

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

The Diocesan Year of Grace Prayer

Jesus, as I contemplate your face, let me experience your great love for me.

Reveal your saving grace and give me a grateful heart.

Heal me of my weaknesses and sin and fill me with compassion for others.

Gift me with the wisdom of the Spirit and encourage me to be a faithful witness to the Gospel. Amen

The Year of Grace is an invitation to the Catholics of this nation to join their Bishops on a spiritual journey, a time of listening to the Spirit, a space to recognise God's grace in our lives and to encounter Jesus afresh.

Diary Dates

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 Day
29 June:	School Audit
29 June:	Last day of Term 2
16 July:	Term 3 commences

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

End of Term Matters

These last few weeks of Term 2 are very full and staff members have been working extremely hard to meet deadlines. Examinations for all students are now complete. Reports for students in Years 7 and 11 will be posted on Friday this week. Reports for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be posted next week. Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted the week following the posting of each group of reports. Parents are encouraged to utilise these opportunities to review student performance and plan for improvements.

The best ways to prepare for the interviews are to:

- Bring your child and their report
- Have a list of subjects and teachers
- Prepare some questions
- Have some ideas towards improvement

I will be presenting a brief session on "How to Get the Most from Parent/Teacher Interviews" at the Association meeting next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm.

These final weeks also incorporate the Year 12 Retreat, Toastmasters Graduation, Year 11 2013 Information evening, Whole School Mass, McCarthy's Got Talent, NAIDOC Week. The term will finish with the full school audit, involving twenty external personnel examining every aspect of school operation.

Toastmasters' Graduation

On Tuesday night I attended the 2012 Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program graduation. I was very impressed with the quality of the presentations and the roles undertaken by the students. The organisation has been involved in providing this program for our students for many years and it is good to see so many students embrace the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills in the areas of leadership and public speaking.

Staffing

The following recent appointments have been made:

- Science teacher (replacing Mr Nicholas Curran) – Miss Melissa Gardner. Melissa is a qualified and experienced teacher of Science, Biology and Chemistry. She has been teaching at Killara High School for the past six and a half years.
- Literacy Support (replacing Mrs Gillian Downes) – Mrs Bernadette Mackay. Bernadette has recently returned from several years living in Italy. She has broad experience in Literacy, having taught at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School and McCarthy Catholic College.

National Cyber Security Awareness Week

"The Australian Government has designated this week National Cyber Security Awareness Week. Like many 'Awareness' weeks the purpose of National Cyber Security Awareness Week is to raise our level of understanding of the risks associated with Internet usage and what we need to do to protect our personal and financial information online.

The 2012 Awareness Week [was] launched by Senator Conroy, the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy in Canberra on June 12 as part of the Cyber safety Summit. Further information on the 2012 Awareness Week is available from the Stay Smart Online website www.staysmartonline.gov.au."

The Director of the CSO, Mr John Mula, has written to all staff to ensure they are aware of the website designed to assist schools to create a safer, more secure online environment for all children and young people.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Whole School Mass

On Friday June 15 all students and staff will attend Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Students will attend Mass 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.

Year 12 Twilight Retreat

Year 12 students had the second of their twilight retreats this week. A good number of students attended and made valuable contributions to the evening. We thank Fr John McHugh for being with us and giving our students the benefits of his insight and knowledge.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last Wednesday evening an Information Night was held for parents of current Year 10 students. While traditionally this evening outlines the options for students entering Stage 6 study, this year it also included information related to the School Leaving Age, the discontinuation of the School Certificate and the introduction of a new exit credential - ROSA (Record of School Achievement). Students were presented with a Senior Prospectus and were given an opportunity to speak with the staff present about subject specific matters. Students are asked to please hand in their Expression of Interest sheets by Thursday 28 June. The information will then be collated and used to inform the curriculum and timetable decisions for 2013.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Merit Awards

When students receive 5 Merit Certificates, at least one of which is for service to others, they become eligible for a Certificate of Achievement. The award is *not* automatic, but dependent upon the merit recognition coming from a number of teachers, and on their compliance with the Code of Conduct in all areas of the school.

