

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

Creative God, thank you for the world in which we live.

We ask for the ability to maintain simplicity in our lives and not be overwhelmed by the choices that are abundantly available to us.

Help us to live in the gladness of each day

to keep our lives free of clutter,

so that we maintain simplicity of heart and simplicity of life. Amen

Reflection There is joy in simplicity so remember the small things.

Remember the joy and happiness and all the hope it brings.

Remember to love, remember to laugh, and remember to be still.

Whatever you do, be yourself, be true. (Adam Smith)

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Enrolment Interviews

Members of the College Executive are currently interviewing Round 1 applicants for enrolment into Year 7 2013. Again, the number of applicants is significantly greater than the number of positions available. We have been impressed already with the quality of applicants interviewed. Round 2 applications close on 30 June.

Congratulations

The school community congratulates the McCarthy U16 Boys' CCC Hockey Team on their outstanding performance at the NSW CCC State Championships last week. The boys are now State CCC Champions. All teams played well.

Term 2

Term 2 is a very big one for students and staff: NAPLAN, Half-Yearly Examinations, Parent/Teacher Interviews, reporting and a multitude of sporting, cultural and academic events make it a rich time in education at McCarthy. We will also be involved in a full school audit in the last week of the term. The audit involves approximately twenty auditors thoroughly examining all areas of school operation.

McCarthy Association

I encourage parents to come along to the monthly McCarthy Association meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm. The evenings are informative, social and friendly. It is an excellent way to find out more about your child's/children's learning environment, to contribute to the community and to have a voice in school planning.

Pupil Free Day

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

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Stage Days

Eight RE teachers recently attended a Professional Development Day in Gunnedah, together with RE teachers from other diocesan secondary schools. This was organised by the Catholic Schools' Office and is one way they support the teaching of Religious Education in the Diocese. The day was centred on the Emmaus Process which is central to all RE units, and prayer in the classroom using ICT. Teachers of Studies of Religion attended a similar day, at McCarthy, which focused on improving students' results in Studies of Religion. All staff found the days valuable and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Assessment

Year 7 will complete their assessment task Week 4, Term 2 while Year 8 will complete their task in Week 5. Years 9 and 10 will have their tasks at the end of the term. Year 12 Studies of Religion students will complete their next Assessment task in Week 5 while Year 11 will do a Half Yearly Examination, in SOR, during Week 5.

Caritas

Brian Sullivan attended a recent school assembly to present a certificate, on behalf of Caritas, to the school in gratitude for the school's contribution of \$7,000 to the Project Compassion Appeal 2012. Mr Sullivan spoke to the students about the many ways this money will help Caritas in their work in various parts of the world.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform

Winter uniform including ties is now compulsory for all students. Please assist your child in ensuring they have all the required attire. Non-compliance without explanation may result in school consequences.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

Diary Dates

17 May:	NAPLAN
18 May:	NAPLAN catch-up day
18 May:	Delivery of Pie Drive orders
18 May:	Diocesan Cross Country & Tennis
21 May:	Year 7 & 11 Half-Yearly Exams all week
21 May:	Enrolment Interviews all week
22 May:	ICAS Computer test
25 May:	Year 12 Geography excursion
28 May:	Year 8-10 Exams all week
28 May:	Enrolment Interviews all week
30 May:	Year 7 Outdoor Education Excursion
1 June:	Cochrane Cup
1 June:	Debutante Ball
4 June:	Pupil Free Day
5 June:	Year 7 Vaccinations
5 June:	CCC Touch

PASTORAL CARE

Vaccinations

Round 2 for Year 7 and catch up for Year 10 will be held on June 5. See the next Newsletter for details.

Year 11

Year 11 students begin their Half-Yearly Examinations on Monday 21 May. Please support all study efforts as your child prepares for these important assessment tasks.

I commend the students who are attending the Toastmaster's Youth Leadership course and look forward to them demonstrating their new skills at the Graduation evening.

Last Wednesday, Year 11 attended the Careers Expo at the TRECC. This was a valuable opportunity for students to gather information and make connections with tertiary and employment agencies as they begin to plan for life after school.

If you have any pastoral care concerns regarding your child please contact me l.adams@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Mr Luke Adams – Year 11 Co-ordinator

Theme for the Week

"Are You Ready?" encouraged students to prepare for their Half-Yearly Examinations by managing their time before and during the examination period, checking equipment and stationery supplies, and seeking advice and assistance from their teachers. Study should be given top priority.

