

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents & Students,

### Mission Prayer

*God of love, you want life to the full for each and every one of us.  
With Your Spirit living in us You want to transform this world to make  
it Good News for all.*

*Help us open our hearts and minds so as to be Christ in the world;  
to go out to those who survive on the margins of life.*

*Help us bring in the marginalised and share Your abundance with them.*

*Help us to accept, appreciate and love differences*

*and make this world a Good News planet of life for all.*

*We ask you this through Christ your Son. Amen.*

### Reflection

As our school embarks on the annual Walkathon, it is useful to remind ourselves why we are doing so. Our fundraising effort supports the work of Children's Mission to reach out to millions of children affected by injustice and poverty around the world. Many children die prematurely and do not receive what we, as Australians, consider basic human rights. In its work Children's Mission is highlighting the teachings of the Church that relate to the dignity of all human beings.

## PRINCIPAL MATTERS

### Bishop's Visit

The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Kennedy will be visiting McCarthy next Thursday, 12 September. He will speak to students in Years 7 and 8 and join staff for morning tea before experiencing a glimpse of life and talent at the school. We look forward to this return visit from the Bishop.

### Annual School Survey

Thank you very much all parents, students and staff who completed the recent SRS Perception Survey. Completion figures are as follows:

Students	54.1%
Parents	37.7%
Staff	81.4%

### HSC

HSC Visual Arts Body of Works were submitted last week and will be marked by itinerant HSC examiners early in Term 4. Drama performances were examined at the school last Friday.

HSC Music 2 and Extension performance examinations will be conducted in Gunnedah and at the school on Thursday 12 September and Music examinations will be held at school on Friday 13 September.

Recent displays of Industrial Technology, Visual Arts, Drama and Music have highlighted the incredible talent and hard work of our students and staff.

### End of Term

The next two weeks mark the final days of school for our current Year 12 students. It is a time of continuing hard work but also a time of celebration and thanksgiving. The following events are planned:

Tuesday 10 September	5.30pm	Final Year 12 Twilight Retreat (McCarthy)
Wednesday 11 September	6.00pm	Graduation Mass (St Nicholas' Church)
Wednesday 18 September	8.40am	Mystery Bus Tour
Thursday 19 September	9.00am	Formal whole-school assembly (McCarthy)
Thursday 7 November	7.00pm	Graduation Ceremony (Tamworth Town Hall)
Monday 16 December	7.00pm	Award Night

### Preliminary Year Final Examinations

Year 11 Examinations commence next week and run until the end of term.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Year 12 Twilight Retreat and Mass

As an important part of the activities which mark the completion of secondary school education for Year 12 students, a Twilight Retreat and Farewell Mass will be held in Week 9. The Retreat will be on Tuesday 10 September from 5.30pm to 8.30pm in the PAC. We look forward to all students attending. The following evening, the Farewell Mass will be celebrated at St Nicholas' Church in Fitzroy St, Tamworth at 6.00pm. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend. It is fitting to mark the end of a Catholic school education with these events.

### REC Conference

We recently attended the annual REC's Conference in Moree. It was a busy three days with many interesting speakers and information sessions. One whole day was devoted to the work of Catholic Mission with the National President, Martin Teulan presenting. As a result of his recent trip to Rome and audience with Pope Francis, he believes that the work done by Catholic Mission, in reaching out to others, is very much in keeping with the priorities of the new Pope. It was valuable to have a focus on Catholic Mission with our annual school Walkathon being held this week. The efforts of the McCarthy community in raising funds through this event are greatly appreciated.

### Memorial Service

Members of the St Agnes Conference of St Vincent de Paul attended the Memorial Service, at Nazareth House, for Sister Ursula who passed away recently. She was the final Dominican Sister to reside in Tamworth.

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to Father Melville on celebrating 60 years of priesthood, Father Willis who celebrates 40 years and Monsignor Wilkes on reaching 30 years of priesthood.



*Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators*

## PASTORAL CARE

### Welcome

We welcome Jessie McIntosh (Year 9), Ron Abasolo and Beth Tankard (Year 8) and their families into the McCarthy community.

### Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy go to Isobel Tarte and her family following the death of her grandmother.

### Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Certificates of Achievement by Mrs Rayment at assembly:

Year 7 Maggie Irwin, Jake Mitchell, Meg Sheppard, Hunter Thompson

Year 8 Julian Dessilas, Laura Goodwin, Jack Hannaford, Nicola Irwin, Nevada Mansfield, Emily Murray, Sarah Sheaves, Katherine Sleiman, Samarah Thrift, Isabelle Turner, Jake Vandeven

Year 9 Olivia Dillon, Laraena Styman, Emily Thompson

Year 10 Beau Alderton, Ellie Camilleri, Isaac Carr, Bridget Galvin, Lauren MacRae, Connor Wieland

Year 12 Blake Clout, Luke Fulwood, Anna Maher, Lara Northey, Kirsten Pearson, Alexandra Prowse, Georgia Rae, Claire Rice, Sarah Robinson, Hannah Shorten.

### Vaccinations

- In 2012, the Australian Government announced that human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine would be provided free to male students in secondary schools from 2013.
- From 2013, males in Year 7 in all NSW secondary schools will be offered HPV vaccine annually.
- In addition, males in Year 9 will be offered the vaccine as part of the national 'catch up' program in 2013 and 2014.
- Males who are 14-15 years of age in 2013 and who are in Year 10 can receive free HPV vaccine at their GP during 2013 only. It is important when making the GP appointment that the receptionist is informed of the reason for the visit and that sufficient time is allowed for the vaccine to be ordered and delivered to the GP.
- HPV vaccination will continue to be offered annually to female students in Year 7 only.
- The Australian Government has developed information for parents, students and health professionals about HPV vaccination.

Link: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

The next school vaccination day will be Wednesday 18 September for all Year 7 students and Year 9 boys.

### Mental Health Seminar

The next free seminar being presented by Hunter New England Health, headspace and Centacare is 'Bullying' on Monday 16 September, 5.30pm at The Goodies, Brisbane St. RSVP headspace 67629290.

### UAC Equity Scholarships – Year 12

UAC applicants who have experienced financial disadvantage and receive a Centerlink payment may be eligible for a UAC Equity Scholarship. Mr Adams and I are currently assisting students to complete their applications, which should be returned to the school by Tuesday 10 September.

### Year 10 Excursion

Recently eighty-four Year 10 students and eight staff members travelled to Sydney for three days of stimulating educational experiences. Venues visited included the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Aquarium, Madam Tussauds, Hyde Park Barracks, the Justice and Police Museum, Cockatoo Island and the historic Rocks area and presentations were aimed to support research in relevant subjects during Stage 6. Other highlights of the trip included early Mass at St Mary's



Cathedral, mad playtime at Darling Harbour, shopping and an incredible performance by Blue Man Group at Star Casino’s Lyric Theatre. A great time was had by all.

Thank you to Mrs Fiona O’Neill for her organisation and to the staff who attended for their time and efforts.

**Theme For The Week**

Week 7 provided an opportunity to reflect and to be thankful for what we have – to express our “Gratitude” to God and to the people who give to us each day.

This week we looked at “What I Can Do” to make a difference in a world where most children live in poverty.

“Be happy with what you have and you will have plenty to be happy about.” – Irish Proverb

*Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator*



**IXL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

The Teaching and Learning Team have initiated an award which is designed to recognise academic excellence at McCarthy. The award will be regularly presented on assembly to recipients who have produced work of an A+ or exemplary standard. The student will be presented with an iXL Award for Academic Excellence Certificate along with a \$20 iTunes



voucher.

Emily Thompson of Year 8 was the inaugural recipient. Emily submitted an outstanding assessment task in Art on the use of the imagination and fantasy.

