

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer for November

Grant, O Lord, that my heart may be touched at the passing of all souls into eternal life.

I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of life.

When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me, though unseen.

Lord Jesus Christ, welcome all those for whom I pray, into eternal life, may they have eternal rest. Amen

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Graduation

On Thursday 7 November staff joined families in appropriately recognising the completion of thirteen years of school education for our 2013 HSC class. The evening was a wonderful celebration of our years together and looked positively to the future. The Graduation is a significant rite of passage. The McCarthy community wishes all members of the Class of 2013 God's blessing and fulfilment in the years to come.

On behalf of the college staff I thank all families whose day-to-day connection with the school ceases following the graduation, for their long-term support and partnership in the journey.

Staffing

This week we welcome Mr Sam Taylor as temporary Aboriginal Education Assistant, replacing Jolene Faint for the remainder of her Maternity Leave. Sam will bring a range of gifts and skills to the school.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Mr Bernie Williams and the school captains represented McCarthy at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Town Hall on Tuesday. The school stopped for one minute silent reflection at 11.00am.

Spirit of Catholic Education Awards

The Spirit of Catholic Education Awards provide one of the few opportunities available to formally recognise the high quality of teaching, leadership, school support and volunteer efforts in schools. If you value any of these elements of our school, please consider completing a nomination form. 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.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Saints Whole School Mass

Staff and students attended Mass at the four Tamworth churches for the Solemnity of All Souls. We thank the local clergy for making this possible.

Twilight Retreat

Many students from the Year 12 class of 2014 met recently for the first of their Twilight Retreats. The focus of the retreat was setting goals, learning to say 'no' to things that distract them from their goals and finding time in their busy lives for God. We were very lucky to have John Lawani work with the students during the final session. We thank John for his contribution to our school while he has been in Tamworth and wish him well as he leaves St Nicholas' Parish and returns to Armidale. We were also very grateful to Monsignor Wilkes for coming along on the evening.

Diary Dates

15 Nov:	Association Trivia Night
19 Nov:	Board & Association Meetings
21 Nov:	Senior Secondhand Textbook Sale
25 Nov:	Creative Arts Evening 6pm
26 Nov:	Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening
27 Nov:	Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
2 Dec:	Year 9 Tea Gardens Excursion
2 Dec:	Band to Narrabri
3 Dec:	Year 9 2014 Elective Information Evening
4 Dec:	Canteen Dinner
11 Dec:	Founders Day
16 Dec:	Award Night
17 Dec:	Year 10 Dinner/Dance
19 Dec:	Pupil Free Day
20 Dec:	Pupil Free Day/Last day of Term 4



Vinnies

The election of Vinnies leaders took place this week and the following students have been elected.

- President: Jessica Whitbread
- Vice President: Priyanka Pinto
- Secretary: Ainsley Thornberry
- Treasurer: Madeleine Sanson

We look forward to another successful year in Vinnies. The main focus for fundraising this term will be the Christmas Appeal.

Friday Prayer

Friday prayer in G4 at 1.00pm will continue in November with prayers being offered for the Holy Souls.

Mrs Carol Wheaton and Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinators

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome

We welcome Cooper Faint (Year 7) and his family to the McCarthy community.

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Jessica Angelidis and her family following the recent passing of her grandfather.

Summer Health Issues

As you can imagine in a school with so many adolescents, body odour can become a problem. Please encourage your child to bathe daily and to wash tunics and shirts daily. Please note that aerosol deodorant cans are NOT ALLOWED at school due to the health risks their use poses to people with asthma.

Students are required to be Sun Safe. Sunscreen is available for use. For the remainder of this term any appropriate hat can be worn at recess, lunch and for outside classes. School hats are available at the office – bucket hats \$10, caps \$5.

Please ensure your child has a clear water bottle for use at school.

Vaccinations

The vaccination program for 2013 is now complete. Any student who missed the last vaccination can receive it early Term 1, 2014.

Theme of The Week

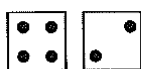

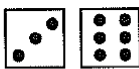
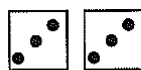
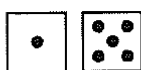
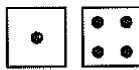
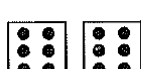
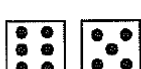
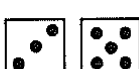

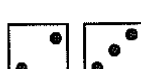
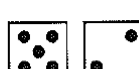
Junior students were advised of exam skills and practices that would help them achieve to the best of their ability, while Year 11 were encouraged to consider and improve their Time Management.

