

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

The crowds were appalled at seeing him, so disfigured did he look, that he seemed no longer human.

Ours was the suffering he bore, ours the sorrow he carried.

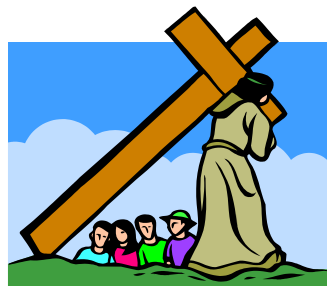
He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins.

On him lies a punishment that brings us peace and through his wounds we are healed.

For our faults he was struck down in death.

By his suffering shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

(Isaiah 52:14; 53:4 5 8 11)



Reflection

Jesus knew that he could not avoid the cross if he was to remain faithful to the Kingdom. He took up the cross and gave himself completely for others. What does this mean for us, as followers of Jesus? We too are to pour out our lives to serve one another and so bring the Kingdom for others. Our homes, where, as family we give life to each other in the love we share, our workplaces, where we treat those we encounter with respect, compassion and justice and our friendships where we share the struggles and pain of human existence are our Calvary.

Diary Dates

5 April:	Round 1 enrolment applications close
5 April:	Last day of Term 1
23 April:	Term 2 commences
25 April:	ANZAC Day
27 April:	CCC Basketball Regional Champs
2 May:	AFL Swan Cup
2 May:	CRL Country Cup
3 May:	Year 8 "James & the Giant Peach"
4 May:	UNE Open Day
4 May:	Diocesan Soccer – Inverell
10 May:	CCC Hockey Championships
11 May:	Duri Horse Sports
11 May:	Year 8 Maths Day
14 May:	Year 7 Vaccinations
15 May:	NAPLAN

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Easter

This week is the most important in the Church year and the school is journeying the Way of the Cross to Easter along with the universal Church. There are few better ways for us to acknowledge with any depth the faith we profess than to participate in the Holy Week ceremonies. The great Easter Triduum commences Thursday evening with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. On Friday we mourn the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ at the Stations of the Cross and the Veneration and on Saturday evening and Sunday morning we join in magnificent celebration of the Resurrection. I encourage all families to take time this Easter to participate in the ceremonies that mark the very core of our faith. Please refer to the service times for each parish at the end of the newsletter. On behalf of the staff, I wish all our families a happy, safe and holy Easter.

Europe Excursion

Today (Thursday 5 April) twenty-three members of the McCarthy community departed for a three week tour of Europe. The excursion is History based but will also encompass subject areas including Religious Education, Visual Art, Music, and Geography as the group travels through Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and France. A report will be included in the first newsletter next term.

Lent - Caritas - McCarthy Markets

Throughout Lent McCarthy has focussed on the three key areas of Christian Lenten action: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Across the school, prayer has centred on the Scriptures for the Lenten Season. Staff and students have been contributing daily to the Caritas Project Compassion appeal through the boxes in Homeclasses. These contributions come from sacrifices made through Christian almsgiving.

Last Friday evening (30 March) the school held the inaugural *McCarthy Markets and Music* event. The wide variety of stalls and activities drew a good crowd and the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. All funds from the event will be channelled to the Project Compassion appeal.

Thank you to all families who contributed to the success of the event.

Wine and Cheese Night

Thank you to members of the Association for the organisation of the Wine and Cheese Night and to all parents who attended. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet, to find out about the operation of the Association and to have a personalised tour of the school.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day falls on the first Wednesday of Week 1, Term 2. Students will be encouraged to join the march on that day, dressed in full winter school uniform. Please check local newspapers for the marshalling location and time for each centre.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Davy who will travel to England in August to represent Australia at the Hockey Masters World Cup. He is obviously a very talented hockey player and he will be a fine ambassador for the country. Andrew will also be in Newcastle during the holidays as assistant coach to the Under 18s NSW girls' team competing at the National Championships.

