

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students,

Prayer

God, author of family life and Father of all people help us value families and family life.

Give back to our world an appreciation of family as a unit of shared love far more important than material wealth or momentary enjoyment.

Make us generous, loyal and committed to each other through good times and bad, in sickness and in health.

And when we fail, stay with us and take care of us.

May we never forget that your love for us is eternal.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection

In Catholic Culture the month of February is devoted to the Holy Family, a devotion which began in the 17th Century. The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, provides for us a model of family which we can strive towards in our own families. It provides an example for both parents and children. It is a family centred on God and prayer; a family where love is given freely and selflessly.

Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self." (Nov. 27, 2002)

Diary Dates

13 Feb:	Year 8 Maths Day
18 Feb:	Association Meeting
25 Feb:	Year 9 RE Play
25 Feb:	Association Wine & Cheese Night
26 Feb:	Regional University Roadshow
27 Feb:	Twilight Swimming Carnival – City Pool
28 Feb:	Non-school day
4 March:	Shrove Tuesday
4 March:	Year 7 Welcome BBQ
5 March:	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass
8 March:	Open Day
10 March:	Catholic Schools' Week
10 March:	Year 7 & 9 Boys Vaccinations
13 March:	Diocesan Swimming – Moree
13 March:	HSC Music Workshops – Armidale
14 March:	HSC English Workshop
17 March:	St Patrick's Days
18 March:	Board & Association AGM Meetings
21 March:	Diocesan U15 Rugby League
24 March:	Warraymalaya Retreat
26 March:	Year 7 Parent Info Evening

Please note: this is the only paper copy of the Newsletter that will be distributed unless a request is made through the office. The Newsletter and all past Newsletters are available on the College website.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Welcome to the 2014 School Year

Welcome back to the new school year and all the possibilities it brings. We all look forward to working in partnership with you as we prepare your children for adult life. I spoke to students at our opening assembly about the importance of that upon which they are embarking and the critical role they play in their own success. Emphasis was placed on working towards improvement in all areas of their development.

Staff News

There have been a number of staff changes for 2014. New appointments are as follows:

Mr Bill Merrick – Mandatory Technology and Industrial Technology (Wood)

Miss Erin Cannon – HSIE

Mr Damian Kenniff – English/RE

Mr Joseph Madarizza – Farm Assistant

Mr Dane Kelly – Mathematics (Temporary for Term 1)

Mr Marco Cox – Temporary IT Support for 2014

Mr Mark Falkenmire has taken extended leave. Mrs Denise McHugh has been seconded to the Board of Studies as the regional Board of Studies Liaison Officer (BOSLO) for two years. She will return to McCarthy in 2016. We wish both staff members well in their new endeavours.

2014 Role Changes

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator (for 2014)

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator (Temporary Term 1)

Mrs Tracey Bradbery – Administration Coordinator (Temporary Term 1)

Mrs Michelle Gale – TAS Coordinator (Temporary Term 1)

Mr Matteo Feltrin – Sports Organiser

HSC Results

The school community congratulates the Class of 2013 on their outstanding HSC results. The dux (James Dunn, 96.95) will be recognised at the school assembly next week, where he will be presented with the Sr Patricia Rowe award for Dux 2013. Six students gained ATARS above 90. Congratulations to the following students: James Dunn, Harry Lord, Jerome Studdy, Laura Heuston, Grena Sancho and Hannah Shorten.

Directions

2014 marks the beginning of a significant cultural change in the college. The change will be based on building a culture of aspiration and expectation in order to improve individual academic performance. Information about the changes will be provided as the year progresses and it is hoped that parents will be involved in establishing this important direction for McCarthy.

Changes to Homeclass Structures

One of the first structural changes implemented has been changes to the Homeclass framework. From this year Homeclasses will be based on a mentor model, whereby teacher mentors are allocated to Year groups and then specific Mentor Groups in order to support and guide student learning. Mentors will play a significant role in the learning of individual students, under the guidance of the Year Coordinators.

Year 7 Welcome Barbeque

The McCarthy staff warmly invites Year 7 students and their families to a Welcome Barbeque at the school on Tuesday 4 March from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. It is a casual event that enables parents to meet some of the teachers who will be working with their children this year.