"You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator



PARENT INFORMATION

Pie Drive

Delivery date for Pie Drive orders is **Friday 18 May**. Pies can be collected from the front entrance of the school hall. If you need specific details of delivery please phone Lynda Dehm 0411 287 090.

CAREERS NEWS

Many universities and colleges have sent information about courses in 2013, and the first of the scholarship and early entry details for 2013 are also beginning to arrive. The key is to stay informed so that students know what is available, what is happening and when deadlines are.

Over forty students recently attended the UNE Open Day and gained a lot from the day. The only other university excursion organised by the school is to the University of Newcastle in the last week of this term. All other open days (both university and private college) will be on weekends in August and September. Dates will be released in emails to students and put on the school's Careers page on the website.

Visiting universities and talking to course advisers, seeing facilities and going on tours is invaluable: most people do not buy a house or expensive car without "test-driving" them, and choosing a university is equally important. This is a very important part of the school- university transition, even for those deferring until 2014, so that good choices are made.

Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2012

Thursday 31 May and Friday 1 June, 9am – 3pm

Saturday 2 June and Sunday 3 June 10am – 4pm

Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park.

VET NEWS

Year 11 Hospitality have had an exciting week with a guest demonstration from our friendly butcher, Mr Glenn Wade.

Glenn gives the students a full demonstration of how to break a chicken into standard eight pieces, as well as some other tricks of the trade used to make some of the products you see in a butchers shop. One of the delicious items Glenn shows the students how to make is Chicken Filos. I have included the recipe for you to try at home - or better yet, let your child cook for you!

The students will use these skills later in the term for their practical assessment in Organising and Preparing Food.

Thanks again to Mr Wade; the students gain so much from his demonstration.

Mr Wade's Chicken Filo Recipe

This should make around 12 fillos

Filling:

1 packet Philadelphia Cream Cheese

2 cups grated tasty cheese

1/2 bunch shallots finely sliced

1 cup diced ham or bacon

You also need:

4 Chicken breast fillets sliced into three even scallops

melted butter for the pastry

1 packet Antoniou brand Filo Pastry (other brands are harder to work with)

The how to:

Mix the filling ingredients together in a bowl.

Lay 2-3 sheets of pastry on a board and brush with some melted butter.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor



Place a piece of chicken on the pastry.
 Top with a generous spoon of mixture.
 Fold up to create a rectangular parcel.
 Brush with a little more melted butter.
 Continue until you use up the ingredients.
 Suitable to freeze.
 Bake in a 180 degree oven until golden brown 30-40 minutes.
 Serve with a garden salad.



Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Hospitality Teacher

MATHS

With Half-Yearly Exams in Weeks 5 and 6, students in Years 7 to 11 should be revising all Mathematics topics covered. Useful tools for revision would be class notes, chapter reviews plus their first assessment. Students in Years 7 to 10 can also access hotMaths. Students are required to have their own calculator for their Mathematics assessment.

The following students from Year 8 attended the Year 8 Mathematics Day at the University of New England last Friday 11 May: James Lu, Gabrielle Vella, Patrick Maloney, Sara Awad, Patrick Sparke, Jessica Thompson, David Northey and Laraena Styman. This is a day where students work as a team and do problem solving exercises.

Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator



JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Last Thursday, 8 May, Year 8 plus a small number of Year 10 Music and Drama students attended a matinee performance of James and the Giant Peach. The play is based on Roald Dahl's famous children's novel of the same name.

For many of the students this was their first experience of a theatrical production. It was delightful to see the students engaged by the actors, fantastic set design and mesmerised by the ultraviolet underwater puppetry scene.

Thank you to parents and teachers for supporting this cultural English experience. There are a number of suitable performances for youths at the Capitol Theatre this year. I encourage you to attend and share in a wonderful experience with your children.

Ms Felicity Sawtell – English/Drama Teacher

EX-STUDENTS NEWS

Andrew Davy – selected in the Australian hockey team at the Masters World Cup in England, and was assistant coach of the NSW Under 18 Girls Hockey team.

Kathryn O'Sullivan, Julie Goodwin (nee La Chuisa), and Shelley O'Sullivan (nee O'Connor) were educators recognised at the inaugural Spirit of Catholic Education Awards.

