

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

A Children's Prayer for the Year of Grace

Loving God, we know that you love us always, wherever we go and whatever we do.

The Year of Grace is a special time for us to remember just how important your love is.

During this year help us to think about Jesus your Son and how he showed your love in the way he lived for others.

May your Holy Spirit help us to be more loving and forgiving.

Saint Mary MacKillop, help us to be more like Jesus.

We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reflections on the Year of Grace

We face so many problems, many issues, many challenges in the church - that we could easily become like Martha, worried and distracted about these things. If we really want to deal with them in the Spirit of the Lord and in openness to His spirit, we need to spend time sitting at his feet, listening to his word, forming our mind in harmony with his and then moving forward to tackle these issues. So for me, that's at the heart of this Year of Grace.

- Archbishop Tim Costello SDB (Archdiocese of Perth)

Some suggestions for living the Year of Grace:

Our faith is not found only in churches. Each day reflect on the holiness found exactly where you are and who you are with.

Every day when you wake, think of who Jesus is for you today – who will he be and what will your relationship be with him today.

Take time to look at the news stories and events around you each day with the "eyes of faith". Ask, "What would God see?"

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Staff Matters

Next week (Week 5) is Mr Nicholas Fahey's last week at McCarthy. Nick leaves us to spend two years working at a girls' boarding school in the UK. The school community wishes him all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Gillian and Guy Downes on the safe and happy arrival of baby Ethan.

Please keep Ms Penny Crowley in your prayers as she continues to receive treatment for cancer.

School Survey

The annual school survey is currently being conducted and I encourage all parents to contribute to future planning by completing the survey. If you have not received a copy of the survey link via email, could you please contact the office and check our records reflect your current email contact details.

The survey data assists us to determine which areas of school operation are effective and working well and which aspects needs development. Any additional comments of affirmation or suggestions for improvement are welcome and encouraged.

Term 3 Focus

During this term, teaching staff are focusing on High-Yield Instructional Strategies and reflecting on which areas of individual classroom practice need improvement.

Maintenance works this term include the internal painting of the Library, fitting of additional smoke detectors and changing locks on classrooms.

Enrolments

Interviews for applicants seeking enrolment into Year 7 2013 in the second round conclude this week. Notification of offers will be sent during the next fortnight.

HSC

This month sees the first of the submissions of HSC major works and performances in a range of subjects. We wish all students involved the very best.

Textiles Major Works – Monday 13 August

Industrial Technology Major Works Due – Monday 13 August, Marking – Monday 20 August

Drama Projects – Monday 20 August

English Extension 2 Major Works – Friday 17 August

Drama Performances – Monday 27 August

Visual Arts Body of Work – Monday 27 August

Diary Dates

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| 10 Aug: | HSC Trials continue |
| 10 Aug: | St Nicholas' Horse Sports |
| 13 Aug: | CSC Rehearsals |
| 14 Aug: | ICAS Mathematics Competition |
| 14 Aug: | CSC Rehearsals |
| 14 Aug: | CCC Netball |
| 15 Aug: | Whole School Assumption Mass 11.30am |
| 16 Aug: | Catholic Schools Celebrate Performance |
| 17 Aug: | Walkathon |
| 20 Aug: | CCC Junior Basketball |
| 20 Aug: | HSC Industrial Technology Prac Marking |
| 21 Aug: | Year 11 Hospitality to AgQuip (3 days) |
| 22 Aug: | PISA Assessment (Year 9) |
| 23 Aug: | Athletics Carnival |
| 23 Aug: | Vinnies Camp |
| 24 Aug: | Carinya Horse Sports |
| 27 Aug: | HSC Drama Practical Exam |
| 28 Aug: | HSC English Study Day – Farrer |
| 1 Sept: | HSC French Beginners and Continuers |
| 3 Sept: | Year 10 Excursion |
| 10 Sept: | Year 11 Exams |

Athletics Carnival

Due to wet-weather effects on the grounds, the College Athletics Carnival was postponed until Thursday 23 August. Students should come to school as usual and will be transported to and from the grounds by bus. Students participated in the Diocesan Carnival yesterday.

ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority)

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools.

Privacy Notice

This notice is from the ACARA to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- Formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- Assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do NOT want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from their website: www.acara.edu.au

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**School Results Survey**

As part of our ongoing commitment to continuously improving the school, we believe it is critical to seek feedback on a range of issues relating to McCarthy Catholic College. The feedback is very important as we continue to build a successful school and strengthen our reputation as an "educator of choice".