We would also like to thank Harry Gulliford of Year 10 for designing the iXL award logo.

*Mrs Denise McHugh – Teaching and Learning 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.

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

**CAREERS NEWS**

**Year 12**

For Year 12 students there are a series of crucial dates and deadlines that began last week with some Early Entry Schemes application deadlines already closed. This is the time of many Open Days at universities and colleges and travelling to these can be very valuable in determining future plans.

The best advice I can give Year 12 students is to be aware of dates and deadlines, read and follow instructions for each application carefully and be up to date with information by checking emails regularly. Additionally, Year 12 should also have several back-up plans in place, in case their desired course of action does not become a reality.

**CareerOne Virtual Career Fair – September 2 - 8**

Want to launch a great future, without even leaving the couch? Then check out the CareerOne Virtual Careers Fair before it is too late. You can find out about further study opportunities, source internships, great jobs, as well as gain insights, interact in real time via Skype and text, watch company webcasts, submit an application and find out everything you need to launch a great career. Hurry, the Virtual Careers Fair ends September 8.

[www.virtualfair.careerone.com.au](http://www.virtualfair.careerone.com.au)

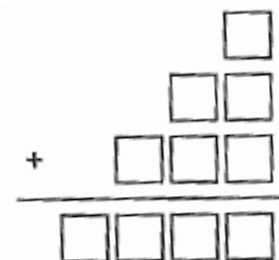
*Mrs Susan Barrett – Careers Advisor*  
[careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:careers@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au)

**MATHEMATICS**

Years 7 to 10 are currently doing open book Mathematics assessment tasks in class. Students would find summarising their class notes helpful for this task. Year 11 students will complete their final Preliminary Year assessment shortly. A good revision tool would be to work through last year’s final assessment and have their Mathematics teacher correct it so they can receive feedback on their mathematical processes. Year 12 students should be working through past Higher School Certificate papers and working on any areas of weakness.

Solution to the puzzle in the last newsletter:  
Yes, the lines are parallel.

Try the following puzzle:  
Suppose you have cards with the digits from 0 to 9, one card for each digit.  
Complete the following calculation using all of the cards.



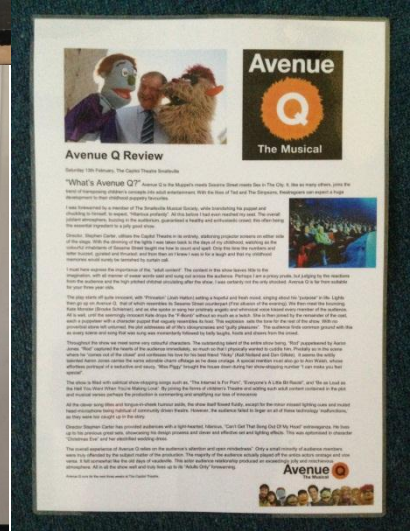
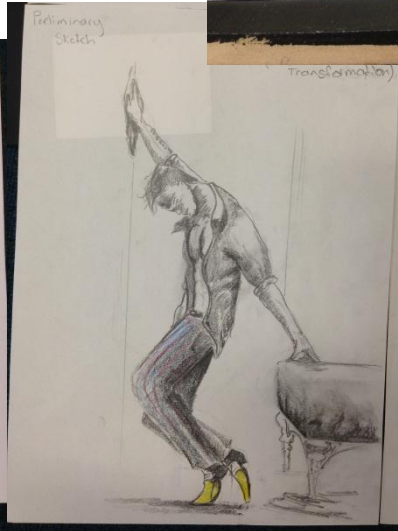
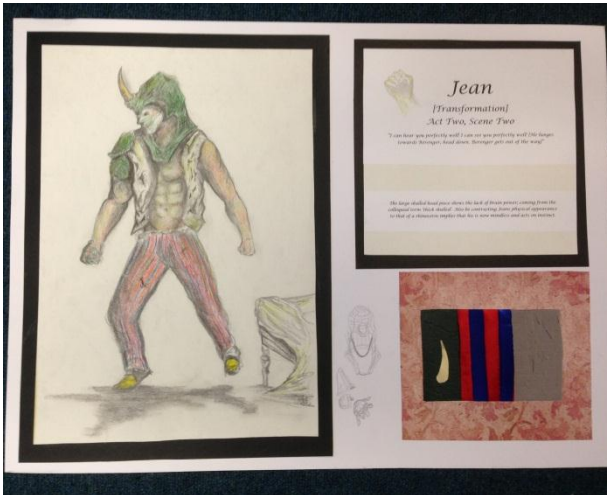
*Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator*



