

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

Lord,
*the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
 Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
 Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it,
 the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it,
 and the strength to complete it. Amen.*

Diary Dates

8 April:	Round 1 Enrolment Applications Close
8 April:	End of Term 1
27 April:	Term 2 commences
28 April:	Diocesan Touch Football trials – Inverell
29 April:	CCC Basketball Regional Tournament
2 May:	CCC Swimming - Sydney
3 May:	Year 12 Twilight Retreat
3 May:	Year 11 Senior Success Program
3 May:	Elevate Education Seminar
4 May:	Year 12 Geography Excursion

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

During the school holidays we move through the final weeks of Lent and into the central season of the liturgical year, Easter. During Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday) we journey with Christ through his Passion, death and resurrection.

Palm Sunday is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent and the first day of Holy Week. On this day we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday commemorates the institution of the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Ordination at the Last Supper.

On **Good Friday** the entire Church is fixed on the Cross at Calvary. We journey the 'Way of the Cross' with Jesus by participating in the Stations and the Veneration of the Cross. Mass is not celebrated on this solemn day, as we focus on Jesus' sacrifice, Crucifixion and death.

On **Holy Saturday** we celebrate the resurrection of Christ in the great Easter Vigil.

I encourage all families to participate in the Sacred Triduum and Easter celebrations in their parishes. Please find details on the back page of this newsletter.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all our families a happy, safe and holy Easter.

Term 2

Term 2 commences on Wednesday 27 April, following Easter and ANZAC Day holidays.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day falls at the end of the school vacation so it will be challenging organising student participation. All students are encouraged to attend the ANZAC ceremonies and marches in their local communities. Our captains will attend the dawn service and the ceremony in the Town Hall in Tamworth.

The Tamworth march will commence at 10.00am. Students are asked to line up in Bourke Street, just below the railway station at 9.30am. Names will be collected by staff. Students can be collected from No. 1 oval at the completion of the march. Details of march arrangements in other towns would be available locally by contacting the RSL or council.

Students participating in the marches are asked to please wear full winter uniform, with jumpers and/or blazers and no sunglasses. Gum is, as always, not permitted.

Online Survey

Parents are invited to take part in an online survey. The survey aims to examine the perceptions of 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 as a larger sample base provides more accurate data.

Caritas

The annual Project Compassion Appeal, conducted throughout Lent, has so far raised around \$6,500 in the school. The total will not be formalised until next term so that almsgiving for the final weeks of Lent can be incorporated.

Enrolments 2012

Enrolment applications for Round 1 (Catholic feeder schools) close this Friday, 8 April. The second round of applications closes on 30 June. Interviews from Round 1 will be conducted mid Term 2.

Winter Uniform

Students should return to school in full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. If the weather is unseasonably warm, the summer uniform may be worn during the first week. It is expected that all students will be in the winter uniform from the beginning of May, Week 2 of the term. Please refer to the Student Planner or contact the school for information relating to uniform requirements.

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 to ensure timely delivery.

Staff Development

Teaching staff participated in professional development centred on Enrichment and Differentiation during an extended staff meeting on Thursday afternoon, 24 March. As a follow-up to the training, staff will be adjusting assessments and programming for targeted improvement for individual students in their classes.

Staff News

The school community congratulates Mr Josh Walker and his wife Amy on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Maddison Margaret Anne Walker, a sister for Samantha.

Library

The Library has a set of World Book Encyclopaedia (Volume 12 & 16 missing) to give away. If anyone is interested, could you please contact the Library on 67610815.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Caritas**

As the term draws to a close we thank all those students, staff and parents who have contributed to Project Compassion and supported Caritas this Lent. It looks like we will be able to make a considerable donation to this charity again this year. It has been through Caritas that we have been able to support those suffering such great loss in Japan. We will happily receive donations until the end of Week 1 next term.

St Vinnies

The final activity for Vinnies this term has been the collection of Easter eggs. Students will take eggs and toys to the Children's Ward at the Hospital, in readiness for Easter, before the end of term. Members also ran an Easter Eff raffle in Week 10 with the proceeds going to Caritas.

Easter Liturgies

We urge the McCarthy community to make a sincere effort to attend the Easter liturgies during the most important time in the Church's calendar. Check the local paper and the back of this newsletter for Mass/Liturgy times.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**School Social**

Thank you to all students who attended the school social on Monday 28 March. The night was full of fun for the 400 students who attended and, perhaps more importantly, the SLC will donate the \$2,800 raised on the night to the CARITAS Lenten Appeal.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day, a very important day for all Australians, falls in the holidays this year. McCarthy students will be marching, and students will lay wreaths at the Dawn Service and Town Hall and at the Quirindi and Manilla marches. I encourage all students to be involved and to demonstrate their respect for Australia's Service men and women.