It was my pleasure on assembly to ask Mrs Rayment to present the first 2012 recipients with their Certificates of Achievement. Congratulations to:

Year 7: Jack Awad, Emily Donaldson, Josephine Hughes, Nicola Irwin
 Year 8: Roy Barnes, Darcy Doyle, Melanie Pearson, Alexander Stuart, Gabrielle Vella, Kristen Vickery
 Year 9: Tara Filo-Carroll, Bridget Galvin, Pippa Herden, Chloe Hope, Lauren Macrae, Cara Paterson
 Year 10: Kimberley Bruccoleri, Madeline Doyle, Ruth Makawara, Brittany Meissner, Chloe Milgate, Ellie Sampson, Jessica Whitbread
 Year 11: Harry Vella
 Year 12: Emily Murray, Shae Parsons, George Rixon, Melissa Sweeney, Lachlan Maloney.

Vaccinations

Round 2 of Year 7 vaccination program has been completed. Students who were absent or did not have completed forms can resume the program in November (Round 3) and complete their vaccination course early in 2013 if necessary.

Theme for the Week

In Week 7 students were encouraged to recognise that 'After the Exams' is ideally a time of intense learning. They should check the marking of their papers, listen carefully to comments made by their teachers, file their papers effectively, identify areas of work that need further revision and to undertake study based on the feedback provided by their teachers and their own exam analysis.

The topic for Week 8 was 'Things Better Left Unsaid'. Swearing, verbal bullying, putting people down and gossiping were considered. An adolescent's participation in and response to these actions by others, is an indication of maturity and character.

"Blessed are those who listen for they shall learn." Anonymous

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Career Excursions

Recently some of our Year 10-12 Agriculture students attended the Agricultural Careers Expo held at Farrer, where students were able to talk to many different employers and course providers including university, TAFE and Ag colleges such as Tocal and Marcus Oldham. There were also many opportunities to find out about working on properties in northern Australia as well as Certificate and Diploma courses in Agriculture that can be done online by people working on farms or in towns anywhere in Australia.

In the last week of term, I will be taking interested Year 12 students to Newcastle University Schools' Visit Day. Permission notes and money are due back by Friday 15 June.

Work Experience

Any student wanting to do work experience during the July school holidays is to see me as soon as possible. An application form needs to be filled in and, if approved, the student then needs to see me with the name of the employer and the week they will be doing work experience. Paperwork needs to be completed by the student, parent, employer and the school, BEFORE work experience commences.

Visiting Universities and Colleges in the Holidays

If you are unable to go to open days during Term 3, I suggest you contact the universities and colleges you are considering applying to, and arrange a visit and tour. Take a road trip and visit several on the way so you can compare them.

University Information Evening 25 July 2012

On this evening, all you need to know about applying, deferring and going to university will be explained including early entry schemes and costs. Representatives from UNE and University of Wollongong will also be there. It is strongly recommended that all students considering university as an option, and their parents, attend the evening, which commences at 7.00pm.

Subject Selection for Year 11 2013

Information is available from our school careers website and I have many booklets and information from various universities as to what is needed and recommended for study in senior years. Students are welcome to come and see me in the Careers Room to talk about options.

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

PARENT INFORMATION**Attention All Year 7 and New Parents: Information Session – “Preparing for Parent/Teacher Interviews”**

The McCarthy Association is holding a series of brief educational information sessions during our monthly meetings. At the next meeting, our Principal, Mrs Kate Rayment, will present information and tips on how to get the most from Parent/Teacher Interviews for you and your child/children. We invite all parents to join us for this important and informative meeting on Tuesday 19 June commencing at 7.00pm.

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.

ENGLISH**2012 Year 12 Standard and Advanced English HSC Study Day**

The HSC English Study Day will be held on Tuesday 28 August at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. The cost to students for five lecture sessions is \$55.00. Students will travel by bus to Farrer leaving McCarthy at 8.30am and returning by 3.45pm. Students will be provided with morning tea and lunch. There are limited places available on this excursion and money and permission notes are to be returned to Mrs Forrest in the office no later than Thursday 26 July.

Mrs Katrina Sullivan – English Coordinator

VET NEWS

There are many exciting projects underway in Hospitality this week. Year 12 students have been busy preparing and serving espresso coffee as part of their practical assessment. Staff have been enjoying our delicious range of freshly ground coffee including Cappuccino's, Chai Latte, Coconut Ice Frappes and Hot Chocolates with extra marshmallows! We are very fortunate to have the freshest of coffee from Mr Rob Manvell at Antilles Coffee. The students are doing exceptionally well, delivering high quality beverages to industry standards.

