

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

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.

Year of Grace

During the last week in June the Year of Grace icon will for the first time, be in Tamworth at St Nicholas Church. This week will be one of extra prayer and devotions. Eucharistic Adoration will be held at 12 noon and 5.30pm. The icon will be present in the other parishes next term.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

NAIDOC Week

This week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The celebrations began with a whole school assembly and we were joined by family members, Indigenous community leaders and representatives from the Catholic Schools Office in Armidale, including the Director, Mr John Mula. Congratulations to Bryce Wilson, inaugural winner of the NAIDOC Week Award.

McCarthy's Got Talent

On the evening of Friday 22 June the McCarthy Environmental Council produced the first out-of-school time *McCarthy's Got Talent* event. It was a terrific display of a wide range of student and staff talent. Congratulations are extended to all participants, sound/lighting and back stage crew and the organising committee. Thank you to all the families who came to support the students and to contribute to the fundraising initiative of the Environmental Council. Congratulations to Jessica Whitbread who was declared the winner.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the large number of parents who managed to attend the recent Parent/Teacher evenings. I hope you found the opportunity to meet with teachers and receive specific, individualised feedback useful in assisting you to set future goals and work patterns with your children. Staff members have used feedback to assist their planning for Semester 2.

I have posted some material on '*Getting the Most out of Parent-Teacher Interviews*' on the College Moodle site. It can be accessed by entering the parent section, using the parent username and password ("parent") at <https://learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au>

Audit

The whole school audit was conducted today, with follow-up work to be completed tomorrow. A report will be made available next term.

Round 2 Enrolments

Interviews for Round 2 enrolments will take place early in Term 3. Final offers for Round 1 and Round 2 will not be finalised until after these interviews have concluded.

Holidays

On behalf of the staff, I wish all families a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to the new semester and all the opportunities it will bring.

Diary Dates

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
 18 July: School Disco
 25 July: School Photos
 26 July: School Photos
 27 July: Athletics Carnival
 30 July: HSC Trials begin
 31 July: ICAS English Competition
 2 Aug: Aust Mathematics Competition
 2 Aug: School Photos catch-up day
 4 Aug: HSC French Continuers
 6 Aug: Show Team to Brisbane Show
 8 Aug: Diocesan Athletics and Golf
 14 Aug: ICAS Mathematics Competition
 15 Aug: Whole School Assumption Mass
 16 Aug: Catholic Schools Celebrate
 17 Aug: Walkathon



Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Whole School Mass

Thank you to the priests of the various parishes in Tamworth, for providing the opportunity for our students to attend Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We are very appreciative of the support the priests give McCarthy Catholic College through the school's retreat and sacramental program.

Vinnies

Vinnies members will host a school social in the first week of next term. Proceeds from this social will go towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Families and students are also encouraged to examine their wardrobes and cupboards over the holidays and next term to donate any unwanted warm clothing and blankets to this appeal.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We welcome Riley Selletto (Year 7) and his family into the McCarthy family.

Congratulations

We have great pleasure in congratulating Morgan Lea (Year 8) and her family on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby, Lucy.

The Holidays

It would be appreciated if students and/or parents could use this time to let down hems to below knee level, replace jumpers and shirts that are now too short, mend holes in jumpers, shine shoes and generally ensure that all uniform items are correct.

The upcoming break provides a great organisational opportunity for students – to check all work is complete and up to date, all tasks and exams filed, study area tidied, stationery supplies (particularly class work books) should be checked and replenished if necessary and school bags cleaned. For senior students it is a time to study. For all students there should be time for family, exercise, socialising and relaxation. Enjoy!

Theme for the Week

Courtesy, which is part of our Code of Conduct, was the topic for Week 9. Students often forget to display basic courtesies in their everyday interactions. At school and at home we need to model courteous behaviours such as saying please and thank you, greeting people properly, providing a clear way or seat for an older person, or a person in authority. These behaviours are an expectation in society.

'If a man is gracious and courteous to strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world' (Francis Bacon, philosopher and writer)

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12

Students should now be considering what courses and universities they would like to attend next year.

Today, thirty-two students will attend the Newcastle University Schools Visit Day.

