

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer for Migrants

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This week is Migrant and Refugees Week. Pope Benedict XIV, in his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, 62 said "...for every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by every one in every circumstance".

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Improvement Agenda

McCarthy's Annual Development Plan for 2013 includes the groundwork for a major shift in academic culture in the school. A number of initiatives have already been implemented to address curriculum breadth and enhance opportunities for success for all students. Data collection and analysis is almost complete and identification of specific issues is underway. A full parent survey will be conducted in 2014, addressing specific questions relating to aspiration, study patterns and techniques, curriculum choices, attitudes, students' outside school commitments, family involvement in study and much more. I would be grateful, at this early stage, for some general feedback about expectations and aspirations of parents for their child(ren)'s academic and career pathway. If you are willing to assist, could you please email your thoughts to me at principal@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au. This information will be used to assist the framing of survey questions. Reports on the progress of this avenue of improvement will be provided to the Board and the parent Association at monthly meetings.

HSC Marking

This week we have had HSC examiners in the school marking Industrial Technology major works. The standard of the works presented this year is very high. In coming weeks, examiners will be on-site marking Textiles, Drama, Visual Arts and Music work. Staff members wish all students presenting major works success and reward for their labours.

HSC Music students will be presenting a selection of their performance work in a recital on the evening of Monday 2 September. All parents, families and friends are welcome.

Trial HSC Examinations

Year 12 students have now completed their Trial HSC Examinations and are working towards the completion of courses. A solid effort was made by most students in preparation for this important milestone. Teachers will be providing additional important advice during these last weeks of Term 3. A letter regarding the arrangements for the final weeks of this term will be posted next week.

SRS Survey

Parents are encouraged to complete the annual school survey which is available via email. If you do not have access to the survey at home, please contact the school so that arrangements can be made for alternative access. The survey provides important information to assist planning, including the continuation of good practice and work towards improvements. If you have changed email addresses recently, please contact the office (admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) to update your details.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mass

We would like to extend our gratitude to Monsignor Wilkes, Fr Shanahan, Fr O'Brien and Fr Abmar for celebrating Mass, for our students and staff, on the Solemnity of the Assumption. It was a privilege for our school to join with other parishioners to celebrate this special feast.

Vinnies

The Vinnies leaders lead an assembly recently and launched the fundraising for this year's Winter Appeal. Senior boys modelled their 'tacky trackies' as a way of promoting the appeal and members conducted a 'bucket drop' to collect funds as staff and students entered the hall.

Diary Dates

22 Aug:	HSC Geography excursion
24 Aug:	HSC French Continuers
26 Aug:	HSC Visual Arts due
26 Aug:	9/10 Boys Basketball
27 Aug:	HSC English Extension Study Day
28 Aug:	Year 9 2014 Information Evening
28 Aug:	Young Drivers Expo
30 Aug:	HSC Drama Practical Exam
2 Sept:	Motivational Media
2 Sept:	HSC Music Performance Evening 6pm
6 Sept:	Walkathon
6 Sept:	McCarthy's Got Talent 1pm – 3pm
7 Sept:	Federal Election
10 Sept:	Year 12 Twilight Retreat
11 Sept:	Year 12 Farewell Mass
12 Sept:	Year 11 Exams commence
12 Sept:	Bishop visit
18 Sept:	Year 7 & Year 9 boys vaccinations
19 Sept:	Year 12 Farewell Assembly
20 Sept:	Last day of Term 3
7 Oct:	Long Weekend
8 Oct:	Pupil Free Day
9 Oct:	First day of Term 4 for students

Year 12

The Farewell Mass for Year 12 will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11 September at St Nicholas' Church. We encourage all parents to attend this special Mass. On the evening prior to this Mass, Tuesday 10 September, there will be a Twilight Retreat for Year 12 students. We hope that all students will make an effort to attend this retreat; we believe it is a fitting end to their years of Catholic education.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

PASTORAL CARE**Mental Health Seminars**

The next free seminars being presented by Hunter New England Health, headspace and Centacare are 'Anger' (Monday 26 August) and 'Bullying' (Monday 16 September), 5.30pm, The Goodies, Brisbane Street. RSVP headspace 67629290.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) – Year 12

UAC applicants who have experienced long-term or critical educational disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond their control can complete an EAS application which may result in special consideration from a university. Mr Adams and I are currently assisting students to complete their applications, which should be returned to the school by Tuesday 10 September.

