All Schools competition.

CCC Girls Hockey Selection Trials

Dana Constable and Madeline Doyle attended the CCC Girls Hockey selection trials at Wyong on Tuesday. We congratulate Dana on her selection to attend the NSW All Schools Under 16 selection trials to be held at Mittagong in May. Ashley Ninness will also attend these trials competing in the open division. We wish both girls the best of luck.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

McCarthy swimmers travelled to Gunnedah last week to compete in the Armidale Diocesan Swimming Carnival. The following students were named age champions on the day: Ellie Camilleri (14 years), Anna Camilleri, (16 years), Jayden Gimbergh (12 years), Reubben Short (15 years), Tristan Studdy (17+ years) and Jerome Studdy (16 years).

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the NSWCCC Swimming Carnival at Sydney in May: Jayden Gimbergh, Anna Camilleri, Anneke Pretorius, Tristan Studdy, Ellie Camilleri, Reubben Short, Jerome Studdy and Brice Davy.

Hockey

Congratulations to Ashley Ninness (Year 11) on her selection in the Under 18 NSW Hockey team. She was named Player of the Tournament at the recent Under 18 City v Country game. Ashley has a scholarship with NSW Institute of Sport which requires her to travel to Sydney for training every couple of weeks.

Year 9/10 Touch Football Carnival

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 girls All Schools touch football team who defeated Calrossy 2 – 1 in the regional final in Tamworth on Tuesday. The McCarthy girls were defeated by Calrossy 2 – 1 in the earlier rounds but managed to turn it around in the final. They also defeated Gunnedah High 5 – 0 and Narrabri High 8 – 1.

Team: Brittany Coe, Isobel Hazell, Molly Lyden, Alnsley Thornberry, Chloe Coe, Brodii Ingram, Bridget Kerrigan, Cara Paterson and Lizzy Doherty.

The boys tried hard on the day but did not reach the final. Luke Patterson was the top try scorer for McCarthy on the day.

CCC Open Girls Cricket Trials

On Friday 4 March Rhiannon Graham and Bronte Pennefather attended the CCC Open Girls Cricket trials at the NSW Cricket Centre. The girls played indoors for the morning session, concentrating on bowling and batting. Two games were played outdoors for the afternoon session to finalise team selections. A tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground was a highlight of the day. Even though the girls were not selected, they agreed it was a great experience and look forward to returning next year.

Equestrian – Carinya School Horse Sports

On Friday 18 March, six very enthusiastic McCarthy Catholic College students attended our first School Horse Sports for 2011. Rain the previous afternoon helped keep the temperature down and luckily the program was completed without rain.

Students competed in both riding and sporting events, with all students collecting a ribbon or two. The following students won a sash in their age group: 12 years boys runner-up Matthew Letton, 13 years boys highest points score Sam Collett, and 15 years girls runner-up Emma Trickey.



Diocesan Rugby League Trials

Last week four students travelled to Armidale for the Under 15s Rugby League trials. Congratulations to Lachlan Etheridge, Logan Keevers and Bradley Thrift on their selection. The boys, along with Peter McGuirk and Joshua Howarth (Opens), will now go on to the Northern Country selection trials to be held in Smithtown on 6 April. We wish them well.

Netball

The Tamworth Netball Association advises that the first two games of the season (26 March and 2 April) will be played at the Carter Street Courts. The new uniforms have been distributed to the girls at school.