Enrolments

Applications for enrolment in Round 1 close today (Thursday 5 April). If you know anyone with a Year 6 child in a Catholic school, please remind them of this date as late applications will not be considered until Round 2.

Term 2

Term 2 commences on Monday 23 April. Please note that staff have professional development on Monday 4 June, therefore this will be a pupil free day.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**Uniform**

The first 2 weeks of term will be a changeover period for the introduction of winter uniform. During that time students may wear the summer uniform **or** the winter uniform but not in combination. All students must be in full winter uniform by Monday 7 May. Please find outlined below the requirements for winter uniform.

Junior Girls and Boys	McCarthy long sleeve shirt (white with navy trim) Navy tie with gold/white stripe Navy woollen jumper with school emblem Undershirts (if worn) must be plain white and collarless
Boys	Grey trousers (Skags brand) worn with a plain black leather belt
Girls	McCarthy pinafore hemmed below the knee Navy opaque stockings or above the knee navy socks McCarthy scarf (navy) and gloves (both optional)
Senior Girls and Boys	McCarthy long sleeve shirt (white with pocket emblem) Navy and gold stripe tie Navy woollen jumper with school emblem Undershirts (if worn) must be plain white and collarless
Boys	Grey trousers (Skags brand) worn with a plain black leather belt
Girls	McCarthy skirt ankle length Navy opaque stockings or long navy socks McCarthy scarf (navy) and gloves (both optional)

I would ask please that all families use the holiday period to check the state of winter uniforms so that students will be fully outfitted by the beginning of Week 3. I would ask that any family having difficulty providing uniform items please contact the appropriate Year Coordinator, or Pastoral Care Coordinator, Mrs Julie McGregor.

I would like to also take this opportunity to remind all families that canvas shoes are NOT acceptable at McCarthy Catholic College, and that school shoes must be black, leather and lace-up.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Catholic Identity Survey**

All students recently completed the Catholic Identity Survey online. It is hoped that information gained from the survey of students, staff and parents will be a valuable resource for future planning.

Visit of Father Zulu

Father Bernard Zulu and the CEO of Catholic Missions in Australia, Barry Irwin, paid a visit to McCarthy Catholic College on 30 March to up-date us on the progress of the school being established at Kilikiliki in Zambia. He addressed all Year 11 students and some Year 10 students and shared with them many details of life in his country and emphasised the value of our school's contribution to the lives of children in his parish. He spoke about the work of the Catholic Church in his country and the importance of Children's Mission to both increase the opportunities there and the development of a sustainable future for the people of Zambia. We look forward to hearing more when the school is completed and the school opens at the beginning of 2013.

McCarthy Markets and Music

The first McCarthy Markets and Music was a very successful event. Many parents, students, staff and members of the wider community came along to support this fundraiser for Caritas and to enjoy the community atmosphere and beautiful environment of our school. Donations to the stalls were plentiful due to the efforts of staff and students who worked tirelessly baking, planting and sorting for the event. The Music staff and students entertained those present and the Hospitality students prepared delicious food for sale. Great fun was had at the 'Dunking Machine' as a list of school identities succumbed to being wet for a good cause! Many valuable donations were made and we are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to this event in any way. The final amount to be passed on to Caritas is yet to be finalised but it seems the night raised in the vicinity of \$4000. Congratulations to Leanne Hannaford who won the wood raffle and to Leanne Barnes, Colleen O'Meagher, Peter Virgen, Josie Coates, Jo O'Brien, Ronny Rindo, Deb Slattery, Rob Mills, Laura Hughes and B Crowell who also won prizes.

Easter

Father McHugh from South Tamworth and Father Roel from Quirindi provided students and staff with the opportunity of attending Reconciliation, during Holy Week, as preparation for the holy season of Easter. A paraliturg, based on the Stations of the Cross, was held at the final school assembly for the term and focussed on the presence of the cross in our contemporary world.