Theme For The Week

It is important that we **recognise strengths in ourselves and others**. Too often we concentrate on our weaknesses, and don't recognise, develop and use our strengths. The ability to accept a true compliment is a valuable social skill. We should recognise others with strengths, compliment them, and if appropriate use them as role models. Our strengths may not be visible in achievements but may include traits and characteristics that help us cope every day with the changes and problems we encounter in life. Internal resilience factors include our ability to communicate, cooperate, empathise, have self-awareness and belief in ourselves, as well as having goals and aspirations.

During **National Migrants and Refugee Week** (and every other week) it is important to remember that nearly one in four of our 21 million population were born overseas. Migrants and refugees come to our country full of faith and hope. As fellow humans we should treat them with respect and afford them the dignity they deserve. As Christians we should reflect on how we could become instruments of faith and hope for migrants and refugees.

'I can live for two months on one good compliment.' Mark Twain

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

The next **Association Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 17 September at 7.00pm for 7.15pm in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Strike Bowling Social Evening

We thank those parents who attended the Strike Bowling Social Evening recently and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The committee for the Trivia Night is underway, with more information coming in future newsletters. Stay tuned.

To keep up-to-date on topics covered at our monthly meetings please go to www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au, click on McCarthy Parent Association and follow the links to meetings.

CAREERS NEWS**Early Entry Applications**

This is a busy term for Year 12 students with Trial HSC exams, major works, final assessment tasks and applications for university and scholarships. Year 12 students applying to university have been given a copy of UAC 2014. Over sixty students attended the talk on Early Entry Schemes. There are different dates and deadlines that need to be adhered to. **It is each student's responsibility to do research and ensure instructions are followed and applications are in by due dates.** I will send reminders out in emails and provide information and assistance but students must take "ownership" of their future.

My advice for students is to be informed and not to leave applications to the last minute as a rushed, poorly written Early Entry or scholarship applications with spelling and punctuation errors are not well received.

University Open Days

We are now commencing the Open Day period when, over the next three to four weeks, many universities, colleges and other institutions will have Open Days on Saturdays and Sundays. This involves travel and is a chance for students and parents to see potential places where they might study for the next few years, to find out about courses, options, see facilities, ask about internships or work placement etc. Students have been notified of dates for Open Days via emails and in the UAC book.

RSA and RCG

The forty-two students who recently completed the RSA and RCG courses received high praise from the instructors who said McCarthy students are always amongst the best school students they work with.

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

MATHEMATICS

29 July – 5 August was National Literacy and Numeracy Week. McCarthy acknowledged this week with students participating in several activities. One of these was the daily puzzle through Homeclasses. We had many entries and pleasingly for two days, many correct entries. A number of participants could tell us that the wool was 108m in length, and that we needed 11 crossings to get across the river. No one could tell us that it would take 2 minutes and 24 seconds to ride on a calm day. On Wednesday only

Cheyenne Dennis could identify clearly for us that the explorer needed two bearers and despite many close entries on Friday, only Douglas Pianta could tell us that the sum of the three digits numbers was 11988.

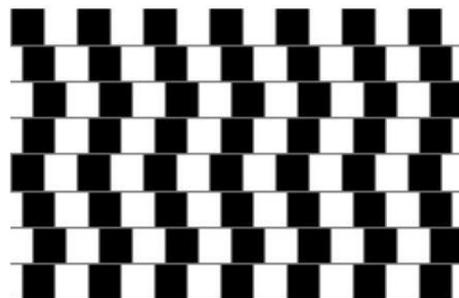
At assembly we acknowledged the participation of students and Cheyenne and Douglas's achievements were recognised, each receiving a logic puzzle. We also acknowledged the efforts of Homeclass EAB who very keenly entered puzzles across the week. They received a Sudoku puzzle book to work on during Homeclass.