Nick Knight – franchisee of 16 Pizza stores has been awarded the "International Gold Franny*" for leadership and exceptional operation, for the third time.

Alex Jenkins added to his cricket achievements with a successful tour to New Zealand with the Emus side and was joint winner of the Man of the Match Award in South Tamworth's Major Premiership win in the 1st Grade 2011-2012 competition.

Chris Herden, Ben and Nick Golledge are continuing to have success in lawn bowls competitions.

Kevin Attard organises annual fundraising events for Tamworth Base Hospital.

Ashley Allen and Libby McHugh – both very involved with Womens's Hockey.

Daniel Gillett – a major role in the very popular production of *The Mousetrap* by Tamworth Dramatic Society.

Jessica Drury – has now been winning rider in 130 horse races, including in Tamworth, Armidale and Brisbane.

Andrew Graham – President of Tamworth Golf Club.

SPORT

2012 NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Hockey Championships

McCarthy Catholic College participated in the NSWCCC Hockey Championships on Thursday and Friday 10 and 11 May in the Open girls', Under 16 girls' and Under 16 boys' competition.

The Andrew Farmilo coached Under 16 boys' emerged victors in the seven team Under 16 division.

In their first pool game McCarthy accounted for St Clare's (Taree) 12 – 1. The goal scorers were Isaac Farmilo (5), Chris Ninness (2), Jack Cameron (2) with Harrison Kuczer, Harper Galvin and Matt Johnston adding to the tally.

McCarthy then defeated St Pius X (Adamstown) 9 – 0 with goals going to Farmilo (4), Ninness (3), Cruickshank (1) and Kuczer (1).

The semi-final, played on grass, was a struggle for the turf skilled McCarthy side but eventually overcame Edmund Rice (Wollongong) 3 – 0. The goal scorers were Ninness, Farmilo and Tom Finn.

In a very tight final against Red Bend College (Forbes) the overall skill and teamwork of McCarthy saw them outlast the fast finishing Forbes team 4 – 3. Once again Farmilo found the back of the net along with Cruickshank (2) and Finn.

Outstanding over the two days were Isaac Farmilo, Chris Ninness, Ehren Hazell, Jack Cruickshank and Matt Johnston, while young players Harper Galvin, Jake Vandeven and Darcy Doyle emerged as exciting prospects. Harrison Kuczer, Patrick Baxter, Cameron Clout and Tom Finn worked tirelessly for the team in every game.

The NSWCCC Championships will be hosted by McCarthy Catholic College in Tamworth in 2013.

McCarthy Girls' Teams

McCarthy had two girls' teams compete in the NSW CCC Hockey Championships in Bathurst on Thursday and Friday 10 and 11 May, one in the Under 16 division and one in the Open division.

In their pool games, the Under 16 girls had a 2-1 win over La Salle Lithgow (goal scorers were Prue Davies and Emmalene Tinson), a 1-0 win over St Clare's Taree (Prue Davies) and a 4-0 loss to Red Bend Forbes. As a result, the Under 16 team finished second in their pool of four and narrowly missed the semi-finals. The McCarthy Under 16s final game was a play-off against St Mary Star of the Sea, Wollongong with McCarthy going down 1-0 in the last minute.

The McCarthy Open girls started with a 5-1 loss to eventual winners, La Salle Lithgow (goal scored by Lauren Murphy). This was followed by a 3-2 victory over Trinity Goulburn (Lauren Murphy 2, Gabby Collier) and a 1-0 win over St Joseph's, Albion Park (Caitlin McHugh). The final game against McAuley, Grafton resulted in a 3-1 loss (Georgia McSweeney). The Open girls also narrowly missed the semi-finals, finishing third in their pool of five teams.

Thank you to Mrs Donna Watson, who accompanied the teams and coached the Open girls, and Mrs Vicki Cooper, who also travelled with the teams and was a great help throughout.

Under 16s: Natasha Achurch, Hannah Backhouse, Annie Beckett, Kate Cruickshank, Madeline Davidson, Prue Davies, Olivia Dillon, Bridget Galvin, Hayley Littlejohns, Lauren MacRae, Libbi Maher, Tarryn Rizzi, Emmalene Tinson.

Opens: Caitlin Baxter, Gabrielle Collier, Georgia Cooper, Madeline Doyle, Sam Howard, Caitlin McHugh, Georgia McSweeney, Lauren Murphy, Shae Parsons, Bronte Pennefather, Zoe O'Sullivan, Maegan Watts.