In Tamworth, the march will commence at 10.00am. Students are asked to meet in Bourke Street (between Peel and Marius St) at 9.30am. Students are asked to wear their winter uniform.

Students in Quirindi and Manilla need to check their local papers for times.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Emily Grant and her family following the safe arrival of a baby brother, Joseph.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Emily Strudwick and Meg Hobson and their families following the death of their grandfathers. We also extend our prayers to Mrs McGregor and her family following the death of her mother recently.

Theme for the Week

Mobiles phones and their use was the topic of discussion during Homeclass last week. Whilst they are in important form of communication and convenience, students were reminded of the downside of mobile phone use. Discussion of the appropriate use of phones was highlighted focusing on the legal issues associated with texting and transmission of photos and video footage. It was also a time to remind students to have phones out of sight and turned off when in class. A phone is available (50c charge) in the office for student use if urgent calls are to be made home during the day. Parent contact with students should always be through the school office, not via mobile phone.

This week, as we move towards Easter, the theme is forgiveness. Let us all prepare for the Easter season and consider the sacrifices of Jesus and how he endlessly forgives us.

"Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again."

Saint Augustine

Mrs Sharon Stuart – Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS**Year 10 Careers Education**

During Week 9 of this term and Week 2 of Term 2, I have/will talk to each Year 10 class about the choices and decisions to be made: Do I go on to Year 11? Do I leave? What job do I want? Which subjects will I take? Etc.

Every Year 10 student will receive a copy of a Year 10 Careers Booklet and a copy of the Job Guide 2011. In the latter book there is an insert for parents. I encourage all parents to read it, the Job Guide and the Careers Booklet. These are great starters for a discussion on the choices and decisions facing students.

Year 12

Year 12 students have been given dates for major career events in Term 2, with the first being the UNE Open Day on Friday May 6. Permission notes are now available. Details of the Open Day and the Life at Altitude Festival are available at: <http://www.lifeataltitude.edu.au/une-open-day-2011/>

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

REGIONAL THEATRESPORTS COMPETITION

On Friday 1 April an excited group of Preliminary Drama students, with the support of Mrs Julie Kellahan, attended and participated in the Regional Theatresports Competition. Students had an enjoyable and successful day, receiving the award for Best Costume (Senior). The team led the senior Theatresports points until the elimination round against Peel High School. We received a very notable second place, just missing out on first by one point. Congratulations also to Brooke Fisher who was awarded Best Female Performer (Senior) on the day. Many thanks to Julie Kellahan for attending and supporting the students in this worthwhile event.

Ms Felicity Sawtell – Drama Teacher

PARENT INFORMATION

The 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, click on McCarthy Parents Association and follow the links to meetings.

SPORT

McCarthy Cricket

The 2010/11 Cricket season has now officially ended. McCarthy Cricket Club had a record number of teams competing this year. Our two Year 7 teams played in a non-competitive twenty/20 format on Friday afternoons. For some players, it was the first time they had ever played cricket. We hope to see these players again in Term 4 for the 14s competition.

Our 14s team played in "A" division this year. The competition is a 50-overs two day game, however due to a lot of wet weather, many games had to be played as a one day game. The McCarthy boys were very competitive and played a high level of cricket.

We had a record breaking three McCarthy teams competing in the 16s competition.

The twenty/20 competition was played on Friday afternoons and all players enjoyed the relaxed and social atmosphere. The McCarthy Blue team was very successful; they were undefeated the entire season. They went on to win the final against Carinya convincingly last Friday afternoon.

McCarthy 16s Blue team: Ted Alderton, Jack Cameron, Scott Davies, Jake Deasy, James Dunn, Rhett Graham, Nathan Paff, Luke Paterson, Isaac Searant and Leo Steyn.

McCarthy Gold and McCarthy White teams were also very competitive and the standard of their cricket was very high.

Several McCarthy cricket players in all age divisions were selected to play representative cricket in the 2011/12 season for Tamworth and we wish those players every success.

McCarthy also had a team competing in this year's Ron George Shield. This competition was a twenty/20 format played on Monday afternoons. The McCarthy players enjoyed themselves and their cricket during this competition, and although the boys were not as successful competitively, the McCarthy team produced the batsman with the most runs (George Rixon) and the bowler with the most wickets (Ted Alderton) for this competition. Well done boys.

We would like to say a big "thank you" to Mr Dan Mitchell and Mr Andrew Davy who gave up their time to attend the Ron George matches.

The McCarthy Cricket Club would like to thank all players, parents, coaches and scorers – without them the students would not be able to play – we thank them very much for giving up their time.

Lastly we would like to thank Mrs Colleen O'Meagher in the office for the collecting of registration forms and payments, Mr Bernie Williams, our President, and Mrs Natalie Paterson, our Registrar/Treasurer.