McCarthy Executive Staff for 2014

Principal:	Mrs Kate Rayment
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Sally Sparke
Religious Education Coordinator:	Mrs Cate Allen
Teaching & Learning Coordinator:	Ms Suzanne Day
Pastoral Care Coordinator:	Mrs Julie McGregor

Round 1 Enrolments and Open Day

Round 1 will commence this term for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 2015 from our Catholic feeder schools. **Applications will close on Wednesday 9 April** and interviews will be conducted throughout Term 2. **Open Day** will be held on **Saturday 8 March** from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Applications for students from non-feeder schools will close **Wednesday 25 June**, with interviews being held in Term 3.

Board and Association

The Board is an important body in the Diocesan schools' structure, providing advice and support to the principal. Nomination forms are available at the office for any parents interested in nominating for the College Board. Nominations close on Friday 7 March.

All parents are welcome to attend the McCarthy Association meetings, held in the staff room on the third Tuesday of each month from 7.00pm. The Association links parents/carers and the school in common endeavour: to support students and their learning. The meetings are friendly and casual and provide important insight into the working of the school as well as enable input from families.

Communication

McCarthy utilises a range of avenues for communication between school and home. They are:

- the Newsletter (available on the website or in hard copy (upon request))
- the website (www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au)
- Moodle (<https://learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au> or via the Parent link on the website)
To access notes, curriculum information, the calendar, etc. use the following login details: username – parent, password – parent.
- Email (admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) or directly to the email addresses available on the website
- Regular mail (for letters, reports, notifications, etc.)
- Notes – sent home with students
- Student Planner (for daily contact with teachers)
- Phone App - The App can be accessed through the Apple iStore (search for "McCarthy Catholic College Tamworth") and Google Play Store.

The Student Planner, issued to all students, is the central form of communication between teachers and parents/carers. Please ensure your child/ren take their Planner to school every day and check it regularly for communication.

Swimming Carnival and Day In Lieu

Please note that the College Swimming Carnival will be held at the Tamworth City Pool from 2.00pm – 7.30pm on Thursday 27 February. The following day, Friday 28 February, will be a non-school day. The school will **not be open** on that day.

Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Those parents who pick up their children **after** school are asked to drive along the road to the back of the Hall and park on this road for the pick-up. The car park becomes congested and dangerous if cars wait in the middle of the car park. It is important that the 10km/hr speed limit in the school grounds be followed.

The dropping off in the morning and the pick-up of students **before** 3.00pm may still take place in front of the office.

Parents are asked to please NOT pick up students in the carpark or the bus bay after 3.00pm.



Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool can be accessed on Wednesdays between 12.30pm and 1.30pm via the bottom carpark. It can be found at the top of the stairs, to the left (facing Tribe Street).

Hours of School and Supervision

The playground will be supervised from 8.20am. School hours are 8.40am – 3.00pm. After school, students will be supervised in the bus bay area until the last bus leaves.

Absentees

Government regulations require that schools document all student absences with reasons eg. illness, approved leave etc. Please provide the school with an explanation of your child's absence **within 7 days** by way of a letter upon their return or a phone call on

the day of their absence. Follow-up letters will be forwarded to parents/guardians seeking explanation if this has not been provided. **It is very important that students attend Mentor Group for roll marking or sign in via the office if they are late to school (after 8.40am).** If a response to the letter has not been received by the return date, the absence will remain as unexplained and will NOT be able to be changed.

Attendances - Leave

As per government requirements, if a student is going to be absent from school for 5 days or more, an 'Application for Exemption from Attendance' form **must** be presented **prior** to the leave taking place. These forms are available from the office.

Permission Validation

If someone other than a parent is collecting and signing a student out from the school, a **written note** or email is required from the responsible parent/carer. Please refer notes or emails to the Attendance Officer, Mrs Kate Walden kwalden@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au.



Students Late For School

The bell for the beginning of school goes at 8.40am. Students who arrive after this time are required to complete an entry in the late book in the office. Parents need to bring late students to the office and sign the book or else provide the student with a note. Letters will be posted home for unexplained lateness or absences.

Early Departure

Parents are required to sign for students who are leaving the school before the normal finishing time of 3.00pm.

Pedestrian Entry and Exit

Students who walk to or from school must use the two pedestrian gates in Tribe Street and cross using the marked children's crossing.



Student Planners

All students have been issued with a 2014 Student Planner. These Planners contain important information about the school and expectations along with excellent support material to assist students plan and manage their learning. They are to be used for communication between home and class teachers and as a record of aspects of the student's academic program. Please check and sign each child's planner at least weekly and encourage them to use this resource effectively.