Mr Geoff Denton

State Touch

The Year 9/10 All Schools' Touch team had a very successful carnival in Penrith last Friday. The girls played Woy Woy and won, Tomaree and lost 4 – 0, Goulburn and won 7 – 1, Benowa, Qld and lost 4 – 1, and Matraville Sports High and won 2 – 0. The girls finished seventh overall out of eighteen regional finalists which placed them in the quarter finals. The girls played Benowa, Qld and lost 5 – 3 in a close game. Benowa, Qld then went on to play in the grand final. The girls gained more confidence as they played and matched it with older girls. The girls were a credit to their school on and off the field. Thank you to Mrs Coe and Mr Northey for driving the bus.

Diocesan Football Gala Day (CCC Football)

McCarthy recently participated in the annual Diocesan Football Gala Day which was held in Inverell this year. McCarthy entered three teams that included Years 7-10 boys: Alex Wood, Cameron Cannon, Brandan Davis, Daniel Hatfield, Joe Murphy, Matthew Hughes, Luke Guest, Ben Foster, Jack Rindo, Carl Herden, Nathan Climpson, Ryan Wood, Ryan Schmiedel, Daniel McDonald, Alex Stuart, Sean Riley. Open Boys: Antonio Comi, Ryan Chester, Matt Tibbles, George Shvili, Brandon Clarke, Felix Bruno, Matt Dunn, Mitchell Goodwin, Rhett Graham, Mitch Bain, James Dunn, Harrison Hunt, Tom Paff, Jake Curran. Open Girls: Sophie Heeney, Rhiannon Graham, Hope Martin, Claudia Bruno, Alicia Guest, Maggie Doherty, Matilda Schumack, Grace Allen, Jacinta Flynn and Tiarn Bayliss.

The Gala Day is a round robin carnival with three divisions – junior boys, open girls and open boys. All three teams play various other Catholic Schools in our diocese to determine the team to play the next round of the competition.

The weather was superb and the grounds in good order, which made for a great day of football. The McCarthy players must be commended for an outstanding performance on and off the field.

Our Open Boys' team were successful winning both games. They will move to the next round of the CCC competition. Unfortunately, our Open girls' and Junior boys' teams were unable to secure straight wins.

Thanks to Mrs Jodie Herden and Mr Mark Falkenmire for assisting on the day.

Mr Ronny Rindo

CCC Basketball Report

On Friday 27 April McCarthy hosted and competed in the Northern NSW CCC Regional Basketball Championships held at the Tamworth Sports Dome. Eight schools in a variety of age groups were competing for a pathway to the State Championships held later in the year. McCarthy had sides in each age and gender divisions and were very competitive. Unfortunately, the girls' teams were unsuccessful in their quest to progress into the state finals with the 11/12 girls narrowly missing out on percentages. All three girls' teams played well.

Each of the boys' teams progressed to compete at the state finals to be held in Wollongong (Years 11 - 12) and Penrith (Years 7-10) later this year.

I would like to thank all the parents who assisted in the running of the carnival, as such an event would not be possible without their ongoing and continued support.

Mr Luke Adams

AFL

McCarthy participated in their inaugural Swans Cup at No.1 Oval on Wednesday 2 May. The team, despite little AFL experience, showed great skill in all different aspects of the game. McCarthy faced Gunnedah in the first round and defeated them by 2 points in a tight game. Farrer and Narrabri were the next opponents, but despite going down to Farrer by 1 point and Narrabri by 3 points, McCarthy progressed to the semi-finals.

The team defeated Farrer in the semi-final and faced Gunnedah in the grand final. McCarthy dominated the first half leading by 47-7. There was no way back for Gunnedah and McCarthy claimed the title. Tom Paff was leading goal kicker and Rhett Graham was fantastic in the midfield. Congratulations boys and girls.

Mr Dan Mitchell

Rugby League

The Under 13s had their season opener for the 2012 season during the Country Cup Carnival in Tamworth last week, which proved a great opportunity to get some minutes under the belt for the season ahead. During the four games the 13s used the opportunity to work on, and improve, their new combinations with a range of players that had not played with the team before. The carnival also provided the team with an abundance of tackling practice. Special mention goes to Connor Robinson who led the team in both attack and defence throughout all four matches, with some outstanding performances.

Mr Nick Fahey