We look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Mrs Maureen Alderton – Secretary McCarthy Cricket Club

NSW Interschool State Equestrian Championships

Last month, Lucy Munt and Stephanie Watt travelled to Horsley Park, Sydney to participate in the NSW Interschool State Equestrian Championships. Lucy competed in several events, placing 8th in the Equitation event. Stephanie placed 2nd in the pre novice One Day Event riding "Starami". As a result, Stephanie has been selected in the NSW team to compete at the national championships in Victoria in September.

Equestrian - Manilla School Horse Sports

On Friday 25 March, eleven students attended the Manilla Central School Horse Sports. Students competed in Riding and Hack classes, sporting events and showjumping, with all students winning a ribbon or two. A great day was had by all students who competed in great McCarthy spirit.

Attending on the day were Natasha Achurch, Micheal Hockings, Sam Collett (Year 7), Victoria Lake, Sian Bricknell (Year 8), Emma Trickey (Year 9), Georgia Rumsby, Ben Collett, Megan Reid, Clare Hockings (Year 10), and Jessica McKenzie (Year 12).

Mrs Julie Kellahan - McCarthy Horse Sports Coordinator

Bill Turner Trophy Football – Girls

Last week, McCarthy Catholic College played in the Bill Turner Trophy Knockout Competition. This is an under 15s girls' competition and is open to all secondary schools state-wide. McCarthy drew a home game against Tamworth High at McCarthy under very warm conditions, the weather taking it's toll on all players. Tamworth High took full control of the first half by scoring three unanswered goals.

The second half took a different turn with McCarthy scoring three goals to level the score, thanks to Julianna Bruno and Rhiannon Graham. During extra time the home ground advantage proved too strong for Tamworth High as they were defeated 4-3 against a very determined McCarthy team. Julianna Bruno scored the winning goal for McCarthy during extra time.

McCarthy will now play the second round against Oxley High during Term 2. The team would like to thank Liz Doherty for assisting coaching at lunch times and for being so supportive.

A big thank you to Ned Forest and Michael Herden for preparing a fantastic oval for us with very little notice.

Mr Ronny Rindo

Netball

McCarthy had a fairly good start to the new season; however, it is important that all teams check the draw in the newspaper and the Bookroom window for their game and umpiring time. All girls should be playing in the new uniform. I have a few second hand uniforms for sale. Training has begun for some teams at school but it is imperative that the school is notified. Any enquires about netball can be forwarded to Colleen O'Meagher (Office), Kate Woolaston, or Jane Burt j.burt@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au.

At the beginning of next term, we will be asking all girls who wish to trial for CCC Netball to nominate at the Bookroom. This announcement will be in the Notices. Girls will need to listen for this or check the Notices in Homeclass. There is always a closing date and there will be no exceptions as the girls are given several days to nominate.

Boys Waterpolo

Congratulations to our Under 14 Boys' Waterpolo team who defeated Tamworth High School 6 – 0 in the grand final recently. This is the first time McCarthy has beaten Tamworth High.

The McCarthy team consisted of: Jarrod Chester, Harry Tibbles, Will Keogh, Tom Keogh, Jack Robinson, Morgan Pennefather and Jayden Gimburgh.

They were coached by Ryan Chester and Mr Nick Fahey. Ryan was an extremely positive and encouraging influence on our young team and should receive recognition for being a great role model.

Will Keogh, Tom Keogh and Morgan Pennefather have been selected in the NSW U13 Boys' Development Squad and Abby Rae has been selected in the NSW U13 Girls' Development Squad. These selections were made during the U14 NSW Waterpolo Championships held in Tamworth in February.

Rugby Union

Just a reminder to rugby union players that white shorts are to be worn (not navy).

Easter Service Times***St Nicholas Parish East Tamworth*****St Nicholas Church**

Good Friday 11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 7.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9.30am, 5.30pm

St Mary's Church

Easter Sunday 7.30am

St Michael's Catholic Community Church**Kootingal**

Good Friday 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 6.30pm

Dungowan

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 8.30am

Nundle

Easter Sunday 10.00am

St Patrick's Parish West Tamworth

Good Friday 9.30am Prayer of the Church
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm

Holy Saturday 9.00am Prayer of the Church
7.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.00am, 5.30pm

St Edward's Parish South Tamworth**Mary Help of Christians**

Good Friday 9.30am Prayer of the Church
3.00pm

Holy Saturday 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.00am, 5.30pm

St Brigid's Parish Quirindi**Quirindi**

Good Friday 10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm

Holy Saturday 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 9.30am

Willow Tree

Easter Sunday 8.00am

St Michael's Parish Manilla**St Michael's**

Good Friday 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 7.00pm

Attunga

Easter Sunday 9.30am