Illness at School

Students are reminded that when they fall ill at school, they are to inform their teacher and report to the office, where the sick bay is located. Office staff will assess students and contact parents if necessary. Students are asked **not** to phone their parents as this is the legal responsibility of the school.

Distribution of Newsletter

Newsletters are available on the McCarthy website (www.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au) on Day 9 (every second Thursday) of the timetable. **A paper copy of the Newsletter is available to those families who require it by contacting Debra Wade in the office.** Alternatively, you can have the Newsletter emailed each fortnight. Please notify the office of your email address if you would like to utilise this service or "sign up" for the newsletter via the website.

Change of Student Details

It is imperative that the office be advised about any change of detail from last year, such as change in family situation, address, workplace, phone numbers – mobile and landline for home and work.

Medication

Please be aware the school office staff cannot administer pain medication.

I look forward to working with you in 2014 and wish families all the best for the year.

Mrs Kate Rayment – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Masses

This year McCarthy teachers and ancillary staff, together with fellow colleagues from St Nicholas', St Edward's and St Joseph's Primary schools, Tamworth and St Michael's Primary school, Manilla, gathered at St Mary's, North Tamworth to celebrate the Eucharist together and pray for God's blessing on the 2014 school year. The Mass and morning tea which followed, were attended by about 200 staff from the various local Catholic schools and provided a very fitting and pleasant opportunity to renew acquaintances and strengthen our commitment to the Catholic faith and Catholic education.

Retreat

On Tuesday 18 February McCarthy is hosting a retreat for interested staff and parents in the PAC from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. All parents are most welcome to attend. For enquiries please contact Mrs Cate Allen at school.

Liturgies and Prayer

In addition to our regular Liturgical Program of four whole school Masses, in 2014 we are hoping to provide students in each year group with an additional opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and Reconciliation each term on site at McCarthy. This initiative has been introduced by Monsignor Wilkes and we are very grateful for his interest in the spiritual development of our students.

Friday Prayer at lunch times, which was well supported by students and staff in 2013, will continue this year.

Lent
McCarthy will host a Lenten group again this year for staff, interested parents and parishioners. Details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Mrs Cate Allen – Religious Education Coordinator

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome everyone to 2014. This year we are focussed on individuals working to be the best they can be, holistically. This is not the same as being the best; but it does involve individuals striving to meet challenges and to set expectations for themselves. I hope that this shared vision and direction improves the learning outcomes of all students.

As always, there have been last minute adjustments to timetables and classes. Ms Day and I are working hard to ensure that these are made as quickly as possible to allow everyone to get on with the core business of being at school - learning.

Our *Code of Conduct* - Care, Courtesy, Respect and Responsibility was developed by all the stakeholders working together - students, staff and parents. I am proud to say that already this year I have seen it being lived by McCarthy students in an active way. Congratulations and thanks to all who live this code daily at school.

Mrs Sally Sparke – Assistant Principal

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team works to promote and nurture the physical, social, emotional and intellectual well-being of students, staff and parents. Please keep us informed of any health, social, financial and/or family issues that may affect your child's learning or general well-being. Such information is treated with discretion and allows us to provide appropriate support. You are encouraged to contact us with any concerns you may have regarding your child at McCarthy. Please note that due to teaching, duties and interviews it is sometimes difficult to return calls immediately. It would be appreciated if you could inform the receptionist if a matter is urgent. For non-urgent matters please consider emails.

The 2014 Pastoral Care team is:

Mrs Julie McGregor	jmcgregor@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Miss Melissa Gardner	mgardner@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 7 Coordinator
Mr Andrew Davy	adavy@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 8 Coordinator
Mr Bernie Williams	bwilliams1@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 9 Coordinator
Mrs Fiona O'Neill	foneill@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 10 Coordinator
Mr Dan Mitchell	dmitchell@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 11 Coordinator
Mrs Libby Molony	emolony@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Year 12 Coordinator
Mrs Tamara Shoemark	tshoemark@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Counsellor
Mrs Lesley O'Shea	loshea@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au	Student Welfare Officer (part-time)

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Year 7 students and the following new students:

Year 8: Jessica Clarke, Haley Cox, Nikita Reabow, Jamie-Rae Robinson-Barlow

Year 9: Chloe Devine, Isabelle Ambrose, Will Jones, Natasha Favalaro, Jude Malaga, Jaydon Merrick, Jordyn Ralph, Hayley Rixon

Year 10: Finlae Evans, Rachael Gimbert, Clara Wolds

Year 11: Montana Mason, Tyler Smith.