On another positive note, Mrs Thompson's Year 7 class and Miss Harvey's Year 8 class participated in the Reach for the Stars competition during the week. We have received news that we have won a prize for McCarthy from Macquarie.

Congratulations to all who participated in these events.

Happy National Mathematics Day for Friday 16 August.

The solution to the puzzle in the last newsletter was for every 100 black tiles there are 402 white tiles.



Puzzle for the Fortnight:

Are the horizontal lines in this picture parallel?

Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator

HSC DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING

On 5 August HSC Drama students performed their "Works in Progress", to parents, staff and friends. It was a wonderful evening and very important to the HSC Drama students, as parents and friends are unable to view the actual HSC practical examination (this is to be held on Friday August 30). This year we have two Group Performances and several various Individual Projects (Scriptwriting, Video, Individual Performance, Theatre Reviews, Set Design and Costume Design). Non-performance projects were submitted on Monday 19 August.

The students would like to thank their parents, friends and teachers for their support in what is a busy time.

Ms Felicity Sawtell – Drama Teacher

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SUPER CHALLENGE



On Wednesday 14 August, twenty-six enthusiastic Year 9 students departed at 5.00am for Newcastle University to compete in the Science and Engineering Super Challenge. The day was full of fun and brain tormenting challenges such as building a hover craft, boat building and finishing with the prestigious bridge building event. The students also had the chance to sit in a solar powered "DeLorean" from the movie, *Back to the Future*.

Although McCarthy were not the victors, the students gained valuable experience and determination to try again next year.

Team: Stacie Welk, Kristen Vickery, Gabi Vella, Jessica Thompson, Caitlyn

Todd, Sara Awad, Tahlia Townsend, Amber Fisher, Emily Thompson, Emily Torode, Phoebe Mitchell, Laraena Styman, Chloe Moyses, Isiah Darcy, Harry Mills, Patrick Sparke, David Northey, Nicholas Ryan, Callan Yeo, Hayden Davy, Evan Rice, Thomas Pullman, James Lu, Jack Newton, Harrison Diss and Isaac Jackson.

Mrs Melissa Lees – Science Teacher



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 RIO



I had been preparing myself for this journey for over a year. My preparation was mostly holy but also included elements of self-exploration and physical preparedness. Once our group meetings started, one fundamental element emerged; we were all there in search of a greater connection to God. Our bond was instantaneous and with like-minded purpose, we started our pilgrimage in the naturally beautiful and the spiritually uplifting atmosphere of Argentina.

In Buenos Aires, we had the unique faith experience of Bishop Kennedy performing Mass in the Cathedral crypt. This was the church the Pope presided over when he was a Cardinal. This was a divine moment, one that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Whilst in Argentina, we visited Iguazu Falls and experienced one of the seven

Natural Wonders of the World. It was awe-inspiring and without doubt a very significant event in our journey. We then visited the falls from the Brazilian side and once again we witnessed one of God’s great creations.

By the time we arrived in Rio for World Youth Day, the group had become one spiritually. The pace of the experience quickened as we went from the opening Mass, to the Aussie gathering, to the Papal arrival, on to the Stations of the Cross and to the pilgrim walk that led us to Copacabana Beach for the final Papal Mass. One aspect was prevalent throughout our time in Rio: the Pope was very open and caring to his fellow man.

The trip was life changing and something I will remember for the rest of my life. It has helped me reflect on who I am and what my role is in my school, church and community. Pope Francis exemplifies many of the traits needed to be a great Catholic leader but the one I most connected with was his love for his fellow man. From this day, I will strive to become more like him.

Mr Josh Walker

World Youth Day Rio de Janeiro

On 16 July, Mr Walker and I travelled to South America to participate in World Youth Day. We started our pilgrimage in Buenos Aires in Argentina where we explored the city, experienced some of the culture and visited the Metropolitan Cathedral, where Pope Francis worked before becoming Pope. We then travelled to Iguazu Falls which is on the border between Brazil and Argentina. It was an amazing place to visit and was a highlight for me. After some cold and rainy weather we prepared to travel to Rio de Janeiro for WYD week.

