

# Newsletter

Telephone: (02) 6761 0800

Postal Address: PO Box 3486 West Tamworth NSW 2340

Email: admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

Facsimile: (02) 6766 4557

Website: www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au

McCarthy Office Hours: 7.30am – 4.00pm



## Dear Parents & Students,

### Prayer

*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

*Our Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*pray for us sinners,*

*now and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen.*

### The Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was on October 7. The best way to celebrate the month is make the rosary our daily prayer during this month.

The use of beads or knotted ropes to count large numbers of prayers comes from the earliest days of Christianity, but the rosary as we know it today emerged in the second thousand years of Church history. The full rosary consists of 150 Hail Marys divided into three sets of 50, which are further divided into five sets of 10 (a decade).

The rosary is divided into four sets of mysteries: Joyful (recited on Monday and Thursday, and Sunday from Advent until Lent); Luminous; Sorrowful (Tuesday and Friday, and Sunday during Lent); and Glorious (Wednesday and Saturday, and Sunday from Easter until Advent).

## PRINCIPAL MATTERS

### Pupil-Free Day

Term 4 began with the annual staff Religious Education professional development day. Staff learnt about the history and significance of the San Damiano Crucifix, found in classrooms all around the school. The remainder of the day was spent examining the integration of Catholic values across the curriculum. Presenters included Mr John Mula (Director of the Armidale Catholic Schools), Mr Lee Herden (Assistant Director – Mission and Evangelisation) and Mrs Kerry Steller (Education Officer).

### HSC

The HSC commenced this week, with English Papers 1 and 2, PDHPE, Indonesian Beginners, Legal Studies and Ancient History papers. Students were well prepared. Many availed themselves of the opportunities provided by staff to attend tutorial sessions at the school during the holidays.

### Outstanding Student Achievement

HSC Music student, Laura Heuston, has been recognised for her outstanding musicianship with a nomination for Encore. Encore is the program of performances selected from those deemed the best across the state in the HSC Music practical examinations. This major event is held at the Sydney Opera House each March. This is an exciting opportunity and well deserved recognition of Laura's outstanding musical talent.

### Academic Excellence

Last term the school introduced a new award which aims to highlight outstanding academic achievement. The award, known as the iXL (I excel) award, is presented at whole school assemblies. Winners of the award to date are:

Emily Thompson (Year 8) – Visual Arts project

James Dunn (Year 12) – outstanding results in Mathematics

Laura Heuston (Year 12) – outstanding Major Work (Novella) in Extension 2 English



Academic Award  
for Excellence

### Sr Teresa Cathie

Sr Teresa Cathie O.P. passed away last week and was buried in Waratah on Monday. Sr Teresa taught at the Dominican convent for many years. She became the founding Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary College from 1981 – 1983, before retiring. Sr Teresa continued to provide pastoral ministry in Tamworth parishes while remaining a member of the McCarthy Catholic College Board and Association. Sr Teresa moved to Mayfield in 2010.

### Spirit of Catholic Education Awards

These Awards celebrate the outstanding achievement and contribution to Catholic education of staff and volunteers working in a diverse range of endeavours across our Diocesan schools. The Spirit of Catholic Education Awards provide a mechanism to recognise those whose efforts are beyond the already high standards of education and care delivered by those involved in Catholic education.

Nomination forms can be accessed via the CSO website (www.arm.catholic.edu.au) or by contacting Debra Wade at the school.

Award nominations close on Friday 29 November. Please consider this important forum for affirming excellent work by our staff and volunteers.

### Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews

The Parent/Teacher Interviews for Year 11 students will be held next Wednesday 23 October in the library from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and discuss with teachers progress to date and strategies to assist in maximising student performance. At the conclusion of the interviews (6.00pm) there will be a meeting for parents of current Year 11 students in the AV Room to discuss HSC ATAR and scaling. This meeting should take approximately 30 minutes.

### Staff News

Andrew Davy was a member of the victorious NSW over 45 Men's Hockey Team that won the Australian Championships in Sydney during the holidays. NSW defeated Western Australia 7-1 in the final.

As a result of his strong performances Andrew was selected in the Australian over 45's team to tour Barcelona and Holland next year for the Masters Games. This is the second time he has been selected for this team, after competing in London in 2012.

*Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RE Professional Development Day

The main focus of the pupil-free day on the first day of Term 4 was the implementation of Catholic values and Sense of the Sacred into the curriculum. The Director of the CSO, John Mula, and Assistant Director: Mission and Evangelisation Services, Lee Herden, together with Lee's assistant, Kerry Steller, presented during the day. We are very grateful for the contribution made by these people and very much appreciate their presence on the day. Kate Rayment started the day with an examination of the San Damiano Crucifix - its history and significance. This was of great interest as this crucifix is the icon which exists in all rooms in our school.