St Vinnies

Students conducted a guessing competition to raise funds to purchase eggs, toys and books to take to patients in the Children's Ward, prior to Easter. Thank you to those senior Vinnies members who organised this competition and to the junior members who visited the hospital to distribute the gifts.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

PASTORAL CARE**Welcome**

We welcome Rani Grant (Year 11) and her family into the McCarthy community.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Denikah and Kiarra Ruttley and their family following the death of their grandmother and Harrison Clarke and Jaymie Clarke following the death of their grandfather.

Current Student Information

It is imperative that you contact the office if there are any changes to living arrangements and/or contact details.

Years 8

As the term comes to a close, I thank all Year 8 students for their maturity and dedication and encourage all families to give their children the opportunity to participate in the Easter Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday night. The Year 8 performance of 'James and the Giant Peach' is fast approaching and we are all looking forward to it. My advice to all students is to prepare for next term by designating daily study time and planning a positive balance between study, sport and extra-curricular activities. I wish all families a safe and holy break.

Mr Dan Mitchell – Year 8 Coordinator

Theme for the Week

Study Tips were given during Week 9. Students were encouraged to make a study plan, to use their information in some activity rather than just reading and making a summary, and to practise test / exam questions. Study methods are listed on page 15 of the Junior Student Planner and on page 21 of the Senior Student Planner.

In the last week of Term 1, Homeclasses discussed forgiveness - who has forgiven them, who they should forgive, how to forgive and why we should forgive. This is an interesting family dinner table topic.

To err is human, to forgive is divine. – Alexander Pope

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION**Pie Drive**

Please find the Pie Drive order form included in the newsletter. Spare order forms can be obtained from the office. Note order forms and money are due to the office by **Friday 11 May**. Cheques are to be made payable to McCarthy Catholic College. Please write "Attention Pie Drive Fundraiser" on the envelope. Delivery date is **Friday 18 May** and pies can be collected from the front entrance of the school hall.

Wine and Cheese Night

Thank you to those parents who attended our Wine and Cheese Night last week. It was a great success with many new parents enjoying a wonderful social opportunity and the famous "Mrs Rayment Tour". Many positive ideas and suggestions for future events and fundraising activities were discussed. We look forward to them coming to fruition.

**Easter**

The McCarthy Association wishes parents and friends a Happy and Holy Easter and a restful holiday.

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

CAREERS NEWS**Year 12 visit to UNE Open Day**

Planning is underway for the bus trip on May 4 for Year 12 students to attend the UNE Open Day. We will be having breakfast at St Alberts College and then students will be able to go on college and campus tours, talk to academics and course advisers, attend information sessions and enjoy a free lunch.

UNE is also opening its doors on Saturday 5 May. This is to cater for students who wish to study by distance education, Postgraduate students, prospective students who can't make it to the Friday Open Day, and to parents who may want to delve more deeply into what university will offer their son or daughter. For more information, see:

<http://www.une.edu.au/for/future-students/landing/openday.php#item1>

Year 10 Careers

I will be talking to each class either at the end of Term 1 or early in Term 2 regarding career education as many decisions have to be made this year. There will be advice and suggestions on investigating potential careers and courses. Each student will receive a 2012 Year 10 Careers Booklet to help them through the process of choosing subjects for Year 11, looking for jobs, writing resumes and cover letters, among other things. Parents should ask to see their child's booklet to assist them with the decisions to be made.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor

MUSIC

Year 12 Music 1 students and Year 11 Music 2 students recently attended the HSC Music Workshops at the New England Conservatorium of Music in Armidale. The workshops were held over a two day period. Students participated in such activities as Aural Skill development, Composition Seminars, Musicology Viva preparation, as well as Performance Skill Workshops. Students were highly motivated and involved in all workshops and were especially invigorated by the massed choir seminars conducted by Mr George Torbay.