Welcome also to the families who are joining the McCarthy community. We look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Vaccinations

The first of the 2014 vaccinations will take place on 10 March.

Year 7: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough); Varicella (Chickenpox); Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

Year 9 (boys only): Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

Information packs will be sent home. Please read and carefully complete ALL required sections of the permission forms which are to be returned to Mentors.

Theme for the Week

Each week we have a theme that is designed to assist the students achieve their potential. 'A Good Start' presented four areas of social and emotional learning which help all students to be successful, ie to achieve the best they can.

Organisation: Good organisation is an essential component of secondary students' academic success. All students have been issued with a 2014 Planner. We encourage you to regularly check and sign the planner and to use it to communicate with teachers. Students are also issued with a Term Calendar to use at home. This is an important tool in the management of time with completion of tasks and study. Students should be punctual, in correct uniform and have all equipment for that day. Please encourage 'night before organisation' at home and discuss your child's academic goals for the year.

Getting Along: Academic success is supported by developing positive relationships with staff and other students, complying with the *Code of Conduct* (Care, Courtesy, Respect and Responsibility) and meeting all class expectations.

Confidence: Increasing confidence enhances learning as the student is more likely to ask questions, provide answers and offer opinions in class. All students are encouraged to seek assistance when required. Confidence can only improve by having a go at something which is challenging.

Persistence: Good work habits in class and at home are the basis of any academic improvement. Consistent effort, 'hard yakka' and perseverance when the going gets tough, will allow students to achieve their potential.

'We are all born under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon.' Konrad Adenauer

Mrs Julie McGregor – Pastoral Care Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION

Welcome to all families to Term 1 2014 from the McCarthy Association. A special welcome to all new parents/guardians. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 February. We look forward to seeing you for a fun filled evening of camaraderie and friendship in parenting. Please join us at 7.00pm in the school staffroom (located at the end of the administration block).

Agenda items include: Country Music report; Meeting dates for 2014; Social/Fundraising Calendar 2014.

You are invited to attend the McCarthy Association Wine and Cheese Night on Tuesday 25 February 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Join us for a glass of wine, nibbles, a short tour and a chat. Please RSVP to the office or admin@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au by Friday 21 February.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Welcome to 2014. I am looking forward to relieving in the Teaching and Learning Coordinator role for Term 1. This year sees the introduction of Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History for Years 7 and 9. Our staff has been working incredibly hard on gathering resources and creating programs of work to deliver this national content. To ensure that all McCarthy students make the most of the opportunities provided to them this year, I urge them to adopt a positive approach and give 100% effort in all the activities in which they are involved.

Steps to Assist Students to Do Well

1. *Ask for help:* Ask for help whenever you are unsure about anything.
2. *Ask for help:* This is so important, which is why I have repeated it.
3. *Positive attitude:* Look for ways to enjoy things about school and be positive in your attitude. It makes a big difference.
4. *Use class time:* Really make the most of every lesson, staying focused and on-task and completing all the work your teacher gives you. Start to really listen and think in every lesson.
5. *Student Planner:* Get in the habit of always writing in your homework immediately and checking it every afternoon when you get home. Stay up-to-date in your homework and complete all work.
6. *Start early:* Start assessment tasks and test preparation early. You may be given other work later on so it is a good idea to start your tasks straight away and even try and have them finished a bit before the due date.
7. *Always do your best:* Do not worry about comparing yourself with other people, just always aim to do your best in everything you do for school and you will feel happy and your teachers and parents will be pleased with your effort.

Ms Suzanne Day – Teaching and Learning Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Welcome back. This year I will be available in the Careers Room in the library at lunchtimes on Mondays and Thursdays. I will also be available for appointments at various other times depending on my timetable. Students who wish to see me at school are asked to do so in the mornings before Mentor Groups to arrange an interview time. Parents are also welcome to contact me via email or by ringing the school.

It is a big term for Year 11 students with many changes. Students are encouraged to see me if they have any questions about subject choices, regarding options for life after school and what subjects are needed if Year 11 students have changed their minds career-wise, I ask them to see me to discuss this.