On our first day in Rio, we went to see the statue of Christ Redeemer. It was amazing and despite some early clouds covering the city, we got to see the incredible view from the top of the mountain. The next day was the start of WYD events and Mass was held on Copacabana beach.

Over the next few days, we attended catechist sessions where Bishops and Cardinals from around the world, including Bangladesh, South Africa and our own Cardinal Pell, spoke to us about being disciples. On the Wednesday evening we welcomed Pope Francis to Rio. We also attended a gathering of all Australian pilgrims, the enactment of the Stations of the Cross and youth festivals.

The weekend’s activities were the climax of the week. Because of the rain that Rio had experienced, the final Mass was changed to Copacabana Beach where most of the other events were held. The pilgrim walk through the streets of Rio was wonderful, seeing so many of Rio de Janeiro’s attractions along the way. The beach and all the walkways were covered with people who were going to the Vigil and sleeping out for the final Mass the next morning, which was attended by over 3 million people!

It was a once in a lifetime experience and such a great opportunity to meet and travel with wonderful people.

We would like to thank the McCarthy community for all of their support.



Miss Frances Mumford

SHOW TEAM



Brisbane Royal Show

Last week the McCarthy Show Team team embarked on a 9 day show expedition to the Brisbane Royal Show, the biggest and most anticipated educational event of the year.

Alex Watt, Claudia Turner and Sharna Coleman competed in Junior Judging with Alex justifying their decisions to the crowd. Michael Davis qualified for the final and was required to justify his judging decisions over the loud speaker. He placed 5th in his age group – an outstanding effort.

Claudia Turner showed our steer “Ranger” in the highly competitive Steer Judging event and narrowly missed a ribbon. Our Murray Grey cross steer “Dutchie” placed 4th “on the Hook” with “Ranger” and “Rookie” just out of the placings.

The highlight of our Brisbane Show was the Stud Beef

Parader’s competition, with our youngest competitor, Alex Watt, placing second. Competing in the largest age group of the evening, Paul Murphy and Sharna Coleman were able to secure 1st and 3rd place respectively from a field of over 50 competitors. The over judges then combined to select their Grand Champion Parader from the best of each age group. This prestigious award was given to Paul Murphy who showed a high level of skill.

The Brisbane team was fortunate enough to have been sponsored by Martin’s Livestock Haulage and the team would like to express their appreciation to Mr Gordon Martin for his support. Thank you to Val Davis for organising the uniforms, and to Mr Rob Maxwell, as without him, the Show Team would not be able to compete at this high level.



Neville Farawell

Another highlight for us this year was being able to be a part of Neville Farawell's 60th Brisbane Show. Neville is a well-respected local cattleman who takes time out of his show schedule to participate in coaching clinics at school and mentor students at shows. Neville allows McCarthy students to use his cattle to gain more experience in the show ring. With Nev having been unwell this year, the McCarthy team were able to repay a little of Nev's kindness by helping look after his cattle team and being a part of a celebration held in Neville's honour at the EKKA this year. Congratulations and thank you to Neville from the entire show team.

Miss Leanne Sjollega - Show Team Coordinator

TAMWORTH REGIONAL OLYMPIANS HONOUR WALL

Twenty-four plaques were unveiled on the Tamworth Regional Olympic Honour Wall outside Tamworth Regional Council building last week. The committee of volunteers who organised the honour wall hope it inspires young people in our region to aspire to Olympic glory.

Among those athletes honoured were a number of Christian Brother's College and McCarthy Catholic Senior High School old boys.

Unveiled were plaques for Mike Moroney (Athletics, Melbourne, 1956), Adrian King (Wheelchair Basketball, Sydney, 2000, Silver medal at Athens, 2004; Gold medal at Beijing, 2008), Patrick Hunt (Assistant Coach of Men's Basketball, Barcelona, 1992 and Jeremy Davy (Assistant Coach Men's Hockey Athens, 2004; Assistant Coach Women's Hockey London, 2012).