On Tuesday 17 July (Week 1), representatives from Southern Cross and Charles Sturt Universities will be here to talk to students about courses, scholarships and early entry schemes. An Australian Catholic University presentation was held at lunchtime earlier this week regarding courses, scholarships and their early entry scheme.

University Information Evening

On Wednesday 25 July (Week 2), our annual University Information Evening will be held at school from 7.00pm-8.30pm including details on applying, costs, deferring, important dates and deadlines etc. Representatives from University of Wollongong and UNE will be there to talk and answer questions on their courses, scholarships, accommodation and early entry schemes.

Year 10

Students or parents with questions regarding subject selection are invited to see me at a convenient time. This week I will be meeting with students who are considering leaving school to either attend TAFE, get an apprenticeship, traineeship or job after Year 10 to discuss options. Some students will also have the opportunity to investigate career options by being invited to attend the "Try a Trade" morning at TAFE at the end of Week 1 next term.

Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor

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PARENT INFORMATION

Mini Pie Drive

A "mini" pie drive will be take place later in the year due to the success of the first one. Stay tuned.

Thank You

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our last meeting. A big thank you to Mrs Rayment for the great presentation she gave on Parent/Teacher Interviews at our last meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 July at 7.00pm in the staff room. All are most welcome to attend.

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.

2012 TOASTMASTERS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE



Toastmasters of Tamworth offer an annual Youth Leadership course to Year 11 students. Students complete a seven week course in which they learn to effectively deliver an oral presentation. Each week the course has a slightly different focus and students are taught new skills. Lectures range from basic rules such as avoiding the words 'um' and 'ah' to how to stand, use body language and visual aids effectively.

At the conclusion of the course, the students graduate and are presented with a certificate. The Judy Woodgate Memorial Trophy is presented to the student who best demonstrates the skills they have learnt throughout the course. Judy Woodgate was a dedicated Toastmaster and her family donated a perpetual trophy in her memory to be awarded to a Year 11 student at the graduation of the Youth Leadership Course each year. The 2012 recipient is Jerome Studdy.

McCarthy wishes to thank the Toastmasters who volunteered their time to this valuable program, especially Eric Elsley and Catherine Taylor. We congratulate the following students on both their successful completion of the course and the engaging speeches they presented on the final evening: Harrison Riley, Anna Maher, James Dunn, Leo Styne, Sarah Simmonds, Mikayla Dimmock, Connor Haddad, Harry Vella, Stephanie Elsley, Hannah Shorten, Jerome Studdy, Georgina McKinnon, Jack Blanch, Hannah Woods and Kirsten Pearson.

Mrs Katrina Sullivan, Miss Megan Barnes and Miss Tamara Shoemark

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

IN OUR OWN WRITE

In conjunction with the McCarthy's Got Talent evening raising funds for the McCarthy Environmental Council, the "In Your Own Write" publication is available for purchase from school. This is a compilation of twenty-nine creative writing pieces, ranging from poetry and short stories to essays and speeches, written by McCarthy students and staff. The publication costs \$5.00. Order your copy by filling in a McCarthy envelope; these are available at the office. Distribution will take place in the first weeks of Term 3.

Miss Kathryn O'Sullivan – English 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 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.

SURPLUS MCCARTHY YEARBOOKS/MAGAZINES

The school has uncollected yearbooks from 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002 and 2000. There are also a small number from the McCarthy Catholic Senior High School era (eg 1993, 1995, 1996, and 1997).

If you would like any of these books please let the school office know and Mrs Pat Kilborn will contact you to make arrangements for collection.

SPORT

NSW U16 All Schools Hockey

Congratulations to Chris Ninness and Isaac Farmilo who were selected from the Hockey Talented Athlete Program held at Narrabeen last week to represent NSW All Schools' Under 16 Hockey team. The boys will now travel to Hobart in August for the Australian Championship. Isaac also represented in the NSWCCC Open team in Sydney last week.

NSWCCC Cross-Country

Bronte Ellicott, Lauren Clarke and Sophie Heeney competed at the NSWCCC Cross-Country Championships at Eastern Creek last week. Congratulations to Sophie Heeney on winning a silver medal in the 15 years event. Sophie will return to Eastern Creek on 20 July to compete in the NSW All Schools' Championships.