Mrs Suzanne Perfrement – Music Teacher

MULTI - CULTURAL DAY

Last Thursday, Mikayla Claire, Pippa Herden, Hannah Shorten and Daniel Taylor spent the morning at the Tamworth Community Centre to celebrate Multi-Cultural Day. The students represented their Indigenous culture through prayer and storytelling. It was a lovely morning spent with Elders and community members from different cultures all over the world who have made Australia their home. It was a pleasure and of great benefit to the students to sit and listen to all personal stories and the sacrifices faced by immigrants.

WARRAYMALAYA RETREAT

Armidale CSO holds "Warraymalaya" (stand and support together) Secondary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Retreat for selected Indigenous students in Years 8 - 12 across the diocese. Nine students from McCarthy Catholic College attended this year from Years 10 and 12.

All students were excellent representatives for the school. Students attended workshops where they gained an understanding of different career and educational options and participated in a reflection day.

They also participated in team building activities and became recording stars – writing, performing and recording their own rap song "Feathers" with Indigenous brother and sister band "The Last Kinecton".

Mrs Jodie Herden – Aboriginal Education Worker

TEXTILES



Year 9 Textiles Technology needs to be congratulated. They have spent the last few weeks busily hand sewing 'guilt-free' cupcakes to sell at our inaugural McCarthy Markets. The girls happily digressed from their unit of work to design, sew and embellish felt cupcakes as their contribution to the fundraising. This meant they did not actually sit at a sewing machine, (which of course is one of the most exciting things when electing Textiles Technology), until last week as they were involved with the cupcakes. However, there was not a grumble to be heard. The only grumble was that they may not get to the markets early enough to buy their own cupcake! If you are a parent of one of these students, you should be very proud. Great work girls.

Ms Day – TAS Coordinator

SPORT

CCC Open Hockey

Congratulations to Isaac Farmilo who was recently selected in the NSWCCC Open Boys hockey team. He will now travel to Homebush to compete in the NSW All Schools Tri Series where the state team will be selected.

NSWCCC Swimming

Reubben Short, Gabby Studdy, Annie Hobson, Ellie Camilleri, Jerome Studdy and Jayden Gimbergh competed at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships held at Homebush last Friday. All students performed well with some achieving personal best times.

Diocesan Touch Football

Congratulations to the following students who were selected at the Diocesan Touch trials in Gunnedah last week: Luke Paterson, Scott Davies, Leo Steyn (Open boys), Kathleen Ferguson, Brittany Coe (Open girls), Chloe Coe, Brodii Ingram, Bridget Kerrigan, Cara Paterson, Megan Murphy and Emily Sanderson (15s girls). These students will now represent the Armidale Diocese at the CCC State titles to be held at Tamworth in June.

NSW Touch Association 9/10 Girls/Boys Interschool Challenge

Two teams represented McCarthy in the NSW Gala Touch Competition last Tuesday.

Our girls' team were successful in winning on the day after a very exciting final against Calrossy that went into extra time. At full-time, with the score one all, a sudden death dropoff was instigated. Teams were down to three players each when Bridgett Kerrigan made the winning touchdown. Thank you to the team coach, Brittany Coe.

Congratulations to the following girls who now travel to Penrith in May for the NSW finals: Cara Paterson, Brodii Ingram, Bridgett Kerrigan, Chloe Coe, Emily Sanderson, Megan Murphy, Amanda Mulchay, Sophie Heeney, Sophie Soles, Ainsley Thornberry, Claire Stoltenberg, Alice Lyden and Rhiannon Graham.





Our boys also had a successful day. They won their semi-final against Peel High School, but lost in the final against St Josephs', Aberdeen.

Thank you to the boys' team coach, Luke Paterson. Team: Beau Alderton, David Almaleh, Mitchell Bain, Kerrod Binge, Blake Cameron, Patrick Goodwin, Brayden Grehan, Lachlan Lindsay, Ryan Prentice and Cameron Sing.