We are proud of these gifted ex-students who represented their country with passion and pride.

Photo: Lindsay Davy, Joan Davy (representing their son

Jeremy Davy), Patrick Hunt, Jill Moroney and Mike Moroney. Front: Adrian King.



EX-STUDENT NEWS

Brianna Pearson, ex-student of McCarthy Year 2011, received a Government Award from Minister George Souris at Parliament House on 3 July for Academic Achievement in Tourism, Events and Hospitality. Brianna completed an Advanced Diploma of Hospitality and Events Management at Kenvale College. There were 16 award winners for best in the state.



menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the 24-25 August in Armidale. Like 6300 other Catholic men who have already been on *menALIVE* weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from the *menALIVE* Team will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Forms are available in the church foyer, or phone 0447-172-010 or 0405-297-000 or Armidale parish office 6772 2218.

SPORT

All Schools' Hockey

Congratulations to Isaac Farmilo who starred at the Australian Under 16s All Schools' Hockey Championships in Hobart last week. Isaac was a member of the NSW team who defeated Queensland 3 – 1 in the final. Isaac scored 11 goals throughout the tournament and was NSW and the tournament's leading goal scorer. He will tour South Africa at the end of June, 2014.

Diocesan Athletics

The Armidale Diocesan Athletics Carnival was held in Tamworth last week. Forty-three students competed with Sophie Heeney (16 girls), Ella Heeney (13 girls) and Kate Pianta (12 girls) being named Age Champions.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the NSWCCC Championships at Homebush in September: Hollie Constable, Bronte Ellicott, Ben Foster, Jayden Gimbergh, Rhett Graham, Ella Heeney, Sophie Heeney, Lucy Herbert, Laura Jeffery, Brianna Macpherson, Jedd Maloney, Alice Murphy, Kate Pianta, Abby Schmiedel and Hunter Thompson.

MCC Cricket AGM

All cricketing parents are invited to the McCarthy Cricket Club AGM at school on Thursday 22 August (tonight) at 6.30pm.

New people are needed on the committee and we would encourage those parents that would like to help to attend.

For further information contact Maureen Alderton 0428667643.

All Schools' Touch

On Tuesday 23 July, McCarthy Year 7/8 girls' and boys' touch teams competed in the All Schools Regional Qualifying Carnival at the Gipps Street playing fields against secondary schools from the North West and Upper Hunter. Both teams played well against very competitive teams. The boys and girls made it to the semi-finals but narrowly missed qualifying for the finals. Students are to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour. Thank you to Year 10 students, Chloe Coe, Megan Murphy, Brodii Ingram and Cara Paterson who gave up their lunchtimes prior to the carnival to train the teams and kept the students focussed and hardworking on the day.

Boys 7/8 All Schools Touch team: Patrick Ferguson, Jye Paterson, Jarrod Beaufoy, Lachlan Smith, Joshua Clayton, Joshua MacDonald, Mitchell Bird, Blake Hawker, Luke Clayton, Tristan Hunter, Rowan Statham, William Clinch, Jayden Tiberi and Kuzi Jaravani.

Girls 7/8 All Schools Touch team: Annie Beckett, Alyssa Jeffery, Rosie Ferguson, Ella Heeneey, Emily Murray, Rachael Sullivan, Sharni Maher, Kate O'Connell, Lucy Cotton, Rebecca Muller, Tiarn Bayliss, Amelia O'Sullivan and Rebecca Short.

Mrs Kathy Thompson

NSWCCC Netball

Last week two McCarthy teams competed in the NSWCCC Netball Championships at Penrith. The Intermediate team won 2 games and lost 5 but did well considering the team were Year 9 girls playing against Year 10 students. The junior team finished equal second after winning 5 games and losing 2. The girls played very well against much taller opposition. Thank you to Paris Johnson and Emily Woods (Year 9) for umpiring and to Mrs Jones, Mrs Burt and Mr Davy for accompanying the students to Sydney.

7/8 team: Leticia Corby, Natalie Deaves, Nevada Mansfield, Madeline Michie, Emily Murray, Sophie Pennell, Sophie Reid and Emily Donaldson.