NSWCCC Tennis

Last week Emma Barnes, Gemma Campbell, Darcie Martin and Zoe Martin represented the Armidale Diocese at the NSWCCC Tennis Championships at Bathurst. In the first round, the girls defeated Cerdon College, Merrylands, 6 sets – 0. They went on to defeat Mater Dei Catholic College, Wagga Wagga, 6 – 0, in the semi-finals. Holy Spirit College, Bellambi were their opponents in the final. McCarthy won the Championship for the second year in a row convincingly, 5 – 1. Congratulations to the girls and thank you to Mr Gerard Ritchie for accompanying them to Bathurst.

**Bill Turner Trophy Football – Girls 2012**

Recently McCarthy Catholic College played Round 3 and 4 of the Bill Turner Trophy Knockout Competition against Gunnedah and Tenterfield High Schools. McCarthy played Gunnedah in Tamworth last week at the Gipps Street Fields. McCarthy took no time in taking control of the match scoring seven goals to Gunnedah's one. This enabled McCarthy to play round 4 of the competition against the North West area favourites, Tenterfield.

This match was to determine the winner of the North West region who then proceeds to play the winner of the Mid North Coast region in the semi-final. Tenterfield proved to be a determined team scoring three unanswered goals in the first half. The full-time score was Tenterfield 6 and McCarthy 0. Congratulations to all the girls for delivering 100% effort in all matches and making it this far in the competition. It was a pleasure to assist this team with their sporting endeavours.

The team consisted of: Camille Hazell, Julianna Bruno, Sophie Soles, Sophie Heeney, Isobel Paff, Matilda Shumack, Abbie Mortlock, Tiarne Bayliss, Grace Allen, Taylor Ryan, Alicia Guest, Rhiannon Graham, Alice Lyden, Maggie Doherty and Hope Martin.

Thank you to Sam Thompson for driving the school bus and to Miss Smith and Miss Ludlow (PDHPE Prac students) for assisting on the day.

Mr Ronny Rindo

CCC Basketball

McCarthy Open's Basketball team travelled to Wollongong last week to compete in the CCC State Finals. The boys played St Patrick's (Fairfield), Holy Spirit College (Lakemba) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The boys were defeated by All Saints College (Maitland) in the play-off for seventh position. Thank you to Cody Miller for filling in at short notice. We also thank Mr Paff for assisting the boys and Mr Wayne Northey for driving the bus.

Peel Schools Carnival**Under 13s**

The Under 13s had a day of mixed results at the Secondary Peel Rugby League Carnival held on 20 June. The first game was against Oxley, who were simply unstoppable in their 44-0 victory. The second game was a 10-8 victory against the Farrer Gold team, which put the team through to play off for the B tier of the competition. After two very physical matches in the morning it was hard to stop a very strong Muswellbrook team, who quickly ran away with the match, winning 34-0. The team continues their season with the Friday Night Rugby competition next term.

Mr Nick Fahey

Under 14s

In their first game, McCarthy lost to Peel High School 26 – 0. McCarthy played Quirindi in the next match. Max Chillingworth scored a try and converted McCarthy's three tries to take the final score to 18 – 16. The boys played Peel High School again in their final match losing 24 – 4. This was a hard fought game with Jedd Maloney making many solid tackles. Other stand out players were Dan Morris, Connor Murphy, Lachlan Gunning and Callan Bain.

Mr Rob Meppem

Under 15s

The Under 15s defeated St Mary's, Gunnedah in the first game 16 – 12. Tries were scored by Joshua Strange, Cameron Sing and Harrison Tibbles, with Cameron Clout kicking the conversions. The boys went down in their next match to O'Connor, Armidale 22 – 0.

Mr Bernie Williams

Under 16s

McCarthy was unlucky to play Hunter Sports High in their first match, going down to a very experienced, strong team. In their second match, McCarthy was beaten by Narrabri High School. Kerrod Binge played well in attack and Brayden Grehan and Blake Cameron made a number of tackles.

Mr Dan Mitchell

Country Schools Rugby Championships

Several students played at the Country Schools' Rugby Championships in the Under 16s and Opens' teams in Armidale over the long weekend. These championships doubled as a trial. Congratulations to Ryan Prentice and Lewis Schirmer who was selected in the Under 16s to play at the NSW All Schools against CCC, CHS and CIS teams.