Mrs Kathy Thompson

Equestrian News

Our first event for 2012 was the Moonbi Public School Horse Sports on 16 March. Fourteen students represented McCarthy Catholic College on the day, with all students either winning or gaining a place in a range of events. Girls 13 years Highest Point Score was awarded to Lucy Herbert and runner up was Anna Crisp. Boys 15 years Highest Point Score was awarded to Michael Hockings and Ben Collett won Highest Point Score for 16+ boys. Sian Bricknell and Megan Reid won Most Improved for the day in their age groups, and Ben Collett won Champion Senior Boy Rider while Lucy Herbert won Champion Senior Girl Rider. The day was complete when McCarthy Catholic College was announced the highest point scoring secondary school.

Manilla Horse Sports

On 23 March, fourteen students attended Manilla Central School Horse Sports day. Thirty-seven schools were represented with one hundred and seventy-six riders taking part from as far away as Cobar in the west, Sydney to the south and the east coast. Sam Collett won Highest Point Score for 14 years boys while Ben Collett won Highest Point Score for 16+ boys age group. Students attending on the day were Natasha Achurch, Sian Bricknell, Tiffany Bruccoleri, Bella Burr-Clift, Ben Collett, Sam Collett, Anna Crisp, Clare Hockings, Michael Hockings, Victoria Lake, Megan Reid, Emma Trickey, Patrick Ferguson and Ashleigh McCabe. All students had a great day competing and socialising with students having the same interest in and love of horses.

Mrs Julie Kellahan

Bill Turner Girls Football

Last Wednesday McCarthy Under 15 girls played Carinya in the first round of the Bill Turner Trophy. A broken pipe caused the game to be delayed, but this did not dampen the girls' spirits. Fifteen girls from Years 7- 9 played a great game showcasing their skills and working well together as a team. Sophie Soles and Julianna Bruno scored three goals each and Sophie Heeney scored one goal. The final score was 7 - 1. Great sportsmanship was displayed by all girls. Thanks to Mr Rindo for his organisation.

Mrs Jane Burt

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
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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
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St Patrick's Parish West Tamworth

Good Friday	9.00am Prayer of the Church 11.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	9.00am Prayer of the Church 7.00pm Easter Vigil
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 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	6.00pm Easter Vigil
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
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St Michael's Parish Manilla

St Michael's

Good Friday	3.00pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	7.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Attunga

Easter Sunday	9.30am
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PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

McCarthy Catholic College Family Fund Appeal and Thompson Pies

Raising funds for students within the school

Over 48 years supplying fresh products in Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast

Student name:..... Homeclass:..... Family contact name & mobile:.....

Name & Phone No.	Family Size Pie					Gourmet Pies (Packs of 4 – 200gms)							Cakes and Slices						\$ Total	
	Plain Meat \$6.50	Curry Pie \$7.00	Steak Pie \$8.00	Pepper Steak \$9.00	Mornay Chicken & Veg \$9.00	Potato Pie \$8.00	Sausage Roll Pkt 6 \$7.00	Steak \$10.00	Steak, Cheese & Bacon \$12.00	Curry \$10.50	Pepper Steak \$10.50	Mornay, Chicken & Veg \$10.50	Apple Pies (x4) \$7.50	Family Apricot Pie \$7.00	Family Apple pie \$7.00	Cream Lamington (x6) \$7.00	Plain Lamington (x12) \$10.50	Caramel Tart (x4) \$8.50		Family Quiche \$8.50
Total Order																				

Please return your ORDER and MONEY by: **Friday 11 May 2012**

Mark to: **McCarthy Catholic College "Attention Pie Fundraiser"**

Cash or Cheques Payable to: **McCarthy Catholic College**

Delivery date: **Friday 18 May 2012**

Collection from: **McCarthy Catholic College Hall (Front Entrance)**

Collection times available

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE): 12.00pm - 2.00pm 2.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Contact 0411287090 for earlier time