

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

The Year of Grace Prayer

Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land
with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace,
a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds

to the presence of your Holy Spirit,

that our Church may be transformed,

our relationships be healed,

and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,

who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,

we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Diary Dates

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| 1 June: | Cochrane Cup |
| 1 June: | Debutante Ball |
| 4 June: | Pupil Free Day |
| 5 June: | Year 7 Vaccinations |
| 5 June: | CCC Touch |
| 6 June: | ICAS Science Competition |
| 7 June: | Ag Careers Expo |
| 11 June: | Long Weekend |
| 12 June: | Toastmasters Graduation Evening |
| 13 June: | Year 11 2013 Information Evening |
| 15 June: | Sacred Heart Whole School Mass |
| 18 June: | ICAS Writing Competition |
| 18 June: | Year 11 Hospitality Work placement |
| 19 June: | ICAS Spelling Competition |
| 19 June: | Board & Association Meetings |
| 19 June: | RSA & RCG Course (Year 12) |
| 20 June: | Years 7 & 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| 20 June: | Peel Schools Carnival |
| 22 June: | McCarthy's Got Talent |
| 25 June: | NAIDOC Week |
| 27 June: | Year 10 "Vietnam Dusted Off" |
| 28 June: | School Audit |
| 28 June: | Newcastle Uni Open |

The Year of Grace

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have declared a Year of Grace between Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. The theme is 'Starting a fresh from Christ' and it is the opportunity for us to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. It is hoped that Catholics throughout Australia will journey on a 'year of prayer' where they will commit to daily prayer 'seeking the heart and mind of Jesus'. Hopefully, as a result, the grace of God will come upon our country. For more information visit www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Pupil-Free Day

The NSW Government allocates all schools five pupil-free days each year for the purpose of professional development. Our second day will be held this Monday, 4 June and will focus on assessment and be conducted by Ms Karen Burke. No supervision will be able to be provided at school on that day.

Enrolment Interviews

This week the enrolment interview panel completed interviews for Round 1 applications for enrolment into Year 7 2013. It has been delightful meeting so many beautiful children and we look forward to working with the successful applicants and their families throughout their Secondary education. Letters will be posted to all applicants in the ensuing weeks.

Round 2 applications close on 30 June.

Audit

On 28 and 29 June, McCarthy will be subject to a full school audit. The audit is part of a regular five year cycle for registration and accreditation of non-government schools. Approximately twenty Audit Resource Persons (ARPs) will examine documentation across the school in areas including staff; curriculum; premises and buildings; facilities; safe and supportive environment; discipline; attendance; management and operation of the school; and educational and financial reporting. The school is required to provide evidence of compliance with all relevant manuals, syllabi and legislation. A report will be provided to the school community early in Term 3.

Earn and Learn Woolworths Program

McCarthy will once again be participating in the *Earn and Learn Woolworths Program*. Stickers can be left at the office. Thank you to those who are able to support this program.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Year of Grace

As a Catholic school we will be involved in The Year of Grace in a number of ways. We will pray the official Year of Grace prayers, both the national and diocesan prayer, throughout the year whenever possible. Reflection days will be organised and centred on 'prayerful spiritual renewal'. Students from the various parishes will be involved in prayer events during the week when the Year of Grace icon will be present in their parish. This will commence with St Nicholas parish in the last week of this term.

Whole School Mass

The organisation for Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 15 June will be as follows: Chisholm will go to St Nicholas' East Tamworth, Dominic to Mary Help of Christians South Tamworth, MacKillop to St Patricks' West Tamworth and Edmund Rice to St Marys' North Tamworth. Mass will be at 11.00am. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend our school Masses.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Red Shield Appeal

On Sunday 20 May a number of students participated in the door knock for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, raising over \$1000. The students generously gave of their own time and were fine representatives of the McCarthy school motto - Receive Worship Serve, attracting positive comments on their presentation and effort. Particular thanks to Mrs Sarah Sommerlad and her husband John and to Miss Leanne Sjollem, who again gave of their time to advertise, organise, transport and support the students on the day.

ROSA

Mrs Denise McHugh and I travelled to Sydney on Monday 21 May to participate in a Catholic Secondary Schools' Association meeting. The main agenda item was the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) which is now the only exit credential for students who leave school prior to receiving the Higher School Certificate. Information regarding the ROSA will be included in the Information Evening for parents of Year 10 students scheduled for Wednesday 13 June. The meeting will commence at 6.00pm to allow time to see the "kick-off" for State of Origin.

McCarthy Environmental Council

Congratulations to the McCarthy Environmental Council who were recently awarded second place in the Namoi Catchment Sustainability Competition. Mrs Stuart and members of the council attended the awards ceremony on Friday 18 May. The prize was presented by Costa, from Gardening Australia.

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

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We welcome Christopher Siemsen (Year 7) and his family and the return of Sam Byrnes (Year 11) to the McCarthy community.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Blake and Cameron Clout and their family following the death of their grandmother.

Vaccinations

On Tuesday June 5 the following vaccinations will be given:

Hepatitis B (1st dose) – all Year 7

HPV (2nd dose) – Year 7 girls

Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus – Year 10 students who missed vaccination in Term 1.