I will be starting to interview all Year 12 students throughout the term, beginning with those who request an interview.

I look forward to another busy and rewarding year in Careers at McCarthy in 2014.

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

LANGUAGES

“Bienvenue” and “Selamat Datang” to all Language students for 2014.

Elective French classes will be starting the year celebrating “La Chandeleur” in class with flipping crepes and hoping for a year of good luck.

Year 8 students (both French and Indonesian) will receive a note in their first lesson regarding the purchase of their course workbooks for 2014. They are asked to bring \$22.00 for their workbook to the office as soon as possible.

Mrs Penny Crowley – Language Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Study Club

Study Club is an excellent opportunity available to all students at McCarthy. The library remains open until 5.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons so that students can do homework in a quiet environment and use the library resources and computers to work on assessment tasks, especially those involving internet research when access is not available at home. Students who come are required to sign in when they arrive and out when they leave. Study Club is supervised by staff on a volunteer basis and they can be asked for assistance if the student requires help.

This is not an internet cafe for browsing or playing games, nor is it afterschool care. Students are expected to use the time to complete school work. Those who do not want to spend time on school related activities, or who disrupt other students, will be asked to not return to Study Club. This is an opportunity that allows students to focus on their learning and to help them by providing facilities and resources to assist them.

G2 will also be open and supervised from 7.45am – 8.30am on Monday and Friday mornings for those who want to do private work or study quietly before school.

Study Club will commence on Tuesday 11 February.

Mrs Cheryl Gulliford and Mrs Susan Barrett – Teacher Librarians

ENGLISH

English MOODLE Websites

English staff members have designed MOODLE pages to complement each unit of study in Years 7-12. These MOODLE pages are labelled 'Essential Course Material'.

Each of the topics on the MOODLE page commences with links entitled 'What is this unit about?' and 'The assessment for this unit is...'. These sections clearly outline the aim and scope of the unit as well as the assessment for the unit. Resources have been designed and carefully selected to assist students to understand the key concepts and skills required for each unit. Links to useful websites and resources provide knowledge, deepen understanding and encourage students to work to achieve greater success in English.

The MOODLE pages can be found by accessing the English course category link on the *learning.mccarthy.nsw.edu.au* website. A student's MOODLE username and password provides access. Parents can also gain access by using the username 'parent' and password 'parent'.

For parents who are looking to facilitate additional English skills activities at home, MOODLE pages dedicated to NAPLAN, grammar, spelling and punctuation can also be found in the same location.

Mrs Katrina Sullivan - English Coordinator

Debating

A new debating competition commences this year between the three non-government schools in Tamworth: Calrossy Anglican School, Carinya Christian School and McCarthy Catholic College. The competition will be called the Federation Cup in commemoration of the fact that Australia's democracy and federation of states was achieved through peaceful debate and discussion. The schools will enter teams in Stage 4, Stage 5 and Stage 6 (Calrossy will enter separate boys and girls teams). The competition is in a round robin format with the finals being held at the end. Debating will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm every second week. This will provide the students with four debates during the term.

Mr Andrew Burke – English Teacher

MATHEMATICS

All students are expected to have their grid book, Student Planner, pens, ruler, calculator and textbook with them in class at all times. Students are to have texts in class by the beginning of Week 3. If there are any concerns regarding this please let myself or the class teacher know. I wish all a happy, rewarding 2014 and hope students use their class time productively and work towards achieving their goals.

The following is a list of the required texts for Years 7 – 12:

- Year 7: MATHS QUEST 7 NEW SOUTH WALES Australian Curriculum Edition.
- Year 8: Connections Maths 8
- Year 9: MATHS QUEST 9 NEW SOUTH WALES Australian Curriculum Edition Stages 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.
- Year 10: MATHS Quest 10 5.3 PATHWAY (Mr Godden and Mrs McGregor)
MATHS Quest 10 5.2 PATHWAY (Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Sommerlad and Miss Harvey)
- Year 11: Mathematics Extension One – Maths in Focus Mathematics Extension One
Preliminary Course Margaret Grove
Mathematics – Maths in Focus Mathematics Preliminary Course Margaret Grove
Mathematics General – MATHS QUEST Preliminary Course General Mathematics Edition 4
- Year 12: Mathematics Extension One – Maths in Focus Mathematics Extension One
HSC Course Margaret Grove
Mathematics – Maths in Focus Mathematics HSC Course Margaret Grove
Mathematics General – MATHS QUEST HSC Course General Mathematics Edition 4.