In Week 6 it was suggested that *Now Is The Time To* push through adversity, find your own song, stick together, see the funny side and to break the cycle by reflecting and making any changes necessary.

Lost time is never found again. (Benjamin Franklin)

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

MATHEMATICS

		
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Four	Four	None
		
None	Four	Six
		
None	Two	Four

Solution to last newsletter problem:

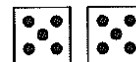
1 apple costs \$1.60, 1 banana costs \$1.20, 1 orange costs \$0.80.

This newsletter problem:

How many bears?

Here is an old puzzle you might like to solve and then try out on your friends. Mr Cleverwun tosses a pair of dice and asks "How many polar bears are there around the ice hole?" Here are some sample throws with answers provided by Mr C:

Now what about this throw?



Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Remembrance Day 2013 in the Library

Last week and earlier this week, several classes in both Religion and HSIE lessons visited the library to view the display of books and information on Remembrance Day and wars Australians have been involved in over the years.

Students read fiction and non-fiction books, with some students borrowing the ones they were reading. Towards the end of the lessons, students wrote down some of the things they learnt during the lesson from the display and the books.



CAREERS NEWS

I recently attended the Careers Advisers Association of NSW annual conference. Some of the valuable sessions were on:

1. Subject selection for Year 11 and 12
2. Resumes and interviewing techniques
3. Work experience
4. Post School Destination Surveys
5. What schools are doing: programs and curriculums for students eg for students aged under 17 but who want to leave school.

Leaving School Before Students are 17 Years Old

Students are able to leave school before they are 17. Legislation requires that they must complete Year 10 then remain in approved education or training or a combination of education or training and paid work until the age of 17.

For young people who have completed Year 10 but have not reached 17 years of age, there are a number of options. They can continue in secondary school and choose subjects that will enhance their job/career prospects or they can choose to leave school.

If they want to leave school, they are required to do one of the following:

- enrol in a training course at TAFE NSW
- undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship
- enrol in a training course with another approved training organisation
- undertake employment: or
- undertake some combination of education or training and employment eg TAFE for 3 days a week and work for 2 days.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Websites to assist parents and students looking at apprenticeships and traineeships include:

1. Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service Career Resources

This website includes a range of career resources for people interested in a variety of industries.

<http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/>

2. Skills One TV

Skills One TV is a video platform with over 1500 short video stories about getting a trade or skill. Videos are intended for parents and students. Check it out by visiting the website: <http://www.skillsone.com.au/>

For Incoming Year 12 Students

1. The University of Sydney's HSC Preparation Program commences January 2014 across a range of subjects. These courses are designed to consolidate the work completed at school, giving students the knowledge and skills necessary to make their HSC studies effective and successful, and boost HSC results. Courses run Monday 13 – Friday 24 January 2014: <http://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/HSC>

2. National Computer Science School Applications due Friday 15 November (deadline extended). NCSS is a 10 day residential program run in January by the University of Sydney. It is an opportunity for students going into Year 12 to get a taste of what IT and Computer Science might be like at university, and also to connect with mentors from industry and academia. Students do not need any previous programming experience, but an enthusiasm for learning is essential. More information at http://ncss.edu.au/summer_school

Bridges to Higher Education for Indigenous Secondary School Students

Bridges to Higher Education for Indigenous secondary school students, parents, families, schools and community representatives is an initiative, funded by the Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP), to improve the participation rates of students from communities under-represented in higher education. The Bridges to Higher Education project brings together various universities, NSW DEC, TAFE NSW, the University Admissions Centre, local government, education offices, Indigenous organisations and other community organisations.