Year 11 are preparing for their first Practical Assessment in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. I hope they are cooking lots of French inspired chicken dishes for their parents at home; practice makes perfect! They are also completing Work Placement in Weeks 9 and 10. Each student has been notified of their work placement and is expected to meet with their employer and return paper work to me before attending. A parent guide to work placement will be sent home this week. If you have any questions regarding this compulsory work placement, please feel free to contact me at school. Winter has set in, so I have included a very warming Hot Chocolate Recipe for you to try.

Bounty Hot Chocolate

20 ml Coconut Syrup (Available in most coffee shops or online at Antilles Coffee)
 1 large tablespoon chocolate drinking powder
 Milk (skim, lite or full cream) and an optional tablespoon of coconut cream
 whipped cream, coconut flakes and chocolate powder to garnish

The How To:

Warm up a mug by filling it with hot water from the kettle.
 Empty out the water (leave a tablespoon in) and put in the chocolate powder and syrup, stir to dissolve.
 If you have a microwave safe plunger, fill it half way with milk and heat (don't boil).
 Plunge the milk until foam appears and tip into the chocolate mixture.
 Garnish with cream and coconut flakes, dust with chocolate powder.



Mrs Raelene Maxworthy – Hospitality Teacher

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE

Catholic Schools Celebrate will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 16 August at the TRECC. Tickets went on sale this week and can be purchased from www.visittamworth.com or phone 67675300. Cost is \$17 adults, \$9 children. Be entertained by the creative students of the children and teachers from St Joseph's Quirindi, St Joseph's West Tamworth, St Edward's, St Nicholas' and McCarthy Catholic College. Please note there is no matinee performance this year.

WINGHAM BEEF WEEK

During Week 4, the McCarthy show team attended Wingham Beef Week. Tuesday was an education day where seminars related to meat quality, marketing options, pasture species, and new diseases impacting the beef industry. On Wednesday paraders' competitions were held with over 300 competitors, who are judged on how well they present the animal and on their own presentation and professionalism. Sharna Coleman made it through to the finals out of the 120 competitors in her age. Billy McNaughton impressed the judges with his style, class and calm approach to his misbehaving animal, also made the finals in the junior age group. Kate Spencer also made the finals of her age group. The day concluded with a presentation from Meat Standards Australia.

McCarthy had five steers in the Hoof competition on Thursday, representing four months after school work in order to have them ready to show. "General" placed 1st in the light weight unled and was named "Reserve Champion Unled Steer". "Leroy" placed 3rd in a tough middle weight unled class, while "Jinx" placed 2nd in his class. "Roadie" and "Cash" were out classed on the day. On Friday, the carcass judging competition assessed the meat quality of the carcass. Competitors are able to enter the abattoirs, view the processing chain and see the steers hanging in the chiller. Students had to identify the carcasses and rank them based on the amount of muscle, fat score and meat quality traits. "Jinx" placed 4th, "Leroy" 2nd and "General" also 2nd on the Hook.



On offer throughout the whole week was a special prize to encourage students to really commit to the agriculture industry. Students were then interviewed about their involvement in Agriculture at school and what educational value they felt they gained from their participation in show team. Jasmine Whitten impressed the interview panel throughout the week and was awarded the "Belinda Hobbs Special Encouragement Award" along with \$300 prize money.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Rob Maxwell for giving up a week of his time to drive us to the show and share his amazing knowledge of the cattle industry. We would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Mr Longford who very kindly donated a steer to the show team and donated the money from the sale of "Cash" back to the show team.

Sharna Coleman, Kate Spencer and Jasmine Whitten

Natasha Rapley, Natasha Achurch, Jasmine Whitten, Kate Spencer, Bill McNaughton, Sharna Coleman and "Jinx".

SPORT

NSW CCC Touch Championships

Tamworth hosted the 17th annual NSW CCC Touch Selection Trials at Gipps Street last Monday. Forty-eight teams from across the state contested the touch titles in four divisions – Under 15 boys and girls and Under 18 boys and girls.

Players who represented the Armidale Diocese: Brittany Coe, Kathleen Ferguson, Luke Paterson, Scott Davies, Leo Steyn (Opens), Chloe Coe, Bridget Kerrigan, Brodii Ingram, Cara Paterson, Megan Murphy and Emily Sanderson. Thank you to Logan Keevers, Jack Cameron, Jake Deasey and Harrison Tibbles who were asked to play with the Wagga Diocese who were depleted because of injuries.