Maths Puzzle:

Write 1 000 000 as the product of two whole numbers, neither of which ends in a zero.

The solution will be in the next newsletter.

Mrs Jane Ashcroft – Mathematics Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

McCarthy's Instrumental Music Program will continue in 2014.

All students have the opportunity to be involved, either as an existing instrumentalist or beginner.

It is a wonderful way to become involved in the school as well as improve academic, emotional and creative development.

The Concert Band/Orchestra will rehearse on Thursday mornings from 8.15am - 9.00am in the PAC. Any student who plays flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet/cornet, horn, euphonium/baritone, trombone, tuba, drums, percussion, violin, cello or double bass are welcome to join. There is also space for piano players who would like to play xylophone or glockenspiel. Membership is a year long commitment and includes some out of school-time performances. Year 7 students who are already competent players on their instrument should come along next Thursday morning ready to play.

Jazz Band will rehearse on Friday mornings from 8.15am – 9.00am in the PAC. This advanced group is for trumpet, trombone and saxophone players. There are vacancies for a piano player (who can read music), guitarist (who can read music and chords) and bass guitar (who can read music). Students are to see Mrs Lane if they would like to audition.

Junior Band will rehearse on Thursday lunchtimes in the PAC. Any student in Years 8 –12 who would like to start a band instrument (not guitar) should meet Mrs Lane in the PAC on Thursday at lunch time. Many of the most successful students start after Year 8. Year 7 students will be given an opportunity to apply shortly.

Saxophone Quartet and Brass Ensemble will both rehearse during Thursdays. These are advanced groups for proficient players by invitation.

The program has a small membership fee of \$40.00 per annum.

Instruments are available for hire from the school, again for a very reasonable fee. \$50.00 deposit then \$20.00 per term. Students are involved in 1/2 hour tutorials on a rotational basis on Thursdays during school time.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

McCarthy has the opportunity for students to learn woodwind, brass or string instruments at school with external tutors. These lessons are arranged privately with the tutors after school time. If you would like more information please see Mrs Lane on a Thursday, or Mrs Fulwood - Creative Arts Coordinator.

Mrs Lisa Lane – Band Organiser

MCCARTHY SHOW TEAM

The McCarthy Show Team is getting ready for another exciting year of competitions in 2014. It will be difficult to top the unprecedented success achieved by both the students and cattle last year, including Grand Champion Parader at Brisbane Royal, great placings in judging and parading competitions around the state, several Breed Champions for our stud Simmentals and the winning of a stud Brahman Heifer at Lismore Show last October. Anyone who is willing to assist with transport of cattle and/or students to shows, would like to be involved with donating or share-owning cattle or assisting in any other capacity to help us be successful this year are asked to please contact me via the school office.

Any student, who would like to join the McCarthy Show team for 2014, be they new students, existing, returning or Year 7 students, are welcome to collect a permission note from me and apply for a place in our fabulous team.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Doyle and Atkins families as they agisted our cattle over the summer break allowing us to keep our stud enterprise going. This was a huge help to us and we very much appreciate it.

Miss Leanne Sjollema - Show team Coordinator



Success in 2013 - Quirindi Show



McCarthy Hellraiser

CANTEEN

Volunteer Advertisement

Casual Work Available – Employment Guaranteed

Where: McCarthy Catholic College Canteen

When: weekly, fortnightly, monthly, once a term

Hours: flexible, preferably 9.30am to 1.30pm

Experience: Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

Salary: "A La Carte" lunch, plenty of tea or coffee and best of all, friendship and a good chat.

Bonus: Your child or children will be happy to see you in their favourite place - school! You get to spoil them by making them a free lunch on the day that you work and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Applications close: NEVER.



Please contact Raelee Balderston in our College Canteen by phone 67610856 or email rbalderston@mccarthy.nsw.edu.au as soon as possible. You will be included on our roster and an orientation pack will be sent home to you. Thank you in anticipation. Welcome back to our current volunteers, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Canteen Operating Hours

The canteen is open from 8.20am until 3.10pm Monday to Thursday and 8.20am to 1.20pm on Friday. Students can purchase items before or after school and during recess and lunch. Students are not permitted to purchase items (including water) during class time.