### Whole School Mass - Term 4

The next whole school Mass will be held on All Saints Day; Friday 1 November at 11.00am in the four Catholic churches in Tamworth. All are most welcome to attend.

### Rosary

During the month of October students and staff have the opportunity to meet to recite the Rosary each Friday during lunch time.

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

## PASTORAL CARE

### Welcome

We welcome Sophie Barr, Aimee Faulkner, Corban Newman (Year 7), Nicholas Denton (Year 8), Mikayla McCulloch, Brody Peak (Year 9), Joseph Denton (Year 10), Tyson Zwolsman (Year 11) and their families to the McCarthy community.

### Condolences

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Sarah Harnett, Joshua and Travis Davis and their families following the recent passing of their grandfathers.



### Theme For The Week

Thursday 10 October was World Mental Health Day. The theme this year is 'Kindness: little acts, big impacts'. During lunch time on the day students participated in a wide range of activities which help to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Some of the activities included Laughing Yoga, sports games, art and music. Students are encouraged to do kind things for themselves and other people in order to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Many thanks go to Mrs Tamara Shoemark (Counsellor) and Mrs Lesley O'Shea (Student Welfare Officer) for their organisation and to Hunter New England Health and *headspace* for their support. The Theme For the Week for the first fortnight of term has aimed to increase awareness and understanding of mental health issues and also of the resources available for anyone with related concerns.

'Be kind, for every person you meet is fighting a hard battle.' *Ian MacLaren*

*Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator*

## MATHEMATICS

The results of the Australian Mathematics Competition have arrived. Congratulations to all students who participated. It is wonderful to see students engaging with their learning and challenging themselves. The following students received credits: William Makepeace (Year 7); James Lu, Gabrielle Vella (Year 9); Beau Alderton (Year 10).

Solution to the last puzzle:  $6910 = 3$ . (If you struggled with this puzzle the hint is to look for the obvious.)

Try the following puzzle:

In how many ways can 6 people sit around a circular table with no conditions restricting where anyone sits?

*Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator*

## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 12

Best wishes to all Year 12 students. Students are advised to check their emails regularly. Even as the HSC continues, various colleges and universities continue to send new information on courses and scholarships. Local employers also contact me regarding job vacancies for Year 12 leavers.

**Year 11**

On Monday I gave a talk to all Year 11 students about the implications of changing levels within subjects or dropping subjects. The effects on future options, the impact on the ATAR and other matters were discussed.

**Parents of Year 11 Students Intending to Go to University**

On 23 October, at the conclusion of the Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (6.00pm), I will be holding an information evening for parents to cover these same issues and a few other matters relating to going to university. This will go for approximately 30 minutes.

**Aviation Careers Day at the Tamworth Festival of Light**

Some students in Years 9 - 11 will be attending the Aviation Careers Day on Friday 18 October (tomorrow). There will be more details in the next newsletter.

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

**PARENT INFORMATION**

The next **Association Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7.00pm for 7.15pm in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Mango Fundraiser**

We are conducting our ever popular Mango Fundraiser again. Order forms were sent home with students last week and spare forms are available from the office. Please note orders and money are due to the school office by **Friday 25 October** in an envelope marked "Mango Fundraiser". Tell your family and friends. Thank you for your support.

**Trivia Night**

The Association will be raffling a Gold Coast holiday in conjunction with the Trivia Night to be held on 15 November. The tickets are \$2 each and are on sale at the school office. Raffle books of 10 tickets are also available at the office if parents are interested in selling them. All tickets and monies are to be returned to the office by Friday 8 November.

We also require donations of wine/chocolates/gift vouchers for spot prizes and lucky door prizes. These can be left at the office. Tables of 8 can be booked at the school office or by emailing [admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au). The cost is \$10 each payable on the night. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Thank you for your support.

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.

**SPORT****NSW All Schools Athletics**

Kate Pianta, Laura Jeffery, Ella Heeney and Sophie Heeney competed at the NSW All Schools Athletics in Sydney last week. Congratulations to Kate Pianta and Ella Heeney who won a bronze medal each. Results were as follows:

Kate Pianta – 3rd high jump (bronze medal), 4th long jump, 7th 200 metres, 8th 100 metres.

Ella Heeney – 3rd 800 metres (bronze medal), 4th 1500 metres.

Sophie Heeney – 6th 1500 metres, 5th 3000 metres.

Laura Jeffrey – 17th in long jump.

**BMX**

Daniel Morris (Year 9) competed at the State BMX titles at Lake Macquarie recently winning the state series. Daniel now goes on to the National Championships at Shepparton, Victoria, in April / May 2014.

**Hockey**

Dana Constable and Isaac Farmilo have been selected from the National Championships to attend a Futures Camp. Selections were from all over Australia for the Under 21 team.