All Year 7 are asked to wear sports uniform on this day. Parents are asked to ensure that their child has breakfast. Vaccinations will only be given to students with completed parent consent forms.

Theme for the Week

In Week 5 Homeclasses considered the National Families Week's theme *FAMILIES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE – Helping Kids Grow and Learn*. Students were encouraged to recognise, appreciate and celebrate the vital role that families play in their education.

Students were asked in Week 6 to relate *Persistence* to success in learning, exams and life in general.

'You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.' ~ Desmond Tutu

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS



Career Expos and Guest Speakers

Two weeks ago, all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the Regional Careers Expo held at the TRECC. Students benefit from having the opportunity to speak to representatives from over 100 different stands covering universities, private colleges, TAFE, UAC, emergency services, defence force and mining companies.

Quite a few students also attended talks by UTS and the Think group of private colleges.

This week students have the chance to attend the first ever Agricultural Careers Expo with over 25 exhibitors plus displays of equipment. Exhibitors will cover university, Ag colleges like Tocal and Marcus Oldham from Victoria, TAFE, local companies, employers and organisations including those promoting rural careers and apprenticeships.

Making Informed Career Choices

Now is the time for students in Year 10 who are thinking about options and subjects to choose for Year 11 to look at the Careers Booklet given to them at the end of Term 1 and visit the school's Careers webpage to help them with their choices.

Year 12 students need to seriously consider their options regarding courses, future careers and employment as Term 3 is when many decisions need to be made. Hopefully these decisions are made based on information and research. I invite Year 12 students who have not yet seen me to arrange a time for an interview and also to visit the school's Careers webpage.

The Careers site is: <http://www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au/careers/index.php> and can be found on Moodle and the front of the school website.

Uni Information Night - Wednesday 25 July 7.00pm - 8.30pm

This is for all Year 12 students considering going to university and their parents. Please note the date on your calendars, diaries, planners and phones.

I have complimentary tickets to give away to the Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo being held at Moore Park. www.hscandcareers.com.au Please see me.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor

PARENT INFORMATION



A big *thank you* to the many families, friends and staff members who got involved before, during and after the Pie Drive.



All monies raised go to the McCarthy Family Fund that provides support to McCarthy families in need.



Once again McCarthy created fundraising history. Our 2012 order was the BIGGEST fundraising order EVER for Thompsons Pies. They had to bring the BIG truck to Tamworth for the delivery.



1270 individual pies and cakes were ordered. That is 400 more than last year!



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS OF THE NEXT PIE DRIVE.....

SPORT

Cross Country and Tennis

Last Friday sixteen students participated in cross country and tennis championships which were held at Inverell. The students were exemplary in their behaviour and enthusiastic attitude. It was a delight to supervise students who exhibited the qualities of sportsmanship and respect to those around them.

The cross country course was challenging, on what turned out to be a warm day. Bronte Ellicott, Lauren Clark and Sophie Heeny qualified for the next level, with Sophie completing the course in a fast time. Year 7 boys, Jack Hannaford, Aaron Ritchie and Nash Tapp, although not qualifying for the next round, participated with determination.

The girls tennis team Emma Barnes, Gemma Campbell, Darcie Martin, Zoe Martin and Melanie Pearson also qualified for the next round. Alex Maloney had a cheerful approach towards the day's activities. All students who participated are to be commended.

Equestrian News

On Friday 11 May, thirteen McCarthy Catholic College students attended the annual Duri Public School Horse Sports day. One hundred and ten students from seventeen different schools attended on the day. Students competed in a variety of events including rider classes and sporting events. The following students attended: Bella Burr-Cliff, Lucy Herbert (13 years Girls highest Point Scorer), Sarah Maloney, Matt Letton (13 years Boys Highest Point Scorer), Sam Collett (14 years Boys Highest Point Scorer and along with brother Ben Collett, overall Senior Boy Highest Point Scorer), Bree Hemmings (14 years Girls Runner Up), Sian Bricknell (Champion Senior Girl Rider), Michael Hockings (15 years Boys Runner Up), Megan Reid (16+ years Girls Runner Up), Clare Hockings, Georgia Rumsby, Rani Grant and Ben Collett (16+ years Boys Highest Point Scorer).

All students won ribbons throughout the day and enjoyed socialising with students from other schools in the area with a common interest.

Water Polo

The girls' 2011-12 season finished at the end of Term I. Although neither team made the grand finals, they had a good season developing skills and fitness. Congratulations go to Abby Rae and Alex Prowse who received Most Valuable Player Awards.

A number of McCarthy players have excelled in representative water polo. Molly and Alice Lyden played in the U16 Tamworth team at the NSW Championships at Ryde. Molly was selected in the NSW team to play in the Panpac Games in New Zealand later this year.

Abby Rae, Tom and Will Keogh represented the Hunter Sports Academy in the U14 National Championships in Perth. The girls' team just missed a semi-final berth, being defeated by a goal in extra time and the boys played well against much older opposition. A great time was had by all players.

NSW CCC Hockey Champions 2012