Lunch Orders

Students are asked where possible to order their lunches before Mentor Group. Lunch bags, pens and menus are available on the table near canteen. If it is not possible to order before school, students must have their orders finalised during recess. Students are reminded to write their name and year on their lunch bag. There is NO guarantee that items will be available for purchase if students have not ordered their lunch. Some extra items may be on sale, however students will be guaranteed to receive their preferred lunch if they place an order.

Electronic Ordering

We are working towards introducing Electronic Ordering by Term 2. More information will follow.

Canteen Menu

The canteen menu is available on MOODLE or students can collect a hardcopy from the canteen.

Student Helpers

Students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to speak to Mrs Balderston if they are interested in helping with service before school or during recess and lunch breaks. Students will be rostered on to assist with service or filling stock levels.

Mrs Raelee Balderston – Canteen Supervisor

SPORT**NSWCCC Individual and Teams Selection Trials Dates**

Students nominating as an individual to attend NSWCCC selection trials need to do so online. This is done via the NSWCCC webpage, located at <https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx>. It is the responsibility of parents and students to check this webpage for any upcoming closing dates. The school is unable to lodge nominations for individuals. Late entries will not be accepted.

For more information on how to nominate, please see myself or Mrs O'Meagher in the office.

The following are upcoming closing dates for nominations for CCC events.

Event Closing Date:

CCC Tennis Selections: Monday 17 February

All Schools Triathlon: Tuesday 25 February

CCC Girls Cricket: Thursday 27 February

Cricket

McCarthy is calling for registrations for the 2014 Year 7 Competition. The competition will be played on Friday afternoons from 4.00pm and will commence on 14 February. Registration and money are due Friday 7 February (tomorrow). It will be necessary for parents to assist with scoring, coaching and managing teams. Cricket for Years 10/11 will recommence on Friday 7 February and Years 8/9 on Saturday 8 February.

Basketball

Nominations for the Tamworth Schools' Summer Basketball Competition close on Friday 7 March (tomorrow). All completed forms are due to the Bookroom.

Oztag

There will be a number of changes for students participating in the Tamworth Junior Oztag competition this year. We ask that students who plan to participate in this competition be aware of the following.

McCarthy students are to no longer wear the McCarthy Catholic College sports uniform when playing in the Tamworth Junior Oztag competition, nor are they to have "McCarthy Catholic College" as part of their team name. This is part of our Duty of Care. The school assumes no responsibility for the supervision of students for an activity that is not organised or conducted by McCarthy Catholic College. Students must organise their own uniforms, and play under a team name unrelated to McCarthy Catholic College. Registrations for the Tamworth Junior Oztag competition can now be completed online at www.tamworthjunioroztag.com.au. Cost is \$80 and closes on Friday 14 February. The club will hold a registration night at the fields on Wednesday 12 February from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. The competition starts on Thursday 20 February.

Mr Matt Feltrin – Sports Organiser

AFL

The winter sporting season is almost upon us. Students from McCarthy who are interested in playing this year for the school are invited to attend an after school clinic with several Sydney Swans players at No 1 Oval on Monday 10 February from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. We are targeting mainly U15 players, new players and students who have played in the past. Please bring all relevant football gear; mouth-guard, football boots and plenty of water.

On Tuesday, 11 February some of the Swans players will make a brief visit to the school to speak to Year 9 PDHPE classes.

If any students or parents have any questions about this exciting winter sport, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Sharon Stuart - AFL Coach

Athletics

Alexandra Reed, Ella and Sophie Heeney competed at the NSW Country Athletics Championships in Wollongong recently. Congratulations to Ella who won gold in the 1500m and silver in the 800m, and to Sophie who won bronze in the 1500m. Alex qualified for the final of the 100m, placing seventh and she also placed fifth in the long jump.

ABCRA

ABCRA (Australian Bushman's Campdraft and Rodeo Association) National Finals Rodeo and Campdraft was held at AELEC (Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre) in Tamworth on 18-25 January 2014.

Two McCarthy students qualified for this year's ABCRA National Finals. Anna Crisp (Year 9) qualified for the 11 – U14 Junior Barrel Race, placing fourth in the aggregate and was awarded a ribbon. Nicholas Penrose (Year 9) qualified for the 14 – U18 Juvenile Steer Ride and was Runner Up, in this event, receiving a belt concho. Congratulations Anna and Nick.