As such, we have engaged the professional services of MYP Corporation (MYPCorp) to undertake a strictly private and confidential School Results Survey on our behalf. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes and will need to be completed online between 1 August and 31 August 2012. There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

Please note that this survey will be confidential. No member of the leadership team at McCarthy will have access to your individual responses. We will be provided with a summary of collated results only.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping shape the future direction of McCarthy Catholic College.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Visitors to RE Classrooms**

We have recently been very pleased to have Father Roel and Deacon Peter Harrison visit Year 8 RE classes to assist students in their preparation for their next assessment task on 'People and Ministries in the Church'. In all classes students asked many relevant questions and were interested to learn about the individual ministries of a priest and a deacon. Deacon Harrison will be coming back to discuss Social Justice with Year 10 students and enlighten them about his work as a prison chaplain. We thank Father Roel and Deacon Harrison for giving their time to our students.

Whole School Mass

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 by attending Mass, as a whole school, at the four Catholic churches in Tamworth. This feast day is the most important of the feast days dedicated to Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics have the same obligation to attend Mass as they do on Sunday.

Youth Camp

Vinnies members from throughout the diocese will gather at the annual Youth Camp, which will be held at Lake Keepit on 23-24 August. This is an ideal opportunity for our members to meet with other students who share the same vision for social justice and to gain 'a big picture' of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. We hope that we will have a good number of students wishing to attend.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

PASTORAL CARE**Welcome**

We welcome Zachary Alexander (Year 7) and his family into the McCarthy community.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Raelee Balderston and Bradley, Meg and Annie Hobson and Alex Leonard and their families as they mourn the death of their father and grandfather.

Thank You

Many thanks to Mr Andrew Davy for looking after Year 9 and Year 10 during the Year Coordinators' leave recently.

Uniform Check

As well as having the correct items of uniform it is important that they are kept in good repair. Please check regularly for stains, holes and hemlines that are too short (ie above the knee).

Theme for the Week

During Week 2 students were encouraged to review their goals for the year and to consider if they were achieved and what had blocked their achievement if they were not achieved. Goals should be challenging and realistic. They should also be flexible and reviewed on a regular basis. Please discuss with your child their goals for learning this semester.

Effective 'time management' can enhance academic achievement, increase opportunities for leisure and family activities, and help students to have a balanced, successful and enjoyable life. Students were asked to identify and control wasted 'nothing' time, to prioritise tasks, and to use their planners, term calendars and study plans.

'The main thing is to make the main thing the main thing.' Steven Covey

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 12

Students will require their HSC student number, BOS PIN and UAC PIN in coming months to either apply to university or to access HSC results. Please make sure these numbers are kept safe and in several locations so they are not lost.

Important dates for Term 3:

- 14 August: UAC 2013 books distributed
Presentation on all Early Entry Schemes that students are eligible to apply for will be held at lunchtime and application forms distributed
- 4 September: All early entry, accommodation and scholarship applications requiring school input or comment are due to be submitted to the Careers Office
- 28 September: On time applications for UAC and QTAC etc.

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

PARENT INFORMATION

Association Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 August at 7.00pm in the staff room. All parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

The Talkback Session with Mrs Kate Rayment will cover the MCC Discipline Policy and Behaviour Management.

Agenda items for discussion include:



Car Boot Sale and BBQ Saturday 8 September

Social Night Strike Bowling Bar



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.

Coaching Clinic



Last weekend the McCarthy Show team participated in a school based coaching clinic which concentrated on improving junior judging, parading, cattle handling and presentation skills. Mr Ron Short gave the students a presentation on how to assess the quality of cattle for kill classes. Mr Chris Law took the time to instruct the students on the finer details of ring craft and showmanship. Mr Robert Maxwell demonstrated the skills



needed to present cattle to a level acceptable for the show ring. After a BBQ lunch the students competed in a mock judging class. The over judge, Mr Ron Short, announced 'Lil Col' our best steer, and Steph Watt (11) the overall winner due to her very convincing speech. Both Jasmine Whitten (10) and Alex Watt (7) also successfully placed the animals in the correct order. All students who attended had a great day and hopefully will have a chance to demonstrate their skills in upcoming shows. Our appreciation goes out to the coaches who gave up their time to work on a weekend.

Bull Sale

Over the past few years, the McCarthy Show Team has slowly been building up a Simmental Stud to provide the Agriculture students with the opportunity to learn about the breeding side of the cattle industry. We have produced a couple of lovely, stylish stud bulls, the most recent being "McCarthy Flash". The school had the opportunity to sell Flash at the recent Casino All Breeds Bull Sale. There was a great deal of interest in Flash, the first, and highest priced, Simmental sold at the sale. He has gone to a new home at Deepwater where he will be the foundation bull of a newly established stud. Thank you to Rob Maxwell for his care of Flash over the past 2 years.