### HSC DRAMA PERFORMANCE EXAMS AND PROJECTS

Congratulations go to the HSC Drama students who have completed their Group Performance Exam and Individual Projects. Students specialised in range of projects this year: Theatre Reviews, Scriptwriting, Video, Costume Design, Set Design and Individual Performance. Together, the Group Performance and Individual Project make up 60% of a student's HSC exam mark in Drama.

Below are a few examples of work completed by our HSC students.  
*Ms Felicity Sawtell – Drama Teacher*



## SPORT

### Tamworth Netball Competition 2013

McCarthy Netball had thirteen teams entered in the 2013 Tamworth Netball Competition. Ten of these teams played in the semi-finals last Saturday – of these teams three were Minor Premiers in their division (MCC Stars, MCC Gossip Gurlz and MCC Hammers). Four teams contested the major semi-finals and six teams played in the minor semi-finals. Good luck to all girls in the finals this weekend. The grand finals will be played on Saturday 14 September 2013. Thank you to the coaches/managers for their continued support throughout the season.

### NSWCCC Athletics

Good luck to Hollie Constable, Rhett Graham, Ella Heeney, Sophie Heeney, Laura Jeffery, Brianna Macpherson and Kate Pianta who will compete on Friday 13 September at the NSWCCC Championships at Homebush.

### NSWCCC Basketball Championships

On Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 August, McCarthy's Year 7/8 Girls' and 9/10 Boys' Basketball teams competed in the NSWCCC Basketball Championship finals at the Tamworth Sports Dome. Both teams played four games over the two days with the girls' team narrowly missing a place in the finals by three points. They played Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill being defeated 29-23; Sacred Heart Central School, Cootamundra winning 51-30; St John's College, Dubbo losing 38-25 and St Paul's High School, Booragul winning 37-35. The boy's had a 38 all draw with Xavier High School, Albury; a 47-29 loss to Holy Spirit, Bellambi; 50-40 loss against Patrician Brother's College, Blacktown and 50-35 loss to John Paul College, Coffs Harbour.

Year 7/8 Girls' team: Claire Salter, Whitney Martin, Brooklyn Allan, India Dietrich, Bronte Chillingworth, Stacey Thrift, Lily Darcy and Kira-Lee Shaw. Year 9/10 Boys' team: Max Chillingworth, Ricky Ward, Dominic Sills, Ben Foster, Brock Berthold, Hayden Davy, Liam Stanton, Connor Murphy, James Berthold and Tom Kelly.

*Mrs Julie Kellahan*

### MCC Cricket

McCarthy Cricket Club is calling for registrations for the 2013/2014 season. Year 9/10 competition will be played on Friday afternoons commencing at 4.00pm, and the Year 7/8 competition will be played on Saturday mornings commencing at 8.30am. Fees of \$90.00 per player include player registration as well as equipment costs. This covers the registration and insurance payable to Tamworth Junior Cricket, purchase of balls and maintenance of cricket gear. Families with more than one child registering for cricket can take advantage of a family concession. (For every child registered after the first, the fee will be \$80.00 per child). Registration forms and cricket shirt order form can be obtained from the school office. Payment and forms are due on Wednesday 11 September.