Congratulations to Brittany Coe (Opens), Brodii Ingram and Chloe Coe (U15) who were selected in their respective NSW CCC Touch teams.

Award

At the conclusion of the carnival a special presentation was made to Kim Coe (Carnival Organiser) and Kerry Halpin (Carnival Manager). They were both given the Mary Corcoran Sport Service Award for their many years service to sport in our diocese.

Cochrane Cup - Netball

On Friday June 1, sixteen Year 8-10 netball players went to Armidale for the Cochrane Cup Netball Gala Day. The temperature was a summery 10 degrees, but the girls soldiered on and represented the school well. In a stroke of luck, both teams played off for 5th and 6th place with McCarthy being the winner in that game!

Miss Barnes and Mrs Milek were impressed with the girls' sportsmanship and camaraderie.

CCC Soccer

McCarthy competed in the annual Diocese Gala Soccer day in Inverell last week. The Open boys' team were successful this year and qualified to play St Francis Xavier College, Hamilton (winners in 2010, 2011) in Round 2 of the CCC competition.

The game was played in wet conditions at the Gipps Street Fields, Tamworth. McCarthy conceded a goal within the first 10 minutes but James Dunn levelled the score with a driving kick. The half-time score remained at 1 – 1. In the second half, McCarthy were unable to stop two well-constructed goals from St Francis Xavier College making the final score 3 – 1.

Team: Mitchell Bain, Felix Bruno, Ryan Chester, Brandon Clarke, Jake Curran, Brandon Davis, James Dunn, Mitchell Goodwin, Harrison Hunt, Nicholas Kruit, Daniel McDonald, Tom Paff, Sean Riley, George Rixon, George Shvili, Harrison Tibbles, Matthew Tibbles and Rhett Graham.

Congratulations to all the players for an outstanding performance against such a formidable opponent.

Mr Ronny Rindo

Coonabarabran High School Horse Expo

Last Thursday I had the privilege of travelling with five excited students from our equestrian team and their parents to Coonabarabran for five days of competition at the Coonabarabran High School Horse Expo. Numerous schools were in attendance from all around Australia, 650 students with 700 horses emerged on the Coonabarabran showground and racecourse to compete in a variety of different equestrian events. Students attending from McCarthy Catholic College included:

Lucy Herbert (Year 7) 2nd Team of Four Riders, 2nd One Day Event (C Grade), 1st Bend Race, 3rd Working Horse Challenge

Natasha Achurch (Year 8)

Bree Hemmings (Year 8) 5th Lightweight Hack 15.2 to 16 hands, 2nd Pair of Riders
Sian Bricknell (Year 9) 2nd team of Four Riders, 4th 14 years Rider class

Ben Collett (Year 10) 2nd Pair of Riders, 4th 16 years Rider class, 3rd Flag Race, 2nd Time Trial Event, 1st Barrel Race, 2nd Team of Four Riders. Ben was also awarded Reserve Champion 16 years Sporting Boy and 16 years Boys Champion Rider of the Coonabarabran Horse Expo for 2012. Well done to all students.



Mrs Julie Kellahan – Equestrian Coordinator

Swans Cup AFL Regional Final

McCarthy students played in the U16s Regional Final at Coffs Harbour on Monday 28 May. We were plagued by injuries from the outset, (Mitchell Bain and Matt Dunn) and relied on younger students to make up the team. Two games were played on the day and we were outclassed by two talented sides from the coastal region.

Rhett Graham and Tom Paff were outstanding players in both games, both taking on new roles. Tom adapted to a ruck man's role, winning many of the taps at the centre bounce. Rhett was tremendous at fullback and saved many goals. The younger students adapted to the roving and wing roles, those students were – Daniel and Lachlan Glasson, Harper Galvin, Morgan Pennefather, Doohan Missen Honess, Matt Hughes, Dylan Pascoe, Lachlan Lindsay, Daniel Morris, Alex Stuart, Henry Standford, Dom Sills. Jake Curran (a recent convert to the game from soccer) kicked our only score for the day. It was a valuable learning experience and all students benefitted from the experience. Special thanks to Mr Northey who drove the school bus.



Mrs Sharon Stuart - AFL School Ambassador