Dana will attend the Australian Institute of Sport at Canberra in December for the camp and could be selected to play against Japan. Isaac will attend the camp in Brisbane and if selected in the team will play two games against New Zealand.

**Waterpolo**

Jarrod Chester was selected for the Hunter Hurricanes Blues to play in the Under 16s National Waterpolo Club Championships in Melbourne recently. Jarrod's team defeated the heavily favoured Western Australian based Melville Sharks to win gold. The team won 14-11.

**Soccer**

Congratulations to the Northern Companions U16 Second Division team who won their grand final at the end of last term. They defeated Tamworth FC 3-1 at Scully Park with the majority of the team being made up of McCarthy boys.

**Indigenous Football**

On 12-13 October, Madison Sharp (Year 7) represented Northern NSW Country at the 2013 Girls State Indigenous Football Festival at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. The Northern NSW Country Koalas finished first in their pool. They defeated Football NSW Riverina Emus 2-nil in the semi-final but went down to Football NSW Southern Goannas in the final.

**Netball**

Congratulations to Rosa Comi who has been selected to attend a Talented Athletics Program for netball at Narrabeen on 27 October. Rosa gained selection after competing at a NIAS Development Camp in Lidcombe.



# McCarthy Association



# FUN RAISER

## Your Invitation To Attend

- DATE**            Friday 15 November 2013
- TIME**            7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- VENUE**          McCarthy Catholic College Hall
- WHO**            Over 18s **ONLY** (This is not a night for students)
- BONUS**        **ONLY \$10 per head** (Payable on the night)
- BRING**        Your gold coins, drinks, nibbles

*Think up a team name*

**Best dressed table            Winning trivia team**

**Spot prizes will be awarded throughout the night**

To register please choose an option below:

Phone the school (6761 0800) with your table name

2. Email [admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au)

3. Return the slip at the bottom to the office

by Monday 11 November 2013



**Register your table of 8 people NOW**

### McCarthy Trivia Night Friday 15 November 2013

**Please register a table of 8 for the following team.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact No:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have a table of 8 but would like to come, please register and let the girls know that you don't have a full table. We will try to put together a table for you.

# McCarthy Catholic College Association

## TRIVIA NIGHT Gold Coast Holiday Raffle

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!  
**Win a family holiday at the world renowned  
 4 ½ ★ Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast  
 for 2 adults and 2 children**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School / Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return Tickets by: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Tickets to: \_\_\_\_\_

© 2013 and TM Sea World Property. Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild are trademarks and service marks of Sea World Entertainment Co. (SWE). Sesame Street and associated characters, names and likenesses are trademarks of Sesame Workshop. All rights reserved.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we are commencing our Trivia Night Gold Coast Holiday Raffle. We hope parents support this raffle as all monies raised will go towards purchases for our school. Raffle books can be collected from the school office. Each book has 10 tickets and each ticket sells for \$2.00.

The raffle prize is for four (4) nights at the world famous 4 ½ star Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children, including unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Water World. Also included is a \$200 Caltex Cash Card and \$100 credit for food and beverages at Sea World Resort and Water Park. The prize is valid for 12 months and may be used during school holidays.

Also on offer are these exciting prizes and promotions:

### **IPAD FAMILY FUN PROMOTION**

Each student/family has the chance to win an iPad simply by visiting [www.rafflefundraising.com.au](http://www.rafflefundraising.com.au). You will be asked to pick the differences between two images and answer the question, in 50 words or less, “Why is fundraising important for your group?” Full details with terms and conditions are on the website.

### **FAMILY DISCOUNT VOUCHERS**

Discount vouchers are available following the sale of complete books.

### **BOOK SELLER’S PRIZE**

Each family/member who sells a complete raffle book will go into the draw to win an iPod Shuffle 2GB.

.....  
**If you wish to accept a raffle book,**

please complete the below details and return to the  
school office for your raffle book .

Student’s Name:..... Class:.....

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature: .....

# Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide a clear email address so we can let you know by email when the mangoes arrive)

## PLEASE PROVIDE A PHONE NUMBER

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

Cash

Cheque made payable to: **McCarthy Catholic College Association**

	Name	Qty	Price	Total
1.			\$25/tray	
2.			\$25/tray	
3.			\$25/tray	
4.			\$25/tray	
5.			\$25/tray	
6.			\$25/tray	
7.			\$25/tray	
8.			\$25/tray	
9.			\$25/tray	
10.			\$25/tray	
11.			\$25/tray	
12.			\$25/tray	
13.			\$25/tray	
14.			\$25/tray	
15.			\$25/tray	
16.			\$25/tray	
17.			\$25/tray	
18.			\$25/tray	

 Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.

 Please return this form with payment to McCarthy Catholic College by **25<sup>th</sup> October.**

 Mangoes should be ready for collection in early to mid-December.

 **NOTE: Payment must accompany all orders.**