A two-hour interactive community forum will be conducted on Thursday 21 November at the Tamworth Community Centre. The forum will be led by staff from the Indigenous Higher Education Centres across the Bridges universities, in association with local community organisations. Sessions will provide information on higher education entry pathways, careers, scholarships and financial support and how to apply. Information sessions: 4.00pm – 6.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm with a BBQ Dinner at 6.00pm. Please contact Mrs Jodie Herden or myself at school if students wish to attend. For more information visit: <http://bridges.nsw.edu.au/>

Sports Scholarships

CB Sports Network is an Australian company that assists young Australians in gaining sporting scholarships to USA Universities. They say: We are passionate about the full service that we provide which includes a free academic and sporting assessment of any student who is interested in pursuing this once in a lifetime opportunity. Sporting scholarships to USA Universities are a great platform for any promising athlete. Additionally, successful applicants are able to use this opportunity to obtain a 4 year, universally recognised degree of their choice. Please note that it is ideal to commence the process in Years 10 and 11, however it is not too late for current Year 12 students. Our Director, Chris Bates, has first-hand experience of this wonderful opportunity, having studied and played in the USA. CB Sports Network are proud of our 100% success rate in assisting students to find their right "fit" in a USA University. We look forward to assisting you with any enquiries that you may have. Go to www.cbssports.com.au

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

CREATIVE ARTS

Music and Drama Excursion

Forty students travelled to Sydney on Wednesday 30 October, to see Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* – one of their most famous musicals. This musical masterpiece was performed in one of the world's most famous buildings – the Opera House. For some of our students, this was their first visit to the Opera House. The musical itself, has a powerful message about racism, war, tolerance and love, which is as relevant today as it was in 1949. Our students had a most rewarding and enjoyable experience. Many of our students received flattering comments, from members of the public, on how well they were representing our school.

Mrs Suzanne Perfrement – Music Teacher
Mrs Erin Bice – Drama Teacher



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. We look forward to seeing parents there. Supper is provided.

Mango Fundraiser

Thank you to those parents and friends who ordered mangoes. They will be available for collection early in December.



Trivia Night

Good luck to everyone tomorrow night at the Trivia Night. We hope participants enjoy the evening. Last minute table bookings are welcome as well as raffle ticket sales at the office.

The Association's Gold Coast holiday raffle will also be drawn at the Trivia Night tomorrow evening (15 November). 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, click on McCarthy Parent Association and follow the links to meetings.

SPORT

Cricket

Congratulations to Jye Paterson who was selected in the Northern CCC cricket team (Armidale, Lismore and Newcastle Dioceses) at Coffs Harbour last week. He travelled to Sydney to trial for the NSWCCC Under 15s team this week but unfortunately was not selected.

Berg Shield

McCarthy travelled to Inverell on 29 October to play Holy Trinity in cricket. Holy Trinity batted first, scoring 5/149 in 30 overs, with Jye Paterson (2/16) and Jack Davison (1/1) the best of McCarthy's bowlers. In reply McCarthy was bowled out for 69, with Jye Paterson (39) the only batsman to reach double figures. Thank you to Mr Bernie Williams for driving the bus, and Mrs Natalie Paterson for scoring on the day.

Downie Shield

McCarthy played O'Connor Catholic College, Armidale at No. 1 Oval on 28 October. After winning the toss and batting, McCarthy reached a healthy total of 9/227 from 40 overs, with Keytan Hislop, Jye Paterson and Matthew Dunn all scoring half centuries. McCarthy bowled well for the majority of O'Connor's innings, but a late cameo from one of their batsmen helped them to overhaul McCarthy's total. Antonio Comi (3/28) and Lachlan Cumming (2/25) were the leading wicket takers for McCarthy. Thanks to Mr Geoff Denton for umpiring the match.

Mr Tim Godden

NIAS Academy Awards

Congratulations to hockey player Dana Constable who was named Female Athlete of the Year at last Saturday's NIAS Academy Awards evening. Isaac Farnilo received the Male Hockey Award, the Chairman's Award from Matt Paterson and also a Hockey scholarship at the University of Technology, Sydney. Sophie Heeney was awarded Most Dedicated Triathlete and Triathlete of the Year, Rosa Comi was awarded the Most Dedicated Player in Netball, Bradley Thrift was named Most Improved in Rugby Union and Sophie Reid won the Tennis Coach's Award.

Basketball

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who were selected in the Under 15 NSW Basketball Country Tour Teams to represent NSW in the Pacific Coast Slam in January 2014 in Port Macquarie: Riley Murphy, Matthew Gambrell, Hannah Page, Whitney Martin and Stacey Thrift. A great achievement and reward for your commitment and dedication. Good luck in January.