EX-STUDENTS NEWS

Jeremy Davy – Vice Captain in 1991 McCarthy Senior High – is enjoying an illustrious career in hockey both playing and coaching, with highlights including match analyst for National teams at Olympic Games, World Cup, Commonwealth Games, and the Junior World Cup. He was appointed as Assistant Coach of the Australian Women's team in 2009, a role he continues for the London Olympics.

Nicholas Moroney – Vice Captain in 1990 – continues his long career in athletics. At age 39, in April 2012 he claimed his eighth Australian High Jump title. The first win was in 2000, and since 2006 he has been in 'semi-retirement'. Highlights for him include representing Australia in the Commonwealth Games.

Stephen Moroney – Cameraman for Prime TV – joint winner of 2012 Northern NSW Journalism Award for best TV news report.

Breanna Chillingworth – reporter for ABC Television in Melbourne.

Katharine Murphy – Year 12, 1987 – National Affairs Correspondent for The Age, regular commentator for ABC News 24, highly commended at 2012 Paul Lyneham Awards for her work for "The Pulse".

Anna Henderson – ABC TV reporter in Canberra.

Ashley Allen – selected again for NSW Country Hockey.

Rebecca Ward & Elise George – competitors in Miss Country Girl model competition.

SPORT

Touch

Brodii Ingram and Chloe Coe (Year 9) were selected for the NSWCCC U/15 Years' Touch team and played for selection in the NSW All Schools on 28 and 29 July at the NSW Sport and Recreation Narrabeen. Their team played in five games over the weekend, qualifying for the final against CHS where they were defeated 4 -1. Although they missed selection, the experience benefitted both girls.

Rugby

Congratulations to Year 10 student Brayden Grehan on being chosen as a part of the Loyd McDermott Northern NSW Under16 Indigenous Rugby Team who will be travelling to Tullebudgera (QLD) next week to compete in the National Indigenous Under16 Championships. Good luck and well done!

16s

The McCarthy 16s Rugby team were again crowned champions of the LBK Friday Night Competition defeating Cowper in the final for the second year in a row. The boys led at half-time 10-7. Tries were scored by Matt Dunn and Brayden Grehan. Unfortunately, both conversion attempts were missed.

Ryan Prentice scored late in the game and Ryan Witherdin converted to win the championship 17-12. Malcolm Ledgerwood, Peter Shields, Ryan Witherdin, Tom Paff, Zac Johns, Brad Thrift, Mitchell Bain and Matt Dunn all played well. Thank you to Mr Gus Comi for coaching the team.

Opens

Unfortunately, McCarthy went down to Cowper in the final of the Open division 31-3. It was a tough contest and a close tussle in the first half. However, Cowper's forwards started to dominate in the second half and McCarthy's resistance finally broke. George Rixon kicked our goal. Thank you to Mr Jack Domis for coaching the boys for the season.

Tennis

The McCarthy Girls' Tennis Team travelled to Newcastle last week to play Illawarra Grammar School (TIGS) at the University of Newcastle in the NSW All Schools' Tennis Championships. The team included Gemma Campbell, Emma Barnes, Zoe and Darcie Martin. In the doubles, Gemma and Emma were defeated 6-2 and Zoe and Darcie lost 7-6 in a match that saw Zoe reinjure herself. Gemma lost her singles 6-2, Emma lost 6-3 but Darcie won her singles match 6-0. Unfortunately, Zoe Martin had to forfeit her singles match due to her injury. Therefore, McCarthy could not contest the reverse doubles matches.

Thank you to Mr Ritchie and Miss Woolaston for accompanying the girls to Newcastle.

Hockey

Congratulations to Dana Constable on her recent selection in the 2012 Hockey Futures Squad.

McCarthy Cricket

We wish to invite all parents to attend the McCarthy Catholic Cricket Club AGM to be held on Monday 13 August at 6.30pm in the staff room. There are some major changes to this year's 16s competition, with players not playing for their school but in franchise style teams randomly picked by the Tamworth Junior Cricket Association. Each team will be provided playing shirts based on colours, and games will be played on Friday afternoons. We urge all parents of Year 9 and 10 cricketers to attend this meeting so that we can record any questions or concerns parents have with the new format to take to the Tamworth Junior Cricket AGM on Wednesday 15 August.

The Year 7 and 8 competition will remain the same, with games played Saturday mornings.

Mrs Maureen Alderton

Tutor Wanted



A tutor is wanted for a Year 5 student in Kootingal. The preferred applicant would be a Year 11 or 12 student with sound English skills and a drivers licence. If you are interested please see Mrs Sparke for contact details.