9/10 team: Melissa Beaufoy, Rosa Comi, Phoebe Thornberry, Hayley Littlejohns, Melanie Pearson, Jessyka Donaldson, Laura Green and Emily Klepzig.

Equestrian Team

Last Friday, sixteen students attended the annual Calrossy Anglican School Horse Sports at TJR Club Grounds at Hallsville. All students rode exceptionally well with many ribbons being won. Ben Collett was awarded highest point scorer for 16+ age group and was placed first in the over 14 years Team Penning event along with Sam Collett and Michael Hockings. Natasha Achurch and Bree Hemmings placed second with a composite Team Penning team and Tammy Rolls also placed second in the under 14 Team Penning event in a composite team with students from St Nicholas Primary.

Equestrian team: Lucy Herbert, Matthew Letton, Tiffany Bruccoleri, Matilda Davies, Bree Hemmings, Tammy Rolls, Ben Collett, Sam Collett, Michael Hockings, Clare Hockings, Natasha Achurch, Georgia Achurch, Jessie Cutcliffe, Bella Burr-Clift, Isabel Davis and Megan Reid.

Under 13s Rugby

The McCarthy Under 13s rugby team went through the season undefeated and played the semi-final against Farrer last week. Although the boys had previously comfortably beaten Farrer, they proved a formidable opponent. Prolonged pressure by the McCarthy forwards allowed a ball out to Hunter Thompson who crossed the try line in a great individual effort. McCarthy had the bulk of the possession but were unable to break Farrer's defence. Farrer scored a long range try, putting them in front by 7 at half-time. McCarthy clawed back through some handy forward work, especially Conor Lang's counter rucking. Mackenzie Ashcroft demonstrated his usual spark of brilliance in order to tie up the game and with three minutes to go the scores were level at 17 all. The ball was gained and lost four times on the 50 metre line until William Clinch managed to find the touch line after the buzzer. Finishing in a draw, the game was awarded to McCarthy as they scored the first try. They will play the Grand Final Friday afternoon (tomorrow).

Under 14s Rugby

The McCarthy Under 14s rugby team played Farrer last week for a place in this Friday's grand final. The first half of the match was closely contested, however McCarthy ran away with the game in the second half winning comfortably. We hope to see many supporters at tomorrow evening's Grand Final.

Mr Andrew Burke

BMX

Congratulations to Daniel Morris (Year 9) who was a member of the Australian BMX team that recently competed in the World BMX Racing Championships in New Zealand. Daniel finished in the top 20 in the 15 year boys' 20 inch class out of seventy competitors from around the world. He also had a credible top 30 placing in the 15 – 16 years 24 inch cruiser class at the Vector Arena in Auckland.

Cutting

Stacie Welk competed in the Summer Spectacular Youth Cutting Challenge at Fort Worth Texas during the July School holidays. She was the only Australian competitor to reach the finals and the first Australian to make the finals in the history of this competition. She also proudly carried the Australian Flag during the Opening Ceremony.

Water Polo

Congratulations to Jayden Gimbergh who was a member of the NSW Blues' 14s Water Polo team that won the gold medal in Sydney on 8 July against the Queensland's Maroons. They were undefeated throughout the tournament. Jayden was the only country student on the team.

Swimming

Jayden Gimbergh and Ellie Camilleri achieved top 10 finishes at the NSW Short Course Championships in Sydney recently. They achieved several 2013 national qualifying times each in their age division as well as two 2014 national qualifying times each for the age they will be next year.

Cycling

Jack Pianta (Year 11) was one of six team members of the Baiocchi Griffin - JT Fossey Cycling team as part of the launch recently. The team competed in Mudgee at an Open State Event placing second and third. Jack is the youngest member of the team at 17 years of age and the first junior development rider for the Tamworth area.

AFL

Congratulations to Joshua Moore (Year 10), who recently was the joint winner of the 2013 Rising Star for the Tamworth AFL Competition. Joshua plays in the senior competition for the Tamworth Swans Club. A great achievement considering this is his first year of competition in this league.